

2021-2022 CALF SCRAMBLE PARTICIPANTS

APPLICATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

FAIR ENTRY FEE: \$25.00

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RULES AND REGULATIONS PRIOR TO THE 2021 CALF SCRAMBLE

1. **ELIGIBILITY** – Any boy/girl who has reached his/her 12th birthday on or before **September 1, 2021** and has not exceeded his/her junior year in high school is eligible to participate in the Calf Scramble. The boy/girl must reside in Austin County or be enrolled in a public school, private school or home school in Austin County AND be enrolled in a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter in Austin County. Participants may apply as many times as desired and may receive up to two (2) certificates. For any reason a Scramble project is returned or not completed, he/she may not be eligible to scramble again.
2. **PARTICIPANT APPLICATIONS** – Application for participation must be submitted by interested persons to the Austin County Fair Office, P.O. Box 141, Bellville, Texas 77418 or the Austin County Extension Office, located at 803 E. Wendt Street, Bellville, Texas 77418. All applications for participation are DUE on or before **September 13, 2021 by 5:00 p.m.** The Scramble Committee reserves the authority to determine the number of calves, number of participants and awards to be given based on committed sponsorships.
3. **MINOR RELEASES** – A complete and notarized minor's release **MUST** be submitted along with the application. An incomplete minor's release **WILL NOT** be accepted. All information must be complete, and the form must contain the signature of both parents. However, one (1) signature will be sufficient in the event the parents are divorced or if one parent is deceased. It must be noted if one of the above situations apply.
4. **SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS** – Participants will be selected based on adequate facilities, availability of resources and desire to raise and show a beef heifer. The selection process will also include the review of the Scramble application, if you have scrambled and caught previously, and a written or typed Essay prepared by the applicant. The essay will be required to contain information regarding the above-mentioned special requirements.
5. **CALF SCRAMBLE AGREEMENT FORM** – This form **MUST** be completed prior to the Scramble. At least one (1) parent/legal guardian and the participant will be required to sign the agreement and have their signature notarized. All participants and at least one (1) parent must be present by 5:30 p.m. or forfeit the right to participate in the Calf Scramble.
6. **LIABILITY** – The Austin County Fair Association of the State of Texas and any person associated with the Calf Scramble Committee will not be held liable for any accidents, which may occur to any participant of the Calf Scramble, before, during or after this event.
7. **CERTIFICATES** – The total award for all calf scramble recipients is \$1,200; a \$1,000 of which will be used to purchase the heifer and \$200 of which will be received upon return to the Austin County Fair provided that all obligations are fulfilled. Purchase certificates in the amount of \$1,000 must be used in the purchase of a registered breeding beef heifer or a haltered commercial beef heifer prior to **December 31,**

- 2021.** If you purchase a registered beef heifer and you wish to show at the major livestock shows you **MUST** purchase your animal prior to **November 1, 2021** and have the registration paper in your name before **November 1, 2021**. Check with the 4-H Extension Agent or FFA Advisor for information on Major Shows and Validation.
- a. The County Extension Agent, Committee Member, or the Ag Science Teacher (the same one that is stated on the original application for participation), **MUST** sign the certificate once they have inspected the animal to be purchased. The calf must have been born between **January 1, 2021** and **May 31, 2021**. Please refer to the Austin County Fair rules for Commercial Heifer requirements for breeding. The certificate also requires the signature of the Scramble winner. Upon completion of selection, the breeder/seller must present the certificate to the Austin County Fair Office to submit for payment of the animal.
 - b. The payment will not exceed the amount of the certificate which is \$1,000. If a heifer is purchased for less than the certificate amount, a check will be issued to the seller/breeder for the actual cost of the animal. If the heifer purchased is more than the value of the certificate, the additional cost will be at the expense of the Scramble winner.
 - c. The certificate may also be used for a heifer that was purchased by a Calf Scramble participant between **August 1st** and the **2021** Calf Scramble. In this case, the check will be issued directly to the participant.
 - d. The completed certificate and the original registration or bill of sale paper **MUST** become the property of the Austin County Fair Association by **January 8, 2022**. The seller will not receive payment until required documents are in the possession of the Austin County Fair. A copy of the registration paper containing an official stamp of the Austin County Fair Calf Scramble will be provided to each winner to be used upon entry into any qualifying show in the state of Texas.
 - e. The division selected on your scramble certificate will be the division you will show in at the Austin County Calf Scramble Show.
8. **PURCHASING** – The beef heifer to be purchased with the certificate **MAY BE** a purebred or full blood or any breed recognized by any Texas Major Stock Show. The beef heifer may also include any beef breed or cross eligible to enter the Austin County Fair Halter Heifer Show. Any commercial halter heifer wanting to be eligible for the Austin County Fair Halter Heifer Show must be tagged. **Commercial Heifers** will not be eligible to show at Major Stock Shows.
- a. The Scramble winner will be allowed to purchase their animal from any breeder offering registered or commercial beef heifers.
 - b. Due to the purchase date requirements for Major Stock Shows, the Scrambler must have a bill of sale and registration papers for the animal.
 - c. The Scramble certificate for the current year can be used to purchase an animal from a family member of themselves as well for \$1000.00.
 - d. Any Halter (Commercial/Cross) Heifer **MUST BE** tagged in as an Austin County Fair Halter Heifer to be eligible for the Halter Heifer Show. The scrambler must submit an entry form and payment to enter their scramble heifer in the Austin County Fair Halter Heifer Show.
9. **VACCINATION/DEHORNING** – All heifers **MUST** be dehorned or polled to be eligible to show. All heifers must be brucellosis vaccinated between the ages of 6 months to 1 year of age and be tattooed with a brucellosis tattoo as well as an identification tattoo or brand. The heifers **MUST** be dehorned by tag-in. Any growth implants used by the rancher or exhibitor **MUST** be approved for use in breeding heifers. Heifers should **NOT** be bred prior to March.

10. **HALTER BREAKING** – If a Scramble heifer cannot be halter broken, it will become the responsibility of the Scramble winner to notify the breeder and the committee by **January 31, 2022**. The Calf Scramble Committee will determine the course of action.
11. **MOVING** - Any Scramble winner, who moves out of Austin County, withdraws from a school in Austin County or is not in good standing with 4-H and/or FFA in Austin County (See Rule #1 of Scramble rules) will be required to pay \$1,000.00 cash to the Austin County Fair Association. A written notification of the move **MUST** also be presented to the Calf Scramble Committee 30 days prior to the move or as soon as possible.
12. **MANDATORY PROGRESS SHOW** – The show will be held on **August 21, 2021** at the Austin County Fairgrounds. Scramble heifers must be present at the progress show to be eligible to show at the Austin County Fair. Scramble heifers must be exhibited by their owners unless he/she is physically challenged and unable to do so. All Scramble heifers must be broke to lead and easy to handle. Unmanageable Scramble heifers will be required to return to the fairgrounds on the date provided by the Heifer Committee for a second evaluation. If a Scramble heifer is not manageable by the Scramble winner at the second evaluation, the project will be terminated and the \$1,000.00 in cash will be required to be paid to the Austin County Fair within thirty (30) days.
13. All Scramble heifers and Scramble winners are subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Austin County Fair Association and the Scramble Heifer Program. The Scramble Show at the 2022 Austin County Fair shall be limited to the 2021 Austin County Calf Scramble winners **ONLY**.
14. The winner is required to read all correspondence received from the Calf Scramble Committee, abiding by **ALL** rules and responsibilities set forth by the Committee and the Austin County Fair Association.
15. **MONTHLY REPORTS** – Monthly reports are due by the 10th of each month beginning with the first report in February and continuing through September. If the 10th falls on a weekend or holiday the report is due on the next business day. Monthly reports are due at the Austin County Fair Office by 5:00 p.m. The monthly report can be hand delivered or left in the drop box at the fair office. Each winner will be required to submit an adequate amount of copies for each sponsor, provide self-addressed stamped envelopes and appropriate postage. A copy of the monthly report will then be sent to the Sponsor(s), and a copy will be kept on file by the Calf Scramble Committee for judging.

Monthly reports should include: Activities for the month, what you have learned, how much and what type of feed you are feeding, shows attended, first time activities, vet visits, etc.

Late reports – If a late report is received the scrambler will receive a written warning. If a late report is received a second time the scrambler will forfeit the \$200.00 bonus incentive at the end of the program. Late reports will not be judged.

16. **MANDATORY MEETINGS** – All Scramble winners must bring their heifers to the first meeting of the year held in January (date to be determined on an annual basis). Scramblers and their heifers **MUST** attend the TAG-IN at Four County Auction barn in Industry as well as the Mandatory Progress Show (evaluation of manageability) scheduled to be held in August. The heifer will be required to participate in the Austin County Jubilee/Sizzler calf show in August. If any emergency arises, you must notify the committee **IN ADVANCE** if you cannot attend.
17. **BEEF PROJECT MEETINGS/Advocacy Opportunities** – You can earn extra points for beef project meeting attended and by participating in Advocacy Opportunity Points.

18. **HEIFER DISPLAY PICTURE** – On or before the August Progress Show, a 5x7 picture on photo paper must be provided of the heifer to the Scramble Committee to be used at the fair for sponsor recognition. In the picture, the heifer should be clean and clipped with a show halter. The Scramble winner must be dressed in show clothes. **It is highly recommended that you use a picture taken at a show with a professional backdrop.**
19. **ENDING ESSAY** – A typed Ending Essay with a minimum of 500 words entitled “What My Calf Scramble Project Means to Me”, MUST be submitted to the Calf Scramble Committee on or before, the date provided in your Scramble supplemental handbook. You may use stationary. You may include what you have learned, new experiences, plans you have for your calf in the future, if you will continue to raise cattle, etc. Be creative, be sure, and check for grammatical errors.
20. **PHOTOGRAPHY** – Once this contest is entered, you MUST participate on a monthly basis. Failure to participate during any one month will result in disqualification from the contest.
- a. Scramble winner shall submit one (1) 5x7 picture on photo paper per month due February through September.
 - b. The photo of the heifer should be taken by the exhibitor. If someone else takes the photo, the pictures should include both the heifer and the Scramble winner.
 - c. The back of each photo(s) should include the first name of the Scramble winner, the sponsor(s) name(s) and the date the photograph was taken. Labels may be used to display the information.
 - d. Photo(s) will be analyzed as a means of promoting the Calf Scramble project as well as the beef cattle industry.
 - e. Any type of enhancement to photographs will be left to the discretion of the Scramble winner.
 - f. Pictures submitted for this contest will be displayed in the Scramble display during the Austin County Fair.
21. **SCRAPBOOK** – The scrapbook is optional. If submitting a scrapbook, it must be submitted with the following:
- a. Maximum size being no larger than 14x14, 5” thick and cannot exceed 20lbs.
 - b. The Scrapbook should be a minimum of 25 pages.
 - c. The cover MUST be decorated. Be creative! Wooden covers cannot be used, only standard covers.
 - d. Scrapbook should contain only scramble project activities and a maximum of two (2) pages about the exhibitor.
 - e. Electronic Scrapbook programs can be used to generate your book.
 - f. The Scrapbook should consist of the following: cover page, table of contents, application, 2 pages of who you are, sponsors correspondence, thank you notes, monthly expense reports, ending essay and fighting heart essay.
 - g. The Scrapbook competition will be judged in accordance with the Scramble supplemental handbook provided at the first Scramble meeting. Each Scrapbook must be completed and submitted to the Committee by the date as provided in your Scramble supplemental handbook.
22. **FIGHTING HEART ESSAY** – This essay is optional. The essay needs to be about your scramble project and must be a minimum of 500 words typed. It is suggested you write about hardships during your project, how you overcame the hardship, and why you think you have a fighting heart.
23. **SHOW YOUR CALF** – One (1) point will be given towards the overall point prize for each show you attend. Multiple shows on the same day at the same location will only be awarded 1 point. You must fill out the Points Form and it must be signed by a show official or a Scramble committee person in attendance.
24. **HERDSMAN** – Herdsmanship will be held at the Austin County Fair and awarded points for your placing that will go towards the overall award. Factors in which you will be judged include but are not limited to:

Heifer must be fed and watered by 9:00 a.m. You must be picking up and cleaning your area. Being a good neighbor and being considerate of others. Keeping your animal clean. Helping maintain the scramble area and keeping it neat and clear of trash. Being with your heifer when you are not participating in other fair activities.

25. **STALL BOARDS** – The stall board should be limited to the front of the stall ONLY and should not contain any lights, electrical or battery-operated features, mirrors and glass or reflection material. The display shall be 3 ft. in width and 3 ½ ft in height. No decorations should extend past the outside of the 3' x 3 ½' perimeter. Use ¾" plywood and frame it with 1x4's around the border on the backside. Make sure the nails/screws do not stick through the backside. Display should not have legs. Stall boards will be installed prior to the show. Date and time will be provided. All stall boards must be completed and installed at the stated date and time.
26. **STALL SET UP** – All Scramblers and at least one parent are required to be at the fairgrounds to install the stall boards on a date to be provided. Please be prepared to work on the Scramble area display. At this time, you will need to bring PELLETTED shavings, a rake, shovel and be dressed and prepared to work.

NO stall dividers will be used except at the discretion of the committee.

Feed and water buckets must not be left in the stall unattended and a necktie must be on the heifer at all times while in the stall.

The use of a circular fan on an "L" bracket is permissible. Butt fans on a stand are NOT allowed. The committee will determine the number and placement of fans.

Scramble winners are responsible for daily care of animals and stall space. Scramble heifers are to be fed, watered, cleaned and in the stall space by 9:00 a.m. and must remain in the stall until 5:00 p.m. each day.

27. **SHOWMANSHIP** – Showmanship is a very important aspect of presenting your animal. All Scramblers must participate in showmanship. Prizes, cash, and points will be awarded.
28. **AWARDS** – Awards for the Scramble Program will be presented as follows: Grand Champion Heifer Overall, Reserve Champion Heifer Overall, Division Champions, Reserve Division Champions, Showmanship, Best Monthly Reports, Ending Essay, Photography, Best Scrapbook, Best Stall Board Presentation and one (1) Fighting Heart Award. Incentive prizes will be awarded per category.
29. All entries will be exhibited by their owners unless he/she is physically unable to do so or if the exhibitor has more than one entry showing in different divisions at the same time. Exhibits to be shown or sold by someone else other than the owner must be approved in writing by the respective committee chairman. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to obtain and complete the required form. Forms will be available at the Fair Office. **If an exhibitor is academically ineligible to show, the exhibitor AND THEIR PROJECT are ineligible to participate in the Austin County Fair.**
30. No trim chutes will be allowed. This show is a blow and go show so no fitting products, adhesives or oils are allowed. All rules regarding grooming of cattle shall comply with Austin County Fair Halter Heifer show rules.
31. Heifers will be shown by their division. Divisions will consist of Registered Heifers: American, British, Exotics, and Commercial Heifers.
32. Health papers are not required to participate in the Calf Scramble Show. If you are going to show in the Halter Heifer show, you **MUST** obtain health papers.

33. **CALF INSPECTIONS** – County Extension Agents, Ag Science Teachers and members of the Calf Scramble Committee reserve the right to inspect these projects at any time.
34. **OVERALL POINT CHAMPIONS PRESENTATION** – We will follow the fair Calf Scramble schedule to announce the herdsman awards as well as the Overall Point Champion and Reserve Champion. All Scramblers must be present at this meeting.
35. **TEAR DOWN** – We will meet according to the fair schedule, as a group, (Scrambler and at least one parent) to tear down the Scramble area. This will include taking down stall boards, cleaning up all shavings, etc. Please bring a rake and shovel. Both the Scrambler and a parent must be present and assist in the cleanup in order to receive the final \$200.
36. **ORIGINAL REGISTRATION PAPERS** – The original registration papers will be the property of the Austin County Fair Association and the Scramble Committee until the Calf Scramble Project is completed at the Austin County Fair. Final thank you notes to all sponsors must be submitted to the Austin County Fair Office by December 1st. Once this has been completed, the original registration papers will be released and mailed to the owner. The project WILL NOT be deemed complete until this requirement has been met.
37. **SPECIAL NOTE ** FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY AND ALL OF THE ABOVE STATED CALF SCRAMBLE RULES WILL RESULT IN TERMINATION FROM THE PROGRAM AND REIMBURSEMENT OF THE \$1,000.00. \$1,000 CASH MUST BE PAID TO THE AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE TERMINATION. FOR COMMERCIAL HEIFERS WHO DO NOT COMPLY, THE EXHIBITOR WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOW OR TO SELL THE SCRAMBLE CALF AT THE AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR AND WILL BE REQUIRED TO REPAY THE \$1,000.00 WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE TERMINATION.****
38. **ALL DECISIONS BY THE CALF SCRAMBLE COMMITTEE ARE FINAL.**