Cleveland Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations

1. Cleveland Livestock Show Board, “CLS”, reserves to its Officers of the CLS Board and CLS Executive Board the final and absolute right to interpret the CLS Show General Rules & Regulations, or Special Rules, and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of connection with, or incident to, the CLS Show.

2. Any person who violates any of the CLS Show General Rules & Regulations, or Special Rules, as published, will forfeit all privileges and premiums won.

3. Cleveland Livestock Show Board reserves the right to amend or add to these rules as it, in its judgment, may deem advisable.

4. Cleveland Livestock Show Board, Officers, Committee Chairs, Committee Members, and/or Board Members will not be liable for any damages, injuries, fire, theft, accident, or equipment being left unattended on the grounds or in the parking facilities.

5. No individual except those persons who have been designated by the Cleveland Livestock Show Executive Board can remain on the show grounds past the time listed in the “Schedule of Events”.

6. If an interpretation of these rules and regulations is required, it can be sent via mail and directed to the CLS Show, c/o President of CLS Show, P.O. Box 697, Cleveland, Texas 77328.

7. Market Division Eligibility Requirements, Entry Information & Deadlines:

    a. The Division of Market items (Market Steer, Commercial Heifer, Pen of 2, Market Swine, Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Broiler, Market Rabbit, Home Economics, and Ag Mechanics) is open to all active LIBERTY COUNTY 4-H members, Jr. FFA, and FFA Members who attend one of the listed Liberty County School Districts (Tarkington ISD, Cleveland ISD, Hardin ISD, Liberty ISD, Hull-Daisetta ISD, Devers ISD, home school program or private school, and live in one of these school districts and are a Liberty County 4-H member) from October 1st until show time.

    b. Exhibitors attending Dayton Independent School District or that are eligible to show in the Dayton Independent School District Market Show are not eligible to participate in the CLS Market Divisions.

    c. Cleveland Livestock Show Market Exhibitors are prohibited from exhibiting market livestock in another county show outside of Liberty County. If an exhibitor is found to have shown market livestock outside of Liberty County at another county shown within twelve months prior to the Cleveland Livestock Show, they will be banned from participating in the Cleveland Livestock Show. (This excludes participation in the Texas Major Livestock Show)

    d. Exhibitors must be in compliance with their school’s current policies concerning participation in extracurricular or other activities.

    e. Exhibitors must be in good standing with their 4-H, JR. FFA and FFA program and obtain membership by October 1st prior to the large animal tag-in held in November.

1. Market Steer and Commercial Heifer Divisions:
    a. Tag-in and Weigh-in for these divisions will be on the second Tuesday in November. See the Important Dates and Deadlines calendar for specific dates.
    b. The entry fee for these divisions will be $30.00 per exhibitor/per head.
    c. Exhibitors may tag in and weigh in alternate animals for these divisions. The entry fee for the alternate market animals in these divisions will be $30.00 per head.
    d. For additional specific rules and regulations for these divisions, see the respective CLS Market Steer or Commercial Heifer Division Rules and Regulations.
    e. Commercial Heifers can not be entered or shown in the CLS Breeding Beef Show
2. Market Swine, Market Lamb, and Market Goat Divisions:
    a. Tag-in for these divisions will be on the second Tuesday in January. See the Important Dates and Deadlines calendar for a specific date
    b. The entry fee for these divisions will be $30.00 per exhibitor/per head.
    c. Exhibitors may tag in alternate animals for these divisions. The entry fee for the alternate market animals in these divisions will be $30.00 per head.
    d. For additional specific rules and regulations for these divisions, please see the respective CLS Market Swine, Lamb, or Goat Division Rules & Regulations.
3. Market Broiler Division:
    a. Entry for this division will be on the second Tuesday in November or January. See the Important Dates and Deadlines calendar for specific dates.
    b. The entry fee for this division will be $30.00 per exhibitor. Broilers, in minimum lots of 25 birds, must be ordered from CLS Show at this time. The price per bird will be according to availability.
    c. Every 4-H and FFA member who wants to show market broilers must order chicks in his or her name.
    d. Exhibitors will not be allowed to purchase chicks from another member after they have been ordered.
    e. There will not be alternate pens for the market broiler division.
    f. For additional specific rules and regulations for this division, please see the CLS Market Broiler Division Rules & Regulations.
4. Market Rabbit Division:
    a. Entry for this division will be the scheduled deadline listed on “Important Dates and Deadlines”.
    b. The entry fee for this division will be $30.00 per exhibitor. There will not be

alternate pens for the market rabbit division.

c. For additional specific rules and regulations for this division, please see the CLS Market Rabbit Division Rules & Regulations.

5. Home Economics Division:

   a. See the Important Dates and Deadlines calendar for specific dates.

   b. The entry fee for this division will be $10.00 per exhibitor/entry.

6. Market Division General Rules and Regulations:

   a. Market Division Exhibitors agree to allow CLS to utilize their livestock in the Livestock Judging contests.

   b. Market Division Exhibitors must show their own livestock, rabbits, and poultry during the regular judging events, during the showmanship contests, and the premium auction and/or freezer sale. See Market Division Exhibitor Substitutions Rules and Regulations below.

   c. For the safety of exhibitors, spectators, and officials, any animal deemed unruly by the CLS Committee and/or division judge may be removed from the show arena and disqualified.

   d. Any animal removed from the show arena will not qualify for the premium auction.

   e. Decisions of the judge are final and will not be considered for protest.

   f. Exhibitors will be allowed to show only one entry per Market Division.

   g. Market Division animals must be bona fide property of, and fed and cared for by the exhibitor at the exhibitor's home place, from the time of tag-in and throughout the feeding period until the CLS Show. They must also be under the supervision of their Agriculture Science Instructor and/or 4-H Adult Leader/County Extension Agent.

   h. Market Division animals must be kept at the exhibitor's home residence. Anyone not keeping their Market animal in their home residence must have an Off-Premises Request in the Livestock Office at the time of tag-in. Off-Premises Request must include:
      1. 911 Address of where animals are being housed.
      2. Reasons for keeping animal(s) away from home residence.
      3. Name and phone number of the person where the exhibitor is keeping the animal.

      The exhibitor, parent or guardian, and Agriculture Science Teacher/4-H Adult Leader must sign the request. Requests must be submitted to clevelandlivestockshow@gmail.com or uploaded at the time of entry for the CLS Hardship Committee to approve/disapprove at the meeting following tag-in.

   i. If the location of where an animal is being housed changes for greater than five (5) days at any time during the feeding period, the exhibitor must notify the

appropriate committee chairperson or livestock director immediately and seek approval of this change.

j. Should an exhibitor/parent/guardian be found to have altered the weight of an animal on the scales during tag-in or weigh-in at the CLS Show, the animal will be disqualified.

k. CLS Board reserves the right to have a committee with the authority to visit any FFA and/or 4-H project that is entered in the CLS Show. By entering his/her market division animal, the exhibitor and all parties concerned grant permission for the project to be visited during the period between tag-in and CLS Show weigh-in at the location where the animal is being fed and/or raised.

l. If the entry is found being raised off-premise and the CLS Show did not grant permission, then the exhibitor cannot show that entry, and it is disqualified from the show.

m. The exhibitor must be in direct control and must maintain control of the animal. Should a secondary showman/assistant be approved they may only assist the exhibitor, they may not take/be in control of the animal.

7. Market Division Showmanship Rules and Regulations:

a. Market/Breeding Division Livestock Showmanship Classes will be divided as follows:
   1. Junior Showmanship Class - 11 years of age and younger and enrolled in FFA and/or 4-H Program. Age at the time of the event.
   2. Intermediate Showmanship Class - ages 12 - 15 years of age and enrolled in FFA and/or 4-H Program. Age at the time of the event.
   3. Senior Showmanship Class ages 16 and up and enrolled in FFA and/or 4-H program. Age at the time of the event.

b. Exhibitors must show <u>their</u> animal that was shown in the Market/Breeding Division show for the species being shown.

c. Entry fee paid for the Market/Breeding Division Show covers the cost of entry into the Market/Breeding Division Showmanship Class for the species being shown.

d. Market/Breeding Division Showmanship class decisions of the judge are final. Will not be considered for protest.

e. Peewee Showmanship contest will be held in the Breeding Swine Division only.
   1. Contest is available to youth not younger than 5 years of age or no older than 8 years of age and not in 4-H or JR FFA.
   2. Exhibitors may use only animals exhibited in the Breeding Swine Division Classes.

f. Old Geezer Showmanship will be held in the Breeding Swine Division only
   1. Contest is available to adults over 18 who are not enrolled in public school.
   2. Exhibitors may use only animals exhibited in the Breeding Swine Division Classes.
   3. Entry fee: $20.00 at the gate

g. All showmanship contests will follow the champion drive for said division and should follow this order: Senior Showmanship, Intermediate Showmanship, Junior Showmanship, Peewee Showmanship (breeding swine only), and Old Geezer Showmanship (breeding swine only).

8. Market Division Exhibitor Substitutions Rules and Regulations:

   a. Any request for an exhibitor substitution must be submitted to the CLS Show President in advance of the show. Approval for the substitution of exhibitors will be at the discretion of the Hardship Committee.

   b. Substitution of exhibitors will not be allowed if the owner of the animal cannot be excused from his/her class because of failing grades or excessive absences.

   c. Substitution of exhibitors will ONLY be considered for school-related activities or medical reasons.

   d. Substitute Showman must be from the same 4H or FFA Chapter and has never won Grand or Reserve Champion in the show **or** showmanship. If no member is present, the hardship committee will make the final decision.

   e. All Divisions Entry Fees & Deadline Rules and Regulations:

   f. No entry fees will be returned

   g. Entries will be completed via Showman App

9. All Division Protests, Appeals, and Complaints Procedure:

   a. Decisions/Placings of the judge are final and will not be considered for protest.

   b. All protests must be in writing, signed, and accompanied by a $100.00 cash deposit.

   c. The protest must plainly state the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be filed with the CLS President within **one (1) hour** of the judging of the incident.

   d. The deposit will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained.

   e. The Board will hear protests at the next scheduled meeting or at a time deemed appropriate by the Board President/Vice President, not at the protestor's request.

10. Breeding Division General Rules and Regulations:

    a. Breeding Division contests will be held for the following:
       1. Breeding Beef: entry fee for this division will be $30.00 per entry.
       2. Breeding Swine: entry fee for this division will be $30.00 per entry.
       3. Breeding Rabbit: entry fee for this division will be $10.00 per entry.

    b. These divisions will be open to all active 4-H, Jr. FFA, and FFA members in the State of Texas.

    c. All entries in the Breeding Divisions must be made by a specified time on the

Schedule of Important Dates and Deadlines. See also “All Divisions Entry Fees & Deadline Rules and Regulations”.

d. For the safety of exhibitors, spectators, and officials, any animal deemed unruly by the CLS Committee and/or division judge may be removed from the show arena and disqualified.

e. The exhibitor must be in direct control and must maintain control of the animal. Should a secondary showman/assistant be approved they may only assist the exhibitor, they may not take/be in control of the animal.

11. All Divisions Stalling Rules and Regulations:

a. No stall space will be used for displays, paraphernalia, or similar items unless otherwise designated by the CLS Show.

b. No “for sale” signs will be displayed.

c. All animals and birds must be in place at shows at times designated in the Schedule of Important Dates and Deadlines.

d. All animals and birds must remain at the show until released by the chairman at the designated time.

e. Each 4-H Club and FFA Chapter is responsible for preparing and keeping the stalls in their assigned area clean.

f. All Market Steers and Commercial Heifers will be stalled together by the organization or club.
   1. Each 4-H Club and FFA Chapter in Liberty County that exhibits beef cattle will be expected to be on dump truck duty.
   2. All cattle must be tied in the cattle barn from 9 P.M. to 6 A.M.
   3. No cattle are allowed to be left unattended at the cattle wash rack.
   4. Cattle may not be tied around the swine building or pens, barbecue stand, around the outside of livestock barns, in or around the scale house pens, anywhere inside the chain link fence around the rodeo arena, or along the outside of that same chain link fence.

g. All Market Swine will be stalled together by the organization or club.
   1. All pens will be assigned by the swine chairman/livestock director
   2. Individual contestants are responsible for preparing and keeping the assigned pen clean.

h. No market division livestock entry is allowed to be outside the perimeter chain link fence of CLS Showgrounds once moved/checked in for the CLS Show.

i. No livestock is allowed to be fed, housed, penned, or kept in any parking lot, including the exhibitor parking lot, cemetery, or the cemetery parking lot.

12. All Divisions Ethics Rule:

a. Each exhibitor, his or her parent(s), and/or guardian(s) agree to abide by the

General and Special Rules published in the current year and/or amendments available digitally prior to each tag-in.

b. Any violations of the rules or any exhibitor and/or parent(s), guardian(s) found to have participated in unethical practices such as:
   1. Approaching buyers for the purpose of asking to exchange, return, or purchase any sale item(s) after the sale.
   2. The showing of any animal that has been administered any unapproved/unlabeled medication (see drug policy for consequences).
   3. Tampering or altering physical features by surgical instruments for the purpose of improving the conformation or appearance of livestock in the show will result in disqualification and will be ruled ineligible to compete for or retain premiums.

13. Trailer Parking:

    a. All trailers or trucks/trailers are to be parked in grass fields on Easy Street outside the CLS Showgrounds perimeter chain-link fence.

    b. No trailers will be allowed to park around the pig barn or cattle barn for the market division shows.

    c. No camper trailers will be allowed in the grass fields on Easy Street or on the grounds. Livestock trailers with living quarters will be allowed for hauling livestock only – you may not stay in living quarters at night. We suggest trailers not be left unattended on the grounds.

    d. No vehicles or trailers will be parked in the cemetery or on any of the cemetery roadways.

14. Animal Care:

    a. Exhibitors are responsible for the feeding and caring of their animals remaining on the CLS Showgrounds for the Premium and/or Freezer Auction until the time the animal is released to the packer or buyer. Advisors and leaders may take responsibility for all of their chapter's/ club's animals.

    b. Any animal that leaves the grounds will not be eligible for the Premium or Freezer Auctions, with the exception of Broilers and Market Rabbits (see show rules for more details).

15. Facility Clean Up:

    a. All exhibitors or a representative MUST help clean the facility on Saturday afternoon after the show. The exhibitor or the representative must sign in at the designated time. If the exhibitor or representative does not sign in, they will be charged $250.00. This amount will be withheld from their check.