

2024
TEXOMA EXPOSITION & LIVESTOCK SHOW

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Any rules dated after this date will supersede these rules.

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GENERAL RULES

TEXOMA EXPOSITION & LIVESTOCK SHOW, INC. IS A NON-PROFIT TAX EXEMPT 502 (C)5 ORGANIZATION WHICH OPERATES AS A COUNTY LIVESTOCK AND EXPOSITION SHOW FOR THE SUPPORT OF COUNTY YOUTH AND EDUCATION, AS WELL AS TO PROVIDE AN ENTERTAINMENT MEDIA FOR PEOPLE IN THE AREA.

TEXOMA EXPOSITION & LIVESTOCK SHOW, INC., ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, OR AGENTS **SHALL NOT IN ANY WAY BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR LOSS, DAMAGE OR INJURY TO ARTICLES, LIVESTOCK OR PERSONS WHILE SAME IS ON THE FAIRGROUNDS.** THE ASSOCIATION WILL TAKE ALL REASONABLE PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT THE PROPERTY AND EXHIBITS OF THE CONCESSIONAIRES AND EXHIBITORS, BUT **WILL NOT BE LIABLE FOR OR MAKE PAYMENT FOR ANY ARTICLE, ANIMAL OR PROPERTY LOST, DAMAGED OR INJURED WHILE ON THE FAIRGROUNDS.**

NO CLAIM OR SUIT FOR INJURY TO ANY PERSON OR PROPERTY SHALL BE ASSERTED AGAINST THE TEXOMA EXPOSITION & LIVESTOCK SHOW, INC., ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, OR AGENTS OR CITY OF DENISON, OR GRAYSON COUNTY, REPRESENTATIVES, SERVANTS OR EMPLOYEES HAVING PERMITS TO EXHIBIT OR OCCUPY SPACE ON THE FAIRGROUNDS.

1. The Show is limited to enrolled and active members of the Grayson County 4-H program and active members of a Grayson County FFA chapter residing within the confines of Grayson County or attending a Grayson County school district. When residing on/just over county borders, youth enrolled in either or both 4-H and FFA must choose one county and only participate in the county livestock show of that one county.
2. Officials of the Texoma Exposition and Livestock Show, Inc. hereby reserve the final and absolute right to interpret and apply these rules and to settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to such rules.
3. All protests must be accompanied by a \$250.00 deposit. Deposit will be refunded if show officials rule in favor of protestor. Classifier and judges' decisions are not subject to protest.
4. The superintendents of the show reserve the right to remove any wild, unruly animal that might be dangerous to show.
5. Misconduct on the part of an exhibitor and/or family members will be grounds for forfeiture of awards and privileges of showing. Misconduct includes any conduct before during or after the show, whether on or off the livestock show grounds, that in the sole discretion of the association effects the integrity of the show or premium sale. Any misconduct should be reported immediately to the General Superintendent.
6. **No dogs allowed on grounds.**
7. No one other than judge, superintendent and approved show staff will be allowed in show ring during judging. No AST or CEA, parent, leader, etc.
8. **No class break decision makers will be involved in weigh in.**
9. All market swine, lambs, goats and steer will be weighed in by TELS representatives and the appointed time in the schedule. This will be the animal's official entry and sale weight. ***There will be no re-weighs unless first weight is over or under and then only one reweigh is allowed. No re-weighs after cut off times.***

10. *Quality Counts – Each participant must complete the Quality Counts program online and provide their verification number on the entry form to be eligible to participate in any judging event. The course is found at <https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/s/login/> under the Texas Trail link. Not required if participant is entering an Ag Mechanics entry only.*
11. **No animals to be kept in trailers. No heat lamps.**

PARKING

1. Grounds superintendent will be in charge of parking.
2. All trailers and large trucks will be parked in the area designated for such vehicles, which is north of outdoor arena and far north parking lot.
3. Any vehicles violating parking rules will be removed at the expense of the owner.

STALLS AND STALLING

1. Cattle may be bedded in sand furnished by the Association or wood shavings provided by the exhibitor.
2. **NO straw bedding allowed anywhere on grounds, except Woody Blanton arena, tie outs!**
3. NO shaving pellets in sheep, goat or swine pens.
4. Wood shavings to be provided by the exhibitor and should be put down prior to the show. Stalls and pens will be assigned prior to the show. Group assignments will be made before the show to Ag Teachers and County Agents for particular schools.
5. **All tie-outs will be in the Woody Blanton rodeo arena.**
6. Each exhibitor will be expected to keep area around exhibit clean at all times, especially aisles in the barns. **Waste materials are to be disposed of in designated areas only.** Barn Superintendents will have authority over their respective barns to remove any objectionable or undesirable exhibits.
7. Any individual not complying with show officials will forfeit awards given and his/her exhibit may be removed from the show.

ENTRY FEES AND RULES

1. Application for entry must be made through the supervising Ag Teachers, FCCLA Teachers or County Extension Agents. Entry fees are as follows:

Division	Fee	Due Date
Market Sheep	\$30.00	January 22, 2024
Market Goats	\$30.00	January 22, 2024
Market Swine	\$30.00	January 22, 2024
Market Broilers	\$30.00	January 22, 2024
Market Steers	\$35.00	January 22, 2024
Beef Heifers	\$35.00	January 22, 2024
Breeding Does	\$30.00	January 22, 2024
Breeding Poultry	\$ 6.00	January 22, 2024
Breeding Rabbits	\$ 6.00	January 22, 2024
Market Rabbits	\$30.00	January 22, 2024
Ag Mechanics projects	\$30.00	January 22, 2024
Floriculture - Live Event	\$35.00	February 21, 2024

LATE ENTRIES: Any entry not received by January 22, 2024, will be accepted the day of check-in, provided that twice the regular entry fee is paid (except Market Poultry, Market Rabbits and AG Mechanics - no late/onsite entries). **Breeding rabbits can be entered late but no later than one week before show, no onsite entries, except meat pen dq.**

2. Entry forms & fees should be mailed to:
 - TELS
 - PO Box 2234
 - Sherman, TX 75091
3. Animals may be validated in a family name. Brothers and sisters only, no extended family. **When an animal is weighed in at the county show, the sibling to exhibit the animal must be declared.**
4. All entries must comply with the Texas Animal Health Commission requirements.

OWNERSHIP & SUPERVISION OF ANIMALS

1. During the county show, only the person whose name is on the entry form may exhibit the animal. Any exceptions to this rule must be given to the Superintendent in writing at time of weigh-in. Substitute exhibitor will be allowed under the following conditions:
 - * Illness
 - * Family Emergency
 - * More than one animal or entry being shown at the same time.
 - * Other cases will be addressed at the Superintendent's discretion.
2. If an exhibitor is academically or scholastically suspended under the Texas Education Code or under his/her school district's rules or regulations, that exhibitor and their animal project(s) are not eligible to participate in the exhibition events of Texoma Exposition & Livestock Show.
3. All market animals, except steers, rabbits and poultry must be state validated on their designated dates of tag-in. Any animal that was validated during one of the statewide validation procedures must be shown by the exhibitor it was validated under. In the event ownership changed prior to the TELS ownership deadline, then that animal must be approved by validation committee and show superintendent. Exhibitors transferring in to a Grayson County school district after applicable tag-in deadlines have expired may be permitted to participate if approved by the show superintendents **and are able to be validated. Major show ethics forms will also be required for all county steers validated.**
4. **ALL EXHIBITORS** must be under the supervision of an Ag Teacher/FFA supervisor, FCCLA Teacher or County AgrLife Extension Service Agent.
5. Exhibitors and their families who violate any rules may be banned from participation in any future Texoma Expositions.
6. **DRUG RESIDUE POLICY:** The use of animal drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accord with the labeling approved by the FDA is a violation of federal law. It is the policy of the Texoma Exposition & Livestock Show that no animal which is entered for competition shall have been administered or contain any such substance which is prohibited for use in slaughter animals. Nor shall any

animal be allowed to be within the designated withdrawal period for such unapproved drugs.

Exhibitor and exhibitor's parents and/or guardians agree that (1) they are absolutely the responsible persons for the care and custody of their animals, (2) the Texoma Exposition & Livestock Show shall be entitled to disqualify an exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any drug, even if the exhibitor and the parent/guardians are innocent of any wrongdoing and did not administer the drug, (3) the drug test results of the testing Laboratories are final and binding upon the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents and/or guardians. Even if the source of the drug is unknown, the Texoma Exposition & Livestock Show shall be entitled to disqualify the exhibitor. A three person panel, consisting of TELS board president, TELS show superintendent and TELS board treasurer, will review the results and if violations found will notify student parents and school superintendent.

Signature of entry forms constitutes acknowledgement of and agreement to abide by the above-stated policy.

Penalty for Violation:

Any exhibitors and all other parties found in violation of Texoma Exposition & Livestock Drug Residue Policy are subject to the following penalties:

- 1st Offense - Sale money is forfeited. Exhibitor may choose a 1 year suspension or agree to mandatory testing in the following show and pay all retesting fees.
- 2nd Offense – Sale money is forfeited. Exhibitor is suspended for two years.
- 3rd Offense – Sale money is forfeited. Exhibitor is banned for life.

All Grand and Reserve Champion market steers, swine, sheep, goats, rabbits, poultry as well as any other randomly chosen market animal will be tested at time of show. ***Specimens will be collected by a certified contractor at the conclusion of each judging event.**

PREMIUM EVENT RULES

1. An exhibitor may not represent more than 2 units in the Premium event and those two can not be from the same species.
2. The Premium event will begin at 12:00 P.M. on Friday, March 1, 2024, in the Mayor arena. It will run continuously until all lots are completed.
3. Approximately 200 large animal lots are eligible for the premium event based on percentage of exhibitors of animals shown: 50% of exhibitors in Goats/Sheep/Swine & 60% of exhibitors in Steers. *Based on exhibits from 2023 the **following are approximate, not set except for fixed.***
 - a. Top 40 Steers.
 - b. Top 33 Market Lambs.
 - c. Top 97 Market Barrows.
 - d. Top 37 Goats.
 - e. Top 5 Market Poultry (Broilers) fixed number.
 - f. Top 9 Market Rabbits (Meat Pens) fixed number.
 - g. Grand Fryer (rabbit) fixed number.
 - h. Top 8 Agriculture Mechanic Projects fixed number.
4. In the Market divisions, the 1st place BREED winner will automatically make premium event.

6. Exhibitors must have their animal's photo taken prior to 10:30 a.m. the day of the premium event.
7. *Exhibitors selling animals will be issued slips showing value per head. Youth are expected to write a personal "thank you" to the buyer/donor before checks will be issued.*
8. **Exhibitor's AG Advisors must declare to officials within 30 minutes immediately following the conclusion of the steer show Thursday night which of their animals will be in the premium event (if multiple selected).**
9. There will be a 2.5% commission on all auction items including add ons (this covers buyers photo, sale expenses, advertising, any proceeds left will be used for general upgrades to the facility).
10. *All youth checks from the sale, add ons and truck commission checks must be cashed within 120 days of issue or they will be voided out and funds retained in the TELS account.*

SPECIAL NOTE

Texoma Exposition and Livestock Show, Inc. will not be responsible for exhibitor animals.