



2022 WILLACY COUNTY
LIVESTOCK SHOW & FAIR
RULEBOOK



GENERAL RULES

1. Steers, heifers, lambs, swine, and goats must have a proper state validation tag or identification. All exhibitors must show only animals validated in their name and validated in Willacy county. Commercial heifers must have a current RGVLS validation tag.

2. Each exhibitor can show two of each species of animals. I.e.: a person could show two lambs, two goats, two hogs, two heifers, and two steers. However, only one project will be allowed to sell through the premium sale. Exception: any and all grand champions or reserve grand champions must sell through the premium sale no matter if an exhibitor has more than one.

3. The Fair reserves the right to take either urine or blood samples or both from any livestock project that is shown. **UNAPPROVED DRUG USE:** The showing of any animal that has been administered during its life any quantity of any unapproved drug, chemical, or medication is strictly prohibited. Such drugs include, but are not limited to any diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication. Unapproved means not approved by the Food and Drug Administration and/or USDA for slaughter animals including animals that may be destined for human consumption. If any approved drug has been administered to the animal, sufficient time must have passed so that the animal does not test positive for any drugs or chemicals. **Exhibitor and parent/guardian must remain with project until sample is obtained and paperwork is complete.**

4. Exhibitors will be eligible to receive resale value for their projects not sold in the premium sale (this does not include sifted animals).

5. Entry fees: All entries will be charged a fee of \$20.00. These fees along with an entry card should be in the fair office on or before *January 7, 2022*.

6. This show is limited to youth who are active, bona-fide members of an FFA, Jr. FFA, or 4-H club in Willacy County. Youth must be enrolled in school or be part of a home school program in Willacy County or reside in Willacy County. Students who live in southern Kenedy County (Norias and south) are eligible to show in the Willacy County Fair. * This rule does not apply to entries in the arts & crafts, photography, or bake show. * This rule does apply to substitute showmen

7. Statement of liability--

All livestock will be under the control and direction of the management, but the show will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from any animal or article exhibited by him and for its description as given in the catalog, and shall indemnify the show against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as damage or injury to any other person or property, caused by the exhibitor, or any of the exhibited by him, or arising out of, or in any way connected with such exhibition or any of the animals so exhibited.

8. Exhibitors will be required to keep their stall spaces clean and dispose of refuse in the proper places.

9. No claim for injury to any person or property shall ever be asserted, nor suit instituted or maintained against the Willacy county livestock show or to officers or agent, by or on behalf of any person, firm or corporation, or their agents or representatives servants or employees, having license or privileges to exhibit on the show grounds or occupy space thereon.

10. All livestock that are found to be infested with or exposed to any contagious or communicable disease, or parasites, shall be removed from the show grounds.

11. Feed and water must be provided by each exhibitor. Exhibitor is responsible for care thru Sunday morning. Animals may not leave before Sunday at 8:00 AM.

12. Trailers must be parked in designated trailer areas.

13. Each exhibitor is required to post an appropriate stall card furnished by their advisor.

14. Each exhibitor must exhibit and sell their animal. In the event a substitute exhibitor is needed, approval must be obtained from the show Superintendent prior to the show or sale. Only the exhibitor or substitute and the respective animal will be allowed in the show or sale ring.

15. Exhibitors must have owned and personally cared for their animals continuously as follows:

Steers.....	July 1, 2021
Beef Heifer.....	November 1, 2021
Swine.....	November 30, 2021
Lambs.....	October 31, 2021
Goats.....	October 31, 2021

16. Any FFA, Jr. FFA, 4-H Exhibitor found in possession of or under the influence of alcohol or any illegal drug will be disqualified from the show and will immediately remove his/her exhibits from the show.

17. A separate entry blank will be required for each exhibit.

18. All stalls and pens must be cleaned before 8AM each morning and animals in their stalls or pens from that time until 7PM unless being judged or being prepared for judging.

19. No change of the major color pattern of any animal by painting or dying will be allowed. Any grooming material that allows color to come off an animal will not be allowed in the show.

20. Exhibitors must be at least nine years old or in the third grade, but less than 20 years of age as of September 1, 2021.

21. The show superintendent may require an exhibitor to remove uncontrollable animals from the show grounds.

22. No fires or pits allowed. No travel trailers or motor homes allowed.

23. No one but the exhibitor, the official judges and his certified assistants, and authorized show personnel will be allowed in the judging ring.

24. Anyone causing or anyone involved in an altercation on the fairgrounds may be asked to leave the grounds immediately at the discretion of the board. These individuals may be barred from future activities at the Willacy County Livestock Show Grounds.

25. The Willacy County Show Board reserves the final and absolute right to interpret all rules and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters and questions.

26. Any appeal to consider exceptions to any of the terms set out herein or special circumstances will be reviewed by a committee appointed by the Show Board President. Appeals must be in writing and accompanied with a fee of \$25 for each individual appeal. The appeal must be made by exhibitor, his/her parents, AST, CEA, or adult leader. Appeals will be considered on an individual basis and the decision of the committee will be final. If the committee finds in favor of the appeal, the fee will be returned. **No appeals will be allowed for rules #30 & #31.**

27. All lambs and goats, which are sexually intact, must be tagged with a valid breeder premise tag upon entering the show grounds. This is in accordance with the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), for the prevention and spread of Scrapies.

28. All animals will be sifted upon weigh-in. The sifting committee's decision whether or not the animal is of sufficient quality and health to be shown will be final. This decision will be final and is not subject to protest. The show board reserves the right to allow sifted animals to be sold for re-sale value.

29. A late fee of \$200 will be charged in addition to the entry fee for a period up to seven (7) days past the scheduled entry fee deadline date. If a participant is unable to pay the late fee, he or she must make arrangements with the board President within those seven (7) days so that the late fee can be deducted from the sale proceeds. If the participant fails to meet such requirements, he/she will be disqualified from participating at the Fair. If any participant misses the Syndicate and/or the Raffle ticket turn-in deadline, he /she will be charged a \$100 late fee for a period up to seven (7) days past the scheduled ticket turn-in deadline date. If a participant is unable to pay the late fee, he or she must make arrangements with the board President within those seven (7) days, so that the late fee can be deducted from the sale proceeds. If the participant fails to meet such requirements, he/she will be disqualified from participating at the Fair & Premium sale.

30. The Board will disallow excused absences for the Beef Syndicate BBQ mandatory work day. All absences, regardless of reason, will be treated similarly whether known in advance or not. An absence will require the participant to notify the board President Allison Savage not later than 7 days from workday to make arrangements to pay a \$100 penalty for missing the event or make up work for the absence.

31. Exhibitor is responsible for obtaining and turning in a weight card prior to 7:00 PM, January 26, 2022. Exhibitors must be at his/her project at 7:00 pm for classification.

*TURN IN/CLASSIFICATION TIMES OR DATES MAY VARY
DEPENDING ON 2021 SHOW FORMAT*

OBJECTIONABLE EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS

1. The WCLS Board reserves the right to remove from the grounds any exhibit, animals, concessions, show, sign, banner, advertising matter or merchandise of any kind that may be falsely entered or deemed objectionable, without assigning a reason, and if necessary, to return any money paid for space or stalls, which shall exonerate the Willacy County Livestock Show from any claim whatsoever on the part of the exhibitor or purchaser.
2. In order to maintain the public areas in a safe, neat, and sanitary condition, and to promote a pleasant and carefree atmosphere, no lease shall conduct any portion of its operations outside the space leased to it, nor shall any person, group or corporation conduct business, distribute samples, or printed material or make any solicitation or presentation of any nature on the Willacy County Livestock Show Fair Grounds, except within the areas leased by it. Begging soliciting, singing, or public speaking is strictly prohibited.

PREMIUM SALE RULES

1. All projects will sell to the highest bidder.
2. Any announcements from the premium sale block will take precedence to any and all printed material.
3. All projects will be represented in the premium sale as fairly as possible. Any dispute between bidders will be settled by the auctioneer and his decision will be final.

STEER DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS

Committee Chairman – Josh Klostermann

Committee Members:

Matt Rodriguez, Joe David Kilbourn, Rene Hinojosa, Ryan Busse and Jay Hinojosa

1. All entries will be subject to the general rules and regulations in addition to the following rules and regulations.
2. All steers must be the bona-fide property of the exhibitor and cared for by the exhibitor.
3. An entry application must be submitted and entry fee of \$20 must accompany the entry.
4. Steers will be classified by breed upon arrival at the show. Steers may be reclassified according to breed characteristics at the discretion of the steer classifying committee. The classifier's decision will be final.
5. Steers will be divided into weight classes in the breeds specified below. The steer committee and its classifiers will make final call on classification.
6. Steers must be shown with no more than 1/4 of an inch of hair on any part of the body with the exception of the tail switch. Steers must be clipped prior to arriving at show grounds.
7. An exhibitor may show two steers.
8. All steers must weigh a minimum of 850 pounds; there will be no maximum weight. Steers will be allowed a 95% to 105% weigh back of weight turned in on weight card. If that is exceeded, the steer will forfeit his place and the next place animal will move up.
9. Steers that weigh back over 105% of original weight turned in on weight card or under 95% of original weight turned in on weight card will forfeit the right to sell in the premium sale and will receive resale value. The resale value will be determined using weight that was indicated on weight card.
10. Steers may not have horns more than 1 inch in length.

Steer Breeds-

- Santa Gertrudis
- Simbrah
- American Breeds Cross
- Charolais
- Chianina
- Maine Anjou
- All Other Breeds

SWINE DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS
Committee Co-Chairmen – Armando Duarte & Cody Scogin
Committee Members: Danny Rodriguez, Josie Torres
Andy Cruz, Alex Hernandez, Freddy Nieto, Mitch Thomas, Mark Brown Jr.,
Eloy Zamarrano, and Rene Hinojosa

1. All entries will be subject to the general rules and regulations in addition to the following rules and regulations.
2. Clipping of swine on showgrounds is discouraged.
3. Swine must be the bona-fide property of the exhibitor and must be continuously fed and cared for by the exhibitor.
4. An entry application must be submitted and entry fee of \$20 must accompany the entry.
5. Swine will be weighed and classified by breed upon arrival at the show. Swine may be reclassified according to breed characteristics at the discretion of the swine classifying committee. The committee's decision will be final. If animal is unable to be shown, the committee reserves the right to sift animal and exhibitor will not be allowed to take part in the premium auction.
6. Swine will be divided into weight classes by the swine division committee depending on the number of entries per breed.
7. There will be no more than six (6) breed divisions for swine and they will show in the following order:
 - a. Durocs
 - b. Yorkshire
 - c. O.P.B
 - d. Hamps
 - e. Dark Crosses *
 - f. Light Crosses and All Other Breeds and Crosses
8. Exhibitors may show two hogs.
9. All swine must weigh between 140 and 290 pounds (there will be no exceptions to these weight limits). A 10 pound weigh back will be allowed, if that limit is exceeded then the animal forfeits his placing and the next place animal will move up. The 10 pounds is both over and under the number shown on weight card.
10. Hogs that weigh back more than 10 pounds over or under what was shown on their original weight cards forfeit the right to sell in the premium sale and will receive resale value.
11. * Market swine with black, and/or red pigmentation, (i.e. not sandy, rusty, or blue) comprising at least 20% of total body area, shall be considered a Dark Cross. These market swine may be black or red belted, black patched or spotted, with Poland China, Hampshire, Berkshire, or Spot appearance. Market swine with only blue pigmentation are NOT considered Dark Crosses.

LAMB DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS

Committee Chairman – Fred Garcia

Committee Members: L. Suarez, Robert Garcia, Kevin Trapp, Eliseo Barnhart Jr.,
Polo Coy, Roni Herrera and Javier Villegas

1. All entries will be subject to the general rules and regulations in addition to the following rules and regulations.
2. An entry application must be submitted and entry fee of \$20 must accompany the entry.
3. All lambs must be the bona-fide property of the exhibitor and cared for by the exhibitor.
4. Lambs must be clipped and prepared for the show before arriving on the show grounds.
5. Lambs will be weighed upon arrival at the show.
6. All lambs must be slick shorn from knee and hock up before arrival. No exceptions! Lambs with excessive wool, over 1/4 inch, will be sifted.
7. Lambs must be creditable from standpoints of types, quality, and finish. The committee reserves the right to sift any lambs that are found not to meet these standpoints. Lambs will be placed into weight groups as nearly equal in number as possible. **All breeds will show together.**
8. Exhibitors may exhibit two lambs.
9. Lambs must weigh a minimum of 75 pounds; **with the exception of Southdowns, who must weigh 70 pounds.** Lambs will be allowed a 5-pound weigh back both over and under the original weigh-in weight. Any animal exceeding this limit either above or below will forfeit his place and the next animal in line will move up.
10. Lambs that weigh back over the five pounds allowed (either up or down) will forfeit the right to sell in the premium sale and will receive resale value.
11. Lambs may be of any breed or cross-breed and may be a wether or an un-bred ewe.
12. All lambs, which are sexually intact, must be tagged with a valid breeder premise tag upon entering the show grounds. This is in accordance with the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), for the prevention and spread of Scrapies.

GOAT DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS

Committee Chairman – Fred Garcia

Committee Members: L. Suarez, Robert Garcia

**Lupita Gracia, Kevin Trapp, Eliseo Barnhart Jr., Polo Coy, Roni Herrera
and Javier Villegas**

1. All entries will be subject to the general rules and regulations in addition to the following rules and regulations.
2. All goats must be the bona-fide property of the exhibitor and continuously fed and cared for by the exhibitor.
3. An entry application must be submitted and entry fee of \$20 must accompany the entry.
4. Goats may be of any breed or cross breed and be a wether or un-bred doe.
5. Goats will be weighed and sifted as they are checked in upon arrival on the show grounds.
6. Goats must meet the following requirements or be sifted:
 - A. all goats must have their horns tipped at the time of sift. Goats must be slick shorn from the knees and hocks up not to exceed $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch in length.
 - B. goats must be creditable from standpoints of quality and finish.
7. The decision of the sifter will be final.
8. After sifting, goats will be divided into weight groups as nearly equal as possible so all goats of the same weight will be in the same weight group.
9. Exhibitors must use halters or collars in the show ring.
10. No painting, adhesive, powdering or artificial coloring can be used on goats.
11. Exhibitors may show two goats.
12. All goats must weigh between 50 and 115 pounds. A 5 pound weigh back both up and down from the original weigh-in weight shown on weight card will be allowed. Any animal exceeding this limit will forfeit his placing and the next animal in line will move up.
13. Goats that weigh back over the 5 pounds allowed (either up or down) forfeit the right to sell in the premium sale and will receive resale value.
14. All goats, which are sexually intact, must be tagged with a valid breeder premise tag upon entering the show grounds. This is in accordance with the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), for the prevention and spread of Scrapies.

JR. BEEF BREEDING HEIFER DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS

Committee Chairman – Josh Klostermann

Committee Members:

Matt Rodriguez, Joe David Kilbourn, Rene Hinojosa, Jay Hinojosa, and Ryan Busse

1. All entries will be subject to the general rules and regulations in addition to the following rules and regulations.
2. Only registered animals may be entered. Heifers validated for the RGVLS commercial Heifer show are eligible. They must have current RGVLS validation tags. Registered heifers must be validated under the state validation program.
3. Animals will be divided into classes as outlined in Rule 11 deviation from that rule will be at the discretion of the committee.
4. A copy of registration papers will be required with the entry forms.
5. An entry application must be submitted and entry fee of \$20 must accompany the entry.
6. Heifers must have been calved on or after Sept 1, 2019. This age limit applies to commercial heifers also.
7. Exhibitors may only show 2 heifers.
8. No bulls will be shown.
9. Heifers will be allowed in the premium sale.
10. No calf, either heifer or bull, can be shown at side of dam if older than 220 days of age on day of show.
11. Heifer classification will follow the format:

Heifers will be classified into one of the following categories*. Classes for registered cattle will be by birthdate, commercial cattle by weight**:

- American Breeds Registered Females
- All Other Breeds Registered Females
- American Breeds Commercial Females
- All Other Breeds Commercial Females

* If four heifers of any one breed are present, they will show as a breed of their own and constitute a separate division. That breed/division will have its own berth in the Championship drive in addition to the four divisions outlined above.

** Commercial heifers will be weighed Thursday night during animal check-in

ARTS, PHOTOGRAPHY & BAKE SHOW DIVISION RULES

Chairman: Kim Parker

**Committee Members: Letty Rodriguez, Josie Torres, Cassie Tijerina
Tracy May, and Monica Davis**

*** No Gate Passes Given for Entries**

Arts & Crafts Rules

1. The Arts & Crafts contest is open to all county youth in 3rd – 12th grade, which reside in Willacy County.
2. Entry fee will be \$5.00 per exhibit. Exhibitors will be responsible to purchase their own gate pass.
3. Unfinished articles will not be accepted. All entries must be entirely the work of the person entering the exhibit and must have been made in the previous 12 months.
4. Each entry must have the entry information card attached so information can be shown after judging.
5. Exhibitor may have only one entry in each class, but may enter as many classes as they desire.
6. Exhibits need to be picked up before premium sale concludes on Saturday night. The board will not be responsible for any exhibits that are not picked up during that time.
7. Contestants will be broken up into a High School Category and a Junior High Category.
8. Classification of art will be subject to committee discretion. The committee's word is final.
9. Artwork and photography projects will be available for pickup on Saturday, January 25, 2021..

Photography Rules

1. The photography contest is open to all youth in 3rd – 12th grade, which reside in Willacy County.
2. Entry fee will be \$5.00 per exhibit. Exhibitor will be responsible for purchasing their own gate pass bracelet.
3. All entries must be entirely the work of the person entering the exhibit and must have been made in the previous 12 months.
4. Exhibitor may have only one entry in each class, but may enter as many classes as they desire. Do not put names on the photos.
5. Pictures must be enlarged to at least 8"x10" **and matted**. No framed photos.
6. Exhibits need to be picked up before premium sale concludes on Saturday night. The board will not be responsible for any exhibits that are not picked up during that time.
7. Categories:
 - A. Domestic Animals
 - B. Black & White
 - C. People Pictures
 - D. Nature
 - E. Landscape
 - F. Still Life
 - G. Wildlife
 - H. Miscellaneous
8. Artwork and photography projects will be available for pickup on Saturday, January 25, 2021.