

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ALL JR. LIVESTOCK SHOWS

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS. FOR A COPY OF THESE RULES CONTACT THE FAIR OFFICE.

NOTICE: All exhibitors are cautioned to read carefully the following rules and regulations as same will be strictly enforced without deviation of any kind.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION RESERVES TO ITS OFFICERS AND/OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS THE FINAL AND ABSOLUTE RIGHT TO INTERPRET THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS AS SET FORTH FROM PAGE 1 TO PAGE 20 AND ARBITRARILY SETTLE AND DETERMINE ALL MATTERS, QUESTIONS AND DIFFERENCES IN REGARD THERETO OR OTHERWISE ARISING OUT OF CONNECTION WITH, OR INCIDENT TO THE SHOW.

The Officers and/or Board of Directors reserves the right to amend or add to these rules as it, in its judgment, may deem advisable.

In consideration for the opportunity to participate in the Show, each Exhibitor, and his or her immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen and volunteers agree to be bound by the General Rules and Special Rules as published herein. Any exhibitor and his or her immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen or volunteer who violates and/or refuses to follow any of the General Rules and/or Special Rules as published in these rules shall not be allowed to enter, tag-in and/or participate in the Montgomery County Fair, Show and/or Auction, and/or will forfeit all privileges and/or premiums won, and/or may forfeit all rights and privileges to enter, participate and/or exhibit in the future at the Montgomery County Fair.

In order to participate in the Montgomery County Fair, each exhibitor, and his or her immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen and volunteers shall be in good standing with the Montgomery County Fair Association. In the event any exhibitor, exhibitor's immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen or volunteers (whether any of the above individually, or by, through and/or on behalf of any entity) owe money after August 1ST to the Montgomery County Fair Association for any reason whatsoever, said exhibitor, his or her immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen and volunteers shall not be allowed to enter, tag-in and/or participate in the Montgomery County Fair, Show and/or Auction.

THE FOLLOWING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ALL JR. LIVESTOCK SHOWS HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

1. The Show will open **March 31, 2017** unless postponed by the Officers and/or Board of Directors which they hereby claim the right to do, either in part or whole, from any cause whatsoever, for the general good of all concerned.
2. The Montgomery County Fair Association, its Board of Directors, Officers, Officers-in-Charge, Division Chairmen, Committeemen, etc. will not be liable for any personal injuries, damages, fire, theft, accident and/or any matters resulting from or relating to the actions of any exhibitor, exhibitor's immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s), and/or representative(s), committeemen, volunteers, spectators, visitors, exhibits, animals, animal clinics, forfeiture of all awards and/or sale proceeds, non-payment of sale proceeds by an auction buyer(s), etc.

NOTE: In the event it is determined that the Montgomery County Fair Association is held liable with regard to an exhibitor's animal, whether directly or indirectly relating to same, which liability is specifically denied by the Association, then in that event the limit of the Montgomery County Fair Association's liability will not exceed the market value of the exhibitor's animal (in its market class and weight) or the animal's tankage price on the date of

the Fair Auction Sale, which is hereby acknowledged and agreed to by each exhibitor as a condition of participating in the show.

3. Entrants and Exhibitors must be members in good standing of one of the following:

1) FFA – must have attended 50% of local Montgomery County FFA Chapter meetings from September through February.

2) 4-H enrolled members must have attended a minimum of three (3) local Montgomery County 4-H Club Meetings from September through February. This does not include project meetings.

3) Home Educated Student – must be a member of a Montgomery County 4-H Club and subject to Rule 3. 2) above. Only Home Educated Students, whom would have attended a private, public or parochial school within Montgomery County, are eligible to show.

Except as provided in GENERAL EXCEPTION (A), (B) or (C) below, all Entrants and Exhibitors must reside in Montgomery County (Residence to mean student who lives with parents, parent or legal guardian and sleeps in Montgomery County five or more nights each week) and must be enrolled and attending classes in private, public, parochial school or be a home educated student in elementary or secondary schools in Montgomery County at the time of entry, registration and during the entire feeding period and subject to Rule 3. 1) or 2) referenced above.

GENERAL EXCEPTION (A): Any Entrant or Exhibitor who resides in Montgomery County (Residence to mean student who lives with parents, parent or legal guardian and sleeps in Montgomery County five or more nights each week), but because of school district boundaries, student is required to attend public school outside Montgomery County, or if a student attends a private or specialized school outside the county but resides in Montgomery County (see above), student must be a member in good standing and attended a minimum of 50% of club meetings of a Montgomery County 4-H Club or FFA.

GENERAL EXCEPTION (B): Any Entrant or Exhibitor who resides outside Montgomery County (Residence to mean student who lives with parents, parent or legal guardian and sleeps outside Montgomery County five or more nights each week), but because of school district boundaries, student is required to attend public school inside Montgomery County, student must be a member in good standing and attended a minimum of 50% of club meetings of a Montgomery County 4-H Club or FFA.

GENERAL EXCEPTION (C): Any Entrant or Exhibitor who resides outside Montgomery County (Residence to mean student who lives with parents, parent or legal guardian and sleeps outside Montgomery County five or more nights each week), but because parents, parent or legal guardian is employed by a private, public or parochial school district or system in Montgomery County and the Entrant or Exhibitor is enrolled and attending classes in the same private, public or parochial school district or system in Montgomery County, student must be a member in good standing and attending a minimum of 50% of club meetings of a Montgomery County 4-H Club or FFA.

Any Entrant or Exhibitor who qualified under GENERAL EXCEPTION (A), (B) or (C) above, may be allowed to participate by completing a Special General Exception Form, but only after official acceptance, which requires approval by the Montgomery County Fair Association. All General Exception Forms are due on the date/time of tag-in of animal exhibitor is showing or a specified date in each division rules.

4. If a student is academically ineligible to show his/her project or show animal, the student and project will not be allowed to show in the Fair.

Substitute Exhibitor: Junior Show animals must be exhibited and sold by its owner.

EXCEPTION: A substitute exhibitor may be used under the following conditions:

- When an exhibitor has more than one entry in the Junior Show and cannot be present to show their animal in another department

- When an exhibitor is sick (must be accompanied by a signed statement from a doctor)
- Approved school activities, TAKS test, etc. (must be accompanied by a signed statement from a school official on school letterhead)

When one of the above conditions exists, the Show Chairmen and Officer-In-Charge may decide whether a substitute showman will be allowed. If a substitute is allowed, the substitute showman must be from the same FFA/4-H as the original exhibitor. The substitute exhibitor also must meet all requirements of a Junior Livestock Show exhibitor. If only one exhibitor is present from the same FFA/4-H, the Show Chairman or Officer-In-Charge can approve a substitute from another FFA/4-H. An exhibitor may be used as a substitute only one time per department. Any exhibitor of a past Grand Champion or Reserve Champion in a respective junior market animal department is NOT eligible to serve as a substitute exhibitor. An official substitute exhibitor form must be filled out and turned in at check-in. The Show Chairman or Officer-In-Charge may also require positive identification of the substitute.

5. Entries must be the bonafide property of the exhibitor.

6. There will be a \$20.00 entry fee on Market Steers, Market Lambs, Market Barrows, Colts, Replacement Heifers, Market Rabbits, Breeding Beef, Poultry and Goats. Exhibitors will receive an armband that entitles them to free entry to the fairgrounds, **March 31st – April 2nd**. No entries will be accepted by fax. **NO REFUNDS FOR ENTRIES. SHOULD AN EXHIBITOR, CEA/VAT OR 4-H MANAGER FAIL TO GET AN ENTRY FORM IN BY THE ENTRY DUE DATE, A LATE FEE OF \$250.00 MAY BE ASSESSED. THE ANIMAL MUST ALREADY HAVE BEEN VALIDATED ON THE ORIGINAL TAG-IN DATE AND HAIR MAY BE PULLED FOR POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION. ALL OTHER RULES MUST HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED.**

7. Classification will be done by a classifier(s) selected by the Judges Committee and approved by the Rules Committee.

8. **Entries must be submitted online at mcfa.org by 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 24, 2017.** Entry fees must be submitted online at mcfa.org or to the Fair Office by 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 24, 2017. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

9. All animals must stay in the barn from 8:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. each night after they are checked in, with the exception of animals checking out immediately following their respective shows. Any exercising or walking of animals will be done in the arena or in the designated exercising area.

10. No Fans will be allowed in the Aisles (they can be hanging or placed in feed aisles). No Generators in the Barn.

11. Check out must be approved by the Division Chairman or his representative. All animals must have releases, obtained from Division Chairman or his representative.

a. Livestock Release forms will require the following information: Exhibitor's Name, Club, Vehicle License Number, Person Picking up Animal, Slaughter Plant Name (if applies), Tag Number of Animal and Parent or Exhibitor's Signature.

12. Division Chairmen have the right to combine classes if insufficient in number and create a class or classes if deemed necessary.

13. Any animal that is to be exhibited in the Junior Livestock Show must be cared for in Montgomery County (EXCEPTION: See General Exception Rule, Page 2). They must be under the daily care of and trained, fitted or dressed for show by the Junior Exhibitor under the direction and assistance from parents, siblings, grandparents or legal guardians; CEA's or VAT's currently residing in Montgomery County; or other feeders or leaders currently residing in Montgomery County. Each Exhibitor and his or her immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s) and/or representative agree that in exchange for participation in the Junior Livestock Show they will allow

Montgomery County Fair Association representative(s) permission to enter unannounced onto the property where the Exhibitor's project is located for purposes of inspection.

14. DECISIONS OF CLASSIFIERS AND/OR SIFTERS IN ALL DIVISIONS WILL BE FINAL AT THE TIME OF SUCH CLASSIFICATION AND/OR SIFT, AND PROTESTS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED BY THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, AND ALL SIFTED ANIMALS MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE GROUNDS.

15. Committees to inspect/sift livestock may be appointed in such divisions as the Officer-in-Charge and/or Division Chairman deems advisable. It is the duty of the inspection/sifting committee to pass upon the eligibility of animal(s) for show purposes before judging begins. These committees shall be empowered and required to eliminate from entry, tag-in, participation and/or the Show any animal which, in their judgment, is not qualified for competition, and upon the recommendation of the committee, the Officer-in-Charge and/or Division Chairman may require such animal(s) not to be allowed to enter, tag-in and/or participate in the Montgomery County Fair, Show and/or Auction, and/or to be removed from the show grounds.

16. The Officer-in-Charge and/or Division Chairman reserve the right not to allow entry, tag-in, participation, and/or to remove from the grounds any exhibit, animal, stand or show they deem unsuitable or objectionable. No wild or unruly animals will be accepted. The Officers and/or Executive Committee also reserve the right to return any entry money already paid. Officer-in-Charge and/or Division Chairman will not be required to furnish reasons for such actions, the return of the exhibitor's and/or purchaser's money exonerates the association from any claim by the exhibitor or purchaser.

17. Each exhibitor and his/her immediate family member(s), exhibitor's guardian(s), parent(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen, volunteers, spectators and/or visitors, violating and/or not cooperating with security personnel, officers, Officer-in-Charge, Division Chairmen, committeemen and/or officials of the Fair in all matters, policy, these rules and regulations, parking, laws of the State of Texas, etc., may not be allowed to enter, tag-in, and/or participate, may have their entries cancelled, and/or may be ordered to exit and/or remove their exhibit(s) from the grounds immediately, and/or may forfeit all rights and privileges to enter, participate and/or exhibit in the future at the Montgomery County Fair.

18. **Animal/Exhibitor Disqualification:** To foster fair competition, to provide a level playing field, and to protect the safety of food, the showing of unethically fitted livestock, livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered or animals being administered unapproved drugs is strictly prohibited.

- A. **Unethical Fitting:** Unethical fitting means any attempt to alter the natural appearance, conformation, musculature or weight of an animal by any unnatural means. Unethical fitting includes the use of injections or feeding of material not conducive to the health of the animal, safety of food or marketability of its carcass. Unethical fitting also includes, but is not limited to, air, airing injections and bruising. Animals showing signs of having been unethically fitted may be disqualified.
- B. **Over Age Animals:** Over age animals will be disqualified.
- C. **Illegal Use of Unapproved Drugs:** 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 Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals including animals that may be destined for human consumption. Use of unapproved drugs is illegal by violation of federal law.
- D. **Legal Use of Approved Drugs:** 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 at weigh in.
- E. **Animal inspection:** As condition for participation in the Show, exhibitor must agree to submit any animal entered by the exhibitor for inspection. Exhibitor agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests requested by the Show. Exhibitor also agrees that the opinion reached by the Show or its officials as to

whether such animal is unethically fitted or over age shall be final and binding without recourse against the Show or any of its officers. Further, the Show specifically reserves the right to have tissue, blood or urine laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for competition. The conclusions reached by the laboratory as to whether such animal has been administered a diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication, or has not been properly withdrawn from approved drugs shall be final and binding without recourse against the Show or any of its officers. An exhibitor of an animal testing positive for any drug or medication or unapproved chemical may forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future at the Show.

- F. Extra-Label Use of Drugs:** The use by non-veterinarians of animal drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accord with the labeling approved by FDA is extra-label drug use and is illegal by violation of federal law. Exhibitor and exhibitor's parents and/or guardians agree that: (1) they are absolutely responsible persons for the care and custody of their animals (2) the Montgomery County Fair Association shall be entitled to disqualify an exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any drug, even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents or guardians are innocent of any wrongdoing and did not administer the drug, and (3) the drug test results of the testing laboratories are final and binding upon the exhibitor and exhibitor's parents and/or guardians. Even if the source of the drug is unknown, the Montgomery County Fair Association shall be entitled to disqualify the exhibitor.

*Abuse of the extra-label drug use privilege or non-compliance of FDA extra-label drug use policy by veterinarians is illegal by violation of federal law and is subject to serious consequences such as license revocation by the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

19. All Junior Market Animals will be required to have a drug certification form signed by the following:

- 1) JUNIOR EXHIBITOR
- 2) PARENT OR GUARDIAN; AND
- 3) CEA OR VAT

This form **MUST** be brought to the Show and given to the Show Officials by the exhibitor at the time that the market animals are checked-in. **NO** junior market animal will be allowed to show without this drug certification form properly filled out.

20. All protests to any ruling and/or to any provision of these rules and regulations set forth from Page 1 to Page 20 must be in writing and be accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00 which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal, and must be delivered to the Fair Office and notice given to the Officer-in-Charge and/or Division Chairman immediately after occasion for such protest. Protests will be accepted prior to judging. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. Depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until complete investigation is done. All protests will be determined by a special committee made up of five members consisting of the Officer-in-Charge, Division Chairman, and three other members from the rules committee and/or Board of Directors. Every exhibitor, in consideration of his entry being accepted by the Montgomery County Fair Association, agrees that the conclusion reached by the protest special committee shall be final, without recourse against the Montgomery County Fair Association, its Board of Directors, Officer-in-Charge, Division Chairmen, Committeemen, etc. (See General Provisions set forth on Page 1).

21. Exhibitors from the same immediate family will be able to tag in their animals, of the same species, without specifying which animal belongs to which exhibitor in the immediate family, however, each child's name must be listed on each tag-in card. **THERE MUST BE AS MANY ANIMALS, OF THE SAME SPECIES, AS THERE ARE EXHIBITORS (EX. THREE CHILDREN IN THE FAMILY – THERE MUST BE AT LEAST THREE ANIMALS OF THE SAME SPECIES TAGGED IN).** The tag number of the animal they will show will be determined at the time of weigh-in. If two animals of the same species are tagged in, the first animal weighed will be the animal that is shown.

22. No scales except the official scales will be permitted on the grounds. No trailer parking will be permitted on the grounds, except designated area.

23. Ages for Showmanship will be Junior - 13 and under and Senior - 14 and over. Ages will be based on age the day of the show.

24. ANY EXHIBITOR WITH ANY SPECIAL NEEDS OR CONCERNS MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE OF SAME TO THE FAIR OFFICE NO LATER THAN TWO (2) WEEKS BEFORE THE FAIR EVENT BEGINS SO THAT APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS, IF ANY, CAN BE CONSIDERED.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS AUCTION SALE

1. The Auction is a continuation of the Montgomery County Fair, and all general and Division Rules and Regulations shall apply.
2. Grand and Reserve animals will sell first in the auction.
3. It is expected that **approximately** 23 steers, 42 hogs, 20 pens of broilers, 10 pens of rabbits, 20 lambs, 15 goats and 5 turkeys will be sold in the Auction; however, the exact number will be determined by the Executive Committee and the Auction Chairman. For those divisions selling more than 23 animals, only the top 23 exhibitors will be allowed to bring their own animal into the sale ring. A sale ring animal will be provided for all remaining exhibitors.
4. No distressed items will be sold.
5. There will be no resale of animals back to the exhibitor.
6. A place for buyers will be reserved at the Auction.
7. At the end of the Auction all animals must be taken back to the stalls in the show barn. Each contestant must fill out a receipt of delivery stating the wishes of the buyer. The youth will be responsible to see that the animal is maintained and delivered to the buyer on the specified date. Any youth who fails to comply with the feeding and care of the animal will never be allowed to participate in the show again. **ALL SALE ANIMALS MUST BE CHECKED OUT BY 10:00 A.M. ON THURSDAY MORNING FOLLOWING THE AUCTION. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN PREMIUM MONIES BEING FORFEITED.**
8. Junior Exhibitors who had a Grand Champion in the Livestock Show at the **2016** Montgomery County Fair will not be eligible to compete in that division for the **2017** Montgomery County Fair in which their Grand Champion was exhibited. (This includes substitution roles – See Rule 4, Page 2). This rule applies to all Junior Exhibitor Divisions in which Exhibitors are competing to make the respective auction sales. Exception: If an Exhibitor has 2 grand animals and he drops one, he will be able to show the following year in the division he dropped.
9. If an Exhibitor drops a Grand or Reserve Auction item to sell another Grand or Reserve Auction item, no changes will be made in the placement of other animals or poultry.
10. At the Sale Meeting following each show, the Exhibitor must be in attendance. Montgomery County 4-H Managers and Montgomery County FFA Advisors should be in attendance. A parent of each Exhibitor is encouraged to attend. All alternates should try and attend the sale meeting after the Market Steer Show. Contestants are eligible to enter each Division of the Show, however, each exhibitor may sell only one entry in the Auction. **AN EXHIBITOR PLACING MORE THAN ONE ANIMAL IN THE SALE MUST NOTIFY THE FAIR OFFICE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SHOW IN WHICH THEY HAVE PLACED THE SECOND ANIMAL INFORMING THEM WHICH ANIMAL TO PLACE IN THE SALE.**
11. IT IS MANDATORY THAT THE EXHIBITOR BRING THE RECEIPT OF DELIVERY, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, AND ORIGINAL THANK YOU LETTER(S) TO THEIR BUYER(S) TO THE FAIR

OFFICE WHEN **CHECKS ARE RELEASED ON TUESDAY, MAY 23TH**. FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS MUST ALSO HAVE A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR A TAX I.D. NUMBER BEFORE CHECK WILL BE RELEASED. THE FAIR OFFICE WILL MAIL THANK YOU LETTERS AND BUYER'S PICTURE. PARENTS AND/OR EXHIBITOR ONLY MAY PICK UP CHECKS. **ALL CHECKS MUST BE PICKED UP BY MONDAY, JUNE 5th BY 5:00 P.M. CHECKS NOT PICKED UP BY JUNE 5TH WILL BE FORFEITED AND THE MONIES WILL GO DIRECTLY TO THE FAIR SCHOLARSHIP FUND.**

12. Ten percent (10%) will be deducted from the Exhibitor's check for any and all monies received through the Fair Association. In addition, cost of pictures will be deducted from the Exhibitor's check.

13. Should a family member purchase their own child's (whether by blood, marriage, adoption, foster child, exchange student, grandchild, ward, etc.) animal, said animal must be paid for before the exhibitor will receive his/her check from the Fair Office.

14. If an exhibitor is not present to sell his/her animal, the animal will be dropped from the sale.

15. The animal that makes the auction is the animal that is sold to buyer and delivered to buyer.

QUALITY COUNTS

VERIFICATION

4-H and FFA have been involved in character education for more than 100 years. Quality Counts is our way of showcasing this character education and at the same time showing our commitment to producing a safe and wholesome livestock product for the consumer.

Verification of Quality Counts is a natural extension of this effort to demonstrate that 4-H and FFA youth have a base knowledge of the principles of quality assurance and good moral character.

Now and in the near future many local and major livestock shows will require that a youth exhibitor demonstrate this base knowledge by taking the online Quality Counts Verification test and obtaining a Verification Number. The Montgomery County Fair will be requiring the Quality Counts Certification and the Certification number must be written on your entry form when turned in to your 4-H and FFA Leader.

DIRECTIONS FOR QUALITY COUNTS CERTIFICATION

1. Go to <http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu>
2. Texas Trail tab is a teaching module that will provide training on Quality Counts. It takes about two hours, but there is a registration/log-in system so you can work any length of time and come back at another time to continue.
3. Verification tab is where you take the test. There are some instructions, as you scroll down the page you will see the blue words to Take the Test.
4. There are three choices for Organization – 4-H, FFA or Both. This selection will determine which supervisor can view all the verifications for their group. If you think you might at any point in your career show in both organizations, please select both.

5. First and last name and birth date are required. For those that go by their middle name, make certain that you use the same name here that you will be using on your entries.
6. Complete the test. For Juniors 13 and under as of August 31st there will be 10 questions and your certificate number will be good until your turn 14. For Seniors 14 or older as of August 31st there will be 20 questions and your certificate number will be good until you graduate.
7. Once you complete the test and hit submit you will receive a score. You must score 80% to receive a certificate. You can take the test as many times as you choose. You will get a new number each time you pass. The test will be different each time.
8. Once you have achieved 80% on the test you will be able to print a certificate with a number. **KEEP THIS NUMBER.** You will need this number to complete your Montgomery County Fair entries.