

**THE REAL COUNTY  
JUNIOR LIVESTOCK  
SHOW ASSOCIATION  
RULE BOOK**

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## GENERAL RULES

1. Exhibitors in the Real County Junior Livestock Show shall be enrolled as a 4-H club member or a member in good standing in the FFA Chapter and attend Leakey, Nueces Canyon, Big Springs Ranch Charter School or Divide School District schools or a Private school. All 4-H and FFA members must attend 50% of their monthly meetings from January to December of the current year in order to be eligible to enter the stock show. New 4-H members enrolling in September or thereafter must attend 50% of their club meetings prior to the stock show. If 50% is ½ meeting, then you must attend 1 meeting.
2. Exhibitors must be enrolled in the first grade in the above mentioned schools and not over 21 years of age by December 31, the year preceding the show. Each exhibitor must take care of his or her own livestock.
3. A sifting committee appointed by the Real County Junior Livestock Show Executive Committee shall pass on all animals entered in the show, as it is intended that only animals that are creditable from stand points of type, quality, and finish shall be entered and shown. The sifting committee shall also pass on breeding stock.
4. All animals shall be brought to the show barn between 8:00 am and 11:30 am the first day of the show, provided accommodations are available. All animals will be weighed and sifted the first day of the show. All sifted animals will be removed from the barn immediately. All other animals must remain in the barn or designated area until the conclusion of the show. Designated area will be assigned by the Barn Superintendent. This does not include cattle and horses, which may be released thru the Class Superintendent or Barn Superintendent immediately after showing. The County Agent and Vocational Ag. Teachers are to supervise weighing.

5. If an exhibitor has an animal that is under the minimum or over the maximum weight limit the exhibitor may request an immediate reweigh without leaving the weigh-in area. The second weigh-in will be final.
6. Exhibitors will state at the time of weigh-in which animal they will be taking through the sale ring. Exhibitor numbers will be handed out at this time and are to be worn in the show and sale ring.
7. Each exhibitor shall be allowed to show two animals per class.
8. Any contestant molesting or damaging any other exhibitor's animal or animals shall be barred from showing and their animals struck from the sale.
9. All animals (with the exception of **breeder** rabbits which will be validated before October 1) must be entered and tagged in the show by the last scheduled tagging date prior to November 1, the year preceding the show. Animals will be brought to a designated area to be tagged.
10. The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, County Agent, Vocational Agriculture Teachers and Board of Directors are designated as an Executive Committee to interpret the rules and pass on unforeseen situations. Texas AgriLife Extension Service prohibits their agents from voting; therefore the agent will serve only as an advisor. The Executive Committee shall choose judges for the show.
11. It shall be the responsibility of the secretary to see that all members of the sifting committee and judges are supplied with a copy of the show rules.
12. Weight divisions will be determined by a floating weight limit, set prior to judging of market animals so that each division will be represented by an equal number of animals.
13. Each class shall consist of at least five (5) animals when formed on November 1, and classes may be shown although some animals have become ineligible or have died, making the number in the class less than five.

14. All entries must be exhibited and sold by the owner with the following exceptions:
  - a) When an exhibitor has more than one (1) entry in a class;
  - b) Preapproved school activities or extenuating circumstances.  
Exhibitor must have documentation for school activities.
15. The County Agent or Vocational Agriculture Teacher must approve the exception and only an eligible exhibitor may show or sell the animal.
16. Showmanship is awarded in each division and judged during regular judging of animals. Divisions are: angora goat, sheep, cattle, swine, horse, broiler, rabbit and meat goat. PeeWee Showmanship ages 6-8 will receive an award. Junior Showmanship ages 9-13 will receive an award. Senior Showmanship ages 14 and older will receive an award. Awards to be determined by awards committee.
17. Age group determined by exhibitor's age as of first day of the show.
18. Enforcement of House Bill 72: If the owner of the animal is not passing his/her grades at his/her respective school, then he/she can neither show nor sell the animal(s).
19. Only shavings, sand or carpet will be used for bedding of all livestock. Each exhibitor is responsible for cleaning their pen(s) after conclusion of stock show. No extension cords, heat lamps, fans or electrical devices in the barn other than those provided by RCJLSA.
20. All exhibitors will comply with current regulations governing livestock shows and sales as established by the Texas Animal Health Commission.
21. Prize money will be awarded in each class for the first five places as follows: \$15, \$10, \$5, \$3, \$1. Points are given in each class based on the number of animals in the class up to 15. High point plaque is based on these points.
22. All protests must be in writing and be accompanied by a deposit of \$250.00 cash, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained.

- Such protest must state plainly the cause of complaint of appeal, and must be delivered to the Livestock Show management immediately at the conclusion of 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. Protests concerning ages of animals must be filed with the Livestock Show management two hours prior to the commencement of judging in the department.
23. A Thank You Note is to be written to buyers and trophy award donor(s) and a Project Report Form must be completed on your show animal(s). ***All thank you notes must be turned in to the Association and project forms current and turned in to your Vocational Agriculture Teacher, County Agent or 4-H Leader by February 15<sup>th</sup> of the current show year. If not, all sale money will be forfeited and offered to be returned to the donor.***  
***Note: Thank you note guidelines and required Project Report Forms are available online at [www.RCJLSA.org](http://www.RCJLSA.org)***
24. Should a family member (parent, guardian, uncle, aunt, or sibling), representative of said family, or family member acting as representative for a sponsoring business purchase a lot or lots at the RCJLSA auction, the check will not be issued until payment is received by the Association for the lot in question.
25. Each exhibitor will pay a \$20.00 exhibitor fee, to be paid at validation tag in.
26. Absolutely no tack, feed, supplies, or etc. will be allowed to be stored outside the animal pens. Tack, feed, and supplies will only be allowed in or above the assigned pens.

## SALE RULES

1. The Real County Junior Livestock Show Association Sale is a Premium Sale; the seller retains ownership of their animal. Each exhibitor may sell one (1) unit in the sale, provided it qualifies and is exhibited. All animals will be sold by the unit, not by the pound.
2. Each exhibitor is responsible for his or her animal being in the auction ring in the proper sales order. Otherwise, there will be no sale on that animal. All animals to be sold must be entered in the books of the secretary by 4 PM the day preceding the sale.
3. All animals sold and donated back to RCJLSA shall automatically revert to the bottom of the sales order and no animal shall be given back to the exhibitor or single organization but to the Real County Junior Livestock Association for resale.
4. All Grand & Reserve Grand Champion animals will automatically advance to the head of the sales order. In the event that an exhibitor has more than one Grand or Reserve Grand Champion animal, they may choose which one to sale and notify the Secretary by the end of the final species show.
5. All market animals are eligible for the sale.
6. There will be no sale on horses.
7. Only Grand and Reserve Grand Champion breeder animals will be eligible for the sale.
8. Premium prize money may be raised for breeder animals and dispersed as the breeder committees see fit provided that the money is accounted for in accordance with the bylaws.
9. Registered buyers may jointly purchase an exhibit provided they fill out the form provided by the Association and present it to the Secretary/Treasurer prior to leaving the Show Barn on the day of the sale.

## ANGORA GOAT

1. All goats will be shorn to correspond with the Kerrville show.
2. All registered goats entered in the show must be registered in the exhibitors name by November 1, of the year preceding the show. Registration papers must accompany registered goats at 12 NOON the day of sifting for examination and sifting.
3. All goats entered in the show will not be blanketed at any time.

### CLASSES:

1. Registered Buck Kid
2. Registered Yearling Buck
3. Registered Aged Buck
4. Registered Doe Kid
5. Registered Yearling Doe
6. Registered Aged Doe
7. Breeders Flock - Registered Goats Only (2 doe kids, 1 older doe & 1 buck any age)
8. Commercial Doe Kid
9. Commercial 2-4 Tooth Doe
10. Commercial Aged Doe
11. GRAND CHAMPION GOAT - All 1st place winners competing.
12. RESERVE CHAMPION GOAT - Remaining 1st place winners and 2nd place winner from class of Champion.

(NOTE: Reserve Champions in all divisions will be chosen in this manner.)



## **BREEDING SHEEP**

All Registered sheep must be registered in the name of the exhibitor prior to November 1, of the year preceding the show.

### **CLASSES:**

1. Purebred Ram Lamb
2. Registered Ewe Lamb
3. Finewool Commercial Ewe Lamb
4. "Two Tooth" Ram Lamb
5. "Two Tooth" Ewe Lamb
6. GRAND CHAMPION BREEDING SHEEP
7. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BREEDING SHEEP

## **MARKET LAMB**

1. Finewool market lambs will be Rambouillet, Dalaine, or a typical cross between Rambouillet and Dalaine, with wool 64s fineness or finer.
2. A crossbred lamb will be a typical first cross of a finewool with a Suffolk, Hampshire Corridale, or Columbia.
3. Market lambs may be of either sex. The same ewe cannot be shown in both the market and breeding classes.
4. All lambs must be slick shorn from the hock and knee up prior to weigh-in.
5. All lambs not classified by the classifiers as finewool market lambs, crossbred market lambs or southdown market lambs, shall be placed in a class known as medium wool market lambs.
6. All lambs will be classified as they are weighed in. Lambs weighing less than 100 pounds will be sifted. Minimum weight for Southdowns will be 85 pounds.

### **CLASSES**

1. Finewool Market Lambs
2. Crossbred Market Lambs
3. Southdown Market Lambs
4. Mediumwool Market Lambs
5. GRAND CHAMPION MARKET LAMB
6. RESERVE CHAMPION MARKET LAMB

## **CATTLE**

1. All registered cattle must be registered in the name of the exhibitor by November 1, of the year preceding the show.
2. Market steers may be divided into two classes provided the weight range justifies.

### **CLASSES:**

1. Registered Beef Bull
2. Registered Beef Heifer
3. Jr. Purebred Beef Heifer  
(Sept. 1 - Apr. 1)
4. Sr. Purebred Beef Heifer  
(Sept. 1 - Sept. 1)
5. Crossbred Beef Heifer  
(Sept. 1 - Apr. 1)
6. Market Steer
7. GRAND CHAMPION BEEF ANIMAL
8. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BEEF ANIMAL

## **MARKET SWINE**

1. Market swine weighing less 185 and more than 260 will be sifted.
2. Barrows & unbred Gilts only may be shown as market swine.

### **CLASSES:**

1. Market Swine
2. GRAND CHAMPION MARKET SWINE
3. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION MARKET SWINE

## **BREEDING SWINE**

Registered gilts and boars under one (1) year will be shown as breeding animals.

### **CLASSES:**

1. Registered Boar
2. Registered Gilt
3. GRAND CHAMPION BREEDING SWINE
4. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BREEDING SWINE

## **HORSE**

1. Horses must be at least two years old as shown by their teeth.
2. No stallions will be shown, regardless of age.
3. Horses must be owned by 4-H or FFA member, his/her parents, brother, sister, or guardian.
4. Horses shown must be properly groomed, (i.e., hoofs, etc.)
5. Member must be able to handle his or her own project.
6. The horse show is an exhibition show only. There will be no sale on horses.
7. All horses must have a valid Coggins certificate on the day of the show.

### **CLASSES:**

1. Mares
2. CHAMPION MARE
3. RESERVE CHAMPION MARE
4. Geldings
5. CHAMPION GELDING
6. RESERVE CHAMPION GELDING
7. GRAND CHAMPION HORSE  
No Reserve

## **MARKET BROILERS**

1. All birds will be sifted before entering the barn.
2. All birds, since date of hatching must have been owned and fed by the exhibitor.
3. All broilers must be purchased from hatchery designated by the Association as day old chicks.
4. Broiler entries are limited to two (2) pens (s) per exhibitor. Each entry shall consist of three (3) birds weighing a minimum of twelve (12) pounds. Wide variations in weight of individual birds will cause the entry to be sifted.
5. All birds will be in show condition. Sick or diseased birds will be refused entry. Sifted entries will be marked and removed from show grounds.
6. Exhibitors should bring only the number of birds to be entered in the class. Each exhibitor should bring their own containers for feed and water.
7. Birds will be sold through the auction on the live basis.
8. All birds must have a tag in order to check-in on the day of the show.

### **CLASSES:**

1. Broilers, Pen of Three
2. CHAMPION BROILERS
3. RESERVE CHAMPION BROILERS

## **MEAT PEN RABBITS**

1. Entries will be limited to meat pens. A meat pen shall consist of three (3) rabbits, either sex, any breed.
2. Each exhibitor shall be limited to two pens.
3. Weight of each rabbit shall be not less than 3 lbs., and not over 5 lbs. and shall be from 8 to 10 weeks old. Rabbits that do not meet these qualifications will be sifted.
4. The creation of the meat pen class for each year will be determined by at least 3 exhibitors who validate a total of at least 5 meat pens on the December validation date set by the RCJLS Association. prior to October 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - a. Eligible meat pen exhibitors may raise their own pen as long as it is in their possession and they have validated the pen on or before December 15<sup>th</sup> prior to the show at the designated location and date set by the RCJLS Association. Note: It is the intention of the committee that exhibitors wanting to show meat pens should report to the October general validation and indicate their intention to show a meat pen. See General Rule #9)
  - b. At (December) validation, each meat pen rabbit will be tattooed in the right ear with the official RCJLSA tattoo.
5. All rabbits will be examined at the time of check-in by an approved sifter provided by the Livestock Association. Any rabbits showing any sign of disease will be sifted. Example: ear canker, sore hocks, malocclusion.
6. Exhibitors will feed and water their rabbits & keep pens clean.
7. For identification purposes, each exhibitor is responsible for having a unique legible tattoo in the left ear of the fryer rabbits prior to arriving at the show.

### **CLASS:**

1. Rabbits, Pen of Three
2. GRAND CHAMPION RABBITS
3. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION RABBITS



## **BREEDING RABBITS**

1. Entries will be limited to two entries per class, per exhibitor, any breed and be judged on their meat qualities.
2. There will be no weight limit. Rabbits must be in good condition, disease free, and be a minimum of 6 months of age.
3. Rabbits must be validated prior to October 1st of the year preceding the show. This will be a date and location set by the RCJLS Association.

### **CLASSES:**

1. Breeder Doe
2. CHAMPION BREEDER DOE
3. RESERVE CHAMPION BREEDER DOE
  
4. Breeder Buck
5. CHAMPION BREEDER BUCK
6. RESERVE CHAMPION BREEDER BUCK

**GRAND CHAMPION BREEDER RABBIT**  
**RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BREEDER RABBIT**

## **MEAT GOAT**

1. Each exhibitor may show up to two goats. However, the one animal auction rule applies.
2. Goats must retain milk teeth at the time of validation.
3. Only wether goats may be shown. Goats weighing less than 65 pounds or more than 115 pounds will be sifted.
4. Goats must be validated by the conclusion of the last scheduled tagging date, preceding the show date.
5. Goats will be tipped.
6. All goats must be evenly slick shorn from the knees and hocks up prior to arrival on the grounds. Goats with hair over 3/8" will be sifted.

### **CLASS:**

1. Meat Goat
2. GRAND CHAMPION MEAT GOAT
3. RESERVE CHAMPION MEAT GOAT

## **BREEDING MEAT GOAT**

1. Goats will be validated by ear tag unless they have tattoo or registered number to use. Goats must be validated by the conclusion of the last scheduled tagging date, preceding the show date.
2. Bucks will be kept in their trailers and brought in the barn for classifying, showing and selling only.
3. All breeding meat goats will be checked in from 12 NOON to 1:00 PM on the first day of the show. Classifying will be held at the scales in the barn.

### **CLASSES:**

1. Doe Kid
2. Aged Doe  
GRAND CHAMPION BREEDER DOE  
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BREEDER DOE
1. Buck Kid
2. Aged Buck  
GRAND CHAMPION BREEDER BUCK  
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BREEDER DOE