

General Rules

One of the fundamental objectives of the East Texas State Fair is to encourage the breeding of improved livestock. Regard will be had for symmetry, size, quality, and form, evidence of constitution, vigor, productivity, and general breeding characteristics.

Application of Rules

The General Rules and Regulations apply to every show listed in this book. There are rules specifically for the Open Shows, Junior Shows and Departments within these shows. The exhibitor is responsible for reading, knowing and following all of the rules which apply to the show entered.

Liability Statement

The Exhibitor, fitter, and/or owner hereby releases, discharges indemnifies and holds harmless the East Texas State Fair Association, its officers, directors, employees, volunteers, invitees, and the public; its officers, directors and members, hereinafter known as sponsors, in all instances for legal liability and damage to the property including animals which the exhibitor may have on the East Texas State Fair premises and also hold the sponsors harmless for any injury or damages sustained by the sponsor, his agents, employees or invitees and the public caused by the exhibitor and his or her said property and/or animal(s). The exhibitor accepts full and complete responsibility for actions of his or her animals and property and releases and holds harmless said sponsors from all legal liability both personal and property including injury and/or death or any other damage whatsoever.

Health Certificate

All entered beef, dairy, lambs, rabbits, and swine are required to have a certificate of Veterinary Inspection executed by a licensed Veterinarian. Certificates will be checked by a Texas Animal Health Commission representative prior to entering the East Texas State Fair Grounds. All Animals will be subject to the Current Health requirements of the Texas Animal Health Commission and the East Texas State Fair.

Eligibility

All Livestock entrants must be significantly gentle to be properly handled by one attendant on foot to be eligible to exhibit on the East Texas State Fairgrounds.

Only registered animals may be shown and owner must produce a certificate of registration on all animals upon request of the Superintendent.

To be eligible for competition whether singly or in groups, animals must have been bonafide property of the exhibitor for a period of not less than 30 days prior to the East Texas State Fair and registry certificates and transfer must be produced on each animal. Animals to compose a competitive group need not be named in application to entry but must be selected by the exhibitor. Sire of "Get of Sire" and Dam of "Produce of Dam" are to be named at the time of making entry.

Should a temporary sale or transfer of a show animal ever be discovered, the exhibitors and property owner may be barred from any and all future shows.

Every Female over Twenty-Four months old should have produced a living calf within twelve months previous to the opening of this Fair to be eligible to compete. An animal which is not entered to single classes will not be permitted to show in groups.

Refunds

No refund of entry fees will be made after the September 1st deadline.

A \$25.00 “Returned Check Fee” will be charged by the East Texas State Fair Association for all checks returned for whatever reason. Submitted entries will not be considered paid or entered until entry fees, returned check fee, and late fees, if applicable, are paid by cashiers check, money order or cash before the September 10 deadline.

Entering the Grounds

All Livestock must enter the Fairgrounds from the West Houston Street Gate on the Southeast side of the Fairgrounds, where inspectors on behalf of the East Texas Animal Health Commission will examine all animals for compliance with health requirements designed by the Commission. Once on the fairgrounds enter the cattle barn area from the front driveway and follow the drive around the cattle barns to the rear of the barns. While waiting in line please do not leave your vehicle unattended. When you reach the designated unloading area unload your livestock and tack and remove your vehicle as soon as possible by exiting through the South Back Gate. At this point a Security Officer will give you directions to the trailer parking lot.

Truck and Trailer Parking

No charge will be made for trailer parking, but all trucks and trailers will be required to park in specially designated area for such equipment. Livestock Parking Tags do not guarantee parking on the fairgrounds, but they do allow for free parking on designated lots. No trailers will be left on, or parked on the fairgrounds.

Early Releases

Any open show exhibitor wishing to be released early to go to another Fair or Livestock Show must make request to the East Texas State Fair and Provide proof of entry to that show upon making entry to the East Texas State Fair Livestock Show.

Feed and Bedding

Exhibitors shall be required to furnish their own feed and bedding, which will be stored so as to prevent obstruction of aisles, subject to instruction of the Superintendent and/or East Texas State Fair Management. Feed and bedding will be available from local dealers at prevailing market prices. The East Texas State Fair Association reserves the right to retain from any premiums monies owed to an exhibitor, fitter or owner to pay any unpaid balance that is owed by the exhibitor, fitter or owner, to the independent feed and bedding dealer stationed on the East Texas State Fairgrounds.

Electric Fans

Electrical facilities will not permit use of fans driven by motors larger than 1/2 horsepower. Freestanding Fans are not allowed outside the feed aisle between the tie rails. Hanging fans can only be attached to the tie rails. **Fans are not permitted in or near walking aisle.**

Nurse Cows

“Nurse Cows” will not be allowed on the Fairgrounds for the purpose of an entered animal to nurse during the entered animal(s) stay on the Fairgrounds. A “nurse Cow” is defined by the East Texas State Fair Association as a lactating cow that is not entered into a breed show.

Grooming Chutes

Grooming Chutes will not be allowed in the barns or exhibit tents without consent from the East Texas Fair Association Livestock Department. There will be special designated areas for grooming chutes. **Grooming Chutes will not be allowed on grounds during Junior Beef Heifer Show.**

Identification

Each exhibitor is requested to furnish his/her own signs or banners for use in the barns. They should be in good condition.

Displays

Exhibitors may display prize ribbons and banners won at the Fair and may display those won at other Fairs subject to the approval of Fair Management. Exhibitors are prohibited from using paint, tape, adhesives or any other materials that deface tie-walls or any property on the fairgrounds. Also Exhibitors may not remove or re-arrange any stalls or portable panels without consent of the Fair Management. Exhibitors violating this policy will be invoiced for all cost associated with repairs and will be subject to disqualification from this show.

Pets

Pet Dogs will not be allowed on the grounds, due to the possibility of injury and law suits resulting from a dog bite. This rule will be strongly enforced.

Area Privileges

No person other than the one holding the animal being exhibited will be allowed in the show ring during the time of the judging except the Breed Superintendent, Judge, Official Reporters and Breed Representatives. This rule will be rigidly enforced.

Selling Privileges

No organization, association or individual may sell any item or service of any value on the grounds or inside any barn or building without first securing a Selling Privilege from the East Texas State Fair Management.

Conduct

Any False representations, interference or ungentlemanly or unladylike conduct on the part of any Exhibitor will be dealt with by the East Texas State Fair Management, according to the equities of the case.

Damages

All exhibits will be under the control and direction of the Breed Superintendents, but the Fair Management will, in no case, be responsible for any loss, injury, or damage, done or occasioned by or arising from an animal exhibited by him/her and shall indemnify the fair Management against legal or other proceeding in regard thereto.

Restraint/Unruly Animals

The East Texas State Fair Management and/or General Superintendents may remove or have removed any unruly animal from the Fairgrounds. All animals must be docile enough to be handled by one attendant on foot during the unloading and loading process; in the show ring while being shown or otherwise and/or while on exhibition or at any other time while on the East Texas State Fairgrounds.

Barren Animals

The East Texas State Fair debar and will, to the utmost of its power, discourage and prohibit barren animals.

Judges

The Judges must not award a prize to an unworthy exhibit. It is the intention of the East Texas State Fair Management that no premium or distinction of any kind shall be given any article or animal that does not deserve.

Judges shall report to the Superintendent any Exhibitor or Exhibitors, who, in any way, whether in person or by agents, or employees, interferes with them during the adjudication or shows any disrespect to them, whereupon a proper apology from such Exhibitor shall be demanded, or he/she may be excluded from the Fair Management may withhold from such exhibitor any premiums.

The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases, except where mistakes, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion not discovered at the time of the award is proven. In such cases, the Superintendent or such referee as he/she may appoint, may make decisions, or, on his/her approval, the case may be appealed to the Executive Committee, from whose decision there can be no appeal. The Fair Management reserves the right to withhold premiums in every case in which it shall appear to the Executive Committee that regulations have not been complied with, or that fraud or deception has been practiced or attempted. It is the intention that all livestock shall be shown in a good workable condition.

Exhibition Livestock

Anyone desiring to exhibit livestock not entered in official livestock shows or sales must request and receive permission from the Fair Management. In no case will space be allowed for exhibition livestock until after the official entry deadline, unless special invitation has been extended, and then only if space is available.

All such livestock must be halter broken, unless granted special permission whereby pens are used. Exhibition livestock must meet all livestock health requirements that are set by the Texas Animal Health Commission.

The fee for all exhibit livestock accepted and stalled in the livestock complex will be \$50.00 per head.

Owners of exhibition livestock should contact the Fair prior to the Fair to determine when livestock may begin arriving.

Only exhibit livestock from breeds for which there is no breed show scheduled at the 2008 Fair will be accepted, except that a regular exhibitor with cattle entered in competition in one of the breed shows may exhibit animals with his/her regular show animals in the barns, with special permission from East Texas Fair Management.

Protest

All protest must be in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$25.00, 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 Superintendent immediately after the occasion of such protest. Any protest as to the eligibility on account of age of an animal must be filed with the Superintendent prior to noon of the last day before judging.

Sick Animals

The East Texas State Fair Veterinarian shall inspect animals for apparent disease, the grounds, and stalls and make a report on their condition daily. In case of sickness of any animal, the same shall be removed when ordered by the Breed Superintendent to a separate enclosure, where the exhibitor may either direct treatment of the animal himself or employ the Fair Veterinarian, to whom payment for services and other expenses incurred will be made. The right is reserved by the Breed Superintendent to order removal from the grounds of any animal to which this rule applies. To remove a sick animal a written release will be required, signed by the East Texas Fair Veterinarian or General Superintendent.

Cancellation of Shows

The Management of the East Texas State Fair Association reserves the right to cancel any livestock show if an inadequate number of entries are apparent after official deadline, September 1, 2008. The East Texas State Fair Association requires 20 head to show per breed to merit a breed show. Any breed show falling under the required 20 head will be placed on probation for one year.

Interpretations

The Fair reserves, to the Executive Committee, the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions or differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of , or connected with or incident to the Fair.

The East Texas State Fair Management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules, as the Executive Committee in its judgment may determine