

Wood County Junior Livestock Market Show Association

By-Laws & General Rules

1. BY-LAWS

1.1 ARTICLE-I

The Executive Board of this organization consists of:

- The full time Agricultural Science teachers in Wood County
- The full time Wood County Extension Agents
- As well as, the Show Superintendent. (The executive board will be responsible for appointing or electing members to the WCJLS Board.)

The following officials elected or appointed by the Executive Board are:

- Show Superintendent
- Assistant Superintendent
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Webmaster
- Auction Superintendent
- Awards Superintendent
- Fundraising Superintendent
- Marketing Superintendent
- Scholarship Superintendent
- Sale Superintendent
- At Large Members

These officials, along with the Executive Board, will form the Wood County Junior Livestock Show Board, and participate in WCJLS Board meetings and be considered voting members.

1.2 ARTICLE-II.

The By-Laws of the Show can only be amended with the approval of the Executive Board at the first board meeting, no earlier than 1 month, following the completion of the current year's Wood County Junior Livestock Show.

The regulations and rules of the Show can only be amended with the approval of the WCJLS Board at the first board meeting, no earlier than one month, following the completion of the current year's Wood County Junior Livestock Show.

1.3 ARTICLE-III

All general and special animal division regulations will be written and approved by the WCJLS Board members.

1.4 ARTICLE-IV

The Executive Board will hold Awareness Meeting/Public Forums as the show superintendent deems necessary, or as directed by the Executive Board. Discussion of the individual topics by other than WCJLS Board members may be limited as determined by the Show Superintendent.

1.5 ARTICLE-V

Show Rotation:

Alba-Golden, Hawkins, Mineola, Quitman, Winnsboro, Yantis, Wood County 4-H

Any school or organization reserves the right to pass their turn, but will stay on rotation

2. GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The Wood County Livestock Market Show is open to all Wood County 4-H and FFA members, provided they meet all of the following criteria:

1.1. They are enrolled in a Wood County public, private elementary or secondary school, or live in Wood County at the time of entry through show sale or are enrolled in Wood County 4H program.

1.2. They are under the supervision of a Wood County Extension agent or Wood County Vocational Ag-Science Instructor.

1.3. They have not sold a project in any other county show in the school year.

1.4. The exhibitor's project has not been exhibited or sold in another County Show, Premium Sale or our county.

1.5. Exhibitors are expected to comply with state and local school district eligibility rules for extracurricular activities. FFA advisors, County Extension Agents or 4-H Leaders are responsible for determining eligibility of students under their supervision. If a student is not eligible according to UIL rules, they do not show or sell their project and the project is not allowed on the show grounds.

2. All livestock exhibits will be under the direction of the show management; but, the show will, in no case, be responsible for any loss, damage, or personal injury that may occur.

3. All entries must be owned individually and be the legal property of the exhibitor, with the exception of siblings (brother/sister, stepbrother/stepsister), eligible for our county show. No lease animals will be allowed in the show. The animals must have been personally fed and cared for by the exhibitor. The animal must also be in the possession of the exhibitor or immediate family from the time of validation until the show. Any deviation from this policy will require Livestock Show Board approval. A letter from the exhibitor concerned may be delivered to the Livestock Show Board through the advisor or agent prior to the show.

4. Diseased animals are barred entry (at all times) into the show grounds.

5. If an exhibitor has been disqualified from competition in any show, or has had a premium withheld or withdrawn on the grounds of rule violations involving misrepresentation, fraud or deception, it will not be allowed to compete.
6. All applications for entry must be made on a current official Wood County Jr. Livestock Show entry form in accordance with instructions on same, giving dept. class, class number, age, record number and all other necessary information. Incomplete or incorrect entries are invalid. A signature of a County Extension Agent or Ag-Science teacher shall be required attesting to the eligibility of the entry.
7. In all cases, the Livestock Show Board reserves the right to reject or accept, conditionally all entries.
8. Strict adherence is paid to entry deadline dates in each division.
9. To be accepted, applications for entry must be accompanied by the correct entry fee or fees.
10. Entry fees will not be refunded after having been accepted. All divisions will have a \$25.00 entry fee. All fees are due at the time of entry. A late period of 24 hrs will be available to any missed validation or entry fee deadlines. There will be a \$100 late fee added to the entry.
11. The showing of unethically fitted livestock or livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered is prohibited.
12. All animals must be kept in the assigned stall area after being checked in and may not be removed from the grounds prior to the conclusion of the auction without a special order given by the show superintendent.
13. The decision of the judges shall be final in all classes.
14. Judging will not be delayed for animals entering the arena late.
15. All stalls, pens, and exhibition places must be cleaned before 7:00 am of show day and trash material disposed of as directed by the Livestock Show. All exhibitors must clean their stall and pen area, and deposit trash at designated area before being released.
16. Animals will be placed and 1st-6th place will receive a ribbon designating their placing. Others will receive participant ribbons.
17. Any exhibitor with an animal in the Wood County Jr. Livestock market show sale has the responsibility of delivering their animal or animals within a 40 mile radius as directed by his buyer. The exhibitor must check with the sale manager and be released by the same before sellers obligations are fulfilled.
18. There is no limit on the number of projects an exhibitor may VALIDATE. Each exhibitor may show 2 (two) projects, but may only sell 1 (one), based on which project is highest placing. In the event of a tie, then the sale auction order will determine which project is sold.

19. ALL ELIGIBLE PROJECTS THAT MAKE THE SALE MUST BE SOLD! All animals put on the resale truck by the premium buyer may not be removed by the exhibitor. Resale animals are the sole property of the resale buyer, and will be at the individual's discretion.

20. Each exhibitor must sell \$100 worth of THE SELECTED FUND RAISER FOR THE YEAR AND MUST BE TURNED IN BY THE DATE OF THE JANUARY BOARD MEETING SET BY THE COMMITTEE. Any county show entries made prior to that date will be void if the \$100 is not turned in at said meeting.

21. Projects that do not make the sale will have the option to enter the freezer sale. The freezer sale starts at conclusion of live auction. Prices will be \$200 dollars over floor price and price of \$200 for chickens and rabbits. All Ag mech projects that do not make the sale will be able to participate in a silent auction. Starting bid will be \$200 over material cost.

22. Dogs, Horses or other animals not being shown will not be allowed in the livestock area, barns, or exhibit areas.

23. All protests must be in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$100.00, which will be forfeited, if protest is not sustained. Such protests must state plainly the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the show board 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 a complete investigation is done. Decision of the Grievance Committee is final.

24. The Wood County Junior Livestock Show Association reserves the right to withhold sale proceeds (above market value) due to exhibitors' conduct that may be considered unethical or detrimental towards the success of the Wood County Jr. Market Show.

25. No premiums will be awarded on sale day.

26. The Grievance Committee will make final decisions on any show ruling. Their decision is final. The Grievance Committee will be appointed by the Show Superintendent prior to the start of the show.

27. All exhibitors are responsible for keeping and maintaining animals that have had drugs with a withdrawal limit, and deliver animals to buyer after withdrawal time has passed. Drugs must be prescribed by a vet.

28. No animal may be decorated (ribbons, clothes, bows, etc.) other than standard show fitting

29. There shall be no FORCED watering or feeding procedures of any livestock projects! (for example: drenches and tube feeders) Except for lambs and goats

30. All sifted animals, or animals deemed ineligible to show, should be removed from exhibit areas immediately. The project cannot remain on the show grounds Thursday night. The Sifting Committee will consist of the Division Superintendents and the Show Superintendent.

31. Exhibitors will be held responsible if their carcass tests positive in any blood test and/or tissue testing. A student with a condemned carcass will forfeit all winnings.
32. Checks will not be issued until after preliminary blood work is complete and every attempt will be made to have the checks available for the FFA and 4H banquets.
33. All animal projects must be weighed/checked in in accordance to the show schedule.
34. Showmanship awards will be presented to Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Showmanship contestants.
- * Junior Showmanship class will be those exhibitors in grades 3-5.
 - * Intermediate Showmanship Class will be those exhibitors in grades 6-8.
 - * Senior Showmanship class will be those exhibitors in grades 9-12.
35. All steer, commercial beef heifer, dairy heifer, lamb and goat exhibitors will turn in a Project Entry Form at validation. Broiler entries are due at cattle validation in December. All rabbit, swine, and Ag Mech entry forms will be turned in at the January WCJLS board meeting.
36. Any exhibitor, parent or other that shows disrespect for judges, superintendents, and other show officials, may be removed from the show grounds. This could result in loss of awards, money and the option of ever participating in this show again.
37. All exhibitors are responsible for presenting their projects for sale order selection following their respective show. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of their right to sell in the auction.
38. All exhibitors are responsible for presenting their projects at sale location at the approved time based on the sale order. Failure to follow this rule will forfeit their right to sell in the premium auction.
39. Show and species superintendents will select ring help.
40. There will be no access to the livestock arena between 10:30 pm and 5:30 am during the show and sale except for show officials and security.
41. There will be a \$100 fee assessed to every exhibitor who is not present, or does not have a representative present to load their animal on the resale truck, if their animal was indicated for resale by the premium buyer.
42. No parents will be allowed in the show ring while their child is showing an animal, unless the parent is a show official.

43. The scale tolerance will be as follows:

43.1.1. rabbits~ 3 oz

43.1.2. broilers~ 8 oz per pen of three

43.1.3. goats and lambs~ 5 lbs

43.1.4. hogs~ 10 lbs

43.1.5. steers and Commercial beef heifers~ 15 lbs

43.1.6. dairy heifers~10 lbs

44. Outside persons may be assigned the task of weighing animals at check in time. Species superintendents will need to be present to weigh/ record weights and enforce other rules related to their species.

45. Any individual deemed unruly by the show board will be escorted off the show grounds and not allowed to return.

46. All Grand and Reserve Champion entries must be lined up for sale 15 minutes prior to sale time.

47. Any exhibitor who is not present for their assigned slot in the sale will lose their opportunity to sell. Check with the division superintendent for specific directions.

48. If a student is ineligible to show or sell at any point during the County Show/ Sale, the exhibit is ineligible and should not be brought to the show grounds.

49. A student may have someone else (4-H or FFA member in good standing only) show or sell their entry IF they are participating in a qualifying event ONLY. The events must be UIL, FFA or 4H related. The Show Board must be asked for substitution prior to weigh-in of your species in the form of a letter written by the exhibitor.

50. The MAXIMUM number of animal entries sold will be based on a percentage proportionate to the percentage of exhibitors, to be determined by the WCJLS Show Board.

51. WCJLS will sell only the top 5 projects in the Ag Mechanics division. Projects that don't make the sale may be sold in the silent auction.

52. Failure to comply with any of the above and forgoing rules and regulations may result in the forfeiture of awards and sale eligibility at the discretion of the show board.