

# GUADALUPE COUNTY YOUTH LIVESTOCK AND HOMEMAKERS SHOW

## GENERAL RULES

### EXHIBITOR CODE OF ETHICS:

**The Guadalupe County Youth Show is a family friendly event. All exhibitors and Patrons conduct should be exemplary. Violators are subject to disqualification and removal from show grounds.**

**Violations include: Disruptive or improper conduct, Public display of profanity; Violence of any sort; Providing alcohol to underage persons.**

**Rule 1:** Each exhibitor must be enrolled in third (3<sup>rd</sup>) grade and 8 years – 12<sup>th</sup> grade and has not graduated or completed the GED.

- Exhibitor must be a full-time student on the date of the show.
- Each exhibitor must be an active member of an FFA or FCCLA Chapter, or Skills USA Chapters or 4-H Club in Guadalupe County.
- An exhibitor may show in one county or youth show only in any given year.

**Rule 2:** If a student is academically ineligible for any part of the show (exhibiting or selling) then their entry will be considered ineligible for judging and sale and may NOT be shown by another student.

Academically ineligible list from each 4H and FFA must be submitted to the youth show secretaries the Monday before the show begins. Students cannot become eligible once the GCYS show begins.

**Rule 2A:** An exhibitor who is found to have been failing the preceding grading period and has shown and/or taken their own animals through the sale ring will forfeit all proceeds and those proceeds will go to the youth show treasury. The student will also be barred from showing during the following year (1 year). If discovered before buyers are billed, then proceeds will not be charged to buyers.

**Rule 2B:** Any exhibitor not eligible for other UIL activities due to placement in DAEP or Alternative School for discipline issues, breaking the rules, etc., will not be eligible to participate in the youth show.

**Rule 3:** A placing premium will be paid to breeding stock. All breeding animals will collect a placing premium but will not be eligible for auction.

**Rule 4:** The Guadalupe County Youth Livestock Show reserves to its Board of Directors the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations, and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto otherwise arising out of or connected with an incident to the show, and the right to add to or amend or subtract from these rules by 2/3 affirmative vote of elected Board of Directors.

- All exhibitors are expected to conduct themselves properly as they represent, not only themselves, but their school, their organization and their parents.
- In the event of a dispute within a division by an exhibitor, the dispute must first be brought to the Division Chairman. If a satisfactory agreement to both parties cannot be

reached then it must be taken to the Youth Show Chairman.

- The Youth Show Chairman shall at this time meet in a closed-door session to arbitrate the dispute with the Youth Show Vice Chairman, the Homemakers Chairman and Vice Chairman, and all members of the disputed division along with the parents and/or sponsor if parents are unavailable.
- The arbitration committee reserves the right to meet behind closed doors without parties involved after hearing concerns of both parties (committee, child and parents).
- The Youth Show Chairman will have and keep a written report of the proceedings. This arbitration committee shall interpret the rules and come to a decision that best represents fair treatment to all involved.

Rule 5: Liability. All livestock exhibitors will be under control and direction of the Livestock Superintendents, but the directors of the Youth Livestock Show will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage to any and all property of the exhibitor.

Rule 6: Each exhibitor must feed the show animal under the supervision of the County Agent, or Vo-Ag Instructor.

Rule 7: Parents/Family Member/Guardian or County Agents, and Vo-Ag Instructor will be permitted to assist in getting their livestock ready for show and lined up.

- Only the exhibitors, the official judge and his certified assistant and the show attendants tabulating the judging results, will be allowed in the judging ring.
- The only exception to this rule is for Broiler and Turkey Show where an adult or exhibitor may assist in the ring.
- A special needs exhibitor may be assisted by an exhibitor in that specific division.
- Groups in breeding animals (cow/calf, nannie/kid, ewe/lamb) may be assisted by an exhibitor in that specific division.

Rule 8: Showmanship awards shall be presented in three (3) divisions to the exhibitors showing the greatest skill and knowledge in the handling and fitting of their animals for the show.

- Seniors (grades 9-12), Intermediate (grades 6-8); and Juniors (grades 3-5).
- The three (3) showmanship winners shall be chosen from among all division exhibitors (breeding and market).
- THE SHOWMANSHIP EXHIBITOR MUST SHOW THEIR OWN ANIMAL THAT WAS SHOWN IN THE MARKET OR BREEDING CLASSES.

Rule 9: All livestock will be judged in their respective official show ring.

Rule 10: No agriculture or other branding may be worn into the holding area or show ring by any exhibitor. (ex: breeder logos, farm name, supplement or feed company logos etc..)

Rule 11: Awards will be presented at judging time to individuals and group winners.

Rule 12: ALL ENTRIES both Homemaking and Livestock are due by December 1, preceding the show. **All entries must go through their advisors by their cut-off date. ALL ENTRIES MUST GO THROUGH THE CLUB ADVISORS OR THEIR DESIGNATED ENTRY NIGHT. THEY MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE SHOW SECRETARIES BY DECEMBER 1.**

Rule 13: Entry Fees.

- Cattle, hogs, goats, lambs and turkeys: \$20.00 per head.
- A pen of broilers and a pen of rabbits: \$20.00 (per pen).

- Homemaking baked goods division: \$20.00 plus fee for container.
- Ag Mechanics: \$20.00 (per entry).
- All other homemaking divisions: \$20.00 (per entry)
- Photography: \$5.00 per picture.
- **A penalty fee of \$25.00 will be assessed on any entries received between *the 2nd and 20<sup>th</sup> of December, making the fee total for each entry \$45.00.***
- **Entries will be accepted after December 20<sup>th</sup>. The late fee will be \$250.00 regardless of the category or animal species entered.**

**Rule 14:** All livestock entry sheets must be completed in detail. Entry sheets that are not completed correctly may be thrown out by the Youth Show Board.

**Rule 15:** All hogs, sheep, goats, and cattle will be bedded in shavings (only approved bedding) and at the exhibitor's expense.

**Rule 16:** Must have a minimum of 3 entries to make a class or breed in any category. Any class with only 3, will only have 2 sale eligible.

**Rule 17:** All sale lots must be represented by an exhibitor or an approved substitute – see substitute rules. Any sales lot without an approved representative will not be sold and the exhibitor will not receive any premium money and/or sales add-on funds. Any money that is collected will be donated to the General Fund of the Guadalupe County Youth Show

**Rule 18:** The use of drugs and/or medications in a manner not in compliance with labeling will not be permitted. Withdrawal periods should be strictly adhered to. The division committees and/or the executive board reserve the right to drug test any entry. Animals may be randomly selected for drug testing.

- Beginning with the 2020 GCYS exhibitors project that test positive for any banned substance will be subject to disqualification, up to and including forfeiting auction money and ban from future Guadalupe County Youth Shows
- Any money from the auction on a project that tests positive for banned substances will be donated to the General Fund of the Guadalupe County Youth Show.

**Rule 19:** All animals shall be physically fit for market at time of show. Such determination shall be made by the department committees and must receive unanimous voted consent by the entire committee for animal removal from show.

**Rule 20:** All checks will be distributed to the 4H/FFA advisors to be given to the exhibitor when Thank you note requirements are met. If checks are not picked up by the exhibitor from the leader/advisor within 60 days of being given to advisors, checks will be returned to the Guadalupe County Youth show secretaries. All checks written to exhibitors will expire in 90 days, and after that date a fee of \$25.00 will be charged to the exhibitor for the re-issuance of a check.

Checks will only be given to the exhibitor or the Parent/Guardian's whose signature is on the original Guadalupe County Youth Show entry forms after thank you notes have been received.

**Rule 21:** All sale items must have an official picture taken by a show photographer. All sale items will have a minimum deduction of 1 digital photo deducted from their proceeds.

Rule 22: Exhibitors will hand deliver or mail thank you note(s) and their photos to buyers of their projects. They will show (original or copy) of their thank you note to their advisor/leader in order to receive their Youth Show Check.

Rule 23: Only the Exhibitor, immediate family (mother, father, brother, sister, grandparents, brother-in-law or sister-in-law), fellow 4-H or FFA members, Guadalupe County Agents, Guadalupe County 4-H Adult Leaders, or Guadalupe County Ag. Teachers will be allowed to fit or groom for the show. Failure to abide by this rule will result in automatic disqualification of the animal entered.

Rule 24: Exhibitors must declare at the time of validation where the animal will be kept. The County Agent/Committee reserves the right to make periodic project visits without prior notice. If the validated (state or county) animal is moved out of the owner's daily possession for breeding, written notice of their location must be provided to the Guadalupe County Validation Committee prior to move.

Rule 25: The act of artificially filling animals internally, which would include stomach pumping, drench tubes, or any other method per OS (by esophagus) is prohibited. Failure to abide by this rule will result in automatic disqualification of the animal entered.

Rule 26: Substitution Rule.

Entries must be shown by their owner. Exhibitor substitution may be allowed under the following conditions for show and/or sale. In all cases, the Division Chairman must approve the exhibitor substitution and will do so only if all conditions are met.

Substitute exhibitors must be entered and exhibiting their own project in the respective division in which they are serving as a substitute.

Substitution #1: Other School Activity/ State/National Show

Substitution #2: Sickness/Emergency Health

Substitution #3: More than one entry in a class or the exhibitor has entries in more than one Division showing at the same time.

In any of the three situations above, or in the case of an emergency, the Division Chairman may use his/her own discretion as to whether a substitute showman will be allowed.

The division chairman, the supervising 4-H or FFA agent, the exhibitor, the substitute and the parent/guardian must sign completed Substitutions Forms. All substitution forms must be turned in to the office before the showing of the project and by Friday for the sale, at the conclusion of the show.

Rule 27: All exhibitors wanting to switch their entries from one organization to another (FFA to 4-H, Etc.) must do so by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of the show.

## SALES

Rule 1: The top 75% of each class will be placed and receive ribbons and will be eligible to be presented in the premium auction. The top 40 Baked Goods, the top 4 of the Handicraft and Needlework, and see Agricultural Mechanics rule 4 for sales of Ag Mechanics projects.

Rule 2: Auctioneer will be asked by the executive committee and will have approval of the Sales Committee at the November meeting and made public by January 1.

Rule 3: The following commission on items will be charged: 3% of total sales plus add-on(s).

Rule 4: Each person can sell only one product, with the exception of Sales Rule 5 and must complete a sale qualification card to be listed in the auction (see sample on last page). This card is due in the show office by Friday at 5:00 pm.

Rule 5: Champion and Reserve Champion Animals will not be presented at auction for the safety of the animal.

Baked Food Class Champions and Reserve Champions will sell during other Livestock Class Champions, and the remaining Blue ribbons eligible for the auction will fall into the sale order at 15<sup>th</sup> place and continue until all are sold with similar placings. Handicraft and Needlework projects eligible to sell in auction will follow in auction as 1<sup>st</sup> place and 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Rule 6: The Guadalupe County Youth Show Sale shall be considered a premium sale for all livestock animals and homemaking projects. Exhibitors, after selling their animals, will retain ownership and will only receive the premium the animal brings through the auction. The exhibitor is responsible for the disposition of the animal after the sale. Premium Sale Buyers do not receive projects.

Rule 8: During the Sale Auction, exhibitors must check in ten (10) lots ahead of their selling lot with the board members lining up exhibitors going through the sale. Exhibitors must receive their lot number, display it on the front of their shirt, and stay in place in the line. Exhibitors may only have one (1) fellow exhibitor with them in line to go through the auction. Exhibitors not complying may be asked to leave.

### Rule 9:

The Guadalupe County Youth Livestock and Homemakers show reserves the right to withhold any auction sale proceeds from the exhibitors check should the sale proceeds from a buyer or buyers not be received. If there is an outstanding balance owed at the time of the issuance of the auction proceeds checks, the outstanding balance will be withheld from the exhibitor's check. If funds are collected between the issuance of the checks, the funds received will be forwarded to the exhibitor with applicable deductions and fees.

Rule 10: All Champion and Reserve Champion Multiple buyer forms will be held and handled by the Sales committee and cannot be checked out by other buyers.