

Hill District Grandstand Show

GENERAL RULES

Entry Deadline: December 1, 2023

The purpose of the Hill District Grandstand Show is to support youth development and provide educational opportunities for youth related to agricultural, mechanical and natural resource industries.

The Hill District Grandstand Show is committed to the humane treatment of all animals exhibited. Every reasonable precaution is taken to promote animal safety and well-being. The production practices in the livestock industry are based on good principles of animal husbandry. No one has a greater economic stake in the welfare of animals than the livestock producers and organizations involved in the promotion of agriculture.

Force Majeure:

The Hill District Grandstand Show shall not be liable for any delay or failure to perform its operations, activities, shows and events to the extent such a delay or failure results from a force majeure occurrence. A force majeure occurrence is defined as any occurrence arising from causes beyond the reasonable control of the Hill District Grandstand Show and which delays or prevents performance by the Hill District Grandstand Show otherwise required by this Agreement, including but not limited to any (i) breakage or accident to equipment, machinery, or facilities; (ii) and strikes, lock-outs or other labor difficulties; (iii) statutes, ordinances, regulations, orders directives or rules issued by governmental authorities, including, but not limited to those concerning public health and safety, animal disease prevention, detection and response and/or protection of the environment; (iv) judicial decrees or orders; (v) acts of God; (vi) animal diseases and/or quarantine; (vii) wars, riots or insurrections; (viii) civil disobedience, public demonstrations or sabotage; (ix) fires, floods, explosions or inclement weather; x) inability to obtain necessary labor, materials, supplies, utilities or transportation; (xi) depression, recessions or other economic downturns; (xii) embargoes or energy shortages; or (xiii) other causes beyond the Hill District Grandstand's reasonable control.

Emergency Evacuations:

During such times as deemed necessary by local, state or federal authorities, the Hill District Grandstand Show, and/or its officials, may evacuate the show grounds. Incidents such as but not limited to bomb threats, acts of war, declarations of war, code red of the Homeland Security System, fire, etc. will be acted upon in accordance and cooperation with local, state and federal authorities. Priority evacuation will be given to human life, then livestock. In the unfortunate event this occurs, the Hill District Grandstand Show will do everything possible to care for personal property, animals, commercial exhibitors' merchandise, etc. until the authorities remove

the evacuation order, and you are allowed back onto the Show Grounds.

- 1. Interpretation and Violation of Rules:** Exhibitors are requested to report any rule violation to Show Management immediately so that appropriate action may be taken. The Hill District Grandstand Show reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules, and to settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of or connected with, or incident to, the Hill District Grandstand Show and to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. Any exhibitor who violates any of the rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the Hill District Grandstand Show may order.
- 2. Special Rules:** Special Rules are published in any department where necessary. If there is a conflict between the Special Rules and the General Rules, Show Management will make a ruling as to such conflict, which shall be binding and final.
- 3. Decisions:** The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases, except where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion, not discovered at or before the time of award, is proven. Any objections to a judge must be submitted in writing to Show Management prior to the event in question.
- 4. Official Protests:** Official Protests must be submitted in writing and be accompanied by a \$500.00 cash deposit, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. The protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal, giving good and sufficient reasons therefore, and must be delivered to Show Management immediately upon the occasion for such protest. Any protest not officially filed within 24 hours of the alleged incident will not be considered. Protests concerning ages of animals must be filed with the department superintendent two (2) hours prior to the commencement of judging. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. These cases are referred to the executive board who will have full power to act and from whose decision there can be no appeal.
- 5. Disqualification:** Should any project, contestant or team awarded a prize be disqualified, the lower placing project, contestant or team will not move into the higher position.
- 6. COVID-19 Safety Information, Duty to Self-Monitor and Assumption of the Risk:**

All Exhibitors, their family members and other related persons participating in the livestock events or on-grounds at any Hill District Grandstand Show facilities shall comply with all health and safety orders, rules and guidelines related to COVID-19 promulgated by the state, county, local and show officials.

Safety Information: COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is spread mainly from person-to-person contact. The Hill District Grandstand Show cannot guarantee that its participants, volunteers, partners or others in attendance will not become infected with COVID-19. Please follow CDC guidance if you are not feeling well, tested positive for COVID-19, or come into close contact with a person with COVID-19. For more information on CDC guidelines go to the [CDC Website](https://www.cdc.gov).

Assumption of the Risk: I acknowledge and understand the following:

- i. Participation includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist;
- ii. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks related to illness and infectious diseases, such as COVID- 19, even if arising from the negligence or fault of the Released Parties; and
- iii. I hereby knowingly assume the risk of injury, harm and loss associated with the Activity, including any injury, harm and loss caused by the negligence, fault or conduct of any kind on the part of the Released Parties.

7. Liability:

- a. All exhibits will be under the control and direction of the hosting organization, but Hill District Grandstand Show shall not be responsible or liable for any loss, injury or damage which may occur. The exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or property exhibited by him/her, and for its description in the Premium List. All owners and persons in charge of property or animals shall care for, guard, protect and preserve the same, as Hill District Grandstand Show does not undertake any obligation to do so and shall not be held responsible for any loss, shrinkage or damage to such property, animals or any owners or exhibitors thereof.

- b. **RELEASE AND INDEMNITY: EACH EXHIBITOR, BY ENTERING OR EXHIBITING A PROJECT AT THE HILL DISTRICT GRANDSTAND SHOW:**
EXHIBITOR HEREBY INDEMNIFIES, RELEASES AND HOLDS HARMLESS, AND AGREES TO DEFEND, HILL DISTRICT GRANDSTAND SHOW, COUNTY, AND EACH OF THEIR RESPECTIVE DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, MANAGERS, PARTNERS (GENERAL AND LIMITED), EMPLOYEES, OWNERS, INVITEES, AGENTS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS (COLLECTIVELY, THE “RELEASED PARTIES”) FROM AND AGAINST ANY DEMANDS, CAUSES OF ACTION, PROCEEDINGS, FINES, PENALTIES, LOSSES, LIABILITIES, DAMAGES, COSTS, EXPENSES (INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS’ FEES) OR CLAIMS FOR INJURIES TO PERSONS, INCLUDING DEATH, OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY (COLLECTIVELY, “LIABILITIES”) TO WHICH THE RELEASED PARTIES, OR ANY OF THEM, MAY BECOME SUBJECT, WHICH ARISE FROM OR IN CONNECTION WITH, OR IN ANY WAY RELATE TO (I) ANY BREACH BY EXHIBITOR OF ANY OF THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT; (II) ANY ACT OR OMISSION BY EXHIBITOR OR ANY OF ITS AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, INVITEES OR GUESTS, INCLUDING ANY NEGLIGENT ACT OR OMISSION OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT; OR (III) EXHIBITOR’S PARTICIPATION IN, INVOLVEMENT WITH OR ATTENDANCE AT ANY HILL DISTRICT GRANDSTAND SHOW EVENT, OR EXHIBITOR’S ENGAGING IN A FARM ANIMAL ACTIVITY AS DEFINED IN SECTION 87.001 OF THE TEXAS CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDIES CODE, INCLUDING ALL SUCH LIABILITIES RESULTING FROM THE ALLEGED

OR ACTUAL NEGLIGENCE OF HILL DISTRICT GRANDSTAND SHOW OR ANY OF THE OTHER RELEASED PARTIES. EXHIBITOR HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT THE FOREGOING INDEMNITY AND RELEASE PROVISIONS INCLUDE INDEMNIFICATION AND RELEASE BY EXHIBITOR FROM AND AGAINST THE RELEASED PARTIES' OWN NEGLIGENCE.

8. *UPDATED* Eligibility:

The **Junior Market (barrow, lamb, goat, steer) divisions** are limited to entries from exhibitors from Atascosa, Bandera, Blanco, Burnet, Comal, Concho, Crockett, Dimmitt, Edwards, Frio, Gillespie, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Lampasas, Live Oak, Llano, Mason, Maverick, McCulloch, Medina, Menard, Reagan, Real, San Saba, Schleicher, Sutton, Upton, Uvalde, Val Verde, Wilson, and Zavala counties.

The **Junior Breeding Heifer, Purebred & Cross-bred Gilt division** are limited to entries from exhibitors from Atascosa, Bandera, Bee, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Comal, Concho, Coryell, Crockett, Dimmitt, Edwards, Frio, Gillespie, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hamilton, Hays, Irion, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Lampasas, La Salle, Live Oak, Llano, Mason, Maverick, McCulloch, McMullen, Medina, Menard, Mills, Reagan, Real, San Saba, Schleicher, Sutton, Tom Green, Travis, Upton, Uvalde, Val Verde, Williamson, Wilson, and Zavala counties.

The **Junior Breeding Sheep, Turkey division and Agriculture Mechanics division** are limited to entries from within the state of Texas.

The term "exhibitor" shall mean the bona fide owner of the project. Junior Show exhibitors are subject to the General & Junior Rules as well as the Special Rules. Exhibitors are responsible for knowing and complying with all rules of this show.

Exhibitors must be bona fide members of a Texas County 4-H Club or Texas FFA Chapter. Exhibitors must have continuously, personally, fed and cared for their projects under the direct supervision of an AST or a CEA.

Exhibitors may enter as either a Texas 4-H or FFA member, but not as both in the same Department. Any exhibitor who enters as both in the same Department will have all his/her entries disqualified without refund of fees.

To be eligible, boys or girls must be enrolled in, and attending, public, private or home school elementary or secondary schools in Texas at time of show; be between the ages of 9 and 18 on August 31, 2023, or be between 8 and in the third grade and 18 on August 31, 2023, and be bona fide residents of the State of Texas.

Junior exhibitors and contestants suspended under Texas Education Code 33.081 "No Pass, No Play" are ineligible to participate in any Hill District Grandstand Show activity, event or competition. Any project owned by an ineligible exhibitor is ineligible for competition. This includes Agricultural Mechanics entries.

This is an invitational livestock show. The Hill District Grandstand Show reserves the right to extend or withhold an invitation to any exhibitor.

- 9. Junior Show Entry:** Each exhibitor will enter the Hill District Grandstand Show online. Families with multiple exhibitors will need to complete the online entry process for each exhibitor individually. The entry fee will be \$35 per entry (credit card processing fees will be added to the \$35 entry fee). Entries are not considered complete unless they have been submitted online on or before December 1, 2023. Incomplete entries will not be accepted.
- i. Late Entries: Entries submitted on or after December 2, 2023 through January 1, 2024 will be charged a late entry fee of \$100 per entry.
 - ii. Entries may be completed on the day of arrival for each respective division for \$250.00 per entry.
 - iii. Show Management may turn away any late entry without explanation.
- 10. Junior Livestock Judging Contest Entry:** Entries will be made online through judgingcard.com. The entry fee will be: \$15/individual. Entries are not considered complete unless they have been submitted online through judgingcard.com by January 14, 2024.
- i. Late Entries: Participants can enter on the day of contest during check-in for a late fee of \$30.
 - ii. Show Management may turn away any late entry without explanation.
- 11. Refunds:** There will be no refund of fees. In the event of cancellation of a specific contest/show, refunds may be offered in-partial or in-full and will be determined solely by the Hill District Grandstand Show.
- 12. Quality Counts:** To be eligible to compete in the Junior Breeding and/or Junior Market Shows, exhibitors will need Quality Counts verification. The Quality Counts verification number must be recorded on the Junior Entry Form when entering the project. Please refer to the website <https://agrilife.org/qualitycounts/> for information on how to become verified.
- 13. Ownership/Feeding Periods:** All projects entered and exhibited at the Hill District Grandstand Show must be owned and fed in accordance with all Texas 4-H and FFA state validation program guidelines for that respective species. If an animal is missing their state validation ear tag upon arrival, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to notify show officials and work with validation staff onsite to retag the animal.
- 14. Ineligible Animals:** Any animal that has been sold during the feeding period set by the Texas 4-H and FFA state validation programs via private treaty or public auction is ineligible to show. If ownership changes or has the possibility of changing through a sale offering (including animal(s) purchased back by the exhibitor), regardless of method or length of time, that chain of animal ownership is considered broken, and the animal is ineligible. This specifically excludes animals sold at the local or county level at a Premium Auction, where the animal in question never had the possibility of changing ownership.

15. Exhibitor Substitution: All entries must be shown and sold by their owner. Exhibitor substitutions may be allowed under the conditions outlined below. In all cases, the Department Superintendent must approve the exhibitor substitution and will do so only if all conditions are met.

Substitute exhibitors may show only one project (except in departments which exhibitor may enter more than one project), in addition to their own project, in each Junior Department. Substitute exhibitors must be entered and exhibiting their own project in the respective department in which they are serving as a substitute. An exhibitor of a past grand champion in a respective junior market animal department is not eligible to serve as a substitute exhibitor within that department.

- a. ***Substitution A - Other School or 4-H Activity:*** This request must be made by email prior to January 8, 2024 by 11:59 p.m. to thegrandstand21@gmail.com. This request must be accompanied by a statement, signed by a School Administrator, on school letterhead, stating the specific reason a substitute is requested*. Attending school or practice does not constitute as an Other School Activity. Examples of Other School Activities are UIL events, FFA, school sports, or similar events. Participation at The National Western in Denver and the Southwestern Livestock Exposition in Fort Worth will be considered approved other school or 4-H activities. *If a 4-H member has a 4-H conflict, the county extension agent can submit a letter requesting approval for a substitute.
- b. ***Substitution B - Sickness:*** This request must be accompanied by a statement, signed by a Physician, on his/her letterhead. The Physician's statement must be submitted to the Department Superintendent prior to the start of the respective Show.
- c. ***Substitution C - More Than One Entry In A Class or the Exhibitor Has Entries In More Than One Department Showing At The Same Time:*** This request must be made on the Official Hill District Grandstand Show Exhibitor Substitution Form provided by Show Management. The completed Official Hill District Grandstand Show Exhibitor Substitution Form must be submitted to show officials prior to the start of the respective Show.

In any of the three situations listed above, or in the case of an emergency, the Department Superintendent may use his/her own discretion as to whether a substitute showman will be allowed. If a positive decision is rendered, the substitute must be from the same school, FFA Chapter, or 4-H Club as the original exhibitor with the following two exceptions:

- i. The original exhibitor is the only exhibitor from that school, FFA Chapter, or 4-H Club entered in that Department.
- ii. All other members from that school, FFA Chapter, or 4-H Club are exhibiting at the same time.

In either case, any junior exhibitor who is entered and exhibiting in the respective department meeting the approval of the Department Superintendent may exhibit the animal.

16. Premiums: Premium monies will be distributed by the Hill District Grandstand Show. Auction checks will be issued by the Hill District Grandstand Show and may be mailed

separate from premium checks or commission (floor) checks to the 4-H or FFA address. If premium and/or auction checks are reissued for any reason a \$35 fee per check will be subtracted from the premium/auction total.

- 17. Sifting/Classifying Committees:** The Hill District Grandstand Show may appoint Sifters and Classifiers to inspect projects. Projects may be reassigned or disqualified based on the decisions of Sifters and Classifiers. Decisions of the Sifters and/or Classifiers will be final and protests will not be considered. Interference with Sifters and/or Classifiers will not be tolerated. Exhibitors and others are requested not to question their decisions, and to do so may disqualify the exhibitor concerned.
- 18. Judging:** Exhibitors are responsible for knowing the times at which their projects will be judged. Any project not presented promptly will be ruled ineligible and barred from competition. No complaint or protest on the grounds that the judge overlooked projects will be considered.
- 19. Interference:** Any exhibitor who, in any way, whether in person or by agent, or servant, interferes with the judges during their adjudication, or shows any disrespect to them or the show, is subject to be penalized. Show Management may demand a proper apology from the exhibitor, may exclude him/her from competition, bar him/her from the Grounds, and may also withhold any prizes that may have been awarded.
- 20. Restraint / Unruly Animals:** Exhibitor and patron safety are a top priority. Therefore, Show Management or Livestock Committee Leadership/Ring Stewards may remove any unruly animal from the show and/or the Grounds at any time; there will be no appeal. Cattle must be shown with a halter and be sufficiently gentle to be properly handled by one attendant. If exhibition of a project poses a danger to the exhibitor and/or other parties, Show Management reserves the right to allow a substitute exhibitor or remove the project from competition. In some cases, projects may be instructed to be removed from the Grounds.
- 21. Show Equipment:** Livestock shows provide an opportunity for the general public to be exposed to agricultural exhibits. Exhibitors should be mindful of the show equipment being used and the manner in which it is being used. Show Management or Livestock Committee Leadership/Ring Stewards reserve the right to decide what constitutes acceptable show equipment and how the equipment is being used by the exhibitor.
- 22. Project Care:** Exhibitors must remain in charge of their project(s) and care for them for the duration of the show at all times. If needed, the exhibitor may have a competent caretaker (must be an immediate family member of the exhibitor, other 4-H/FFA member, or AST/CEA) care for the project(s). However, the exhibitor is the absolute insurer of and is responsible for the condition of their animal/project(s). Show Management reserves the right to decide what constitutes acceptable treatment of animal projects. Unacceptable treatment of animal projects will not be tolerated and could result in immediate disqualification of the exhibitor along with his or her club/chapter.
- 23. Animals Outside of Barns:** All animals must remain inside the barn or warm up arena area. Any animal found outside of these areas will be subject to disqualification.
- 24. Unethically Fitted Livestock:** The showing of unethically fitted livestock or livestock of an

ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered, and the misrepresentation of breeding or milking status, are prohibited.

- a. Description:** Unethical fitting means any attempt to alter the natural appearance, conformation, musculature or weight of an animal by any unnatural means, as well as changing the normal conformation of any part of the animal's body or using drugs, medications, chemicals, or other substances (including over-the-counter and extra-label substances and uses), or mechanical devices to alter the physical makeup or performance of the animal. Unethical fitting includes but is not limited to the following:
- i. Animals that are in milk due to an unnaturally induced lactation.
 - ii. Balancing the udder by any means other than leaving naturally produced milk in any or all quarters.
 - iii. Treating or massaging any part of the animal's body, internally or externally, with an irritant, counterirritant, or other substance to temporarily improve conformation.
 - iv. Blocking the nerves to prevent limping or switching of the tail.
 - v. Bruising or blemishes negatively impacting food safety or marketability of an animal's carcass.
 - vi. Surgery or other practices performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body, hide, hair, or feet (this is to include any materials added to the feet of an animal) except the removal of warts or horns and the permitted clipping and dressing of hair and trimming of hooves.
 - vii. Insertion of foreign material under the skin or in the rectum.
 - viii. Changing the color of hair, a spot or an area on the animal's body. Any grooming material that allows color to come off from any animal will not be allowed at the show.
 - ix. The act of artificially filling animals internally, which would include stomach pumping, drench tubes, or any other method per os (by esophagus).
 - x. The use of diuretics.
 - xi. Administration of an illegal, unapproved, or performance enhancing drug internally or externally.
- b. Verification:** At the time of entry the exhibitor is specifically representing that no animal entered by him/her is unethically fitted, and that the breeding, age, and milking status are correctly stated.
- c. Use of Drugs:** The use by non-veterinarians* of animal drugs or other substances in a manner other than in accordance with the labeling approved by FDA is a violation of federal law. Exhibitor and exhibitor's parents and/or guardians agree that: (1) they are absolutely and completely responsible persons for the care and custody of their animals, (2) The Hill District Grandstand Show 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, (3) the drug test results of the testing laboratories are final and binding upon the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents and/or guardians. Even if the source of the drug is unknown, the Hill District Grandstand Show shall be entitled to disqualify the exhibitor and withhold any

premiums or awards.

*Abuse of the extra-label privilege by veterinarians is unethical and is subject to serious consequences such as license revocation.

The term "drug" shall mean any substance the sale, possession, or use of which is regulated by federal, state, or local law or regulation, as well as any substance used by the medical or veterinary professions that affects the circulatory, respiratory, muscular, skeletal, or central nervous system of any species of livestock.

- d. **Unapproved Drug Use:** 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 and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals including animals that may be destined for human consumption. Animals must remain free and clear of all unapproved drug and chemical residues while on show grounds.
- e. **Approved Drug Use:** If an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species, sufficient time must have passed so that the animal does not test positive for that drug upon arrival to the Hill District Grandstand Show in quantities exceeding the allowable tolerances as prescribed by the FDA or slaughter animals including animals that may be destined for human consumption.
- f. **Animal Inspection:** As condition for participation at the Hill District Grandstand Show, each exhibitor agrees to submit any animal entered by the exhibitor for inspection. Each exhibitor agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests requested by the Hill District Grandstand Show. Each exhibitor also agrees that the opinion reached by the Department Superintendent or designated inspector as to whether an animal is unethically fitted shall be final and binding without recourse against the Hill District Grandstand Show or any of its officials, directors, officers, employees, volunteers and staff. Further, the Hill District Grandstand Show specifically reserves the right to have tissue, blood, urine, wool, hair and/or fecal laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for competition. The conclusions reached by the laboratory shall be final and binding without recourse against the Hill District Grandstand Show or any of its officials, directors, officers, employees, volunteers, and staff. An exhibitor of an animal that is found to be unethically fitted, and/or tested positive for any unapproved drug, chemical or medication, and/or for any FDA approved drug or medication in excess of allowable tolerances as prescribed by the FDA for slaughter animals including animals that may be destined for human consumption is subject to disqualification, forfeiture of premiums and awards, and suspension from future participation in any Hill District Grandstand Show sanctioned competition.
- g. **Emergency Treatment:** If an animal requires emergency treatment while on show grounds, a licensed veterinarian will be allowed to administer any drug, chemical or feed additive. An exhibitor may choose any licensed veterinarian, but a committee member must be notified in advance, and he/she must be present during treatment. Animals which are administered treatments with a withdrawal or extended elimination time period will be disqualified from competition.
- h. **Non-adherence to Rules:** Any exhibitor or his/her representative, including but not limited to parents, guardians, or fitters, found guilty of misrepresentation, or not abiding

by the Hill District Grandstand Show rules, will be disqualified and denied the privilege of showing in the Hill District Grandstand Show.

25. Wholesome Meat Act: The USDA Wholesome Meat Act applies to all market livestock. Only animals eligible for immediate slaughter may be exhibited at the Hill District Grandstand Show:

- i. Animals must be in good health and carcasses free of drug or chemical residues.
- ii. Drug label directions for use and withdrawal periods must be followed.
- iii. If drug or chemical residues are found in tissue of carcasses, the entire carcass may be condemned.

26. Exhibitor Behavior: The Hill District Grandstand Show does not condone and will not permit aggressive behavior towards animals or any other persons. Any exhibitor or anyone assisting an exhibitor is not allowed to aggressively pop, slap, hit, or strike any animal at any time during the show or at any place on the Show Grounds. Any aggressive or unwarranted behavior by an exhibitor or anyone assisting an exhibitor towards another individual will not be tolerated. If such behavior is witnessed, it may result in immediate disqualification of the exhibitor, and/or forfeiture of all fees, premiums, and awards. In certain cases, the exhibitor or associated persons may be banned from the Grounds and/or any future competition. Protests are not permitted.

27. Diseased Animals: No animals found to have a disease of any character will be admitted to the Grounds at any time, and Superintendents are instructed and authorized to refuse unloading privileges to any stock found to have an undesirable ailment. This includes market barrows that stress and are unable to walk off the trailer and to their assigned pen on their own.

28. Pets: No pets are allowed on Grounds. Exceptions are granted for service dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability.

29. Health: All exhibitors will comply with current regulations governing livestock by the Texas Animal Health Commission. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to make sure they are in compliance with TAHC's regulations as to transportation and movement of livestock.

30. Recreational Vehicles: No recreational vehicles (unless used by Show Officials) will be allowed to be used on the Grounds.

31. Terminal Projects: All projects that are sold through the Hill District Grandstand Show Youth Auction are terminal. All projects that are presented for sale in the youth auction will become property of the Hill District Grandstand Show. Non-placing projects in market divisions may be sold at the market price or they may be released.

WARNING

UNDER TEXAS LAW (CHAPTER 87, CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDIES CODE), A LIVESTOCK SHOW SPONSOR IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN A LIVESTOCK SHOW RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF LIVESTOCK SHOW ACTIVITIES.

YOUTH AUCTION RULES

1. ***UPDATED* Eligibility for Sale:** Only placing animals in the Market Barrow, Lamb, Goat and Steer Divisions will be eligible for sale in the Hill District Grandstand Show Youth Auction.

Placing Animals Eligible for Sale:

Market Steer Division: 1st place in each class (Total eligible: 13 hd)

Market Goat Division: 1st – 4th place in each class (Total eligible: 48 hd)

Market Barrow Division: 1st – 3rd place in each class (Total eligible: 54 hd)

Market Lamb Division: 1st – 3rd place Finewool, Finewool Cross, Southdown and Medium Wool Classes, 1st – 2nd place Dorper (Total eligible: 49 hd)

Exhibitors will only be allowed to sell one sale qualifying project in the youth auction. If an exhibitor has multiple sale qualifying projects the exhibitor must designate the project, they will be selling at the youth auction. (Reference Youth Auction Rules 2 & 3)

2. All Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions from each specie will be required to sell in the Grandstand Auction.

Exceptions:

- a. If an exhibitor has grand and reserve of one specie, then the exhibitor will sell the grand animal and the reserve will be pulled and allowed to be taken home.
 - b. If an exhibitor has the grand animal in more than one specie, then the exhibitor can select which specie they will sell and the other animal(s) will be pulled and allowed to take home.
 - c. If an exhibitor has the reserve grand animal in more than one specie, then the exhibitor can select which specie they will sell and the other animal(s) will be pulled and allowed to take home.
 - d. If an exhibitor has the grand animal in one specie and a reserve in another specie, then the exhibitor will sell the grand animal and the reserve grand will be pulled and allowed to take home.
3. **Animal Care:** It is the exhibitors' responsibility to take proper care of their sale qualifying project until the animals are taken into custody by Hill District Grandstand Show management.
 4. **Declaration of Sale:** Exhibitors must submit proper paperwork to show officials declaring their project for sale within 30 minutes of the completion of their respective division's show.

If a youth exhibitor has an entry in another Hill District Grandstand Show Division that has yet to take place and would like to reserve the right to sell another Hill District Grandstand Show entry if it becomes eligible for the youth auction, the exhibitor will:

- a. Submit proper paperwork to show officials declaring up to 1 project per a species that are eligible for sale within 30 minutes of the completion of their respective division.

- b. Complete a multiple division declaration form and waiver and submit to Show Officials.
 - c. Place declared project in designated area specified by Show Officials. The project will remain in the care of the exhibitor until final declaration is made. If needed, the exhibitor may have a competent caretaker (must be a family member of the exhibitor, AST/CEA other 4-H/FFA member, or Local County/Chapter Adult Volunteer) care for the project(s). However, the exhibitor is the absolute insurer of and is responsible for the condition of their animal/project(s).
 - d. Final declaration for sale must be made within 30 minutes of completion of the last division in which that exhibitor has an entry in.
- 5. Sale Order:** Sale order will be determined by placing and at the discretion of the Hill District Grandstand Show board.
- 6. Terminal Sale:** All projects sold through the youth auction will become property of the Hill District Grandstand show and are not eligible for resale. Buyers nor exhibitors will receive/retain ownership of projects declared for sale in the Hill District Grandstand Show Youth Auction.
- 7. Youth Auction Exhibitor Expectations:**
- a. **Presentation:** Youth are expected to dress appropriate and behave in a responsible manner during the sale. Youth who fail to meet this expectation may forfeit their youth auction premium check.
 - b. **Decorations/Signs:** Exhibitors may be required to walk a designated project across the stage in place of their own or the exhibitor may be required to walk across the stage without a project. Signs or decorations other than the provided lot number are not permitted on the auction stage.
 - c. **Attendance:** Exhibitors who are unable to attend the youth auction may request a substitution for conflicts outlined under the exhibitor substitution guidelines. This request must be made by email thegrandstand21@gmail.com prior to 6 p.m. on January 19, 2024. If a substitution is granted, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to arrange a substitute exhibitor.
 - d. **Thank You Notes:** Exhibitors will be required to complete a thank-you note to respective buyer(s) and Hill District Grandstand Show supporters to receive their premium check. Thank you notes should be completed within 30 days upon receiving buyers list from CEA/AST or Show Officials.
- 8. Commission:** The Hill District Grandstand Show reserves the right to take up to a 3% commission for the sale of all projects through the youth auction.

Hill District Grandstand Show Schedule
January 12 – 20, 2024

Friday, January 12, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Arrival State Breeding Sheep – Gillespie County Fair Grounds
3:00 p.m. Online Check-In Deadline - Breeding Sheep

Saturday, January 13, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Arrival Market Steers & Breeding Heifers - Kendall County Youth Agriculture & Equestrian Center
9:00 a.m. Breeding Sheep Show- Gillespie County Fair Grounds
3:00 p.m. Online Check-In Deadline - Breeding Heifers & Market Steers
3:00 p.m. Physical Weight Card Due for European Steer Exhibitors
3:30 p.m. Classification of Market Steers (American & British market steer exhibitors will bring their physical weight card to classification)

Sunday, January 14, 2024

8:00 a.m. Breeding Heifer Show - Kendall County Youth Agriculture & Equestrian Center
Following Breeding Heifer Show Market Steer Show - Kendall County Youth Agriculture & Equestrian Center
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Arrival Market Lambs -John L. Kuykendall Arena & Event Center
3:00 p.m. Online Check-In & Physical Weight Cards Deadline - Market Lambs

Monday, January 15, 2024

8:00 a.m. Market Lamb Show -John L. Kuykendall Arena & Event Center (Classification of FW, FWX, SD & Dorper will be done during the show)
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Market Barrow Arrival - Hill Country Youth Event Center
12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Arrival Agricultural Mechanics - Hill Country Youth Center
3:00 p.m. Online Check-In & Physical Weight Cards Deadline - Market Barrows
7:00 p.m. Fastest Torch in the Hill Country Contest Registration Deadline

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

8:00 a.m. Agricultural Mechanics Show - Hill Country Youth Center
8:00 a.m. Market Barrow Show -Hill Country Youth Event Center
6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. Early Market Goat Arrival-John L. Kuykendall Arena & Event Center

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

6:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m. Market Goat Arrival-John L. Kuykendall Arena & Event Center
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Arrival Purebred & Crossbred Breeding Gilts - Hill Country Youth Event Center
9:30 a.m. Online Check-In & Physical Weight Cards Deadline - Market Goats
11:00 a.m. Market Goat Show -John L. Kuykendall Arena & Event Center

3:00 p.m. Online Check-In & Physical Weight Cards Deadline - Purebred and Crossbred Breeding Gilts

Thursday, January 18, 2024

6:00am- 8:00am Arrival/sift State Turkey Show- Gillespie County Fairgrounds

9:00 a.m. State Turkey Show- Gillespie County Fairgrounds

8:00 a.m. Purebred and Crossbred Breeding Gilt Show – Hill Country Youth Event Center

Friday, January 19, 2024

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Livestock Judging Contest Check-In – Gillespie County Fairgrounds

10:00 a.m. Livestock Judging Contest

Saturday, January 20, 2024

11:00 a.m. Buyer Check in Begins

12:00 p.m. Buyer Lunch

1:00 p.m. THE GRANDSTAND SALE – Gillespie County Fairgrounds

JUNIOR MARKET BARROW SHOW

ENTRY DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1, 2023

Superintendent: Brian Compton

Committee Members: Dyron Wunderlich, JR Specak, Bartley Parker, Cory Rains

Judge: Ben Bobell

Location: Hill Country Youth Event Center - Kerrville, TX

SHOW SCHEDULE

Arrival:	Monday	January 15	9 AM - 2 PM
Exhibitor check-in:	Monday	January 15	9 AM - 3 PM (Exhibitors who have a conflict with another Hill District Grandstand show need to contact show officials prior to January 8, 2024 by 11:59 p.m. by email at thegrandstand21@gmail.com)
Arrival deadline:	Monday	January 15	2 PM
Show:	Tuesday	January 16	8:00 AM
Release:	After Judging		

This show is subject to the Hill District Grandstand General Rules, the Junior Livestock Show Rules and Special Rules listed in this section.

SPECIAL RULES

- 1. Entry:** An entry fee made payable to Hill District Grandstand Show is required. Entries must be submitted online through the official entry system.
- 2. Number Shown:** Each owner may enter and show up to two (2) animals in the Market Barrow Show. Only barrows are eligible to compete in this division.
- 3. Validation:** To be eligible to exhibit in the Junior Market Barrow Show, all barrows must be validated in the Texas 4-H and FFA Swine Validation Program. Each entry must have been recorded on a 4-H or FFA Swine Validation Form Master List completed by the County Level State Swine Validation Committee. Failure to comply with the rules and regulations of the Texas Swine Validation Program in any manner will result in immediate disqualification.
- 4. Show Check-in Procedures:** Exhibitors must Check-In and complete the State Validation Tag Number, Weight, and Breed Designation on the animal information form. Upon completion, the exhibitor will be given a QR code to check-in online prior to 3 PM the day of check-in. Exhibitors will return their animal information form to show officials. Once an exhibitor submits their animal information form to show officials, no changes to their entry will be allowed.
- 5. Show Weights:** Official turn-in weight limits are: minimum 230 lbs. and maximum 290 lbs. inclusive. Exhibitors will turn in the official show weight for their barrow. All barrows with weights turned in below the minimum (230 lbs.) or above the maximum (290 lbs.) will be sifted.
- 6. Re-Weigh:** Show Management reserves the right to weigh any barrow after the completion of Check-In. Upon re-weigh, all barrows weighing more or less than 10 lbs. of the official turn-in weight will be disqualified.
- 7. Classification:** Breed must be declared upon Check-In. Breed changes by the exhibitor will not be allowed at any time after. Barrows will be subject to reclassification by a three-member committee. The decision of the

three-member classifying committee will be final. Barrows that are classified out of their respective division will be placed in the cross classes according to weight. See *Barrow Classification Standards*.

- 8. Health:** Any barrows found to have external parasites, open wounds, sores, skin rashes, and/or any questionable skin diseases will be disqualified at the time of classification. Barrows must be removed from the facility immediately.
- 9. Ear Tags:** All ear tags, with the exception of TX Validation Tag and USDA Official Premises Identification Number (PIN) tags, must be removed before showing. The TX Validation Tag number will be used for animal identification. No tag alterations – Any change in size, shape, form, or color will void the tag.
- 10. Ear Notches:** All animals must be properly ear notched within seven (7) days of birth with a litter notch in the right ear and individual notch in the left ear to be eligible for the Texas 4-H and FFA Swine Validation Program. Animals not properly notched in both ears will be subject to disqualification.
- 11. Fitting:** Foreign material including (but not limited to) painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, or adhesives is prohibited. Water is acceptable. Trimming of swine on the show grounds is prohibited. No clippers, which require an electrical current, are allowed to be used on Market Barrows once they arrive on the grounds. Cordless clippers, razor combs and scissors are allowed, however, restraining the animal for clipping purposes is prohibited. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification. The exhibitor is expected to feed, care for, fit, and exhibit their animal/project while at the Hill District Grandstand Show. If needed, the exhibitor may have the assistance of the exhibitor's family, AST, CEA, Local County/Chapter Adult Volunteer, or other 4-H or FFA members. Any project fed or cared for by a custom fitter is not eligible. A custom fitter is considered anyone who is not a family member, AST, CEA, Local County/Chapter Adult Volunteer, or another 4-H or FFA member. Violators of this rule may be barred from future participation.
- 12. Equipment:** Blocking of aisles with any kind of equipment (showboxes, feed pans, etc.) is strictly prohibited. All equipment must be stored safely above pens or in designated areas. Extension cords, fans, heat lamps and other electrical equipment are strictly prohibited. Youth exhibitors only permitted the use of 1 driving device (whip, pole, etc.) while in the show ring. *Extenuating circumstances may dictate special approval by show superintendent*
- 13. Scales:** Scales will be provided in areas throughout the barn; such scales are unofficial and are provided for exhibitors' convenience only. Official scales will be used by Superintendents to determine official weights. No other scales will be allowed.
- 14. Classes:** Superintendents will break classes following the completion of Check-In. A total of eighteen (18) market barrow classes will be set at the discretion of the superintendents based upon number of entries. There will be no pre-set weight breaks. Exhibitors missing their class are ineligible to compete in a different weight division and will be sifted. In the event of a large number of barrows with the same weight and the same breed, the show may break them into multiple classes using another method other than weight.
- 15. Placing Barrows:** All placing barrows (1-3rd) are eligible to sell in the Hill District Grandstand Youth Auction unless the exhibitor has qualified for the sale with another species within the Hill District Grandstand Show. *See Youth Auction Rule #3

BARROW CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS

DUROC

Ideal

1. Must be red in color, possessing Duroc breed character.
2. Ears are down when hog is in a relaxed position.

Acceptable

1. Acceptable colors range from light red to dark brown.
2. Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body/crinkled ear.

Discriminatory

1. Minimal amounts of black hair.
2. Black spots on the skin under two inches in diameter.
3. Partially erect/level ears (flighty).

Absolute Disqualifications

1. Excessive amounts of black hair.
2. White hair.
3. White skin on the body or legs, or that extends over the rim of the nose.
4. Four (4) or more black spots on the skin, any of which are larger than two (2) inches in diameter.
5. Evidence of a belt.
6. Erect ears.
7. Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character.

HAMPSHIRE

Ideal

1. Black in color with a full white belt over the shoulders encompassing both front legs/feet.
2. Erect ears.
3. Possess Hampshire breed character with regards to skull shape and ear shape.

Acceptable

1. Black head with a white body, with evidence of pigment and freckling down the top.
2. White belt starting on a front foot/leg; belt partially encircles body extending to at least the chest floor (half belt).
3. Freckling in the belt.
4. Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body/crinkled ear.

Discriminatory

1. Large spots within the belt.
2. Belt is in front or behind a solid black front leg.
3. If belt v's and runs towards the poll (base of the ear).
4. White tip on tail, if docked.
5. White on rear leg extends to the base of the ham.

Absolute Disqualification

1. Streaking or evidence of white on forehead.
2. White skin extends over the rim of the nose.
3. When the mouth is closed, the white under the chin cannot exceed what a U.S. minted quarter will cover.
4. Black head with a white body without freckles or pigmentation.
5. Belt extends past the sheath (sheath must be black).
6. Excessive frosting or white hair outside the belt.
7. Red hair.
8. Droopy or floppy ears.
9. Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character.

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YORKSHIRE

Ideal

1. Must be completely white in color with erect ears, possessing Yorkshire breed character.

Acceptable

1. Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body/crinkled ear.

Discriminatory

1. Excessively large or wavy ears.
2. Color pigmentation (on body):
 - a. Two individual pigmentation spots of which neither can be larger than a U.S. minted dime.
 - b. One pigmentation spot cannot be larger than a U.S. minted quarter.

Absolute Disqualification

1. Any hair color that is NOT white.
2. Broken/down ears.
3. Combined pigmentation spots that exceed a U.S. minted silver dollar.
4. Any series of dots that indicate masking.
5. Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character.

BERKSHIRE

Ideal

1. Predominantly black with erect ears, possessing Berkshire breed character with regards to skull shape and ear shape.
2. A Berkshire should have six white points: nose, each leg/foot and at the end of tail (unless tail is docked).

Acceptable

1. An occasional splash of white skin/hair may appear on the body.
2. Three of the four legs/feet must be white.
3. Ear can have white on it (not full coverage).
4. Red or fawn hair, if over black or white skin pigmentation.
5. Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body/crinkled ear.

Discriminatory

1. Gray pigmentation on the body (spotting or mottling pattern).
2. Moderate amount of white skin splashes.

Absolute Disqualification

1. Solid white or solid black face from base of ear forward.
2. Solid black nose (white does not break rim of nose).
3. Solid white ear.
4. Excessive white on the body.
 - a. Full coverage of white coming up the lower one-third of the body (not counting legs) that extends from the base of the jaw thru sternum and lower body thru seam of the ham.
 - b. White splash extends from rear leg to upper hip.
5. White skin or hair that continuously encircles the body anywhere between the base of the ear and the base of the tail.
6. Any evidence of belt formation on the body.
7. Lacks breed character with regards to skull and/or ear shape.
8. Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character.

POLAND CHINA

Ideal

1. Predominantly black possessing Poland China breed character.
2. A Poland China should have six white points: nose, each leg/foot and at the end of the tail (unless tail is docked).
3. Ears are down when hog is in a relaxed position.

Acceptable

1. A slight continuation of white from the legs to the body.
2. Ear can have white on it.
3. Three of the four legs must be white.
4. May have an occasional splash of white on the body.
5. Hair and skin texture can vary from coarse to thin, and color can vary from dark black to ashy/pale.
6. Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body/crinkled ear.

Discriminatory

1. Partially erect/level ears (flighty).
2. A moderate continuation of white from the legs to the body.
3. Moderate freestanding white, not attached to a leg.

Absolute Disqualification

1. Erect ears.
2. Solid white or solid black face.
3. More than one solid black leg.
4. If the white on a solid white ear goes past the base of the ear.
5. An excessive continuation of white from the legs, encompassing the upper hip or shoulder.
6. Excessive freestanding white, not attached to a leg.
7. Evidence of belt formation.
8. Red or sandy hair.
9. Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character.

SPOTTED SWINE

Ideal

1. Must be black and white, possessing Spotted breed character.
2. Ears are down when hog is in a relaxed position.

Acceptable

1. Predominantly black with white spots or predominantly white with black spots.
2. Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body/crinkled ear.

Discriminatory

1. Partially erect/level ears (flighty).
2. Moderate brown spots.

Absolute Disqualification

1. Erect ears.
2. Solid black head from base of ears forward.
3. Distinct white belt pattern (hair or skin) encircling and extending down and onto each shoulder.
4. Red hair.
5. Excessive brown spots.
6. Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character

CHESTER WHITE

Ideal

1. Solid white in color possessing Chester White breed character.
2. Medium sized ears are down when hog is in a relaxed position.

Acceptable

1. Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body/crinkled ear.

Discriminatory

1. Partially erect/level ear (flighty).
2. Skin pigmentation.

Absolute Disqualification

1. Erect ears.

2. Colored hair.
3. Color on the skin, cumulatively larger than a U.S. minted silver dollar.
4. Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character.

LANDRACE

Ideal

1. Must be solid white possessing Landrace breed character.
2. Ears droop and slant forward coming to a sharper point.

Acceptable

1. Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body/crinkled ear.

Discriminatory

1. Short rounded ears.
2. Short snout mimicking that of a Chester White.

Absolute Disqualification

1. Erect ears.
2. Any hair color other than white.
3. More than 3 spots of skin pigmentation; each individual spot cannot be larger than a U.S. minted quarter.
4. Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character.

CROSSBRED

1. Barrows of any coloration pattern or pigmentation are eligible for entry in this breed.