

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Final interpretation of the rules of the Jim Wells County Fair Association will be made by the Jim Wells County Fair Executive Board.
2. Violation of any general or division rules will bar exhibitor from Junior Auction and eligibility for awards and premiums.
3. Any person who fails to practice proper animal husbandry, as determined by the division superintendent or two committee members may be penalized by withholding awards and premiums from auction division sales.
4. The Jim Wells County Fair Association abides by all legislative mandates on student eligibility as prescribed by House Bill 72 and Senate Bill 1. No ineligible student will be allowed to show or sell his or her animal or substitute another exhibitor to do so. The County agent and FFA advisors will submit a written list of ineligible students to the Jim Wells County Fair Association prior to check-in.
5. Only active 4-H Club and FFA Chapter members that live or go to school in Jim Wells County may exhibit in the Junior Livestock Division. All animal projects must be owned, placed on feed and in the exhibitor's or their immediate family's possession by validation dates. The Jim Wells County Fair Association will provide, upon request, a written list of all exhibitors to neighboring livestock shows or fair associations.
6. Eligibility of all active 4-H and FFA members to show in the Junior Division will expire at graduation.
7. This is a closed county show.
8. A number or tag for the show and sale will identify all market animals.
9. Jim Wells County Fair Association assumes no liability in case of sickness or accident of any animal in the show.
10. To compete in the Jim Wells County Fair Queen's Pageant each contestant must be an active member of 4-H, FFA or FCCLA.
11. Each Jim Wells County exhibitor and queen contestant will sell a fair membership and will be due and turned in on September 4, 2009.
12. All exhibitors must notify their adult leader or agriculture science teacher of animals on feed prior to the division deadlines.
13. All validation lists and validation fees must be submitted to the fair office within 10 days after the division deadline date. Validation lists and validation fees not turned in within 10 days after the division deadline date will result in invalid entries. Notification of invalid entries will be the responsibility of the division superintendent. Any exhibitor not on a validation list will not show. Validation forms should include individual exhibitor's name, address, date of birth, phone number, club or chapter, school campus exhibitor will be attending, and grade level.
14. All livestock entries and memberships are due to the 4-H leaders and FFA advisors on Friday, September 4, 2009. Absolutely no exceptions to the deadline date. No entry fees will be refunded after this date. All livestock entries and memberships are due in the fair office on Wednesday, September 9, 2009 by 5:00 p.m. All entry fees must be in the form of money order, school or 4-H check. No personal checks will be accepted. The County Extension Agent or FFA Advisors must sign entry cards BEFORE they are turned into the fair office.
15. Scales of the Jim Wells County Fair will be used to determine the official weight of a project. Each division superintendent has the discretion to establish a tolerance for the scale weight when determining the official weight of a project. No protest will be allowed and no exhibitor will be allowed to reweigh after crossing the scales at weigh-in.
16. Each junior exhibitor may show three entries in each market division. If an exhibitor wins more than one champion, the superintendent will direct the judge to select the third best animal of the division for the sale order only.
17. All Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion animals in all market classes must sell at the auction sale. If any exhibitor wins more than one Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion the exhibitor may choose which project to sell, but all Grand Champions must sell over Reserve Grand Champions.
18. No animals will be allowed on the fairgrounds before 12:00 noon on Tuesday, October 20, 2009.
19. Anyone found administering drugs to a project without consent of the division superintendent will have their project disqualified by the division superintendent and must remove the project immediately. Due to Federal Regulations all projects shown at the Jim

- Wells County Fair will be subject to FDA and USDA testing at slaughter plants. If the projects test positive, the exhibitor or producer of the animal will be held responsible for any violations. Funds will be withheld from any exhibitor by the Jim Wells County Fair Association from exhibitor and buyer resales on such violation.
20. All animals will be sifted by a sifting judge appointed by the division superintendent. If any animal is sifted, the animal must be removed immediately. The only exception will be for weight only and if sifted animals are needed to meet the weight quota of the resale truck. These animals will be placed in a designated area with the exhibitor being responsible for the care and feeding of their animal.
 21. No trim chutes, bedding or hay allowed in the cattle portion of the cattle barn.
 22. Each 4-H and FFA exhibitor is required to put a stall card or sign over his/her exhibit. No other signs except club or chapter banners will be permitted in any livestock barns. The exception to this rule will be signs or banners posted by show officials. Individuals or organizations wanting to place advertisement or promotional signs are invited to rent booth spaces in the area expressly for that purpose.
 23. Each exhibitor must keep their animal and premises clean at all times during the show or exhibitor will forfeit right to sell and/or premium money. \$25.00 per pen will be withheld from sales or premium checks if pens are not cleaned. Superintendent of the division will have authority to enforce this rule.
 24. Each FFA, FCCLA and 4-H exhibitor who brings a project to the show will be issued one exhibitor's arm band, which must be worn at all times during the show. The arm band will serve as the exhibitor's admission to the fairgrounds. Exhibitors who lose their arm band will be charged \$5.00 for replacement.
 25. Parents, advisors, leaders, agents or other adults will not be allowed to assist boys or girls during judging. Anyone not in a Jim Wells County Club or Chapter will not be allowed to show an animal in the ring.
 26. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to bring his/her animal or animals when his/her name is called. No complaint or protest that an animal was over looked will be considered. The same rules apply during the Junior Auction Sale. Animals must be shown to be able to sell in the auction.
 27. A boy or girl who is unable, due to illness, injury or extenuating circumstances to show or sell their animal, may substitute a boy or girl of the same age group to show or sell the animal. This will be ruled upon by the division superintendents. Prior notice must be given to the division superintendent before the beginning of the class. Extenuating circumstances does not include House Bill 72 modified by Senate Bill 1.
 28. There will be up to ten placings in each class.
 29. Any entry that becomes unruly or creates a disturbance in the show arena will immediately be excused at the discretion and instruction of the division superintendent or judge and will not be eligible to compete thereafter in the same class.
 30. All entries will be officially released Sunday, October 25, 2009, at 6:00 a.m. and must be removed from the fairgrounds by 12:00 noon or animal becomes property of the Jim Wells County Fair Association. All livestock and poultry sold at the auction will remain the responsibility of the original owner until released by the division superintendent.
 31. The checks for all sales and/or premiums will be given to the teacher or sponsor in charge and will be invalid after 60 days.
 32. Night watchman service will not be available prior to Tuesday, October 20, 2009.
 33. Any dog on the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds during the fair must be on a leash.
 34. No fireworks allowed or sold on fairgrounds during the Jim Wells County Fair. Violators will be removed.
 35. No golf carts, three or four-wheelers or motorcycles will be allowed on fairgrounds. Only fair officials that have obtained authorization from show management will be allowed to use certain types of off road vehicles.
 36. Electrical fees will be charged for recreational vehicle hookups on first come, first served basis.
 37. Any protest must be lodged immediately, with a \$250.00 non-refundable deposit, to the division superintendent. Protest Committee will consist of three Jim Wells County Fair Board members.

38. The Jim Wells County Fair Association will not provide a float in the annual Fair Parade for the Photogenic Contest winners, nor under any circumstances may parents of the Photogenic Contest winners solicit sponsors or donations to enter their child in the Fair Parade under the Photogenic Contest name. Failure to abide by these rules will result in winner being disqualified.

39. Livestock judges' decisions will be final.