

2025 ZAVALA COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR

JANUARY 2nd, 3rd, AND 4TH, 2025

Approved: 06/2024

Rule 1. Interpretation and violation of rules:

The Zavala Agricultural Exposition, Inc. from here on referred to as the ZAE, reserves to its Board of Directors the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulation and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regards to, or otherwise arising out of, or connected with, or incident to the show. After board approval of these rules these rules may not be amended added to or changed until the following year when these rules will be reviewed by the ZAE board of directors. Any Exhibitor who violates any of these rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalties as the Board of Directors may order. This set of rules and regulations are based in part with the latest coy of the Texas 4-H / FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy and will apply to all ZAE Rules and Regulations. A Copy of the latest released Texas 4-H / FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy is available from the Agriculture Science Teacher(s) or Zavala County Extension Agent and must be signed prior to or at validation.

Rule 2. Liability

A. All Exhibitors will be under the control and direction of the show management. The show, the ZAE Board of Directors, Agriculture Science Instructors, County Extension Agents, Consumer Science Teachers, family, volunteers and all others associated directly or indirectly with the Zavala County Junior Fair **WILL IN NO CASE BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSS, INJURY, OR DAMAGE WHICH MAY OCCUR AND WILL IN NO CASE BE HELD LIABLE.** This release from liability is outlined in the Volunteer Protection Act of 1997. Each Exhibitor will be solely responsible for any damage done to or occasioned by, or arising from, any animals or article exhibited by him or her. He or she shall indemnify the show against all legal or other proceedings in regard there to, as well as damage or injury to any person or property caused by the Exhibitor or any animal exhibited by him or her arising out of, or in any way connected with such Exhibitors or any of the animals so exhibited.

B. The Zavala Agricultural Exposition, Inc. will not be responsible for any loss or damage to the animals or to the owners or attendants thereof including but not limited to personal property, supplies or materials.

Rule 3. Conduct of Exhibitor

Willful misconduct on the part of any Exhibitor(s) will result in the forfeit of all privileges and premiums, and will be subject to such penalty as the Board of Directors may order. Misconduct will also include anyone caught taking or damaging any equipment and/or accessories without permission and person or persons will be removed from the show grounds, for a period of time to correspond with the degree of misconduct as determined by the ZAE Board of Directors. If any Exhibitor, in any way, whether in person or by agent, or parent, legal guardian, family member or servant, interferes with the livestock judges, sifting judges, arts and crafts judges and / or any division superintendent during their adjudication, or shows any disrespect to them, or the show, the management may demand a proper apology from the Exhibitor, and may exclude him or her from competition, and may also withhold any prizes that may have been awarded. Should any animal or animals exhibited by an Exhibitor which is awarded a prize of official placing by the show judges is disqualified, the lower placing animals will **NOT** move into the higher position nor be placed on the sale list for sell in the official livestock auction. The division superintendent in consultation with the division committee, and upon authorization and approval of the ZAE Board of Directors, will determine the sale order due to these circumstances.

Rule 3-A Official Protest

Official Protests must be submitted to the ZAE Board President or division superintendent in writing and accompanied by a \$300.00 deposit, which will be forfeited (no refund) if the protest is not sustained. The protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal, giving good and sufficient reasons to justify such complaint. Any protest not officially filed within 24 hours of the alleged incident will be not considered. These cases are referred to the Zavala Agricultural Exposition (ZAE) board of directors who will have full and absolute power to act, and from whose decision there can be no appeal. Judging, weighing, classification and or sifting procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. Ruling and decisions on such protest by the ZAE Board of Directors is FINAL.

Rule 4. Validation Rules and Entry and Closing Dates

ZAE Membership (at least 1 parent/guardian from each family) ... midnight on June 24, 2025

Cattle ... 6pm to 8pm, Tuesday, June 25, 2024, Chaparrosa Ranch, La Pryor

State Fair Lambs, Goats and Wether Does ... after Cattle Validation , Tuesday, June 25, 2024, Martinez Barn, La Pryor County/Majors Lamb, Goat and Wether Does ... 8am – 10am, Saturday, October 12, 2024, ZAE Grounds, Crystal City

County/Major Hogs ... 8am – 10am, Saturday, November 16, 2024, ZAE Grounds, Crystal City

Rabbits ... Must be purchased before Saturday, November 30, 2024

Poultry ... Must be purchased thru the Zavala County Agent and pickup will be November 8, 2024, ZAE Grounds, Crystal City

The ZAE will not validate animals that fail to arrive by the end of validation.

The ZAE may retrieve hair follicle samples on any species at the time of validation. If necessary, any retagged animals will be subject to testing at the expense of the Exhibitor.

A. All animals will be validated on the dates stated above to be eligible to show in the 2025 Zavala County Junior Fair. The official validation will be conducted by the designated superintendent or his or her designated replacement and the validation committee. **All validated animals eligible to show in the Zavala County Junior Fair must be fed, managed and cared for by the Exhibitor and must be kept on premises located in Zavala County and on which the Exhibitor resides and rents or owns, or property located in Zavala County that is owned, rented or leased by an immediate family member of the Exhibitor (immediate family member is defined as: father, mother or legal guardians, or brother or sister, or step siblings or grandparents of the Exhibitor); Validated animals eligible to show in the Zavala County Junior Fair may also be kept, managed and cared for on property located in Zavala County and which is owned by an FFA Chapter or 4-H Club in Zavala County and said property is designated as an FFA or 4-H animal project center. Any exceptions to this rule will be at the sole discretion of the majority of the board of directors.**

B. Exhibitors are NOT limited to the number of animals they may validate, but Exhibitors by the first and last name must designate which animal he or she will show at the Zavala County Junior Fair to insure individual ownership of said projects and eliminate dual ownership of validated animals at the county level. All animal entries must have a county or a state tag (if validated for state) applied at validation to be eligible to show and must have such identification tags INTACT at the time of arrival for official weighing and check in on January 2nd, 2025 to be eligible to show.

C. A \$20.00 validation fee per exhibiting immediate family (see Rule 4A for immediate family definition) and \$5.00 per animal tag will be collected at the time of validation by ZAE unless state tags were purchased via the Zavala County Extension Agent or Agriculture Science Teacher, in which the \$5.00 tag fee is waived.

D. All male animals must be castrated **PRIOR TO** the validation process. If testicles are still present on animal, they **MUST** be banded prior to validation with band in tact. Note: Male animals not complying with this rule will **NOT** be validated and become ineligible to show in the Zavala County Junior Fair.

E. If an Exhibitor's validated animal dies or is lost, stolen or escapes from the Exhibitors facilities for any reason natural or otherwise after the validation deadline, the Exhibitor will **NOT** be allowed to replace the animal entry. **NO SUBSTITUTION OF ANIMALS WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER THE COUNTY VALIDATION PROCESS.**

F. If a properly entered and validated animal loses its original validation tag the Exhibitor must notify the supervising project leader, county agent or agricultural science teacher immediately. Re-tagging will be done by a Member of the Board, the County Extension Agent or the Agriculture Science Teacher, in the presence of the Exhibitor and parent or guardian of the Exhibitor.

Rule 5. Exhibitors Defined

A. All Exhibitors of the Zavala County Junior Fair must be enrolled in a public, private or home school of less than college level, and be members in good standing of a 4-H club in Zavala County, a chartered FFA or Junior FFA Chapter in Zavala County, Batesville 4-Her's who attend Uvalde Schools, or 4-H or FFA members who are legally designated as homebound students and who meet all the requirements in accordance with Senate Bill 1, House Bill 3573 and House Bill 5. Exhibitors who are in the third grade and eight years of age and not more than nineteen years of age and who have properly entered and validated his or her animal entry will be the individuals eligible to show and sell an animal project at the Zavala County Junior Fair.

B. Any Exhibitor with a disability wishing to participate in the Zavala County Junior Fair may receive assistance from another 4-H or FFA member during the sift, show and auction. Any Exhibitor with a disability wishing to receive assistance must notify the Superintendent of that species of their intent to use assistance at the time of the sift. The ZAE Board may consider allowing a parent in addition to another 4-H or FFA member to assist.

C. Exhibitors must be passing all classes at the end of the grading period prior to the show. **Forms will be submitted to principals by a date determined by the Agricultural Extension Agent for all school districts. Exhibitors must be passing at this time.** Exhibitors not passing will be deemed ineligible and will **NOT** be allowed to bring their animal and/or other project entries to the ZAE show grounds, and may **NOT** show under another 4-H/FFA member's animal project, or participate in the show in any way. **NO PASS, NO PLAY!** Exhibitors declared ineligible under this rule may not request a substitute Exhibitor.

D. All Exhibitors, must wear neat, attractive and socially acceptable clothing. Chewing gum or use of tobacco products will be prohibited. **All Exhibitors** are prohibited from wearing caps, hats, eye rings, nose rings, lip rings or boy's ear rings while in the show/sale ring. **All Exhibitors are required to wear a collared buttoned down shirt, polo shirt or dress shirt that is tucked in and will stay tucked in. All buttons must button up to the Exhibitor's collar bone and pants cannot have any holes.** Shoes must be closed toed and no type of sandals/crocs are allowed. A dress code committee will be in place, composed of superintendents and three board members during the show and sale that will enforce this rule. There will be **NO** short pants or tee shirts allowed. Wearing any type of advertisement for alcohol, tobacco or any other vice is prohibited. Not following the dress code will be grounds for disqualification from showing or selling the animal project by the Exhibitor.

E. This rule applies to all animal and non-animal projects. All Exhibitors are required to attend one of the two offered

ZAE work days in order to be eligible to show. The exhibitor MUST BE present for the ENTIRE TIME of the allotted work day as deemed by the ZAE Director in charge. **If you are late to arrive, you MUST MAKE UP TIME MISSED at the next work day.**

F. Exhibitors must be a paid member, in good standing, of Zavala County 4-H (must be signed up in the 4-H online system no later than midnight on September 30th) or a paid member La Pryor FFA or La Pryor Jr FFA no later than midnight on September 30th. The exhibitors must attend a minimum of 3 regularly scheduled 4-H meetings prior to the show to remain eligible to show. The regularly scheduled meetings are meetings that are announced in the newsletters and distributed each month by the Zavala County Agent. If an exhibitor is unable to make their "home" 4-H club meeting, the exhibitor may attend another regularly scheduled meeting held by any other Zavala County 4-H club. This includes Batesville 4-H, Crystal City 4-H, La Pryor 4-H and the Shooting Sports 4-H. These three meetings must be attended between August and December of the show season. If extenuating circumstances such as sickness or school activity conflicts arise, the parent of or the exhibitor is required to contact the 4-H Club Leader and the Zavala County Agent to obtain an excused absence from the meeting, PRIOR TO THE MEETING START TIME.

G. At least 1 parent or guardian must be a PAID MEMBER of the ZAE prior to midnight on June 24, 2024. Memberships may be paid to any member of the ZAE Board of Directors. If a new 4-H/FFA member is recruited AFTER the membership deadline, the new family will have 1 week after paying their 4-H/FFA dues to become a paid member of the ZAE. In addition, the new Exhibitor CANNOT participate in any species for which validation has already occurred. In the case of steers, a new/prospective 4-H/FFA member can validate at the June date; however, the new/prospective 4-H/FFA member must be a paid member, in good standing, of Zavala County 4-H or La Pryor FFA or La Pryor Jr FFA no later than midnight on September 30th.

H. The PAID MEMBER (parent/guardian) of the ZAE is required to attend TWO REGULARLY SCHEDULED ZAE meetings prior to show. These meetings are between August and December of the show season. If these meetings are not attended, the associated exhibitor will be unable to show.

I. A parent/guardian will be required to serve in the concession stand on the days their 4-H Club/FFA Chapter is assigned by the ZAE Board of Directors. The 4-H/FFA Leader will assign times to serve and the parent/guardian MUST serve their shift. Should there be an issue, the exhibitor will forfeit any earnings from the auction for that show year. Any extenuating circumstances must be immediately reported to the ZAE Board of Directors for a resolution.

Rule 6. Arrival of Livestock Entries at the ZAE Show Grounds

A. Exhibitors may set up their pens starting at 3pm on Wednesday, January 1, 2025.

B. All Exhibitors must have their animals inside the barn at the ZAE Show Grounds by 3:00pm Thursday, January 2, 2025. Any animal arriving after 3:00pm will be sifted. If need be, the division superintendents and/or ZAE Board of Directors will assign pens to Exhibitors upon arrival in order to accommodate livestock entries.

C. Once animals arrive on the ZAE Show Grounds, only light clipping and grooming will be allowed.

D. Exhibitors may start arrival at the ZAE Show Grounds at 7am on Thursday, January 2, 2025. The ZAE Board of Directors will set up an entry lane thru one of the roll-up doors located at the end of the barn. Upon arrival, animals will be checked for any ringworms, lice or other communicable parasites or diseases.

E. Animals may use the scales to weigh their animals any time prior to 2pm. At 2pm the scale will close and will be re-checked for accurateness prior to official weigh in that begins at 3:30pm.

Rule 7. Weighing Livestock Entries

A. An official weighing committee will weigh animals. A club manager, ZAE Junior Fair Superintendent and ZAE Board Member will make up the committee.

B. All market animals will be weighed by the official weigher. The weigh-in weight announced by the Official Weigher is final. **No reweighing will be allowed.** (*see specific livestock divisions for entry weight requirements*)

Rule 8. Sifting of Livestock Entries

A. An official sifting judge will be appointed by the ZAE Board of Directors. The sifting judge will have the sole responsibility of classing and sifting all show entries. The sifting judge will have the final authority to determine acceptable animal type. All sifting decisions made by the official sifting judge are final!

B. All market animals that do not meet the minimum weight requirements (*see specific livestock division requirements*) will be sifted.

C. All market animals that weigh more than the maximum weight requirements (*see specific livestock division requirements*) will be sifted.

D. All female animals eligible to show in market classes that are determined to be bred by the sifting judge will be sifted and not allowed to show. Bred females entered in market classes cannot re-classify to the breeding show.

E. Animals not sheared according to division rules at the time of the official weighing will be sifted.

F. All animals must be healthy and free from any signs of disease of any kind in the opinion of the sifting judge. Diseased, sick, or animals infested with external parasite of any kind will be sifted by the sifting judge.

G. All animals must be free of illegal drugs. Animals determined to be under the influence of any drugs by the sifting judge will be sifted. **Exception:** If an Exhibitor's animal project is injured or becomes ill while on the ZAE Show Grounds, such animal(s) may be administered medication ONLY by a licensed veterinarian, AgriLIFE Extension agent, or FFA teacher under the direction or by order of a licensed veterinarian. A copy of the prescription ordered by the veterinarian must be filed with the division superintendent. Any veterinary fees associated with this type of care an/or treatments are the responsibility of the Exhibitor.

H. Owners of sifted animals will be required to immediately remove their animals from the ZAE Show Grounds by 7:00pm after being released by the division superintendent on Thursday, January 2, 2025. **Sifted animals will not qualify for market or floor price and will NOT be sold at market or floor price through the ZAE. Sifted animal disposal is at the discretion of the Exhibitor.**

Rule 9. Judging Rules

A. The animal entries will be judged by an official livestock judge approved by the ZAE Board of Directors.

B. The number of livestock classes (light, medium, intermediate, heavy) in each livestock division will be determined and reduced, if needed, by the division superintendent after the official weigh-in and based upon the total number and weights of entries which qualify for competition in each of the livestock divisions.

C. Exhibitors are required to show their own animals unless prevented by illness, injury, UIL conflicts, or two animals in the same livestock class or religious beliefs.

a. Animals in the same livestock class – Exhibitors with two animals in the same livestock class may be required that another eligible 4-H or FFA member show one of the animals in that class. In such cases the Exhibitor must notify the division superintendent and provide the name of the substitute exhibitor prior to going into the show ring.

b. UIL conflicts – Exhibitors who have a conflict with a UIL approved event which will be taking place during the same date and time of the Zavala County Junior Fair show and sale may also request for another eligible 4-H or FFA member(s) to substitute them and show his or her animal project(s). Substitution of the Exhibitors for UIL purposes must also include a notice from the UIL sponsor, coach or director and such notice must be provided to the division superintendent in charge and such notice must indicate the type, date and time of the UIL event in conflict for approval.

c. Illness – If the Exhibitor is prevented from showing and selling an animal because of illness or injury, he or she must submit to the division superintendent in charge a written memo from a physician stating the inability of the Exhibitor to show and sell their animal project(s) at the Zavala County Junior Fair.

Exhibitors must provide the division superintendent with the name of the substitute exhibitor who will show and or sell the animal project. **SUBSTITUTE EXHIBITORS FOR THESE PURPOSES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST.**

D. Exhibitors will be LIMITED to show up to two (2) market animals, per species, at the Zavala County Junior Fair. **NO MORE THAN (2) ANIMALS OF THE SAME SPECIES WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE ZAE SHOW GROUNDS PER EXHIBITOR. Exhibitors that submit entries for the breeding show will be eligible to show in the breeding show ONLY. Animals shown in any breeding class will NOT be eligible to be transferred to any market class.**

E. No one but the Exhibitors, the show officials, the official judge, the superintendent and his/her assistants will be allowed in the judging ring. Physically challenged Exhibitors will be allowed assistance from another eligible 4-H or FFA member while in the show ring.

Rule 10. Showmanship Contest

A. All Exhibitors (except Substitute Exhibitors) will be eligible to compete in the showmanship contest for awards. The contest will be held directly after each species market show.

B. The showmanship contest will be judged by the show judge(s) and winners will be selected on the merits, skills and abilities of the Exhibitors as determined by the judge(s).

C. Exhibitors competing in the showmanship contest must participate with livestock projects owned by the Exhibitor. No substitutions of animals or Exhibitors will be allowed in the showmanship contest.

D. For purposes of the showmanship contest, a junior division will consist of Exhibitors ages 8-11, intermediate division will consist of Exhibitors ages 12-14, and senior division will consist of Exhibitors ages 15 and up, as of September 1st the

year preceding the Zavala County Junior Fair.

Rule 11. Sale Rules and Regulations

- A. Each Exhibitor is allowed to sell **ONE** animal or non-animal through the sale ring if such animal was shown by the Exhibitor and such animal was judged and placed by the official livestock show judge.

- B. Exhibitors may sell more than one animal/non-animal in the official sale if an Exhibitor shows both a Grand Champion and Reserve Champion of Show and/or more than one Grand or Reserve Champion in any species division in which case the qualifying Exhibitor is allowed to sell all Grand and Reserve Grand entries.

- C. Exhibitors should make sure the animal they wish to sell is listed properly on the sale list no later than 7:00pm Friday following the show to their division superintendent. Failure to do so will result in the Exhibitor not being allowed to sell.

- D. The price paid at the sale will be distributed to the respective selling Exhibitors. 10% commission fee will be retained by the ZAE for operating expenses.

Rule 12. Record Books

- A. All livestock Exhibitors must turn in his or her completed record book to their respective 4-H club manager, AgriLIFE Extension Agent or FFA Advisor no later than the time determined by the AgriLife Extension Agent or FFA Advisor. Failure to submit his/her record book at this time will result in the Exhibitor's not receiving his/her proceeds from the sale of their animal project(s).

- B. Exhibitors are required to write and prepare for mailing a thank you letter to all of their buyers, buckle donors and contributors of the Zavala County Junior Fair by the date posted by the Agricultural Extension Agent. Letters must be legible and be acceptable by the Extension Agent. Letters should be submitted with stamps, but left unopened so they can be reviewed prior to mailing. Failure to submit appropriate thank you letters will result in the holding of payment of all premium monies to the Exhibitor from the Zavala County Junior Fair.

Rule 13. Steer Division Rules

- A. Steers must have been officially validated to be eligible to show. (Rule 4)

- B. All steers must be halter broken to be eligible to show.

- C. Steers must weigh at least 1000 pounds at the time of the official weigh-in on Thursday. The maximum weight for steers will be 1450 pounds. Animals not meeting the weight requirements will be sifted and not eligible to show. There will be five (5) steer classes and three (3) weight divisions as indicated below:

Class I ... Light Weight Steers

Class II ... Medium Weight Steers

Class III ... Heavy Weight Steers

Class IV ... Grand Champion Steer of Show

Class V ... Reserve Champion Steer of Show

- D. The amount of eligible to sell is at the discretion of the board.

E. Steers must be free of horns.

F. All steers must be sheared completely down past the knees and hocks all the way to the hoofs.

G. Steers must be shown in the ring with a leather show halter and show stick. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

Rule 14. Lamb Division Rules

A. Lambs must have officially been entered and validated to be eligible to show.

B. The minimum weight at weigh-in will be 90 pounds with a maximum of 160 pounds. Animals not meeting the weight requirements will be sifted and not eligible to show.

C. Lambs will be classified into Southdown, Fine Wool, Fine Wool Crosses and Medium Wool Divisions by the official classifier at the time of weigh-in for competition.

D. There will be twenty-two (22) lamb classes in four (4) breed divisions.

Division I Southdown Lambs

Class I ... Light Weight

Class II ... Medium Weight

Class III ... Heavy Weight

Class IV ... Champion Southdown

Class V ... Reserve Champion Southdown

Division II Fine Wool Lambs

Class VI ... Light Weight

Class VII ... Medium Weight

Class VIII ... Heavy Weight

Class IX ... Champion Fine Wool

Class X ... Reserve Champion Fine Wool

Division III Fine Wool Cross Lambs

Class XI ... Light Weight

Class XII ... Medium Weight

Class XIII ... Heavy Weight

Class XIV ... Champion Fine Wool Cross

Class XV ... Reserve Champion Fine Wool Cross

Division IV Medium Wool Lambs

Class XVI ... Light Weight

Class XVII ... Medium Weight

Class XVIII ... Heavy Weight

Class XVIX ... Champion Medium Wool Lamb
Class XX ... Reserve Champion Medium Wool Lamb
Class XXI ... Grand Champion Lamb of Show
Class XXII ... Reserve Grand Champion Lamb of Show

- E. Wool: All lambs must be sheared slick down to the hocks and knees.
- F. Both wethers and ewe lambs are eligible to show in the market lamb division.
- G. The amount eligible to sell is at the discretion of the board.

Rule 15. Meat Goat Division Rules

- A. Goats must have officially been entered and validated to be eligible to show. (Rule 4)
- B. All goats must be either free of horns or goats with horns must be blunt tipped and no smaller than the diameter of a dime to prevent injury to the Exhibitor.
- C. Hair: Goats must be slick sheared down to the hocks and knees.
- D. Goats may show in the show ring with a collar (chain or strap) or a halter.
- E. Minimum weight for goats is 60 pounds and the maximum weight is 120 pounds at official weigh-in. Animals not meeting the weight requirements will be sifted and not eligible to show.
- F. Both does and wethers are eligible to show in the meat goat division.
- G. There will be seven (7) Meat Goat classes in five (5) weight divisions.

Class I ... Light Weight 60-71 pounds
Class II ... Light Intermediate Weight 72-83 pounds
Class III ... Medium Weight 84-95 pounds
Class IV ... Intermediate Weight 96-107 pounds
Class V ... Heavy Weight 108-120 pounds
Class VI ... Grand Champion of Show
Class VII ... Reserve Champion of Show

- H. The amount eligible to sell is at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Rule 16. Wether Doe Division Rules

- A. All goats with horns must be blunt tipped and no smaller than the diameter of a dime to prevent injury to the Exhibitor.
- C. Hair: Goats do not need to be slick shorn for the wether doe show.
- D. Goats may show in the show ring with a collar (chain or strap) or halter.

E. Minimum weight for goats is 50 pounds and there is no maximum. Animals not meeting the minimum weight requirement will be sifted and not eligible to show.

F. At the time of show, does must not possess more than their first set of yearling teeth. Animals not meeting the tooth rule will be sifted and not eligible to show.

F. There will be seven (7) Wether Doe classes in five (5) weight divisions. Depending on entries, the classes may be divided differently based on weight. There must be at least 2 entries to justify a weight division.

Class I ... Light Weight 60-71 pounds

Class II ... Light Intermediate Weight 72-83 pounds

Class III ... Medium Weight 84-95 pounds

Class IV ... Intermediate Weight 96-107 pounds

Class V ... Heavy Weight 108-120 pounds

Class VI ... Grand Champion of Show

Class VII ... Reserve Champion of Show

G. Each Exhibitor is allowed to show two (2) Wether Does in the show. The Wether Does shown may not be the same animal shown in the market class.

H. Wether Does will need to be tagged in at the scheduled ZAE Lamb and Goat validation with a different color tag.

H. Wether Does will not sale in the livestock sale on Saturday. Prizes awarded will be banners for class winners and buckles for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion of Show.

Rule 17. Swine Division Rules

A. Swine must have been officially entered and validated to be eligible to show. (Rule 4)

B. Minimum weight for swine is 200 pounds and the maximum weight is 280 pounds at official weigh-in. Animals not meeting the weight requirements will be sifted and not eligible to show.

C. There will be six (6) Swine classes in four (4) weight divisions.

Class I ... Light Weight 200-220 pounds

Class II ... Medium Weight 221-240 pounds

Class III ... Intermediate Weight 241-260 pounds

Class IV ... Heavy Weight 261-280 pounds

Class V ... Grand Champion of Show

Class VI ... Reserve Champion of Show

D. Hair: All market swine must not have hair longer than ½" on any part of the body upon arrival on show grounds.

E. Both gilts and barrows are eligible to show in the swine division.

F. Swine Exhibitors may use swine show tubs, bats, brushes or other show equipment approved by the swine division superintendent. Any swine exhibitor abusing such equipment to excessively hit the animals during the show will be asked to turn in such equipment and he or she will not be allowed to use such equipment during the duration of the show.

G. The amount eligible to sell is at the discretion of the board.

Rule 18. Poultry Division Rules

A. A minimum of twenty-five (25) chicks per exhibitor MUST be ordered. Additional chicks are to be purchased in lots of twenty-five (25) only.

B. An exhibitor may order a maximum of 100 chicks. The broiler chicks will be a straight-run commercial type. A box of chicks will be eligible for the show only.

C. Family orders/tagging will be allowed with each exhibitor being assigned a set of consecutively numbered chicks.

D. Delivery date will be announced by the AgriLife Extension Agent. Location, delivery date, and time will be confirmed via email to all exhibitors. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to verify and ensure all wing bands are accounted for within his/her order, any missing/replacement birds shall be taken care of prior to the exhibitor leaving the pick-up location.

E. The broilers presented to the Judge/Sifter will be the exhibitor's "Official Entry". No alternate at official check-in time.

F. Evidence of tampering with wing bands will not be tolerated.

G. Bruising due to wing bands will be disregarded. The judge's decision is final.

H. Broilers with missing wing bands will not be allowed to show.

I. Sick, diseased, or injured birds shall be refused entry into the arena at the judge's or superintendent's discretion.

J. All exhibitors are required to bring two (2) 1 lb. coffee cans (or alternately acceptable containers) for feed and water per entry to be allowed to check-in. NO EXCEPTIONS!

K. Exhibitor is allowed to bring two (2) people to help hold the broilers during the show if needed. Those helping are not allowed to have any chapter/club affiliated attire being worn in the show arena.

L. Only the top two (2) placing pens of broilers will be required to remain in coops throughout the duration of the Fair for display. All others are required to check out immediately following the Broiler Show.

M. All non-placing Broilers must be removed immediately from the Fairgrounds following the show.

N. The amount eligible to sell is at the discretion of the board.

Rule 19. Novice Rabbit

A. A rabbit show will be staged for exhibitors 4, 5, 6 and 7 years of age and not past the second grade in a public or private school in Zavala County. Home school children in Zavala County are eligible to participate. Exhibitors must be registered members of a 4-H Clover Club in Zavala County or of the La Pryor Jr. FFA Club to be eligible to participate.

- B. The show will be exhibition ONLY and rabbits will NOT be sold in the livestock sale.
- C. Exhibitors will show one (1) rabbit.
- D. Rabbits must be purchased, and Exhibitors registered with their designated group or club, by the time designated by the AgriLife Extension Agent to be eligible to show.
- E. Only domestic rabbit breeds will be allowed to show.
- F. Both does (females) and bucks (males) must be shown.

Rule 20. Non-Animal Project General Rules

- A. There will be a \$20 entry fee per exhibitor or family as defined in the livestock rules, unless the family has also entered livestock in which the non-animal project entry fee is waived.
- B. Contestants are responsible for their entries. Entries must be in the Quonset building by 10am on Thursday for non-food items and Friday for food items. All entries must be picked up after the auction on Saturday.
- D. All entries must be left in place until the pickup time. The committee will not be responsible for any item left past the 2pm pick up time.
- E. An official entry form must accompany each entry.
- F. All entries must be made, built, or constructed solely by the Exhibitor. Projects must be made during the period of January 2023 thru January 1, 2024.
- G. Journalism contest includes two age divisions:
Junior ... Ages 8-13
Senior ... Ages 14-19
- H. There will be three (3) age divisions in the foods, arts, crafts, clothing, and photography contest as listed below:
Junior ... Ages 8-13
Senior ... Ages 14-19
- I. See additional Rulebook for Non-Animal Projects