

Frio County Junior Livestock Show

Rules & Regulations 2023-2024

1. General

- A. Exhibitors: All exhibitors must be enrolled by November 1st and be paid members in good standing (*attend at least 3 meetings before the stock show and any other stipulations set forth by the individual organizations*) of the Dilley FFA, Pearsall FFA, or the Frio County 4-H Clubs. All exhibitors must be enrolled on a public, private, or home school program (3rd through 12th grade) or a current year December graduate. The exhibitor must be in good standing in the community and school. The exhibitor must not be subject to disciplinary action that resulted in expulsion during the 2023-2024 school year. The Frio County Jr. Livestock Show Board of Directors retains the authority to bar participation of any individual that the Board determines does not qualify due to the exhibitor's standing in the community, school, or organization.
- B. FFA and 4-H members must be in the 3rd grade on the enrollment registration date.
- C. Entry Forms: Entry forms and entry fee must be submitted in full at validation. An exhibitor may switch a livestock project if the validation deadline for the new livestock project is met. No Late entries permitted after validation.
- D. Entry Fees: Cattle \$25/hd, Swine \$25/hd, Sheep \$25/hd, Goats \$25/hd, Poultry \$25/pen, and Rabbits \$25/pen.
- E. An exhibitor will be ineligible for the Frio County Jr. Livestock Show if they exhibit an entry in another county show during the school year (excluding prospect or jackpot shows).
- F. An exhibitor will be ineligible for this show if caught using or in possession of narcotics or dangerous drugs with the exception of medicines prescribed for the use of a doctor.
- G. Exhibitors declared ineligible by their respective schools, in accordance with House Bill 72, Senate Bill 1 and local school rules will NOT be allowed to bring their animals and/or other project entries to the Frio County Show grounds in any way. **NO PASS, NO PLAY!** Exhibitors declared ineligible under this rule may not request a substitute exhibitor. CEA and AST advisors must notify the board President of any exhibitors that are ineligible.
- H. If an exhibitor is found to be in violation of any Frio County Jr. Livestock Show rule(s), he/she and their family may be forever barred from showing at the Frio County Jr. Livestock Show. Family is defined as his/her parents or guardians and his/her brothers and sisters.
- I. The showing of unethically fitted livestock is ineligible in the class entered is prohibited. Unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of any method altering the natural confirmation of any part of the animal's body. Animals showing in the opinion of the Sifting Judge/Classifier, signs of have been operated on or tampered with for the purpose of concealing faults in confirmation or with the intent to deceive relative to an animal's soundness, will be disqualified as a condition for the participation in the Frio County Jr. Livestock Show. Every exhibitor must agree to submit any animal so entered to be inspected by a veterinarian appointed by the Frio County Jr. Livestock Show

Board of Directors and agrees to have such animals submitted to test as may be designated and required. The conclusions reached by the veterinarian shall be final without recourse against the veterinarian, the Frio County Jr. Livestock Show, its directors, officers, *superintendents, or volunteers*.

- J. In response to increasing public awareness regarding drug residue in the food supply, it is the intent of the Frio County Jr. Livestock Show to ensure the safety and wholesomeness of the animals exhibited. Therefore, the Frio County Jr. Livestock Show reserves the right to have blood, urine, and other samples analyzed on any entry. If any animal is found to contain any drug that is prohibited, the exhibitor and whomever administered will be barred from any competition(s), both present and future. All awards and Premiums will be for forfeited.
- K. Exhibitors will get 3 calls for sift and Show. If they are not present with their exhibit, the exhibit will be disqualified.
- L. Only 2 entries per *species* may be unloaded on the show ground premises per exhibitor. Exception – One pen of Commercial Heifers.

2. Exceptions

- A. Any drug that is deemed necessary for the health of the animal; by a veterinarian with a Bona fide client/patient relationship, will be allowed. The use of drug under this exception must be reported to show directors. Withdrawal timer are to be adhered to, and any drug with an unknown withdrawal time period is prohibited from use.

3. Dress Code

- A. Exhibitors are required to wear a collared shirt that is tucked in and will remain tucked in during Sift, Show, & Sale. No Shorts or T-shirts will be allowed. Wearing any type of advertisement for alcohol, tobacco, or any other vice is prohibited. There will be NO hats or caps worn by exhibitors during sift, show, & sale. Exhibitor helpers are required to wear a collared shirt in the show ring. Not following the dress code will be grounds for disqualification.

4. Feeding and Fitting

- A. The feeding period will begin at the validation date(s). See attached validation schedule.
- B. Any steer, beef heifer, hog, lamb, poultry, rabbits, or goat not validated will be ineligible to show or sale. Advisors i.e., County Agent and Ag Science Teachers will set the validation dates. All validation problems must be taken care of before weigh in/sifting begins.
- C. No clipping on the show grounds beginning Thursday January 25, 2024, on any animal. Touch ups only allowed prior to the show.
- D. No animals can leave the show grounds after check-in, unless sifted, not eligible to sale. Chickens and Rabbits will be excused at the completion of their show and will bring back their placing animals for sale on Saturday. All State validated animals are allowed to leave showgrounds upon completion of their show. However, *an* animal must be brought back for the premium sale; those exhibitors must have animals back on grounds before noon Saturday in preparation for premium sale. All other animals

eligible for the premium sale will remain on the showgrounds until completion of the premium sale.

E. No animals can be housed in trailers at any time.

5. Livestock Entries

A. Cattle

1. Market Steers

Breeds

- a) All Exotic Cross
- b) American breeds - purebred or crossbred i.e., Beefmaster, Brahman, Brangus, Red Brangus, Santa Gertrudis, and *Simbrah*. All steers must show PREDOMINANT breed characteristics of one those breeds.
- c) British Breeds – must have a minimum of 3 head classified or will be moved to Exotics.

Weight Classes

- a) Minimum weight is 1,000 pounds.
- b) Superintendent will divide steers into competitive weight classes.
- c) Steers may be exhibited with hair. Blow & Go only. No adhesives allowed.

2. Beef Heifer

- a) Beef heifers may be exhibited if 3 or more head are validated. Beef heifers will be eligible for the premium sale. All animals must be under three years of age on the day of the show. Beef heifers over 30 months of age must have a calf at side, and heifers over 24 months of age must be bred. A palpation report from a veterinarian is required at check in/sift.
- b) Superintendent will divide heifers into competitive classes determined by age.
- c) Must present registration papers or a signed bill of sale at validation. Heifers not tattooed will be tagged with a FCJLS tag.
- d) Registration papers will be used to declare the breed of heifers, if animal does not have registration papers the heifer will be presented to sifters to declare the heifer's breed.
- e) All entries must be presented at validation with bill of sale and/or registration papers on an annual basis.

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B. Poultry

1. Each exhibitor must order a minimum of 25 birds.
2. Each exhibitor is allowed a maximum of 2 pens (3 birds per pen of the same sex).

3. All broilers will sift and show at the same time.
4. The exhibitor must arrive Wednesday January 24, 2024, at 9:00 am and meet with the poultry superintendent to declare the number of pens they intend to show.
5. The show begins on Wednesday January 24, 2024, at approximately 9:30 am. One class of pullets will sift and show followed by one class of cockerels.
6. Helpers must follow dress code (Rule 3a).
7. All broilers will be ordered by a show board appointee.

C. Sheep

1. Market lambs will be shown by weight classes.
2. Three or more head of any breed after weigh/class/sift will constitute a separate breed, as listed but not limited to:
 - a. *Medium wool, Fine wool, Fine wool cross, Southdown*
3. Weight Classes
 - a. Minimum weight is 90 pounds.
 - b. Superintendent will divide into weight classes in as nearly competitive as possible and so that all lambs of equal weight shall show in the same class.
4. All lambs must be slick shorn to the skin.
5. All Ewes must have scrapies tag at validation, weigh in, classification, show, and sale.

D. Swine

1. Market hogs may be barrows or gilts.
2. Weight classes
 - a. Minimum weight is 200 pounds, maximum weight 280 pounds.
 - b. Superintendent will divide hogs into competitive weight classes.
 - c. Swine will be shown by breed. Breeds are classified as Duroc, Hampshire, Light OPB, Dark OPB and Cross.

E. Rabbits

1. Exhibitors are allowed 2 pens of 3 fryer rabbits. A pen of Rabbits must weigh between 9 and 15 pounds. *Rabbits will be tattooed at validation.* Once each pen has been validated that pen cannot be mixed.
2. Exhibitors will weigh in rabbits as a pen. One alternate re-weigh will be allowed.
3. Rabbits must be free of pests, diseases, and be in show condition.
4. *Exhibitors must notify their advisor(s) of illegible tattoos immediately. Tattoos must be in place and legible at the time of sift, or rabbit is disqualified.*
5. Alternate rabbits will be marked with a red marker. If an alternate show up in the ring without the superintendent's knowledge the "pen" is disqualified. Injury or death of a rabbit is the only excuse for use of an alternate.
6. Alternate must be declared prior to weigh in.

F. Market Goats

1. Market goats (Wethers & Nannies that have never been bred may show).
2. All goats will be shown by weight *divisions.*
3. Weights: Minimum weight is 60 pounds; Maximum weight is 120 pounds.
4. Goats will be slick shorn except for the tail, and below the hocks.

5. Leads on collars, show halters, and choke chains will be allowed in the showing.
6. Horned goats must have their horns tipped and blunt prior to weigh/sift.
7. All female goats must have scrapies tag prior to validation, weigh, sift, and show.
8. A champion and reserve champion goat will be selected in both light and heavy weight **divisions**. An overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion goat will be selected from those two **divisions** (light & heavy).

6. Date of Show

A. This show will be held on January 24th through 27th 2024, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

7. Awards

A. Buckles and Ribbons: No buckles will be given in a division unless two or more entries are judged in that division. Ribbons will be awarded to entries up to 8th place in each class.

B. Grand and Reserve will be awarded if appropriate in the following categories: Steers, Beef Heifers, Rabbits, Lambs Goats, Hogs, Poultry.

C. Exhibitor with Grand Champion cannot compete for Reserve Grand Champion of the same Species/Division. If an exhibitor has breed and Reserve Division champion, the judge will be asked to pick a third-place animal to compete for the Overall Reserve Grand Champion.

D. Outstanding Exhibitor Award: This annual award is overseen by the Gulick Family and given to one male and one female graduating senior.

8. Entry Time

A. Entries are permitted ONE re-weigh (under or over) following its first weigh in, before the completion of the species weigh and sift.

B. Advisors, Directors, Committee Members, and Superintendents will be allowed to check projects in early.

9. Sifting

A. A sifting committee will sift and classify all beef and swine entries for finish, fitness, and handling. All other entries may be sifted/classified by a single sifter.

B. SIFTER'S DECISIONS ARE FINAL

C. All sifted animals shall be removed from the show grounds within one hour after all sifting is completed.

D. Sifters may reclassify any animal into its proper class.

E. Any animal showing secondary sex characteristics will be sifted. No stags in steers or lambs.

F. Any exhibitor or spectator not conducting themselves in a good and sportsman like will be sifted from the show and/or removed from the show grounds.

G. No sifter or judge should rule on an animal that they bred or sold.

H. All animals must be of show quality.

I. At weigh in and sift the exhibitor must designate to the superintendent what animal they will be showing.

10. *Judging & Show Order*

Wednesday 24, 2024:

- Poultry - Arrive 9:00 am; followed by show.
- Rabbits - **Arrive 10:00**; followed by show.
- Lambs/Goats/Cattle – Arrive **1:00-3:00pm**; followed by weigh, sift, and classify.

Thursday 25, 2024:

- Lambs – Show @ 9:00am
- Goats – Show to follow.
- Beef Heifers – Show to begin approx. 1:00pm
- Market Steers – Show to follow Heifers.
- Swine – Arrive **4:00-6:00pm**; followed by weigh/sift/classify.

Friday 26, 2024:

- Swine – Show @ **9:00am**
- Country Store – Check in nonfood items 9:00am-2:00pm

Saturday 27, 2024:

- Country Store - Check in food items 7:00am-8:30am
- Commercial Heifer Sale – Sale @ 10:00am
- Buyers Luncheon to follow.
- Country Store - 1:00pm
- Premium Sale to follow.

11. Showmanship Contest

- A. Showmanship contest will be held in cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, rabbits, and poultry species.
- B. All contestants will be given exhibitor numbers upon check-in.
 - 1. Junior Division: 3rd – 5th grades
 - 2. Intermediate Division: 6th – 8th grades
 - 3. Senior Division: 9th – and above grades
- C. Exhibitor must wear showmanship number in order to be eligible.
- D. Showmanship will be voluntary and judged after the regular animal competition. *Swine projects will be called back into the ring for showmanship.*

12. Ownership and Handling

- A. Each entry must be solely owned, cared for, exercised, trained, and in physical possession of the exhibitor. Exhibits must be kept at their home or family member's home or property. Any deviation of this policy must be approved by their advisor in writing.
- B. All cattle entries must be halter broke or they are disqualified. (Except Commercial Heifers) Any steer or heifer seen as a safety hazard will be disqualified from the show.
- C. All exhibits must be shown by the exhibitor during sifting, judging, and Sale unless the exhibitor has more than one animal in that class or in the case of emergency, (death in the family or sickness, UIL event (this does not include practice)). He or she may choose an eligible exhibitor show the exhibit. Superintendent must be notified and approve the change.
- D. All exhibitors shall be responsible for keeping their areas, pens, and animals clean. No decorations allowed in the pen/stall areas. *No stall cleanup will take place during the sale.*
- E. Exhibitors must own their own animals at the beginning of and throughout the feeding period beginning at county validation and must feed, care for, be fully responsible for and exhibit animals entered without aid of assistance during the period EXCEPT for County Extension Agents, Ag. Science Teacher, Superintendents, *Club Leaders, Official Volunteers*, FCJLS Directors or from other exhibitors and their family members or project leaders in the county. This responsibility may not be transferred or assigned to any other person or place.
- F. Contract fitting is grounds for disqualification.
- G. All projects are subject to random inspection visits by an FCJLS Board member accompanied by an Extension Agent or Ag Science Teacher at the address given on their entry form.

13. Premium Sale

- A. Exhibitors are limited to 2 entries in each of the animal divisions of the show. Only one entry will be allowed to sale at the premium ribbon sale.
- B. Exhibitors with 2 exhibits must notify the superintendent which ribbon they will sell (or not sell) within 15 minutes of their last project exhibit. If the exhibitor does not notify the superintendent, then the highest placing exhibit will be placed in the sale order.
- C. No exhibit will bring more than the *Reserve Grand Champion; however the Reserve Grand Champion cannot bring more than the Grand Champion.* If the Grand Champion is not sold, then no exhibit will bring more than the Reserve Grand Champion in each prospective division.
- D. Exhibits sold will be sold by ribbon placing.
- E. If the exhibitor is not with his/her project, and /or is not in compliance with the dress code, when he or she is called, then the project will be moved to the end of the sale and a 25% fine of the auction price will be assessed. Then if the exhibitor is not with his/her project, and/or is not in compliance with the dress code when he/she is called then the project will not sale.
- F. A rotating sale order by placing and the following order: Steers, Hogs, Lambs, Goats, Beef Heifers, Poultry, Rabbits.
- G. If the exhibit is not shown, then it will not be allowed to be sold in the premium sale.
- H. The FCJLS Board makes no guarantee that any or all exhibits will sell at a premium auction. The FCJLS Board does not guarantee that auction amounts will be fully collected or dispersed to the exhibitor.
- I. Only the top 8 class placings will make the Premium Ribbon sale.
- J. Please do not anticipate checks to be issued to exhibitors before May 15th.

14. Superintendents

- A. The FCJLS board will select superintendents for each division.
- B. Superintendents will be responsible for the weighing in, operation, and maintenance of their divisions and the enforcement of the rules.
- C. Superintendents have the right to remove any unruly animal from the show.
- D. Superintendents may not read the scale for his/her child's exhibit.

15. Commission, Fees, and Thank you Letters

- A. To help finance the show the FCJLS board of directors will make a deduction of 7% on ALL sales and add-on donations, including Country Store and Commercial Heifer Show.

B. To receive your check for projects sold at the FCJLS, you must write Thank You letters to each buyer and bring them to your Club Leaders(4H) or FFA Advisors. Handwritten letters are preferred, typed letters must be personalized. Form letters will not be accepted. Include a picture or interesting information about your project. Once the checks are ready you will receive your check.

16. Release

A. The FCJLS Board will not be responsible for providing a floor price and transportation for any show animal or country store. It will be the responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure the removal of their animals or projects immediately following the sale on *Saturday January 27, 2024*. THE FRIO COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW BOARD WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY PROJECT LEFT AFTER THE SALE.

B. Official protests must be submitted to the FCJLS Board in writing and accompanied by a \$300 refundable protest fee if upheld. All protests must be filed within one hour of the alleged infraction.

C. All exhibitors will be under the control and direction of the show management. The show, the FCJLS Board of Directors, Ag Science Teachers, County Extension Agents, Consumer Science Teachers, Family, Volunteers, and all other associated directly or indirectly with the FCJLS 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, 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 of any animal exhibited by him or her arising out of, of in any way connected with such exhibitors or any of the animals so exhibited.

D. The FCJLS Board or board members 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.

E. No pets will be allowed on the FCJLS show grounds; *only exception is the clover kid's parade.*

17. Rule Changes

A. No rule shall be changed after June 1st each year, with the exception of Commercial Heifers and Country Store which their rules can be amended no later than August 1st each year. All entries are subject to rule changes due to animal health regulations.

B. Commercial Heifer committee and Country Store committee rules must be submitted for review to the FCJLS Board by the regular scheduled May meeting which falls on the first Thursday of the month. Rule changes must be highlighted for the first year.

18. Class Breaks for animals – See attachment

In extreme weather conditions the roll up doors will remain closed during the Auction until sale is complete.

If you disagree with the rules outlined by the FCJLS, do not participate.