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Baytown Youth Fair and Livestock Association

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Schedule of Events

<i>March 2</i>	Infant/Toddler Pageant	10:30 am
	BYF Rodeo Queen & Princess	11:00 am
	Baytown Area Princess & Queen Open	11:30 am
	Pageants in Main Building	
<i>March 22</i>	BBQ Cookers move-in	
	Silent Auction items due at Main Building	
<i>March 23</i>	BBQ Cook-off Activities	
	Silent Auction - Main Building	
	BBQ Awards Presentation	6:00 pm
	Kick-off Dance	TBD
<i>April 1</i>	Check-in Indoor Exhibits	2:00 pm – 5:30 pm
	Check-in Market Rabbits	4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
	Judge Market Rabbits	5:30 pm
	Single Fryer Rabbit Show immediately following Market Rabbits	
	Judge Indoor Exhibits	6:00 pm
	Sift then Judge Broilers	7:00 pm
	Sift then Judge Turkeys immediately following Broilers	
	Check-in Market Steers, Market Swine, Market Goats and Market Lambs	4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
	Raffle Tickets Due in office before	8:00 pm
	Weight Cards for all market animals are due in office before	8:00 pm
<i>April 2</i>	Judge Market Goat	6:00 pm
	Goat Showmanship	
	Judge Market Lamb immediately following Goats	
	Lamb Showmanship	
	Scramble Essays due	6:00 pm

<i>April 3</i>	Ag-Mechanics Check-in Judging Ag-Mechanics Judge Market Swine Swine Showmanship	8:00 am – 10:00 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm
<i>April 4</i>	Judge Market Steers Steer Showmanship Special Unified Lamb/Goat Showmanship Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting	5:00 pm 8:00 pm
<i>April 5</i>	Livestock Judging Contest Buyers Reception Award and Scholarship Ceremony Live Auction	9:00 am 5:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:00 pm
<i>April 6</i>	Livestock Release Mandatory “Clean-up” for all Exhibitors Thank You Cards Writing Clinic immediately following clean-up	10:00 – 11:00 am 12:00 pm
	Youth Rodeo Calf Scramble	TBD

General Rules and Regulations

Eligibility

1. Eligibility will be determined per GCCISD guidelines. No pass, No play. This includes the exhibitor as well as their projects. The exhibitor must be a current member of a GCCISD FFA, Cedar Bayou 4-H, or Highlands 4-H and live in or attend school within the boundaries of GCCISD. Eligibility for Indoor Exhibits and Ag Mech can be found on the individual rule pages.
2. Substitute: A substitute exhibitor may be used, at the sole discretion of the BYF Board, under the following conditions:
 - A. When an exhibitor is participating in a UIL event as a representative of their school, as certified by a letter from the principal or UIL event sponsor (i.e., director, coach, etc.) or
 - B. When an exhibitor is sick or injured (must be accompanied by a signed statement from a medical doctor). If a positive decision is rendered, the substitute must be from the same club or chapter as the original exhibitor if such a member is present. The substitute must meet all the requirements like any other exhibitor.
3. **Each Exhibitor is required to email a copy of their eligibility form to baytownyouthfair@gmail.com no later than Friday, March 22, 2024.**

Entry Requirements

1. **All entries will be entered and paid for online at baytown.fairwire.com. Payment can be made either online at time of registration or in person, with exact cash only, at tag-in. Please read all instructions regarding your entries. Entries for each species and orders for turkeys and broilers are due by the following:**
 - **Turkey Entries and Orders due by October 21 by 11:59 pm**
 - **Steer Entries, Broiler Entries and Orders due by January 6 by 11:59 pm**
 - **Lamb, Goat, Swine, Indoor Exhibits, and Ag Mech Entries due by February 3 by 11:59 pm**
 - **Rabbit Entries due by February 24 by 11:59 pm****Validation and entry guidelines and times are listed on each division rule page.**
2. All entries must be approved by his/her VAT or 4-H manager. Any VAT or 4-H manager falsifying an entry will be prohibited from certifying entries for a period of two (2) years.
3. BYF entries must be completed, and a minor release signed by a parent or legal guardian.
4. All exhibits can be tagged as family, including alternates. Only one alternate will be allowed per exhibitor. During tag-in, a photograph may be taken of each animal and tag to be used for a visual comparison by Directors for identification purposes. Each exhibitor must own a project at tag-in.
5. If an animal, excluding poultry and rabbits, dies within seven days after tag-in, the exhibitor may tag a replacement if an alternate has not been designated. The appropriate Chairman must be notified immediately, and the replacement animal must be tagged within seven days after notification. There will be no other replacements allowed.

Exhibitor Responsibility

1. All entries should be free of disease and are subject to veterinarian and/ or Livestock Chairman Inspection at any time after tag-in. Proper location of the project to be provided at time of tag-in.
2. Market livestock must be owned, cared for, and fed by exhibitor within the boundaries of GCCISD, unless prior approval is given by the Board of Directors.
3. Areas must always be kept clean and are subject to inspection.
4. Exhibitor names and projects must always be displayed in their assigned area.
5. Each exhibitor is required to clean up their barn area and must have a signed release from a Chairman or BYF Board member. Any exhibitor not participating in the mandatory clean-up will be assessed a \$50.00 clean up fee per day if you do not sign in and out. This fee will be deducted from any monies due to the exhibitor or must be paid prior to upcoming year tag-in. In the case the exhibitor cannot attend the mandatory clean-up, a parent/guardian/family member, 1 per exhibitor, may represent the exhibitor during clean-up.
6. All exhibitors or an immediate family member must attend a mandatory meeting in the main building on Thursday night at 8:00 pm
7. All "Thank-you" notes for awards must be handwritten by the exhibitor and turned in to the Office by 8:00 pm on Thursday April 4th.
8. **An individual's conduct as an exhibitor, show official, parent/guardian or CEA/AST should be exemplary during the show. Violators are subject to disqualification, forfeiture of eligibility to exhibit projects in show or sale, and/or removal from the grounds. All penalties are subject to the BYF Board. Violations include but are not limited to:**
 - a. Rule violation
 - b. Altering, tampering, or substituting tags or bands
 - c. Disruptive or improper conduct in accordance with the GCCISD student code of conduct
 - d. Public display of profanity
 - e. Inappropriate social media posts that may (or be perceived to) negatively impact the reputation of the BYF, show officials, exhibitors, parents, sponsors, or patrons**If disqualified for any reason, exhibitor will forfeit any, and all monies received from projects, including scholarships. This rule also applies in the case that anyone violates a rule on the exhibitors' behalf. All money forfeited will become property of BYF and will be put in the scholarship fund.**
9. All Grand and Reserve Champions, plus one random are subject to drug testing. Should an animal test positive, the animal and exhibitor will be disqualified (see Rule #8). In addition, the animal will be retained as property of BYF.
10. Ear tags must always be in place. Any loss of tag should be immediately reported to your Chairman and a BYF Board Member. If an animal needs to be re-tagged and that animal is not boarded at exhibitors' house, then the Livestock Chairman or his designated representative may re-tag that animal without the exhibitor or exhibitor's parent or guardian being present.
11. The only tag allowed in livestock upon check-in is a Baytown Youth Fair tag. All others must be removed. After Major Show the exhibitor must contact Committee Chairman to retag.
12. All market animals not making the Live Auction will be placed on the "Under the Barn" list. In the event you do not wish to sell your animal, you must notify the main office immediately following the Mandatory Meeting, approximately 10:00 pm. Once the animal is removed from the list, changes cannot be made. "For Sale" signs and soliciting buyers is prohibited until the live auction is complete.
13. If an animal is purchased off the Under the Barn list, no one is allowed to contact the buyer for the purpose of exchanging, returning, or buying back the livestock.
14. All livestock, including rabbits and poultry, must be fed, and cared for by exhibitors while on the fairgrounds.
15. BYF reserves the right to clearly mark all animals following judging.
16. **Each exhibitor will be required to sell a minimum of 1 raffle ticket book or buy out at face value. All raffle tickets must be turned in by Monday, April 1st, by 8:00 pm. If the raffle ticket books are not turned in with money, the cost of the book(s) will be deducted from any monies due to exhibitor or must be paid prior to upcoming year tag-in.**

Restrictions

1. "No Alcohol" allowed in the Livestock Barns or show areas except for Friday evening during the Live Auction and Saturday during the Live Concert. There will be absolutely no alcohol consumption by minors at any time.
2. "No Firearms" allowed on the fairgrounds at any time.
3. Market animals, indoor exhibits, or ag-mechanic projects may not be removed from the fairgrounds without a signed release from a Chairman or BYF Board Member. Any exhibitor removing a market animal or other exhibit before release time without prior approval will be barred from exhibiting any projects the following year.
Release time is 10:00 am – 11:00 am on Saturday April 6, 2024. If the project is not removed by that point, it becomes property of the BYF and disposed of as the fair deems necessary.
4. **Livestock fans must be placed at least six feet from the ground.** Fans on stands will not be allowed.
5. Only sand and shavings will be allowed as bedding.
6. **No animals allowed on the grounds before the move-in day, Monday April 1 at 10:00 am. Tack will be allowed on the Sunday before move-in day, after 3:00 pm. BYF will not be responsible for any tack brought in on Sunday. Steer, Lamb/Goat and Swine Chairmen will assign pens/stalls for each club/chapter. Areas will be rotated each year.**
7. **After check-in, no animals are allowed to leave the covered arena except for steers which are allowed to go to the steer tie area and steer scale. If any animal needs to leave the covered arena for any reason the exhibitor must have the approval from 2 BYF board members.**
8. No pets allowed at the fairgrounds during the fair unless the animal is a service animal. The animal must have a service animal vest on.
9. The BYF Board can remove any exhibit or animal they deem unsuitable or objectionable, without furnishing reasons for the actions. Entry fees already paid may be returned to the exhibitor at the discretion of the BYF Board. The decision of the BYF Board is final and the exhibitor has no recourse.
10. It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to provide proper and humane care and treatment for animals. The BYF Board reserves the right to disqualify and remove any exhibitor deemed to be in violation of this basic principle of animal husbandry in accordance with Section 42.09 as defined in the TX Health and Safety code.
11. To foster fair competition, to provide a level playing field and to protect the safety of food, the showing of unethically fitted livestock, livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered, and/or animals being administered unapproved drugs is strictly prohibited. Additionally, any animal that has been administered a drug that is not FDA approved for its species is subject to disqualification if that animal tests positive for that drug upon arrival at BYF. Any issues beyond any normal needs of an animal will need to be approved by BYF Board. No needles except by a licensed veterinarian accompanied by 2 BYF Board members.

Rule Changes

1. All permanent rule changes must be presented to the BYF Board of Directors prior to the 2nd Monday in July by 11:59 pm. The request will be presented to the Board of Directors for approval prior to August 1.

Protest

1. Any rule violation protest must be submitted in writing, signed and hand delivered to the President and/or Board of Directors Member and accompanied with a fee of \$100.00. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be refunded. The Baytown Youth Fair Board of Directors has the final and absolute right to interpret all rules and regulations in this book and arbitrarily settle all matters.

Showmanship Rules

Cattle

1. All General Rules apply.
2. Ages groups:
 - Junior..... 3rd Grade – 5th Grade
 - Intermediate..... 6th Grade – 8th Grade
 - Senior..... 9th Grade – 12th Grade
3. *Exhibitor must show the same livestock for the showmanship show that they showed during the actual show.*

Grade determination for showmanship as of August 14, 2023.

Swine, Lambs, and Goats

1. All General Rules apply.
2. Ages groups:
 - Peewee..... 2nd Grade and under
 - Junior..... 3rd Grade – 5th Grade
 - Intermediate..... 6th Grade – 8th Grade
 - Senior..... 9th Grade – 12th Grade
3. *Exhibitor must show the same livestock for the showmanship show that they showed during the actual show, excluding Pee-wee.*

Grade determination for showmanship as of August 14, 2023.

Auction Sale Rules

1. All General Rules apply.
2. Items eligible for auction will consist of the following **(to include Grand and Reserve):**
 - Indoor Exhibits **8**
 - Ag-Mechanics **6**

As of show day, 50% of all market livestock, but not to exceed the following caps:

	Minimum	Maximum		Minimum	Maximum
Steers	10	15	Lambs	10	15
Swine	20	25	Turkeys	7	10
Goats	10	15	Rabbits	10	15
Broilers	7	10			

Note: The number of market livestock sold depends on the animals meeting the requirements of the judge.

3. All eligible entries making the live auction must sell and all sales are final.
4. During the auction biographies of exhibitors will only be allowed for each Grand Champion and Reserve Champion and seniors on the 1st (First) Sale lot only, using the form provided by the Baytown Youth Fair at the mandatory meeting.
5. The price of the Grand Champion less \$5.00 will set the maximum cap for the Reserve Champion. The price of the Reserve Champion less \$5.00 will set the maximum price on the remaining lots. **This applies to each species, indoor exhibit, and agricultural mechanics project.**
6. **A commission of 8% per auction item will be deducted. This includes all add on monies and “Under the Barn” items.**
7. No one will be allowed to approach a prospective buyer prior to, or after the auction for the purpose of exchanging, returning, or buying back an item purchased from the auction. This applies to the Live Auction and Under the Barn items.
8. Market rabbits, poultry, indoor exhibits, and ag-mechanics projects must be delivered to the buyer within 20 days. A signed release from the buyer must be delivered to the mailbox outside of the gate at the fairgrounds within 20 days **from the end of the Fair.** (April 27, 2024)
9. Rabbit and poultry exhibitors will be responsible for processing their animals. Poultry must be delivered to the buyer whole, with “skin on”.
10. All Livestock is the responsibility of the exhibitor until the final day of the Fair.
11. **Exhibitors of cattle, swine, lambs, and goats are responsible for removing tack by 11:00 am on Saturday April 6th.**
12. All resale proceeds will benefit the Baytown Youth Fair Association.
13. All exhibitors are required to do a handwritten “Thank You” note to auction, “Under the Barn”, and add-on buyers, and for any awards received. **A “Thank You” note is required for each buyer per project.** “Thank You” notes are to be placed into a stamped, properly addressed envelope to the buyer with the **exhibitor’s name, P.O. Box 621, Baytown, TX 77522 in the return address.** They must be turned in to the mailbox outside of the gate at the fairgrounds **by Saturday April 13, 2024.** DO NOT SEAL THE ENVELOPE. Failure to comply will result in a penalty of \$5.00 per day per Thank you note until received. NO EXCEPTIONS.
14. Association checks will not be issued until all auction monies are collected. Checks will be payable to the exhibitor’s name entered at registration.
15. **Any exhibitor not in line and ready to enter the sale ring at their scheduled time (except for back-to-back exhibits) will be passed. The exhibitor will be allowed to sell their animal after the conclusion of the Live Auction and the Resale.**
16. **Silent Auction and Ag Mechanics exhibitors must be present during the auction.**

BYF Jr. Princess, Princess, Jr. Queen, and Queen Pageant Rules

Entry Requirements

1. All General Rules apply.
2. Groups are determined as of **August 14, 2023**.
Groups and fees are as follows:
Jr. Princess – 5yrs (not in school), Pre-K – 2nd Grade
Princess – 3rd Grade – 5th Grade
Jr. Queen – 6th Grade – 8th Grade
Queen – 9th Grade – 12th Grade
Winners may not compete for the upcoming year, unless they are moving up in age groups.
3. Entry Fee is \$25.00 for all age groups and \$5 for each option. Please make checks payable to Baytown Youth Fair Association.
4. **Entry forms must be completed and returned to the Pageant Chairman no later than Friday night before the pageant, 6:30 pm**. Entry forms are available at www.baytownyouthfair.com.

Entry fees are non-refundable.

Requirements

1. Attire must be “Western Style” clothing (Pants/Jeans, button up or pearl snap shirts, belt, boots) and a hat (optional but recommended because of crowning). No Glitz. If not in this attire, you will receive a 0 for your attire score.
2. **Contestants must be at the Fairgrounds no later than 10:30 am on the day of the pageant.**
3. Contestants will be judged on Saturday, **March 2, 2024 at 11:00 am** in the Main Building at the Baytown Youth Fairgrounds at 7900 North Main Street.
4. Each contestant will walk the runway, turn, and walk to the emcee for an interview; the Jr. Queen and Queen will be asked a random question. They will be judged on Poise, Personality, and Apparel. All judges’ decisions are final.
5. Contestants must reside in or attend a Goose Creek CISD school. Queen contestants cannot be or ever have been married.
6. There will be a Winner and Runner Up for the Most Photogenic category. (One picture only – No Glitz or touch up photographs). Write the name and age of the child on the back of a 5x7 colored or black and white photo. Also, if you win your age group you CANNOT win Most Photogenic.
7. **THERE WILL BE A MANDATORY MEETING AT 6:30 PM ON FRIDAY NIGHT BEFORE THE PAGEANT.**
8. Winners must be available for the following:
 - A. Any publicity promoting BYF
 - B. Baytown Christmas Parade
 - C. Crown the **2025** winner.

Judges will be given a copy of these rules. All judges’ decisions are final.

Any questions please feel free to contact the Pageant Chairman, Linda Gwaltney, at 281-468-8593.

Infant/Toddler Pageant Rules

Age Groups:

Age is determined as of March 1, 2024.

0 - 12 Months: Baby Miss

13 - 24 Months: Wee Miss

0 - 24 Months: Wee Mister

25 Months - 36 Months: Toddler Miss

37 Months - 4 years (Not in School): Little Miss

25 Months – 4 years (Not in School): Little Mister

Rules

1. The Entry fee is \$25.00 for all age groups and \$5 for the optional category. Send your registration fee in with the entry form. Please make checks payable to Baytown Youth Fair Association.
2. **Entry forms must be completed and returned to the Pageant Chairman no later than Friday night before the pageant, 6:30 pm.** Entry forms are available at www.baytownyouthfair.com.

Entry Fees are non-refundable.

3. NO REGISTRATION THE DAY OF THE PAGEANT!!
4. **Contestants will be judged on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 10:30 am in the Main Building at the Baytown Youth Fairgrounds at 7900 North Main Street.**
5. Theme/Attire is Western Wear or Sunday Best. Absolutely no glitz.
6. **NO MAKEUP.** Let's keep it as natural as we can.
7. **Contestants should arrive no later than 10:00 am.**
8. Contestants of each age group will be judged on personality, overall stage presence and appearance/attire. All judges' decisions are FINAL!
9. There will be a Winner and Runner Up for the Most Photogenic category. (One picture only – No Glitz or touch up photographs). Write the name and age of the child on the back of a 5x7 colored or black and white photo. Also, if you win your age group you CANNOT win Most Photogenic.
10. **THERE WILL BE A MANDATORY MEETING AT 6:30 PM ON FRIDAY NIGHT BEFORE THE PAGEANT.**

Judges will be given a copy of these rules. All judges' decisions are final.

Any questions please feel free to contact the Pageant Chairman, Linda Gwaltney, at 281-468-8593.

Baytown Area Princess and Queen **Open Pageant Rules**

Entry Requirements

1. All General Rules apply.
2. Groups are determined as of **August 14, 2023.**
Groups and fees are as follows:
 Jr. Princess – 5yrs (not in school), Pre-K – 2nd Grade
 Princess – 3rd Grade – 5th Grade
 Jr. Queen – 6th Grade – 8th Grade
 Queen – 9th Grade – 12th Grade
Winners may not compete for the upcoming year, unless they are moving up in age groups.
3. Entry Fee is \$25.00 for all age groups and \$5 for each option. Please make checks payable to Baytown Youth Fair Association.
4. **Entry forms must be completed and returned to the Pageant Chairman no later than Friday night before the pageant, 6:30 pm.** Entry forms are available at www.baytownyouthfair.com.

Entry fees are non-refundable.

Requirements

1. Attire must be “Western Style” clothing (Pants/Jeans, button up or pearl snap shirts, belt, boots) and a hat (optional but recommended because of crowning). No Glitz. If not in this attire, you will receive a 0 for your attire score.
2. **Contestants must be at the Fairgrounds no later than 11:00 am on the day of pageant.**
3. **Contestants will be judged on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 11:30 am or immediately following the BYF Queen Pageant in the Main Building at the Baytown Youth Fairgrounds at 7900 North Main Street.**
4. There will be a Winner and Runner Up for the Most Photogenic category. (One picture only – No Glitz or touch up photographs). Write the name and age of the child on the back of a 5x7 colored or black and white photo. Also, if you win your age group you CANNOT win Most Photogenic.
5. The open show is open to anyone living in the Baytown area not residing or attending a GCCISD school. Queen contestants cannot be or ever have been married.
6. **THERE WILL BE A MANDATORY MEETING AT 6:30 PM ON FRIDAY NIGHT BEFORE THE PAGEANT.**

Judges will be given a copy of these rules. All judges’ decisions are final.

Any questions please feel free to contact the Pageant Chairman, Linda Gwaltney, at 281-468-8593.

Scramble Rules

Eligibility

1. All General and Auction Rules apply.
2. All participants must complete an application through a qualifying organization.
3. Applications for large animal scramble will be due during the steer tag-in, January 7th from 12:00 – 1:00 pm for only the animals that are housed at the Ag Barn and from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm for all others at BYF fairgrounds.
4. Application for small animal scramble will be due during the small animal tag-in, February 4th from 12:00 – 1:00 pm for only the animals that are housed at the Ag Barn and from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm for all others at BYF fairgrounds.
5. Participants are only allowed to scramble for one species.
6. All participants must have a minor's release signed by a parent or legal guardian prior to scrambling. **A notary will be available onsite at check in, in which a parent must be present for the notary.**
7. Applicant must scramble for his/her own project.

Voucher Distribution

1. Distributions will be determined by the Scramble Chairman with final approval by the Board of Directors.
2. A thank you card will be filled out when the scramble voucher is awarded.
3. Vouchers will be distributed at the mandatory meeting Thursday of the Fair, if all scramble requirements are met, in the following amounts:
Steers..... \$500.00
Lambs, Goats, & Swine..... \$300.00
3. Only one voucher will be awarded per individual.
4. Additional funding for the project purchased is the responsibility of the exhibitor.

Requirements

1. Individuals must keep a set of records to be included in their monthly progress reports. A one-page handwritten essay with a typed copy will be due by 6:00 pm on Tuesday, April 2nd. **Awards will be given for the best Junior, Intermediate and Senior Division.**
2. Progress reports must be completed and received by the appropriate persons by the last day of each month following tag-in. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to make sure the progress reports are mailed, emailed, or hand delivered to their Scramble Sponsor. **The reports must also be emailed to the Scramble Chairman at byfscramble@gmail.com and to your VAT (Vocational Agricultural Teacher) or 4-H leader by the last day of each month following tag-in.**
Steers: January 31st, February 29th, March 31st
Small Animals: February 29th, March 31st
3. Livestock must comply with each species rules and be exhibited by scramble recipient.
4. Livestock must be shown at the upcoming Baytown Youth Fair.
5. Participants will scramble for small animals (pig, lamb, or goat) and large animals (steer) during the Youth Rodeo on TBD.

If Scramble Requirements are not met, the Recipient must forfeit all scramble monies awarded. Recipients will be ineligible to scramble the following year for any species.

Exception: If a livestock exhibit dies of illness and the exhibitor has earnestly sought the services of a certifiable CEA, VAT, or veterinarian in a timely manner, this will be deemed an act of God and monies will not be forfeited.

Arena Rules

1. Participants and livestock will be placed at opposite ends of the arena. Livestock will then be released.
2. Participants will be furnished with a rope halter prior to the event. Each participant will attempt to catch and halter an animal. Once haltered, the participant must lead the animal across the finish line without assistance.
3. Participants must catch the animal on their own. If a participant has an animal down, no other participant will be allowed the animal unless it breaks free.
4. Reasonable time will be given for a participant catching a tail. If unable to halter, the referee may ask for the animal to be released.
5. If two or more catch an animal, the animal will be released.
6. Undue roughness or poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated. Participant will be disqualified.
7. Referees will be at least four individuals selected by the Scramble Chairman, which may include committee members.
8. Participants will be divided by:
 - Juniors: 3rd Grade – 5th Grade**
 - Intermediate: 6th Grade - 8th Grade**
 - Seniors: 9th Grade – 12th Grade**

Market Steer Rules

(Show: Thursday, April 4th)

Entry Requirements

1. All General and Auction Rules apply.
2. All cattle entries must be made online at baytown.fairwire.com by January 6th by 11:59 pm.
3. All cattle must be tagged in on Sunday, January 7th from 12:00 – 1:00 pm for only the animals that are housed at the Ag Barn and from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm for all others at BYF fairgrounds. This marks the start of the feeding period.
4. **The Exhibitor must be present at tag in unless they meet an exception that is listed in Eligibility rule 2 under General Rules and Regulations.**
5. **Entry fee is \$30.00 per head.**
6. Cattle must be de-horned and castrated before tag-in and at show time.
7. Calves must be dry lot fed.

Show Requirements

1. Steers must be halter broken.
2. All steer exhibitors must walk their steer unassisted into the show ring. No parent, FFA/4-H teacher or leader can enter the show ring.
3. **Each Exhibitor is responsible for having their animals weighed and checked in from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm on Monday April 1st. There will be 2 Board members present for weight confirmation or official weight.**
4. Steers must be a minimum weight of 1000 lbs.
5. Steers will show on Thursday, April 4th at 5:00 pm
6. Steers must be clipped to ¼" of body hair, except for the tail switch. Length will be checked at check in, and any violation will be given one hour to correct.

Restrictions

1. Stomach pumping, drenching tubes, or any other method (by esophagus) is not permitted.

Permitted

1. Drench guns are allowed.
2. Calf Calm or equivalent is approved for use.

Market Lamb Rules

(Show: Tuesday, April 2nd)

Entry Requirements

1. All General and Auction Rules apply.
2. All lamb entries must be made online at baytown.fairwire.com by February 3rd by 11:59 pm.
3. Tag-in will be Sunday, February 4th from 12:00 – 1:00 pm for only the animals that are housed at the Ag Barn and from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm for all others at BYF fairgrounds.
4. **The Exhibitor must be present at tag in unless they meet an exception that is listed in Eligibility rule 2 under General Rules and Regulations.**
5. **Entry Fee will be \$30.00 per head.**
6. Market lambs must be unbred ewes or wethers.
7. Male lambs must be castrated before tag-in.

Show Requirements

1. **Each Exhibitor is responsible for having their animals weighed and checked in from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm on Monday April 1st. There will be 2 Board members present for weight confirmation or official weight.**
2. Lambs must weigh a minimum of 90 lbs.
3. Lambs must be slick shorn with no more than seven days growth.

Market Goat Rules

(Show: Tuesday, April 2nd)

Entry Requirements

1. All General and Auction Rules apply.
2. All goat entries must be made online at baytown.fairwire.com by February 3rd by 11:59 pm.
3. Tag-in will be Sunday, February 4th from 12:00 – 1:00 pm at the school ag barn for only the animals that are housed at the school barn and from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm for all others.
4. **The Exhibitor must be present at tag in unless they meet an exception that is listed in Eligibility rule 2 under General Rules and Regulations.**
5. **Entry Fee will be \$30.00 per head.**
6. Market goats may be un-bred does or wethers.
7. Male goats must be castrated before tag-in.

Show Requirements

1. **Each Exhibitor is responsible for having their animals weighed and checked in from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm on Monday April 1st. There will be 2 Board members present for weight confirmation or official weight.**
2. Goats must weigh a minimum of 50 lbs.
3. Goats can be shown with hair or slick shorn.
4. Horns must be tipped or dehorned.
5. Exhibitor must be able to control goat unassisted. Collars are suggested.

Market Swine Rules

(Show: Wednesday, April 3rd)

Entry Requirements

1. All General and Auction Rules apply.
2. All swine entries must be made online at baytown.fairwire.com by February 3rd by 11:59 pm.
3. Tag-in will be Sunday, February 4th from 12:00 – 1:00 pm for only the animals that are housed at the Ag Barn and from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm for all others at BYF fairgrounds.
4. **The Exhibitor must be present at tag in unless they meet an exception that is listed in Eligibility rule 2 under General Rules and Regulations.**
5. **Entry fee of \$30.00 per head.**
6. Market swine must be either barrows or unbred gilts.
7. Male swine must be castrated before tag-in.

Show Requirements

1. **Each Exhibitor is responsible for having their animals weighed and checked in from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm on Monday April 1st. There will be 2 Board members present for weight confirmation or official weight.**
2. **Swine must weigh between 210 lbs. and 290 lbs.**

Restrictions

1. Carpet will be allowed on show day only and must be removed after the show.
2. Paint, powder, paste or oil will not be allowed on animals on show day.

Market Rabbit Rules

(Show: Monday, April 1st)

Entry Requirements

1. All BYF General and Auction rules apply.
2. All rabbit entries must be made online at baytown.fairwire.com by February 24th by 11:59 pm
3. **The Exhibitor must be present at tag in unless they meet an exception that is listed in Eligibility rule 2 under General Rules and Regulations.**
4. **Entry Fee of \$30.00 per pen.**
5. Rabbits will be tattooed on Sunday, February 25th at the BYF Fairgrounds from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Show Requirements

1. All rabbits must be checked in from 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm on Monday, April 1st.
2. Meat pens will consist of three (3) rabbits of either sex, and not exceeding five and a half (5.5) lbs. or less than three and a half (3.5) lbs. each. One alternate is allowed per exhibitor.
3. All rabbits in the pen shall be of the same breed, recognized by the ARBA and not over 75 days old.
4. Exhibitors must own the doe at the time the litter is kindled or may purchase meat pen rabbits. There will be no maximum number of rabbits an exhibitor can tattoo.
5. Meat pens will be weighed at the time of arrival.
6. Meat pens not sifted will be caged. All others will be released at the conclusion of the show.
7. All rabbits must be permanently tattooed in the right ear with a BYF tattoo, on Sunday, February 25th from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm at the BYF Fairgrounds; all tattoos must be permanent and legible.
8. Exhibitor will be responsible for feeding and watering their own pen of rabbits. Exhibitor must provide their own feed, feeding bowl, and watering bowl/bottle.
9. Rabbits will be placed on the Judging Table and placed in the Placing Pens by the exhibitor. If the exhibitor is excused by the BYF Board of Directors per the substitute exhibitor rule criteria, then the Rabbit Committee will be the only authorized handler. (ex. Placing or removing from the judging table).

Restrictions

1. No rabbit will be accepted with an ear canker or cold.

Single Fryer Rabbit Rules

(Show: Monday, April 1st)

Following the conclusion of the meat pen show

Entry Requirements

1. All BYF General and Auction rules apply.
2. All single fryer rabbit entries must be made online at baytown.fairwire.com by February 24th by 11:59 pm
3. Entry Fee of \$10.00 for fryer rabbit.
4. Rabbits will be tattooed on Sunday, February 25th at the BYF Fairgrounds from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Show Requirements

1. All rabbits must be checked in from 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm on Monday, April 1st.
2. Fryer rabbit, of either sex, are not to exceed five and a half (5.5) lbs. or less than three and a half (3.5) lbs.
3. Rabbits shall be recognized by the ARBA and not over 75 days old.
4. Exhibitors may own the doe at the time the litter is kindled or may purchase meat pen rabbits. There will be no maximum number of rabbits an exhibitor can tattoo.
5. Fryer rabbit will be weighed at the meat pen sift and the exhibitor must indicate the ear tag number of their single fryer.
6. The single fryer must be one of the exhibitor's rabbits tagged in on April 1st for the meat pen competition, but they may or may not be one of their rabbits used in the meat pen competition.
7. All rabbits must be permanently tattooed in the left ear by exhibitor and the right ear with a BYF tattoo, on Sunday, February 25th from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm at the BYF Fairgrounds; all tattoos must be permanent and legible. All single fryer rabbits must have a unique letter or number combination in the left ear.
8. Rabbits will be placed on the Judging Table and placed in the Placing Pens by the exhibitor. If the exhibitor is excused by the BYF Board of Directors per the substitute exhibitor rule criteria, then the Rabbit Committee or Board Members will be the only authorized handler. (ex. Placing or removing from the judging table).
9. The single fryer rabbits are not eligible for the auction; they will only be competing for Grand and Reserve belt buckles.

Restrictions

1. No rabbit will be accepted with an ear canker or cold.

Market Poultry Rules

(Monday, April 1st)

(Turkey sift starts at 7:00 pm, show immediately after sift)

(Broiler sift will follow Turkey show)

Entry Requirements

1. All General and Auction Rules apply.
2. All birds will be bought from the same hatchery by the Poultry Chairman. (BYF will purchase 5 extra birds for transport losses. Any extra birds after all orders are filled will be disposed of).
3. Turkey orders will be a minimum of twenty-five (25), all orders over the minimum must be in multiples of twenty-five (25), per exhibitor or family. Broilers will be a minimum of twenty-five (25), all orders over the minimum must be in multiples of twenty-five (25), per exhibitor or family. Exhibitors will be notified of the pick-up date when available from hatchery.
4. **Turkey pens will consist of one (1) hen and broiler pens will consist of three (3) birds of the same sex. Only one (1) pen of each species may be shown per exhibitor.**
5. **Entry fee of \$30.00 is due with order.**
6. Turkey entries and orders are due online at baytown.fairwire.com on October 21st by 11:59 pm. Validation date for turkeys is, Sunday October 22nd from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Exhibitors will be notified of the pick-up date when available from hatchery.
7. Numbered wing bands will be placed on each bird at the hatchery and assigned to each exhibitor.
8. Broiler entries and orders are due online by Saturday, January 6th by 11:59 pm. Validation date for broilers is Sunday, January 7th from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Exhibitors will be notified of the pick-up date when available from the hatchery.

Show Requirements

1. Poultry should be available for sift at 7:00 pm and the judging will begin immediately after sift.
2. Exhibitor will be responsible for feeding their own poultry.
3. Any disqualification for defects will be determined by the judge. It will be the judge's decision to allow an alternate.

Indoor Exhibit Rules

(Monday, April 1st)

Entry Requirements

1. All General and Auction rules apply.
2. **Entry fee of \$30.00 per project (Pee-Wee entries are \$15.00 per project).**
3. All indoor Exhibits must be entered by Saturday, February 3rd online at baytown.fairwire.com by 11:59 pm
4. A written description of the project will be required when entering (not photography). There will be a place for the description when entering projects online.
5. Project must have been made in current year.
6. Exhibitor does not have to be a member of 4-H or FFA, but project must be supervised by at VAT or 4-H Leader.
7. There is no limit on entries.
8. Only one entry per exhibitor per category will go to the Silent Auction.
9. **There will be three groups: (Grade determined as of August 14, 2023)**
 - **Pee-Wee: 2nd Grade and under will receive ribbons only. (Not eligible for either auction)**
 - **Junior: 3rd Grade – 8th Grade**
 - **Senior: 9th Grade – 12th Grade**
10. All entries must be of a size no larger than the exhibitor by him/herself is able to hand carry into the exhibit hall without the help of another person or carrying device, i.e. wagon, etc. If the project is equipped with any rolling devices, casters, wheels, etc. the project must be carried into the building by the exhibitor and presented to the check in table. The project must also be assembled and setup as the exhibitor wants the project to be placed onto judging tables upon being carried into the BYF building. If the project does not meet this requirement, it will be disqualified.
11. A minimum of 5 entries per category will be required to make a category. If there are not 5 entries per category then all entries for that division will become one category, example: Less than 5 Canned will be merged with Desserts/Bread and will just be one category Food.
12. No Names on any projects, you will be assigned a number.
13. Only one exhibitor is allowed to create the project.

Show Requirements

1. **All indoor entries Check-in is Monday April 1st from 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm in the BYF Main Building. Doors will be shut from 5:30 pm on Monday night right after check-in.**
2. Upon completion of the Craft, Photography, Horticulture, and Food projects being turned in, all entries will be reviewed to ensure compliance to all rules. If found in non-compliance of rules, the project will be disqualified from the competition.
3. Judging for Craft, Photography, Horticulture, and Food will begin once entry review is completed. Doors will be open on Tuesday morning for viewing of results. Unless circumstances prevent it, the doors will be open for 30 minutes after the livestock shows have completed on Tuesday and Wednesday for public viewing.
4. Projects must include a list of materials/ ingredients (ingredient card) and a general description of preparation (does not apply to photography).
5. **For indoor exhibits entries that did not make sale, they can be picked up beginning Tuesday April 2nd. If you have a food entry that made sale and it is still edible, the exhibitor can pick up so that it doesn't go to waste.**
6. **For the auction in the Food category, the exhibitor will have the option to make a new food or there will be a photo of the food for the silent auction. If you win Grand or Reserve Food, you will need to bring a new one for the auction.**

7. Indoor exhibits in the Food and Horticulture division – only the project in whatever container it is turned in with will be judged. There will be no additional decorations or accessories allowed (such as napkins, plates, forks, pictures, serving utensils).
8. There will be 4 Divisions:
 - a. Craft (includes Sewing)
 - A written diary of progress of project containing a minimum of five (5) photos is to be submitted with each craft project. The photographs cannot contain the exhibitor's face or any way to be able to identify the exhibitor. This will be judged as part of their presentation.
 - Potential Judging Criteria: Difficulty, Neatness, Creativity, and Presentation
 - b. Food Project
 - There will be two categories "Desserts/Breads" and "Canned". Only bring one item per entry to be judged. Do not bring "Buyers items" until day of auction.
 - If the food project needs to remain cold, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to make arrangements in their display to keep the food cold.
 - Potential Judging Criteria: Appearance, Color, Texture, and Flavor
 - c. Photography
 - All entries are to be 8"x10" (no larger). All entries are to be placed behind an 11"x14" "matted frame" with a hard backing (i.e. cardboard, poster board, etc. - not a wooden frame with a mat inside).
 - There will be two categories, "People/Animals" and "Scenery/Plants".
 - Exhibitor to provide a 3 x 5 Index Card with the title of photography written on the card. This card will be placed by the photograph by the Indoor Exhibit Chairman upon check-in.
 - Potential Judging Criteria: Technical, Artistic, Impact and Overall Impression
 - d. Horticulture
 - A written diary of progress of project containing a minimum of five (5) photos is to be submitted with each Horticulture project. The photographs are not to contain exhibitor's face, or in any way be able to identify the exhibitor.
 - There will be two categories: Terrarium (a glass or plastic enclosed container) and Hanging Basket/Container.
 - Potential Judging Criteria: Design, Presentation, Use of Plants, Quality of Plants
6. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion of each Division will advance to the Live Auction. (Not Pee-Wee)
7. The next 10 places from each Division will advance to the Silent Auction. (Not Pee-Wee) If you make live auction on a project, you cannot also make silent auction in the same category. The highest placing is chosen either for live or silent auction.
8. Any project that does not advance to the Silent Auction or Live Auction will be allowed to be picked up beginning Tuesday at noon. If not picked up after completion of the Mandatory Meeting, Thursday, April 4th it will become the property of the Baytown Youth Fair. The Sign-out sheet must be signed before removing projects.
9. For divisions with multiple categories, (Food, Photography and Horticulture) the first-place winners of each category will compete for Grand Champion of the Division.

NO SPECTATORS ALLOWED IN BUILDING WHILE JUDGING INDOOR EXHIBITS

Ag-Mechanics

(Wednesday, April 3rd)

Entry Requirements

1. All General and Auction rules apply.
2. **Entry fee of \$30.00 per project.**
3. Exhibitor must be enrolled in Metal Trades, Industrial, or Vocational programs which offer Welding or Machine Shop or 4-H students with approved leaders.
4. Exhibitors must submit their entry for their projects online at baytown.fairwire.com by Saturday, February 3rd by 11:59 pm.
5. A binder or folder with brads will need to be turned into the Ag-Mechanics Chairman on Sunday, February 4th from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm at BYF containing the following: A copy of drawings with dimensions, list of materials, Exhibitor Name, Title of Project, and Division Entering. Drawings do not have to be done by exhibitor.
6. Entries can be metal or wood projects.

Show Requirements

1. There will be three (3) divisions:
 - A. Farm and Ranch Production (example: Hay Handling Equipment, Shop Equipment, Trailers, Trailer Implements)
 - Leave welds as they are.
 - B. Livestock Handling (example: Feeders, Trim Chutes, Crates, Gates, Panels)
 - May clean welds at the exhibitor discretion.
 - C. Home Convenience and Recreation (examples: BBQ Pits, Picnic Tables, Furniture Projects)
 - May clean welds at the exhibitor discretion.

Final classification will be determined by the Ag-Mechanics Chairman

2. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion of each Division will advance to the Live Auction.
3. The next 4 places in each Division will advance to the Silent Auction. If there are not 4 places in a Division, the next highest scores in the remaining Divisions will advance, not to exceed 12 total in the Silent Auction. If you make live auction on a project, you cannot also make silent auction in the same category. The highest placing is chosen either for live or silent auction.
4. Any projects that do not advance to the Silent Auction must be picked up by 9:00 pm on Thursday, April 4th.
5. Project must be the work of the exhibitor and have been built during the current year.
6. **Original drawings, revision drawings, project description, building cost, hours worked, and a minimum of five (5) photos that include the exhibitors face must be presented in a binder or a folder with brads with the project to be judged.**
7. Check-in is Wednesday, April 3rd from 8:00 am - 10:00 am; judging will begin at 10:30 am.
8. Exhibitors are required to be present during judging for questions by the Judge.

Only exhibitors will be allowed in the area during the judging.

9. Ag-Mechanics projects will potentially be judged as follows:
 - a. Drawing specifications / revision drawings
 - b. Welding and cutting
 - c. Fittings
 - d. Finished project.

Restrictions

1. Kits or prefabricated work will not be accepted.
2. Projects advancing to the Live or Silent Auctions will not be permitted to leave the Fairgrounds until the Live Auction has finished. All others must leave before 9:00 pm on Thursday, April 4th.

2024 Committee Chairman

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