

## 2023 SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS

1. To be eligible to show at the Gillespie County Youth Livestock Show, exhibitors must be bonafide owners, exhibitors must be in the first grade and 6 years old as of September 1, 2022 and be one of the following:
  - A. Be a member of the Fredericksburg/Harper FFA.
  - B. Be a member of Gillespie County 4-H or Fredericksburg/Harper Junior FFA and live in the Fredericksburg, Harper or Doss Independent School District.
  - C. Attend a Fredericksburg Private School and be a member of Gillespie County 4-H or Fredericksburg/Harper Junior FFA.
  - D. Any family who does not qualify under these rules but has shown in the Gillespie County Youth Livestock show before May 16, 2022, will be grandfathered in along with their immediate family members only.

Exhibitors must be passing all classes in school. (If not, his/her entry will not be able to be shown or sold at the Gillespie County Youth Livestock Show. Exhibitors may not show in another county livestock show.

2. If an exhibitor chooses to be enrolled in home school, they need to be enrolled six weeks prior to the Gillespie County Youth Livestock Show.
3. Current 4-H and Jr. FFA members must attend 5 meetings from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022 in order to be eligible to show at the 2023 Gillespie County Youth Livestock Show. If a new member joins, he/she must attend 50% of the meetings from the time of enrollment to the end of the calendar year. If a new member joins on or after September 1, 2022, he/she must attend 50% of the meetings from September 2022 through December 2022. (If 50% is ½ of a meeting, then 1 meeting must be attended.)
4. Eligibility: This is an invitational Show: The Directors of the Gillespie County Youth Livestock Show Association reserve the right to extend or withhold an invitation to any Exhibitor or contestant.
5. All Exhibitors must have a personal Social Security Number to be eligible to participate in the Gillespie County Youth Livestock Show. Entries will not be accepted without the Social Security Number being on the entry form.
6. Quality Counts verification will be required for all youth exhibiting livestock (market and/or breeding) at the Gillespie County Youth Livestock Show in grades 3-12. The verification process will require an exhibitor to pass an online test that measures their knowledge on quality assurance and character education content items. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are not required to take the exam at this time. A verification number will need to be provided at the time of making an official entry to the Gillespie County Youth Livestock Show. Entries will not be accepted without the Quality Counts Verification Number. ***1<sup>st</sup> Graders will use 111111 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders will use 222222 as their Quality Counts Verification Numbers.***
7. The Gillespie County Youth Livestock Show Association will require all exhibitors and one parent or guardian to electronically sign the entry form they submit when entering their animals or poultry.
8. Entry fees will be charged on all entries. All entries must be submitted online by December 3, 2022. Entries will open on November 21, 2022. If paying by check, all entry fees must be paid to the secretary of the show by December 9, 2022. Cattle \$25.00 per head, sheep, goats, poultry, and hogs \$20.00 per head or pen. One dollar of each entry will be used for upkeep and renovation of the show barn. All online late entries made from December 4<sup>th</sup>- December 17<sup>th</sup> will be \$50.00 per entry. Entries from December 18<sup>th</sup> thru day of show will be \$500.00 per entry.



9. Exhibitors may bring their animals on the show grounds by the scheduled times for the 2023 Stock Show. *All poultry must be in line by 7am on Thursday, January 12, 2023 for grading and sifting.*



10. On Wednesday and Thursday at the show barn exhibitors will obtain their show packets.
11. All entries must comply with Texas Animal Health regulations. See your veterinarian, county agent, or FFA instructor for clarification.
12. Any market animal not completely healed from castration will be sifted. In addition, any animal or poultry exhibiting any sign of contagious or infectious sickness, disease, or parasites will be removed from the premises immediately.
13. Any exhibitor or parent of an exhibitor showing poor showmanship towards any official or judge during the show or interferes with the judges during their adjudication, or shows any disrespect to them, will have his family barred from selling any animal during the sale. The decision will be determined by the Board of Directors. The Directors may demand a proper apology from the exhibitor, may exclude him/her from competition, bar him/her from the grounds, and may also withhold any prizes that may have been awarded.
14. It is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to bring out the animal or animals when the class is called. Once judging has begun, no animals may be brought out. No complaint or protest on the grounds that an entry was overlooked will be considered. If exhibition of an animal poses a danger to the exhibitor and/or other parties, Show Directors reserve the right to: (1) allow a substitute exhibitor or (2) remove the animal from competition. If the exhibit is not judged the exhibitor forfeits his right to sell the animal in the sale.
15. The first place animal in each class will compete for the champion. The second place animal in the class from which the champion is selected will then compete for the reserve champion. **All of the champions and reserve champions will return for the championship drive immediately following the conclusion of their show.** If they do not return to the ring, it will be the right of the Board of Directors to make a decision to demand a proper apology from the exhibitor, exclude him/her from competition, and may also withhold any prizes that may have been awarded and forfeiture of sale at the discretion of the board.
16. Exhibitors will be limited to two entries in all classes.
17. No animals can be shown in more than one class.
18. No artificial color may be used in any division. Violation will result in being sifted.
19. **Showmanship (Exhibitors can only participate in showmanship they have species entries in.)**



**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Angora showmanship (Take Place During Judging of the Angora Show).**

**Meat Goats & Market Lambs (Will start at 6:00pm or after weigh-in). Meat Goat showmanship order Junior-Beginner-Senior. Market Lamb showmanship order Senior-Junior-Beginner.**



**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Poultry showmanship (Take Place During Judging of the Turkey & Boiler Shows).**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Swine showmanship (Take Place During Judging of the Swine Show).**

**Cattle showmanship (Take Place Before the Start of the Heifer and Steer Shows).**

**To be eligible for showmanship, the exhibitor must be registered and wearing the assigned number which they received in their show packets.**

**Grade divisions are as follows:**

**Beginner Showmanship: Grades 1-4**

**Junior Showmanship: Grades 5-8**

**Senior showmanship: Grades 9-12**

20. All breeding animals must show registration papers to be eligible to show. Gilts will show as market hogs and therefore do not need papers.
21. Exhibitors may remove non-floor animals after they have been shown and only upon completion of your animal species completing their show.
22. No commercial advertising by any breeder will be permitted in the show barn.
23. The show association will in no case be responsible for any loss, injury or damage that may occur during the show.
24. Exhibitors are requested to report any rule violations to the Directors immediately so that appropriate action may be taken. The Executive Committee reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of or connected with, or incident to, the Gillespie County Youth Livestock Show; and to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. Any exhibitor who violates any of the rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the Executive Committee may order.
25. Multiple animals and poultry could be showing at the same time. The Breeding Sheep and Angora Goats will show Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon at 4:00pm. Market Lambs and Meat Goats will show Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> with Meats Goats starting at 8:00am and Market Lambs starting at 10:00am or after the conclusion of the Meat Goat Show. Poultry will also show on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> with Turkeys starting at 8:00am and Boiler Show to immediately follow. Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Swine will start showing at 9:00am and Cattle will follow. Judging of Heifers and Steers will begin no earlier than 1:00 pm.
26. No travel trailers may be parked inside the grounds. All violators will be towed at owner's expense. All livestock trailers must be parked in the outside parking lot. There will be no exceptions. All violators will be towed at owner's expense.
27. There is ***NO PARKING AROUND THE SHOW BARN UNLESS YOU HAVE PREMISSION FROM THE GYLSA. (VETERINARIAN-AWARDS-CONCESSION).***
28. Entries in the show must be shown by their owner. Exhibitor substitutions may be allowed under the following conditions. In all cases, the superintendent must approve the exhibitor substitution and will do so only if certain conditions are met.



- Other school activity – this substitution request must be made in writing by the parent/guardian using the substitute exhibitor form provided by the livestock show. The request must be accompanied by a statement signed by a school administrator, on school letterhead, stating the specific reason a substitute exhibitor is being requested. The complete substitute exhibitor form and attached letter must be returned to the superintendent prior to the start of the exhibitor's class.
- Sickness – this substitution request must be made in writing by the parent/guardian using the substitute exhibitor form provided by the livestock show. The request must be accompanied by a statement, signed by a physician, on his/her letterhead. The complete substitute exhibitor form and attached letter must be returned to the superintendent prior to the start of the exhibitor's class.
- More than one entry in a class or the exhibitor has entries in more than one species showing at the same time – this substitution request must be made in writing by the parent/guardian using the substitute exhibitor form provided by the livestock show. This should be done as soon as the problem arises, but in any case, no later than the start of the respective show.

In any of these three situations listed above, or in the case of an emergency, the superintendent may use his/her own discretion as to whether a substitute showman will be allowed.

29. If any of an exhibitors' animals or poultry test positive to steroids, diuretics, anti-inflammatories, will result with the exhibitor being banned for the following years show and relinquish any money he or she might have been awarded or received at the current sale. The animal testing positive does not have to be the one entered as their sale unit to lose their sale proceeds.

The Show also reserves the right to have DNA, blood and/or urine laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for the competition. The exhibitor, including his or her parent or guardian or AST or CEA, must be present during the collection for analysis and must witness, seal and initial the sample as well as sign the appropriate sample documentation; thus verifying the sample to be properly collected and prepared for analysis. The conclusions reached by the veterinarian and analysis shall be final and conclusive without recourse against the Show or any officer, director, or superintendent thereof or any veterinarian as appointed by the Directors. The exhibitor waives any right of action which he/she might have for any action taken under this rule, and releases the show and the veterinarian from any and all claims or demands whatsoever in connection with the inspection or testing of any such animal or any ruling or action taken by reason of the conclusion of such veterinarian. In the event any animal is declared by Show officials, veterinarian or analyzing agency to be unethically fitted, the Directors are authorized to permanently bar the exhibitor and his or her family from any further participation in the Show. Reinstatement of anyone barred may be made only by a majority vote of the Directors. The exhibitor will forfeit all titles, awards, prizes, auction proceeds, premiums and scholarships if the animal and/or exhibitor are disqualified.

All testing, sample collection and laboratory analysis required by the Show, will be paid for by the Show. Payment for any other tests (i.e. blood typing, etc.) required in the Show will be the sole responsibility of the exhibitor.

31. The Show will not be testing for Antibiotics.
32. All state validation rules will be followed for all species.
33. Unauthorized Animals: Any animal(s) brought onto the grounds which is/are NOT entered for competition or exhibition will become the property of the Gillespie County Youth Livestock Show and will be disposed of as the Directors may direct.
34. **NO PETS ARE ALLOWED ON THE SHOW GROUNDS. Service Dog Requirements- The ADA (Animals with Disabilities Act) defines a Service Animal as a dog that is trained to**

**perform tasks for the benefit of a person with a disability. The GCYLA has the right to ask an individual if it the dog they have with them is a service dog and what services the service dog provides. An individual with a service dog can be asked to leave if the service dog is a disturbance and will not stop, or the service dog is threatening exhibitor's livestock or other individuals.**

35. Unethically Fitted Livestock & Poultry: The showing of unethically fitted livestock and poultry, the showing of livestock and poultry of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered. In addition, unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of changing the normal conformation of any part of the animal's body or using drugs, including over-the-counter and/or extra-label, or mechanical devices to alter the physical makeup and/or performance of the animal. This includes but is not limited to:
- a. Treating or massaging any part of the animal's body, internally or externally, with an irritant, counterirritant, or other substance to temporarily improve conformation.
  - b. Minimizing the effects of cramping by feeding or injecting drugs and depressants or applying packs or using any artificial contrivance or therapeutic treatment except normal exercise.
  - c. Blocking the nerves to prevent limping or switching of the tail.
  - d. Striking the animal to cause swelling in a depressed area.
  - e. Surgery or other practices performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body, hide, or hair, except the removal of warts or horns and permitted clipping and dressing of hair and trimming of hooves.
  - f. Insertion of foreign material under the skin.
  - g. Changing the color of hair at any point, spot or area on the animal's body. Any grooming material that allows color to come off from any animal will not be allowed at the Show.
  - h. The act of artificially filling animals internally, which would include stomach pumping or any other method per os (by esophagus), is prohibited.
  - 1. The use of alcoholic beverages administered as a drench.
  - j. The use of diuretics.
  - k. Administration of a drug internally or externally at the Show.
  - l. Administration of a drug internally or externally prior to the Show that does not meet proper Withdrawal times as set by the FDA.

The term "drug" shall mean any substance for which the sale, possession or use is controlled by license under federal, state, or local laws or regulation and any substance commonly led by the medical or veterinary professions which affects the circulatory, respiratory, muscular, skeletal or central nervous system of any species of livestock.

All Exhibitors are responsible for security of their own animal(s) until they depart for their final destination (processing/ranch). The Exhibitor agrees to submit any animal, breeding and/or market, entered by him/her to inspection by any veterinarian appointed by the Executive Committee and agrees to have such animal submitted to such tests as may be requested at any time. The Show also reserves the right to have ultrasound, D.N.A., tissue, blood, urine and/or her parent or guardian or AST or CEA for Junior Exhibitors, must be present during the collection for analysis and must witness, seal and initial the sample as well as sign the appropriate sample documentation; thus verifying the sample to be properly collected and prepared for analysis. The conclusions reached by the veterinarian and/or laboratory analysis shall be final and conclusive without recourse against the Show or any officer, director, or employee thereof or any veterinarian as appointed by the Executive Committee. The Exhibitor waives any right of action which he/she might have for any action taken under this rule, and releases the Show and the veterinarian from any and all claims or demands whatsoever in connection with the inspection or testing of any such animal or any ruling or action taken by reason of the conclusion of such veterinarian. As breeding animals are not entering the food chain, the USDA Wholesome Meat Act does not apply; however, breeding animals may be closely screened for any performance enhancing compounds. This includes, but is not limited to steroids, diuretics, anti-inflammatories, tranquilizers and pain killers. In the event any animal is declared by Show officials, veterinarian or analyzing agency to be unethically fitted, the Executive Committee is authorized to permanently bar the Exhibitor and his or her family from any further

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