GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

NOTICE: All exhibitors, parents, sponsors, youth leaders, Agriculture Science Teachers (A.S.T.), Family Consumer Teachers (F.C.E.T.), and other interested parties are cautioned to carefully read and understand the following Rules and Regulations, as they will be enforced.

1. The JOHNSON COUNTY LIVESTOCK AND AGRICULTURE ASSOCIATION, INC., superintendents, and/or Board of Directors reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these Rules and Regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of, in connection with, or incident to, the JOHNSON COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW AND YOUTH FAIR.
2. In no case shall the JOHNSON COUNTY LIVESTOCK AND AGRICULTURE ASSOCIATION, INC., nor any of the show superintendents and officials, be held responsible for any loss, injury, death, or disability from disease, or from any cause, to any person or property while said persons or property is on the show grounds.
3. The superintendents and management reserve the right to refuse to accept for exhibit any inferior entry and to remove from the show grounds any entry that may be falsely entered or may be deemed unsuitable or objectionable. Any animal showing definite symptoms of disease or parasite infections will be banned from the show and ordered removed from the grounds by the respective division superintendent in accordance with rules and regulations of the Texas Animal Health Commission.
4. Participation in the JOHNSON COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW AND YOUTH FAIR is limited to students who are at least eight (8) years old and in the 3rd grade (at date of show) through grade 12 in high school, and who are members of 4-H; FFA including Junior FFA; or Family, Career, Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), within Johnson County, Texas and either reside in or attend school (public, private, or home) in Johnson County, Texas. All homeschool exhibitors must reside in Johnson County (physical address).
5. Exhibitor and Entry Eligibility
   a. Agriculture Science Teachers (A.S.T.), County Extension Agents (C.E.A.), and Family & Consumer Science Teachers (F.C.S.T.) desiring to enter exhibitors in the Junior Livestock Show and Youth Fair must sign a certificate on the Entry Form that the exhibitor is a member in good standing and the project was under his or her supervision and prepared for show by the entrant in accordance with the rules of the JOHNSON COUNTY LIVESTOCK AND AGRICULTURE ASSOCIATION, INC.
   b. All livestock exhibitors must be a member in good standing of FFA, FCCLA, and /or 4-H by November 1 to be eligible to show that year.
   c. All 4-H exhibitors must attend a minimum or two 4-H Club meetings prior to the show to be eligible to show.
   d. Exhibitors are not eligible to show at the Johnson County Junior Livestock Show if they participate in another county show in the same school year. Students found showing at another county will forfeit any and all prize or sale money and possibly be banned from showing at JCLAA shows in the future. ~~Any exceptions to this rule must be appealed to the JCLAA board of directors.~~ (4/21/26)
6. Students with projects to be entered in the JOHNSON COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW must have their entry cards with a W9 completely filled out and signed by the entrant, their parent or guardian, and supervisor (A.S.T., C.E.A., or F.C.E.T.) and turned into the general superintendent, or his designee, by the deadline established by the Association. Entries turned in after the specified date will pay double the regular entry fee. ~~plus a $20.00 late charge~~. (4/21/26) Late entries will be accepted during the week of the show until the conclusion of weight-ins at a fee of $150.00. All late entries made after the conclusion of classifications will be shown as a non-classified animal. In the event All entries will be made by the A.S.T., C.E.A., or F.C.S.T. with one check for the entry fees drawn on an account of a 4-H, FFA, or FCCLA Chapter and made payable to the JOHNSON COUNTY LIVESTOCK AND AGRICULTURE ASSOCIATION, INC. or the J.C.L.A.A., Inc.
7. For arrival times please refer to each species-specific rules. All cattle, goats, lambs and pigs may arrive on the evening prior to their respective show during the designated hours. **All animals are to be in assigned stalls at all times except when in the show ring, wash rack or being exercised. Tie outs will be allowed in designated areas for cattle only.**
8. Species will be released after their respective shows. Early release of any animal requires the approval of the respective Superintendent and the General Superintendent.
9. Exhibitors must show their own projects, with the following exceptions:
   a. When an exhibitor has more than one entry per class, a substitute exhibitor may be used with the approval of the division superintendent. The substitute exhibitor must have an entry in the Johnson County Junior Livestock Show and meet all eligibility requirements of the Johnson County Junior Livestock Show.
   b. Any other exception must be approved by the Board of Directors of the JOHNSON COUNTY LIVESTOCK AND AGRICULTURE ASSOCIATION, INC.

10. Any student who is academically ineligible or will become ineligible according to TEA regulations at any point during the Johnson County Junior Livestock Show or Sale will not be allowed to participate in show or sale. A "No Pass, No Show" rule will be enforced regardless of extended break. All entries of the exhibitor are ineligible to show or participate in the sale.
11. .All exhibitors in the JOHNSON COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW AND YOUTH FAIR are expected to cooperate with show officials to present their exhibits.
12. All rabbits, steers, goats, lambs, and swine will be weighed at the times designated by the division superintendents. The ASSOCIATION will provide the scales for weigh-in.
13. All exhibitors will be limited to a maximum of two (2) sale lots, animals must be from different divisions. This includes youth fair and ag mechanic projects. ALL OVERALL GRAND CHAMPION AND OVERALL RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION steers, swine, lambs, goats, rabbits, poultry, beef heifer, dairy heifer, breeding rabbits AND Ag Mechanics Champions will be sold at auction. A seven (7) percent commission will be charged on all sale entries.
14. Sale Items:
    a. The Executive Board or designee will determine for each eligible division, the % of animals to be sold. The top 60% of each class are eligible to make the sale. (4/21/26)
    b. Individuals who place more than one sale animal in a division, or sale item in the Youth Fair, must notify the office within 30 minutes following the completion of the division which animal, or item, they wish to sell at auction. After 30 minutes, the Executive Board or designee shall determine which animal will be placed on the sale order.
    c. The Executive Board has the final and absolute right to interpret the rules regarding the auction sale and **shall determine** the sale order of all animals and other items offered for sale through the auction.
    d. **EXHIBITORS WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE FOR THE AUCTION SALE. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MUST APPROVE EXCEPTIONS.**
15. The exhibitors will provide all feed. No hay or straw may be used for bedding in barns. Wood shavings will be allowed in all barns, except the Tom Frank Jones Arena. No clipping or shearing will be allowed on the show grounds.
16. Each exhibitor is responsible for the care and preparation of their animals from validation through the show dates.
17. Ear tags and wing bands must stay attached on all animals while on show grounds.
18. Exhibitors, and/or their representatives, may not spend the night on the show grounds. Only authorized individuals will be allowed on the grounds after 11:00 pm and before 6:00 am.
19. Unethical fitting: Unethical fitting means any attempt to alter the natural appearance, confirmation, musculature or weight of an animal by any unnatural means. Animals showing any signs of being unethically fitted will be disqualified. Examples of unethical fitting include, but are not limited to the following:
    a. Application of any substance to any part of the animal's body, unless specifically allowed in the department rules for that species.
    b. Use of injections.
    c. Draining of fluids.
    d. Bruising.
    e. Feed of material not conducive to the health of the animal, safety of food or marketability of its carcass.
    f. Surgical alterations.
    g. Artificially filling animals by stomach pumping or airing injections.
20. The Johnson County Livestock and Agriculture Association, Inc., reserves the right to condemn and/or disqualify any animal, either alive or slaughtered, found to be in violation of the use of drugs, chemicals, or feed additives not approved by the F. D. A. or the U. S. D. A. and may cause the exhibitor to forfeit any monies he or she might have received from the show.
21. Any person violating any of the Rules and Regulations, without express written permission of the division superintendent, or general superintendent, may forfeit any prize money he or she might have won and the privilege to show at the Johnson County Livestock Show and Youth Fair, and at all later shows.
22. All protests must be submitted in writing to the superintendent's office, and be accompanied by a protest fee of $50.00 cash, before any action will be taken. The fee will be refunded to the protester if the ruling is in their favor.
23. All non-show animals **will not** be allowed on show grounds during the Junior Livestock Show.
24. An animal may be validated in the names of two or more exhibitors if they meet the following criteria:

    They are siblings, step-siblings or legally adopted. If siblings have different last names, relation must be noted on the validation form.

    All listed are bonafide junior exhibitors and are eligible to show as junior exhibitors as stated in the stock show rule book.

    All permanently reside in the same county.

    Any exceptions must be granted by the state validation coordinator.

When an animal is validated in the name of two or more exhibitors the validation form must read as follows:

RIGHT: Smith, Johnnie OR Smith, Susie OR Smith, Joey
RIGHT: Jones, Johnnie OR Smith, Susie (step-siblings)
WRONG: Smith, Johnnie AND Smith, Susie AND Smith Joey

** In the event that an animal is validated in the name of two or more exhibitors, ensure that each exhibitor signs the validation form. **

26. Each exhibitor who receives a payment through the JCLAA as the result of a sale or add-on must write and send a thank you note to the buyer(s) before receiving their check. Proof shall be verified by FFA advisors or County 4-H Agent.
27. There will be three (3) Classifiers present at weigh-in for Steers, Swine, & Lambs. Classifier's decisions are final and non-protestable. Classification will follow the Texas FFA/4H classification guidelines.
28. Only Johnson County Ag. Teachers, Johnson County Ext. Agents, and parents of exhibitors will be allowed in staging areas for the Livestock shows. No one except for exhibitors or ring assistants will be allowed in entry alleys to the show ring.
29. Use of alcohol is prohibited.