SHINER FFA STOCK SHOW RULES

Shiner FFA Project Show P.O. Box 804 Shiner, Texas 77984

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Shiner FFA Project Show is to provide the youth of Shiner, Texas with opportunities in the production of market agriculture.

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General Rules:

- 1. This show reserves the right to its Executive Committee the final absolute authority to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard to, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident to the show. Any exhibitor who violates any of the following rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the executive committee may order.
- 2. All livestock exhibits will be under the control and direction of the ag science teacher. The show will in no case be responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury, or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited and shall indemnify the show against all legal and other proceedings in regard here to, as well, or arising out of or in any way connected with the exhibiting in this show, acknowledges liability as stated herein.
- 3. The stock show board reserves the right to make changes and additions to these rules and regulations prior to the show which can be necessary and beneficial to the show.
- 4. All entry forms and payments must be signed by the exhibitor and parent and filed in the office of the show management by the posted date on form. In all cases, the right to accept or reject any application for entry is reserved to the stock show board.
- 5. The Shiner FFA Stock Show is open to all active FFA members enrolled in the Shiner Independent School District. FFA members must attend all of their respective meetings to be eligible to participate in any phase of the Shiner Stock Show. Failure to comply with the rule is an automatic disqualification from the show.
- 6. Any FFA member who shows a market animal in any other show in Lavaca or Gonzales counties between September 1 prior to the show date and August 31 after the show will be <u>ineligible</u> for the Shiner FFA Stock Show.
- 7. FFA members may show and sell only one market animal. If a student raises more than one market animal they must declare which one will be shown at the time of the practice show when entry forms are due. All exhibitors must attend the practice show.
- 8. All market animals must be in the possession and property of the exhibitor by the time of validation. All FFA members must personally feed and care for his/her own animals.
- 9. Entry fees of \$10 will be due with entry forms prior to practice show and are non refundable.
- 10. The decision of the judge shall be final in all classes. All exhibitors must be present at the time of the sifting and judging and show their own animals. In the event of

an accident, injury, or sickness there must be approval by the stock show board to have an alternate showman. The alternate must be a member of Shiner FFA.

- 11. Exhibitors will not administer any unethical fitting, drugs, chemicals, feed additives or any substance not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals. Unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of changing the normal conformation of any part of an animal's body or any drug or medication, including over the counter and/or extra-label, or mechanical devices to alter the physical makeup and/or performance of the animal.
- 12. Sifted animals must be moved from the show grounds immediately.
- 13. A four percent (4%) commission will be charged for each animal or entry sold through the sale. Buyers will pay the Shiner Project Show for entries purchased. The Project Show Committee will deduct the 4% commission. The commission money will be used to defray the expenses of the show.
- 14. All members who participated in the show and sale must show up at 9:00am the following Saturday and assist in cleaning up the premises or forfeit \$100 from the sale of their project animal.
- 15. Any exhibitor who fails to write a thank you note and invite the buyer(s) to the appreciation barbecue following the show and sale is forever barred from participation in any future Shiner FFA Stock Show as an exhibitor, and will not receive their sale check.
- 16. All projects that go to the premium sale will be considered sold and cannot be repurchased by the exhibitor. For this reason, no exhibitor should purchase "lease" animals from breeders.
- 17. Market classes will be divided into two groups (light and heavy) according to weight and discretion of the stock show board.
- 18. Exhibitors which sell their projects through the stock show will make arrangements with the buyer as to the delivery of their animal. The animal becomes the responsibility of the buyer at the time of delivery.
- 19. The auctioneer will settle all disputes in regard to the bidding during the sale.
- 20. All FFA members must attend and participate 100% in all FFA activities to be eligible for the show and sale unless prior approval is granted by the FFA advisor.
- 21. There must be at least two (2) animals in a class to be eligible for Grand Champion. There must be at least three (3) animals in a class to be eligible for Grand and Reserve Champion.
- 22. All livestock must be on feed and in possession of the exhibitor by the day of validation. Any projects that are not kept at the exhibitor's residence must have prior approval from the advisor.

Steers:

- 23. All steers will be weighed on the same scales at checkin. There is no minimum or maximum weight at validation. Steers must weigh 1000-1370 at the day of show. Any steer weighing less or more than the indicated weight will be sifted and not be allowed to show. (A 1% tolerance will be allowed on minimum 990 and/or maximum weight 1384).
- 24. Steers will be ear tagged and tattooed at validation, this will be the steers identification number throughout the feeding period.
- 25. All steers should be trained to be led by the exhibitor with minimal aid from his or her parent and/or Shiner Project Show committee member. As determined by the committee and sifting judge, uncontrollable steers that present a danger will be sifted.
- 26. Classes will be set up according to the number of entries, then broken by weight, not by breed.

Sheep:

- 27. Market Lambs can be of either sex.
- 28. Classes will be set up according to the number of entries, then broken by weight. There will not be a class for crossbred animals.
- 29. Lambs must be slick shorn prior to arrival of show. Exhibitors are responsible for having lambs sheared.
- 30. All lambs must be docked and all males must be castrated.
- 31. The weight limit of lambs at the day of show will be 110-165lbs. Any lamb weight more or less than indicated weight will be sifted and not allowed to show. (A 1% tolerance will be allowed on minimum 109 and/or maximum 167 weights).

Swine:

- 32. Market hogs must weigh between 220 pounds and 280 pounds at time of show. Any hog weighing less or more than indicated weight will be sifted and not allowed to show. (A 1% tolerance will be allowed minimum being 218 and/or maximum 283).
- 33. Either sex may be included in the market hog division however, males must be castrated barrows.
- 34. Classes will be set up according to the number of entries, then broken by weight. There will not be a class for crossbred animals.
- 35. Hogs must be washed, clipped, and show ready before arrival.

Broilers:

- 36. A pen of three(3) broilers will constitute as an entry for the exhibitor, and may be sold through the project show sale, subject to the other rules of the show.
- 37. The exhibitors must start with at least 25 chicks of the one (1) day age and raise them up until the show date (6-7 weeks) At that time the best three (3) birds will be selected as a pen and make up the exhibit. Chicks will be provided by the ag teacher and payments for boxes of birds will be made to the chapter.
- 38. All broilers will be wing banded and the bird must have the wing band intact on the day of the show. Any birds without a wingband, or any birds showing visible bruising will be sifted.
- 39. The Fall set of birds will be optional for the showman to get "practice" before the market round of birds arrive in mid January.