



2010 RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW CHANGES AND REMINDERS

APPLICATION OF RULES

The General Rules and Regulations apply to every division listed in this book. There are also rules specifically for the Open Shows, Junior Shows and Departments within these divisions. Exhibitors are responsible for reading, learning and following all the rules that apply to the division entered.

IMPORTANT CHANGES

THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW WILL ONLY ACCEPT ENTRIES THRU OUR ON-LINE ENTRY SYSTEM FOR THE 2011 SHOW AND ALL FUTURE SHOWS.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

RULE 21. ETHICS - The following shall be considered unethical in the entry, care, handling and/or showing of any animal.

8. Mishandling, abuse or neglect of animals

Rule 33. Medications - The following statement has been added: **If the medications used to treat the animal are or could be hazardous to humans if consumed, the animal must be removed from the showgrounds immediately.**

Rule 34 - All tack, feed and equipment, including show boxes and chairs, must be kept in feed alley or in stalls assigned. None will be allowed in public walkways. If additional room is needed, exhibitors should purchase extra stalls at \$20.00 each. If in the opinion of the judges an exhibit is not worthy, no prize money will be awarded.

FFA - 4-H GOOD HOUSEKEEPING - Prize money for this division has been increased.

Each exhibit must consist of at least three head.

Rule 3 - All tack, feed and equipment, including show boxes and chairs, must be kept in feed alley or in stalls assigned. None will be allowed in public walkways. If additional room is needed, exhibitors should purchase extra stalls at \$20.00 each.

11. If in the opinion of the judges an exhibit is not worthy, no prize money will be awarded. Housekeeping should be done by the exhibitors and **not** by the parents.

FFA/4-H SHOP DIVISION - Three new classes have been added to the Home & Garden Division - Home Interior &

Conveniences (Small)- items no larger than 36" X 36" X 36"; Table Top Cutting Boards (no legs); and Taxidermy.

5. To be eligible to win Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion in any division, exhibitor(s) must present a record book at the time of judging. Record book must contain student made draft and plans, materials list, cost of purchases list and photos of student(s) working on project in all stages beginning, middle and final.

20. Any exhibitor who places his or her entry in the auction **must be present** for the auction of the project on **Sunday, March 21 at 1:00 p.m.**

21. All projects must remain in place until 6:00 p.m., Saturday, March 20. Projects will be released between the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 20 and 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 21, except those consigned to the Auction. The Show will **not** be responsible for projects left after 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 21.

FFA/4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Registration 1:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 19

Entry Fee.....\$20.00 per Team

Entry Fee.....\$5.00 Individual

3. Team supervisor or team captain must register their team on Friday, March 19th, with the Judging Contest Committee between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. **ALL CONTESTANTS NAMES MUST BE SUBMITTED AT THIS TIME.** Team packets can be picked up Saturday, March 20th from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Contest will start at 10:00 a.m. in the Rodeo Arena.

GREASED PIG SCRAMBLE - **Rule 9. POOR SPORTSMANSHIP EXHIBITED BY ANY CONTESTANT AND/OR PARENT WILL BE GROUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION AND UNDUE ROUGHNESS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED BY THE REFEREES.**

HORTICULTURE DIVISION - Rule 9 No entry may be re-potted within sixty days of the Show. Post showing evidence of this will be subject to removal from the Show. All pots are subject to a re-potting test. Pots will not be sold after January 12, 2009.

Rule 10. Deadline for entries will be January 15, 2010. One entry fee of \$5.00 must accompany the entries. Two color pictures of each entry (3 ½ X 5 or 4X6) must accompany the entry card, one taken on or before December 15, 2009 and the other taken within 1 (one) week of the entry date (January 15, 2010). No student or school name or club name will be allowed in the picture. You must get double prints of each picture, (one to submit by deadlines and one to be used for the record book). Pictures must be clear enough to see individual plant or plants. In the bulb category photographs should be taken of the bulbs. It is not necessary to photograph with soil in pot. All pictures must match the ones sent in to the Show Office.



Rule 12 d. At least three photos of the plant project must be submitted in the Record Book. First Photo on or before December 15, 2009, second photo before January 15, 2010, and the third photo to be taken at least two weeks prior to the March Show. All photos should be an identical copy of the ones submitted. Committee will meet to review and validate or sift entries and corresponding pictures within a week after the January 15, 2010 entry.

Rule 16. No accessories on the outside or inside of the post or special stands will be allowed in the greenhouse except for the trellises bought from the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show. No rocks or aggregates in any pots larger than sand. No decorative bark on top of potting soil. See Show Container section of this book for more details.

Rule 20 Violation or failure to comply with any of these rules could cause a project to be sifted. The committee has the right to enforce that any sifted project must be immediately removed from the Show Grounds.

A new division has been added - Division 11- Vegetable Plants (any live plant classified as a vegetable with or without the fruit.) Example - Tomato plants.

PHOTOGRAPHY - 6. Categories are as follows for each age division:

- A. Black & White
- B. People
- C. Animals & Birds
- D. Still Life
- E. Landscape & Scenery
- F. Action Sports
- G. Flora
- H. Computer Enhanced

Contestants can enter either film or digital format in all categories. Contestants may enter one photo in up to three categories.

SHOWMANSHIP - Prize money has been increased for Showmanship Jr. Market and Jr. Breeding divisions.

MARKET RABBIT - ENTRIES FOR MARKET RABBITS ARE BE DUE ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 15.

6. Rabbits must meet the following requirements or automatically be sifted:

- D. Must be free of the following defects:
 - (11) Missing toes or missing complete toenail.

MARKET LAMB DIVISION - Rule 10. After sifting, lambs will be divided into weight groups by breeds as nearly equal in number as possible but all lambs of the same weight will be in the same weight group. The number of classes per breed will be determined by Chairman of the Lamb Division.

JR. BREEDING RABBIT DIVISION - ENTRIES FOR JR. BREEDING RABBITS ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 15.

4. Rabbits must have only one legible breeder's or owner's tattoo in the rabbit's left ear. Tattoos must be in each rabbit's left ear by the possession date and **TATTOO NUMBERS MUST BE ON THE ENTRY CARD.**

5. Identification: **LEGIBLE Rabbit's breeder/owner tattoo number and breed of rabbit must be on entry application, which is due JANUARY 15, 2010.**

7. Rabbits must meet the following requirements or automatically be sifted:

- c. Must be free of the following defects:
 - xi. Missing toe or toenails

Rabbits and all belongings in pen areas must promptly be removed from show grounds Sunday, March 14, 2010 between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m.

JR. BREEDING SHEEP DIVISION - Rule 4. All breeding sheep will be validated by the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Jr. Breeding Sheep Committee on Saturday, January 9, 2010.

JUNIOR BREEDING CATTLE DIVISION - All Junior Bull classes in the Jr. Breeding and Jr. Commercial Cattle Divisions have been discontinued for all future Shows at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show.

The **Jr. Chianina Division** has been discontinued.

There will be a **Jr. Red Brangus Bull Futurity** on Wednesday, March 17 at 5:00 p.m.

OPEN BREEDING CATTLE DIVISION - Rule 3 Entries must be in the name of the registered owner as recorded on the registration papers.

An OPEN COMMERCIAL FEMALE PEN SHOW has been added to the 2010 Show. This will be an all breeds cattle show featuring both purebred and commercial cattle for South Texas Cattle Ranchers and Jr. Breeding Exhibitors. See page for all the rules and regulations regarding this division.

OPEN/YOUTH HORSE SHOW - the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show will be administrating the Open/Youth Horse Show. By doing so, contestants between 9 - 18 years of age (or in the third grade) and are members of 4-H or FFA, will be eligible for Scholarships from the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Exhibitors Scholarship Fund, as well as participating in the Add-On Program. Entries will be taken online. Speed Event Classes will be on Monday, March 15 and Halter and Showmanship Classes will be on Tuesday, March 16. See page 206 for rules and classes.



