

GENERAL INFORMATION

QUALITY COUNTS

The Starr County Fair Association will again be requiring all livestock exhibitors to complete the State Youth Quality Counts Training. The deadline to complete this training is **January 31, 2022**. This training will have to be completed online. There is a test that will have to be completed at the end of the training. To verify completion, please print the certificate at the end of the training and provide a copy to your 4-H or FFA leader. This will include all livestock show exhibitors participating at the Starr County Youth Fair in 2020. If you do not complete the required training by **January 31, 2022**, you will still be allowed to show this year but you will have to pay a \$50 penalty for not completing the training. **This waiver will only be allowed once for each exhibitor. Exhibitors that have previously completed this training will have to re-take training if they have moved into a new age category (i.e. from junior to intermediate or intermediate to senior).**

VETERINARIAN

The Starr County Fair official show veterinarian will be on call at all times. To obtain the services of a veterinarian, exhibitors should contact their division superintendent or their FFA or 4-H leader.

DOGS

DOGS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE SHOWGROUNDS because of safety and public health regulations. This rule will be strictly enforced and applies to all exhibitors and their employees, vendors, Starr County Fair committee members, volunteers and Show visitors. The only exception is official entries in a sanctioned Starr County Fair competitive and/or entertainment event or guide dogs for those with sight impairment.

PARKING

Vehicles parking in unauthorized areas will be towed away at the expense of the owner. Cars parked in the parking lots should be locked and empty of people. All trucks, trailers and vehicles of exhibitors, not used daily, must be parked in appropriate parking spots with proper parking permits or they will be towed.

STOLEN OR LOST PROPERTY

The Starr County Fair Association will not be responsible for stolen or lost property before, during or after the Show.

SECURITY AND POLICE

Law enforcement officers will be on hand to give assistance if needed. The Fair cannot guarantee that accidents, damage, or loss of property will not occur, but through security service, the Show will attempt to prevent such from happening.

CONCESSION STANDS

All who operate or work in stands of any kind that serve drinks or food must comply fully with local, county and state health department requirements. Concessionaires are responsible for paying all state sales taxes and permit fees.

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

Only photographers displaying the badge "Official Photographer" are authorized to operate on the show grounds and to charge exhibitors and others for their services. News Media, Breed Association representatives and other persons may take pictures provided they will not be sold to others.

RETURNED CHECKS

A \$30.00 charge will be made for all checks returned due to insufficient funds, account closed, etc.

SPECIAL NOTICE

It will be considered a favor if visitors will report to the management any mistreatment or extortion practices by an employee or representative of the Fair, concessionaire or carnival. Do not wait until the Show is over to make a complaint but report immediately as then is the time redress can be made.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

Persons, organizations or corporations desiring to present their product or their views may lease space in the areas designed for this purpose by the Management. Such space shall be assigned in accordance with a predetermined plan. Whenever practical, however, each lessee will be given preference in leasing the same space, the following year. In order to maintain the public areas in a safe, neat and sanitary condition, and to promote a pleasant and carefree atmosphere, no lessee shall conduct any portion of its operations outside the space leased to it. Nor shall any person, group or corporation conduct business, distribute samples or printed material or make any solicitation or presentation of any nature on the Starr County Fairgrounds except within the areas leased by it. Begging, soliciting, singing or public speaking is strictly prohibited. The above STATEMENT OF POLICY is an implied condition in every contract or lease agreement and is part of the General Rules and Regulations of the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show.

OBJECTIONABLE EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS

The Management reserves the right to remove from the grounds, any exhibit, animal, concession, show, sign, banner, advertising matter or merchandise of any kind that may be falsely entered or deemed objectionable, without assigning a reason, and if necessary, to return any money paid for space or stalls, which shall exonerate the Starr County Fair from any claim whatsoever on the part of the exhibitor or purchaser.

PARKING PERMITS FOR HOUSE TRAILERS

Space is extremely limited. The executive committee of the show shall determine how many spots are allowed each year. Permits will cost \$100.00 each and must be approved by the show president and then purchased from the Show Office prior to parking the vehicle. Permits must be affixed to house trailers or other vehicles used for sleeping or living quarters on the Show grounds. No refunds will be made after **February 18, 2022**.

GATES

The Show will open to visitors beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday of the week of the fair, and each day of the Show thereafter from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight except on Friday and Saturday nights when gates will be open until 1:00 a.m. No one will be allowed on the grounds after 1:00 a.m. other than those holding proper credentials.

GOLF CARTS, MOTORCYCLES, ETC.

No golf carts, three or four-wheelers, or motorcycles will be allowed on Show grounds unless approved by the Show Management.

GENERAL RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED BY ALL EXHIBITORS

RULE 1 – INTERPRETATION AND VIOLATIONS OF RULES.

The Starr County Fair Association, Inc. (at times in these rules referred to simply as “the Fair”), reserves, to the Fair’s Board of Directors, the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to settle and determine all matters, questions, protests and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, or connected with or incident to the Fair, and the right to amend or add to the rules as its judgment may determine. All exhibitors by entry into the Fair hereby agree and contract to abide and be bound by these rules and that their rights and privileges as Exhibitors in the Fair are solely defined by them. Any Exhibitor who violates any of these rules will be subject to the specific penalty specified in any rule or rules violated plus one or more of the following as determined in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors:

1. Issuance of oral or written apologies in a form acceptable to the Show, to other exhibitors, Show Officials, sifters, judges, Chapters, Clubs and/or other persons or entities affected by the violation;
2. Removal from the fairgrounds, along with any exhibit of his or hers;
3. Suspension or disqualification of the Exhibitor, his or her entire immediate family, or both from current and/or future Starr County Fairs;
4. Forfeiture of all premium, extra, or supplemental funds and/or sales proceeds applicable to the sale of his or her exhibit(s) as part of the Starr County Fair from which that Exhibitor has been disqualified;
5. Forfeiture and return of all trophies, ribbons, plaques, banners, buckles, or other items won or awarded as a result of competition in any Starr County Fair from which that Exhibitor has been disqualified;
6. Suspension or disqualification of his or her FFA Chapter or 4-H Club from the current and/or future Starr County Fairs;
7. Suspension or disqualification of other persons with ownership interest in the exhibit(s) exhibited from current and/or future Starr County Fairs;
8. And/or such other penalty as the Board of Directors otherwise orders.

RULE 2 – STATEMENT OF LIABILITY

All exhibits will be subject to the direction of the Show Management, but the Show will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur for any reason, including, but not limited to, the condition of the premises or the refusal to consent to the administration of any drugs, chemicals, or other foreign substances. Each Exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss or injury to any exhibit exhibited by him or her and for its description as given in the catalog, and shall indemnify the Show against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto as well as damage or injury to any other person or property used

by the Exhibitor or any of the exhibits by him or her arising out of, or in any way connected with, such exhibit.

RULE 3 – APPLICATION FOR ENTRY

The Starr County Fair livestock projects will pay their entries during livestock validation except for breeding cattle, breeding goats, and shop projects. Entries for breeding cattle, breeding goats, horticulture and shop projects will be submitted by the supervising agriculture science teacher or county agent prior to the entry deadlines. Entries must be received by deadline.

1. No entries will be accepted from individual FFA, or 4-H Exhibitors. All entries of exhibitors from each individual 4-H Club, or FFA Chapter must be submitted to the Starr County Extension Office.
2. No Entries will be accepted unless entry fees are paid. No refund of entry fees will be made under any circumstances.
3. All entries for the fair must be submitted on or before January 31st of the show year. Absolutely no entries for the fair will be accepted beginning February 1st of the show year.

RULE 4. APPLICATION SUMMARY

All entries of exhibitors from each individual 4-H Club, FFA or FCCLA Chapter must be submitted on-line by the 4-H Club manager, county agent, agriculture science teacher (AST) or Art teacher or FCCLA teacher to the Competitor Registration Committee by **January 31, 2022**.

RULE 5 – DEADLINE CALCULATION

All deadlines specified herein that fall on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday other than during the Show itself shall be on the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. Any other extension of any deadline occurring other than during the Show itself such as for weather, natural disaster, Act of God, strike, or any other cause will be at the sole discretion of the Show Management. All deadlines occurring during the Show itself are final and will not be extended under any circumstances.

RULE 6 – ENTRY FEES AND DEADLINE SUMMARY

The following is a list of entry fees and deadlines for various animals and exhibits. It is agreed by all Exhibitors that these fees are expressly NOT for the purchase of any goods or services or the chance to win any prize.

A late entry fee of \$25.00 per day will apply per entry. **No late entries, paperwork or fees will be accepted past the validation date.** If the paperwork is not complete at the time of validation, the animal will not be validated and will be ineligible to show.

For projects without a validation date, no late entries, paperwork or fees will be accepted upon the expiration of two weeks passed the paperwork deadline (ie, paperwork can be turned in 14 days after the deadline with a fee of \$350, but cannot be turned in 15 or more days after the deadline). However, there is an absolute deadline of **January 31, 2022** for every entry in the fair.

Absolutely NO entries will be accepted after January 31, 2022. This is especially important for previously validated heifers, bulls and commercial heifers which have no validation deadline.

There will be no entries, paperwork or fees accepted after **January 31, 2022**, not even with payment of late fees.

	<u>Paperwork Due</u>	<u>Validation</u>	<u>Fee/Entry</u>
Steers	6/11/21	6/16/21	\$35.00 per head
Heifers	10/8/21	10/13/21	\$35.00 per head
Lambs & Goats	10/15/21	10/20/21	\$35.00 per head
Swine	11/12/21	11/17/21	\$35.00 per head
Rabbits	1/21/22	1/29/22	\$10.00 per head
Bulls	1/14/22	N/A	\$35.00 per head
Commercial heifers	1/14/22	10/30/21 at RGVLS	\$35.00 per head
Horticulture	11/9/21	11/9/21	\$10.00 per entry
Shop Projects	1/31/22	\$20.00 for project and one exhibitor, Additional exhibitors \$ 5.00	

Validations will be held between **1-6 p.m.**, except for rabbits which will be held 9 am-12 noon.

Entries in Jr. Beef Division must be halter broken.

* Cattle stalled in livestock show barns that do not show in competition will be considered exhibit cattle and a fee of \$50.00 per head will be required. Exhibitors who fail to pay the fee may be asked to remove their animals from the show grounds.

Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter in Starr County, enrolled in elementary, secondary or home school, UIL eligible, and in their respective FFA Chapter or 4-H club by **January 1st** of show year.

RULE 7 – APPLICATION – NO SUBSTITUTES

No substitutions of entries (animals) will be allowed under any circumstances in any Jr. Divisions after entry deadline.

RULE 8 – SUBSTITUTE EXHIBITORS – ALL JR. DIVISIONS

A. Exhibition. All animals must be exhibited by their owners. Exceptions:

1. When an exhibitor has more than one entry in a class, an FFA or 4-H member from the same Chapter or Club as the exhibitor in whose names the entry is made, may exhibit the exhibitor's animal(s) with the approval of the superintendent of the division.
2. When an exhibitor is participating in another school sanctioned UIL event and cannot be present, an FFA or 4-H member from the same Chapter or Club as the exhibitor, in whose names the entry is made, may exhibit the exhibitor's animal(s) with the approval of the livestock committee.
3. Emergencies: The livestock committee will consider substitutions on a case by case basis with supporting documentation on an emergency basis such as death in the family or major illness.

4. An FFA or 4-H exhibitor planning to show livestock or other entries who is ineligible to compete in extracurricular activities pursuant to Texas law, University Interscholastic League Rules, school or district policy, or other such provisions, may not show at the Starr County Fair by substitute or otherwise.
 5. All substitutions must be done in writing. The document must state one of the exceptions above which pertains to the substitution. The request must give the name of the substitute exhibitor and in addition to being signed by the exhibitor must also be signed by the AST, CEA or 4-H Club manager under whose supervision the project was raised and one of the exhibitor's parents or legal guardians. The substitute exhibitor must be enrolled in the same school, FFA Chapter or 4-H Club as the original exhibitor requesting the substitution. The substitute must also meet all other requirements for a FFA member or 4-H member to be able to participate in the Starr County Fair. Substitute exhibitors will not be eligible for showmanship competition. Whether a substitute will be allowed will be at the sole discretion of the Show.
- B. A 4-H member, FFA member or student will be allowed to substitute only one time per division for only one exhibitor.

RULE 9 – SHOW CARDS

Each entry will be assigned a number. Exhibitors will receive a show card with corresponding number, which must be worn when entry is being judged.

RULE 10 – FEED AND WATER

All exhibitors must provide all feed, watering and feed vessels. Every exhibitor must adequately feed and water each animal which he or she has entered all the way up to their division's LOAD OUT time. Failure to do so may result in exhibitor being ineligible to receive premium money or a scholarship and may disqualify the exhibitor from showing next year or any other sanction at the board's discretion.

RULE 11 – ARRIVAL OF LIVESTOCK ENTRIES – See rules under each division

RULE 12 – RELEASE OF LIVESTOCK – See rules under each division

FFA and 4-H Club exhibitors must stay with their market entries until released by the division superintendent.

RULE 13 – CARE OF ANIMALS, STALLS AND PENS

All stalls and pens must be cleaned before 9:00 am each morning and animals in their stalls or pens from that time until 6:00 pm unless being judged or being prepared for judging. All livestock will be stalled in the designated area assigned to that particular division. Exhibitors will not be permitted to stall animals otherwise. To do so may result in an exhibitor being disqualified.

RULE 14 – GROOMING OF ANIMALS

No grooming or clipping of animals will be allowed in stalling areas.

No adhesives, oil or any foreign substance of any type will be allowed as this is a “Blow and Go” show.

No trimming, fitting or dressing of any animals for the Show by anyone other than the exhibitor, his or her parents, CEAs or ASTs or 4-H Club leaders from the county from which the animal is entered will be permitted.

RULE 15 – GROOMING CHUTES AND SCALES

No charge will be made for trimming chutes, grooming tables and scale, however each must have ID attached as to ownership. Failure to do so may result in exhibitor being disqualified. Chutes and grooming tables will not be allowed in the barns or fair tent – outside only.

RULE 16 – GENERATORS

No generators will be allowed in or within 100 feet of livestock barns.

RULE 17 – STALL CARDS AND SIGNS

Each 4-H and FFA Exhibitor is required to post a stall card or sign over his exhibit giving the Exhibitor’s name, Club or Chapter and similar information such as sponsor, etc. This sign may be of any design or shape within reason. No other signs except Club and Chapter banners will be permitted in the Junior Livestock Barns. The exception to this rule will be duty roster signs. These must be no more than three feet wide and four feet in height.

Exhibitors showing in the junior show must stall with their respective 4-H club or FFA chapter, and they must post signs that reflect that club or chapter; they can only compete for Good Housekeeping Awards.

Exhibitors of Breeding Cattle are permitted to display a sign over the exhibit advertising their own herd. This sign will be a reasonable size so as not to obstruct the view of other Exhibitors’ signs or exhibits of livestock. Signs not to exceed 22 x 28 inches may be used to advertise individual animals with an individual exhibit. No “For Sale” signs will be permitted. All other forms of signs or advertising must be approved by the Show.

The Show, at its sole discretion, may have any signs removed that violate these provisions or which it otherwise finds objectionable for any reason.

RULE 18 – SIFTING OF LIVESTOCK

The Show will appoint sifting committees to inspect and make a preliminary review of all animals entered for competition. The decisions of the sifter, sifters and/or sifting committee are within their sole discretion, are final and may not be challenged for any reason. If the sifter, or sifters, determines that an animal is lacking in competitive merit or is not adequately controllable for any reason, it will be eliminated, disqualified from further competition in that year’s Starr County Fair. All sifted market animals will be returned to the exhibitor and must be immediately removed from the showgrounds. Junior exhibitors must personally present their animals for sift. Substitute junior exhibitors may present an animal for sift only if approved by the division superintendent. No adults will be allowed in the sifting arena.

RULE 19 – JUDGING RULES

- A. The time of judging the livestock will be announced prior to the Show. All exhibitors must be on hand at the time of judging in order to present their animal promptly on schedule. No complaint or protest that judges overlooked exhibits will be considered.
- B. No one but the exhibitors, the official judges, his certified assistants and authorized show personnel will be allowed in the judging ring or in the holding pen. During the judging, exhibitors shall not speak to the judge except when asked to do so by the judge.
- C. No exhibitor at any time or in any way, whether in person or by agent, servant, parent or any other person, may interfere with the judges and/or sifers in their official capacity or exhibit disrespect to them or other show officials.
- D. In classes where competition does not exist, the judge shall make his award in accordance with the merits of the animals being exhibited. The judge will not and cannot award a premium or other award to an unworthy animal.

RULE 20 – SHOWING FOR ADJUDICATION

All Exhibitors must, in accordance with the rules, bring their animals into the arena for judging at all times and locations specified for the types and/or class in which competing.

RULE 21 – ETHICS

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

- 1. Misrepresenting the age of the animal for the class in which it is shown.
- 2. Striking the animal to cause swelling or depressed area.
- 3. Surgery of any kind performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body, hide or hair, except for the removal of warts, teats or horns, or clipping and dressing of hair and trimming of hooves.
- 4. Insertion of foreign material under the skin including, but not limited to, air, liquid or natural substances from other portions of the same or other animals such as blood, urine, fat or tissue of any kind.
- 5. Changing the color of hair at any point, spot or area on the animal's body.
- 6. **The act of artificially filling animals internally by stomach pumping is prohibited.**
- 7. The use of alcoholic beverages in the feed or administered as a drench.
- 8. Mishandling, abuse or neglect of animals.

RULE 22 – PROTESTS

Any disagreement, dispute, claim or challenge to any decision of the Show Management, its Officials or judges, under these rules or otherwise arising out of the presence of any Exhibitor on the show grounds or in any competition as part of the Show, must be made by Protest in writing within 15 calendar days of the event or decision made on the basis of the disagreement, dispute, claim or challenge. If protesting an animal, protest must be made prior to completion of judging of that animal. All protests must be then be reduced to writing and supported by

affidavit based upon the personal knowledge of the affiant supporting the Protest together with a deposit of \$100.00. The deposit will be forfeited if the Protest is not sustained. No Protest will be accepted regarding the actions of a sifter or classifier and their decisions are final. No Protest will be accepted challenging the policy reflected in any rule, only its application or administration. No Protest will be accepted regarding the merits of the judge's decision unless it is alleged that such decision was made in violation of these rules.

The Board of Directors of the Show shall have the sole right and authority to review and decide the Protest. In so doing it may use the information contained therein and any and all other information, which it may be able to acquire from any source. The protesting party will be notified of a time and place within twenty (20) days of the date of the Protest when the protesting party, in person or by representative so authorized in writing, may appear before the Board of Directors to state his or her position or present additional evidence competent under the Texas Rules of Evidence. Each such presentation shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes of total time. Non-appearance at the time scheduled will constitute a default of the Protest. The Show will not be required to produce any controverting evidence at the presentation but may discuss such evidence with the protesting party at the presentation, if the Board of Directors desires to do so. The protesting party must be provided at least three days in advance production of any controverting evidence. Within ten (10) days of the date of the scheduled presentation the Board of Directors will forward its decision in writing to the protesting party at the address on that party's application and to any representative so authorized in writing. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final in all respects.

Compliance with this rule in all respects shall be an absolute administrative prerequisite to any further action of any kind.

RULE 23 – SPECIAL RULE

Special rules or conditions are published in each division where necessary. If there is a conflict between the special rules of any division and the general rules and regulations, the special rules will govern.

RULE 25 – GENERAL CONDUCT RULES

No excessive noise of any kind will be allowed after twelve midnight on all nights except Saturday, when the deadline shall be one o'clock a.m. No Exhibitor, family member of any Exhibitor, AST, CEA, Club manager, or Assistant may use abusive language, be disruptive, interfere with the exhibits of others, exhibit lewd or lascivious, behavior, possess or use non-prescription narcotics or controlled substances as defined by federal law, or otherwise create a nuisance or obstacle to the orderly continuation of the Show. Alcoholic beverages may not be possessed or consumed on the Livestock Show grounds except in the areas designated by the Show. Any person present on the Starr County Fairgrounds who refuses to allow a search of his or her person, exhibit area, supplies, overnight living quarters, vehicles, or other facilities under their possession or control within the confines of the Show grounds for substances prohibited by these rules may be subject to the penalties specified in Rule 1. Constructive possession is the existence of substances in or within the areas specified herein other than on the person.

RULE 26 – GROUND SECURITY

ASTs, CEAs and assistant CEAs shall work out a program between them so that one AST and one CEA or their assistant will be on duty throughout each night the exhibitors have their animals on the Show grounds. It will be the responsibility of those serving on night duty to supervise the exhibitors staying in the barns and to help care for any animals that may need attention. All exhibitors are solely responsible for the security and condition of their animals at all times until delivered on or to the truck or other conveyance of the buyer. The Show is no way responsible for security of any animal. Each FFA Chapter and 4-H Club must supply the name and phone number of a person who can be reached at all times during the Show in case an emergency arises.

RULE 27 – WRIST BANDS AND GATE TICKETS

- A. One Exhibitor Wristband will be provided to FFA and 4-H Club advisors for each exhibitor listed on their Summary Sheets. Wristband must be worn at all times during the Show. The Wrist Band will serve as the Exhibitor's admission to the grounds. Double entry by a Jr. Exhibitor does not entitle exhibitor to additional passes and parking permits. No lost or stolen Wristband will be replaced.
- B. Agriculture Science Teachers, 4-H Club managers and county agents will be provided a complimentary season gate ticket and car sticker.
- C. NOTE: All gate tickets and Wristbands of every character are good only for admission of the person to whom issued. Tickets are not transferable and will be forfeited if misused in any manner.

RULE 28 – SALE – MARKET ANIMALS

This is a terminal Show for all Grand and Reserve Champion livestock projects and those livestock projects for which exhibitors accept the premium proceeds. All other animals may be taken home or shown at another livestock show. Sale card must be turned into the chairman within 30 minutes after showing concludes for each animal. If a sale card is not turned in by that time, it will be presumed that the animal is being sold.

RULE 29 – CHECKS FOR SALE PROCEEDS

All checks for exhibitors from one FFA Chapter or 4-H Club will be distributed to the AST or 4-H Club manager for delivery to the exhibitors. A \$30.00 charge will be made to replace any premium or sale check that is lost, stolen or misplaced. Checks MUST be cashed within 90 days of issue. Buyers, sponsors and add-on checks should be made payable to the Starr County Fair Association.

RULE 30 – OWNERSHIP AND ANIMAL IDENTITY

Ownership of all terminal livestock projects will remain with the Exhibitor until the project is delivered on or to the trust or other conveyance of the buyer on the Sunday of the show.

Animal Identity DNA Testing – As a condition for participation in the Show, every exhibitor must agree to submit DNA validation/registration samples of any and all animals entered by exhibitor for purposes of identifications. The Show requires that the animal exhibited at the Show be the same as the animal enrolled at the validation/registration event. The Show specifically reserves

the right to obtain and maintain hair and/or blood DNA samples and have analysis made on any animal entered for the competition. The conclusion reached by the testing company/laboratories shall be final, without recourse against the Show or its service providers. If the animal's identity (Show sample) is found to differ from its validation/registration sample then the exhibitor will forfeit any awards, prize money and/or sale proceeds and may forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit in the future at the Show).

RULE 31 – HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

All livestock exhibited must meet the laws and health requirements of the Texas Animal Health Commission and any additional requirements that the Show may in its sole discretion require. The Texas Animal Health Commission regulations are published at <https://www.tahc.texas.gov/regs/entry.html>.

Cattle and horses from tick or scabies quarantined areas must be accompanied by a certificate issued by a state or federal inspector showing freedom from infection or exposure thereto and have been dipped immediately prior to shipment. These Animals will be checked against health certificates at the gate of the Show grounds. Any animal may be inspected, refused entry or be required to be removed from the Show grounds due to disease or external parasites. Animals that show any evidence of abnormal discharge will not be admitted and all cows calving will be isolated.

HORSES – Effective January 1, 1997, all equines, regardless of origin, entering any show, fair and exhibition (interstate or intrastate) must have a negative test for EIA conducted within the previous 12 months.

RULE 32 – FOREIGN SUBSTANCES

The Starr County Fair in its sole discretion may, any number of times and at any time, test any animal officially entered in any division for unethical fitting or any foreign substance including any type of drugs, chemicals or prohibited feed additives other than drugs or chemicals. Feed additives are prohibited if they are so indicated by the USDA or FDA at the time of the test. Unethical fitting is any physical or physiological attempt to alter the natural confirmation, musculature or weight in any animal.

There will be an ABSOLUTE zero tolerance for any such foreign substances in any animal regardless of the concentration of the amount found or withdrawal periods published or approved by any entity. Testing equipment available is quite sensitive. All exhibitors are urged not to participate in or allow the medication of their animals for any reason whatsoever within at least three weeks of entry or while at the show without express written consent of the Show's General Manager or Official Veterinarian. Such consent will only be granted upon extraordinary circumstances to be determined at the sole discretion of the show. Unless written consent was given by the Show's General Manager or Official Veterinarian, any animal testing positive for any such foreign substance, regardless of its source, whether it is otherwise approved or permissible by any entity or governmental agency for the treatment of any animal, the Exhibitor's knowledge of or participation in its administration, or by whom it was administered, or having been unethically fitted as determined at the sole discretion of the judge(s), will automatically be disqualified. If an entry is disqualified, no changes will be made in

the placing of other animals. The carcass of a disqualified animal will be disposed of, if still available, only in accordance with written instructions from USDA or FDA if the substances detected are or could be hazardous to humans if consumed.

RULE 33 – MEDICATIONS

There is zero tolerance for any type of medication in an animal unless the Show's Livestock Committee or Official Veterinarian has given express written consent. Accordingly, there is no need for any person to have any such medication in their possession on the Show grounds and it will not be permitted. Should any such medication be found or discovered in the actual or constructive possession of an Exhibitor, that person and his or her exhibit may be subject to the penalties specified in Rule 1. Should any such medication be found in the actual or constructive possession of any other person, that person may be expelled from the Show grounds for a length of time to be determined in the sole discretion of the Show. Veterinarian bringing such medications onto the Show grounds for the possible treatment of animals pursuant to this rule should advise the Show's General Manager or Official Veterinarian before doing so or they will expose themselves to the provisions of this rule.

Exhibitors who have animals on the grounds and services of a veterinarian is needed, should report to the superintendent of their division who will call a veterinarian. After that, exhibitors should wait near their animal until a veterinarian arrives. If an animal of an exhibitor is in need of medication, the decision to give it or allow it to be given is solely that of the exhibitor regardless of consent or lack thereof from the Show and the effect on the animal of its administration, or lack thereof, is solely the responsibility of the exhibitor. **If the medications used to treat the animal are or could be hazardous to humans if consumed, the animal must be removed from the show grounds immediately.** If the animal of an Exhibitor is medicated without the express written consent of the Show's General Manager or Official Veterinarian and it tests positive for the substance administered, the provisions of Rule 1 will apply. Payment of veterinary fees is the responsibility of the Exhibitor.

RULE 34. – COOKING

No cooking grills, crockpots, roasters, or BBQ grills are allowed, except for approved vendors.

RULE 35. – LOCATION / SUPERVISION OF LIVESTOCK

Livestock projects must be raised at the physical address of validation record. Prior approval must be granted by the "Species Specific County-Level State Validation Committee" in the event the animal will be outside the direct care of the exhibitor, immediate family/guardian, and/or the supervising County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher. Failure to gain approval from the supervising Agricultural Science Teacher/County Extension Agent and the Species-Specific County-Level State Validation Committee will result in the disqualification of all state validated livestock.

All of the Starr County Fair rules and regulations are on our website at www.starrcountyfair.com

Everyone is subject to all rules and regulations of the fair.