

# Market Goat Division

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**Notice to Exhibitors: Sexually intact goats or sheep brought to the show grounds must have a Premise ID Tag issued by the Texas Animal Health Commission. If an exhibitor has purchased a project from a breeder the breeder should supply the Premise ID Tag.**

1. 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, and enrolled in their respective FFA Chapter or 4-H club by November 1<sup>st</sup>, thru the Show period.
2. Exhibitors must be in third grade or nine years old but under 20 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. All goats must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and continuously fed and cared for by the exhibitor from validation date thru the Show date under the supervision of an AST, CEA or 4-H Club manager.
4. Goats may be of any breed or crossbreed, a wether or unbred doe.
5. All male goats must be castrated by January 1.
6. All goats must be validated on the specified validation date.
7. An exhibitor may enter only one market goat.
8. Any animal, which is found to have been entered in another show under a different exhibitor's name, other than the name entered in this Show, will be declared ineligible. Any animal that has gone through the auction at another show is ineligible for this Show. Any goat found to have evidence of more than one validation, will be ineligible to show unless the proper Change of Ownership Forms are recorded, reflecting why there is evidence of more than one validation and that the previous validation(s) have been canceled.
9. Exhibitors must declare animal weight at the time they Sift and Classify. The weight listed on the Weight Card will become that animal's official declared weight to be used for weigh back and selling purposes. Exhibitors must complete the Weight Card to include declared weight and state validation tag number.
10. Goats must meet the following requirements or be sifted.
  - A. Must weigh at least 65 pounds. Maximum weight for all goats will be 115 pounds.
  - B. Any goat that has had its natural musculature or weight altered by use of injections or ingested material not conducive of the continued health of goats or marketability of goat carcasses will be sifted.
  - C. All goats must be slick shorn from the hock up with 3/8 of hair or less.

- D. Sharp or pointed horns must be clipped or rounded or sanded to the size of a dime or larger to meet the approval of the Goat Committee prior to going thru the sift.
  - E. Goats must be creditable from standpoint of quality finish and not have been mutilated in any way at time of sifting.
  - F. Exhibitors must have a collar or halter on their goat at all times during weighing and sifting.
11. Chokers with spikes will not be permitted during sift or during judging.
  12. The decision of the sifters will be final. Protest will not be acceptable on sifter's opinion. Sifted goats must be removed from the grounds immediately after sifting.
  13. After sifting, goats will be divided into weight classes as nearly equal as possible.
  14. Exhibitors of market goats must feed and care for their goat during the entire Show until they are loaded out.
  15. First place goats in each class will compete for Grand Champion, 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners in class that produced the Grand Champion will compete with remaining 1<sup>st</sup> place class goats for Reserve Champion.
  16. Goats in each class of each weight division may be designated for re-weighing during judging at any time determined by the Goat Superintendent or livestock committee. Goats must go through reweigh in order to qualify for the Grand/Reserve champion runs.
  17. Any goat weighing more than five (5) pounds above or below his initial official show weight will become ineligible for any award or placing.

The Goat Committee may collect hair and/or blood samples from any goat entered in the Show for the purpose of conducting a DNA analysis. Any goat not having a positive match from the DNA analysis of the hair and/or blood samples compared to the DNA analysis of the hair and /or blood samples taken from it at the time of enrollment in the state validation program will be disqualified.

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