

Chico FFA Livestock Show Rules & Guidelines

Membership on the Chico ISD FFA Show Team is considered a privilege; therefore the following rules must be followed. Any Chico ISD FFA member is expected to follow the guidelines of this handbook, student code of conduct, and extracurricular guidelines. Any FFA event is considered an extension of the Chico ISD and therefore all participating students must be actively enrolled in a CISD school.

Any Ag Science Teacher supervising a species has sole discretion to adjust, amend or add additional expectations as deemed important for the success of his or her program and upon approval from CISD administration.

The stock show experience is fast-paced and requires a lot of hard work on the part of everyone involved. To have a safe, successful, positive experience, everyone must work as a team.

Eligibility:

- Members must be actively enrolled at a Chico ISD school.
- High school students must be enrolled in an approved Agriculture or related class to participate in the CISD FFA chapter. Any exception must have Ag Teacher approval.
- All UIL eligibility guidelines will be followed. If a student is ineligible to show due to UIL ineligibility, the animal is also ineligible to show. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- Members must comply with the National FFA and Texas FFA membership guidelines.
- Members must be in compliance with CISD compulsory attendance.
- All FFA or Jr FFA dues must be paid by the stated deadlines and the student must be in good standing with the CISD FFA chapter.
- Members must attend all mandatory livestock meetings for their specific project.
- Members must pay entry fees at the time entries are done and also meet show requirements.
- Members are responsible for **ALL expenses** related to each show, including: Lodging, food, animal feed, animal hay, and animal bedding including shavings and/or straw.
- Members needing a substitute exhibitor for any species must be approved and coordinated by the Ag Science Teacher in conjunction with livestock show rules.

General Expectations:

- All members are expected to follow the CISD Student Code of Conduct and any extracurricular guidelines set forth by CISD.
- All members showing with Chico ISD FFA are expected to follow the rules and guidelines of the major stock shows. All shows provide a handbook specifically for their show. These handbooks are available on each shows website. Violation of rules will have consequences.

- All CISD policies regarding travel, transportation and student behavior will be enforced.
- Everyone is expected to work as a team to load animals, set up/tear down pens, weigh animals, etc. Chico FFA works as a team to encourage and help one another, which means you, are expected to watch other student's show, etc. We will travel as a group as much as possible and work together to make it a positive experience for all the kids. If there are extenuating circumstances, please communicate with the Ag Science Teacher.
- All animals must be validated or all validation rules must be followed. It is the responsibility of the student and/or parents to check the accuracy of the validation.
- All species will pen together at major shows. Meaning your animal will be penned with Chico FFA animals and are not allowed to be moved to another area of the show to be penned with others. This is to assist monitoring of animals at all times by CISD teachers.
- Animals should be clipped and groomed as much as possible before they leave for the shows. Contact the Ag Teachers for guidelines and/or help.
- All families are expected to make their own hotel arrangements. If a parent is not attending a show, please contact the Ag Teacher to confirm arrangements.
- Payment for stock show entries is due at the time of registration. Your entry will not be submitted without payment. Times and dates for stock show entries will be set by the Ag Teacher.
- If you or a family member is not present to assist with loading and unloading, or to show or feed your animal, your animal will not be shown. The Ag Teacher must approve any exceptions.
- Substitutions for showing animals must follow the guidelines of the major stock show. The Ag Teacher must be advised of substitutions.

Other:

- FOLLOW ALL BARN RULES at the Chico FFA-4H Ag. Project Center!!!!
- All animals should be transported by or with Chico FFA, unless prior arrangements are made with the Ag Teacher. Animals need to arrive at the shows at the same time to guarantee stalling.
- Members are expected to perform duties for the livestock show. This includes but is not limited to set-up, cleanup, & maintenance, etc. as set forth by the Ag Teacher.
- Members are expected to pay for all expenses related to themselves and their animal(s). During pre-show meetings, funds will be collected to pay for items such as straw for the tie-outs or shavings for the stalls or pens.
- Parents/students may be asked to leave any CISD FFA sponsored event for any behavior misconduct including but not limited to aggressive or disrespectful behavior towards advisors, other parents, or students, or any behavior that brings discredit to our organization.
- Members who choose to attend livestock shows outside the designated school shows must follow all Chico FFA, and show team guidelines as they still represent our organization.
- Any decisions or instructions made by the Ag Teacher at a school sponsored show are final. Any concerns should be addressed through the chain of command prior to leaving for an event.

Parent Responsibility and Expectations

Chico ISD reserves the right for discretionary interpretation of contents of this guide. Any disciplinary action or violation of this document will be at the sole discretion of Chico ISD and campus administration.

- **Parent Responsibilities:** To help promote teamwork, good showmanship and success, your assistance as a parent of the livestock show team is very important and valued.

Please help us:

- Review the show team guidelines, show rules and Chico ISD Code of Conduct and Student Handbook.
- Ensure your child accurately completes and turns in all registration paperwork and other required forms on time.
- Support the decisions and instructions given by Ag Teachers, show judges, and other officials at all FFA and livestock events.
- Provide positive support of your child and the entire FFA livestock team.
- Ensure that your child is on time to all required meetings and that they follow all show team contract guidelines. i.e.: work schedules, feeding times, tie-out times.
- Arrange transportation and accommodations for your child at all stock shows. Child safety is of utmost importance. Please communicate with your Ag Teacher if you need assistance. Students should not drive themselves outside Wise County.
- Refrain from the use of tobacco, alcohol and illegal substances at all FFA livestock events. Use of alcoholic beverages is forbidden on school property, including the Chico ISD Ag Farm Facilities. In addition, please remember that show shows and other FFA events are family experiences and also an extension of the school grounds when attending as a Chico FFA member. Adults are not allowed to consume or have in their possession alcoholic beverages in or around the primary/general areas of the livestock show team, including animal pens.
- Parents may be asked to leave any Chico FFA sponsored event for inappropriate misconduct, aggressive or disrespectful behavior towards advisors, other parents, students, or any behavior that brings discredit to our organization.
- Any decisions or instructions made by the Ag Teacher at a school-sponsored show are final. Any concerns should be addressed through the chain of command after we have returned home, not during the livestock show.

Terms, Conditions and Consequences

REMINDER, any terms and conditions are subject to change with Campus and District Administrative approval. All contents of this manual are at the sole discretion of Chico ISD. This document will be kept updated and located on the CISD website. It will be the responsibility of students and parents to utilize the website to obtain and/or refer to the most current version of this document.

The Ag Program reserves the right to remove any animal from a livestock show if any one of the following conditions exists:

- Animal abuse or neglect in any form
- Diseased or infected animals
- Animals that are unsafe to handle
- Students and/or parents failing to observe rules
- Animals not being fed for show purposes
- Student no longer involved in Ag Program
- Student expelled or withdrawn from CISD
- Student placed in ISS or DAEP
- Student is academically ineligible

Students/Parents violating rules of the program will be subject to the following disciplinary actions.

Students:

- 1st Offense: Warning**
- 2nd Offense: Discipline Referral**
- 3rd Offense: Skip a Show**
- 4th Offense and Beyond: Skip the next Show**

Parents:

- 1st Offense: Warning**
- 2nd Offense: Meeting with Principal**
- 3rd Offense: Child will skip show**
- 4th Offense: No longer allowed at stalls for the remainder of the school year**

Receipt of Chico FFA Livestock Show Rules & Guidelines

My student and I accept responsibility for accessing, reading and following the guidelines in the Chico ISD FFA Livestock Show Rules & Guidelines.

I understand that the **Chico ISD FFA Livestock Show Rules & Guidelines** and the **CISD Student Code of Conduct** and the **CISD Student Handbook** contain information that my student and I may need during the school year. All students will be held accountable for their behavior and will be subject to the disciplinary consequences outlined in all documents. If I have questions regarding these documents, I should direct those to the principal at my student's school.

Student Name

Campus

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date