



2023-2024
Rule Book

2023 – 2024
Hays County
Livestock Show
Rules

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July 2023

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2024 Hays County Livestock Show Schedule of Events

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sat	Jan 13	9:00am	Horse Show- Awards after Show
Sat	Jan 20	8:30am	Presentation of Queen's Court, Ambassador's & Scholarships
Sat	Jan 20	7:00pm	Buyer's Gala
Mon	Jan 22	8:00am (must be in line by 9:00am)	Check in Market Rabbits Followed by Market Rabbit Show
Mon	Jan 22	5:00pm-7:30pm	Check In Ag Mechanic Projects
Tues	Jan 23	9:00am	Judging of Ag Mechanics
		12:00pm	Barn Open
		5:00pm-7:30pm	Check In All Livestock Entries
		5:00pm-7:30pm	Check In Home Skills
		7:30pm	All Projects must be checked in
Wed	Jan 24	9:00am-4:00pm	Home Skills Judging
		10:00am	Breeding Goat Show Followed by Market Goat Show
		4:00pm	Presentation of Home Skill Awards
		4:30pm-6:30pm	Home Skills Open for Public Viewing
		5:00pm	Breeding Sheep Show Followed by Market Lamb Show
Thurs	Jan 25	8:00am-9:00am	Poultry Check in
		9:00am	Breeding Swine Show Followed by Market Swine Show
		10:00am	Poultry Show
		11:00am-5:30pm	Home Skills Open for Public Viewing and Check-Out

		5:00pm	Breeding Cattle Show Followed by Market Steer Show
Fri	Jan 26	10:00am	Setup auction ring. All help is appreciated
Sat	Jan 27	10:00am	Awards
		10:30am	Auction Starts
Sun	Jan 28	9:00am	Show Breakdown/Clean-up

2023

15 Top Buyers

Sunset Construction and Excavation

Gunner Thames Memorial Foundation

Kohler Pot/ Mark Jones

McCoy's Building Supply

Dripping Springs Ag Boosters

Travis and Bettina Mathis

Valor Mission Project

L&R Buyers Group

Wimberley 4-H Buyers Pool

Davey Plumbing

Dick and Dodie Scott

Wes and Kara Murray

West San Marcos Dove Hunt Foundation

Buda Vocational Agriculture Booster Club

Republic of Texas Tailgaters

1. HAYS COUNTY YOUTH SHOW GENERAL RULES

1.1 INVITATIONAL SHOW: This is an invitational show. The HCLE Board of Directors reserves the right to extend or withhold an invitation to any contestant.

1.2 RULES INTERPRETATIONS AND VIOLATIONS: Exhibitors are requested to report any rule violation(s) to the appropriate division superintendent immediately so that appropriate action may be taken. The Hays County Livestock Expo, Inc. (HCLE) reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or arising out of, or in connection with, or incident to, the exposition and to amend or add to these rules. Exhibitors who violate any of the rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and will be subject to such penalty as the HCLE Board of Directors may order.

1.3 SPECIAL RULES: Special Rules are published in any department where necessary. If there is a conflict between the Special Rules and the General Rules, the Special Rules will govern.

1.4 LIABILITY: All exhibits will be under the control and direction of the hosting organization, but in no case will the Hays County Livestock Exposition, Inc. (HCLE), their respective agents, directors, officers, managers, employees, and volunteers be responsible for any loss, injury or damage which may occur. The exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury, or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or property exhibited by him/her. Exhibitors shall indemnify and hold HCLE harmless against any and all claims, demands, damages, costs, and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees for defense thereof arising out of conduct or management of the show, including, but not limited to, their negligence. In no case will HCLE, its directors, officers, managers, employees, or volunteers be held responsible for any loss, damage, or injury of any character, person, animal, or article while on HCLE grounds at the event or at any other time or place caused by the exhibitor or any animals exhibited with such exhibition, or any of the animals so exhibited. All owners or persons in charge of property or animals shall care for, guard, protect, and preserve same, as HCLE does not undertake to do so, and it shall not be held responsible for any loss, shrink, animals, owners, or exhibitors thereof.

1.5 DISPUTES AND PROTESTS: All protests or other matters must be submitted in writing and accompanied with a deposit of \$100, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Such protest must plainly state the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the appropriate division superintendent immediately after the occasion for the protest. All protests will be reviewed by the Executive Board of the Hays County Livestock Exposition, Inc. Judges' and classifiers' decisions will be final and may not be protested. Weight backs may not be protested.

1.6 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY: According to UIL Guidelines students must be academically eligible to participate in such an event. This would mean that they will need to be passing as of the grading period prior to the event. For competitive 4-H or FFA-sponsored events, youth participants must be academically eligible per current guidelines as set forth by the Texas Education Agency. Youth exhibitors and contestants who have been suspended under **Texas Education Cod 33.081 "No Pass, No Play"** are ineligible to participate in any Hays County Livestock Exposition Inc. activity, event, or competition. **Any animal owned by an ineligible exhibitor is ineligible for competition.** As of January 12th, all Hays County 4-H and FFA exhibitors are considered to be eligible by the Hays County Livestock Exposition Inc. to participate in the Youth Livestock Show. Any AST/CEA, FFA, FCCLA advisor who has a member in his/her 4-H or FFA program who becomes ineligible to participate in the Youth Livestock Show according to the Texas Education Code must provide written and signed notification to the Hays County Livestock Exposition, Inc. Board and the appropriate division superintendent prior to check-in.

1.7 GENERAL ELIGIBILITY: Participants must be a member of a Hays County FFA Chapter, FCCLA or 4-H Club and be eligible to be enrolled in a public primary or secondary school in Hays County and in good standing in an FFA Chapter and/or 4-H Club in Hays County at the time of the Show. ****Good Standing** means that a youth participant must have met the attendance requirement of attending three (3) meetings and/or events of the organizations between the months of August through January. FFA Advisors and CEA's will certify eligibility of all of the chapter/club exhibitors to the Hays County Livestock Exposition, Inc Board. Exhibitors who do not follow this eligibility will not be allowed to participate in the Hays County Youth Livestock Show.

1.8 OTHER COUNTY SHOWS: The participant and/or project may not enter or participate in another county youth show in Texas other than Hays County in the same school year.

1.9 OWNERSHIP/VALIDATION DATES AND FEES: All exhibitors, regardless of species or project, shall abide by the standards established by the current Texas 4-H/FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy. The ownership and validation dates specifically pertaining to our show are as shown below.

1.10

Item	Date	Fee
Turkeys	Ordered by County Agent Deadline July 7, 2023	–
Broilers	Ordered by County Agent Deadline September 29, 2023	–
Steers	June 1 st -30 th Wednesday, June 30 th	\$21.00
Heifers	June 1 st -30 th 3 rd Saturday in October DSRP	\$16.00
Lambs	3 rd Saturday in October DSRP	\$16.00
Ewes	3 rd Saturday in October DSRP	\$16.00
Market Goats (Male & Female)	3 rd Saturday in October DSRP	\$16.00
Breeding Meat Goats	3 rd Saturday in October DSRP	\$16.00
Market Barrows & Gilts	Saturday, November 11, 2023 Dripping Springs HS Ag Barn	\$17.00 Late Fee \$20
Breeding Gilts	Saturday, November 11, 2023 Dripping Springs HS Ag BARN	\$17.00 Late Fee \$20
Market Rabbits	Saturday, December 16, 2023 Buda VoAg Building	\$2.00
Breeding Rabbits	Saturday, December 16, 2023 Buda VoAg Building	\$2.00

VALIDATION TIMES WILL BE FROM 8-11AM

1.11 HORSE OWNERSHIP: An affidavit of ownership or 4-H lease is necessary to enter grade horses. For registered horses, completed registration papers prior to November 1 through the breed registry/association will prove ownership. Transfer papers will not be accepted as proof of ownership.

For registered horses that are leased, please complete the Texas 4-H Leased Horse Agreement. Papers must be submitted to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office, Hays County.

1.12 VALIDATION TAGS: A state validation tag, tattoo, or registration papers are required at check-in. If a tag is lost or pulled out, contact the division superintendent AND County Extension Agent within 24 hours of the loss. If a band is lost on poultry, it is ineligible for any show (county or majors). You may contact the division superintendent or County Extension Agent if you have a questionable or loose band to reband, however rebanded poultry are ineligible for majors and can only be shown at the Hays County Livestock Show. Validation tags must be properly affixed to all animals before entering the show barn.

1.13 DECLARATION FOR BREEDING ANIMALS: Declaration of whether the animal shows in market or breeding will be done at check in as long as two entries have been paid for the animal to show in either market or breeding. ****For clarification, this means that a paid market entry AND a paid breeding entry are required to have a choice at check-in. It does NOT mean that a single animal can show in both classes. ****

1.14 ENTRY DEADLINE: All entries must be submitted online and paid in full by 11:59pm on the third Wednesday of December. There will be NO REFUNDS ON ENTRY FEES. Late entries for ALL PROJECTS will be accepted up to check-in on January 22, 2024, for Ag Mechanic & Rabbits, January 23, 2024 for all other projects with an additional late fee of \$300.00 per project/per species as long as the exhibitor has met the general eligibility.

1.15 ENTRY FEES AND ACCEPTABLE PAYMENT: Cash is not accepted. Entry fees must be paid by Credit Card, personal check, cashier's check, or money order. No personal checks for late entries.

Entry Fees

Item	Fee
Exhibitor Fee	\$10.00
Market Steers	\$25.00
Market Swine	\$25.00
Market Goats (Male or Female)	\$25.00
Market Lambs	\$25.00
Market Rabbit Pen	\$20.00
Market Rabbit Fryer	\$20.00

Broiler Pen	\$20.00
Turkeys	\$20.00
Breeding Cattle	\$25.00
Breeding Swine	\$25.00
Breeding Meat Goats	\$25.00
Breeding Ewes	\$25.00
Breeding Rabbits	\$20.00
Ag Mechanics	\$20.00
Home Skills	\$10.00
Horses	\$10.00 per Class
Horses- Goat Tying	\$20.00 per Class
Horses- Breakaway Roping	\$40.00 per Class

1.16 ENTRY SIGNATURES: All required e-signatures must be on the entry form when it is submitted or a completed online entry for it to be considered valid.

1.17 MARKET ENTRIES: Up to four (4) entries will be allowed in all market classes except market rabbits which will be limited to two (2) pens and one fryer. To be eligible to enter one fryer the exhibitor must enter at least one pen of rabbits.

1.18 BREEDING ENTRIES: There will be no limit to entries that are allowed in each breeding division.

1.19 OWNERSHIP DECLARATION: Once ownership has been declared at check-in, it will not be changed.

1.20 ANIMAL BEHAVIOR: For safety reasons, any animal deemed uncontrollable by the division superintendent must be removed from the show grounds by the exhibitor.

1.21 CHECK-IN: All species will be weighed, checked-in and classified by Superintendent and Classifier. Weight cards will be turned in and be considered final. Validation tags must be properly affixed to all animals before entering the show barn.

1.22 SIFTING: All animals and poultry brought to the show must be of sufficient quality to show. A sifting committee may inspect all entries. Three classifiers may be used in each division at the discretion of the HCLE Board of Directors.

1.23 CHAMPIONS: One exhibitor may not win both the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion in the Market division.

1.24 ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP: Awards will be made in beef, goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine divisions in a separate showmanship class at the conclusion of each show. Age divisions are shown below and are as of the day of the show.

Senior	9 th Grade – 12 th Grade
Intermediate	6 th Grade – 8 th Grade
Junior	3 rd Grade – 5 th Grade
Clover kid	Kinder- 2 nd Grade

No entry fee will be charged and any exhibitor with an entry in a division may participate in that division. The exhibitor must be entered in that division to participate in showmanship.

1.25 AG MECHANICS SHOWMANSHIP: A showmanship award will be presented to one (1) Clover kid, one (1) Junior and one (1) Senior exhibitor. Age divisions are shown below and are as of the day of the show.

Senior	9 th Grade – 12 th Grade
Junior	3 rd Grade- 8 th Grade
Clover kid	Kinder- 2 nd Grade

1.26 HORSE SHOWMANSHIP: A showmanship award will be presented to one (1) Clover kid, one (1) Junior and one (1) Senior exhibitor. Age divisions are shown below and are as of the day of the show.

Senior	9 th Grade- 12 th Grade
Junior	3 rd Grade- 8 th Grade
Clover kid	Kinder-2 nd Grade

1.27 GROOMING, FITTING & FEEDING: Only Hays County Agriculture Teachers, Hays County Agents, and parents may assist exhibitors with grooming, fitting & feeding on the show grounds during the Hays County Youth Show.

1.28 ANIMAL TRIMMING: Trimming will be allowed on the show grounds with battery operated clippers for touch up only.

1.29 ANIMAL ELIGIBILITY: Any one animal is not eligible to participate in both the Market and Breeding Shows.

1.30 RELEASE TIMES: Release times and removed by will be designated by division superintendents.

1.31 ETHICAL ANIMAL FITTING: Entry or unethically fitted animals is prohibited. Unethical fitting will include, but is not limited to, the following:

- a) Treating or massaging any part of the animal's body, internally or externally with an irritant, counter-irritant, or other substance to temporarily improve confirmation.
- b) Minimizing the effects of cramping by feeding or injecting drugs or depressants or by using any artificial contrivance or therapeutic treatment other than normal exercise.
- c) Blocking nerves to prevent limping or tail switching.
- d) Striking the animal to cause swelling.
- e) Surgery to change the natural contour or appearance of an animal's body, hide, or hair except for the removal of warts, horns, and permitted clipping and dressing of hair and hoof trimming.
- f) Insertion of foreign material under the skin.
- g) Changing the color of hair at any spot or area of the animal's body.
- h) The use of alcoholic or carbonated beverages in the feed or administered as a drench.
- i) The use of diuretics.
- j) The act of artificially filling animals internally, which would include stomach pumping, drench tubes, or any other esophageal method.
- k) The administration of any FDA or USDA unapproved drug.

1.32 DRUG TESTING: Drug testing may be performed on all Breed/Division Champions and Reserve Champions in Addition to one (1) animal, chosen randomly, from each Market show. Testing will be administered according to Standard drug testing protocols. All testing, sample Collection, and analysis will be paid for by the HCLE Board of Directors. Animals will be tested for steroids, Diuretics, and anti-inflammatories. Antibiotics will NOT be tested for.

1.33 PENALTY FOR POSITIVE DRUG TEST RESULT:

Exhibitors will be required to return all auction proceeds, buckles, and ribbons to the HCLE Board of Directors, for the animal that tested positive. The results obtained by the analysis will be final. The exhibitor waives any right of recourse towards the HCLE Board of Directors, their appointed veterinarians, or the analyzing laboratory for actions taken against them as a result of this rule.

1.34 DRUG CERTIFICATION AGREEMENT: Included with

each online entry, exhibitors, with their parent/guardian, will certify that their entry has not been administered any substance (by them or others) that has not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) for food animals. Also, the exhibitor and parent/guardian will certify that their entry is free and clear of ALL drug and chemical residue withdrawal and have exceeded elimination time periods.

1.35 DOGS: Dogs are not allowed on the show grounds at any time. Support dogs are exempt from this rule.

1.36 SAFETY AND SECURITY: Any behavior deemed unsafe or unacceptable by the HCLE Board will result in immediate removal from the show grounds by security.

1.37 FRATERNIZATION: Parents and exhibitors may not talk to the judge or ring steward during the show. Failure to comply may result in the participant being disqualified from the show.

1.38 EXCESSIVE COACHING: A contestant may be disqualified from a class, at the division superintendent's discretion, for receiving excessive verbal instructions from outside the ring.

1.39 DRESS CODE: All exhibitors are required to wear appropriate show attire when competing. Shorts, tank tops, low cut shirts, sheer blouses, flip flops, T-shirts, ball caps, or bare midriffs are not acceptable show attire and therefore may not be worn during a show event.

1.40 TRAILER PARKING: All stock trailers must be parked in the designated trailer parking area. Those trailers left unattended and NOT within the designated parking area, after check-in and during the show, may be removed at the discretion of the HCLE Board.

2. AMBASSADOR AND QUEEN'S COURT CONTEST

A. AMBASSADOR AND QUEEN'S COURT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

2.1 The Queen's Court will be comprised of a Queen, a Princess, and Duchesses.

- 2.2 The Ambassador's Court will be comprised of Senior Ambassador and Ambassador's.
- 2.3 The Queen's Court will have no more than nine girls.
- 2.4 The Ambassador's Court will have no more than nine boys.
- 2.5 The Ambassador's and Queen's Court Program will be organized and directed by the HCLE Scholarship, Ambassador, and Queen's Court Committee; hereafter referenced as *The Committee*.
- 2.6 In order to participate in the Ambassador and Queen's Court Contest, candidates must meet eligibility requirements, attend the mandatory meeting, submit an application, and participate in a personal interview.
- 2.7 A panel of judges will score each candidate based on his/her application and personal interview to determine the awarding of titles.
- 2.8 Title holders must fulfill duties and responsibilities as set forth by the committee.
- 2.9 Representatives of the Ambassador and Queen's Court will hold their titles for one year.
- 2.10 All questions or conflicts that arise must be addressed by a phone call to the committee chair or superintendent. Contacts are as follows:
Committee Chair- Janis Weinheimer (512)809-3440
Superintendents- Lexi Lugo (512)426-9292.

B. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.11 Prior to submitting his/her application, candidates must have shown in the Hays County Youth Livestock Show at least once during his/her 4-H or FFA career. In the event that a member of a Hays County 4-H Club of FFA Chapter moved to the county and has been unable to show in the Hays County Youth Livestock Show, eligibility will be considered if the individual has previously participated in another 4-H or FFA's livestock show. If the previous circumstance applies, please contact the committee prior to the application due date.
- 2.12 Candidates must be enrolled in high school or be eligible to be enrolled in a high school in Hays County.

- 2.13** A selected candidate may only hold the title of Queen or Senior Ambassador for the duration of one year. Once a Queen or Senior Ambassador of the Hays County Youth Livestock Show has completed his/her reign, he/she will retain a place on the court and will be honored with the title of Senior Ambassador Emeritus or Queen Emerita for the duration of their remaining high school years.
- 2.14** If a previous title holder has been released from his/her title, he/she may not apply for the court the following year. After one year, the individual's eligibility will be reconsidered at the discretion of the committee.
- 2.15** Queen's Court candidates may be any high school girl involved in 4-H or FFA in Hays County, as long as all other applicable eligibility requirements listed in this section are met.
- 2.16** Ambassador's Court candidates may be any high school boy involved in 4-H or FFA in Hays County, as long as all other applicable eligibility requirements listed in this section are met.
- 2.17** There will be no limit to the number of candidates from an individual club.
- 2.18** Potential candidates must attend a mandatory meeting on Sunday, September 17, 2023 with at least one parent or legal guardian. Applicants who fail to attend will be disqualified from the contest. Please see Section 2. C for further details.
- 2.19** Candidates shall not display facial piercings, facial hair, tattoos, or unnaturally colored hair.

C. APPLICATION, RESUME, AND PHOTOGRAPH

- 2.20** The four hard copies and an electronic copy of the completed application must be submitted.
- 2.21** The completed, hard copy application must contain four individually sealed envelopes of each of the following: application form, resume, reference letter, and photograph. All aforementioned documents must be placed in a sealed envelope, which will only be opened by the judges. Additionally, one copy of the entry form must be completed and attached to the front of the envelope. **DO NOT** place the entry form inside the application envelope.

- 2.22** The completed electronic copy of the application must contain a copy of each of the following: entry form, application form, resume, reference letter, and photograph. All documents must be submitted in PDF format. Please email all PDF documents in a single, zipped folder named in the following manner: *CandidateName_2023_2024*
- 2.23** The candidate's hard-copy application must be submitted to the Hays County Extension Office by 4:30pm on October 2, 2023. The electronic copy of the completed application must be submitted via email Hayscountylivestockshow@gmail.com by 4:30pm on Monday, October 2, 2023.
- 2.24** Download application and entry forms from the HCLE website www.hayscountylivestockshow.org.
- 2.25** The resume must contain a description of activities and achievements in 4-H, FFA, civic, community, church, and school organizations. Please include honors won and any leadership positions held.
- 2.26** A reference letter must be included in each candidate's application. Four copies of the reference letter must be enclosed with the submitted, hard-copy application. Additionally, a copy of the reference letter must be included in the electronic submission.
- 2.27** Four (4) 4x6 copies of a headshot photograph of the candidate must accompany all entries. A scanned or electronic copy of the same photograph must be included in the electronic submission. Please ensure that the electronic copy is in PDF format. If necessary, the candidate may insert the photograph in a Microsoft Word document and save the document as a PDF.

D. JUDGES' PANELS

- 2.28** Prior to the interviews, the committee will select six judges from outside of Hays County to serve on the interview panels.
- 2.29** The judges will be formed into two panels of three judges, One Panel will interview the Queen's Court candidates, while the other will interview the Ambassador's candidates.

E. PERSONAL INTERVIEW, CANDIDATES' SCORE SHEETS, AND JUDGES' COMMENTS

- 2.30** Interviews will be held on Sunday, October 15, 2023.
- 2.31** Pending extenuating circumstances, , the personal interview may be conducted using alternative methods.
- 2.32** The duration of each personal interview with the judges' panel will not exceed ten minutes.
- 2.33** Each judge on the panel will score each candidate's application and interview using a standard score sheet provided by the committee. The judges will also be able to add comments on the score sheets.
- 2.34** After the court has been announced, each candidate will receive a copy of their own score sheets and comments as marked by the judges.
- 2.35** It is intended that each candidate use his/her own score sheets and comments as a tool to learn in what areas he/she excelled and how he/she can make improvements in future applications and interviews. Score sheets ARE NOT provided so that the candidates or their parents/legal guardians may compare scores. These scores are intended for private and personal use. Please DO NOT abuse this privilege.

F. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.36** The Queen and Court will reign for one year.
- 2.37** If the queen is unable to fulfill her responsibilities, the Princess will reign in her absence. If the princess is unable, then the next highest scoring Duchess will reign in her absence.
- 2.38** The Senior Ambassador and Ambassadors will reign for one year.
- 2.39** If the Senior Ambassador is unable to fulfill his responsibilities, then the next highest scoring Ambassador will reign in his absence.
- 2.40** The Ambassador's and Queen's Court are required to be present at all livestock show events, including the auction, to fulfill the following responsibilities:
- a. Pass out awards at all events and be in show pictures.
 - b. Pass out refreshments and assist the buyers at the auction.

- c. Be in auction pictures.
- d. Be available for miscellaneous duties as the needed by both the HCLE Board and the committee throughout the livestock show.
- e. Attend and help at the HCLE Dance.
- f. Attend other livestock show related events throughout the year.
- g. Promote the program and the Hays County Youth Livestock Show by attending local parades.

2.41 The Ambassador and Queen's Court representatives are required to attend certain community events throughout the year, as determined by the committee and HCLE Board.

2.42 The Queen's Court representatives must wear their tiaras and sashes at all events unless participating as an exhibitor at the livestock show.

2.43 Ambassador's must wear their Ambassadors' vests and badges at all events, unless participating as an exhibitor at the livestock show.

2.44 It is the responsibility of each Ambassador and Queen's Court representative to sell, at minimum, the required number of raffle tickets he/she is assigned.

G. SCHOLARSHIP, AMBASSADOR AND QUEEN'S COURT COMMITTEE

2.45 A committee will be formed each year and will consist of at least one HCLE Board member and at least 3 volunteers.

2.46 The committee has the discretion to remove any Ambassador and Queen's Court representative who does not fulfill his/her commitments and/or conducts himself/herself in a manner deemed inappropriate.

2.47 The committee has the discretion to make changes to the program as needed.

2.48 In honor of Dr. Glen & Mary Lou Rydl, a \$1250 Scholarship (\$750 from HCLE & \$500 from Dr. Rydl) will be given to the Queen upon proof of enrollment of a college, university, or technical trade school.

2.49 The Hays County Livestock Exposition (HCLE) will give a \$750.00 scholarship to the Senior Ambassador upon proof of enrollment in a college, university, or technical trade school.

3.0 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

A. SCHOLARSHIP, AMBASSADOR AND QUEEN'S COURT COMMITTEE

- 3.1** The Scholarship Program will be organized and directed by the HCLE Scholarship, Ambassador and Queen's Court Committee, hereafter reference as *The Committee*.
- 3.2** A committee will be formed each year and will consist of at least one HCLE Board member and at least 3 volunteers.
- 3.3** All questions or conflicts that arise must be addressed by phone call to the committee chair or superintendent. Contacts as follows: Committee Chair -Janis Weinheimer (512)809-3440 Superintendent- Lexi Lugo (512)426-9292.

B. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.4** Candidates must be a high school senior.
- 3.5** Candidates must be an active member of a 4-H Club and/or FFA Chapter in Hays County.

C. APPLICATION, RESUME, TRANSCRIPT, REFERENCE LETTERS, AND PHOTOGRAPH

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- 3.11** The resume must contain a description of activities and achievements in 4-H, FFA, civic, community, church, and school organizations. Please include honors won and any leadership positions held.
- 3.12** Official grade transcripts must accompany all entries.
- Four signed hard copies of the candidate's official grade transcript must be enclosed in a separate, sealed envelope provided by a school official. Transcripts can be obtained at the candidate's school counselor office.
 - Candidates will be subject to disqualification if the official grade transcript is not signed and sealed in a separate envelope by a school official.
 - Additionally, the candidate must include a copy of his/her official grade transcript in the electronic submission.
 - DO NOT open or scan your official grade transcript provided to you by your school official. Instead, please request an electronic PDF copy of your official grade transcript.
 - Both formats are mandatory, though only the hard copies must be signed and sealed by the candidate's school official.
 - Should the judges notice any discrepancy in the electronic or hard copies of the transcripts, the candidate may be subject to disqualification.
- 3.13** Three reference letters must be included in each candidate's application. Four copies of each of the reference letters must be enclosed within the submitted, hard-copy application. Additionally, a copy of each reference letter must be included in your electronic submission.
- 3.14** Four, 4x6 copies of a headshot photograph of the candidate must accompany all entries. A scanned or electronic copy of the same photograph must be included in the electronic submission. Please ensure that the electronic copy is in PDF format. If necessary, the candidate may insert the photograph in a Microsoft Word document and save the document as a PDF.

D. PERSONAL INTERVIEW, CANDIDATES' SCORE SHEETS, AND JUDGES' COMMENTS.

- 3.15** Prior to the personal interviews, the committee will select three judges from outside of Hays County to serve on the interview panel.
- 3.16** Interviews will be held Sunday, October 15, 2023.
- 3.17** Pending extenuating circumstances, the personal interview may be conducted using alternative methods.
- 3.18** The duration of each personal interview with the judges' panel shall not exceed ten minutes.
- 3.19** Each Judge on the panel shall score each candidate's application and personal interview using a standard score sheet provided by the committee. The Judges may also add comments on the score sheets.
- 3.20** Candidates will be judged on exhibition of highest achievements in the following areas: church, school, leadership, cooperation, character, and participation.
- 3.21** After the scholarship recipients have been announced, each candidate will receive a copy of their own score sheets and comments as marked by the judges.
- 3.22** It is intended that each candidate use his/her own score sheets and comments as a tool to learn in what areas he/she excelled and how he/she can make improvements in future applications and interviews. Score sheets ARE NOT provided so that the candidates or their parents/legal guardians may compare scores. These scores are intended for private and personal use. Please DO NOT abuse the privilege.

E. AWARDS

- 3.23 HAYS COUNTY LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION, INC AWARD:** The Hays County Livestock Exposition (HCLE) will give one scholarship for \$1,500.00 to the selected individual upon proof of enrollment in college, university, or technical trade school.
- 3.24** The committee actively seeks additional scholarships. When additional scholarships are available, they will be announced.

4. EQUINE DIVISION

HORSE RULES

- 4.1** Refer to the “General Rules” regarding all matters not listed under the specific division rules.
- 4.2** A Minor’s Release Form, signed by a parent or guardian, must accompany all entries.
- 4.3** An Affidavit of Ownership or 4-H Lease is necessary to enter grade horses. For registered horses, completed registration papers prior to November 1st through the breed registry/association will prove ownership. Transfer papers will not be accepted as proof of ownership. For registered horses that are leased, please complete the Texas 4-H Leased Horse Agreement. Papers must be submitted to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office, Hays County.
- 4.4** Horses must be solely owned by the contestant or the contestant’s father, mother, brother, sister, grandparents, or legal guardian, or leased to 4-H or FFA member or leased as per the Texas 4-H Leased Horse Agreement.
- 4.5** A contestant may enter as many horses as he or she chooses but shall enter only one per class. The contestant must designate which horse they are accumulating points on for the All-Around Awards-see 4.8(a).
- 4.6** Only one contestant per horse will be allowed. Sharing horses with siblings will not be allowed.
- 4.7** Proof of a negative Coggins Test, within the last twelve months, must be provided for all horses brought to compete at the Hays County Horse Show. Failure to provide such proof will result in the immediate removal of the animal from the show grounds. Paid entry fees will be forfeited.
- 4.8** (a) There will be two All Around High Point Champion and Reserve Champion Awards in each of the Junior and Senior age divisions based on one horse/one exhibitor for the class entries. Points accumulated from all classes entered by horse/exhibitor team will count toward Champion/Reserve Champion All Around Awards. If showing more than one horse, the contestant must designate which horse they are accumulating points on for the All-Around Awards.

(b) There will be four buckles awarded at the conclusion of Halter classes for one Grand Champion and one Reserve Grand Champion in Halter Mares and Halter Geldings.

(c) There will be three buckles awarded at the conclusion of Western Showmanship at Halter classes for Grand Champion in Clover, Junior, and Senior divisions.
- 4.9** All Classes must be pre-entered by the deadline specified in the “General Rules”

- 4.10** Showmanship and riding classes will be divided into Clover kids (Kinder-2nd Grade) Junior (3rd-8th Grade) and Senior (9th-12th Grade) divisions. Grade is determined at the time of the show.
- 4.11** Clover kids will be allowed to do halter and showmanship but will NOT be allowed to participate in Riding Events.
- 4.12** All award recipients must write a thank you letter.
- 4.13** The arena will be dragged at the division superintendent's discretion.
- 4.14** A contestant may be disqualified from a class, at the judge's discretion, for receiving excessive instruction from outside the ring.
- 4.15** All contestants are asked to refrain from allowing their horse(s) to be ridden by anyone other than the exhibitor. Many of the participants have family members who will want to help hold, groom, saddle, and bridle horses in preparation for classes. This is encouraged because family involvement is an important part of the 4-H Horse Program.
- 4.16** For safety reasons, speed events will run back to a closed gate.
- 4.17** Unless otherwise stated, rules will be based on Texas State 4-H Horse Show Rules as applicable.

Classes:

1. Showmanship at Halter-Junior
2. Showmanship at Halter- Senior
3. Showmanship at Halter- Clover Kids
4. Mares (5) five and over
5. Mares (4) four and under
6. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Mare
7. Geldings (5) five and over
8. Geldings (4) four and under
9. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Gelding

A 30-Minute warm-up will be allowed after Halter Classes

10. English Hunter Under Saddle (English Pleasure)- Junior
11. English Hunter Under Saddle (English Pleasure)- Senior
12. English Equitation- Junior
13. English Equitation- Senior
14. Hunter Hack- Junior
15. Hunter Hack- Senior

A 45-minute break will be allowed for lunch

16. Western Pleasure- Junior
17. Western Pleasure- Senior
18. Western Horsemanship-Junior
19. Western Horsemanship-Senior
20. Western Trail- Junior
21. Western Trail-Senior
22. Stock Horse Trail- Junior
23. Stock Horse Trail- Senior
24. Stock Horse Pleasure-Junior
25. Stock Horse Pleasure-Senior
26. Stock Horse Horsemanship-Junior
27. Stock Horse Horsemanship-Senior
28. Stock Horse Reining-Junior
29. Stock Horse Reining-Senior

A 30-minute warm-up will be allowed after Judged
Performance Classes

30. Pole Bending- Junior
31. Pole Bending-Senior
32. Stake Race-Junior
33. Stake Race- Senior
34. Clover Leaf Barrels-Junior
35. Clover Leaf Barrels-Senior
36. Straight Away Barrels-Junior
37. Straight Away Barrels-Senior

Jackpot Classes

38. Goat Tying- Junior and Senior
39. Break Away Roping- Junior and Senior

- 4.18** a. All Around Awards, Patronage and Jackpot Awards will be distributed in presentations at the end of the horse show.
- b. Tie Breakers. Tie Breakers (High Points): Break ties as follows: 1.) Placing in greater number of classes within the division; 2.) Greater number of horses placed over in all classes within the division. If a tie still exists, contestants will be named Co-Champion and duplicate Champion awards will be provided at show management expense. No Reserve Champion will be named.

4.19 Horse Program Patronage Awards

1. Exhibitors earning awards must be present during the Patronage presentations at the conclusion of the Horse Show.
2. All exhibitors earning an award must send their sponsor/sponsors a "Thank You" letter.
3. Event Categories for Horse Program Patronage Awards and the classes offered in the Junior and Senior divisions:

- English/Hunter Events*
 - Hunter Under Saddle
 - Hunt Seat Equitation
 - Hunter Hack (jump height 2'3")
- Judged Western Performance Events*
 - Western Showmanship
 - Western Pleasure
 - Western Horsemanship
 - Western Trail
- Judged Stock Horse Performance Events*
 - Stock Horse Pleasure
 - Stock Horse Horsemanship
 - Stock Horse Trail
 - Reining
- Speed Events*
 - Pole Bending
 - Stake Race
 - Clover Leaf Barrels
 - Straight Away Barrels

*Exhibitor must enter and show in a minimum of three classes offered in the respective Event Category in order to be eligible for Patronage Awards. Patronage Awards are one horse/one exhibitor per Event Category. Exhibitor may enter multiple Event Categories on different horses but may not compete on multiple horses in the same Event Category. Points earned from each class in the respective category will count towards overall placings for that Event Category in both Junior and Senior Divisions. Overall placings in each Event Category are based on the Point System: 1 point for each horse in the class. No points are awarded for disqualification.

Patronage Awards Payout by Division

# of Horses	1-3	4-8	9-15	16+
# of places	3	4	5	6
1	70%	50%	40%	35%
2	20%	25%	25%	25%
3	10%	15%	20%	20%
4		10%	10%	10%
5			5%	5%
6				5%
	100%	100%	100%	100%

5. MARKET ANIMAL DIVISION RULES

MARKET STEERS

5.1 Refer to the “General Rules” regarding all matters not listed under the specific division rules.

5.2 Steers must be halter broke, groomed, and may be shown

in the hair. Cattle may be blocked; however, this will be a Blow and Show only with no painting or dyeing allowed. Animals will be disqualified from the show for violation of grooming rules.

5.3 Light oils and foam will be allowed for preparation on show day. Adhesives, glues, false hair, and coloring are NOT allowed.

5.4 Weight classes will be determined by breeds.

5.5 The following breeds will be the only breeds eligible for show. All breed classification guidelines are listed below. The classification guidelines will be provided to the classification committee for reference. The interpretation of these guidelines is at the sole discretion of the classification committee. The decision of the classification committee will be final.

1. British (includes Angus, Red Angus, Hereford, Polled Hereford, and Shorthorn)
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2. American Breeds Cross (ABC)

3. All Other Breeds- Black (AOB Black)
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4. All Other Breeds-Other Color (AOB-Other Color)

5.6 British Guidelines: To classify in the British Division, the must have breed characteristics of Angus, Red Angus, Hereford, Polled Hereford, or Shorthorn. The Breed guidelines are listed below. It is important to note that crossing an Angus and Hereford will not result in a British steer. This steer would be classified as an AOB. In the following sections are specific traits of each breed that will be considered when classifying into the British Division.

5.7 Angus Breed Guidelines:

Acceptable Characteristics:

a. Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Angus
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b. Solid black

c. Polled

Discriminatory Characteristics:

a. Continental breed type structure and head
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b. Bumps between the poll and the ear

c. Birthmarks or white hair in the switch should be reviewed for the skin color (Black skin color is acceptable and white or pin skin is a disqualification)
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d. Bos Taurus type ear set (Ear size is not to be discriminated against)
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Absolute Disqualifications:

a. White skin resulting in white hair above the underline of the front of the navel (White on the navel is acceptable)
b. White skin resulting in white hair on the leg, foot, or tail
c. Horns or scurs
d. Brindle
e. Diluter color pattern
f. Dehorning scars
g. Double muscling

5.8 Red Angus Breed Guidelines

Acceptable Characteristics

a. Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Red Angus
b. English/British characteristics
c. Solid red
d. Polled
e. Black Pigmentation (May have 2 of 3 areas of black pigmentation on the nose, around the eyes and anus, but not all 3)
f. A blonde, light red or mixed switch
g. Black hair on the tail, muzzle, face, neck and shoulder

Discriminatory Characteristics:

a. Course joints or head (Big feet, big dewclaws)
b. Bumps between the poll and the ear
c. Solid white switch

Absolute Disqualifications:

a. Horns or scurs
b. White above the underline or in front of the navel
c. White on the leg
d. Black Pigmentation (May have 2 or 3 areas of black pigmentation on the nose, around the eyes and anus, but not all 3)
e. Diluter color pattern
f. Dehorning scars or evidence of dehorning
g. Solid white tail
h. Double muscling

5.9 Hereford Breed Guidelines

Acceptable Characteristics:

a. Must physically exhibit breed characteristics purebred Hereford
b. Red body with white face, white underline, and white marked legs
c. Feather neck

d. Horned Herefords must be dehorned

Discriminatory Characteristics:

a. Dark red color

b. Red neck

c. Solid red or solid white ear, size and shape are questionable

d. Excess white on legs

e. Excess white above the underline

f. Black hair in tail, ear, or on rear end of animal

g. Black on reproductive tract

h. Black spotting/smut or freckling on the nose

i. Lineback

j. White above switch in tail

k. White across rump above the twist

l. Course joints, head or ribs

m. Straight line white markings on legs

n. White above the hocks, on the outside and back side of rear legs

o. Excess pigment or color around eyes

p. Red neck in combination with excess white on legs

Absolute Disqualifications:

a. Diluter color pattern

b. Brindles

c. Double muscling

d. Any color pattern other than red or white (birthmarks excluded)

5.10 Polled Hereford Breed Guidelines

Acceptable Characteristics:

a. Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Hereford

b. Red body with white face, white underline and white marked legs

c. Feather neck

d. Must be polled or loose scurs

Discriminatory Characteristics:

a. Dark red color

b. Red neck

c. Solid red or solid white ear, size and shape are questionable

d. Excess white on legs

e. Excess white above the underline

f. Black hair in tail, ear, or on rear end of animal

g. Black on reproductive tract

h. Black spotting/smut or freckling on the nose

i. Lineback

j. White above switch in tail

k. White across rump above the twist

l. Course joints, head or ribs
m. Straight line white markings on legs
n. White above the hocks, on the outside and back side of rear legs
o. Excess pigment or color around eyes
p. Red neck in combination with excess white on legs

Absolute Disqualifications:

a. Diluter color pattern
b. Brindles
c. Double muscling
d. Any color pattern other than red or white (birthmarks excluded)

5.11 Shorthorn Breed Guidelines

Acceptable Characteristics:

a. Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Shorthorn
b. Solid red, solid white with red hair or red pigment on ear, muzzle, or tail; or red and white on any combination of red and white; with the red and white color pattern bleeding together

Discriminatory Characteristics:

a. Motley face or brockle face
b. Orange or light red color
c. Black nose pigment
d. Straight line white markings across leg
e. Course head
f. Double muscling

Absolute Disqualifications:

a. Diluter color pattern such as yellow or yellow roan
b. Blacks, blue roans or grays
c. Brindle

5.12 ABC Guidelines

Acceptable Characteristics:

a. Any color or patterns
b. Progression of importance to include Bos indicus influenced head, eye and ear of moderate length, slightly drooping and opens down and forward
c. Crest or slick neck
d. Sheath score of 2 or more

Discriminatory Characteristics:

a. Bos Taurus head
b. Bos Taurus short ear
c. Sheath score of 1

Absolute Disqualifications:

a. A combination of Bos Taurus head, eye and ear
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b. Without adequate Bos Indicus head, eye and ear characteristics, sheath score is irrelevant

5.13 AOB Black Guidelines

Acceptable Characteristics:

a. Must be at least 60% black (only black, not blue) in color and pigmentation

5.14 AOB Other Color Guidelines

Acceptable Characteristics

a. Must be less than 60% black in color and pigmentation

5.15 There will be a 900 lb. minimum weight with a 60 pound + or – tolerance.

5.16 There will be a Grand Champion and a Reserve Champion steer of the show.

5.17 All cattle must be checked-in with the Superintendent before entering the barn.

5.18 All disorderly cattle will be removed from the show grounds at the discretion of the division superintendent.

6.0 MARKET SWINE

6.1 Refer to the “General Rules” regarding all matters not listed under the specific division rules.

6.2 Barrows and gilts are eligible. Declaration of whether the Animal shows in market or breeding will be done at check-in in as long as two entries have been paid for the animal to show in either market or breeding.

6.3 Hogs will be classified and divided by breeds. Hogs classified out of purebred classes will go into the crossbred class.

6.4 Market swine will have a minimum weight of 160 lbs. and maximum of 280 lbs. with a 10 pound + or – tolerance.

6.5 Hogs will be exhibited in one or more weight classes by breed. Weight classes will be determined by the division superintendent at check-in.

6.6 All hogs in each class will be placed.

6.7 There will be a Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion. They will compete for the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion of the show.

6.8 No pasting, painting, oil-based products, or powder is to be used in grooming. Only water can be used. Animals will be disqualified from the show for violation of

grooming rules.

- 6.9** All breed classification guidelines are listed below. The classification guidelines will be provided to the classification committee for reference. The interpretation of these guidelines is at the sole discretion of the classification committee. The decision of the classification committee will be final. Classification will be done at check-in.

6.10 Dark OPB Guidelines

Berkshire

a. Black and white with erect ears exhibiting Berkshire characteristics
b. White on face and tail (unless tail is docked) Three of four legs must be white
c. Must NOT have a solid white or solid black face from the ears forward
d. Must NOT have a solid black nose (rim of nose)
e. White is allowed on the ears, but neither ear can be entirely white
f. An occasional splash of white may appear on the body

Spotted

a. Must be black and white
b. Must possess Spotted breed characteristics
c. Ears cannot be erect
d. Must NOT have red tinted or brown spots
e. No solid black head from ears forward
f. No distinct white belt pattern (hair or skin) encircling and extending down and onto each shoulder
g. Must NOT show any signs of the use of weighted ear tags

Poland China

a. Must possess Poland China breed characteristics
b. Must be black with a white face and switch (unless tail is docked) Three of the four legs must be white. May have an occasional splash of white on the body.
c. Must have ears down
d. Must NOT have evidence of belt formation
e. Must NOT have any red or sandy hair and/or pigment
f. Must NOT show any signs of the use of weighted ear tags

6.11 Light OPB Guidelines:

Chester White

a. Must possess Chester White breed characteristics

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| b. Must be solid white with no color on the skin larger than a silver dollar. All hair must be white |
| c. Ears must be down and medium sized |
| d. Must NOT show any signs of the use of weighted ear tags |

Landrace

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| a. Must be white and possess Landrace breed characteristics |
| b. All hair must be white |
| c. Must NOT have any more than three spots of skin pigmentation. No pigmentation spot can be larger than a US minted quarter |
| d. Must have ears down |
| e. Must NOT show any signs of the use of weighted ear tags |

6.12 Duroc Guidelines

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| a. Must be red and possess Duroc breed characteristics |
| b. Ears must be down and medium sized |
| c. Must NOT have any white hair, anywhere on the animal |
| d. Must NOT have any black hair |
| e. Must NOT have more than three black spots on the skin and none of these spots can be larger than two inches in diameter |
| f. Must NOT have any shading or indication of a belt |

6.13 Hampshire Guidelines

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| a. Must be black in color with a white belt starting on a front leg. The belt may partially or totally encircle the body |
| b. Must possess Hampshire breed characteristics |
| c. Ears must be erect and not rounded |
| d. Must NOT have any white hair or indication of streaking on the forehead |
| e. Must NOT have any red hair |

6.14 Yorkshire Guidelines

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| a. Must be white and possess Yorkshire breed characteristics |
| b. Ears must be erect |
| c. All hair must be white |
| d. Must NOT have colored skin pigmentation larger than one US minted silver dollar |
| e. Must NOT have masking above the eyes larger than a silver dollar |

6.15 Light Crossbred Guidelines

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| a. Any pigs with white and/or blue only |
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6.16 Dark Crossbred Guidelines

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| a. All other colors (i.e., black, red, and sandy) |
| b. Excluding solid white or blue |

7.0 MARKET POULTRY

- 7.1** Refer to the “General Rules” regarding all matters not listed under the specific division rules.
- 7.2** Poultry will be released by the division superintendent.
- 7.3** Broilers are to be shown as a pen of three.
- 7.4** Broilers will be Commercial Breed with all three birds from the same hatch date. These will be ordered through the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office, Hays County. The County Agent and FFA Advisors will coordinate.
- 7.5** As per state requirements, each exhibitor may order an individual set of birds (up to 75) OR siblings within the same household may order and share a set of birds (up to 75). In other words, a family with multiple exhibitors can order an individual set of birds for each exhibitor in the family, OR if they wish, they can order one set of birds for the entire family. In either case, the maximum number of birds in a set that an exhibitor can select from for the show is 75 birds. Families with multiple exhibitors are NOT required to place a single order for the entire family. Family orders are an option. The sets will be assigned to the exhibitor or to the family by the County Agent, or their designee, when they arrive. It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to keep track of their assigned birds.
- 7.6** There will be a Grand Champion and Reserve Champion “Pen of Three” Broilers
- 7.7** All Poultry will be sifted and classified at check-in.
- 7.8** Turkeys will be shown as singles.
- 7.9** Turkeys will be Commercial Breed from the same hatch date. These will be ordered through the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office, Hays County. The County Agent and FFA Advisors will coordinate.
- 7.10** Turkeys will be divided into two classes (Hens & Toms)
- 7.11** There will be a Grand Champion and Reserve Champion

Turkey. The First Place Tom and Hen compete for Grand Champion. If Tom wins Grand, second place Tom moves up to compete for Reserve. If a Hen wins Grand, second place Hen moves up to compete for Reserve.

7.12 All poultry must be shown by a 4-H or FFA exhibitor. Parents will not be allowed to help exhibitors show their project.

8.0 MARKET RABBITS

8.1 Refer to the “General Rules” regarding all matters not listed under the specific division rules.

8.2 All recognized meat breeds of rabbits will be eligible.

8.3 The American Rabbit Breeders Association Rules will apply.

8.4 Any animal showing symptoms of disease such as buck teeth, malocclusion, broken teeth, sniffles, ear canker, mites, mange vent disease, runny eyes, missing toenails or other disqualifying features will be excluded from the show. Refer to the “Standards of Perfection” section of the ARBA rules for further details on disqualifying diseases and features.

8.5 Each market rabbit must be clearly and permanently earmarked in the RIGHT ear during validation with the designated tattoo for this show and family member.

8.6 Before Check-In, rabbits must be individually earmarked with a clear and permanent tattoo in the LEFT ear with identification letters and/or numbers.

8.7 Market rabbits that have been validated for any other county show will not be eligible for the Hays County Show.

8.8 Market rabbits are shown as either a pen or three (3) rabbits or as single fryer (FRYER). There will be a minimum weight of 3.5lbs. and a maximum of 5.5lbs. per rabbit. There will be an allowed two-ounce tolerance per rabbit. The age of each rabbit must not be more than 70 days old at check-in. Exhibitors may enter a maximum of two pens and one fryer. To be eligible to enter a fryer the exhibitor must enter at least one pen. The exhibitor must therefore have validated at least 4 rabbits. An exhibitor is not required to show a pen to show a fryer.

8.9 All rabbits will be sifted at weigh-in. The exhibitor will present their PEN and/or FRYER to be weighed and sifted. The FRYER cannot be one of the rabbits used to

make the PEN. If a rabbit is disqualified the exhibitor may substitute rabbit at this time only. After the exhibitor has determined which three rabbits will constitute their PEN and which one rabbit will be their FRYER entry, only those rabbits and no others will be placed in the show holding cages until the time of the show. To aid in the show the superintendent, at their discretion, may use a permanent marker or some other means to help identify which rabbit is being used as the fryer.

8.10 There will be a Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Pen and Fryer. Market Pens are eligible to go to auction and the number shall be established by the board.

8.11 Winners of the “Fryer Show” shall be paid a premium based upon the number of entries paid by exhibitors. The amount per premium and the number of premiums to be paid shall be determined by the board prior to the show.

9.0 MARKET LAMBS

9.1 Refer to the “General Rules” regarding all matters not listed under the specific division rules.

9.2 Wether and ewe lambs are eligible. Declaration of whether the animal shows in market or breeding will be done at check-in as long as two entries have been paid for the animal to show in either market or breeding.

For clarification, this means that a paid market entry AND a paid breeding entry are required in order to have a choice at Check-in. It does NOT mean that a single animal can show it in both classes.

9.3 All lambs will have a minimum weight of 90 lbs., except Southdowns and Dorpers which have a minimum weight of 80 lbs., but with a 5 pound + or – tolerance.

9.4 Lambs will first be divided into Fine Wool, Fine Wool Cross, Medium Wool, and Southdown breeds, and Dorper. A Fine Wool Cross must be a first cross between a Fine Wool and a Medium Wool breed. All sheep will be classified at Check-In and decisions of the classifiers will be final.

9.5 Lambs will be divided into one or more weight classes by breed: Southdown, Dorper, Fine Wool, Fine Wool Cross, and Medium Wool.

9.6 Weight classes will be determined by the division superintendent after weight cards have been received at Check-In.

- 9.7** All lambs will be slick shorn at time of arrival on the show grounds. Leg sheering is optional.
- 9.8** There will be a Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion. They will compete for the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion of the Show.
- 9.9** No painting or dyeing will be allowed. Water or waterless shampoo is allowed. Animals will be disqualified from the show for violation of grooming rules.
- 9.10** All lambs must stay in their assigned pen in the show barn and may not be kept or put into trailers or outside pens.
- 9.11** All breed classification guidelines are listed below. The classification guidelines will be provided to the classification committee for reference. The interpretation of these guidelines is at the sole discretion of the classification committee. The decision of the classification committee will be final.

9.12 Fine Wool Breed Characteristics:

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

a. Rambouillet, Delaine, Debouillet or a cross between these breeds
b. Silky ears, medium to moderate in size
c. Yellow to white hooves (neutral)
d. Black pads on hooves
e. Silky, white face
f. Soft pelt
g. Nose should be neutral to pink in color
h. May be polled or horned

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

a. Moderate amounts of brown or black spots in the skin and/or wool
b. Moderate freckling and pigmented skin (brown or black) on the ears, eyes, and lips
c. Black streaking in the hooves
d. Black eyelashes
e. Birthmarks

Absolute Disqualifications:

a. Excessively coarse britch and/or harsh pelt
b. Excessively coarse, chalky, white hair on the face, in the flanks, and/or down the front and /or rear legs
c. Excessive brown or black spots in the skin and/or wool
d. Excessive freckling or pigmented skin (brown

or black) on the ears, eyes, and lips
e. Brown or black spots in hairline above hooves
f. Solid black hooves
g. Black lambs
h. Surgical alterations other than redocking
i. Steep hip or tendency to show the callipyge gene

9.13 Fine Wool Cross Breed Characteristics:

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

a. Must be a cross with evidence of at least 50% fine wool breeding and the remaining percentage exhibiting predominance of medium wool breeding (Hampshire and/or Suffolk)
b. Soft pelt that which is characteristic of ½ blood wool (60's-62's spinning count)
c. Face and ears should be soft and silky
d. Mottling and/or some spotting on face and ears and legs below the knees and hocks
e. Wool must be present below the hocks on the rear legs; wool below the knees on the front legs is not necessary
f. White, ring-eyed crosses are acceptable if pelt is acceptable
g. Birthmarks are acceptable

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

a. Solid brown face and ears with little to no mottling
b. Excessive black or brown spotting in the skin above the knees and hocks
c. Moderate amounts of colored fibers (black or brown) in the wool

Absolute Disqualifications:

a. Excessive black or solid dark chocolate brown color on face, ears, and legs (including wool)
b. Excessive coarse britch and/or harsh pelt
c. Excessively coarse, chalky, white hair on the face, in the flanks, and/or down the front and/or rear legs
d. Total absence of wool on rear legs
e. Black lambs
f. Surgical alterations other than redocking
g. Steep hip or tendency to show the callipyge gene

9.14 Southdown Breed Characteristics:

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

a. Hair color on muzzle should be mouse

colored, gray to brown
b. Nostril pigmentation may be black to purplish-gray
c. Muzzle should be broad; head of moderate high
d. Ears should be of moderate length, covered with short hair of wool
e. Black hoof color
f. Birthmarks are acceptable

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

a. Solid white color or dark chocolate on muzzle
b. Coarse, chalky, white hair around eyes extending to and including the muzzle
c. Coarse hair in the flank
d. Coarse britch and/or harsh pelt
e. Predominately pink nose with few black spots
f. Long, narrow nose
g. Excessive coloration on ears
h. Excessive ear length
i. Predominantly slick ears
j. Scurs
k. Open poll on head
l. Striped hooves
m. Black fibers in wool

Absolute Disqualifications:

a. Speckled face or legs
b. Horns
c. White hooves
d. Intentional alteration of hair color or skin pigmentation
e. Total pink pigmentation of nostrils
f. Black lambs
g. Surgical alterations other than redocking
h. Steep hip or tendency to show the callipyge gene

9.15 Medium Wool Breed Characteristics

This class includes the Suffolk and Hampshire breeds, plus all lambs that do not fit in the Fine Wool, Fine Wool Cross, or the Southdown breed divisions. This includes all other breeds and crosses of animals not listed above.

9.16 Dorper Characteristics

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

a. Must be a Dorper, White Dorper, or a cross among these two breeds
b. Conformation-long, deep, wide body with well spring ribs and excellent muscling. The relationship between body depth and hip

height should be in equal proportion. Avoid extremely leggy, shallow bodied lambs
c. Head should be strong, bold, with a deep jaw
d. Polled or small horns or scurs
e. Must have a least 1/3 hair primarily on belly, forearm, and britch. Lambs should be shorn with blades that leave enough stubble to be able to distinguish hair and/or wool. Classifiers have the authority to disqualify lambs that have been clipped to close to make this distinction.
f. Moderate size ear with no wool covering
g. No wool below the knees and hocks
h. Solid brown, red, rust colored head
i. No wool forward of poll
j. Color: Dorper- White sheep with black head or black head and neck

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

a. Tall, leggy, shallow bodied, narrow, light muscled lambs
b. Excessive wool covering more than 2/3 of body (belly, forearm and britch)
c. Heavy horns
d. Long, pendulous ears
e. Long, narrow muzzle
f. Wool forward of poll
g. Excessive coloring on the body (paints)
h. Excessive speckling in the fleece or on the body

Absolute Disqualifications:

a. All wool or very little evidence of hair on belly, forearm or britch
b. Wool below the knees or hocks
c. Wool on the ears
d. Lambs with predominately solid black bodies
e. Lambs with significant speckling on face, ears, or legs
f. Strong breed characteristics of breeds other than Dorper or White Dorper
g. Surgical alterations other than re-docking
h. Steep hip or tendency to show callipyge gene

10.0 MARKET GOATS

10.1 Refer to the “General Rules” regarding all matters not listed under the specific division rules.

10.2 Wethers and nannies are eligible. Declaration of whether the animal shows in market or breeding will be done at

check in as long as two entries have been paid for the animal to show in either market or breeding.

For clarification, this means that a paid market entry AND a paid breeding entry are required in order to have a choice at Check-in. It does NOT mean that a single animal can show it in both classes.

- 10.3** Market Goats will be weighed in with a minimum limit of 60 lbs. and maximum limit 120 lbs. with a 5 pound + or – tolerance.
- 10.4** Weight classes and divisions will be determined by the division superintendent after weigh cards have been received at Check-in.
- 10.5** Market Goats must be taught to lead and should be shown with a collar or halter.
- 10.6** All Market Goats must be slick shorn at the time of arrival. Leg shearing is optional.
- 10.7** Market Goats must be dehorned or tipped to achieve a blunt end.
- 10.8** The First and Second Place of each class will compete for Champion and Reserve Champion of their division. Division Champions will compete for the overall Grand and Reserve Champion.
- 10.9** The use of talc. Oil, or any foreign material is prohibited. Water or waterless shampoo is allowed. Animals will be disqualified from show for violation of the grooming rules.
- 10.10** All goats must stay in their assigned pens in the show barn and may not be kept or put into trailers or outside pens.

BREEDING ANIMAL DIVISION RULES

11.0 BREEDING BEEF CATTLE

- 11.1** Refer to the “General Rules” regarding all matters not listed under the specific division rules.
- 11.2** Eligible heifers may be either purebred or crossbred. Heifer classes will be broken by entries into respective classes in order of judging.

Heifer Classes
Heifer Calves up to 12 months old
Junior Heifers 13 months to 18 months
Senior Heifers 19 months to 28 months

11.3 All cattle must be checked in with the division superintendent before entering the barn. All disorderly cattle will be removed from show grounds at the discretion of the division superintendent.

11.4 Light oils and foam will be allowed for preparation on show day. Adhesives, glues, false hair, and coloring are NOT allowed.

12.0 BREEDING GOATS

12.1 Refer to the “General Rules” regarding all matters not listed under the specific division rules.

12.2 Bucks are not eligible to compete.

12.3 The show is open to any breed or crossbred.

12.4 The age of the animal will be computed as the age at check-in.

12.5 Shearing is not required.

12.6 Classes will be as follows.

Breeding Meat Goat Classes
0-12 months
13 months and Older

13.0 BREEDING EWES

13.1 Refer to the “General Rules” regarding all matters not listed under the specific division rules.

13.2 Ewe classes will be fairly and equitably divided according to age by the division superintendent.

13.3 Ewe's will be divided into the following classes.

Breeding Ewe Classes
Milk Teeth Yearling
Aged

14.0 BREEDING GILTS

14.1 Refer to the “General Rules” regarding all matters not listed under the specific division rules.

14.2 Classes will be determined by breed and will be fairly and equitably divided by the division superintendent.

14.3 Breeding Swine should be farrowed after June 1, 2023.

14.4 No pasting, painting, oil-based products, or powder is to

be used in grooming. Only water can be used. Animals will be disqualified from the show for violation of grooming rules.

15.0 BREEDING RABBITS

15.1 Refer to the “General Rules” regarding all matters not listed under the specific division rules.

15.2 All recognized breeds of rabbits will be eligible. The American Rabbit Breeders Rules will apply.

15.3 During validation, each rabbit must be clearly and permanently earmarked with an individual tattoo in its left ear and a validation tattoo in its right ear. Previous validation or ARBA tattoos in the right ear will suffice as a validation tattoo as long as they are clearly legible. All rabbit entries must include ear number, class, sex, and breed.

15.4 The breeding show will be a carrying cage show. Breeding rabbits will arrive the same day as judged. Exhibitors will furnish their own carrying cages.

15.5 Breeding rabbits check in will be on January 22, 2024 by 12:00 noon. The exhibitor will complete and turn in a completed show card to the superintendent by that time to be entered. This card must match the validation card for this rabbit previously submitted at validation. The rabbit will then be called up for exhibition once the breeding rabbit show begins.

15.6 Classes are as follows:

Breeding Rabbit Classes	
Pre-Junior Doe	Under 3 months
Junior Doe	3 months to less than 6 months
Doe	6 months to less than 8 months
Senior Doe	8 months and older
Pre-Junior Buck	Under 3 months
Junior Buck	3 months to less than 6 months
Buck	6 months to less than 8 months
Senior Buck	8 months or older

15.7 Any animal showing symptoms of disease such as buck teeth, malocclusion, broken teeth, sniffles, ear canker, mites, mange vent disease, runny eyes, missing toenails, or other disqualifying features will be excluded from the show. Refer to the “Standards of Perfection” section of the ARBA rules for further details on disqualifying diseases and features.

HOME SKILLS DIVISION

16.0 HOME SKILLS GENERAL RULES

16.1 Refer to the “General Rules” regarding all matters not listed under the specific division rules.

16.2 All entries must be submitted online and paid in full by 11:59pm on the third Wednesday of December. There will be NO REFUNDS ON ENTRY FEES. Late entries for all projects will be accepted up to check-in on January 23, 2024 with an additional late fee of \$300.00 per project as long as the exhibitor has met the general eligibility. In addition to entry forms and fees, you must also submit your recipes on the “Food Recipe Form”, available on the HCLE website and from your advisor. Baked foods and preserved foods must be submitted on the proper “Food Recipe Form”. Please keep a copy of your “Food Recipe Form(s)”.

16.3 Contestants in the Home Skills Division will NOT be excused from school, because their participation does not require time away from school.

16.4 Schedule

Day	Date	Time	Event
Tues	Jan 23	5-7:30pm	Check-In all entries
Wed	Jan 24	9am-4pm	Judging of Entries
		4pm	Presentation of Home Skill Awards
		4:30-6:30pm	Public Viewing of entries
Thur	Jan 25	11am-5:30pm	Public viewing of Entries and Check-Out entries

***All entries must be checked out. Any entries not picked up before 5:30pm will be taken to the Hays County Extension Office. You will need to make arrangements with that office for pickup.**

16.5 Hays County Livestock Expo, Inc. (HCLE) or its designated workers, leaders, or supervisors are not responsible for items entered in the show. Every effort will be made to protect items from damage or theft, but valuable items should not be entered or should be insured.

16.6 Participants are divided into 4 grade groups.

Class	Grade
Clover kids	Kinder- 2 nd Grade
Junior	3 rd Grade- 5 th Grade
Intermediate	6 th Grade- 8 th Grade

- 16.7** All items must have been made by the participant since the previous year's show. When making Home Skills projects, participants may only utilize minimal assistance from others.
- 16.8** An entry fee of \$10.00 per item will be charged.
- 16.9** Each participant may enter up to 2 entries per class. Participants may not change entry classes once entries are submitted. Entries may not have the participants name on the entry or any other recognizable identifying markings. Entries are to remain anonymous to the judges.
- 16.10** Entries will be checked in between 5:00 pm and 7:30 pm on Tuesday of the show. No items will be accepted for check-in after 7:30 PM on the Tuesday of the show, No Exceptions. Each food item must have a "Baked Food Recipe Form" or "Preserved Food Recipe Form" attached. All other items must have an "Arts, Crafts, and Clothing, Photography, or Horticulture Form" attached. Forms are available from the HCLE website and your advisor. Names of participants will be covered during judging. No additional information may be attached to any entry. The Home Skills Superintendent will have final decision on division and class placement for each entry.
- 16.11** The decision of the judges are final. Questions concerning entries during judging will be resolved at the judge's discretion. Following judging, all items must remain in the Home Skill area until check out on Thursday afternoon.

16.12 Awards

Ribbon Color	Criteria
Blue	High Quality, meets all standards
Red	Lower Quality than Blue, meets most standard
White	Lower Quality than Red, meets some standards

- 16.13** Grand Champion and Reserve Champion awards will be given to the top entries in each category (a. Foods, b. Arts, Crafts, & Clothing, c. Photography and d. Horticulture). The same exhibitor MAY NOT win both Grand and Reserve Champion in the **SAME** category. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will sell in the auction.
- 16.14** A Sweepstakes Award will be given to four (4) contestants (one in each age group) who accumulate the

largest number of points within his/her age group.

q. Ribbon Color	Points
Blue	8
Red	4
White	2

If the score in the sweepstakes contest is tied, the participant with the most blue ribbons will be declared the winner. If two participants are tied in points and have the same number of blue ribbons, the award will go to the participant with the most entries.

16.15 Check-out of projects will be Thursday afternoon from 11am-5:30pm. Premium money will be distributed to Participants based on points (see Rule 16.14). Premium money will not be given to Grand or Reserve Champion since these projects are eligible for the auction. Premium money and award/items not collected during check-out Thursday will become the property of the HCLE Boar

17.0 FOODS

Note: There are two classes of food entries, A-Baked Foods & B-Preserved Foods.

A. BAKED FOODS

In addition to entry forms and fees, you must also submit your recipes on the “Baked Foods Recipe Form” available on the HCLE website or from your advisor. Please keep a copy of your Baked Food Recipe Form(s).

- 17.1** All food entries must be prepared from scratch. Pudding mix is the only type of mix allowed in the preparation. Cake mixes are not allowed for any portion of the project.
- 17.2** Commercial bread making machines or any other appliance which prepares a product without using standard preparation procedures are not allowed.
- 17.3** All pie crusts must be made from scratch and must include the recipe for the pie crust itself.
- 17.4** If a recipe calls for a biscuit mix, such as “Bisquick”, the contestant must make a homemade version.
- 17.5** Participants must submit a whole or complete recipe, including ingredients, measurements, and instructions, for each of their food entries, and then prepare and bring those whole or complete recipes at check-in.
- 17.6** Only edible garnishes are allowed.

17.7 After Check-in, all food items and their recipes become the property of the HCLE Board.

17.8 A “Baked Food Recipe Form” must be attached securely on the top of the plastic container, taped on one edge for viewing, but not obstructing the view of the product.

17.9 To ensure food safety, since refrigeration is not available, no uncooked foods are allowed. Examples include, but are not limited to, milk (up to 2 tablespoons allowed), half and half, cream, cream cheese, yogurt, whipping cream, egg or egg substitute. Food requiring refrigeration after baking are not accepted. Examples include, but are not limited to, cheesecakes, lemon bars, cream pies and fillings, pumpkin pies, custards, whipped toppings, cream cheese icings and fillings, meringue, or cakes with a high moisture content. If further clarification is needed concerning this rule, please contact the Home Skills superintendent. The Home Skills Committee will review recipes and will contact participants if any of their recipes are unacceptable. Participants will then have until fourth Monday in December to submit a new recipe (must be within same class) to the Home Skills Superintendent for approval. No new recipes or substitutions will be accepted after the fourth Monday in December.

17.10 Food items will be exhibited in clear plastic containers (like ones from a bakery), and a sample from each entry (one cookie, roll, piece of cake, etc.) must be removed from the item and wrapped separately in a quart zipper bag. The sample should then be placed on a small disposable plate and sat on top of the container so that the judges can taste without having to disturb the container.

17.11 Judging Criteria:

Criteria
Complexity of Ingredients
Taste
Appearance, Creativity, and Eye Appeal

17.12 Grand Champion and Reserve Champion items that will be auctioned will remain on display. The item will be auctioned; in addition, a fresh item will be prepared and delivered by the winner to the buyer within one week of the auction.

17.13 Food Classes:

Baked Food Classes	
Class 1	Cakes
Class 2	Cookies
Class 3	Bars/Brownies
Class 4	Pies/Cobblers
Class 5	Candy

Class 6	Quick Breads
Class 7	Yeast Breads

B. PRESERVED FOODS

For information regarding appropriate jars, lids, preserving processes, head space, product appearance, etc., please refer to the “USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning,” Bulletin NO. 539, reprint 2009, available at http://nchfp.uga.edu/publications/publications_usda.htm

In addition to entry forms and fees you must submit your recipe on the “Preserved Foods Form” available on the HCLE website or from your advisor. Please keep a copy of your “Preserved Recipe Form(s)”

17.14 Judging of all preserved foods is based on visual judging only.

Criteria
Appearance (color, texture, size, etc.)
Appropriate container, processing, headspace, etc.

17.15 Preserved Food Classes

Preserved Food Classes	
Class 9	Fruits/Vegetables
Class 10	Pickles/Relishes/Sauces
Class 11	Jellies/Jams/Preserves

18.0 ARTS, CRAFTS, & CLOTHING CATEGORY

In addition to entry forms and fees, you must also submit a description of your project on the “Arts, Crafts, & Clothing Photography or Horticulture Form” available on the HCLE website or from your advisor.

18.1 Kits are not allowed. Kits are defined as packages of pre-cut or pre-finished materials that have all the supplies to finish a project in the package.

18.2 All clothing must be on hangers. All items must be clean, pressed, and undamaged to be accepted. Items should be covered with clear plastic bags.

18.3 Metal or Wood Projects shall be no more than 2ft. x 2ft. x 2ft. If larger than 2ft.x 2ft. x 2ft. the project will be disqualified.

18.4 Judging criteria:

Criteria
Construction-Quality of Work
Appearance
Degree of Difficulty
Design- Originality

18.5 Arts, Crafts, & Clothing classes:

Arts, Crafts, & Clothing classes	
Class 12	Art- Oil, Pencil, Ink, Water Color, Pastels, Acrylic
Class 13	Home Accessories and Decorations
Class 14	Leather
Class 15	Needlework-Crochet, Knit, Embroidery, Cross Stitch
Class 16	Ceramics
Class 17	Quilts
Class 18	Clothing
Class 19	Jewelry
Class 20	Recycled Items
Class 21	Miscellaneous

19.0 PHOTOGRAPHY

In addition to entry forms and fees, you must also submit a description of your project on the “Arts, Crafts, & Clothing, Photography or Horticulture Form” available on the HCLE website or from your advisor at check in.

19.1 All photographs must be 8”x10” in dimension.

Permanently flush mounted on thin foam board the same size as the photo (8” x 10”) without any additional frame or mat. Masonite, photo folders, corrugated cardboard or poster board is not acceptable. No other sizes will be accepted. Photographs must not be framed. All photographs must have been taken by the contestant since the previous year’s show.

19.2 Judging criteria:

Criteria
Technical (Focus, Exposure, Lighting, Quality)
Subject (Creativity, Composition, Impact, Uniqueness)

19.3 Photography classes:

Photography Classes	
Class 22	Photo-Animals
Class 23	Photo- People
Class 24	Photo-Landscape
Class 25	Photo- Miscellaneous

Each participant may enter up to 2 entries per class. Classes do not have to be determined until time of check in. Any entry that is entered in the wrong class will be disqualified. (Example: a photo of a pig could not be entered in Class 23 People)

19.4 The same exhibitor may not win both Grand Champion

and Reserve Champion Photography.

20.0 HORTICULTURE CATEGORY

In addition to entry forms and fees, you must also submit a description of your project on the “Arts, Crafts, & Clothing, Photography, or Horticulture Form” at check in available on the HCLE website or from your advisor.

- 20.1** While exhibitors are not required to take Horticulture or Floral Design Classes, projects exhibited must have been constructed by the 4-H, FCCLA or FFA member during the year since the previous show. All projects must be made available to the ag teacher or 4-H leader at any time.
- 20.2** Each exhibitor may enter a maximum of two projects. The projects can be exhibited only one time at the Hays County Livestock Show.
- 20.3** Exhibitors may not assemble the projects in the check in room. All projects must be finished at the time of check-in. (paint, varnish, water shed, weatherproofed etc.) Only dead or dying live flowers may be replaced after check-in.
- 20.4** Entries may be Fresh Flower Arrangements, Dish Gardens/Terrarium, Potted Plant, or Silk Floral Arrangement. Exhibitors may not change the class of their project at check-in, even if that means the class is now incorrect. All projects in incorrect classes will be disqualified.
- 20.5** Entries must not exceed 2ft x2 ft.x2 ft. in size and must weigh no more than 30 lbs. If larger than 2ft x 2ft x2ft the project will be disqualified.
- 20.6** Plants must be free of insects and disease. Leaf polish or other commercial foliage enhancers are not permitted.
- 20.7** Plants must be watered prior to entry and maintained during the show.
- 20.8** There will **NOT** be any electric outlets available for exhibitors to connect to. Battery power will be expectable.
- 20.9** The HCLE will not be held responsible for lost, damaged or dead items. Small items, accessories, etc. should be securely fastened to their container. Items of great sentimental value should not be used. Any entry that does not comply with all competition rules will be disqualified.

20.10 Judging Criteria:

Criteria
Use of elements of design (line, color, texture,

form/shape, spacing & pattern
Use of principles of design (balance, proportion, focal, rhythm, contrast, harmony & unity).
Quality of materials used (including health and condition of plants/flowers, quality of materials used (“materials” = includes silk flowers, containers, and mechanics).
Quality and method of construction used.

20.11 Grand Champion and Reserve Champion entries in each age group will be eligible for the sale. The same exhibitor may not win both Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Horticulture.

20.12 Horticulture Classes:

Horticulture Classes:	
Class 26	Fresh Flower Arrangements
Class 27	Dish Gardens/Terrariums
Class 28	Potted Plants
Class 29	Silk Floral Arrangements

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS DIVISION

21.0 AG. MECHANICS

21.1 Schedule

Day	Date	Time	Event
Mon	Jan 22	5-7:30pm	Check-in all projects
Tues	Jan 23	9:00am	Judging of projects
Sun	Jan 28	9:00am-12:00pm	Check-out removal of all projects

21.2 An entry fee of \$20.00 will be charged for each project.

21.3 Projects must have been constructed by FFA, FCCLA, and 4-H members either as a part of their agricultural mechanics instruction in vocational agriculture or as a part of their supervised work experience program.

21.4 A project can be exhibited only one time at the Hays Livestock Show and must have been constructed within one calendar year of the exhibition date.

21.5 All projects must be painted or properly treated and must be clean and in a presentable condition even though they may have been used.

21.6 A working plan, drawing, and photographs showing construction and a bill of materials is required with each

project.

- 21.7** Projects may have been individually, or group constructed and may be individually or chapter owned.
- 21.8** All projects must be complete and finished by 7:30 pm on Monday, January 22, 2024, or be disqualified.
- 21.9** Every precaution will be taken to protect the projects, however, neither the HCLE Board of Directors nor the officials of this Division will be responsible for any losses or damage to projects.
- 21.10** **Classes and examples for each class are shown below: Please contact Superintendent for guidance of division classifications.**

Division 1-Ag Machinery and Equipment	
Class 100	Hay Handling/Spray Equipment
Class 101	Tractor Equipment EX: drags, harrows, plow. No Hydraulic
Class 102	Hydraulic Outdoor Equipment including Tractor/Skidsteer attachments, lawn and garden equipment.
Class 103	Truck Accessories – Welding Beds, bumpers, grill guards, etc.

Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion

Division 2-Shop Equipment	
Class 200	Shop tables and Work Benches
Class 201	Specialized tables and work stations
Class 202	Shop Equipment – Presses, breaks, belt sanders, hoist, etc.

Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion

Division 3-Home Conveniences	
Class 300	Small indoor furniture/furnishings (smaller than 2x2x2)
Class 301	Large indoor furniture/furnishings (larger than 2x2x2 or multi piece)
Class 302	Outdoor metal furniture – Project must have 60% or more metal construction
Class 303	Outdoor wood furniture – Project must have 60% or more wood construction
Class 304	Ornamental Yard Pieces and/or non- cooking firepits
Class 305	Garden Sheds/Tiny Houses

Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion

Division 4-Outdoor Cooking	
Class 400	Traditional Non towable BBQ pits
Class 401	Open Grills and Cooking Firepits
Class 402	Fish Fryers, disk cookers, rocket stoves, etc.
Class 403	Towable BBQ pits

Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion

Division 5-Livestock Handling and Housing	
Class 500	Livestock Hay feeders and troughs
Class 501	Squeeze chutes, trim chutes, blocking stands, transport crates, walkers
Class 502	Chicken coops, rabbit hutches, feed/tack room, portable shelters
Class 503	Gates/Cattle Guards

Division Champion Reserve Division Champion

Division 6-Wildlife/Natural Resources/Specialty Items	
Class 600	Hunting Stands
Class 601	Feeders, traps, skinning racks
Class 602	Natural resources – Water catch systems, composters, hydroponic/aquaponics
Class 603	Specialty – Bits, spurs, knives, hand forged items, etc.

Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion

Division 7- Trailers	
Class 700	Bumper Pull Trailers under 16' including livestock and hay trailers
Class 701	Bumper Pull Trailers over 16' including livestock and hay trailers
Class 702	Gooseneck Trailers including livestock and hay trailers
Class 703	Specialty Trailers (Welding, equipment, water nurse trailer, etc.)

Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion

Division 8- Tractor and Farm Equipment Restoration	
Class 800	Tractor Restoration
Class 801	Farm Implement Restoration

Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion

Group I
Division 1-Ag Machinery and Equipment
Division 2- Shop Equipment

Group II
Division 3- Home Conveniences
Division 4- Outdoor Cooking

Group III
Division 5-Livestock Handling and Housing
Division 6-Wildlife/Natural Resources/Specialty Items

Group IV
Division 7- Trailers

Group V
Division 8-Tractor and Farm Equipment Restoration

21.11 Blue, Red, and White ribbons will be awarded for each class according to the awards criteria. Projects will be judged based on IDEAL or SUPERIOR quality.

21.12 Judging Criteria:

Criteria	Points
Workmanship	30
Degree of Difficulty	20
Presentation & Knowledge of Project	20
Quality of Finish	20
Documentation & Research	10

Ribbon Color	Points Needed
Blue	90-100 Points
Red	80-89 Points
White	70-79 Points

21.13 Each Division will have a Grand and Reserve Champion who will be eligible to compete for Group Grand and Reserve Champion.

21.14 All Group Grand and Reserve Champions will compete for Overall Grand and Reserve Champion of the Ag Mech Show.

21.15 Blue Quality Group Grand and Reserve Champions will receive belt buckles and will be eligible for the

auction. Ownership of the projects will be retained by the exhibitor.

21.16 Exhibitors may offer their project for sale by placing a “For Sale” sign and a price on the project. It may be necessary to move the project to the designated area during auction, at the discretion of the superintendent or the HCLE Board.

21.17 Kits are not allowed. Kits are defined as packages of pre-cut or pre-finished materials that have all the supplies to finish a project in the package.

21.18 Exhibitors should be prepared for an interview by the judge. They may be asked questions concerning, but not limited to, project construction, design, use, operation, etc. Exhibitors may be asked to demonstrate all or part of the project operation.

21.19 All classifier and judges’ results are FINAL.

AUCTION

22.0 SALE RULES

22.1 This will be a ribbon sale with ownership of the animals and projects retained by the exhibitor except for food items which will be claimed by the buyer.

22.2 An exhibitor may sell one unit per division, with a maximum of two units across different divisions, in the auction. The only exception to this is if he or she has a Grand Champion and/or Reserve Champion in more than two divisions. As an example: to sell more than two items, the exhibitor must have more than two Grand or Reserve Champions in different divisions. Grand and Reserve Champions in breeding classes will be eligible to sell.

22.3A “Unit” will be defined as follows:

UNITS
One Steer
One Swine
One Lamb
One Goat
One Meat Rabbit Pen
One Broiler Pen
One Turkey
One Breeding Animal
One Food Item
One Photograph
One Arts & Crafts or Clothing Item
One Horticulture
One Ag Mechanic Project

- 22.4** Each exhibitor must appear in the auction ring with his or her own animal for the sale unless otherwise authorized by the HCLE Board of Directors.
- 22.5** All auctioned items will be assessed a 10% commission charge.
- 22.6** No floor price will be available for those animals not making it into the auction.
- 22.7** Each exhibitor will be responsible for the removal and return home of their own animals after the show. A \$25.00 handling fee will be assessed to exhibitors who do not remove their animals. All the animals will be removed one hour after the *sale*.
- 22.8** The HCLE Board of Directors will determine the number of projects to be sold and the order of the sale prior to the auction.
- 22.9** Pictures and buyer's lists will be sent to the 4-H Club Managers, FFA, and FCCLA Advisors as soon possible after the show.
- 22.10** A copy of the buyers "Thank-You Letter" must deliver to the 4-H Club Managers, FFA, and FCCLA Advisors before checks are distributed.
- 22.11** All "add-on's" must be submitted to the treasurer within one week after the current year's auction.
- 22.12** The HCLE Board of Directors will assess 1.5% interest per month to all outstanding invoice balances that are not paid within 90 days after the current year's auction.
- 22.13** Any exhibitor going through the auction must send each buyer a "Thank you" letter.