

2018 WCFA COMMERCIAL CALF SCRAMBLE HEIFER PROGRAM SHOW & RULES

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IMPORTANT DATES:

Entry Fee:	See WCFA General Rules
Mandatory Meeting	September 26, 2018 (Mandatory)
Tag in	May 4, 2019
Progress Show:	TBA
Scrapbook Turn-In:	September 7, 2019 from 6:30 – 7:00 @ fairgrounds
Fair Check-In:	October, 2019 from 2:00 – 2:30 p.m. at the scales (Tuesday)
Final Weigh-In:	October, 2019 from 2:30 – 3:00 p.m. (Tuesday)
Herdsmen Judging:	October, 2019 from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. (Wednesday)
Calf Scramble Show:	October, 2019 (will be held prior to commercial heifer show)
Showmanship:	October, 2019 (Will be judged concurrently with scramble show)
Awards Presentation:	October, 2019 @ 3:00 p.m. (Friday)
Auction:	October, 2019 @ 1:00 p.m. (Saturday)
Release Date:	October, 2019 from 8:00 am – 10:00 am (Sunday)

Section A:
APPLICATION RULES:
METHOD OF SELECTING FFA & 4-H HEIFER SCRAMBLERS:

All interested 4-H & FFA members should fill out an application & mail it to:

WCFA
Attn: Scramble Committee
Po Box 911
Hempstead, TX 77445

All Applications need to be postmarked by September 15, 2018. Applications will be screened as they are mailed in. Contestants will be notified that they all eligible.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

1. In the event of 24 or more exhibitors wish to participate in the upcoming scramble a lottery will determine the participants. The first 24 names to be drawn will be the next years scramble participants regardless of age and/or years of eligibility remaining.
2. If you catch a calf in the 2018 – 2019 Calf Scramble you will receive a voucher to purchase the calf of your choice. See WCFA General Rules # 7 for the scramble participant eligibility. Applications & Medical release forms can be found on the WCFA Website.

SCRAMBLE NIGHT – OCTOBER 04, 2018 (FRIDAY), 6th Grade to 11th. Grade
(MUST BE 12 YRS. OLD)

1. Any boy or girl who has reached his/her 12th. Birthday by September 1, 2018, and has not exceeded his/her Junior Year in High School. The Applicant must meet requirements of WCFA General Rule #7. Applicant must also be enrolled in a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter in Waller County.
2. Minor Releases -a completed minor release MUST be submitted along with the application. An incomplete minor's release WILL NOT be accepted. All information must be complete and the form must contain the signature of both parents. However, one signature will be sufficient in the event that the parents are divorced or if one parent is deceased. It must be noted if one of the above situations applies.
3. A Calf Scramble Agreement Form MUST be completed after catching a scramble heifer. At least one parent/legal guardian and the participant will be required to sign this form.
4. Scramble applications must be completely filled out and properly signed by parents, scrambler, and 4-H Leader or Ag. Teacher. Mailed to Calf Scramble Committee.
5. Applications will be screened by the 4-H Leader or Ag. Teachers and marked "**Recommended**" or "**Eliminate**" and forwarded to the proper Calf Scramble Chairman. The decision of the Calf Scramble Committee is FINAL.
6. Any questions or concerns need to be directed to the Scramble Committee Chairman or Committee.
7. Applicant must be able to provide an adequate facility, availability of resources and the desire to raise and show a Heifer.
8. Applicants may apply and participate in the Calf Scramble as many times as they wish, however, once you have caught and shown or you have entered the 12th. Grade, you are no longer eligible.

9. Applicants **must have passing grades**. WCFA Eligibility forms will be required once you have been selected to scramble. Applicant will not be able to participate in the Calf Scramble if they fail to get the form filled out.

Section B:

GENERAL SCRAMBLE RULES:

1. Scramble winners will be given a \$1,000.00 voucher to purchase the calf of your choice, and \$500.00 at the completion of the Scramble Show. You are able to add money to the voucher.
2. Exhibitors cannot purchase animals from themselves, immediate family members (mother, father, brother, sister in law, brother in law, grandfather, grandmother, stepfather, stepmother, half-brother, half-sister, niece, aunt, uncle, cousin) or their ranches(family ranches or partnerships). Exhibitors may not purchase heifers that have been previously exhibited through any calf scramble program. Payments will not be issued to 4H-Clubs, FFA Chapters, students, parents or supervisors.
3. All scramble heifers and scramble winners are subject to the general rules & regulations of the Calf Scramble Heifer Rules and the WCFA. The Calf Scramble Heifer Show, at the 2019 Waller County Fair shall be limited to the 2018 Waller County Calf Scramble Heifer winners **ONLY**.
4. Winners must exhibit their heifers at the 2019 Waller County Fair Scramble Show unless circumstances approved by the Scramble Committee make this impractical. The NO PASS – NO PLAY Rule will also apply to this project. Exhibits which must be shown by someone other than the owners must be approved in writing by respective committee chairman. If a substitute exhibitor is required, he or she **MUST** be a qualified 4-H or FFA member in good standing as well as meeting the requirements of the NO PASS – NO PLAY Rule.
5. Any scrambler who moves out of Waller County or no longer qualifies under WCFA General Rule #7 will forfeit their heifer. A written notification of the move **MUST** also be presented to the Calf Scramble Committee 30 days prior to the move. Written notification to the Heifer Sponsor **MUST** also be submitted to the Calf Scramble Committee for disbursement to the Sponsor prior to the move.
6. 4-H and FFA members catching a scramble calf must meet the requirements for and show under the organization in which the scrambled. Example: If you scramble under 4-H you must meet meeting requirements and show your heifer under 4-H.
7. The exhibitor is responsible for returning the \$1,000.00 anytime during the feeding period with no reimbursement for feed and expenses pending approval of the Executive Committee if:
 - a. Exhibitor gets two (2) months behind on his/her reports.
 - b. The heifer is judged by the committee to not be properly cared for or adequately fed. **THE HEIFER MUST GAIN 1.25 LB. PER DAY THROUGHOUT THE FEEDING PERIOD.**
 - c. Exhibitor must participate in the required progress show as stated in Heifer Committee Rules.
8. In the event that the executive committee has deemed a participant ineligible and the \$1,000.00 has not been returned to the WCFA it may be deducted from any outstanding

WCFA proceeds and may result in the exhibitor being ineligible to show in future WCFA activities.

9. There will be prizes awarded to Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, High Point Winner, Showmanship, Progress Show and etc.
10. The first person across the line does win a belt buckle. You will be presented your Belt Buckle that night in the arena. You will be required to write the Buckle Sponsor a Thank Card that night before you leave.

LIABILITY – The WCFA of the State of Texas and any person associated with the Calf Scramble Committee will not be held responsible for any accidents, which may occur to any participant of the Calf Scramble, before, during or after this event.

**Section C:
ARENA RULES FOR CALF SCRAMBLE CONTESTANTS:**

1. Contestants will meet in the Committee Office at the Fair Grounds 1 hour prior to the start of the Rodeo on their designated scramble night.
2. Contestants will take into the arena a rope halter furnished by the fair. This halter cannot be used as a lariat. It must be placed on the head of the animal in the usual way.
3. Each contestant will attempt to catch and halter one of the released calves. The contestant catching a calf is required to lead the calf across the finish line.
4. At no time will the contestant be permitted to tie the rope to their body or belt.
5. If a contestant has hold of a calf, no other contestant will be allowed to touch the calf until it breaks away.
6. If the contestant halters a calf and it breaks loose, only the contestant who haltered the calf may re-catch it by using the halter/lead rope. Other contestants must catch the calf without using the halter/lead rope on the calf and must take off halter and put their halter on in order to proceed to the finish line.
7. If a contestant catches a calf by the tail, they will be given a reasonable amount of time to work around to its head; otherwise the referee will order them to let the calf go.
8. If two or more contestants catch the same calf, the calf will be turned loose.
9. A contestant that secures and halters a calf and leads it across the finish line will be declared a winner when so indicated by the referee.
10. Undue roughness will not be tolerated by the referee. Poor sportsmanship automatically disqualifies any contestant.
11. The scramble will be refereed by a selected group of not less than three referees.
12. Any assistant in haltering the calf from outside the rodeo arena during the calf scramble will result in the participant being immediately disqualified from the program.
13. All decisions made in the arena will be final, unless overturned by unanimous agreement.

IF THE EXHIBITOR DOES NOT SHOW UP FOR THE CALF SCRAMBLE SHOW, PROGRESS SHOW OR MISSES 3 CONSECUTIVE CLINICS, OR IF THE ANIMAL IS NOT BEING CARED FOR PROPERLY, YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO REIMBURSE WCFA THE \$1000.00.

Section D:
CALF SCRAMBLE WINNER DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Winners will be required to take possession of the Heifer prior to Tag-In.
2. Winners will need to provide adequate stalling and pasturing for the Heifer.
3. Winner will assume all costs involved in maintaining a healthy Heifer. (i.e. feed, vaccinations & grooming)
4. **Exhibitor WILL MAINTAIN ADEQUATE WEIGHT GAIN ON THE HEIFER. 1.25 LB. PER DAY.**
5. Winners must exhibit their scramble heifers at the 2019 WCFA Calf Scramble Heifer Show.
6. Under no circumstances will a contestant catching a calf be allowed to sell, trade, or dispose of the calf until after it has been showed at the 2017 WCF and is removed from the premises.
7. A "**FOR SALE**" sign will not be allowed to be displayed at the stall while the heifer is being exhibited at the WCF.
8. One (1) Progress Show and several clinics will be set up during the feeding period with dates to be announced later. The Progress Show is **MANDATORY**. All the Committee ask is that you care for and develop the calf so that you and your sponsor will be proud of her when you show at the fair the following year
9. If a scramble heifer is not manageable by the scramble exhibitor (according to the Judge) at the July Progress Show, than the project will be terminated and you will be responsible for returning the \$1000.00 to the Calf Scramble Committee.
10. Winners **MUST** submit **MONTHLY REPORTS** to the Calf Scramble Committee. Reports are due at the end of each month, beginning with the first report due in May.
11. Pictures **MUST** accompany the following monthly reports –May and August.
12. The Scramble committee will make periodic visits to each winner. Inspection of heifer's progress, their pens, and wellbeing.
13. The winner is required to read all correspondence received from the Calf Scramble Committee, abiding by **ALL** rules and responsibilities set forth by the committee and the WCFA.
14. Herdsmanship – Everyone must participate. See Herdsmanship rules.
15. Scrapbooks required. See Scrapbook rules.
16. Thank You/Introduction note to Sponsors – Due at Tag-In. Two (2) legible copies to be handed to the Calf Scramble Committee upon check in. This note is to introduce yourself to the sponsor and to thank them for their donation. This is **MANDATORY**.
17. At the time you pick up your calf from your breeder, you will give them a voucher, they will then in turn, bring or mail that voucher to the fairgrounds and pick up their check. **YOU ARE REQUIRED TO LET YOUR BREEDER KNOW AT THE TIME OF PURCHASE.**
18. Picture Receipt – The winner will take a picture with their sponsor after the Calf Scramble is over. Once Pictures are returned to the fair, Calf Scramble Committee will notify winners to pick up their pictures. Winners will receive two pictures. One for themselves and the other for the sponsor. Winner will be required to frame the picture and present it to the sponsor. The Sponsor will need to sign that they have received said picture. Receipt will need to be **mailed** to the **Calf Scramble Committee**. Deadline will be noted on the receipt copy.

19. Winners are asked out of courteous to invite your Sponsor to Tag-In, Progress Show, Clinics and to the 2019 Fair.
20. All winners **MUST** write a **FINAL THANK YOU NOTE** to their Sponsor. Thank You Notes will be turned into the Calf Scramble Committee, **NO EXCEPTIONS**.
21. **WCFA REVISED MANDATORY WORK RULES** for parents and guardians will be enforced. In accordance with Rule 3 of the WCFA General Rules & Regulations, **each parent and/or guardian of an exhibitor is requires to perform a minimum of four (4) hours each of volunteer service for fair related activities. Refer Back to WCFA General Rule #3.** This requirement must be met in order for the exhibitor to be eligible for the WCFA Commercial Calf Scramble Show and Sale and must still be met even if the exhibitor withdraws from the project at any time after the Calf Scramble Heifer Tag-In. Please carefully read and understand your obligation under this rule.
22. All applicable rules must be adhered to or the Calf Scramble Heifer exhibitor and his/her Calf Scramble project are subject to disqualification from the WCF Commercial Calf Scramble Show and Sale.

Section E:
CALF SCRAMBLE TAG-IN:

1. **ALL CALF SCRAMBLE HEIFER ENTRIES MUST BE BRUCELLOSIS VACCINATED PRIOR TO THE HEIFER TAG-IN.** Proof of brucellosis vaccination must be presented to the Calf Scramble Committee at the Scramble Tag-In, in the form of an ear tag, ear tattoo or certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
2. All Calf Scramble entries will be ear tagged, weighed, and have DNA samples taken at the Scramble Tag-In. See rules F12.
3. **ALL EAR TAGS MUST BE IN PLACE ON THE HEIFER AT ALL TIMES INCLUDING THE CALF SCRAMBLE PROJECT SHOW AND DURING THE FAIR.** In the event an ear tag is lost, the Calf Scramble Committee Chairperson must be notified immediately to make arrangements for replacement of the ear tag.
4. An exhibitor may tag-in and show other projects at the WCF, but only one project may be sold in the WCFA Junior Livestock Auction. Exception: in the event the exhibitor's projects win either Grand Champion or Reserve Champion, both projects must be sold in the WCFA Junior Livestock Auction.
5. Entry Fee: See WCFA General Rules
6. Scramble entries in the WCFA Scramble Heifer Show and Sale will be limited to heifers weighing no less than 500 pounds and no more than 1,000 pounds, according to the WCFA Scale, at the HEIFER TAG-IN- **ONLY ONE TIME ACROSS THE SCALE AT THE HEIFER TAG-IN.** All Scramble Heifer entries must gain on average at least 1.25 pounds per day throughout the HEIFER PROJECT PERIOD (x 1.25 lbs. per day= total). Failure to achieve the required minimum weight gain for the SCRAMBLE HEIFER PROJECT PERIOD will result in the disqualification of the Junior Scramble entry from the WCFA Scramble heifer Show and Junior Livestock Auction and the Jr Commercial Heifer Show at the WCFA. You will be responsible for retuning the \$1000.00 to the WCFA Scramble Committee.

7. Scramble Heifers must be dehorned by the Calf Scramble Progress Show.

SECTION F:
CALF SCRAMBLE SHOW:

1. ALL TACK, FEED ECT. – WILL NOT BE ALLOWED OUTSIDE THE CATTLE STALLING AREA. **THERE WILL BE NO CATTLE TRIM RACKS/CHUTES ALLOWED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS!!!!!!!**
2. **ONLY CATTLE MAY BE UNLOADED WHILE IN LINE ON THE DAY OF THE FAIR CALF SCRAMBLE HEIFER CHECK-IN.** You **WILL NOT** be allowed to unload feed, tack, displays or other equipment while in line to unload cattle on the day of check-in.
3. Stalls will be the responsibility of the exhibitor. Stalls must have a theme and be decorated. The measurements are as follows 4 foot wide by 8 foot long. Nothing wider or longer will be accepted.
4. Animals, feed, tack, displays and other equipment shall not be removed from the barn prior to the designated day for **RELEASE OF HEIFERS.**
5. Fair Calf Scramble Check-in will be held in the Committee Room during the designated time for check-in. All Calf Scramble Heifer exhibitors **MUST CHECK-IN DURING THE DESIGNATED CHECK-IN TIME.** Failure to do so will result in disqualification of the Scramble Heifer entry and exhibitor from the WCFA Commercial Calf Scramble Heifer Show and Auction.
6. Scramble Heifer entry must comply with the current Texas Animal Health Commission Regulations. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection issued within the past 30 days must be presented to the Calf Scramble Heifer Committee in the Committee room at the time of CHECK-IN. The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must also state as to Scramble Heifer entry that the heifer was palpated and found to be bred (indicating the estimated number of months) or open and a potentially sound breeder. Failure to supply the required Certificate of Veterinary Inspection in the Committee room at the time of FAIR CHECK-IN will result in disqualification of the Scramble Heifer entry and exhibitor from the WCFA Commercial Calf Scramble Heifer Show and Auction.
7. WCFA General Rule 23 (relating to the prohibition on the use of drugs and other substances) applies fully to the Commercial Calf Scramble Heifer Show.
8. A Waller County Fair Eligibility Form must be presented to the Scramble Committee in the Committee room at the time of the Fair Scramble Check-in. This is a mandatory requirement. If an exhibitor has more than one project entered in the WCFA, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to provide copies of the eligibility form to each project committee.
9. Scramble Heifer Weigh-In will be held during the designated time. Failure to do so will result in disqualification of the Scramble Heifer entry and exhibitor from the WCFA Commercial Calf Scramble Heifer Show and Auction.
10. Scramble Heifer entries could not have given birth before the time of the WCFA AUCTION. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification of the Scramble Heifer entry and exhibitor from the WCFA Calf Scramble Heifer Show and Auction and forfeiture of any prizes.
11. **FITTING AND GROOMING RULES SPECIFICS: The Calf Scramble Heifer Show will be a Blow and Go Dry Show Only. There will be NO PRODUCT (adhesives, paint, oil, shaving cream etc.) allowed on heifers in the show arena. Prior to heifer's entry into the show arena all heifers will be checked with a white rag. Any heifer found to have any type of product on them will be disqualified. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!!**

12. All Grand & Reserve Champion heifers and such other heifers as may be designated by the Scramble Committee, shall have samples collected for DNA analysis. In the event the DNA analysis reveals there is not a positive match with the DNA sample collected at the Scramble tag-in, the heifer shall be disqualified along with its exhibitor and all prizes, and sales proceeds shall be forfeited and the exhibitor shall be barred from exhibiting at future Waller County Fairs.
13. Scramble heifers are eligible to show in the Commercial Heifer Show upon completion of the Scramble show, with the exception of the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Scramble heifers.

SECTION G:
WCFA JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION:

1. A Calf Scramble Heifer entry must have been shown in the Calf Scramble Heifer Show for the heifer to be eligible to sell in the WCFA Junior Livestock Auction. Only the Grand & Reserve Champion of the Scramble show will be sold.
2. Exhibitors are **NOT ALLOWED** to ask for their heifer back after it has been sold in the WCFA Junior Livestock Auction nor may exhibitors solicit buyers during the WCFA Junior Livestock Auction. This falls under unsportsmanlike conduct see WCFA General Rules.
3. **"FOR SALE"** signs are **NOT ALLOWED** in the cattle area.
4. One dollar will be deducted from the exhibitor's sale proceeds for mandatory remittance to the Federal Beef Check-Off Program. In addition, a fee for buyer pictures will be deducted from the exhibitor's sales proceeds.
5. Calf Scramble Exhibitors are responsible for the pickup and/or delivery of their sale project during the designated time for **RELEASE OF HEIFERS**. Exhibitors must deliver their project to a responsible destination designated by the buyer of the exhibitor's project. Failure to comply with this pickup and delivery rule will result in a \$100.00 delivery charge being assessed by the WCFA against the exhibitor's sale proceeds. The WCFA assumes no responsibility for the delivery or loss of the exhibitor's project. Commercial Calf Scramble exhibitors must sign an acknowledgment for receipt of a Proof of Fair Project Delivery form before the Calf Scramble Committee Chairperson will release the heifer.
6. Calf Scramble Heifer exhibitors who receive a sponsored award (e.g. belt buckles, jackets, trophies, special awards) shall complete and return to the Calf Scramble Committee Chairperson, no later than the RELEASE OF HEIFERS, a special thank you card that will be provided to the exhibitor by the Calf Scramble Committee. **Heifers will not be released until this thank you card is completed and returned as required.**
7. No later than check out, all Calf Scramble heifer exhibitors who sold their heifer projects in the sale must return to the Calf Scramble Committee Chairperson a suitable "Thank You Letter" to the buyer(s) of their heifer project along with a pre-addressed, stamped envelope. This has to be done before you and your heifer can check out of the fairgrounds. Failure to timely comply with this buyer thank you letter rule will result in a \$100.00 charge being assessed by the WCFA against the exhibitor's sale proceeds. The Calf Scramble Committee Chairperson will mail the buyer thank you letters.
8. Release slips will only be given out on Sunday from 8:00 am to 10:00 am after the Calf Scramble Committee has checked your area for cleanliness.

9. You must have a signed picture delivery receipt in order to pick up/ receive your check from the Livestock Auction. ****PLEASE NOTE****: one of your two sale pictures is for your heifer project buyer and you are encouraged to deliver the picture to the buyer in a suitable frame.

Winners who fail to fulfill their obligations as stated in these rules will have their Calf Scramble Certificates revoked, will be required to repay the voucher value to the WCFA Calf Scramble Committee, and will be required to provide a letter of explanation to the sponsor and the Scramble Committee

NOTE: ANY CHANGES MADE IN THE ABOVE RULES WILL BE SENT TO YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BY MAIL WITH A COMPLETE EXPLANATION OF THE CHANGE. ANYONE NOT SURE OF ANY RULES SHOULD CONTACT THE SCRAMBLE CHAIRMAN IMMEDIATELY.

SCRAPBOOK

One overall point champion will be recognized and awarded a prize. The scrapbook competition will be judged in the following categories:

1. Cover
2. Calf Scramble Application
3. Sponsor Correspondence / Acknowledgement
4. Thank You Notes
5. Pictures
6. Monthly Reports
7. Receipt

Each scrapbook must be completed and submitted to the Committee. These scrapbooks are sent out to be judged by judges outside of the WCFA.

HERDSMANSHIP

Prizes will be awarded to the individual herdsman. A committee of judges appointed by the Calf Scramble Committee will make inspections during the show to determine those exhibitors who, in their judgment, make the best record for the period of the show, taking into consideration the following criteria:

1. Orderliness and cleanliness of stalls and animals
2. Promptness in having stalls cleaned
3. Systematic and neat arrangement of stall and service areas
4. Personal appearance of herdsman and helpers

5. Observance of all rules and regulations
6. Cooperation with show officials in promoting the fair in general
7. Interviews with the individual Calf Scramble Heifer exhibitors regarding their entries and livestock exhibits.

Signs for the stall area will be provided by the Scramble Committee. The signs will contain Sponsors name.

Herdsmen interviews will be conducted by the herdsman committee judges. Herdsman is mandatory and exhibitors must be present at their stall during the entire interview period.

Point System

Grand	35 points and Buckle
Reserve	25 points and Buckle
3 rd	15 points
4 th	10 points
5 th	9 points
6 th	8 points
7 th	7 points
8 th	6 points
9 th	5 points
10 th	4 points
11 th	3 points
12 th	2 points
13 th	1 point

Showmanship

1st	35 points and Buckle
2 nd	25 points and Buckle
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Progress Show

Grand	35 points
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Clinics

10 points for every clinic you attend

Showing at other Shows

5 points for every show, must have signature