

2018 Waller County Fair Market Goat Rules

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Exhibitor Information Meeting	Thursday, April 26th, 2018 @ 7:30 pm
Waller County Fairgrounds	
Tag-In	Monday, June 11th, 2018 6:30-8:00 pm
Waller County Fairgrounds	
Progress Show	Saturday, August 4th, 2018 @ 8:00am
Waller County Fairgrounds	
Waller County Fair Check in	Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018 11:00am – 12:00 pm
WCFA Market Goat Show	Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018 @ 3:00pm
WCFA Market Goat Showmanship	Immediately following Market Goat Show
Sale Order	Immediately following Showmanship
Market Goat Herdsman Contest	Friday, October 5th, 2018 4:00-6:00 pm
WCFA Livestock Auction	Saturday, October 6th, 2018 @ 1:00 pm
Release and Delivery of Goats/Clean up	Sunday, October 7th, 2018 8:00-10:00am
Thank you note deadline	Sunday, October 7th, 2018 8:00-10:00 am

Show Judge

TBA

Market Goat Rules and Regulations

All market goat exhibitors are subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the WCFA. The WCFA reserves to its executive committee the final and absolute right to interpret all rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle all matters, questions and differences there to.

1. Eligibility: See WCFA general rules. A signed current WCFA eligibility form is required for all market goat exhibitors to be submitted at check in. Exhibitors should obtain an eligibility form for each show in which they are entered. If showing a doe and a wether, the exhibitor should present an eligibility form for each show to each committee.
2. PARENT WORK RULE: The parent work rule will be enforced according to the WCFA general rules. Please read over these rules carefully and understand your obligations under this rule. Parents must be signed up to work prior to Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018 or your exhibitor will not be allowed to check in.
3. There will be an exhibitor information meeting held at the Waller County Fairgrounds on Thursday, April 26th, 2018 at 7:30 pm. This is a mandatory meeting for exhibitors and a parent/guardian. It is at this meeting that the committee will obtain email addresses and phone numbers so that they may contact you regarding any issues throughout the year regarding your market goat project. It is where new rules or changes will be discussed and is your opportunity to ask questions.
4. TAG IN: The Market Goat Committee will tag in all wethers for the Waller County Fair on Monday, June 11th, 2018 between 6:30 and 8:00 pm, at the fairgrounds.

TAG IN REQUIREMENTS:

- a) Goats may be any breed or cross breed.
 - b) Each exhibitor may tag in up to four (4) wethers, although only two (2) may be brought to show. If tagging in as a family, a maximum of eight (8) goats in the family name.
 - c) All wethers must weigh a minimum of 30 pounds.
 - d) Goats must be castrated prior to tag in. Goats should be dehorned, or if not dehorned, scurs or tips must be less than 1 inch long.
 - e) Pictures of each goat will be taken with the exhibitor at tag in. Failure to follow these requirements will result in disqualification, unless prior written approval has been given by the committee 24 hours prior.
 - f) If paying cash, please bring exact change. The committee will not be providing change.
5. A goat previously sold at any junior livestock auction is ineligible to be tagged in for the WCFA.
 6. ENTRY FEES: Please see WCFA General Rules.

7. Waller County Fair ear tags will be used. If the tag comes out of the goat's ear, the committee CHAIRMAN should be notified within 24 hours. It will be the responsibility of the exhibitor to transport the goat to the fairgrounds or the Chairpersons home at an agreed date and time within 5 days of notification to retag. Failure to do so will result in the disqualification of the animal.
8. **Progress show:** The Market Goat progress show will be held on Saturday, August 4th, 2018 at 8:00 AM at the fairgrounds. Goats will be weighed prior to show. **Please make sure you arrive no later than 7:45 am to check in.**

PROGRESS SHOW PARTICIPATION IS MANDATORY FOR ALL EXHIBITORS

Arrangements must be made with the chairperson at least one week in advance in the event the progress show conflicts with a school function or if there is an illness that has been excused by a physician. The Goat Committee will then vote if it is an allowable excuse. However, the goat entry(s) must still be present for weigh-in and all must be shown by a qualified exhibitor in the non-judged class.

ALL goats must be weighed, (removed all goats being clipped) and all goats being shown must be show clipped upon arrival at the progress show. Exhibitors must be neatly dressed.

Showmanship classes will be divided into the following classes based upon the exhibitor's age on September 1, 2018. Classes may be changed that day by the market goat committee.

- a) Senior-Ages 14-19 years old
- b) Junior-Ages 9-13 years old
- c) Novice- First Year Goat Exhibitor (Deleted WCFA)

9. **Fair Check In:** All Goats must be checked-in and weighed on Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018 between 11:00 am and 12:00 noon. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Only goats that are tagged and are being shown are allowed on the fairgrounds. If an exhibitor cannot check in during the designated time due to school activities, a parent or guardian must check in the animal. Pen assignments will be designated and posted in the goat pen area prior to check in. Exhibitors will be stalled with their 4H or FFA group to the best of the committee's ability.

- a) **All goats must weigh a minimum of 60 pounds at check in. There will be only one (1) time across the scale.** There will be no reweighs and it must be animal only, no added blankets, etc. Any goat weighing less than 60 pounds is disqualified and must be removed from the fairgrounds no later than 1 hour

after the conclusion of the show. Once an animal has qualified for show, it cannot leave the fairgrounds.

- b) There will be no changing of pen assignments. Goats must remain in their assigned pen throughout the fair to be eligible for showing, herdsman judging and livestock auction.
 - c) All goats must be show clipped upon arrival. There will be no shearing allowed on show grounds. Only hand shearers and cordless clippers may be used for touch ups. No changing of color of the animal is allowed. No icing is allowed. It is still preferable that the goats be dehorned, but if not they may have no more than 1 inch of horn growth and must be healed upon weigh-in on show day. Any horn growth must be smooth. No sharp edges allowed.
 - d) **There will be no feed and/or water allowed in the pens until after sale order is completed.** If you wish to feed or water your goat prior or during the show, you may take it out of the pen area to do so. Drenching in pens is allowed.
10. The WCFA has a ZERO Tolerance policy. Please see WCFA general rules. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated by the exhibitor or parents/guardians. Please see WCFA General Rules. Unethical fitting will not be allowed. No (removed training collars) electronic devices will be allowed at the show. The WCFA general rule relating to the prohibition of the use of drugs and other substances applies fully to the market goat animals. (See WCFA General Rules)
11. The Market Goat Committee reserves the right to perform random drug testing on any animal.
12. Exhibitors are expected to keep their pens and the area around the outside of their pens clean at all times. Trash should always be put in barrels and manure should be put in dumpsters. No bedding is allowed in pens. The Market goat committee will be doing random checks from Tuesday through Saturday for points toward the herdsman award. **The exhibitor is to feed and water his/her goat daily.**
13. Awards will be given in each Market Goat class, each showmanship class, and for Grand and Reserve Champion. Market Herdsman award will be given based on points accumulated all week and Herdsman Interviews. Interviews will be conducted on Friday, October 5th, 2018 between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm. Interviews will be conducted by judge(s) chosen by the committee. Exhibitors are encouraged to be present at their pen during the interview process. There is an Outstanding Senior Exhibitor award and Outstanding Junior Exhibitor award.
14. Our show judge will determine sale order. Sale order is conducted after showmanship. **EVERY GOAT ENTRY OTHER THAN GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPION ARE REQUIRED TO GO BACK FOR SALE ORDER.** If you have more than one entry, you will bring back one entry and have a parent or other family member bring back the other entry. Each weight class is lined up according to the placing of that class during the show. If you do not bring your goat back for sale order, that entry will be placed at the bottom of the sale order. Being placed at the bottom of the sale order almost certainly means not

making the sale. The committee will not be making phone calls and searching the fairgrounds for you. The committee will not have someone go to your pen and bring your goat to the ring for sale order. It is your responsibility to come back for sale order. If you know at that time you do not want to sell your goat, you will still need to participate in sale order. You may scratch that entry off the sale order list later in the week.

15. If an exhibitor has more than one project that is eligible for sale in the WCFA livestock auction the exhibitor must notify the Market Goat Chairman as to which project they intend to sell no later than one hour after the conclusion of the final market show on Thursday, October 4th, 2018. Other than Grand and Reserve Champions that must sell according to WCFA rules, you must choose which animal will sell. If you fail to notify your chairman, the chairman and the sales committee will choose for you.
16. Livestock Auction: There will be no writing on animals going through the auction ring. Auction sale order numbers are given out prior to the start of the auction. Please see a committee member to get your number if you have made the sale. The sale order is posted Friday morning near the entrance of the show barn. **Exhibitors are not allowed under any circumstance to ask a buyer to purchase their project before the auction. They are also not allowed to ask for that project back after it is sold.** Please see WCFA General Rules.
17. Thank you notes: See WCFA General Rules
18. Exhibitors are responsible for the removal of their projects from the Waller County Fairgrounds from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. on the Sunday, October 7th, 2018 following the Junior Livestock Auction. The exhibitor must deliver their project to a destination designated by the final buyer. Failure to comply with this delivery rule will result in a \$100.00 delivery charge to be deducted from the Exhibitor's check. The Waller County Fair Association assumes no responsibility for the delivery or loss of the Exhibitor's project. The Exhibitors must sign delivery receipts before the Committee Chairman will release the animal. It is your responsibility to get your animal to your buyer unless other arrangements have been made. **DO NOT SEND YOUR BUYER TO THE CHECK OUT TABLE TO PICK UP THE ANIMAL THEY HAVE PURCHASED.**
19. The Market Goat Committee does award a Hard Luck award. To qualify for the Hard Luck award, your market goat project must have been maimed or passed away due to unavoidable circumstances. To be considered for this award, the exhibitor must hand write a 300-word essay to be turned in to the committee chairman no later than Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018. The essay should contain facts about what happened to the goat, what it meant to raise the goat, and why the exhibitor feels they deserve the Hard Luck award. Only one recipient may receive the Hard Luck Award each year. The winner is determined by the committee.

You may view the rules, calendar of activities and sign-up for your work time at your convenience @ www.wallercountyfair.org or call the fair office at (979)826-2825.