

2021
WALLER COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1) The Waller County Fair will be held Saturday, September 25, 2021 thru Saturday, October 2, 2021.
- 2) The Waller County Fair Association will contact and select judges for all livestock, horse, poultry, and rabbit projects for the county fair. The judges will be announced as soon as the judging committee has finalized the selection, the WCFA will be responsible for up to \$250.00 towards the judge's fees and mileage, the committee will be responsible for the remainder. Progress show judges will be the responsibility of the Livestock Committees. No progress show judge may be used more than two consecutive years. The WCFA will also do class weight breaks on the animal species. Stall assignments during the fair will be assigned by the designated rotation sheet and will be overseen by the WCFA Executive Board.
 - a. It is the discretion of WCFA if the judges will be allowed to judge two consecutive years. Each judge will receive a copy of the Waller County Fair Association's General Rules and Regulation and a copy of the division rules.
- 3) Failure to comply with any of the following rules will result in the inability of the exhibitor to show and/or sell and possible disqualification from the Waller County Fair.
- 4) PARENT WORK RULE: For an eligible exhibitor to participate in any of the Junior Division categories (i.e., Livestock, Poultry, Colt, Rabbits, Creative Living, etc.) their family will be required to perform a minimum of eight (8) hours per family of volunteer service during fair week. This requirement must be met for the exhibitor to participate (show and/or sell) at the Waller County Fair. (IF YOU TAG-IN A PROJECT BUT FOR ANY REASON WILL NOT BE BRINGING IT TO THE FAIR, YOU MUST NOTIFY THE FAIR OFFICE NO LATER THAN TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE FAIR OR THE WORK HOURS MUST BE WORKED) Fair Secretary will furnish Chairpersons with adequate information to assure this work rule has been met. Parents that did not fulfill their work time at the 2020 fair will result in their family being ineligible to show during the 2021 WCF. You may pay a \$250.00 per parent fine for non-fulfillment of 2020 work time prior to your family's 2021 fair tag-in. You can sign up after September 1st online by visiting our web page at www.wallercountyfair.org or you may contact the fair office at 979-826-2825.
- 5) The walk thru gates to the Fairgrounds will be open from 6:00 a.m. and all other gates will be open from 8:00 a.m. to midnight each day of the fair except on Saturdays where they will close at 1:00 a.m. No one except the officer on duty will be allowed under the show barn or tie out area between the following time frames. Monday night thru Friday night between 12:45 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Saturday night between 1:45 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.
 - a. Tack move-in is Sunday and Monday prior to the show. Anyone moving tack in other than these two days are subject to a \$500 fine. No Exceptions.
- 6) No person will be allowed to distribute advertising material or solicit in any way on the grounds without special permission from the WCFA.
- 7) Show/Sales of livestock, poultry, horses, rabbit, and creative living. Students MAY NOT tag in, show, and sell in the calendar year in which they graduate. Exhibitors must meet two of the following requirements:
 - a. Live/reside in Waller, Hempstead or Royal ISD Boundaries
 - b. Be a registered member in a Waller County 4-H Club, F.F.A. or Junior F.F.A.
 - c. Attend Waller, Hempstead, Royal, Rosehill Christian, CCA, Concordia Lutheran, Faith West Academy, or Grace Christian Academy.
- 8) The exhibitor must have raised all agricultural exhibits. Exhibitors must continuously and personally own and care for his/her livestock, poultry, and rabbit projects throughout the feeding period, and must feed, care for, fit and exhibit the animal entered without aid or assistance from anyone other than family members, CEA, VAT or residents of Waller County and adjacent counties.
- 9) Each Exhibitor and Exhibitor's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) must sign the WCFA entry form acknowledging that he

or she understands and will abide by the liability requirements and the Rules and Regulations of the Waller County Fair. Each participant must turn in this entry form signed by the exhibitor and parents. The entry form must be presented to division chairperson at time of tag-in. If the Exhibitor does not sign this statement or entry form his/her application for entry will not be accepted. You will also be required to fill out a completed W9 at the time of your tag-in, if not your project will not be accepted.

- 10) No project/exhibit can be sold in any other Youth Auction and then be eligible to show and sell at the Waller County Junior Livestock and Exhibit Auction.
- 11) Age divisions are determined by the following criteria:
 - a) JUNIOR: Youth will be considered a bonafide 4-H member if they are sitting in the third grade or 9 years old when school resumes in the fall.
 - b) SENIOR: 14-19 years of age as of September 1, 2021.
- 12) An Exhibitor in the Livestock, Horse, Poultry, Rabbit and Creative Living Division may tag and show animals/pens in each of the Livestock, Horse, Poultry and Rabbit Divisions. An Exhibitor may use the assistance of another eligible Waller County Fair Exhibitor to help show the second animal/pen when competing in the same division categories.
- 13) Exhibitors are limited to sell only one animal or pen at the Junior Livestock and Exhibit Auction at the Waller County Fair, except for the Grand Champions and Reserve Champions of each division. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to be aware if he or she is eligible to participate in the Jr. Livestock and Exhibit Auction. Sale list should be posted by Friday at noon.
 - a. The Waller County Fair Association will withhold a 7% administration fee from and/all proceeds from the Junior Livestock and Exhibit Auction from each exhibitor.
- 14) Each Exhibitor may tag-in a maximum of two animals or pens per division or two items in the Creative Living Building. Please see specific committee rules pertaining to tag-in limitations.
- 15) All exhibitors will be charged a registration fee of \$30.00 and a fee of \$10.00 per animal/project entered the 2021 WCF. The registration fee is due when the exhibitor's tags in their first animal/project. The \$10.00 fee per animal/project is due at the tag in date specified for each species by the respective committee. Ten dollars of each entry will be given to the committee to help with sponsorship, no other sponsorship will be charged. All other non-market projects will be charged according to the rules of the respective project. Only one (1) exhibitors' pass will be issued per Exhibitor. **No Replacements.**
- 16) **ELIGIBILITY A:** All Exhibitors will be responsible for showing their entries in the ring. In cases of illness, conflict of major shows or conflict of school related function and provided it meets with the approval of the chairman of that department, he or she may have another eligible, 4-H, F.F.A. or Junior F.F.A. member assist, provided they are already an exhibitor entered at the Waller County Fair. **ELIGIBILITY B: A WALLER COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION ELIGIBILITY FORM WILL BE REQUIRED BY EACH EXHIBITOR TO BE SUBMITTED AT CHECK-IN TIME. SUBSTITUTIONS FOR SCHOLASTIC INELIGIBILITY WILL BE ALLOWED. A WALLER COUNTY FAIR ELIGIBILITY FORM SHOWING ELIGIBILITY AND APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTE EXHIBITOR BY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON IS REQUIRED.** Supervisors of Education will monitor the above-mentioned forms according to TEA guidelines. At the time of the fair if students have been placed in out of school suspension or alternative schooling are deemed ineligible to participate in the WCFA.
- 17) Each animal entered for competition must be brought into the ring to be judged provided it has not been barred from exhibition. Failure to comply will result in disqualification of all projects entered.
- 18) **SPECIAL NOTICE:** All animals will be checked upon entering the Fairgrounds and must meet all requirements of the Texas Animal Health Commission.
- 19) Any animal or bird that is sick or shows symptoms of any disease will not be allowed to remain on the Fairgrounds.
- 20) Judges will be responsible for final sifts of Livestock, Horse, Poultry, and rabbit Classes at the time of show.
- 21) Disqualified projects are not eligible for sale and must be removed from the Fairgrounds immediately after disqualification.

22) The showing of unethically fitted livestock at the Waller County Fair is prohibited. Unethical Fitting, within the meaning of the rule, will be deemed to consist of any method altering the natural confirmation of any part of the animal's body. (**Specificity will be addressed under individual committee rules.**) Exhibitors found in violation of this rule will be immediately disqualified and shall remove the disqualified project from the Fairgrounds.

23) **Attention: Use of Drugs:** The use by non-veterinarians* of animal drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accord with the labeling approved by FDA is a violation of federal law. All Grand and Reserve Champion animals and one animal chosen at random from each division are subject to drug sample testing (Order to be set by the division chairperson). Exhibitor and exhibitor's parents and/or guardians agree that: (1) they are absolutely and completely responsible persons for the care and custody of their animals, (2) the Waller County Fair shall be entitled to disqualify an exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any drug, even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents or guardians are innocent of any wrongdoing and did not administer the drug, (3) the drug test results of the testing laboratories are final and binding upon the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents and/or guardians. Even if the source of the drug is unknown, the Waller County Fair shall be entitled to disqualify the exhibitor. A parent, guardian or an adult appointed by the parent will notification to the drug testing committee must remain with the animal throughout the testing process and may not leave the animal unattended until dismissed by testing personnel. Failure to comply with these rules may result in disqualification from the fair and sale.

*Abuse of the extra-label privilege by veterinarians is unethical and is subject to serious consequences such as license revocation.

- a) **Unapproved Drug Use:** The showing of any animal that has been administered during its life any quantity of any unapproved drug, chemical or medication is strictly prohibited. Such drugs include, but are not limited to, any diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication. Unapproved means not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals including animals that may be destined for human consumption.
- b) **Approved Drug Use:** If an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species and class, sufficient time must have passed so that the animal does not test positive for that drug upon arrival at the Fairgrounds. Animals must remain free and clear of all drug and chemical residues while on Fairgrounds. Please note that elimination time (the time it takes for no drug residue to be found in the system) is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal time for most approved drugs.
- c) If an animal becomes ill on the fairgrounds and requires veterinarian care, the exhibitor's parent/guardian must notify the fair office. The fair office will contact the Fair Veterinarian. Only the Fair Veterinarian may administer drugs on the fairgrounds. If the drug administered has a withdrawal period, the animal will be quarantined after the fair at a board approved facility until the withdrawal period has been met. Exhibitor will be responsible for feed during this time. Exhibitor will be responsible for all additional costs. Exhibitor will be responsible for delivery of the animal to the buyer. Proof of delivery must be submitted to the committee chair within 7 days of delivery. Exhibitor may not collect their check from the sale without proof of delivery.

24) **Animal Inspection:** As condition for participation in the Show, exhibitor must agree to submit **ANY** animal entered by the exhibitor for inspection. Exhibitor agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests requested by the Show. Exhibitor also agrees that the opinion reached by the Show or its officials as to whether such animal is unethically fitted or over age shall be final and binding without recourse against the Show or any of its officers. Further, the Show specifically reserves the right to have tissue, blood or urine laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for competition. The conclusions reached by the laboratory shall be final and binding without recourse against the Show or any of its officers. An exhibitor of an animal that is found to be unethically fitted, over age, and/or testing positive for any drug or medication or unapproved chemical may forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future at the Show.

- 25) **Disclaimer of Warranties:** The Waller County Fair expressly disclaims any express or implied warranties (including merchantability), whether the goods or services are provided by the Waller County Fair or by others (such as drug testing). The Waller County Fair does NOT provide security or guard services and is not responsible for the acts of third parties. Exhibitor and exhibitor's parents and/or guardians agree that the Waller County Fair shall be entitled to disqualify any exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any drug even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents or guardians are innocent of any wrongdoing and had no role in the administration of the drug shown by the drug test. Even if the source of the drug is unknown, the Waller County Fair shall be entitled to disqualify the exhibitor. Disqualification results in forfeiture of all prize money and auction proceeds.
- 26) Disqualification/Condemnation of Animal: The Waller County Fair reserves the right to condemn and /or disqualify any animal, either live or slaughtered, found in violation of the use of drugs, chemicals or feed additives as described in Rule 23 and the exhibitor will forfeit all auction sale and /or premium money if the animal is disqualified. If an animal(s) is disqualified for testing positive and/or the carcass is condemned at slaughter, the class placing will not change. An exhibitor of an animal testing positive for any drug, chemical, or feed additive may forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit animals in the future at the Waller County Fair.
- 27) Exhibitors will be required to keep their spaces and stalls in a clean condition. Before projects are released, exhibitor will be required to clean all stalls used by him/her to original condition.
- 28) All Exhibitors will furnish feed and watering troughs, the exception to this rule is within the poultry committee they will furnish the feed and all feed and water troughs.
- 29) No overnight stays by exhibitors will be allowed. Refer to General Rule #5.
- 30) Unsportsmanlike conduct of anyone on WCFA property especially exhibitors, parents and/or guardians will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification and possible suspension by WCFA. If any exhibitor, his/her representative, or guardian interferes in any way with the judges, shows disrespect to them, to the show or to any committee person, the management may withhold from such Exhibitor's project check the amount of \$500.00 or take any other steps deemed appropriate set by the WCFA Board of Directors or executive board.
- 31) Exhibitor, exhibitor's immediate family member(s), exhibitor's guardian(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen, volunteers, spectators and/or visitors, violating and/or not cooperating with security personnel, officers, division chairmen, committeemen and/or officials of the Fair in all matters, policy, these rules and regulations, parking, etc., may not be allowed to enter, tag-in, and/or participate, may have their entries cancelled, and /or may be ordered to exit and/or remove their exhibit(s) from the grounds immediately, and/or may forfeit all rights and privileges to enter, participate and/or exhibit in the future at any Waller County Fair Events held on the Waller County Fair Association property.
- 32) Anyone causing a disturbance or displaying unsportsmanlike conduct will be barred from the Fairgrounds for the remainder of the Fair and possibly face suspension from the WCFA facility.
- 33) It is the responsibility of the chairperson, committee members, ag teachers, extension agent, exhibitor, and parent to make sure the correct tagged animal is delivered to or loaded upon the proper trailer. Swapping of animals will not be allowed! If caught swapping your animal, you will be banned and forfeit all rights to participate in future fairs or receive punishment set by WCFA Executive Board or Board of Directors. This rule applies to committee persons, exhibitors, parent(s), or any other persons (breeders, grandparents, ag teachers, extension agents, friends, aunts, uncles, etc.) associated with the above mentioned.
- 34) Under NO circumstances should an exhibitor or parent ask for your project back. Doing so falls under unsportsmanlike conduct. (See Rule #30)
- 35) Each Chairman will submit the final placing order to the secretary one hour after the steer judging on, Thursday, October 3, 2021. ANY EXHIBITOR WISHING TO PULL-OUT (PO) THEIR ANIMAL FROM THE SALE ORDER; MUST SUBMIT REQUEST IN WRITING ONE (1) HOUR AFTER STEER JUDGING ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021 OR ANIMAL WILL BE SOLD THROUGH THE SALE RING. FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THIS RULE WILL BAR EXHIBITOR

FROM THE FOLLOWING WALLER COUNTY FAIR.

- 36) When there are less than three (3) entries in an open show, it shall be left to the discretion of the judge whether the entries are worthy of prizes. The Exhibitor may furnish his/her own competition to be for an open show only.
- 37) Any animal accepted for show in the Junior Livestock Division shall be made available for use in the Junior Livestock Judging Contest.
- 38) **PROTEST RULE:** NOTE OF PROTEST MUST BE FILED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY WRITTEN PROTEST WITHIN ONE HOUR OF CONCLUSION OF JUDGING OF DIVISION THAT IS BEING PROTESTED. All protest must be made in writing and be accompanied by a deposit of \$250.00 (cash) which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. If protest involves projects where DNA sampling will be used in the decision-making process, persons filing the protest will incur the cost of the test. Such protest must state plainly the cause, the complaint or appeal, and must be delivered to the fair office. Protest may be accepted prior to judging. However, judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. Depending based on the protest, a decision may be withheld until a complete investigation is done. **NOTE: All exhibitors must remain with their project one (1) hour post completion of judging if a protest is lodged.** If your animal is disqualified you will have 4 hours from official notification from the office to remove your animal, if you do not follow this order you will be banned from all future fairs and will be fined \$100 per hour for each hour the project is on the grounds.
- 39) The Committee Chairpersons will monitor the grounds and the Exhibitor's projects for the duration of the project. The committee chairperson shall have the authority to bring the Exhibitor, and Exhibitor's project before the Executive Committee.
- 40) All swine sold through the auction will be tattooed. Tattooing will take place any time after completion of Final Sale Order and before start of auction.
 - 40A. All exhibits sold through auction that are designated to be sent to a processor will be loaded on the processor trailers at check-out. The designation of the processor will be made by the buyer using a WCFA Approved Processor (list will be available on day of auction). No changes will be made to the specified processor except by the purchaser of that lot. Any changes must still comply with the WCFA Approved Processor List.
- 41) No market animal may be removed from the Fairgrounds before 8:00 a.m. Sunday, October 4, 2021, without permission from the respective committee chairman, which will then notify the fair office.
- 42) Unapproved removal of project animal will be considered unsportsmanlike conduct. (See Rule # 30)
- 43) 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 4, 2021 following the Junior Livestock and Exhibit Auction. (NOTE: All processor trailers will be loaded out first.) The exhibitor must deliver their project to a destination designated by the final buyer. Poultry projects will be delivered as fresh chilled and/or frozen whole carcass(s). Failure to comply with this delivery rule will result in a \$100.00 delivery charge 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. The Exhibitor must also have proof of delivery signed by the buyer for the rabbit and poultry divisions before Exhibitor receives project checks.
- 44) Junior Livestock and Exhibit Auction Sale Exhibitors must return to their Committee Chairman "Thank You Letter(s)" to the buyer(s) in a pre-addressed stamped envelope(s) unsealed on Sunday morning October 4th prior to receiving discharge paperwork. The Committee Chairman will mail the letter(s).
- 45) Participants of the Waller County Fair may only participate in one County Fair Junior Livestock and Exhibit Auction during one calendar year.
- 46) Any hardship cases must be brought to Committee Chairman in writing thirty (30) days prior to tag-in to be presented to the Executive Committee and to be voted on by the Board of Directors of the Waller County Fair Association.
- 47) Approximately, three weeks after sale, exhibitors need to pick up their summary sheet (add-ons) and pictures. Exact time and date will be announced on the WCFA web page and by 4-H clubs and FFA leaders. A form to be signed by

the buyer that a framed picture(s) has been received will be included with the summary sheet and pictures. (Please note that the exhibitor is responsible for providing 8x10 frame for picture.) It is also suggested that the exhibitor be present at the time the picture is delivered. Exhibitor will not receive check until the picture receipt and Thank You Notes for all add-ons are delivered to the office.

- 48) **The management shall not be responsible or liable for any losses, accidents or injuries to any person, entry, animal, or commercial exhibitor.**
- 49) **The Waller County Fair Association reserves to its Executive Committee the final and absolute right to interpret all Rules and Regulations and arbitrarily settle all matters, questions, and differences thereto.**
- 50) The Waller County Fair Association had adopted a Zero Tolerance Policy.