

# 2023 Market Lamb Rules

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**WCF Tag-In**.....Thursday, June 22, 2023 7:00pm-8:00pm

Location: Waller County Fairgrounds – Show Barn

**Progress Show Weigh-In**...Thursday, July 27, 2023 6:30pm-7:00pm

Location: Waller County Fairgrounds – Show Barn

**Progress Show**.....Thursday, July 27, 2023 7:15pm

Location: Waller County Fairgrounds – Show Barn

**Fair Check-In**.....Monday, October 2, 2023 1:30pm-2:30pm

Location: Waller County Fairgrounds – Show Barn

**WCFA Lamb Show**..... Monday, October 2, 2023 6:00pm

Location: Waller County Fairgrounds – Show Barn

**Release of Lambs and Clean-Up**.....Sunday, October 8, 2023 8:00am

Location: Waller County Fairgrounds – Show Barn

Judge.....TBD

## 2022 Waller County Fair Lamb Rules

1. All entries are subject to the general rules and regulations of the Waller County Fair Association. 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 there to.
2. The lamb show will be open To all breeds.
3. Each exhibitor may tag-in as many lambs as they wish provided the fees in rule number 5 are paid in full. **All lambs must be brought to the Waller County Fairgrounds for tag-in on Thursday, June 22, 2023 between the hours of 7:00pm-8:00pm.** All lambs must be whethers or ewe lambs. Ewe lambs must have a Scrapie Tag in the ear at tag-in. A W-9 form must be completed including the exhibitor's social security number at the time of tag-in. All lambs will be weighed, tagged and a DNA sample collected. If the exhibitor is not present at tag-in, a recent photograph of the exhibitor must be turned in along with paperwork and fees.
4. Fees for Exhibitors: See WCFA General Rules
5. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian and exhibitor to assure that the proper tag number is assigned to the correct exhibitor and lamb at fair check in on October 2, 2023 if multiple animals are tagged in under the family name.,
6. Each exhibitor will be responsible for having his/her lamb(s) shorn prior to arrival at the progress show and main show. At the main show on October 2, 2023. Lambs must be slick shorn prior to arrival on the show grounds. **NO SHEARING WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE WALLER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS!**
7. ALL TAGGED IN LAMBS MUST BE PRESENT AT THE PROGRESS SHOW ON JULY 27, 2023 AT 7:15 PM TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE MAIN SHOW ON MONDAY OCTOBER 2, 2023. Lambs and exhibitors must both be present at the Progress Show on JULY 27, 2023. Any hardship cases must be brought to the attention of the Lamb Committee Chairman for consideration by the lamb committee a minimum of THREE (3) DAYS prior to the progress show on July 27, 2023. Regardless of excused absence, the lambs must be presented by a parent/guardian or designated representative to weigh in prior to progress show start. Lambs must be washed, shorn and brought to the fairgrounds ready to show. The show will begin immediately following the conclusion of all exhibitors weighing in.
8. (A) There will be four (4) divisions in the progress showmanship contest. Age divisions are determined by the following criteria. Junior Division: Age 9 or in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade through 11 years of age as of September 1, 2023. Intermediate Division: Ages 12-14 as of September 1, 2022. Senior Division: Ages 15-19 as of September 1, 2023. First Year Exhibitor Division: First year ever to exhibit a lamb in a show regardless of age.  
  
(B) At the Main Show on October 2, 2023, there will be four (4) divisions. Age divisions are determined by the following criteria: **FIRST YEAR: Youth will be considered first year if they have not shown with the lamb committee previously.** JUNIOR: Youth will be considered a bonafide 4-H, Jr. FFA or FFA member as long as they are sitting in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade or 9 years of age when school resumes in the fall. INTERMEDIATE: Ages 12-14 as of September 1, 2023. SENIOR: Ages 15-19 as of September 1, 2023. (See WCFA General Rules)

9. Lambs may not be iced prior to show. No electric shock or any type of stimulation may be used to firm muscling of animals. There will be no unnecessary mistreatment of animals. The showing of unethically fitted livestock at the Waller County Fair is prohibited. Unethically fitting, within the meaning of the rules will be deemed to consist of any method altering the natural confirmation of any part of the animal's body. Exhibitor's found in violation of this rule will be immediately disqualified and shall remove the disqualified project(s) from the fairgrounds immediately. ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY IS IN EFFECT!!!

\*\* Negative comments about exhibitors, organizations, or fair affiliates, verbally or on any other social network platform is not permitted. This behavior will not be tolerated and will be brought before the fair board and may result in immediate disqualification pending their decision.

#### 10. DRUG RULE – SEE WALLER COUNTY FAIR GENERAL RULES

11. At check-in for the main show on Monday, October 2, 2023 all lambs must be checked and weighed in between 1:30pm and 2:30pm or they will be disqualified. All Lambs will be weighed bare (lamb tubes, tights, or leg wraps only). All lambs must be shorn with hair no longer than ¼ inch above the hocks. Cordless shears will be allowed for touching up legs of lambs. If any exhibitor cannot bring his/her project due to school activities, parents may bring them. Once the lamb(s) has been weighed in, it cannot leave the fairgrounds. Signed eligibility forms are due to the Lamb Committee at the time of check-in.

12. No feed or hay will be allowed inside the pens prior to main show on October 2. All animals must be fed and watered **OUTSIDE** the pen prior to show. After main show concludes, lambs can be fed and watered in pens.

13. PARENT WORK RULE – SEE WALLER COUNTY FAIR GENERAL RULES. Sign up will be available on or around September 1<sup>st</sup> online at [www.wallercountyfair.org](http://www.wallercountyfair.org)

14. All lambs must weigh a minimum of 90 pounds regardless of breed. There will be one (1) time across the scale with no reweighs. Any lamb not meeting the 90 pound requirement after one time across the scale will be removed from the fairgrounds immediately. No maximum weight is in place.

15. Class Breaks: See WCFA General Rules \*Note: Please refer to Lamb Committee rule three\*

16. ALL LAMBS MUST RETURN FOR SALE ORDER, excluding Grand Champion and Reserve Champion. Sale order will be determined by the Market Lamb Show Judge. \*In the case an exhibitor is showing more than one lamb, a parent/guardian or friend may return to the Sale Order Ring to hold the lamb.

17. The only lambs that are guaranteed a spot in the Waller County Junior Livestock Auction will be the **OVERALL** Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Lambs.

18. ALL EXHIBITORS MUST REMAIN WITH THEIR PROJECT FOR ONE (1) HOUR POST COMPLETION OF THE JUDGING IN THE EVENT THAT A PROTEST IS LODGED. PROTEST RULE – REFER TO WALLER COUNTY FAIR GENERAL RULES.

19. Under no circumstances shall an exhibitor ask the buyer for their project back after it has been sold in the Waller County Fair Junior Livestock Auction. – Refer to WCF General Rules

20. Any exhibitor not present in the Show Barn at 8:00am on Sunday, October 8, 2023 will be assessed a \$100.00 fine by the WCF Association. See WCF General Rules.

21. All exhibitors who receive an award in the Waller County Fair Lamb Show must have a thank you letter turned in to the committee chairman, Chris Kuhn, or Secretary, Lacy Kuhn, before they are released to leave on Sunday October 8, 2023. This letter needs to be hand written, stamped and unsealed. Failure to do so will result in not being able to check out from the fairgrounds on October 8, 2023 and a \$100.00 fine assessed by the WCF Association.

22. All exhibitors who sell in the Waller County Fair Junior Livestock Auction must turn in their thank you letters with a self-addressed, unsealed, stamped envelope to the committee chairman on Sunday morning, October 8 in order to receive release paperwork. See WCF General Rules.

23. All exhibitors must be cleared by the check out table PRIOR TO leaving the fairgrounds regardless of whether their lamb is going on a processor trailer or not.

24. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor and/or parent/guardian to make sure that the animal that was exhibited and sold is delivered to or loaded on the correct trailer. The committee chair and committee members will assist you and direct you in the correct direction, but ultimately the parent/guardian and exhibitor are responsible. Any exchange of animals will not be allowed! If caught exchanging animals, you will be banned from the Waller County Fair and forfeit all rights to participate in future Waller County Fairs. Refer to WCF General Rules.

25. ALL WALLER COUNTY FAIR GENERAL RULES SUPERCEDE ALL LAMB COMMITTEE RULES.

ATTENTION: You may view the rules, calendar of activities and sign-up for your work time at your own convenience on the fair website, [www.wallercountyfair.org](http://www.wallercountyfair.org). If you do not have access to the internet, you can still call the fair office at (979) 826-2825