

57TH ANNUAL
LAREDO INTERNATIONAL FAIR &
EXPOSITION
Rules & Regulations

February 25-29, 2020



Adopted July 9, 2019

LIVESTOCK, POULTRY & RABBITS

HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2020

- **FAIR DATES** LIFE 2020 - First day will begin on Tuesday, February 25, 2020
- **GUEST GENERAL RULES** *inserted.*
- **SUBSTITUTE EXHIBITORS** – inserted Substitute Exhibitor will ONLY be approved for the following reasons:
 - Death of immediate family member.
 - Emergency Illness/Injury – must be accompanied by a doctor’s documentation (unless illness/injury occurs during the show).
 - Exhibitor competing with two livestock projects in the same class.
 - Denial by a schools administration to participate for reasons other than academic ineligibility. Must be accompanied by documentation.
- **ENTRIES** – *Inserted* ANIMAL RESIDENCY MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH LIFE ENTRY FORM Physical address of animal residency must be provided in writing at validation.
- **LIMIT OF ENTRIES** – *Inserted* (**Breeding livestock for exhibition are not included**)
- **CARE OF ANIMALS** – *Inserted* No wired electrical equipment is allowed, including blowers and shearers. **Only cordless touch ups will be allowed.**

8.3 DRUG RESIDUE – *Inserted* Drug Policy

- **Prohibited Drug Use:** The showing of any animal that has been administered during its life any quantity of any prohibited drug, chemical or medication is strictly prohibited. Such drugs include, but are not limited to, any diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other prohibited medication. A list of Prohibited Drugs can be found on the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) website.
- **Approved Drug Use:** If an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for their particular species or if extra label drugs have been used under the guidance of a veterinarian, sufficient time must have passed so that the animal does not test positive for that drug at weigh-in or show. All animals must be free and clear of all drug and chemical residues at the time of weigh-in. Please note that elimination time (the time it takes for no drug residue to be found in the system throughout the duration of the show) is generally longer than the labeled FDA withdrawal time for most approved drugs.
- **Animal Inspection:** As condition for participation in the fair, Exhibitor must agree to submit for inspection, any animal entered by the Exhibitor. Exhibitor agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests requested by L.I.F.E. Exhibitor also agrees that the opinion reached by L.I.F.E. superintendents as to whether such animal is unethically fitted shall be final and binding without recourse against L.I.F.E. Further, L.I.F.E. specifically reserves the right to have blood or urine laboratory analysis collected and examined on any animal entered for competition. The conclusions reached by the laboratory as to whether such animal has been administered a diuretic, unapproved growth

stimulant or other unapproved medication, or has not been completely eliminated from approved drugs shall be final and binding without recourse against L.I.F.E.

- An Exhibitor of an animal testing positive for any drug or medication or unapproved chemical may forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future.
- **AUCTION SALES** *Inserted* In no case will steers, hogs, lambs or goats after 8th place be sold. Livestock placing 9th and 10th will be awarded a premium.
- **AUCTION SALES** *Removed* Agricultural mechanics (SEE AG MECHANICS RULES)
- **AUCTION SALES** *Inserted* A sale commission not to exceed 5% will be withheld from each exhibitor on all livestock, poultry and rabbits. This amount will be determined and voted on by the L.I.F.E Board at the meeting during which the fair budget is determined.
- **FLOORED LIVESTOCK** *Inserted* Floor proceeds will be awarded to the exhibitor.
- **OTHER AWARDS** *Removed* “trophies”
- **DISPERSAL** Livestock, Poultry and Rabbits may be picked up between 2:00PM and 4:00PM. Any animal not picked up by buyer by 4:00 p.m. on Sunday will become the property of LIFE.
- **DISPERSAL** Show boxes can only be removed between **2:00 and 4:00pm** without security clearance.
- The Auction will begin at 9:30AM
- **HERDSMANSHIP - 6.2 Decorations will be limited to a sign or banner not larger than 4’x 4’ and Exhibitor Cards attached to board or other hardback. No other decorations will be allowed as they pose a safety hazard to all animals.**
- **STEER SHOW – SIFT – removed** “ears” Slick shorn includes the entire body including legs with the exception of switch.
- **STEER SHOW – SIFT** - Steers will be required to use a security tie while tied to rail.
STEER SHOW – SIFT – Inserted Steers not weighing the minimum 1,000 pounds shall not be eligible and will be sifted. **THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE WEIGH-IN FOR EACH STEER** (except in the case where animal is weighing outside set weight limit, only one immediate reweigh will be allowed).
- **SWINE SHOW – SIFT – Inserted** **THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE WEIGH-IN FOR EACH SWINE.** In the case where the animal weighs outside set weight limit, only one (1) immediate reweigh will be allowed.
- **LAMB SHOW – SIFT – Inserted** **THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE WEIGH-IN FOR EACH LAMB.** In the case where the animal weighs outside set weight limit, only one (1) immediate reweigh will be allowed.
- **GOAT SHOW – SIFT – Inserted** **THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE WEIGH-IN FOR EACH GOAT.** In the case where the animal weighs outside set weight limit, only one (1) immediate reweigh will be allowed.
- **GOAT SHOW – Inserted** Goat classes will be divided into three (3) divisions of three (3) classes after the official weigh-in:

Light weight

- Class 1
- Class 2
- Class 3

Medium weight

- Class 1
- Class 2
- Class 3

Heavy weight

- Class 1
- Class 2
- Class 3

- **POULTRY SHOW – *Inserted*** All roasters will have a common hatch date. In order to participate, all roasters must be purchased from the LIFE office through the AST or CEA.
- **POULTRY SHOW – *Inserted*** 2.1 Quality and weight, poultry weighing outside of set weight limit will be given only one IMMEDIATE REWEIGH.
- **POULTRY SHOW – DISPERSAL – *Inserted*** All Poultry that do not sell in the auction must be removed by exhibitor on the Sunday of the fair.
- **RABBIT SHOW – SIFT – *Inserted*** THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE WEIGH-IN FOR EACH RABBIT. In the case where the animal weighs outside set weight limit, only one (1) immediate reweigh will be allowed.
- **RABBIT SHOW – DISPERSAL – *Inserted*** - All Rabbits that do not sell in the auction must be removed by exhibitor on the Sunday of the fair.
- **HEIFER SHOW IS EXHIBITION ONLY and will NOT be included as part of the LIMIT OF ENTRIES.**

Disclaimer: This flyer is by any means not a substitute for the Rules and Regulations.

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GUEST GENERAL RULES

1. Guest Code of Conduct

The Laredo International Fair and Exposition (L.I.F.E.) guests are expected to maintain legal, respectful and appropriate behavior at all times. The L.I.F.E. management reserves the right to deny entry or eject guests displaying illegal, disrespectful or inappropriate behavior as determined by L.I.F.E. management in its sole judgement. Ejected guests will not receive a refund for their tickets nor will they be compensated in any way.

1.1 PROHIBITED CONDUCT INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:

Animal Cruelty

Smoking/vaping in any livestock area

Drug use on fairgrounds

Minors under the age of 21, including those accompanied by their parents, are strictly prohibited from drinking alcohol, tobacco use and/or drug use.

EXHIBITORS are subject to disqualification.

1.2 INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:

Drunk and disorderly conduct

Fighting or challenging others to fight

Interference with the event or with the participants of the event in any way

Using profanity and/or other offensive words (verbal or written)

Taunting or using offensive language against the exhibitors

Taunting or disturbing livestock

Entering an unauthorized area

Disturbing other guests enjoyment of the event

Failure to comply with directions of management or facility personnel

2. HANDGUNS PROHIBITED

NOTICE: Entry by licensed holder with a concealed and/or open-carry handgun is prohibited.

3. EMERGENCY FIRST AID STATION

An emergency first aid station will be established and maintained on the show grounds.

4. PARKING

Everyone must abide by designated parking areas and drop-off/pick-up procedures. Vehicles parking in unauthorized areas or blocking road ways will be towed away at the expense of the owner. Vehicles parked in the parking lots should be locked and empty of people.

5. STOLEN OR LOST PROPERTY

L.I.F.E will not be responsible for stolen or lost property before, during or after the show.

6. SECURITY AND POLICE

Law enforcement officers will be available to enforce the law and to keep the peace. The livestock show cannot guarantee that accidents, damage, or loss of property will not occur, but through security service, the show will attempt to prevent such from happening.

7. DOGS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON SHOW GROUNDS

For safety and public health issues this rule will be strictly enforced. Exceptions will be granted for dogs that are individually trained to perform tasks for a person with disabilities.

8. PARENTS WHO ARE BUYERS

Any exhibitor with a parent who is a buyer or main contact of a buyers group who still has an outstanding balance on September 1, 2019 will not be allowed to participate. Their entries will not be accepted and their auction checks can be held as payment for their parents outstanding debt.

9. DEFINITIONS:

CEA – County Extension Agent

AST – Agriculture Science Teacher

LIVESTOCK, POULTRY & RABBITS

GENERAL RULES

EXHIBITORS

1. COMPETITION Competition is open to anyone enrolled in elementary, middle school, Jr. High School, high school, or home school and must be active members in good standing of an FFA chapter or 4-H club in Webb County. Exhibitor must have personally fed and cared for the animal in Webb County in accordance with the rules and regulations set by the Laredo International Fair & Exposition (L.I.F.E.)

Exhibitors must be:

1.1 ACTIVE MEMBERS An active member of a 4-H Club, FFA Chapter or Jr. FFA on or before November 1st of the year immediately preceding the next L.I.F.E. Livestock Show and continue to be in good standing at the time of show. Exhibitors must be 9 years old or in the 3rd grade.

1.2 SCHOOL STATUS Students who have graduated, dropped out of school, are enrolled in a Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP) or a Justice Juvenile Alternative Education Program (JJAEP), or are not enrolled in school in Webb County are ineligible to participate.

1.3 EXHIBITOR CONDUCT

The Board of Directors of LIFE reserves the right to remove and bar, for the remainder of the current show year, the following show year, or indefinitely, anyone participating or engaging, at any LIFE event, in:

- unlawful activities
- disruptive behavior
- making material misrepresentation
- theft or fraud
- non-compliance
- committing or causing riotous behavior
- smoking, vaping, tobacco use, alcohol or drug use

1.4 DISQUALIFICATION Any violation of these rules may result in the exhibitors disqualification. The exhibitor and their exhibit(s) will be refused the right to participate for the remainder of the current show year and the following show year or indefinitely. The exhibit(s) may be removed from the fairgrounds and all money from the auction sale, premiums, add-ons, and floor will be forfeited. All exhibitors must be compliant with their school districts Student Code of Conduct.

1.5 SUBSTITUTE EXHIBITORS Exhibitors unable to show livestock project due to illness and/or emergency may have a Substitute Exhibitor show in their place.

- All Substitute Exhibitors must comply with L.I.F.E Rules and Regulations.
- A Substitute Exhibitor must be a current year Exhibitor.
- An Exhibitor can only substitute for one Exhibitor per year.
- Exhibitors, including Substitute Exhibitors, can only show two (2) projects per year. (Ex: Exhibitor entering two projects cannot then serve as Substitute Exhibitor.)
- All Substitute Exhibitors must be approved in order to participate.

- Substitute Exhibitor Cards are available at the L.I.F.E. office or with the Livestock Superintendent.
- Substitute Exhibitor Cards are required for Show and/or Sale.
- Substitute Exhibitor Cards must be turned in to the Livestock Superintendent complete with the signature of Parent or Legal Guardian and County Extension Agent (CEA) or Agriculture Science Teacher (AST) at least two (2) hours before show/sale.
- Substitute Exhibitor will ONLY be approved for the following reasons:
 - Death of immediate family member.
 - Emergency Illness/Injury – must be accompanied by a doctor’s documentation (unless illness/injury occurs during the show).
 - Exhibitor competing with two livestock projects in the same class.
 - Denial by a schools administration to participate for reasons other than academic ineligibility. Must be accompanied by documentation.

ENTRIES

1. APPLICATION FOR ENTRY All applications for entries must be printed completely on entry cards and in accordance with instructions. Entry cards must be signed by the exhibitor, instructor, and parent or legal guardian, and delivered to the L.I.F.E. office only by the CEA or AST.

1.1 Incomplete Entry Cards will be rejected as received.

1.2 Entry Cards found to make material misrepresentations will be denied at any time and Exhibitor may be subject to disqualification in current and future L.I.F.E. participation.

1.3 **ANIMAL RESIDENCY MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH LIFE ENTRY FORM**
Physical address of animal residency must be provided in writing at validation.

1.4 Each Entry Card must include the entry fee paid by Cashier’s Check, Postal Money Order, School District Check, 4-H Club Check. **CASH will not be accepted.** Personal, Family or Business Checks not be accepted. THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS.

1.5 ENTRY FEE for each division is **\$30.00**, including Steers, Lambs, Goats, Swine, Poultry, Rabbits and Heifers.

1.6 ENTRY CARD DEADLINE: All entry cards for livestock, poultry and rabbits must be in the L.I.F.E. office by 5:00 P.M. on the Closing Date. No exceptions.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Closing Date</u>	<u>Validation Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Steers	September 11, 2019	September 14, 2019	8:00 A.M.
Lambs	October 23, 2019	October 26, 2019	8:00 A.M.
Goats	October 23, 2019	October 26, 2019	8:00 A.M.
Swine	December 4, 2019	December 7, 2019	8:00 A.M.
Poultry	December 4, 2019	January 25, 2020	8:00 A.M.
Rabbits	December 4, 2019	January 25, 2020	8:00 A.M.
Heifers	January 31, 2020	No Validation	

2. LIMIT OF ENTRIES

- 2.1 Validate any number of exhibits.
- 2.2 Enter a total of two exhibits only through the Sift.
- 2.3 Show no more than a total of two projects/exhibits which include Livestock, Poultry, Rabbits, Welding/Woodworking, Canning, Sewing & Baking. **(Breeding livestock for exhibition are not included)**
- 2.4 If applicable, Exhibitors with two exhibits/projects that qualify for auction must choose the exhibit to sell at auction and receive the floor proceeds for the second exhibit. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to immediately notify (after the judging) the LIFE Sales Office which exhibit will sell. If there is no notification, the LIFE Sales Office will decide based on the highest placing.

3. **SIBLINGS** Direct siblings, half siblings, or step siblings may validate livestock, rabbit and poultry together. However, each exhibitor must select their own project for sift, show and sale. The siblings must reside in the same household and they must raise the projects together.

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L.I.F.E will not be liable for any loss of any Livestock, Poultry or Rabbits due to theft, illness or death. L.I.F.E. management retains the right to inspect all exhibitor livestock project(s) at any time during the feeding period with or without notice. Any exhibitor in violation is subject to disqualification.

1. **STALLS, PENS, TIES** Stalls, pens and ties will be assigned by the superintendents of each division before checking in on day of sift. Assignments are made at the discretion of the livestock committee and are subject to change.
2. **LOSS OF EAR TAG** Livestock projects not having an official ear tag, state validation tag, leg band, wing band or tattoo or improperly documented identification may be sifted. Exhibitors with livestock projects missing ear tags, leg bands or wing bands before dispersal may be subject to a \$100 fine. In the event an ear tag is lost, the exhibitor must notify their CEA/AST within three (3) days of discovery of loss. CEA/AST will notify appropriate division superintendent to make arrangements to retag animal. Tagging and/or retagging will be done only by division superintendent or superintendent's designee. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
3. **STATE NUMBERS** Livestock may use state validation ear tag numbers instead of L.I.F.E. validation ear tag numbers. State validated livestock must complete a LIFE Exhibitor card and pay the LIFE entry fee.
4. **CHECK IN** All livestock, poultry, and rabbits must check in by 10:00AM on the day of sift.
5. **DISEASED ANIMALS BARRED** No animals having a disease of any character will be admitted into the show grounds at any time. The livestock superintendent may prohibit the unloading or direct the removal of any livestock having a disease or undesirable

ailment/condition. In certain cases, a licensed veterinarian has the authority to instruct the proper care with possible euthanization, disposal or removal of the animal.

6. ERRONEOUS ENTRY Exhibits that have been erroneously entered may be transferred to their proper class prior to determination of classes. A protest may be filed, except where there are 3 judges in the classification/sift. See *RULES, 1.3 Protests*.

7. CARE OF ANIMALS Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their livestock, poultry and rabbits.

7.1 GROOMING/FITTING/FEEDING/DRENCHING

- All livestock, poultry and rabbits must be fed and provided with water until Saturday night. Any livestock, poultry or rabbits that are abandoned will become the property of L.I.F.E. An exhibitor in violation forfeits any money from the sale, premiums, add-ons and floor and may be disqualified from current and future L.I.F.E. participation.
- Only CEA, AST, respective 4-H adult leaders and immediate family may assist exhibitors with grooming, fitting and feeding on the show grounds during the fair. Any exhibitor in violation is subject to disqualification.
- No wired electrical equipment is allowed, including blowers and clippers. Only cordless touch ups will be allowed.

7.2 SURGERY/MEDICATIONS

- No surgery shall be performed nor medications be given to livestock, poultry or rabbits during the fair without prior approval from the livestock superintendent and supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

8. UNETHICALLY FITTED LIVESTOCK, POULTRY OR RABBITS The *USDA Wholesome Meat Act* applies to all market livestock, poultry and rabbits. Unethically fitted animals means any attempt to alter the natural appearance, confirmation, or any part of the body using drugs, medication, chemicals, or other substances including over the counter medications and extra-label substances or mechanical devices including the insertion or injection of foreign substances including air to alter the physical makeup of or performance of the animal. All Livestock, Poultry and Rabbits are subject to inspection any time after the validation date. Unethically fitted livestock, poultry or rabbits will be barred from exhibition. The decision of the official veterinarian will be final.

9. DRUG RESIDUE All livestock must be fed, and/or medicated consistent with the direction for use of any and all feed and medicine labeling. All livestock, poultry and rabbits will be subject to having body fluids withdrawn by a licensed veterinarian or their designee for the purpose of testing for drug residue. L.I.F.E. will practice zero tolerance.

9.1 Livestock to be tested for drug residue will be from Grand Champions, Reserve Grand Champions, randomly, or any suspected animal designated by an Executive Committee made up of Livestock committee members, the Superintendent of the animal in question, and designated L.I.F.E. Board of Director. Testing will begin any time after the division has been judged. The drug test will be a standard drug test for stock show livestock from an independent organization having no affiliation to L.I.F.E.

9.2 An exhibitor whose exhibit tests positive for drug residue or chemical will:

- Be disqualified
- Forfeit their placing
- Forfeit their money from the auction sale, premiums, add-ons and floor.
- Exhibitor and direct siblings, half-siblings, or step-siblings residing in the same household may be banned from participating for two years.

9.3 Drug Policy

- **Prohibited Drug Use:** The showing of any animal that has been administered during its life any quantity of any prohibited drug, chemical or medication is strictly prohibited. Such drugs include, but are not limited to, any diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other prohibited medication. A list of Prohibited Drugs can be found on the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) website.
- **Approved Drug Use:** If an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for their particular species or if extra label drugs have been used under the guidance of a veterinarian, sufficient time must have passed so that the animal does not test positive for that drug at weigh-in or show. All animals must be free and clear of all drug and chemical residues at the time of weigh-in. Please note that elimination time (the time it takes for no drug residue to be found in the system throughout the duration of the show) is generally longer than the labeled FDA withdrawal time for most approved drugs.
- **Animal Inspection:** As condition for participation in the fair, Exhibitor must agree to submit for inspection, any animal entered by the Exhibitor. Exhibitor agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests requested by L.I.F.E. Exhibitor also agrees that the opinion reached by L.I.F.E. superintendents as to whether such animal is unethically fitted shall be final and binding without recourse against L.I.F.E. Further, L.I.F.E. specifically reserves the right to have blood or urine laboratory analysis collected and examined on any animal entered for competition. The conclusions reached by the laboratory as to whether such animal has been administered a diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication, or has not been completely eliminated from approved drugs shall be final and binding without recourse against L.I.F.E.

9.4 DRUG TESTING PROCEDURE

- The Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion and a minimum of one random lot in each market species will be drug tested. The number of lots tested will be consistent across all species.
- Random selection will take place before exit from show ring once placings have been announced. Exhibitor will be escorted to designated drug testing area.
- Exhibitor/substitute exhibitor and or parent/legal guardian/CEA/AST must be present at all times during the collection process.
- A specimen will be collected on all livestock by an authorized collecting team member that is not affiliated with L.I.F.E.
- Samples will be logged and signed by collecting team member and exhibitor.
- Samples will be sent out to a laboratory that has no affiliation with L.I.F.E. for testing.

- 10. CARE OF STALLS AND PENS** All stalls, pens, and exhibition places must be cleaned before 8:00 A.M. each day and waste matter disposed of as the Livestock Superintendent may direct.

10.1 Exhibitors will be assigned stall space, pen space or ties for all projects.

- 10.2 All projects include steers, hogs, lambs, goats, poultry and rabbits.
- 10.3 All projects must be exhibited in their designated areas at all times.
- 10.4 An exhibitor/organization may be held liable for any damage to areas, stalls or pens.
- 11. VIEWING OF LIVESTOCK AREAS** All areas must be prepared for viewing between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. Sidewalks and viewing areas must be free of obstructions at all times.
- 12. SHOW RING ONLY** exhibitor or substitute exhibitor will be allowed in the show ring while competing or otherwise showing their project.
- 12.1 Any Exhibitor unable to handle their own project will not be allowed to participate.
- 12.2 Exhibitors with a disability must make arrangements for special accommodations with livestock superintendents.
- 12.3 No one may disturb or interrupt the judging or the exhibitors while they are in the show ring.
- 12.4 Any animal or animals properly entered in any show class and passed upon by the sifting committee as eligible for competition must be brought into arena for exhibition, unless the reason for the non-appearance in the ring is acceptable to the superintendent in charge.
- 13. REFUSAL OR INABILITY TO SHOW** Exhibitors, or their substitutes, who are unable or refuse to show their project during competition will forfeit their opportunity to sell at the auction.
- 14. RELEASE OF LIVESTOCK, POULTRY OR RABBITS**
- 14.1 No livestock will be released unless approved by Livestock Superintendent or designee.
- 14.2 All sifted animals will be removed from the grounds by 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday the day of the sift. All sifted animals remaining on the grounds after 8:00 P.M. become property of L.I.F.E.
- 14.3 No projects may be removed from grounds before 2:00 pm on Sunday of the fair. Theft of Livestock will result in forfeiture of money from the auction, Add-On, premiums, and exhibitor may be barred from further competition the following year or indefinitely. See *GENERAL RULES, Disqualification 1.4*.
- 14.4 All Livestock, Poultry and Rabbits require the buyers receipt for release. Any livestock, poultry or rabbit not picked up by 4:00pm will become the property of LIFE.
- 15. RELEASE AND DISPERSAL**
- 15.1 All Livestock, Poultry and Rabbits require the buyers receipt for release. **Livestock, Poultry and Rabbits may be picked up between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm. on Sunday.** Animals remaining after **4:00** p.m. become the property of LIFE.
- 15.2 Livestock will not be released unless approved by the superintendent.
- 15.3 All animals donated back to the exhibitor will be floored.
- 15.4 Exhibitor show boxes can be removed between **2:00 and 4:00pm** with security clearance.

- 16. SOLICITATION/RAFFLES** Nothing shall be sold or given or otherwise disposed of by exhibitors which will in any way conflict with, or which is subject matter of any privilege or concession granted or sold by L.I.F.E. No exhibitor will be allowed in any way to solicit money for sifted livestock, poultry or rabbits, including raffles.

RULES

- 1. INTERPRETATION AND VIOLATION OF RULES** L.I.F.E. management reserves to its Grievance Committee the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations, determine and settle all matters, questions, and differences.

1.1 GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

- The Grievance Committee will consist of the L.I.F.E. President, livestock superintendent or designee, and L.I.F.E. board members. Any grievance will be handled by the Grievance Committee in executive session and their decision shall be final.

1.2 VIOLATORS

- An exhibitor who violates any of the rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the Grievance Committee may order.
- Any exhibitor, parent, 4-H livestock leader, chapter advisor, or volunteer who threatens or causes in any way a disruption of any activity of the Show will be removed from the fair grounds and barred from further participation.

1.3 PROTESTS

- It is the intent of L.I.F.E. and its management that all protests and grievances be handled in a professional manner.
- All protests must be in writing and must plainly state the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Grievance Committee immediately after the occasion for such protest (within 24 hours).
- All protests must be accompanied by a \$100.00 cash deposit, which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained.
- Any protest as to the eligibility on account of age or breeding of animals must be filed with the management prior to the day on which they are to be judged.

- 2. LIABILITY** L.I.F.E. will in no case be responsible for any loss, injury or damage that may occur. Each 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 article exhibited. Exhibitor shall indemnify L.I.F.E. against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as damage or injury to any person or property, caused by the exhibitor or any of the animals so exhibited.

- 3. SPECIAL RULES** Special rules or conditions are published in each livestock species where necessary, and if there is a conflict between the special rules of any livestock species and the general rules and regulations, the special rules will supersede.

- 4. RULES COMMITTEE** The Rules and Regulations Committee shall consist of L.I.F.E. Directors, Livestock Superintendents, AST's and CEA's.

SPECIAL SALE RULES

The Auction will begin at 9:30AM

The first 50 lot numbers must be in line by 9:00AM.

1. **AUCTION SALES** Projects will be sold as specified by L.I.F.E. Rules Committee, NO EXHIBITOR CAN SELL MORE THAN ONE ENTRY AT THE AUCTION. In no case will steers, hogs, lambs or goats after 8th place be sold. Livestock placing 9th and 10th will be awarded a premium. In no case will poultry or rabbits after 5th place be sold. Poultry and rabbits 6th through 10th place will be awarded premiums. An exhibitor awarded a premium on one project will not be allowed to sell another project at the auction. NO RE-SALES.
 - 1.1 All exhibitors placing Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, Champion, Reserve Champion and 1st to 8th place must sell their exhibit in the auction (exception is poultry and rabbits – Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, 1st to 5th place). In the event that an exhibitor has two exhibits that are eligible for the sale, the exhibitor will have the option to select which project will sell. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to immediately notify (after the judging) the LIFE Sales Office which exhibit will sell. If there is no notification, the LIFE Sales Office will decide based on the highest placing.
 - 1.2 Projects will sell freely at the discretion of the buyers. Amounts paid by buyer will follow a free market system and sold to the highest bidder. The Buyers Committee, at its discretion, may add monetary donation to help exhibitor.
 - 1.3 Animals will be moved up in Lot # vacated by animals dropped from sale because of exhibitors having other entries. (For Sale Purposes only)
 - 1.4 Projects must be led in sales ring by exhibitor or substitute exhibitor approved by livestock committee.
 - 1.5 Projects will be sold by the head, or by the pound, as announced by the auctioneer.
 - 1.6 A sale commission not to exceed 5% will be withheld from each exhibitor on all livestock, poultry and rabbits. This amount will be determined and voted on by the L.I.F.E board at the meeting during which the fair budget is determined.
 - 1.7 Anyone may make a donation to an exhibitor via an Add-on. Add-ons will be handled through the L.I.F.E. office. Need not be a buyer to give an Add-On.
 - 1.8 In absolutely no case does L.I.F.E., the Board of Directors of L.I.F.E., nor L.I.F.E. management guarantee any exhibit or exhibitor the privilege of selling during the auction.
2. **BUYER SOLICITATION** There will be no solicitation of any kind from the exhibitors to the buyers during the fair. Letters may be sent to the buyers in advance of the fair through LIFE's Buyers list provided to the AST or CEA.
3. **PARADE** Any exhibitor selling in the auction must be paraded in at least show ring

condition and appearance. Animal projects are to be shown in their natural state and are not to wear clothing, hats, etc. or have any products attached to their coat, feathers or skin such as adhesives, spray paints, glitter, etc.

4. PHOTOGRAPHY All auctioned livestock, poultry, rabbits, baked, canned or sewn products will be charged a buyers photograph fee. Exhibitors agree to present their projects for photographs. Commercial photography and filming are often conducted at LIFE. You may be depicted in photographs or video recordings of any LIFE event, and by entering the grounds and/or competitive events associated with LIFE, you consent to the use of photos/videos for advertising, news reporting or public relations and you release and waive all claims for compensation and any rights of review and approval, copyright, and right of publicity.

5. FLOORED LIVESTOCK

All livestock that are floored must remain in their assigned pen/tie.

5.1 Projects not making the sale will be sold at floor price.

5.2 Floor proceeds will be awarded to the exhibitor.

5.3 If applicable, Exhibitors showing two exhibits/projects must choose the exhibit to sell at auction and receive the floor proceeds for the second exhibit.

5.4 All floored livestock will be shrunk a percentage not to exceed 7% upon being weighed.

6. THANK YOU LETTERS

All exhibitor proceed checks will be dispersed upon receiving Thank You letters. All Thank You letters must be prepared by the exhibitor for each buyer and Add-On donor and must be in envelope, addressed, stamped, and sealed. Exhibitors are encouraged to turn in their Thank You Letters as soon as they receive their Buyers/Add-on list of addresses. All letters must be turned in by CEA or AST only.

7. RELEASE OF CHECKS LIFE will release the checks upon 95% collection of the money from the Add-Ons, Floor, and Auction. The AST and CEA will be notified when the checks will be released.

JUDGING RULES

1. SELECTION OF JUDGES The L.I.F.E. Judges Committee will select the judges for the livestock shows. The Judges Committee may consist of L.I.F.E. Directors, Livestock Superintendents, AST and CEA. In every case the judges are selected with the highest degree of integrity.

2. JUDGES DECISION It is the decision of the judge to determine if the livestock, poultry or rabbit project qualifies within the parameters of the Rules and Regulations, weight

(judge must read scale), quality, and worthiness of receiving a premium or reward. Sift judges have the authority to sift animals based on quality.

3. **DECISION IS FINAL** The decision of the judges will be final in all cases, except in a case where fraud, misrepresentation or collusion not discovered at the time of sift or judging is later confirmed. *See General Rules, Grievance Process-Protests 1.3.*
4. **INTERFERENCE WITH JUDGES** No one may disturb or interrupt the judging or the exhibitors while they are in the show ring. *See General Rules, Conduct & Disqualification.*
5. **TIME OF JUDGING** The Livestock Judging Program as published in these Rules and Regulations will be followed as closely as possible. Exhibitors should ascertain at what time the exhibits entered will be judged. Any exhibit not presented promptly at scheduled time will be ruled out and barred from competition in the class called. No complaint or protest on the ground that the judges overlooked exhibits will be considered.
6. **METHODS OF AWARDING** No animal will be awarded a prize unless removed from its stall or pen and exhibited before the judge in the show ring.
7. **UNWORTHY EXHIBITS** Judges must not award a prize to an unworthy exhibit. It is the intention of the management that no premium or distinction of any kind shall be given to any animal or article that is not deserving. Judges will report to the management any animal which appears to be altered. *See General Rules, Livestock 8.*
8. **ANIMALS DISQUALIFIED** If an animal awarded a prize is disqualified then the animals gaining the lower prizes shall graduate up into the higher positions next in order above them when, in the opinion of the judges, the animals are worthy of such prizes.
9. **OTHER AWARDS** The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of each livestock, poultry and rabbit division will receive a banner.

HERDSMANSHIP

1. The L.I.F.E. management will offer herdsmanship awards to the 4-H clubs or FFA Chapters.
2. The following guidelines will assist the clubs or chapters meet the criteria for the Herdsmanship Awards.
 - 2.1 Clubs or chapters should have an exhibit area that is clean, neat and presentable to the public at all times.

2.2 Decorations will be limited to a sign or banner not larger than 4'x 4' and Exhibitor Cards attached to board or other hardback. No other decorations will be allowed as they pose a safety hazard to all animals.

2.3 Active participation in cleaning, maintenance and caring for the livestock should be observed at all times.

2.4 Clubs or chapters should strive to have student representatives available to answer questions about the exhibits to the judges and the general public.

2.5 Consideration will be given to those clubs or chapters that participate in L.I.F.E. sponsored "Work Days."

2.6 Two clubs or chapters may be awarded the same award if they are assigned the same pen.

3. Judges will be selected by L.I.F.E. board and will remain anonymous and the decision of the judges will be final.

4. Judging will begin on Tuesday (move-in day) at noon and continue through Saturday.

5. Awards will be presented for the following divisions.

- Steer Division
- Swine Division
- Lamb Division
- Goat Division
- Poultry Division
- Rabbit Division
- Overall Division

5. The Herdmanship awards will be presented at the Sale on Saturday.

SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST SPECIAL RULES

The Laredo International Fair & Exposition will sponsor a Showmanship Contest for all livestock, poultry and rabbit divisions.

1. The contest will be held during regular judging or at the discretion of the judge.
2. **The contest will be open to all 4-H and FFA members who show their own projects entered in the fair. Substitute exhibitors are not eligible.**
3. There will be no entry fee and contestants will be chosen by the judge during the show.
4. Each contestant will be allowed to enter only one division.
5. An award will be given to only one exhibitor in each of the divisions.
6. **There will be a Junior and Senior Division. Junior Division is exhibitors age 8 to 13 years old at the time of show and Senior Division is 14 to 18 years old at the time of show.**

JUNIOR MARKET STEER SHOW SPECIAL RULES

The purpose of the Junior Steer Show is to encourage 4-H Club members and FFA Chapter members to participate in a practical beef production program. Emphasis on economy in the feeding operation is recommended.

ENTRIES

1. All Entry Cards must be signed by the Exhibitor, Parent or Legal Guardian, and AST or CEA.
2. Entry cards accompanied by a \$30 entry fee must be delivered by the AST/CEA to the L.I.F.E. office by 5:00 PM on the Entry Closing Date, (Wednesday before validation) **September 11, 2019**. No late entries will be accepted.
3. The exhibitor must have owned the steer(s) prior to **September 11, 2019** and the steer(s) shall have been fed and cared for exclusively by the exhibitor during the feeding period within Webb County.
4. L.I.F.E. livestock committee reserves the right to inspect animals at any time, with or without notice, after the validation date.
5. Prior to removing any steer from the county for over 48 hours, written notice of reason for travel, destination and dates of travel must be submitted to the LIFE office and CEA or AST. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
6. Direct siblings, half siblings, or step siblings may validate steers with their names on the same card. However, each exhibitor must select, at the time of sift, their own steer for sift, show and sale. The siblings must reside in the same household and they must raise the steers together.

VALIDATION

1. Validation will begin at 8:00 AM Saturday, **September 14, 2019** and end when last steer is validated or 10:00 AM, whichever is earlier. 10:00 AM is the cutoff time_(sr).
2. State validated steers that have been photographed by LIFE personnel and have the photographs on record at the LIFE office prior to validation date may waive attending the September 14, 2019 Validation.
3. Steers will be ear tagged on the left ear and photographed.
4. Steers will not be ear tagged or photographed inside trailers. They will only be ear-tagged and photographed in the designated area.
5. Steers shall have been de-horned, castrated (steers castrated with burdizzos will not be validated) and halter broken prior to date of validation. Unattached horns, scurs, and re-growth that will not cause harm or injury will be accepted.
6. There will be no weight limit at validation time.
7. Exhibitor presence is not mandatory, but is strongly recommended.

SIFT

1. Sift day will be **February 25, 2020**.
2. Steers must be slick shorn to 3/8" prior to sift. Slick shorn includes the entire body, including legs, with the exception of switch.

3. Wild or unruly steers will be sifted at the discretion of the sift judges.
4. Steers not weighing the minimum 1,000 pounds after reweigh shall not be eligible and will be sifted. THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE WEIGH-IN FOR EACH STEER (except in the case where animal is weighing outside weight limit, only one immediate reweigh will be allowed).
5. Steers must be of show quality or they will be sifted upon discretion of sift judge.
6. Steers will be divided into five (5) breed divisions. If there are twelve (12) or less steers in a Breed Division, the class will be divided into Class 1 and Class 2. If there are thirteen (13) or more steers in a Breed Division, the class will be divided into Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3.
Breed Divisions. Steers will be classified in following order.
 - 6.1 American Breed Crosses/Brahman Influence
 - 6.2 British
 - 6.3 All Other Breeds Red (AOB Red)
 - 6.4 All Other Breeds Black (AOB Black)
 - 6.5 All Other Breeds Other (AOB Other)
 - 6.6 Steers will be classified according to visual breed characteristics.
 - 6.7 Steers will be classified by three judges. The decision of two of the three judges will determine the breed division.
7. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the sift.
8. The classes will be determined by a committee consisting of one or more superintendents, one board member, and two members either ASTs, CEAs or a combination of both.
9. Steers will be required to use a security tie while tied to rail.
10. All sifted animals will be removed from the grounds by 8:00 PM on Tuesday the day of sift. All sifted animals left on the grounds after 8:00 PM become property of L.I.F.E. **(THIS RULE WILL BE ENFORCED)**.

SHOW

1. Steers will be shown in the following order.
 - 1st American Breed Crosses/Brahman Influence
 - 2nd British
 - 3rd AOB Red
 - 4th AOB Black
 - 5th AOB Other
2. A Division Champion will be selected from the first place steers in each weight class. The second place steer from the class that produced the Division Champion will compete for Reserve Division Champion.
3. The Grand Champion steer of the show will be selected from the Division Champions.
4. The Reserve Division Champion from the division that produced the Grand Champion will compete for Reserve Grand Champion steer of the show.
5. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the judging. No one may disturb or interrupt the exhibitor(s) while they are in the show ring during the judging.

6. *For the safety of all the exhibitors, wild or unruly steers will be secured and/or removed from the show ring.*

SALE

1. All steers that sell in the auction must be returned to the assigned club or chapter tie after they are auctioned.
2. All steers that are floored must remain tied at their assigned club or chapter tie.
3. In no case will a steer after eighth place (8th) be sold.
4. Only the exhibitor, or approved substitute exhibitor will be allowed in the auction ring during the sale.
5. If applicable, Exhibitors with two exhibits/projects that qualify for auction must choose the exhibit to sell at auction and receive the floor proceeds for the second exhibit. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to immediately, (after the judging) notify the LIFE Sales Office which entry will sell. If there is no notification, the LIFE Sales Office will decide based on highest placing.
6. All steers will be shrunk a percentage not to exceed 7% upon being weighed.

DISPERSAL

1. Exhibitors with steers missing ear tags at time of dispersal may be subject to a \$100 fine.
2. All steers must remain at the club or chapter tie on Sunday of the fair.
3. Buyers must pick up all livestock between 2:00 pm and 4:00pm. Livestock will not be released without the buyer's receipt. Any livestock not picked up by 4:00pm will become the property of LIFE.
4. Show boxes can be removed after 2:00 pm and with security clearance.
5. All livestock donated back to the exhibitor will be floored.
6. Theft of Livestock will result in forfeiture of money from the auction, Add-Ons, premiums, and may be barred from further competition the following year or indefinitely.

MARKET SWINE SHOW SPECIAL RULES

The purpose of the Swine Show is to encourage 4-H Club members and FFA Chapter members to participate in a practical swine production program. Emphasis on economy in the feeding operation is recommended.

ENTRIES

1. All Entry Cards must be signed by the Exhibitor, Parent or Legal Guardian, and AST or CEA.
2. Entry cards accompanied by a \$30 entry fee must be delivered by the AST/CEA to the L.I.F.E. office by 5:00 PM on the Entry Closing Date, (Wednesday before validation) **December 4, 2019**. No late entries will be accepted.
3. The exhibitor must have owned the hog(s) prior to **December 4, 2019** and the pig(s) shall have been fed and cared for exclusively by the contestant during the feeding period in Webb County.
4. L.I.F.E. livestock committee reserves the right to inspect animals at any time, with or without notice, after the validation date.
5. Prior to removing any swine from the county for over 48 hours, written notice of reason for travel, destination and dates of travel must be submitted to the LIFE office and CEA or AST. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
6. Direct siblings, half siblings, or step siblings may validate swine with their names on the same card. However, each exhibitor must select, at the time of sift, their own swine for sift, show and sale. The siblings must reside in the same household and they must raise the swine together.

VALIDATION

1. Validation will begin at 8:00 AM Saturday, **December 7, 2019** and end when last swine is validated or 10:00 AM, whichever is earlier. 10:00 AM is the cutoff time_(sr).
2. State validated swine that have been photographed by LIFE personnel and have the photographs on record at the LIFE office prior to validation date may waive attending the December 7, 2019 Validation.
3. Swine will be ear tagged on the left ear on validation date.

SIFT

1. Sift day will be **February 25, 2020**.
2. "Snaring" will not be allowed on the fairgrounds at any time. "Touch-up" clipping will be allowed.
3. Swine Show will be divided into eight (8) weight classes:
4. Weight Limits
 - 4.1 Minimum weight: 210 lbs.
 - 4.2 Maximum weight: 280 lbs.

THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE WEIGH-IN FOR EACH SWINE. In the case where the animal weighs outside the set weight limit, only one (1) immediate reweigh will be allowed.

5. Swine must be of show quality or they will be sifted by sift judges.
6. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during sift.
7. The decisions of classifier(s) and or sifter(s) is final and not subject to protest.
8. The classes will be determined by a committee consisting of one or more superintendents, one board member, and two members either ASTs, CEAs or a combination of both.

SHOW

1. Barrows or open gilts may be shown.
2. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the judging. No one may disturb or interrupt the judging or the exhibitors while they are in the show ring.

SALE

1. All swine that sell in the auction must be returned to the assigned pen after they are auctioned.
3. All swine that are floored must remain in their assigned club or chapter pen.
4. In no case will a swine after eighth place (8th) be sold.
5. Only the exhibitor, or approved substitute exhibitor will be allowed in the auction ring during the sale.
6. If applicable, Exhibitors with two exhibits/projects that qualify for auction must choose the exhibit to sell at auction and receive the floor proceeds for the second exhibit. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to immediately, (after the judging) notify the LIFE Sales Office which entry will sell. If there is no notification, the LIFE Sales Office will decide based on highest placing.
7. All swine will be shrunk a percentage not to exceed 7% upon being weighed.

DISPERSAL

1. Exhibitors with swine missing ear tags at time of dispersal may be subject to a \$100 fine.
2. Buyers must pick up all livestock between 2:00pm and 4:00pm. Livestock will not be released without the buyer's receipt. Any livestock not picked up by 4:00pm will become the property of LIFE.
3. Show boxes can be removed after 2:00 pm and with security clearance.
4. All livestock donated back to the exhibitor will be floored.
5. Theft of Livestock will result in forfeiture of money from the auction, Add-Ons, premiums, and may be barred from further competition the following year or indefinitely.

MARKET LAMB SHOW SPECIAL RULES

The purpose of the Lamb Show is to encourage 4-H Club members and FFA Chapter members to participate in a practical Lamb production program. Emphasis on economy in the feeding operation is recommended.

ENTRIES

1. All Entry Cards must be signed by the Exhibitor, Parent or Legal Guardian, and AST or CEA.
2. Entry cards accompanied by a \$30 entry fee must be delivered by the AST/CEA to the L.I.F.E. office by 5:00 PM on the Entry Closing Date, (Wednesday before validation) **October 23, 2019**. No late entries will be accepted.
3. The exhibitor must have owned the lamb(s) prior to **October 23, 2019** and the lamb(s) shall have been fed and cared for exclusively by the contestant during the feeding period Webb County.
4. L.I.F.E. livestock committee reserves the right to inspect animals at any time, with or without notice, after the validation date.
5. Prior to removing any lamb from the county for over 48 hours, written notice of reason for travel, destination and dates of travel must be submitted to the LIFE office, and CEA or AST.. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
6. Direct siblings, half siblings, or step siblings may validate lambs with their names on the same card. However, each exhibitor must select, at the time of sift, their own lamb for sift, show and sale. The siblings must reside in the same household and they must raise the lambs together.

VALIDATION

1. Validation will begin at 8:00 AM Saturday, **October 26, 2019** and end when the last lamb is validated or 10:00 AM, whichever is earlier. 10:00 AM is the cutoff time_(sr).
2. State validated lambs that have been photographed by LIFE personnel and have the photographs on record at the LIFE office prior to validation date may waive attending the October 26, 2019 Validation.
3. Lambs will be ear tagged on the left ear and tattooed on the right ear.
4. All male lambs must be castrated prior to validation.
5. Wether lambs cannot be castrated with berdizzos. Only knife or elastrator castration will be accepted.

SIFT

1. Sift day will be **February 25, 2020**.
2. All lambs must be slick shorn with approximately 3/8" clip prior to arrival. Exception to shearing are the legs below the knees, hocks and poll.
3. Lambs will be divided into the following divisions and will be classified and sifted in numerical order or an order directed by the superintendent.
 - 3.1 Southdown
 - 3.2 Finewool
 - 3.3 Finewool Cross

3.4 Medium Wool

4. Lambs weighing under ninety pounds (90 lbs.) or more than **one hundred sixty pounds (160 lbs.)** at the time of official weigh-in will be sifted.
THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE WEIGH-IN FOR EACH LAMB. In the case where the animal weighs outside the set weight limit, only one (1) immediate reweigh will be allowed.
5. Lambs will be of show quality or they will be sifted by sift judge.
6. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the sift.
7. The classes will be determined by a committee consisting of one or more superintendents, one board member, and two members either ASTs, CEAs or a combination of both.

SHOW

1. Lambs will be shown in the following order.
 - 1st Southdown
 - 2nd Fine Wool
 - 3rd Fine Wool Cross
 - 4th Medium Wool
2. Each lamb division will be divided into three classes:
 - Light
 - Medium
 - Heavy
3. Ewes or wethers may be shown.
4. Only the exhibitor(s), substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the judging. No one may disturb or interrupt the judging or the exhibitors while they are in the show ring.

SALE

1. All lambs that sell in the auction must be returned to the assigned pen after they are auctioned.
2. All lambs that are floored must remain in their assigned club or chapter pen.
3. **In no case will a lamb after eighth place (8th) be sold.**
4. Only the exhibitor, or approved substitute exhibitor will be allowed in the auction ring during the sale.
5. If applicable, Exhibitors with two exhibits/projects that qualify for auction must choose the exhibit to sell at auction and receive the floor proceeds for the second exhibit. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to immediately, (after the judging) notify the LIFE Sales Office which entry will sell. If there is no notification, the LIFE Sales Office will decide based on highest placing.
6. All lambs will be shrunk a percentage not to exceed 7% upon being weighed.

DISPERSAL

1. Exhibitors with lambs missing ear tags at time of dispersal may be subject to a \$100 fine.

2. All lambs that are auctioned must remain in their club/chapter pens on the Sunday of the Fair.
3. All lambs that are floored must remain in their club/chapter pens on the Sunday of the Fair.
4. Buyers must pick up all livestock between 2:00pm and 4:00pm. Livestock will not be released without the buyer's receipt. Any livestock not picked up by 4:00pm will become the property of LIFE.
5. Show boxes can be removed after 2:00pm and with security clearance.
6. Theft of Livestock will result in forfeiture of money from the auction, Add-Ons, premiums, and may be barred from further competition the following year or indefinitely.

MARKET GOAT SHOW SPECIAL RULES

The purpose of the Goat Show is to encourage 4-H Club members and FFA Chapter members to participate in a practical Goat production program. Emphasis on economy in the feeding operation is recommended.

ENTRIES

1. All Entry Cards must be signed by the Exhibitor, Parent or Legal Guardian, and AST or CEA.
2. Entry cards accompanied by a \$30 entry fee must be delivered by the AST/CEA to the L.I.F.E. office by 5:00 PM on the Entry Closing Date, (Wednesday before validation) **October 23, 2019**. No late entries will be accepted.
3. The exhibitor must have owned the goat(s) prior to **October 23, 2019** and the goat(s) shall have been fed and cared for exclusively by the contestant during the feeding period in Webb County.
4. L.I.F.E. livestock committee reserves the right to inspect animals at any time, with or without notice, after the validation date.
5. Prior to removing any goat from the county for over 48 hours, written notice of reason for travel, destination and dates of travel must be submitted to the LIFE office, County Extension Agent and/or Agriculture Science Teacher. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
6. Direct siblings, half siblings, or step siblings may validate goats with their names on the same card. However, each exhibitor must select, at the time of sift, their own goat for sift, show and sale. The siblings must reside in the same household and they must raise the goats together.

VALIDATION

1. Validation will begin at 8:00 AM Saturday, **October 26, 2019** and end when the last goat is validated or 10:00 AM, whichever is earlier. 10:00 AM is the cutoff time_(sr).
2. State validated goats that have been photographed by LIFE personnel and have the photographs on record at the LIFE office prior to validation date may waive attending the October 26, 2019 Validation.
3. Goats will be ear tagged on the left ear, tattooed on the right ear and photographed.
4. All male goats must be castrated prior to validation.
5. Wether goats cannot be castrated with berdizzos. Only knife or elastrator castration will be accepted.

SIFT

1. Sift day will be **February 25, 2020**.
2. All goats must be clipped prior to arrival and shown with a 3/8" clip. Exception to the clipping are the legs from the knees and below and from the hocks and below.
3. The minimum weight for wethers and females will be seventy five (75) pounds and a maximum weight of one hundred twenty (120) pounds.

THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE WEIGH-IN FOR EACH GOAT. In the case where the animal weighs outside the weight limit, only one (1) immediate reweigh will be allowed.

4. Goats must be of show quality or they will be sifted.
5. Horns must be no longer than five inches at the rear base and must be tipped. (Tips of horns must be flat or round).
6. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during sift.
7. The classes will be determined by a committee consisting of one or more superintendents, one board member, and two members either ASTs, CEAs or a combination of both.

SHOW

1. Goat classes will be divided into three (3) divisions of three (3) classes after the official weigh-in:
 - Light weight
 - Class 1
 - Class 2
 - Class 3
 - Medium weight
 - Class 1
 - Class 2
 - Class 3
 - Heavy weight
 - Class 1
 - Class 2
 - Class 3
2. Wether goats and breeding females can be shown.
3. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the judging. No one may disturb or interrupt the judging or the exhibitors while they are in the show ring.

SALE

1. All goats that sell in the auction must be returned to the assigned pen after they are auctioned.
2. All goats that are floored must remain in their assigned club or chapter pen.
3. In no case will a goat after eighth place (8th) be sold.
4. Only the exhibitor, or approved substitute exhibitor will be allowed in the auction ring during the sale.
5. If applicable, Exhibitors with two exhibits/projects that qualify for auction must choose the exhibit to sell at auction and receive the floor proceeds for the second exhibit. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to immediately, (after the judging) notify the LIFE Sales Office which entry will sell. If there is no notification, the LIFE Sales Office will decide based on highest placing.
6. All goats will be **shrunk a percentage not to exceed 7%** upon being weighed.

DISPERSAL

1. Exhibitors with goats missing ear tags at time of dispersal may be subject to a \$100 fine.
2. All goats that are auctioned must remain in the club/chapter pens on the Sunday of the fair.
3. All goats that are floored must remain in their club/chapter pens on the Sunday of the fair.
4. Buyers must pick up all livestock between 2:00pm and 4:00pm. Livestock will not be released without the buyer's receipt. Any livestock not picked up by 4:00pm will become the property of LIFE.
5. Show boxes can be removed after 2:00pm and with security clearance.
6. Theft of Livestock will result in forfeiture of money from the auction, Add-Ons, premiums, and may be barred from further competition the following year or indefinitely.

POULTRY SHOW SPECIAL RULES

The purpose of the Poultry Show is to encourage 4-H Club members and FFA Chapter members to participate in a practical poultry production program. Emphasis on economy in the feeding operation is recommended.

ENTRIES

1. All Entry Cards must be signed by the Exhibitor, Parent or Legal Guardian, and AST or CEA.
2. Entry cards accompanied by a \$30 entry fee must be delivered by the AST/CEA to the L.I.F.E. office by 5:00 PM on the Entry Closing Date, **December 4, 2019**. No late entries will be accepted.
3. The exhibitor must have fed and cared for the poultry exclusively by the contestant during the feeding period in Webb County.
4. L.I.F.E. livestock committee reserves the right to inspect animals at any time, with or without notice, after the validation date.
5. Prior to removing any poultry from the county for over 48 hours, written notice of reason for travel, destination and dates of travel must be submitted to the LIFE office, and CEA or AST. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
6. Direct siblings, half siblings, or step siblings may validate **toms, hens**, roaster and broiler chick flocks together and select birds from the common flock for show. The siblings must reside in the same household and they must raise the flock together.

VALIDATION

1. Validation will begin at 8:00 PM Saturday, **January 25, 2020** and end when the last poultry project is validated or 10:00 AM, whichever is earlier. 10:00 AM is the cutoff time.
2. Broilers must be wing banded by the hatchery or exhibitor prior to validation. Roasters and Turkeys will be leg banded (unless they are wing banded) by the superintendents on the day of validation.

SIFT

1. Sift day will be **February 25, 2020**.
2. All poultry projects will be sifted on the following rules.
 - 2.1 Quality and weight, **poultry weighing outside of weight limit will be given only one IMMEDIATE REWEIGH.**
 - 2.2 Any birds showing signs of blisters, bruises (other than on wing tips; past last wing joint), cuts, tears, broken or disjointed bones, or any type of external parasites.
 - 2.2 Only Grade "A" poultry will be accepted into the show.
 - 2.3 Missing leg band or wing band.
3. All exhibitors in this division must have their project with them during sifting. No substitutions of birds during sifting, except broilers.

4. There will be four classes: All roasters will have a common hatch date. All roasters MUST be purchased from the LIFE office through the AST or CEA.
 - 4.1 One class of Roasters.
 - Single Entry Bird
 - Male or Female
 - Minimum weight 9lbs
 - There is no maximum weight limit
 - Must be commercial strain, Yellow Cornish-Plymouth Rock Cross that are obtained from a Pullorum-Typhoid and Mycoplasma Gallisepticum clean hatchery.
 - 4.2 One class Broilers: All broilers will have a common hatch date. In order to participate, all roasters must be purchased by the AST/CEA from LIFE office.
 - Must be commercial strain, Yellow Cornish-Plymouth Rock Cross that are obtained from a Pullorum-Typhoid and Mycoplasma Gallisepticum clean hatchery.
 - No cocks will be accepted.
 - Pen of Three.
 - Minimum weight, 9 lbs.
 - There is no maximum weight limit
 - One broiler may be immediately substituted. If the substitute broiler is sifted then the whole pen is eliminated.
 - 4.3 One class of Turkey Toms:
 - Must be commercial strain Nicholas Broad Breasted White and from a Pullorum-Typhoid and Mycoplasma Gallisepticum clean hatchery.
 - Minimum weight: 20 lbs.
 - Maximum weight: 45 lbs
 - 4.4 One class of Turkey Hens:
 - Must be commercial strain Nicholas Broad Breasted White and from a Pullorum-Typhoid and Mycoplasma Gallisepticum clean hatchery.
 - Minimum weight: 15 lbs.
 - Maximum weight: 38lbs.
5. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the sift.

SHOW

1. Each exhibitor may show two (2) poultry projects, but they must be of different classes.
2. Only the exhibitor(s), substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the judging. No one may disturb or interrupt the judging or the exhibitors while they are in the show ring.

SALE

1. In no case will any poultry after 5th place will be sold. Poultry between 6th and 10th place will be awarded premiums. Premiums will be as follow: 6th place - \$150.00, 7th

- place - \$125.00, 8th place - \$100.00, 9th place - \$90.00, 10th place \$80.00. An exhibitor awarded a premium will not be allowed to sell any project in the sale.
2. If applicable, Exhibitors with two exhibits/projects that qualify for auction must choose the exhibit to sell. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to immediately, (after the judging) notify the LIFE Sales Office which entry will sell. If there is no notification, the LIFE Sales Office will decide based on highest placing.
 3. There is no floor on Poultry.
 4. All Poultry that are auctioned must be returned to the club/chapter cages after the sale.
 5. All Poultry that do not sell in the auction must remain in the club/chapter cages after the sale until dispersal Sunday.
 5. Only the exhibitor, or superintendent designee will be allowed in the auction ring during the sale.

DISPERSAL

1. Exhibitors with poultry missing wing/leg bands at time of dispersal may be subject to a \$100 fine.
2. All Poultry that are auctioned must remain in the club/chapter pens on the Sunday of the fair.
3. All Poultry that do not sell in the auction must be removed by exhibitor on the Sunday of the fair after 2:00 pm.
4. Buyers must pick up all poultry between 2:00pm and 4:00pm. Livestock will not be released without the buyer's receipt. Any livestock not picked up by 4:00pm will become the property of LIFE.
5. Show boxes can be removed after 2:00pm and with security clearance.

RABBIT SHOW SPECIAL RULES

The purpose of the Rabbit Show is to encourage 4-H Club members and FFA Chapter members to participate in a practical rabbit production program. Emphasis on economy in the feeding operation is recommended.

ENTRIES

1. All Entry Cards must be signed by the Exhibitor, Parent or Legal Guardian, and AST or CEA.
2. Entry cards accompanied by a \$30 entry fee must be delivered by the AST/CEA to the L.I.F.E. office by 5:00 PM on the Entry Closing Date, **December 4, 2019**. No late entries will be accepted.
3. The exhibitor must have fed and cared for the rabbit(s) exclusively by the contestant during the feeding period in Webb County.
4. L.I.F.E. livestock committee reserves the right to inspect animals at any time, with or without notice, after the validation date.
5. Prior to removing any rabbit from the county for over 48 hours, written notice of reason for travel, destination and dates of travel must be submitted to the LIFE office, and CEA or AST. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
6. Direct siblings, half siblings, or step siblings may validate broiler and fryer rabbits from the same household pen or pens. However, each exhibitor must select their own rabbit(s) from the common group for sift, show and sale. The siblings must reside in the same household and they must raise the rabbits together.

VALIDATION

1. Validation will begin at 8:00 AM Saturday, **January 25, 2020** and end when the last rabbit project is validated or 10:00 AM, whichever is earlier. 10:00 AM is the cutoff time.
2. Rabbit projects will be tattooed or the existing tattoo will be used. This decision will be at the discretion of the superintendents.

SIFT

1. Sift day will be **February 25, 2020**.
2. All rabbits will be sifted by a professional sifter and all American Rabbit Breeders Association Disqualifications and Eliminations and those present herein shall apply to each entry. Any rabbit with signs of disease, external parasites, (ear canker or mites) fur chewing, hutch stains or physical abnormalities (wolf teeth, buck teeth, butting) will be sifted from the show at the discretion of the sift judge.
3. Rabbits will be divided into two divisions.
 - 3.1 Fryer Rabbits
 - A fryer rabbit entry will consist of a meat pen of three (3) rabbits, all of the same breed and variety but not necessarily from the same litter.
 - Fryer Rabbits must be born on or after **December 17, 2019** (@ 70 days of age or younger on the day of sift).

- Weight limit is no less than three (3) pounds each, and not over five (5) pounds each.
- One fryer rabbit may be immediately substituted. If the substitute fryer rabbit is sifted then the whole pen is eliminated.
- If any one fryer rabbit in the pen including the substituted fryer rabbit is sifted, the whole pen is sifted.

3.2 Broiler Rabbits

- An entry will consist of one broiler rabbit whose weight should be no less than five and one-half pound (5.5 lbs) and no more than nine pounds (9 lbs).
- All rabbits entered in this class must be born on or after **August 29, 2019** (@ 180 days of age or younger on the day of sift).

4. **THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE WEIGH-IN FOR EACH RABBIT. In the case where the animal weighs outside the weight limit, only one (1) immediate reweigh will be allowed.** All rabbits must be weighed in the presence of the judge. There will be no substituting of rabbits during the weighing and sifting except for fryers.

5. Classes will be:

5.1 Class I - New Zealand

5.2 Class II - All other breeds and cross breeds

6. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during sift.
7. Exhibitors are responsible for furnishing their own approved equipment for feed and water while their rabbits are exhibited.
8. All rabbits must be locked at all times in their assigned cage. Exhibitor must furnish own lock which must be removed by 10:00pm on Saturday night.

SHOW

1. Exhibitors are limited to two entries.
2. If there are more than 40 entries in any class, rabbits will be equally divided into two (2) sub-classes for judging. The top ten (10) in each sub-class will be judged for final placing for the particular class.
3. All rabbit entries will be judged for market meat characteristics.
4. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the sale. No one may disturb or interrupt the judging or the exhibitors while they are in the show ring.

SALE

1. In no case will any rabbit after 5th place will be sold. Rabbits between 6th and 10th place will be awarded premiums. Premiums will be as follow: 6th place - \$150.00, 7th place - \$125.00, 8th place - \$100.00, 9th place - \$90.00, 10th place - \$80.00. An exhibitor awarded a premium will not be allowed to sell any project in the sale.
2. **If applicable, Exhibitors with two exhibits/projects that qualify for auction must choose the exhibit to sell. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to immediately, (after the judging) notify the LIFE Sales Office which entry will sell. If there is no notification, the LIFE Sales Office will decide based on highest placing.**
3. There is no floor on rabbits.
4. All rabbits selling in the auction must be returned to the assigned club/chapter cages.

5. All rabbits not selling in the auction must remain in assigned cage until dispersal Sunday.
6. Only the exhibitor, or superintendent designee will be allowed in the auction ring during the sale.

DISPERSAL

1. All Rabbits that sell in the auction must remain in the assigned club/chapter pens on the Sunday of the fair.
2. All Rabbits that do not sell in the auction must be removed by exhibitor on the Sunday of the fair after 2:00pm.
3. Buyers must be pick up all rabbits between 2:00pm and 4:00pm. Livestock will not be released without the buyer's receipt. Any livestock not picked up by 4:00pm will become the property of LIFE.
4. Show boxes can be removed after 2:00 pm and with security clearance.
5. Theft of Livestock will result in forfeiture of money from the auction, Add-Ons, premiums, and may be barred from further competition the following year or indefinitely.

HEIFER SHOW SPECIAL RULES

The purpose of the Heifer Show is to encourage 4-H Club members and FFA Chapter members to participate in a practical heifer production program. Emphasis on economy in the feeding operation is recommended.