

BIG BEND LIVESTOCK SHOW ASSOCIATION
SHOW RULES

1. The BBLSA will not be responsible for accidents, loss or damages during the livestock show and/or sale.
2. All participants must either reside in or attend school and be enrolled in 4-H or FFA in Brewster, Jeff Davis, or Presidio Counties by December 1st and be eligible to show in a major junior livestock show.
3. Name, address, birth date, parent's or guardian's name and potential project of all prospective livestock show exhibitors will be furnished by the advisors to the Secretary by December 1st.
4. All protests must be made immediately following the class in question to the grievance chairman (President).
5. The BBLSA reserves, for its executive committee, the final and absolute right to interpret these rules; and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, or connected with, or incident to, the show and the right to amend and add to these rules as its judgment may determine. Any violation of said rules may be subject to such penalty as the committee may order, according to the equities of the case.
6. Rules may not be changed between May 1, and January 30, of the following year.
7. 4-H and FFA members must furnish the BBLSA secretary with a valid social security number, address, all entry fees, and a weight card for each exhibited market animal, packer animal, and substituted animal the Thursday prior to the show by 6:00p.m. All animals are subject to weigh back at the superintendent's discretion. Any re-weighed animal not meeting breed-designated weights will be considered sifted.
8. All animals are allowed 1 reweigh at the time of weigh in if under the minimum or over the maximum prior to the 6:00 deadline. All animals must leave the scale area until being re weighed.
9. All animals are subject to sift prior to the show. This will be done by the respective committees.
10. In order to have a separate class in the market division, that class must constitute at least 10% of the species, not less than four in a class; subject to the respective division rules and committee discretion.
11. All exhibitors must show their own animals. This rule will be excused in case of illness, UIL, injury or multiple animals in the same class. Substitute exhibitors must be an FFA or 4H member on one of the advisor's roster approved by the superintendent of the division. Non-compliance with this rule will result in disqualification of the animal.

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12. Ownership of all livestock exhibited at the Big Bend Livestock Show will be retained by the exhibitor throughout the entirety of the show and premium sale. Exhibitors with qualifying animals will gain entry into a premium sale, in which all monies are considered to be donations made to the exhibitor.
13. After the conclusion of the show and sale, any animal being designated by the owner for packer must be delivered to BBLSA at the Alpine Ag barn between 9:00 and 10:00 AM on Sunday morning following the sale.
14. No one but the Judge, exhibitors, division superintendents, and appointed ring help will be allowed in the show ring.
15. Eligibility with regards to scholastic pass/fail shall become effective at the time the latest grade report prior to the stock show is available for disclosure to the respective advisors. This shall be no later than the end of the school day on Wednesday prior to the show.
16. If an exhibitor is failing, he/she may not participate in this show or sale.
17. Showmanship will be: Juniors ages 13 and under; Seniors ages 14 and over. Ages are as of January 1st of the current year. Showmanship awards shall be awarded in the following market divisions only: Lambs, Cattle, Swine, Goats, Poultry and Rabbits. Exhibitors are eligible only in those divisions in which they have validated and entered an animal. Exhibitors must show their own animal according to validation for showmanship. Showmanship will be selected by the judge of each species without influence from the committee.
18. Elected officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Reporter to be elected annually in September. Each Officer Election shall be conducted entirely by the non-voting advisors of the association.
19. All exhibited animals must be recognized by major livestock/market shows in the State of Texas.
20. If there is no superintendent for a division at the October meeting of each year, that division will be canceled for the following January show.
21. All dues must be received by the treasurer by December 1st to vote at the rule change meeting.
22. Big Bend Livestock Show fiscal year begins September 1, and ends August 31st. Dues are \$5.00 per voting member, \$10.00 per family, \$20.00 per business, with each business to get one vote. Dues shall be valid for that period.

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23. All votes must be cast by the voting member or business representative. No proxy votes will be allowed.
24. All market animals must be in the exhibitor's possession and in their care, under the supervision of a 4-H leader or FFA by the designated State validation date for that species. All market animals with the exception of cattle, swine, and lambs will be classified on validation day and will be shown at the BBLSA show as classified.
25. The consequences of being sifted are: no show, no sale, and no packer.
26. An administration fee of \$10.00 shall be required per exhibitor to be collected at validation.
27. All Exhibitors' parent/guardian must pay appropriate membership fees to the BBLSA in order for their child/children to participate in the current year's show.

LAMBS

1. Entry fee will be \$5.00 per head, no limit to entries.
2. Prior to official weigh-in on the Thursday prior to the show, all lambs will be shorn.
3. Lambs will be classified according to breed (finewool, finewool cross, medium wool, Southdown, and dorpers) and be broken into weight classes.
4. Minimum weight will be 85lbs., except Southdowns and dorpers, which will be 75lbs. and maximum weight will be 175lbs.

CATTLE

1. Minimum weight for all cattle will be 850 lbs.
2. The cattle committee will classify and weigh all market cattle at a designated location from 4:00 - 4:30 on Thursday weigh-in.
3. Classes will be divided by weight and/or breed according to the cattle committee.
4. Entry fee will be \$10.00 per head, no limit to entries.
5. Coat dressings only, tails down, no adhesive allowed.

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SWINE

1. Entry fee is \$5.00 per head, no limit to entries.
2. All swine shall be groomed prior to weigh-in and classification.
3. Classes will be divided into six groups:
 - i. White OPB - Chesters, Landrace
 - ii. Black OPB - Berks, Spots, Polands and Pietrains
 - iii. Durocs
 - iv. Hampshires
 - v. Crosses
 - vi. Yorkshires
4. Minimum weight is 160 lbs. and Maximum weight is 280 lbs. at weigh-in.
5. All swine will be washed for show day. No dressings other than water will be allowed in the show ring.
6. All swine submitted to packer must weigh a minimum of 225 lbs.
7. All swine will be officially weighed in and classified before 6:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the show. The time and location will be determined by the Swine Committee. Classification will follow the guidelines set by San Antonio livestock rodeo and Exposition.

MARKET GOATS

1. Entry fee will be \$5.00 per goat with no limit on the number of entries.
2. All classes are open; all breeds will be shown together.
3. Goats will be weighed and divided into roughly equal weight classes and equal numbers of animals at the designated weigh-in, by the goat committee and designees.
4. Classes will be divided into four weight divisions with a Champion and Reserve Champion selected from each division. Division champions will show for the overall grand and reserve champion.
5. The minimum weight is 45lbs. and the Maximum weight is 120lbs at official weigh in.

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7. No sharp or pointed horns.
8. Prior to official weigh in on Thursday before the show, all goats shall be clipped to a uniform hair length not to exceed 3/8 inch over the entire body, excluding the tail and areas below the knee and hock.

MARKET RABBITS

1. Health certificates are not required for entry, but any rabbit showing signs of disease, infection, parasites, or open sores will not be accepted.
2. All rabbits must be at the show one (1) hour before the show is to start. They will be weighed, checked for disease and put in the proper class.
3. Exhibitors are responsible for bringing their rabbits to the judging table when their class is called and to remove it after it has been judged.
 4. Entry fee will be \$5.00 per pen of rabbits, with no limit to the number of entries.
5. Judging will be in accordance with the Standards of Perfection of the American Rabbit Breeders Association.
6. Meat division:
 - a. Meat pen of 3 - 3 rabbits under 6 lbs. each.
 - b. All rabbits will be weighed.
 - c. All rabbits must be owned by the exhibitor by December 1, prior to the show.
 - d. All rabbits must be validated and bear an identifying tattoo by December 10th.

POULTRY

1. Health certificates are not required for entry, but any hen or cockerel showing signs of disease, infection, parasites, or open sores will not be accepted.
2. All poultry must be at the show one (1) hour before the show is to start. They will be weighed, checked for disease and put in the proper class.
3. Exhibitors are responsible for bringing their poultry to the judging table when their class is called and to remove it after it has been judged.
4. Entry fee will be \$5.00 per pen with a limit of two (2) pens per exhibitor.

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5. Judging will be in accordance with the Standards of Perfection of the American Poultry Breeders Association.
6. Each exhibitor must order a minimum of 10 broilers through AgriLife extension agent. All pullets will be validated by December 10.
7. Must have a minimum of four (4) exhibitors for placement of poultry order by the October meeting of BBLSA.

HORSES

1. The current years Texas 4H Horse Show Rules and Regulations will be followed.
2. Six awards will be given: Junior Showmanship, Senior Showmanship, Champion Mare, Champion Gelding, Reserve Champion Mare and Reserve Champion Gelding.
3. Entry fee will be \$10.00 per horse per event with no limitation on number of entries.
4. All horses must have a current negative Coggins test.
5. Accepted forms of horse ownership will include a Big Bend Livestock Show Association approved lease.
6. Horses to be exhibited at the BBLSA horse show must be validated by the association by December 1.

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PREMIUM LIVESTOCK SALE RULES

1. NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR - Exhibitors will be limited to one entry to go through the premium sale, not to include horse, rabbit, or poultry. Exhibitor may receive payment for no more than one entry.
2. EXHIBITORS ELIGIBLE FOR PREMIUM SALE - The top 80% of exhibitors in each livestock division will be eligible to sell. The bottom 20% of exhibitors in each division will get packer price, plus a premium for their animal if packered. Poultry winners will receive a premium in lieu of auction sale. Premiums will be \$500 for Grand Champion and for \$250 for Reserve Grand Champion. Horse Show winners will receive a premium in lieu of auction sale. Grand Champion Mare and Grand Champion Gelding will receive a premium in the amount of 250.00 each and the Reserve Grand Mare and Reserve Grand Gelding will receive 150.00 each.
3. ORDER OF SALE - Grand Champion Cattle, Grand Champion Lamb, Grand Champion Swine, Grand Champion Meat Goat, followed by the Reserve Champion of each division of livestock. The remainder of the animals will sell in the order of their placing in the show, alternating divisions of livestock. For example, first place cattle, first place lamb, first place swine, first place goat, etc. followed by the second place animals, and third place, etc.
4. OPTION TO SELL - Exhibitors will be required to sell their highest placing entry. If exhibitors have two of the same places, then notify the division superintendent as to their intent to sell and designate which animal they intend to sell by 10 minutes past the conclusion of the show. Exhibitors must be present to sell or be excused by the Executive Committee.

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5. PAYMENT - The buyer at the Premium Sale will make payment to the Big Bend Livestock Show Association. Payments may only be accepted for the exhibitors who qualify for the Premium Sale.
6. DONATED ITEMS - All non-livestock and non-home economics fair items donated to BBLSA are to be offered at Silent Auction prior to the regular livestock auction.
7. PREMIUM SALE - The BBLSA & Premium Sale shall operate on an annual basis at zero deficit. This means the costs incurred each year to produce this event shall be paid for, in full, from income generated at this event. Profits from concession stand, silent auction, etc., shall be applied toward costs incurred to produce the BBLSA Show and Sale. In the event these receipts do not settle all debts owed by the association, the following action shall be taken:

When premium sale is complete, the sale committee shall meet with the executive committee and total all related costs for the show and sale. The total cost shall be the amount of total payables owed by BBLSA for the entire event. These costs shall include all expenses such as: advertising, awards, judges, motel rooms, civic center, etc.

The combined committees may assess a commission fee of 1 to 3% to each check written to each exhibitor.

It is also recommended that a "Bonus Lot" be sold each year at the premium sale to cover any unforeseen expenses occurring during the fiscal year. The premium sale committee shall be responsible for the "Bonus lot" each year.

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**BIG BEND LIVESTOCK SHOW HOME ECONOMIC FAIR
RULES**

I. RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A. All exhibitors must be enrolled in 4-H or FFA in Brewster, Jeff Davis, or Presidio Counties.
- B. Exhibitors must be passing to participate.
- C. A separate Silent Auction may be held for champions of the home economics fair with sales proceeds going to the exhibitors.
- D. The exhibitor must enter each entry in its respective division:
 - 1. Foods
 - 2. Clothes
 - 3. HandicraftsEach entry must be entered in its proper division and class before the entry is left.
- E. The contestant may have only one entry in each class of foods and two entries in each class of clothing, handicrafts and horticulture.
- F. No shipped-in exhibits will be accepted.
- G. All Participants will receive ribbons. Along with all entry fee money to back to the kids as well, like all other events.
- H. All articles submitted for judging must have been completed the year prior to the fair date.
- I. Judges will not award prizes to an unworthy exhibit. This rule will be strictly adhered to whether there is competition or not. No soiled articles will be accepted.
- J. No article can be exhibited to compete for more than one award.
- K. Articles will be arranged by the chairperson at their discretion.
- L. Articles that are too large for display will not be accepted.
- M. A \$2.00 entry fee will be charged for each entry.
- N. At the time of judging, the entries will not be on display to the public.
- O. All entries must be validated by December 1. All entries must be declared and checked in along with entry fees paid on Thursday at weigh in by 6:00 PM. All entries must be turned in at the designated location by 9:30 am on the Saturday of the Livestock Show. Judging will begin at 10:00 AM.
- P. Award Ceremony to be held Saturday afternoon at 3:00 PM at the designated location. All items that are not auctioned off need to be picked up or left for serving at the sale.
- Q. Must be a minimum of 3 entries per division for class to make.

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II. FOODS DIVISION

- A. There will be a Champion Cake, Champion Pie, Champion Cookies, Champion Bread, and Champion Dietary Restriction.
- B. Each entry MUST be accompanied by a name and address TAPED to the bottom or back of the item entered. Each entry must also have a handwritten recipe card including name of product, ingredients, and instructions attached to the product for the judges to see.
- C. Each entry must be made from scratch.
- D. Baked products should be on paper plates or cardboard and should be wrapped in plastic wrap.
- E. There should be 37 cookies on a plate.
- F. All canned goods must be exhibited in regulation canning jars, jars specifically manufactured for the purpose of home canning. All jars must be sealed with rings left on. No rusty rings will be accepted. Entries will be judged on appearance only.
- G. Criteria for Judging Food:
 - 1. Cakes - appearance, moisture, flavor, texture
 - 2. Pies - appearance, flakiness of crust, firmness of crust, flavor, firmness of filling, moisture, adherence to crust around the edge of pie, no beading or watering.
 - 3. Cookies - appearance, flavor, texture
 - 4. Bread - fragrance, flavor, color, moisture, texture
 - 5. Canned goods - appearance and color.
- I. Food Classes
 - 1. Cakes
 - 2. Pie
 - 3. Cookies
 - 4. Bread
 - 5. Canned Goods

III. CLOTHING DIVISION

- A. All garments must be attached to hangers.
- B. Any preparations necessary for exhibit must be completed before registration.
- C. Judging guidelines:
 - 1. General Appearance - design, individuality, color combinations, texture combinations.
 - 2. Workmanship - cutting, seams, quality of finish, appropriateness of finish.

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IV. HANDICRAFTS

- A. Exhibitors must furnish protection for any items, such as plastic bags, clothing protection, etc.
- B. Judging guideline:
 - 1. Overall appearance
 - 2. Must designate if it is original or a kit.
 - 3. Craftsmanship - neatness, care of construction
 - 4. Overall design - color coordination and balance.
- C. All work must be that of exhibitor only.
- D. Handicrafts Classes:
 - 1. Handiwork - needle point, crewel embroidery, weaving, macrame, embroidery, knitting, quilting, applique and latch work.
 - 2. Decorative Crafts - candles, pillows, copper tooling, string art, decoupage.
 - 3. Paintings and Drawings
 - 4. Photography
 - 5. Miscellaneous - any item that does not fit any other class.
- E. Participants name and address must be attached to the back of their item. The item needs to be presented with name of item, description of item, how long it took to make, along with estimated cost of the item attached to the front for judges to read. No name is to be visible to the judges.

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SCHOLARSHIP RULES**

The BBLSA Scholarship Program is established to provide assistance to those graduating members desiring to further their education. The program will be implemented each year that sufficient funds are available and scholarships will be awarded in accordance with the following rules:

**BBLSA
Scholarship Information and Administration Policy**

To be eligible for a scholarship the applicant must comply with the following guidelines:

1. Be an active member of the FFA or the 4-H program, a participant in the livestock exhibition at the BBLSA County Show a minimum of three (3) years in high school, and currently reside in Brewster, Jeff Davis, or Presidio Counties.
2. The applicant must be a senior in high school or equivalent when making application.
3. The applicant must turn in a complete application, 3 letters of recommendation from a community members and an essay. The Scholarship process will also include an oral interview.
4. Scholarship funds may only be used for tuition and fees at an institution of higher learning. The recipient must notify the scholarship board of the institution of higher learning of their choice. Scholarship funds will be sent directly to the institution of higher learning on behalf of the recipient. The institution of higher learning must return any unused scholarship funds to the BBLSA within 60 days. The recipient has one (1) year from the date of high school graduation to utilize the funds. After one year the funds will be forfeited.
5. Scholarship winners will be selected based on the scholarship committees scoring rubric:
6. APPLICATION DEADLINE IS **APRIL 15**, OF THE CURRENT YEAR. The

BBLSA will administer the scholarship program as follows:

1. Accept applications and all supporting documentation until no later than April 15 of the current year. Oral interviews will be held on a date and location TBA. No exceptions of date change, unless applicant has a school conflict or family emergency. If all interviews are not completed by May 15 then all interview will be waived.

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2. Name a panel to rank applications and conduct oral interviews. The panel should consist of FFA and Agricultural County Extension Agents from the BBLSA membership, no less than one BBLSA Officer, and no less than two community volunteers.
3. Scholarship awards may vary according to the discretion of the panel but should not be less than \$250 and no more than \$2,000, should an award be offered. Awards may not be offered each year.
4. Scholarship award winners will be notified in writing by the BBLSA.
5. Scholarship award winners must comply with the following procedures to claim the award:
 - a. Accept the scholarship award through written notification to the BBLSA, no later than June 30th;
 - b. Produce a Letter of Acceptance from an accredited institution of higher learning;
 - c. Use the award before one year has lapsed from the date of high school graduation. After one year the funds will be forfeited.

BBLSA Scholarship Essay and Oral Interview Guidelines

The Essay must be typed, using 12 point Times New Roman or Arial font. Essay should be a maximum of 1200 words, double spaced. Essay and Oral interview questions should include the following:

1. Tell us (the panel) about yourself.
2. Did you take any concurrent agricultural classes during high school? Why?
3. What are your educational goals?
4. What adult plays the most significant role in your life? Why?
5. What community projects or extracurricular activities have you participated in?
6. What has BBLSA done for you?
7. What animal would you suggest for a first time BBLSA member? Why?
8. What has agriculture done for you? Describe agriculture related and non agriculture activities that you have been involved with which helped you grow and mature as a person.

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BBLSA Scholarship Funding Information

The BBLSA Treasurer will inform the scholarship committee chair of the amount of funds to be awarded each year. The BBLSA will fund the scholarship program as follows:

1. The BBLSA will designate scholarship funds after all debts have been settled each year;
2. Funds generated by interest bearing scholarship accounts will be used;
3. Funds designated by the buyer at the sale through the “Packer value donated to the Scholarship Fund” option;
4. Subsequent accumulated funds can include the full 3% sales commission withheld from all lots sold at the BBLSA Livestock Show Premium Sale each year and donations.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant _____ Telephone _____

Address _____
(Street or Rural Route) (City) (State) (Zip)

Club or Organization _____ Year _____

Name of High School _____

Expected Date of Graduation _____

Field in which you plan to study _____

Parent or Guardian _____
(Name)

(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip) (Telephone)

**MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE WITH COMPLETED APPLICATION:
ESSAY AND THREE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

We have examined this application and find it to be true, accurate and complete.

APPLICANT _____ Date _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____ Date _____

AST/CEA _____ Date _____

PRINCIPAL _____ Date _____