

2024 NORDHEIM FFA LIVESTOCK SHOW GENERAL RULES / REGULATIONS
REVISED 2023 (SHOW DATE & TIME) JANUARY 27, 2024 9:00AM

RULE 1: The rules committee shall be composed of the Stock Show Committee and the Agricultural Science Teacher. It will be the duty of this committee to interpret the rules and make a ruling on any violations that may occur concerning the Stock Show. The Stock Show Committee reserves the right to make any changes and additions to these rules and regulations prior to the show that may be deemed necessary and beneficial to the show.

RULE 2: All livestock exhibits will be under the control and direction of the Agricultural Science Teacher and the Stock Show Committee, but the AST or show committee will in no case be responsible for any loss 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, article exhibited by him/her and for its disposition as given in these rules, and shall indemnify the Show, the Stock Show Committee and the Agricultural Science Teacher 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 animals exhibited by him/her, or arising out of, or in any way connected with such exhibitor are any of the animals exhibited.

RULE 3: The Stock Show Committee consists of a chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary, treasurer, and four (4) adult members at large and the Agricultural Science Teacher. Current officers / members are: President-Bernard Warwas, Vice-President-Pam Remmers, Secretary-Jeannie Heard, Treasurer-Joyce Ann Warwas, Robert Ckudre, Kathryn Garcia, Ray Leister, Gordon Reynolds, and Mr. Robert Sager, AST.

RULE 4: Each exhibitor must be an active member of the Nordheim FFA or the Nordheim Junior FFA. Nordheim FFA members (grades 9-12) must be enrolled in an agricultural science class each semester of the school year. **All Nordheim FFA and Junior FFA dues and entry fees must be paid by/on the first Saturday in October and cannot be refunded if the exhibitor decides to drop out of the show.** Only students enrolled in classes at Nordheim I.S.D. at the time of the show are eligible according to UIL NO PASS, NO PLAY rules. Students who have maintained a 90% attendance rate before and during the Stock Show and whose attendance make-up has been completed and recorded by the Nordheim I.S.D. Superintendent are eligible to show and sell. The Superintendent and/or Principal of Nordheim I.S.D. will have the authority to determine whether an exhibitor may show or sell due to disciplinary actions. The Stock Show Committee will consider extenuating circumstances on a case-by-case basis.

RULE 5: The Nordheim Junior FFA member shall be at least nine (9) years old and /or in the third (3rd) grade through the **eight (8th)** grades at the beginning of the school year preceding the annual livestock show.

RULE 6: APPLICATION FOR ENTRY: All applications for entries must be on the official entry forms, signed by the exhibitor and filed in the FFA office on the date of the first weigh-in in October. **All exhibitors must present a receipt (bill of sale) at the first weigh-in for each animal that will be exhibited at the stock show. The name, phone number, and address of the animal's breeder must be included on this receipt.** Each exhibitor may enter as many animals as he/she desires in two classes of the market division, however, he/she may bring ONLY TWO market animals total to the show on the day of weigh-in. Each exhibitor may also bring two breeding animals, the breeding animals will not be sold through the sale, they will return to the exhibitor's home. To be able to apply for an entry, all financial obligations from any previous FFA/4-H exhibit, show, or project must be paid in full at all business establishments.

RULE 7: NON-TERMINAL SHOW. ALL MARKET Goats, Hogs, and Lambs, eligible to sell, brought to the show will be sold by the head. ALL MARKET Steers are sold by the pound, then all market animals RETURN to the owner exhibitor's property following the auction.

RULE 8: If a student owns an animal with a state validation tag, that animal is eligible to be sold at the Nordheim FFA Stock Show Sale, and then return to owner exhibitor's property.

RULE 9: Any member may sell one animal through the auction sale, unless the member has any combination of grand/reserve grand champion animals, then he/she would be eligible to sell two animals through the auction sale. The sale order shall be made up after the judging of all classes and exhibits. Animals and exhibits will sell according to the placing of the exhibit. There will be a five percent commission charged on all animals and food/craft/art items sold through the auction sale. This money will be used for the expenses of the Nordheim FFA Stock Show. The goats, lambs, and hogs will sell by the head, and the steers will sell by the pound.

RULE 10: All members' animals must be purchased and on the owner exhibitor's property by the following dates of the year preceding the Stock Show to be eligible for the Nordheim FFA Stock Show. A member may acquire his/her livestock any time prior to these dates: **STEERS-First Saturday in August, GOATS AND LAMBS-first Saturday in October, and HOGS first Saturday in November.** An entry fee for each project entered shall be paid at the time of the entry with the money being used for Show expenses, STEERS/HEIFERS--\$10.00; GOATS, HOGS AND LAMBS--\$5.00. On the deadline date or a Saturday following such date (TBA), each class of animals will be weighed in for validation purposes. Any student who does not comply with rule shall be declared ineligible for the Nordheim FFA Stock Show. Breeding animals shall follow the dates for their respective classes. **WEIGH-IN WILL BE HELD THE FIRST SATURDAY OF AUGUST FOR STEERS AND THE FIRST SATURDAY IN OCTOBER FOR STEERS, GOATS, AND LAMBS. HOGS WILL BE IN NOVEMBER. UNLESS NOTIFIED OTHERWISE, MONTHLY WEIGH-INS WILL BE HELD THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH, FROM 8:30-9:30AM. IF UNABLE TO ATTEND A MANDATORY WEIGH-IN, A \$25.00 CASH SCALE FEE WILL BE CHARGED TO USE THE SCALE TO WEIGH AN ANIMAL BEFORE OR AFTER THE MANDATORY DATE.**

Rule 11: Eligibility for classes at the Nordheim FFA Stock Show shall be as follows:

STEERS—3rd through 12th grades

GOATS—all grades

HOGS—all grades

LAMBS—all grades

BREEDING CATTLE—3rd through 12th grades

BREEDING GOATS, HOGS, LAMBS—all grades

RULE 12: ALL ANIMALS MUST BE FED COMMERCIAL FEED. An exhibitor is responsible for keeping track of feed receipts for their Operating Expense sheets and analysis sheet.

RULE 13: The Nordheim FFA Livestock Show Committee has adopted a **residue avoidance program** to assure consumers that their animal purchases from the market division are safe, wholesome, and free from any substance residue. Drench guns may not be used at any time on the show grounds, or on school property. Stomach pumping, drench tubes, or any other method (by esophagus), and the use of ice packs is prohibited, prior, during, or after the show.

RULE 14: All STEERS must be castrated, dehorned, halter-broken and led by the student owner at the mandatory weigh-in of the **first** Saturday of the month of October and the first Saturday of January or the animal will be sifted. The Stock Show Committee will consider extenuating circumstances on a case-by-case basis. The steer must weigh 900 pounds before a 3% shrink. Only steers grading Prime, Choice, or Select will be eligible to show and sell. All steers must be slick sheared no earlier than one week before the show to have no more than one-fourth (1/4) inch of hair at any place on the animal, excluding the tail switch, when they arrive at the Show Grounds. NO CLIPPING will be allowed after the arrival (electrical or manual). There will be no trim chutes or generators in the Show Barn area/property during the Show. Steers will sell by the head at the auction and return to owner exhibitor's property following the auction.

RULE 15: HEIFERS-heifer exhibitors must have animals August 1st, they must weigh-in the first Saturday of August. The animals must be registered in the Herdbook of their Association in only the name of the Junior owner on or before the August weigh-in. No heifers over 29 months of age at time of the show. Heifer calves 10 to 13 months. Junior Heifers 14 to 21 months. Senior Heifers 22 to 29 months.

RULE 16: ALL CATTLE-This is a "Blow and Go" Show. Grooming or fitting with foreign material that includes (but not limited to) painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, or adhesives is prohibited.

RULE 17: All market GOATS may be a breed or crossbred, must be either wethers or open females (females not bred or have not kidded), must be dehorned with a maximum of 1 inch of regrowth. No tooth rule but must weigh between 60 and 135 pounds at final weigh in before 3% shrink. Only goats grading Prime, Choice, or Good will be eligible to show and sell. No clipping of goats is required, but must be washed, dried, and free of parasites at the time of weigh-in. Only small collars or chains around the neck may be used. Assignment of weight classes will be determined after final weigh in. All goats will sell by the head and return to owner exhibitor's property following the auction.

RULE 18: All market LAMBS must be castrated, docked, and sheared by the first weigh-in in October. All market lambs must have their milk teeth to weigh-in at show time and weigh 90 pounds before 3% shrink. Only those lambs grading Prime, Choice, or Good will be eligible to show and sell. All lambs must be sheared, washed, and dried at the time of weigh-in. No halters will be used in the show ring. All lambs will be sold by the head and returned to owner exhibitor's property following the auction.

RULE 19: All market HOGS must weigh between **200** pounds and **285** pounds before the 3% shrink. Only those hogs grading U.S. No.1 or U.S. No.2 will be eligible to show and sell. All hogs must be castrated by November 1. All hogs will be clipped prior to arriving at weigh-in. All hog exhibitors have the **option** whether to use a show quirt or baton while exhibiting their animal. All hogs will be sold by the head and returned to the owner exhibitor's property following the auction.

RULE 20: All animals must be trimmed, washed, and dried prior to arriving at **stock show** weigh-in. The second animal in a class owned by an exhibitor showing in the same class must be shown by a Nordheim FFA member or a Nordheim Junior FFA member. The show owner exhibitor number will be displayed on the back of the shirt/jacket. Second animal exhibitor number will be displayed on the front of the shirt/jacket of the student exhibiting that animal.

RULE 21: If sufficient animals are entered to justify it, all divisions shall be divided into light, medium, and heavy weight classes with the first place from each class showing for Grand Champion of the show. The second-place animal from the class that produces the Grand Champion will then be eligible to show for Reserve Grand Champion with the first place animals from the other classes.

RULE 22: At the owner exhibitor's request, an animal/pen inspection may be made by the AST and/or a stock show board member.

RULE 23: All animals will be sifted as they are delivered for Stock Show weigh-in and those not of Show quality or which are crippled will be ineligible to show or sell. The sifted entries must be removed from the grounds and returned to their home property. The livestock committee with the exception of the agricultural science teacher shall serve as the sifting committee or a sift judge will be appointed.

RULE 24: Exhibitors must remain with and care for their animals when they are being weighed in (from 2:30-4:00, Friday), Saturday morning feeding, shown, sold, and will load their animal on their home property trailer. After pens/grounds have been cleaned by exhibitors and students selling food, craft, and art projects, roll taken by the agricultural science teacher, the students will be dismissed. Failure to comply by exhibitors with this rule will result in the forfeiture of all grade money, and all other students will result in a \$25.00 penalty taken out of check.

RULE 25: All animals must be at the Show Barn to be weighed between 2:30 and 4:00 PM the Friday prior to the Show. All animals must remain at the Show Barn after they are entered. All animals are to be fed and watered between 4:00 and 10:00PM. There will be no feeding or watering inside the Show arena. Remember to remove the feed and water containers from the pens. **ALL ANIMALS MUST BE IN THE SHOW BARN AND READY FOR SHOW BY 8:00AM ON THE DAY OF THE SHOW.**

RULE 26: The Show Barn will be closed to exhibitors and visitors at 10:00PM on the night before the Show. Only authorized persons will be allowed in the Show Barn area after this time. **The Show Barn will reopen at 6:00AM Saturday morning.**

RULE 27: Each member exhibiting his/her own animal will be eligible to compete for the Showmanship Award. A belt buckle will be presented to the Junior and Senior winners of each class of livestock in the Market Steer, Goat, Lamb and Hog Divisions depending on number of exhibits in each category that meet the criteria for showmanship. Breeding animals will receive a grading ribbon and grade money. An animal number tag is not required

RULE 28: PROTESTS: All protests must be in writing to the Stock Show Committee and accompanied by an affidavit setting forth the basis for the protest, together with a deposit of \$300.00 cash which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. The right of an exhibitor to appeal the decision of a judge or judges will be only when it is charged that an award has been made in violation of the rules. **ALL PROTESTS MUST BE MADE WITHIN THIRTY MINUTES OF THE COMPLETION OF THE JUDGING.**

RULE 29: All exhibitors must complete Operating Expense pages and analysis sheets on animals prior to the show. Animal owner exhibitor is required to have the completed animal information sheet with them as the animal crosses the scale. Again, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to complete expense pages before 2:30 Friday afternoon the day before the show.

RULE 30: All exhibitors must write handwritten thank-you letters on or before **January 31**. Also, complete their record books, pay all outstanding financial obligations for show animals, and present a **“paid in full” fax or letter** before or upon receiving their auction/grade money check. **A meeting will be held at the AG Building, March 4, 2024 from 6:00-7:00PM to distribute checks.**

RULE 31: Exhibitors must attend all **mandatory meetings (to be held at 6:00PM on September 13, January 10), events, and weigh-ins**. All **weigh-ins** are **mandatory** and will be held (8:30-9:30AM) **October 11, November 8, December 13, and January 10**. The first unexcused absence will cause the exhibitor to lose grade money. If a second event is missed and is unexcused, the student will not be allowed to show or sell. **Exhibitors must notify the Agricultural Science Teacher if unable to attend a mandatory event.** The AST and/or the Stock Show Committee will consider extenuating circumstances on a case-by-case basis.

RULE 32: DRESS CODE-All dress must adhere to school dress code.

HIGH SCHOOL FFA MEMBERS--The dress code for exhibiting during the stock show will be a **white, long sleeve, collared, button-up shirt**, black slacks or jeans, FFA jacket, FFA tie or scarf, and black or brown shoes or boots).

JUNIOR FFA MEMBERS-- wear a **white, long sleeve, collared, button-up shirt** with a blue or black tie or scarf, and blue or black jeans and black or brown shoes or boots. For Junior FFA members, if an accessory jacket is worn, it must be similar to the blue FFA jacket.

No hats or caps will be worn during the exhibiting of animals in the show ring.
Exhibitor roll call, dress inspection, and distribution of exhibitor numbers will be Saturday morning at 8:30AM in the Ag building.