

## **GENERAL RULES**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

1. PCLIA MEMBERSHIP DUES WILL BE \$5.00 PER PERSON. Lifetime Memberships are available at a one time due payment of \$100.00 per person. The membership year is January to December.
2. All bills from the Livestock Show must be paid by organization and individuals by September 1st. All other bills must be paid by organization and individuals by December 15th. If bills are not paid they will not be able to vote and their family members will not be eligible to enter the Parker County Livestock Show.
3. Every even number year, rules and regulations governing the show and show officials shall be reviewed and revised as necessary by majority vote of the membership present at the meeting. Members in good standing may make proposals for change and/or additions. Proposals must be presented in writing and in person in order to be considered.
4. To vote on rule change proposals, a member must have paid Membership Status sixty days prior to the vote.
5. Rule change proposals shall be formally presented and discussed at the September PCLIA meeting. Those proposals deemed compatible with the PCLIA By-Laws and not conflicting with other existing rules by the executive committee will be presented to the general membership at the October PCLIA meeting. Rule change proposals to be voted on will be sent to all members eligible to vote.
6. Officers elected in Sept. shall be installed at the Oct. meeting.
7. No dogs are allowed on the show grounds, with the exception of service dogs.
8. Any breed organization may set up two classes of species, providing the breed organization furnishes prizes and presents awards. New breeds will be standard class and the Association will start paying prize money if the breed has a minimum of five animals, show for four consecutive years. On the 5th year PCLIA will take over the show. The market breed winners will not be eligible for the sale until the 5th year.

### **SUPERINTENDENT DUTIES**

#### **GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**

The General Superintendent shall be charged with the following:

1. To see that division superintendents are assigned and their duties outlined.
2. To settle all controversy that may arise.
3. To alter classes upon recommendation of the Division Superintendent to expedite the show.
4. To see that provision is made for the registration of animals and assigning of stalls or pen space.
5. To see that provision is made for the announcement of the winners of each class in each division.
6. Shall appoint or cause to have appointed a sifting committee to pass on the eligibility of animals for show or sale.
7. Assign pens/stalls based on the Club/School percentage of entries. The General Superintendent will round up or down to make the pens assigned equal to the total pens available.

## **DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**

1. All show divisions will have a superintendent and a committee consisting of (5) or more members.
2. Division Superintendents will contact the award sponsors at the first of October to see if they are interested in sponsoring the same award for the coming PCLIA Livestock Show. Superintendents will submit their list to the PCLIA treasurer at the October meeting. The treasurer will mail the bills to the sponsors by November. Bills will include a note explaining that payment must be received by the first of December to be included in the rulebook for the current show.
3. Tag-in dates will be at the discretion of the Division Superintendent and be announced in the November meeting. The General Superintendent will announce the dates no later than the December meeting.
4. Division Superintendents will consult with 5 or more members of their committee to discuss the selection of the Judge for that division of the current year's show. Judge nomination and selection will be approved by a majority vote of the committee and forwarded to the General Superintendent.

## **WEIGHMASTER**

1. All weighing of market animals shall be under the weigh-master's direct supervision. Beef steers shall be weighed, unloaded and on foot. All animals will be exhibited at entry weight and will be sold by the head. Only one weighing per animal will be allowed. All weights will be final. One set of scales will be used to weigh market hogs, lambs and goats.
2. All market animals will be weighed in only one time. No re-weighs. Market swine to turn in weight cards.
3. Rabbits may use their own scale and weigh-master.

## **OPERATIONS**

### **1. LIABILITY**

All exhibitors will be under the control and direction of the management, but the Parker County Livestock Improvement Association, the Parker County Sheriff's Posse, and/or the Parker County Frontier Days will in no case be responsible for any loss, injury or damage done to or occasioned by, or arising from any animal or article exhibited by him. He shall indemnify these organizations against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto as well as damage or injury to any other person or property, caused by exhibition of any animals exhibited by him, or arising out of or in any way connected with such exhibition of any of the animals so exhibited.

### **2. OBJECTIONABLE EXHIBITS**

The Executive Committee reserves the right to remove from the grounds any exhibit that may be falsely entered or may be deemed unsuitable or objectionable, without assigning reason therefore. The General Superintendent is authorized to refuse unloading privileges to any stock having a disease or undesirable ailment.

### **3. PROTESTS**

All protests must be in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Such a protest must plainly state the cause of complaint, or appeal, and must be delivered to the General Superintendent of the Parker County Livestock Improvement Association immediately after the occasion for such protest. Protests on the eligibility of any exhibit on account of

age or breeding must be filed with the Executive Committee prior to the day on which the exhibit will be judged. Superintendent and/or assistant superintendent of the contested division must be present at the hearing.

#### **4. DECISION OF THE JUDGES AND CLASSIFIERS ARE FINAL**

The decision of the judges and classifiers will be final in all cases, except where mistakes, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion not discovered at the time of the award are proven.

#### **5. INTERFERENCE WITH JUDGES**

If any exhibitor, in any way, whether in person or by agent or servants, interferes with the judges during their adjudication or show any disrespect to them or the show, the General Superintendent may demand a proper apology from such exhibitor or may exclude the exhibitor from such premiums that have been awarded.

#### **6. STALL AND FLOOR SPACE**

- a. No fans or show equipment will be allowed in the aisles in all barns. All stalls/pens assigned to the exhibitor must be kept clean at all times. Stalls or pens left dirty shall be sufficient cause for entries to be removed from the show and lose privilege to exhibit the project and/or cancel premium money earned.
- b. All show animals must be penned/stalled in the pens/stalls that have been assigned to the chapter/club represented by the exhibitor. Exceptions will only be made due to insufficient space for animals entered in the show. Alternate pen/stall assignments must be approved by the division superintendent, the exhibitor's AST/County Agent, and AST/County Agent representing the chapter/club whose pens/stalls will be used for alternatives.

#### **7. NO EXHIBITORS ON PREMISE AFTER MIDNIGHT**

No student or junior exhibitor will be allowed to stay at show barns after 12:00 Midnight unless supervised by a parent, legal guardian, or advisor.

#### **8. THERE WILL BE NO COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS**

9. All animals must remain in designated areas of PCLIA grounds. All exhibits must remain in stall or grooming areas for show preparation.
10. No bedding straw will be allowed on grounds.

#### **11. Wholesome Meat Act**

The USDA Wholesome Meat Act applies to all market livestock. Only livestock eligible for immediate harvest may be brought onto the grounds and exhibited:

- a. Animals must be in good health and free of drug or chemical residues.
  - b. Drug label directions for use and withdrawal periods must be followed.
  - c. If drug or chemical residues are found in tissue, the entire carcass may be condemned.
  - d. All drugs are banned unless administered in the presence and under the supervision of Division Superintendent. Violation of this rule by any Parent, 4-H Leader, FFA Advisor, County Agent, or Exhibitor may result in a one year suspension from showing in the division where the violation occurred. The suspension may be for the student, supervisor of student, family members and the person administering the drug.
12. No fitting done by professional fitters. To be enforced by contacting the General Superintendent of PCLIA. The use of fitters for county exhibits is not permitted. Violation of this rule will result in a minimum 2-year suspension from participation in show.
  13. A reading document for proper show and sale etiquette will be provided to all students submitting

entries. Students and Parents will demonstrate courtesy and appreciation for show officials, judges and buyers. Improper actions may bar the student from future exhibition at the PCLIA show and forfeit any prize money to be received in the current show.

14. No electric shock prod may be used nor will any type of animal abuse be tolerated.
15. The Parker County Youth Livestock Show reserves the right to use any animal remaining on the grounds for the livestock judging contest.

## **COMPETITION**

1. Competition is open to all Parker County 4-H and FFA members that are residents of Parker County or attending a school in Parker County, to include Azle ISD, six years old September 1 prior to show and below college level, and under the supervision of an Agriculture Science Teacher or County Extension Agent in Parker County. Exhibitors will not be eligible to show at the PCLIA Youth Stock Show if they have participated in another county show the same school year. Exceptions to this rule must be appealed to and determined by the Executive Committee.

### **2. OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS**

- a. Exhibits shown in the PCLIA livestock show must be bonafide property of the exhibitor or family unit, under the exhibitor's, or family units, continuous care. Exhibits shall be shown by that exhibitor (or a member of the family unit), except where two exhibits are in the same class. All entries must have been fed and cared for by the exhibitor or family unit in an area served by Parker County and Azle schools. Requests for waiver to this rule must be presented to the executive committee for their approval prior to tag-in or purchase of the project. Violation of this rule shall cause dismissal from the show. All livestock shall be owned by the exhibitor or family unit sixty days prior to the show or owned by the tag-in date set by each division for that year.
- b. Each exhibitor will have the opportunity to tag in two (2) animals per division at the applicable entry fee. A family unit may tag in two (2) additional entries per division at the applicable entry fee. The designation of the exhibitor for the animal or animals, will be made at weigh in or weight card turn in. Each exhibitor would be only allowed two (2) animals per division to enter the show grounds.

Examples:

1. Single family exhibitor would be allowed to tag in 4 market (lambs, goats, hogs, steers and dairy heifers) to only show two (2) at show date.
2. Exhibitors of a family unit would be allowed only two (2) extra market (lambs, goats, pigs, steers and dairy heifers) per unit. (Family of two (2) would be allowed six (6) market (lambs, goats, hogs, steers, and dairy heifers) to only show two (2) per child at show date.
3. Each rabbit exhibitor will be allowed to tag in 12 market rabbits to show only 2 entries per exhibitor.

This rule will not apply to the Poultry show numbers because they already tag in more than exhibited amount.

- c. Any animal fed or cared for by a custom fitter, at any time during the required ownership and fitting period, will be disqualified from showing, except in the case of an exhibitor who is a member of the immediate family of a custom fitter. A custom fitter is considered anyone who is not an immediate family member of the family or the County Extension Agent, Agriculture Science Teacher or their 4-H Club Project Leaders.

### **3. QUALITY COUNTS**

All PCLIA Youth Livestock Exhibitors must complete Quality Counts testing and include the Quality Counts verification number on the application for entry. AST and CEAs will certify completion of Quality Counts testing for each exhibitor. Please contact your Agricultural Science Teacher or County Extension Agent for testing information.

#### **4. TIME OF ENTRIES**

All entries shall be entered on-line one week prior to the April meeting. **NO LATE ENTRIES OR TAG-INS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Entry fees are due at the April meeting which will be held on the last Thursday of April.

#### **5. APPLICATION FOR ENTRY**

All applications for entries must be submitted electronically in accordance with the instructions on the Entry Website. Entries will be approved electronically by the Ag Science Teacher or County Agent. Summaries of the entries will be signed by the Exhibitor, Parent/Guardian, and Ag Science Teacher or County Agent. A master copy of the entries will be filed with the Treasurer. Payment for the entries can be submitted electronically or submitted by mail, an entry will not be complete until payment is received. The Entry fees are as follows:

#### **ENTRY FEES**

Agriculture Mechanics	\$20.00
Crop Exhibits	\$10.00
Poultry	\$10.00
<b>Market Rabbits</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Breeding Rabbits</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
Swine	\$20.00
Beef	\$20.00
Dairy	\$20.00
Sheep	\$20.00
Goats	\$20.00

30% of all entry fees will be used toward the building fund to help build and maintain the facilities.

#### **6. ACCEPTED ENTRIES**

The General Superintendent shall have the authority to accept or reject entries to the show, or may require entries to be removed from the show and does not guarantee space in the show barns to any entry.

#### **7. OBJECTIONABLE ATTIRE**

The Division Superintendent may remove an exhibitor from the ring because of objectionable attire.

#### **8. ARRIVAL TIME**

Check division rules and show schedule for specified arrival times. No exhibit may arrive at the barns before 5:00 a.m. Monday, prior to show.

#### **9. METHODS OF AWARDING**

No animal will be awarded a prize unless removed from its stall and exhibited. Where there are fewer entries in a class than the number of premiums offered, judges may, at their own discretion, award a prize or prizes of such grade as the animal or article deserves. When there is no competition, the first prize, or merit, may be awarded. Such animals may be declared eligible for championship honors.

#### **10. RELEASE OF LIVESTOCK**

Check division rules and show schedule for specified release time.

#### **11. LOAD-OUT EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

All animals remain the responsibility of the exhibitors until they are loaded. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to see that their animal is fed and watered.

## **12. PARADE OF CHAMPIONS**

There will be a parade of champions Friday night before the rodeo for all grand and reserve champion winners in all market and breeding classes, crops, ag mechanics and showmanship. A person will be appointed by the president to organize the parade of champions. Such person will be appointed in January.

## **13. SHOWMANSHIP DIVISIONS**

- a. 13 and under-Junior Showmanship (September 1, prior to show)
- b. 14 and up- Senior Showmanship
- c. Showmanship exhibitors must exhibit their own entry.
- d. Senior showmanship will be shown first.
- e. Ribbons will be awarded for 1st - 5th places.
- f. Showmanship will be selected by the judge of the division and awards presented at show time.

## **PREMIUM SALE**

### **1. PREMIUMS**

Sale money shall not be paid the day of the sale, but will be placed in the hands of the respective teacher or sponsor no later than the second monthly meeting of the PCLIA following the sale.

### **2. TERMINAL SALE ANIMALS**

Any and all sale animals may be declared terminal based on health reasons if deemed necessary by the Association Management. All projects that go through the auction are terminal. An exhibitor gives up all rights to their project and the buyer has final choice of destination (Excluding Ag Mechanics).

- a. Lobbying buyers for any reason by any individual during or after the sale is prohibited.

### **3. FLOOR PRICE**

The floor price on all market animals will be posted by the 1<sup>ST</sup> vice-president or his appointee by 12:00 noon the day before the sale.

### **4. EXHIBITOR SALE RULE**

All entries that are eligible according to the rules will be sold in the auction unless withdrawn by the exhibitor notifying the division superintendent by 6:00 p.m. Thursday, the fourth day of the show. ALL GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPIONS MUST SELL unless conflicting with general rules. If the Grand and Reserve Champion exhibits are owned by the same exhibitor, that exhibitor must sell the Grand Champion Exhibit. All Exhibits shall remain on the grounds until released by Division/General Superintendent. Exhibits removed from Show Grounds without consent may not return for sale.

- a. Owner of exhibit must offer his or her own project for sale. Exceptions to this rule may be considered in instances of directly sponsored school activities, conflicting FFA/4-H activities, medical emergencies, or other as approved by the Executive Committee.
- b. Each exhibitor of dairy heifers, swine, sheep, poultry, steers, crops, rabbits and goats subject to sale will be limited to one item per division in the sale and no more than a total of two in the sale from all divisions. The designation of which division to be sold must be made to the respective Division Superintendent no later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of that division show for that sale eligible entry.
- c. All stock sold in auction shall be consigned to the Parker County Livestock Improvement Association for sale. All projects must be in the proper sale order or the project will not be sold. All projects will be sold in the manner as shown ( No graffiti, glitter or applied cosmetics).
- d. 4.0% service charge will be levied on all non-sale items sold at floor price.

- e. A 10% service charge will be levied on the total gross revenue from the sale ring (including add-ons), 1% will be used to fund the scholarship program, 5% will be used to fund the building fund and 4% will be used to fund the stock show. Only entered market animals that have been shown and/or weighed-in will be shipped.
- f. There will be no resale animals.

#### **5. SALE TIME RELEASE**

No sale items will be released until Sales Committee Books are completed. Gates will be locked.

#### **RULE VIOLATIONS**

Any violation of the general or division rules by an individual (exhibitor, supervisor, guardian) can result in a one-year suspension from participation in the PCLIA Show. Executive committee will give the decision of suspension.