

**MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION**  
**RULES AND REGULATIONS**  
**Halter Heifer Show**  
**February 10, 2024**

- I . The Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association reserves the final absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations 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 or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. An exhibitor who violates any of the rules of this show will forfeit all privileges and premiums as the Association Committee may order.
- II . **Liability**--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 by him and for its description as given in the entry blanks, and shall indemnify the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as damage or injury to other persons or property, caused by the exhibitor, or any of the exhibits exhibited by him, or arising out of, or in any way connected with such exhibition or any of the exhibits so exhibited.
- III . The Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association will assume no responsibility in case of theft, accident, or other destruction of your property. However, every precaution will be taken to eliminate any danger in the showroom. Parents are held responsible for all their children's actions.
- IV. **Care of Animals** - It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to care and tend to his/her exhibits from the time of arrival until release. There will be **NO** Shavings or Hay permitted in the Barn during this event.
- V. Preliminary Classification – The exhibitor must select a preliminary classification of American, British, Crossbred, Exotic or Longhorn division in which they are competing at the time of registration.
- VI . **UNRULY HEIFERS-**
  - a . The Heifer Committee shall interpret and enforce all rules and regulations of the Livestock Division of MCFA. The MCFA Board of Directors shall appoint Heifer Marshals who shall govern the control of “Unruly Heifers” shown during the MCFA Halter Heifer Show. These officials have the right to “Disqualify or Remove” any animal deemed harmful, to prevent injury to other exhibitors. Anyone attempting to interfere with these Officials before or during the decision-making process automatically disqualifies the entry in contention. Our only purpose is to prevent injury to all competitors entered in the Livestock Show.
  - b . Once the heifer is in the Show Ring, only the Exhibitor can handle the animal. Only one warning will be given in the Show Ring. On the second warning, the Exhibitor will be asked to tie their animal to the fence. The animal will be placed at the bottom of that class in the order they were removed. The Exhibitor must stay with their animal until the judging is finished.
  - c . Animals showing, in the opinion of the judge, signs of having been operated upon or tampered with for the purpose of concealing faults in conformation or with intent to deceive relative to the animal's soundness will be disqualified.

d. **All decisions made by the Heifer Committee or Judge will be final. There will be no Appeals.**

VII. No one other than show officials and exhibitors will be allowed in ring during judging at any time.

VIII. All non-registered cattle, or if you cannot provide your papers, will show in the Commercial division

IX. Pairs welcome. Pairs must show as a pair or individual. Not both.

American Division	British Division	Commercial Division	Exotic Division
ARB	Angus	50% of Less Brahman	EEORB (European Exotic Other Registered Breeds)
AORB (All Other Registered Breeds)	Aberdeen (Lowline Angus)	50% or more Brahman	Charolais
Beefmaster	BORB/EORB (Other Registered Breeds)	ABC (American Breed Cross)	Chianina
Bradford	Hereford	Non-Brahman	Limousin
Brahman	Mini Herford		Maine Anjou
Red Brahman	Shorthorn		Simmental
Brangus			
Red Brangus			
Santa Gertrudis			
Simbrah			

### **Jr. Show Registration**

1. Pre-registration \$35.00. Check our Facebook page or text Melinda Hirst (979)-429-1712
2. Registration will be Friday Night or Saturday morning
  - a. Registration Friday night from 6PM to 8PM in the cattle barn. You cannot unload before 4:00 PM on Friday, February 10 Everyone must be out of the barn by 10 PM and the barn will be locked. Barn will reopen at 6 AM Saturday morning.
  - b. Saturday February 11. Morning Registration is 7AM to 9:30AM in the cattle barn
3. Late registration will be taken as long as you show up before your class shows. Late entry is \$50.00
4. Each heifer may only be shown in one division.
5. Entries are final once classes are posted.
6. Order of shows will be Longhorn Show at 9AM. Followed by Showmanship and Jr. Show.

## **Showmanship**

1. Showmanship will consist of the Jr. Heifer Show and Texas Longhorn Show. All exhibitors will show together.
2. Showmanship will start no earlier than 11:30AM
3. Must participate in Jr. Heifer Show or Longhorn show to show in Showmanship
4. Showmanship will be divided into three divisions - Junior 3rd -5th grade, Intermediate 6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> grade and Senior 9th-12th grade.
5. Buckles to one winner in each showmanship division.

## **Buckles**

There will be an American, British, Commercial, Exotic, and Texas Longhorn Heifer Champions, Texas Longhorn Steer Champion, and Texas Longhorn Bull Champion

## **Grand Champion Heifer**

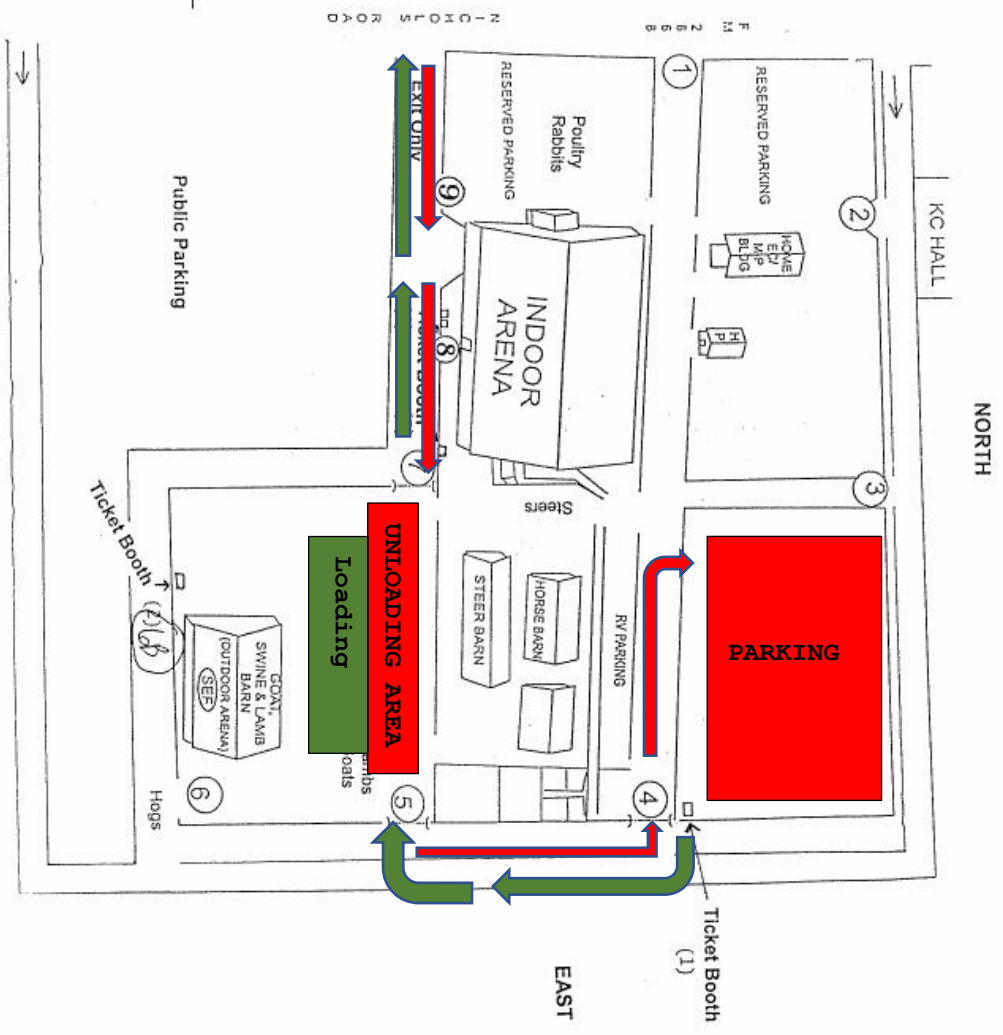
All five Heifer Division Winners and their Reserve winners will show for Grand Champion Heifer.

**North Entrance**

Enter	Exit
Steers Gate 5	Gate 7
Goats Gate 6B (walk thru gate)	Park outside gate
Lambs Gate 6B (walk thru gate)	Park outside gate
Poultry Gate 8 or 9 (walk thru gate)	Park outside gate
Rabbits Gate 8 (walk thru gate)	Park outside gate

**South Entrance**

Enter	Exit
Hogs Gate 6	Gate 7
Bucket Calves Gate 7	Gate 7



Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_  
CK#/Cash \_\_\_\_\_

**MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR AND LIVESTOCK SHOW  
2024 HEIFER HALTER ENTRY FORM**

Please Print

- EXHIBITOR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_
- PARENTS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_
- PARENT PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_
- ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_
- PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Fee: <b>\$35.00</b>	Late Entry: <b>\$50.00</b>		
American <input type="checkbox"/>	British <input type="checkbox"/>	Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Exotic <input type="checkbox"/>
REGISTRATION NUMBER: _____			
BREED: _____			
HEIFER DATE OF BIRTH: _____			
EXIBITOR: _____			

Entry Fee           \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**TOTAL FEE        \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**(Please make checks payable to: *MCFLA.*)**

**\*Must Have Signed Release's\***

**MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION**  
**Release and Indemnity Agreement**

I/we, \_\_\_\_\_, a participant in the  
Heifer Halter (event) of Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association do hereby knowingly and voluntarily release the above referenced Event, the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association, Board of Directors, members, judges, volunteers and employees of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association, Matagorda County and any other person, firm or individual charged and chargeable with responsibility or liability, their heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns from and against any and all claims, lawsuits, demands, damages, loss of services, actions and causes of action based upon, arising out of, such event(s) or in any way related to any honors, awards, or rights sought by me as a participant in the Matagorda County Fair Association the conduct of business threat thereat, the ownership and possession of any honors, awards, or rights, thereby, any negligent act, act of misfeasance of nonfeasance by the Matagorda County Fair Association with any honors, awards, and rights, bestowed at said events. Further, I do hereby agree to exonerate, hold harmless, and indemnify such event(s) past, present or future in connection with such honors, awards and rights. Such indemnification to include any and all fees (including reasonable attorney's fee), costs and other expenses reasonably incurred by or on behalf of the above referenced event(s) and investigation of or defense against any such claims, lawsuits, demands, actions, or causes of actions.

I have had a full and adequate opportunity to be thoroughly advised of the terms and conditions of this release and indemnity agreement by counsel of my own choosing. I have also been afforded the opportunity to ask all questions that I have concerning this document and its execution by me. I do fully understand the terms of this agreement and do intentionally and voluntarily agree to same.

***\*Your Signature acknowledges the above two Paragraphs.***

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Participant's/Contestant's Signature	Parent's Signature	Date Signed
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Parent's Signature	Date Signed
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Witness' Signature	Witness' Print Name	Date Signed
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