

MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION ASSOCIATION GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition 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.

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.

No-Pass, No-Play--The Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition Association has adopted a policy to reflect the no-pass, no-play rules of the University Interscholastic League. This rule will be enforced by the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition Association from Kindergarten through 12th grade exhibitors.

UIL Rule: Extracurricular Activities provides that a student shall be suspended from participation in any extracurricular activity sponsored or sanctioned by the school district or the University Interscholastic League during the first three weeks of the grade reporting periods after grade reporting periods in which the student received a grade lower than the equivalent of 70 on a scale of 100 in any academic class other than identified honors or advance class. After a six-week grade reporting period or after the first six weeks of a semester or grade reporting period, in the case of a district with a reporting period longer than six weeks, a child who receives a grade below 70 is suspended from participation in extracurricular activities for three weeks, and for three-week intervals thereafter if all grades are not above 70.

- ❖ A suspended student may practice or rehearse with other students for an extracurricular activity but may not participate in a competition or other public performance.
- ❖ Provides that a student enrolled in a school district who participates in an extracurricular activity or UIL competition is subject to school district policy and UIL rules regarding participation only when the student is under the direct supervision of an employee of the school or district in which the student is enrolled or at any other time specified by resolution of the board of trustees of the district.
- ❖ Requires all UIL rules approved for the current year.

This rule is an effort to stress the importance of education. The Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition Association's goal is "*Serving Today's Youth....Tomorrow's Future.*" Every youth exhibitor wanting to enter the Fair will be responsible for their grades. The MCFLA will contact all schools regarding eligibility on all contestants/exhibitors. This rule will be enforced by the MCFLA from Kindergarten through 12th grade exhibitors. If students are not passing, they will not be allowed to enter their exhibits in the Fair. This rule will include all 4-H, FFA, and FCCLAp projects.

Students who were eligible shall not lose eligibility until seven calendar days after the end of the grading period.

EXAMPLE: Grading period ends on Friday at 3:30 p.m. Students shall not regain or lose their eligibility until the following Friday at 3:30 p.m.

The Matagorda County Fair Board will support the decision of the schools in cases of ineligibility for academic or other disciplinary reasons.

Excused Absences for Tag-In/ Validation: Exhibitors must submit a written note from the sponsor of the event in which exhibitor will be participating to the **Fair Office (Fairgrounds)** for board approval prior to noon on the last business day before Tag in/ Validation date of that species. **See Important dates for due dates.** The event must be a UIL, 4-H, or FFA related event that the exhibitor is participating in. Other circumstances will be considered by the Fair Board on an individual basis.

Excused Absences for February and March Show and Auction – Show: Exhibitors must submit a written note from the sponsor of the event at the Fair Office (Fairgrounds) two weeks prior to the event. The event must be a UIL, 4-H, or FFA related event that the exhibitor is participating in. Other circumstances will be considered by the Fair Board on an individual basis. Auction: Exhibitors are expected to be at the auction. The only exceptions are as follows - (1)UIL, 4-H,

FFA sponsored events. Exhibitor must submit a written note from the sponsor of the event at the Fair's Office, a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the UIL, 4-H, or FFA related event. (2) Sickness/Emergency events. The exhibitor who is participating in the auction explaining sickness or emergency for approval. If an exhibitor has submitted a written excuse, another 4-H or FFA member who meets eligibility requirements may take his/her place during the auction.

Curfew will begin each day at 11:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. No one (except for the Livestock Chairman, Co-Chairman and/or official Matagorda County veterinarian) will be allowed in the Livestock barns during this time. Security will be provided. Lights will be out, and all exhibitors and parents are to be out of the Livestock areas at this time. **Failure to comply with curfew rules will result in a \$25.00 penalty fine, deductible from the sales or premium check, or exhibitor will not be eligible to sell at auction.**

Protests—All protests concerning Matagorda County Fair entries must be submitted either prior to judging or immediately after the conclusion of class judging and accompanied by a \$200 cash deposit. The deposit will be returned ONLY if the protest is upheld. Once championship judging has commenced, NO protests will be accepted. The Judges' and Classifiers' decision is final and not subject for protest. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. The protest will be reviewed by at least five (5) members of the Fair Board. The ruling of the Fair Board Directors will be final. Both sides of the protest must be present at the time of the protest. There will be no anonymous protests accepted. Every exhibitor, in consideration of his/her entry being accepted by the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association, agrees that the conclusion reached by the Fair Board Directors shall be final, without any recourse against the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association, Board of Directors, Division Chairman, Superintendent, or Committeemen. (The protest procedure excludes the substance abuse protest procedure.)

The Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition 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.

Official Veterinarians: If needed, exhibitors must use one of the following official Matagorda County veterinaries for their project.

Tess Crider, Josh Shields, Randy Volkmer, Lafy Saha, Jana Zapalac, Audrey Jacoby, Bryan Sherman, Doug Marquardt, and Carrie Foltyn.

1. **All judges** Agents, Teachers, and the Livestock Committee will select judges as soon as possible after April 1. Judges will be approved by the Board of Directors of the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association.
2. **Ruminant meat and bone meal** - The Matagorda County Fair Association prohibits the feeding of ruminant meat and bone meal to ruminant animals.
3. **Competition** - Only Junior entrants will be allowed to exhibit market stock and participate in the auction.
4. **All 4-H Junior Entrants (Exhibitor)** – All 4-H Junior entrants must be an active member in good standings of an organized Matagorda County 4-H Club and attend a minimum of three club meetings prior to the Fair to be eligible to participate in the Livestock Show; must be a current resident of Matagorda County **or** enrolled in Matagorda County school, credited courses at a home school, private school, or public school to be eligible to exhibit in the Market or Commercial Heifer division; must own his own exhibit individually for the specified length of time required in each of the classes, must have fed his/her exhibit at residence or designated property in Matagorda County under the supervision of the Matagorda County Extension Agents or County High School Agricultural Science Instructors. An exhibitor may petition the Matagorda County Fair Board of Directors if they do not meet the above criteria and wish to show in the Matagorda County Fair Junior Livestock Show. Directors will review on a “case by case” basis.
5. **All Matagorda County FFA Chapter or Matagorda County FCCLA Chapter Junior Entrants (Exhibitor)** – All Matagorda County FFA Chapter or Matagorda County FCCLA Chapter junior entrants must be an active member in good standings of an organized Matagorda County FFA Chapter or Matagorda County FCCLA Chapter and attend a minimum of 50% of the clubs meetings prior to the Fair to be eligible to participate in the Livestock Show; must be a current resident of Matagorda County **or** enrolled in Matagorda County school, credited courses at a home school, private school, or public school to be eligible to exhibit in the Market or Commercial Heifer division; must own his own exhibit individually for the specified length of time required in each of the classes, must have fed his/her exhibit at residence or designated property in Matagorda County under the supervision of the Matagorda County Extension Agents or County High School Agricultural Science Instructors. An exhibitor may petition the Matagorda County Fair Board

of Directors if they do not meet the above criteria and wish to show in the Matagorda County Fair Junior Livestock Show. Directors will review on a “case by case” basis.

6. **The 24-Hour Rule applies to All 4-H Junior Entrants, All FFA Chapter Entrants, and All Matagorda County FCCLA Chapter Junior Entrants.**

- a) All Livestock entries must be in the physical care and possession of the exhibitor from the time of the tag in until the animal release date at the fair.
- b) All entries must be kept in Matagorda County and/or in the Palacios School District at the physical address shown on the entry form. If a project needs to be relocated, exhibitor needs to notify the Fair Office by email or fax with the new location for which the project will be house and for the estimated length of time that the project will be at the new property. Exhibitor must receive a confirmation of receipt before moving the project.
- c) The animal may not be out of the county longer than 24 hours without approval from the MCFLA Board. Exceptions include participating in a major show, animal is under listed Matagorda County veterinary care (veterinarians excuse required by a board approval veterinarian), or other reasons approved by the Board. Please notify the Fair Office by email or fax with a confirmation of receipt before leaving the county. Instances such as a hurricane evacuation will have a blanket excuse issued.
- d) All Agricultural Science Instructors, County Extension Agents, and members of the Board of Directors of the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association will have the authority to spot check feeders at any time without notice. Violations will make the animal and exhibitor ineligible for the current year's fair. A second offense will make the family ineligible indefinitely. Refusal to allow spot checks or refusal to allow those authorized to conduct spot checks onto the property where livestock animals are located, will cause the exhibitor to be ineligible to show at the current year's Fair.

7. **Application for Entry/Entry Fee/Release and Indemnity Agreement** - There is a non-refundable \$30.00 entry fee for each exhibitor.

8. **Entry Form Deadlines-All Livestock entry forms are due by Thursday, October 24, 2024.** This year entries can be made online or turned into the Extension Office. The online site will be live September 9, 2024, and a secured link will be posted on the Fair website at www.matagordacountyfair.com. Complete and submit the entry forms and print a copy for your records. Incomplete forms will not be accepted. **Late entries will not be accepted online, they Must be turned into the Extension Office.** Entry forms received after the 5:00 p.m. deadline, will then be subject to a \$100.00 late fee, plus the entry fee of \$30.00 for a total of \$130.00. A \$100.00 late fee plus \$30.00 entry fee will be assessed for the addition of a Family or Alternate Tagged Animal to original entry form after the entry deadline. Information on entryform is final; any changes after the deadline, such as club or chapter will need to be presented to the fair board for approval. A new completed entry form will need to be turned in to the extension office to be eligible to show.

22. **Livestock Judging Contest** - The MCFLA reserves the right to use animals for the Livestock Judging Contest.

23. **Auction**

- a) Auction sale numbers will be set after the final weigh-in for each division.
- b) All species that are awarded a ribbon in the show MUST sale in the Matagorda County Fair Junior Livestock Auction
- c) Auction Sale Numbers - All species will sell at 60% up to 60 lots per species with the exception of steers and poultry. Steers will sell at 90%, all poultry will sell after pre-sift. **However, the Fair Board has the right to raise the percentages of each species sold at any time.** The auction sale numbers will be determined after the final weigh-in at the March Show.
- d) All exhibitors selling a market entry at the auction sale must accompany that entry in the auction ring according to the sale number of the auction sale list. Any exhibitor who fails to be in the auction ring at the proper time will automatically forfeit 50% of the gross sale and the project will be sold in sale order without their presence. The only exceptions (1) UIL, 4-H, FFA sponsored events. Exhibitors must submit a written note from the sponsor of the event at the Fair's Office, a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the UIL, 4-H, or FFA related event. (2) Sickness/Emergency events. The exhibitor who is participating in the auction explaining sickness or emergency for approval. If an exhibitor has submitted a written excuse, another 4-H or FFA member who meets eligibility requirements may take his/her place during the auction.
- e) All market entries sold at the auction sale must be delivered to the buyer as desired. If exhibitor fails to comply with this rule, exhibitor will be fined \$50.00.
- f) Exhibitors/Parents are not allowed to solicit buyers in any way on the Day of the auction other than having your

picture taken with your buyer. If you have a question, wait until the auction is over to not disturb the buyer as they are buying other projects. Any exhibitor found in violation of this new rule will have \$200.00 deducted from their check and/or be removed from the auction sales order.

- g) Exhibitors that choose to sell their projects in the Junior Livestock Auction are NOT to ask their buyer for their project back. Once your project has been sold it is the property of the buyer. The new buyer will choose what to do with their purchase. Any exhibitor, parent or guardian, or family member, or acquaintance of exhibitor that approaches the buyer to ask for the project to be donated back to the exhibitor will forfeit exhibitors auction check and cause the exhibitor a one-year suspension from all MCFLA activities - No exceptions!
- h) Auction Sale Order numbers - Sale order cards indicating your sale order number must be worn by all exhibitors during the Junior Livestock Auction and when taking your picture by the Fair Photographer with your buyer. You should pick up your card at the Exhibitor Information Booth or designated location on Friday, March 7, 2025, by 7:00p.m.
- i) Sifted Projects - Exhibitors who are sifted will be listed on a "Sifted Livestock Project List" found on the back of the Junior Livestock Auction Sales Sheet to enable Add-on donations.

27. **No Decorations on Auction Animals** -Animals cannot be decorated for the Auction.

28. **Animal donated back to Exhibitor** - Any animal donated back to the exhibitor will go to resale and the resale amount will be included in the exhibitor's check. **If an exhibitor wishes to keep their donated animal, exhibitor must notify the Auction Sales Office (located by the Ticket Office) by 5:00 p.m., on the day of sale.**

29. **Resale Animals** - All steers, swine, goats, and lambs that go to "resale" may be shipped out Saturday night.

30. **NO Livestock Project may be removed from the grounds other than those designated to Resale.**

The Livestock Chairman and Livestock Superintendent are the only persons that can authorize the early removal of project(s). Exhibitors CANNOT remove their project from the grounds before Sunday Morning Check out unless approved by the Livestock Chairman and Livestock Superintendent, even if the animal was donated back to exhibitor.

If an exhibitors Livestock Project is removed from the grounds prior to the 7:00AM Sunday Morning Release of Livestock Project without documented, written and signed permission from of the Livestock Chairman and Livestock Superintendent exhibitor will forfeit their auction check.

31. **Drug Hold** - Any exhibitor with an animal on "Drug Hold" that is designated for resale will have the resale amount deducted from their premium check and retain ownership of the animal. If the animal is to be processed, the exhibitor is responsible for delivering the animal to the processor designated by the buyer.

32. **Sales Charge** - A 6.5% sales charge will be deducted from each exhibit that sells through the auction or sifted animals that have add-ons to help compensate for judges' expense, show cost, and sale costs.

33. **Buyers Photos** -Each exhibitor will be responsible for purchasing a buyer's photograph to be delivered to their respective buyer.

- A \$10 fee will be deducted from sale proceeds to cover the cost of the photo and buyer's plaque.
- Each exhibitor is responsible for picking up their buyer's photo and check from the Fair Office located at the Fairgrounds and delivering the photo to their respective buyer.
- The exhibitor is responsible for contacting the buyer at the time of the sale of said lot for a buyer's photo.
- If the buyer is unavailable for a photo at time of sale of said lot, exhibitor must wait for buyer to take photo.
- If buyer is not present for photo after the time of sale of said lot, exhibitor must take a photo with said lot to be delivered to buyer. **No exceptions!**

34. **Thank you Notes are required from exhibitors who:**

- Sold their animal project in the Junior Livestock Auction or who received an Add-On to their project.
- Received a Belt Buckle
- Received a Calf Scramble \$100 Award (Calf Scramble T-Shirt Sponsor thank you also required)

35. **4-H Exhibitors and FFA Exhibitors** MUST turn in their unsealed, addressed, and stamped with appropriate postage" THANK YOU letter(s) to the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, April 3, 2025, to receive their check. Exhibitors

that fail to turn in their Thank You cards by Thursday, April 3, 2025, will have \$50.00 deducted from their livestock check as a compliance fine.

36. **Exhibitor must be present** to release animal Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m.

37. **MANDATORY Removal of Livestock Project & Cleaning of project area** All exhibitors that make the show and sell their projects in the Junior Livestock Auction on Saturday, March 8, 2025, will be required to be present at 7:00AM for the release of their animal project and to clean up their project area.

Exhibitors must sign in with the director in charge on or before 7:00AM. Upon completion of the removal of project and cleaning of project area, exhibitor must sign out with director in charge. This ends their livestock project clean up and removal of animal.

At this time, exhibitor will be instructed to go to the livestock pens or the indoor arena - Once they report to the arena or livestock pens, exhibitor must sign in with a director and wait for instruction.

Exhibitors that do not return to the grounds on Sunday to remove their livestock project and clean their project area by 7:00AM will have \$200.00 deducted from their livestock check as a failure to pick up project fine. Load out and removal of all livestock projects will begin at 7:00AM.

Excuses for the Sunday - Removal of Livestock Projects and Cleaning of Project Area **MUST** be submitted to the Fair Office (Fairgrounds) **TWO WEEKS PRIOR** to the date for approval by the Board of Directors.

OPTIONAL -Pre-Clean up

Exhibitors that wish to complete their two hours prior to the Sunday following the Junior Livestock Auction will have the option of donating two hours to the Fair prior to the mandatory Sunday clean up. You will still have to show up at 7:00AM on Sunday to remove your project and clean your area.

1. First, you will be donating two hours prior to the Fair. This does not mean that you will make the sale. You are taking a chance of donating the hours and being sifted by the judge.
2. If you are sifted or unable to show your project, your early cleanup hours can be used towards community service hours in which some clubs require you to have.
3. You must get approval from the Fair Manager to be eligible for the two hours.

The Fair Manager will assign you a time and date for your early cleanup option. You must sign in and out with whom you are assigned. Failure to do so will result in no credit. Failure to show will result in a no show and you will not be given the option of rescheduling.

Areas in which you may be assigned are the office, storeroom, cleaning up an area on the grounds, cleaning the stands (seats), halls, booths, helping set up or take down the Home Economics area, helping set up livestock pens, arena signs or banners. You may be assigned to help with various MCFLA projects or events during the Fair.

- If you are in the seventh grade or younger, a guardian may have to join you to help in some of the pre cleanup options. This option is limited to a certain number of jobs on certain dates. Once assignments are filled, advance cleanup options will expire.
- You must call the Fair Manager to discuss your options. Again, this is optional.

SUBSTANCE AVOIDANCE PROGRAM

1. The Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association shall have the authority to drug test any steer, lamb, goat or swine entered in the fair.
2. Unless otherwise established by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), samples collected from show animals will have zero tolerance for any drug, chemical or feed additive.
3. The Matagorda County Fair Association prohibits the feeding of ruminant meat and bone meal to ruminant animals.
4. By signing the Entry Form, exhibitor and parents are agreeing to permit animals to be tested for drugs, chemicals, and feed additives.
5. A certification statement must be signed by exhibitor and parent/guardian stating the entry is not, nor will it be, within any withdrawal time relative to the administration of any drug, chemical or feed additive approved by FDA and/or USDA by the time the animal is officially weighed-in at the show.
6. Any drug, chemical or feed additive administered on the show grounds and/or 30 days before show must be immediately reported in writing to show officials and shall include date, product, amount, route, administered by, medical reason for administration and withdrawal time. A drug, chemical or feed additive may be administered under the supervision of or by a licensed veterinarian only.
7. Some market animals will be drug tested at weigh-in. The exhibitors will be randomly selected for testing. These animals will be escorted to a secure area for testing after being weighed in. After judging, the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of each specie will be drug tested immediately after being named in same manner described above. The Board of Directors has the option to do additional testing of animals if warranted. Only the exhibitor and the parent will be allowed in the secured area.
8. Animals positive to drug tests and condemned by the USDA and FDA shall be disqualified and that ranking of animals in the show remain unchanged regardless of drug test results (i.e. reserve champion wouldn't be moved to grand champion should the grand champion be disqualified because of a positive drug test).
9. All sale monies shall be held until drug tests are completed and monies be returned to the buyer of any animal that has positive test results.
10. When there is a violation of the substance avoidance program rules then the Livestock Chairman shall disqualify the exhibitor from exhibiting the animal and/or receiving sale monies. Additionally, any future animal exhibited in the fair by the exhibitor shall be subject to a drug test at any time. A subsequent violation by the exhibitor shall cause the loss of the exhibitor's remaining eligibility for the Fair.
11. A security procedure for handling test samples that would preserve the legality of test results shall be established.
12. The exhibitor shall have the right to appeal a disqualification to the Executive Committee Board by giving notice of such appeal to the Livestock Chairman within 72 hours of disqualification. This appeal shall be in writing and shall state the reasons upon which the appeal is based. A \$200.00 fee shall accompany the appeal. This \$200.00, which is to be used to cover the expense of subsequent testing and verification, is non-refundable. The exhibitor will retain possession of the animal until otherwise notified by the Livestock Chairman.

Livestock Show & Auction Etiquette

Preparing your livestock project for a show begins months in advance. You should be knowledgeable of your species and prepared to answer any questions the judge may ask. You must exhibit good showmanship and be prepared to win and lose gracefully.

After all the time and effort that you put into raising your project, you want to make sure you have everything you need once you arrive at the fairgrounds. Being prepared will help you be less nervous and make your experience enjoyable. Investing in a box or tote is wise to keep all your show supplies together and in one place.

Packing certain items away in your box could help make your show experience run smoother as you are preparing for your time in the ring. Some of the items you need may be grooming combs or brushes, files, feed and feed containers, a water bottle, bowl, bucket or tub, pitchfork, rake, square shovel, your show stick, show halter, tie out halter, lead rope, and a general first aid kit that is specific to your project are some of the necessities which may be needed on show day.

Your show clothes should be neat and modest. Depending on the weather, a pair of rubber boots may come in handy, however, not while in the show ring). A small first aid kit is always handy.

While in the Show Ring - Respect the Judge.

When given the opportunity shake the judge's hand and thank him/her for their time - no matter the outcome. Look your judge in the eye and be respectful of what he/she is telling you. If you personally disagree with your placings – please reserve that conversation for your immediate family in the privacy of your own personal space. The fairground is not that space.

Judges take time from their daily jobs and families to be here with you because they respect and believe in the values the livestock show teaches you. They are here to help you better yourself and your show experience.

Solicitation of Buyers:

You are encouraged to invite potential buyers to the sale prior to auction date. You should start looking for your potential auction buyers during the months leading up to the auction. Potential buyers are employers, family, friends, and businesses that you and your family support. Only contact potential buyers with whom you have a personal connection.

Invite your potential buyer to come out and support the Junior Livestock Auction and bid on your project. There are various ways to invite potential buyers to the auction: cards, letters, a phone call, or a personal visit. Be sure to include your name, information about your project, your experiences with your project (a photo is always nice), your parents' names, your club information, along with the date, time, and location of the auction.

Understanding the Auction Sales Process:

This is an actual livestock auction. You are selling your project! Once you step in the auction ring you have relinquished ownership of your show project.

After you have sold your project, you are encouraged to go into the stands to shake your buyers' hand and thank them directly. You need to ask them when a good time would be to take your auction buyer photograph with them. (DO NOT leave the grounds without taking this photo). Exhibitors that choose to sell their projects in the Junior Livestock Auction are NOT to ask their buyer for their project back. Once your project has been sold it is the property of the buyer. The new buyer will choose what to do with their purchase. Any exhibitor, parent or guardian, or family member, or acquaintance of exhibitor that approaches the buyer to ask for the project to be donated back to the exhibitor will forfeit exhibitors auction check and cause the exhibitor a one-year suspension from all MCFLA activities - No exceptions! This is a rule. You will be contacted by the MCFLA Sales Office if your project has been donated to you.

I, _____, exhibitor, have read and understand the Rules and Regulations of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition Association, including the NO PASS-NO PLAY policies, the Substance Avoidance Program, the Animal Residency Requirement, the Livestock Show and Auction Etiquette, and clean up requirements.

I understand that the Matagorda County Fair Association prohibits the feeding of ruminant meat and bone meal to ruminant animals and by signing I agree to adhere to these rules and regulations of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Show.

**Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition Association
Release and Indemnity Agreement**

I, _____, a participant(s)/contestant(s) in the **Junior Livestock Show & Auction** of Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition Association do hereby knowingly and voluntarily release the above referenced Event, the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition Association, Board of Directors, members, judges, volunteers and employees of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition 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 thereof, the ownership and possession of any honors, awards, or rights, thereby, any negligent act, act of misfeasance or 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 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.

Both exhibitor and exhibitors' parent(s) or guardian(s) have read and fully understand the rules and regulations of the 2025 Livestock Rule Book.

Your Signature acknowledges the above three Paragraphs.

Participant's/Contestant's Signature Parent's Signature Date Signed

THE ABOVE DOCUMENT MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BEFORE PARTICIPATION IN ANY MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION ASSOCIATION EVEN.