

MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION
RULES AND REGULATIONS
Longhorn & Halter Heifer Show
February 14, 2026

- 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 CATTLE-**
- 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, in order 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 Holding Pen (Make Up Area), only the Exhibitor can handle the animal. Only one warning will be given in the Holding Pen (Make Up Area) or 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 Cattle Marshals 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.

American Division	British Division	Commercial Division	Exotic Division	Texas Longhorn Division
ARB	Angus	50% of Less Brahman	EEORB (Euripian Exotic Other Registered Breeds)	Jr. Longhorn Heifer
AORB (All Other Registered Breeds)	Aberdeen (Lowline Angus)	50% or more Brahman	Charlois	Sr. Longhorn Heifer
Beefmaster	BORB/EORB (Other Registered Breeds)	ABC (American Breed Cross)	Chianina	Jr. Longhorn Steer
Bradford	Herford	Non Brahman	Limousin	Sr. Longhorn Steer
Brahman	Mini Hereford		Manine Anjou	Longhorn Bull
Red Brahman	Shorthorn		Simental	
Brangus				
Red Brangus				
Santa Gertrudis				
Simbrah				

Longhorn Registration

1. Registration for Longhorn Show is mailed to Stephen Head.
2. Check-In
 - a. Check in is Friday night or Saturday morning
 - i. Friday night from 6PM to 8PM in the cattle barn. Everyone must be out of the gates by 10 PM and the barn will be locked.
 - ii. Saturday Feb. 14. Morning check in 7AM to 8:30AM in the cattle barn
3. Late registration's will be taken as long as you show up before your class shows. Late fee is \$55.
4. Longhorn show starts no earlier than 9AM

Showmanship

1. Showmanship will consist of the Longhorn Show and Open Show. Longhorn and Open exhibitors will show together.
2. Must participate in regular show to show in Showmanship
3. Showmanship will be divided into two divisions - Junior 3rd -8th grade and Senior 9th-12th grade.
4. Buckles to the winner in each showmanship division.

AWARDS

Buckles, ribbons and prizes such as Coolers, Bag Coolers, Tiles, to American, British, Crossbreed, Exotic and Longhorn Heifers. Buckles to Longhorn Steer and Bull Champion.

There will be a Heifer Champion, Steer Champion, and Bull Champion

All five Heifer Division Winners and their Reserve winners will show for Supreme Heifer

Qualifications For Exhibiting **Texas Longhorn Cattle** **In TLBT Youth Shows**

1. Any member in good standing of the TLBT may show in TLBT shows including current year National, through High School Graduation.
2. Longhorn calves must be registered with the Texas Longhorn Breeders Association of America. However, they are not required to be registered in the name of the youth. A copy of said registration must accompany all entry forms for verification of age and registration – no pending registrations will be accepted. All animals will be subject to positive identification at arrival and throughout the show.
3. Cattle may be subjected to mousing by a certified veterinarian for verification of age. TLBAA management, under the directions of the TLBAA Board of Directors maintains the option to weigh and/or physically inspect cattle at TLBAA World Qualifying shows, World Expo and

National Youth Show.

4. Texas Longhorn Breeders of Tomorrow shows are considered open shows. Cattle may be youth, ranch or other breeders of Texas Longhorn cattle.
5. A stand-off may be used over a portion of the lead shank when exhibiting cattle in the show ring if the horns of the animal are in danger to exhibitor. This stand-off may be a section of PVC pipe or some other suitable means of control.
6. All bulls competing are shown at halter with a NOSE LEAD. Bulls 12 months of age or older must be shown with a permanent nose ring and nose lead. Class 21 bulls must be exhibited by a TLBT member 18 years of age and/or in the senior showmanship division.
7. NECK TIES or NECK STRAPS must be used on all bulls over 12 months when secured in stall.
8. Exhibitors must wear Western attire. Long sleeve shirt or long sleeve blouse with collar and cuffs and pants or skirt with boots, while exhibiting cattle in the show ring (Western hats may be worn if desired). "Baseball style" caps and "tennis shoe" type footwear are prohibited in the show ring.
9. No adults, except the judge and show officials, will be allowed in the show arena except in the case of an emergency.
10. Only TLBAA members in good standing that are showing or helping with make-ready animals will be allowed in the make-ready area.
11. When questions arise concerning items not covered by these rules, the show committee for the respective show will make the decision concerning the point in question and its decision will be binding.
12. Showmanship – World Qualifying shows and National Youth Shows. Youth exhibitors must exhibit an animal in a competition to participate in that competition's showmanship classes.

Show Ring Classifications

Females

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| Class 2 | Born July-August preceding calendar year of NS |
| Class 3 | Born May-June preceding calendar year of NS |
| Class 4 | Born March-April preceding calendar year of NS |
| Class 5 | Born January-February preceding calendar year of NS |
| Class 6 | Junior Champion Female (winner from classes 1-5) |
| Class 7 | Reserve Junior Champion Female (remaining first place winners and second place winner from Junior Champion) |
| Class 8 | Born September-December second preceding calendar year of NS |
| Class 9 | Born May-August second preceding calendar year of NS |
| Class 10 | Born January-April second preceding calendar year of NS |
| Class 11 | Born third preceding calendar year of the NS |
| Class 12 | Senior Champion Female (class winners from classes 8-11) |
| Class 13 | Reserve Senior Champion Female (remaining class winners and second place winner from Senior Champion) |
| Class 14 | Grand Champion Female (from Junior Champion and Senior Champion) |
| Class 15 | Reserve Grand Champion Female (from remaining Champion and the Reserve Champion to the Grand Champion) |

Bulls

- Class 16 Born September-December preceding calendar year of NS
- Class 17 Born July-August preceding calendar year of NS
- Class 18 Born May-June preceding calendar year of NS
- Class 19 Born March-April preceding calendar year of NS
- Class 20 Born January-February preceding calendar year of NS
- Class 21 Born September-December second preceding calendar year of NS
Must be 18 years of age and/or senior showmanship division
- Class 22 Grand Champion Bull (class winners from classes 16-21)
- Class 23 Reserve Grand Champion Bull (remaining class winners plus second place winner from Grand Champion class)

Young Steers

- Class 25 Born July-September preceding calendar year of the NS
- Class 26 Born April-June preceding calendar year of the NS
- Class 27 Born January-March preceding calendar year of the NS
- Class 28 Junior Champion Steer (winner from classes 24-27)
- Class 29 Reserve Junior Champion Steer (remaining first place winners and second place winner from Junior Champion class)
- Class 30 Born September-December second preceding calendar year of the NS
- Class 31 Born May-August second preceding calendar year of the NS
- Class 32 Born January-April second preceding calendar year of the NS
- Class 33 Born January-December third preceding calendar year of the NS
- Class 34 Senior Champion Steer
- Class 35 Reserve Champion Steer (remaining first place winners and second place winner from Senior Champion class)
- Class 36 Grand Champion Steer (from Junior and Senior Champion Steers)
- Class 37 Reserve Grand Champion Steer (from remaining Champion and the Reserve Champion to the Grand Champion)

Must Have Signed Release's

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

I/we, _____, a participant in the
Haltered Longhorn (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 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 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 any and 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.***

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

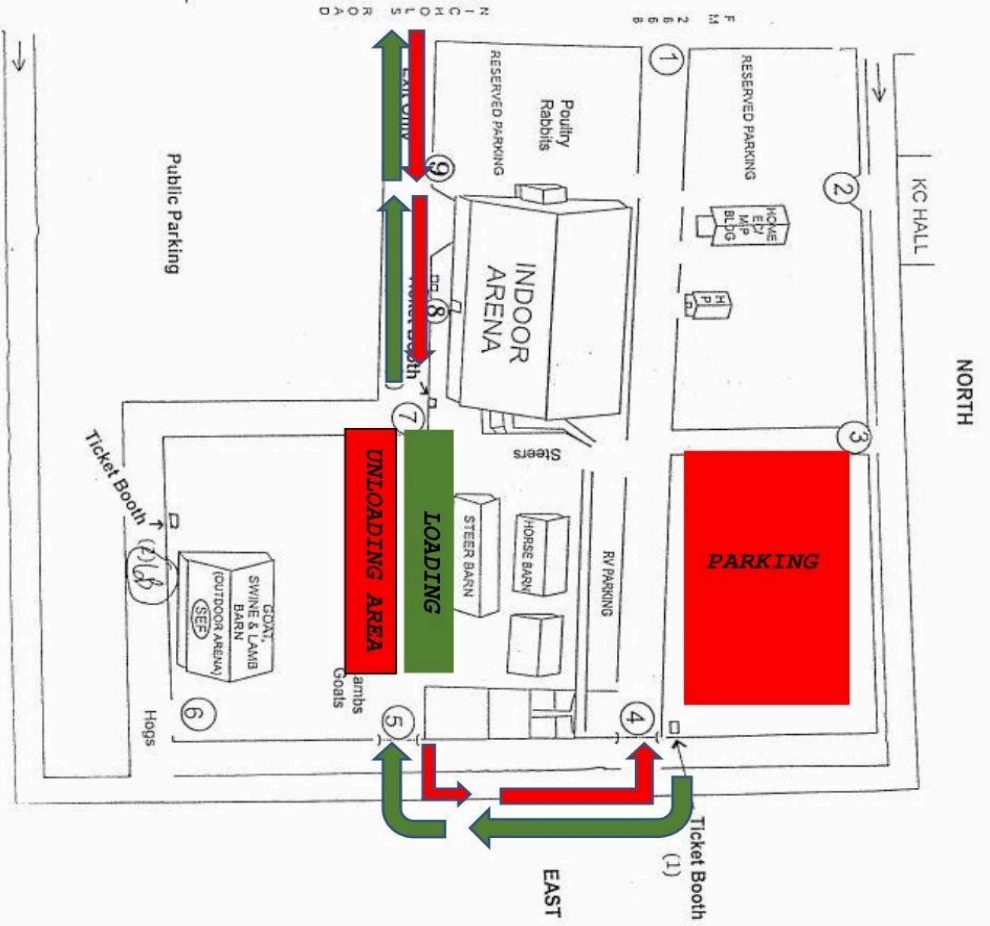
NO PERSON(S) MAY PARTICIPATE/COMPETE IN ANY MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION EVENT(S) UNTIL THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED BEFORE.

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



WEST

NORTH

EAST