

## **2017 General Rules & Regulations For the San Jacinto County Fair Association**

**NOTICE: ALL EXHIBITORS ARE CAUTIONED TO READ CAREFULLY THE FOLLOWING RULE AND REGULATIONS,  
AS ALL WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**

The San Jacinto County Fair Board reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of, connection with, or incident of the show.

The Livestock Committee and/or Fair Board reserves the right to amend or add to these rules and as in its judgments, may deem advisable.

Any person who violates a general rule will forfeit all privileges and premiums they may have won.

The following rules and regulations have been adopted by the SJC Fair Board of Directors:

1. The show will open Friday, **September 22, 2017** at 5 p.m. and close on the following Sunday unless posted by management, which they hereby claim the right to do, either in part or whole, from any cause whatsoever, for the general good of all concerned.
  
2. Eligibility Requirements: ALL ENTRANTS...
  - a. Must be a member of Shepherd FFA, Coldspring FFA, San Jacinto County 4-H Club, the San Jacinto County Junior Exhibitor Group or other school sponsored organizations in Coldspring or Shepherd ISD.
  
  - b. Must be under the guidance of an Agricultural Science teacher, County Extension Agent, the Junior Exhibitor Committee, or school sponsored advisor.
  
  - c. Must be enrolled in a Public, Private, Parochial or Home School.
  
  - d. 4-H age must be 9 or in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade as of **August 31, 2017**. Junior exhibitors must be between 5 and 8 years of age and not eligible for 4-H membership as of **August 31, 2017**.
  
  - e. If a child is ineligible to participate in the SJC Fair and Rodeo due to academics it will Automatically disqualify the animal and or project and no substitutions will be allowed.
  
  - f. Any exception to eligibility requirements will be decided on a case by case basis by the SJCF directors. A general exception form must be completed upon request.
  
  - g. A completed validation card verifies that the exhibitor is ineligible to show in any other county market show.
  
3. Entries must be bona-fide property of the exhibitor and have been owned by the exhibitor by validation date. The animal(s) must be raised and fed in San Jacinto County unless covered by rule 2.
  
4. LIVESTOCK ENTRY FEES: \$20.00 for the first animal of a division entered for an individual exhibitor and an additional \$10 for each animal of that division that is tagged in for that exhibitor.  
EXAMPLE: Steer #1 (\$20), Steer #2 (\$10) = \$30.00 fee  
Breeding Heifer #1 (\$20), Breeding Heifer #2 (\$20) = \$40.00 fee  
All fees will be paid to committee chairperson by day of official validation.

5. EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT ENTRY FEES: \$10.00 for each individual entry entered in the educational building. This does not pertain to group school organizations.
6. All livestock must be in the barn by **5 p.m. Wednesday September 27, 2017** except as specified in the division rules.  
EXAMPLE: Rabbits, Poultry, Steers, Replacement Heifers, Lambs, Goats, hogs and breeding heifers
7. All pens and livestock must be kept clean while on exhibit, with each exhibitor furnishing feed and all other Materials necessary for their animal. **EXHIBITOR CAN BE DISQUALIFIED BY THE WHOLESOME ANIMAL COMMITTEE (LIVESTOCK CHAIRMEN).**
8. All livestock exhibited must be GENTLE enough to be handled by the exhibitor alone. **UNRULY ANIMALS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED** at the discretion of the committee chairperson.
9. Non-sale animals must be out of the barn by 4 p.m. Friday **September 29, 2017** of the Fair, AFTER being released by the respective Committee chairperson. Any animal not removed by 4 p.m. Friday will not be released until 7 a.m. Sunday.
10. Sale animals will be released on Sunday **October 1, 2017** of the Fair from **8 a.m. to 10 am**, AFTER being signed out by the respective committee chairperson. ALL animals are to be out of the barn by 10 a.m. on Sunday. There will be a MANDATORY exhibitor livestock sale meeting. Date and time to TBD.
11. Exhibitor of all sale animals is responsible for the delivery of the animals to the buyer. It is the responsibility of the student to contact the buyer and dispose of the animal according to the buyers wishes. Projects are the exhibitor's responsibility to care for and feed up to seven days after the sale, unless other arrangements are made. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in a 25% penalty of net sale proceeds. Animals will only be released to the exhibitor.
  - 11 a) **every exhibitor is required to be at the fairgrounds from 8:00 am through 10:00 am on Sunday October 1, 2017 to clean the facilities. Thank you notes will be turned in to their respective 4H leader or Ag teacher. If you do not show up the Fair Association will assess a 25% penalty of net sale.**
12. Each exhibitor or their parent must know without a doubt what the disposition of their animal is going to be as soon as possible AFTER the sale is completed.
13. **IMPORTANT-** When an exhibitor presents his market animal to be weighed it is understood that the weight will be recorded and become official. Each animal will be weighed ONE time only on the official San Jacinto County Fair scales.
14. Committee Chairpersons have the right to combine classes and/or create a class or classes as deemed necessary.
15. Exhibitors are allowed to show one project per species/division but must choose only 1 sale animal/project unless you win grand or reserve in more than one species. This does not apply to Breeding Beef Heifers.  
EXAMPLE- one steer or one pen of rabbits, one educational barn project.... etc.
16. The exhibitor **MUST** own the animal being shown in the showmanship class.
17. Any exhibitor found with alcoholic beverages will be asked to leave the fairgrounds, their animal disqualified and will be barred from future shows.

**18. Steers, Heifers, Lambs, Goats and Swine must be present at their respective validations.**

If a tag is lost, the exhibitor has Five (5) days to notify their Agricultural Science teacher, County Extension Agent or Junior Exhibitor committee person AND SPECIES CHAIRPERSON so the market animal can be re-tagged.

**19. Those exhibitors wishing not to sell in the market sale must notify the committee chairperson by 2 p.m. Friday September 29, 2017 of the Fair.**

**20. NO FORCE FEEDING OR WATERING OF ANY ANIMAL ON FAIRGROUNDS .THIS RULE WILL BE ENFORCED AND THE EXHIBITOR WILL BE BARRED FROM THIS SHOW AND FUTURE COUNTY FAIRS.**

**21. No non-sale animal will be released from the fairgrounds without a signed release from the COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON.**

**22. Official Protest must be submitted to the Livestock Chairperson in writing and accompanied by a \$100.00 deposit which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal, giving good and sufficient reasons therefore, and must be delivered to the division Chairperson immediately upon the occasion for such protest. Any protest not officially filed within 24 hours of the alleged incident will not be considered. These cases are referred to the SJC Fair Board of Directors which will have full power to act and from whose decision there can be no appeal.**

**23. All animals entered in the San Jacinto County Fair may and are subject to be randomly tested for prohibited drug residue. If evidence is found, the exhibitor and his/her family will be barred from any further or future San Jacinto County Fairs and all monies and prizes will be forfeited. San Jacinto County Fair reserves the right to test all or any market animals during the show.**

**24. Exhibitors are only eligible to win one showmanship per species.**

**25. No locks on pens will be allowed until after animal has been checked in by species chairman.**

**26. All exhibit animals are to remain in designated areas.**

## **VALIDATION DATES & TIMES**

<b>STEERS &amp; HEIFERS</b>	<b>May 6, 2017</b>	<b>8-9 AM</b>
<b>ALL OTHERS</b>	<b>June 3, 2017</b>	<b>7-9 AM</b>

**THE FAIR ASSOCIATION IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR INJURY OR ACCIDENTS.**