

# 2011-2012

## **POTTER CO. JR. LIVESTOCK SHOW**

January 19, 20 & 21 2011

### **Rules & Regulations**

Potter County Jr. Livestock Association is a non-profit organization, whose purpose is to conduct an annual livestock show for the 4-H and FFA members of Potter County, TX, and such other pursuits that will promote and encourage the youth of Potter Co. with their educational growth in the field of agriculture.

"It's All About the Kids!"

# **GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. The Potter County Jr. Livestock Board of Directors, hereafter referred to as the Board, reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations, and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions or differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, or connected with, or incidental to the show. Any matter not referred to in this rule book shall be determined according to the rules in the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Exhibitor Handbook.
2. Anyone who is a bonafide 4-H or FFA member, in good standing and enrolled in a public or private elementary or secondary school is eligible to show is supervised by the County Agent or Agriculture Science Teacher in Potter County. No animals and/or exhibitors may be entered that has been shown in another county show.
3. Pee Wee Exhibitors are not eligible for the Premium Sale.
4. Entries: Each exhibitor can have two (2) entries per species. Example: One exhibitor may show up to 2 steers, 2 heifers, 2 hogs, 2 lambs, and 2 goats.
  - A. All entries must have a Texas Validation tag.
  - B. Entry fees will be \$20.00 for cattle, sheep, swine and goats. \$15.00 for first rabbit enter, \$5 for each additional rabbit entered.
  - C. Entry deadline: Entries are to be paid to the treasurer no later than December 15, 2011
5. The barn will open at 6:30 a.m. each morning and will close at 10:30 p.m.
6. Superintendent will be in charge of handling any protest. Protests must be in writing prior to judging and accompanied by a \$25.00 fee, which will be refunded if the protest is upheld. All decisions are final.
7. Only animals entered in the stock show will be allowed in the show barn.
8. These regulations shall be subject to change or amended by the Board at any time prior to the opening of the show.
9. No animal will leave the grounds once inside. Upon completion of the show & prior to the sale, no animal will be allowed to leave the premises without approval from the Superintendent or Board of Directors. If any animal leaves the premises after the show and prior to the sale then that animal is ineligible to be sold in the premium sale. Substitute animals for this purpose will not be allowed. Exceptions can be made on a case by case basis at the discretion of the Board of Directors and the Show Chairman.
10. The Potter County Jr. Livestock Show is based on high standards of competition, sportsmanship, ethics, and fair play. Participants are expected to conduct themselves according to these standards. Any exhibitor or family member who violates these standards may be barred from participating in the show or sale.
11. The Potter County Jr. Livestock Association and the Potter County Jr. Livestock Show will abide by "UIL eligibility standers."
12. If the carcass is condemned, exhibitor will not get his/her floor money.
13. A substitute showman must have an animal showing in the show and written notification of need for a substitute showman must be signed by exhibitor's advisor prior to the showing of the animal. The Superintendent has final approval of substitution.
14. All animals will be weighed before the show and a three (3) Pound variance will be allowed on the top and bottom weights for all species. Any animal not weighing within the weight limits will not be allowed to show. Any animal that weighs out of the show will be allowed to be sold for floor price. Floor prices are subject to buyer terms.

15. Premium Sale:
  - A. Steers, barrows, lambs, and goats are eligible for the premium sale. Each exhibitor can sell no more than two (2) qualifying animals unless the exhibitor has four (4) Grand Champions. All Grand Champions will sell through the Premium Sale.
  - B. Only the top percentage of each class will sell. This percentage will be determined by the Board of Directors & Buyers Club Chairman.
  - C. Notification as to which animals will sell must be made directly to the exhibitor's FFA advisor or County Agent within one hour after the show ends.
  - D. The sale will be a straight premium sale. Exhibitors of premium or floor animals have the choice of flooring, taking home, or taking the animals to another show.
  - E. The exhibitor must be present to sell his/her animals unless notification is given to and approved by the Board. The animals will be removed from the sale and all premiums forfeited if notice is not given and approved.
  - F. Each exhibitor in the Premium Sale is expected to be present at the start of the sale and stay until all animals have been sold. A non-compliance of this rule will result in actions to be taken by the Board.
  - G. Placings recorded on entry cards will be the official determination for animals being included in the premium sale.
  - H. Only animals eligible for the Premium Sale can receive an add-on at the Potter County Stock Show.
16. The Board of Directors and the Show Chairman will handle any perceived or actual safety issues at their discretion.
17. The Grand and Reserve Grand Heifer will be given a premium to be set by the Board of Directors and the Buyers Club Chairman.

## **CATTLE DEPARTMENT**

(All entries in the Department subject to the General Rules and Regulations)

1. Steers must have been owned and cared for by the exhibitor by June 30, 2010 and be tagged with a Texas Validation tag.
2. Steers Weight Limit - 900 pounds minimum
3. Heifers must have been owned and cared for by the exhibitor by October 31, 2010 and must be tagged with a county validation tag.
4. Heifers must be 30 months of age or less at time of show.
5. Registration papers preferred, but not required on heifers. Tattoo is required on all heifers. On non-registered heifers, birth date used for tattoo.
6. A premium will be awarded to the heifer division and amount will be determined at time of show by Board of Directors and Buyers Club Chairman.
7. Classes will be divided after weigh-in for steers and papers or tattoo is checked for heifers.
8. No artificial colors or materials or adhesives may be used and no professional fitters will be allowed in the barn.

## **LAMB DEPARTMENT**

(All entries in this Department subject to the General Rules and Regulations)

1. Animals must have been owned by the exhibitor by October 31, 2010 and must be tagged with a Texas Validation Tag.
2. Lambs must be slick shorn from the hock up. No artificial dressings may be used.
3. Only wethers may be shown.
4. Classes will be made up after weigh in. There will be three breed classes: Southdown, Fine Wool and Fine Wool Cross, and Medium Wool.
5. Weight limits: No weight limits on top and must weigh minimum of 80 pounds (70 pounds for Southdown). Floor pays only to 130 pounds.
6. Superintendent will determine breed classifications.

## **GOAT DEPARTMENT**

(All entries in this Department subject to the General Rules and Regulations)

1. Animals must have been owned by the exhibitor by October 31, 2010 and must be tagged with a Texas Validation Tag.
2. Only wethers may be shown.
3. If horned, the horns must be tipped (not less than the diameter of a dime at the end). Superintendent will have final judgment.
4. Weight limits: No weight limits on top and must weigh minimum of 50 pounds.
5. Classes will be divided by weight only.
6. Minimum of five (5) head to make a class.

## **SWINE DEPARTMENT**

(All entries in this Department subject to the General Rules and Regulations)

1. Animals must have been owned by the exhibitor by November 30, 2010 and must be tagged with a Texas Validation Tag.
2. There will be six (6) breed divisions: Duroc, Yorkshire, Hampshire, Black OPB, White OPB, and Crosses.
3. Classes will be made after weigh in. Classes will be shown by breeds and weights.
4. Only barrows may be shown.
5. No artificial dressing may be used.

6. Weight limits: Minimum of 145 lbs and maximum of 270 lbs. 145 to 170 lb barrows are only guaranteed a prospect class and are not guaranteed a spot in the sale.
7. No barrow under 220 pounds can sell on the floor.
8. Swine are not to be clipped or fit during the show.
9. Superintendent will determine breed classification

## **RABBIT DEPARTMENT**

(All entries in this Department subject to the General Rules and Regulations)

1. Health regulations—All Rabbits will be examined by the Rabbit Director or an official at check-in. Any rabbit deemed sick or unsuitable/unmerchantable will be disqualified, forfeit their entry, and be asked to leave immediately.
2. Rabbits must have a tattoo in their left ear or they will be disqualified. If you need a rabbit tattooed then contact your County agent or Advisor and they will find someone to tattoo your rabbit.
3. All rabbits should be entered in their proper classes. An official may change an entry if they deem necessary. No substitutions will be made the day of the show.
4. Each class will be broken up by breed, gender, and age—Jr. Doe, Sr. Doe, Jr. Buck, Sr. Buck, and breed. The 1<sup>st</sup> place of each age will compete in the Best of Breed category. In the event there are not enough of any breed to judge as a breed, animals will be judged as either 6 class [large breed animals, junior, intermediates, or senior] or 4 class [small breed animals, junior or senior].
5. Rabbits must be placed and removed from judging table by the exhibitor. Only show officials, judge and designated writer are allowed behind the judging table. Decisions of judge are final.
5. Fur Classes - any rabbit raised for fur production  
Meat Classes - any rabbit raised for meat production; can be shown individually or in a pen of 3.
6. All rabbits entered must be owned by the exhibitor 30 days prior to show.
7. Any exhibitor wishing to participate in showmanship must sign up at time of check-in. Showmanship consists of presenting a rabbit before a panel and answering a few questions. There will be 2 classes, Jr. Showmanship for ages 13 and younger, and Sr. Showmanship, ages 14 and up. Buckles will be awarded to Jr. and Sr. Showmanship.
8. This is just an exhibition show which means that there will be no rabbit that will go to the premium sale. Therefore your entry fee then goes toward expenses of rabbit show and remainder of entry fees will be applied to a jackpot and distributed by class.
9. The rules committee and/or the Board of Directors reserve the right to interpret the rules and regulations and settle any matters of disputes regarding the show.