

Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show

Show Rules

(Revised 7-27-2011)

All exhibitors are requested to read these rules carefully and not enter the show unless they can wholeheartedly abide by the rules. An exhibitor who violates any of the show rules may forfeit all privileges, premiums, and awards and/or be subject to such other penalties as the Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show Board of Directors may order.

ALL SHOW RULES WILL BE ENFORCED

ELEMENTS OF ELIGIBILITY - EXHIBITOR

1. Exhibitor must be enrolled in school or be home schooled, be in the 3rd grade - 12th grade, and not graduated or completed the GED. Must be a full time student on the date of the show.
2. Exhibitor must reside, be home schooled or attend school in the Nixon-Smiley CISD.
3. Exhibitor must be a member in **good standing** with one of the following clubs:
 1. Nixon 4-H Club
 2. Smiley 4-H Club
 3. Leesville 4-H Club
 4. Nixon-Smiley FFA
 5. Nixon-Smiley FCCLA (formerly FHA)
4. To be eligible to compete in the show an exhibitor must be in **good standing** which means he or she must not be expelled, suspended or enrolled in alternative school at any time after January 1 of the calendar year. If the student is withdrawn from school he/she must be in **good standing** with the district at the time of withdrawal.
5. To be eligible, an exhibitor must have a Semester 1 Average of 70 or above in each subject area. Any "Incompletes" must be complete and passing by Jan.31st. of the show year.

ELEMENTS OF ELIGIBILITY - PROJECT

1. Exhibitor or the project must not show in any other youth livestock show in this county or other county. This **DOES NOT** include major shows.
2. Project must reside in the Nixon-Smilely CISD any exceptions must be approved by your leader and the Nixon-Smilely Livestock Board of Directors. The residence must be stated on the entry form at validation or at the Nixon-Smilely Show Grounds, unless other arrangements are made with your leaders and approved by the Nixon-Smilely Livestock Board of Directors. If project has to be moved for any reason a change of address must be reported to the Board of Directors.

GENERAL RULES

1. The Board of Directors reserves the right to interpret these rules and regulations, and to settle all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto. They also reserve the right to amend the rules as the need arises. Any situation not covered in these rules will be decided by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. This decision will be final.
2. **Liability:** All entries will be under the control and direction of the Nixon Smiley Livestock Show Board, however, the Directors and officials will not be responsible for any loss or damage to any property of the exhibitor or persons.
3. Any exhibitor whose conduct is detrimental to the livestock show or displays unapproved conduct (drinking, smoking, “dipping”, cursing, etc..) on the show grounds at any time before, during and after the show and/or sale may be disqualified from the show, sale and all future shows, if determined necessary by the Board of Directors.
4. ALL contestants ARE REQUIRED to wear appropriate clothing---jeans, slacks, long sleeve or short sleeve shirts, and boots or athletic shoes at the weigh-in/check-in, show and sale. (During the weigh-in/check-in, show, and sale the contestants **CANNOT WEAR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:** sunglasses except prescription glasses, hats, caps, low cut or low rise jeans, shorts, skirts, dresses, sandals, flip-flops, open toe shoes of any kind, skin revealing and/or cleavage exposing clothing, “see through” or “see-in” clothing, clothing worn backwards or inside out, earrings worn by male exhibitors, piercing in any visible parts except the ear of female exhibitors, tattoos or body art must be covered, hair coloring or dying hues that do not occur in any natural human hair, and clothing **MUST NOT** have decals, paintings, pictures, emblems, etc. that display lewd, offensive, vulgar, obscenity, profanity, drug use, alcohol use, violence or gang identification). Contestants are reminded to display proper manners, sportsmanship, and leadership abilities at all times during the competition and sale.
5. Exhibitors must show and sell their own project. Poultry exhibitors may have help in the show ring, but the helper(s) must follow eligibility and show rules. No adults may

show. Exhibitor substitutions for check-in/weigh-in must have prior approval from the board. Written request is due by Feb.1st.

6. All entry forms and fees are due to the Livestock Show Board at validation. Entry forms must be filled out completely and signed by the exhibitor and his/her parent or guardian. **Late entries will not be accepted.**

7. A minimum of four entries is required to establish a Market Class, and two for a Breeder Class or Commercial Heifer Class. This minimum is for all classes, no exceptions. *A class is made, or not made at the entry deadline date.*

8. An exhibitor may enter more than one class, but may have only one entry per class in the Show. The same animal cannot be shown in both Market and Breeding classes. ***“The exhibitor may validate no more than two animals per class.”*** Each exhibitor will be allowed **co-validation** of an animal, with a sibling. Co-validations are only allowed for siblings that live in the same household. Special situations will need to be addressed directly by the Board. Co-validation may only occur after each exhibitor has validated one animal solely in his/her name. Each exhibitor must show the animal validated solely in his/her name unless the animal dies or is sold at a major show. If this occurs, the exhibitor may then show a co-validated animal, registered to the exhibitor at validation, in the Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show. A fee of \$15.00 will be charged for each animal to be validated. Validation fee for a co-validated animal will be figured by the head. A \$15.00 entry fee will be charged for entry into the Ag. Mechanics, Cake, Crafts, Rabbits, Broilers, and Turkey competition. An additional \$15.00 will be charged for each additional pen of rabbits (5) validated, and pens of broilers (25) or turkeys (10) ordered. (A pen of rabbits to be validated is considered to be five rabbits.) Poultry cost are to be paid when the entry fee and form are turned in to the Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show Board on the validation date. See Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show Calendar. **No refunds are made unless the class does not make.**

9. ALL animals will be validated **only** on the appointed day and times with the exception of broilers and turkeys. Rabbits will be tattooed at validation. All other animals will be tagged. If the ear tag becomes lost, it is the exhibitor’s responsibility to contact the Board as soon as possible. All validated animal entries **must** have the official Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show ear tag or tattoo in their ear **prior** to the weigh-in/check-in.

10. All entries will be placed in blue, red, or white quality categories. White ribbon entries and breeders will not sell, and must be removed from the grounds before the sale, unless the exhibitor wishes to floor their animal. (Please contact the Livestock Show Board about this option within one hour after the last class shows.) Projects will be sold in the order they were placed. If a class was divided by weight, the top animals called back for final judging of Grand and Reserve will be listed first.

11. Exhibitors may sell only one entry. The only exception is that all Grand and Reserve Champions will be sold. If exhibitors enter more than one class, it is the exhibitor’s responsibility to notify the Livestock Show Board office, as to which project

will be sold at the Auction. If the exhibitor does not notify the office within one hour after the last class shows, then the Livestock Show Board office will decide which project will be sold in the auction. *No changes concerning any entry to be sold will be made after this time.*

12. **NO SILENT AUCTIONS WILL BE PERMITTED.** Any projects and or supplies left on the show grounds will become property of the Livestock Show Board.

13. **All sales are final.** No charges of any kind concerning any items sold, floored, or kept will be made once the exhibitor and the project leave the sale ring.

14. All animal entries are subject to drug testing, and must be free of disease, physical defects, and parasites.

Exhibitors are required to follow the USDA Wholesome Meat Act and the requirements of the Texas Animal Health Commissions of Ruling NO.41-806 Governor's Proclamation No. 69 effective on September 21, 1959, governing admission of livestock to shows, fairs, and exhibitions. All livestock eligible for immediate slaughter may be exhibited in regard to the following:

- A. Animals must be in good health, and free of drug or chemicals residues.
- B. Drug label directions for use and withdrawal periods must be followed.
- C. If drug or chemical residues are found in the tissues, the entire carcass maybe condemned if animals are treated with a medication not approved for use in human consumption it will be ineligible to be shown and sold through the auction.

The USDA Wholesome Meat Act does not apply to breeding animals, however breeder animals can be screened for any performances enchanting compounds such as but not limited to steroids, diuretics, and painkillers.

Animals showing signs of drug use will be inspected by a committee of show officials and will be subject to removal from the show, and the exhibitor forfeits all of it rights to awards and the auction price. A completed drug certification form signed by the exhibitor and parent or guardian will be required prior to show weigh-in. The Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show reserves the right to test any animal and have all livestock and poultry entries visually examined by a veterinarian

The Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show Board, buyer and/or livestock auction commission will not be liable or responsible for the condition of the carcasses, the sale price of the animal, and payment for drug or health inspections of the project. The expense of the drug or health inspections will be the exhibitor's responsibility.

Health papers are not required.

Any changes to the Texas Animal Health Commission Rules and Regulations take precedent over this rule.

In addition, animal projects do not have to be washed, but cleaned at the discretion of the exhibitor. The use of talc's, oils or any foreign material will not be permitted on any animal project during the weigh-in/check-in and show.

15. All entries will be checked on by the Leaders and/or the Nixon-Smiley Livestock Board of Directors.

16. All entries are the responsibility of the exhibitor. After the entry has left the sale ring, it is the property of the buyer. Exhibitors are responsible for the care, grooming, and clean up of their entry(s). All animal entries must be bedded in material approved by the Livestock Show Board, and pens are available on a first come, first serve bases. Please do not dismantle or alter the pens or panels. Please keep all supplies in designated areas. Blocking aisles with supplies will not be permitted. **The only approved material that can be used for bedding is wood shavings. The exhibitor must supply his/her own bedding.**

17. All entries must be checked-in or weighed-in at the designated time and place. Entries **will not** be accepted after this designated time, but the times may be adjusted according to the number of entries.

18. ALL MARKET animals must be weighed. Animals will be given only **one** official weighing. No reweighs will be allowed. If the animal is not within weight limits for its class, it is automatically ineligible for the show. All classes may be divided at the discretion of the Stock Show Directors.

19. No parents will be allowed near the scales or animals when being weighed or checked-in. **Exhibitors must show capability of handling animals.** The board may disqualify any exhibitor from the show if they are incapable of handling their animal(s).

20. Awards will be presented at judging time. Exhibitors may keep the ribbons, rosettes, and belt buckles. Trophies (with exceptions of breeding animals) should be returned and held in the Livestock Show Office until the sale. Craft, and Cake awards will be announced and distributed prior to the judging of the rabbits in the show ring. The decision of the judge will be final. Showmanship awards will also be judged in Market Hogs, Market Lambs, Market Goats, and Market Steers. Grooming awards will be judged in Market Rabbits, Broilers and Turkeys and will be announced at judging time. Substitute exhibitors will not be eligible for showmanship awards.

21. NO ONE but the exhibitor, the official judge, designated board members, and designated helpers (assigned by the board) will be allowed in the judging ring, show area and sale area.

22. During the sale, only authorized personnel are allowed in the back - board members, advisors, and designated help. Exhibitors and their parents will only be allowed in the back when their class of animal is about to be sold (**during the last few entries of the preceding class**).

23. Exhibitor, or alternate exhibitor, must be present with their project at the sale. If the exhibitor is not present at time of the class' sale, their project will not be sold.

24. Sale prices will be determined as follows:

A. Grand Champion

No limited (Market Rabbits, Broilers, Turkeys, Market Hogs, Market Lambs, Market Goats, Market Steers and Ag, Mechanics.)

\$500 limit - Cakes and Crafts

B. Reserve Champion

90% of Grand Champion in (Market Rabbits, Broilers, Turkeys, Market Hogs, Market Lambs, Market Goats, Market Steers and Ag, Mechanics.)

\$25 below Grand Champion in cakes and crafts

C. Other placings:

Market Rabbits, Broilers, Turkeys, Market Hogs, Market Lambs, Market Goats, Market Steers and Ag, Mechanics

Blue Ribbons--90% of Reserve Champion

Red Ribbons--90% of lowest Blue Ribbon

Layered Cakes and Crafts:

Blue Ribbons--\$10.00 less than Reserve Champion

Red Ribbons--\$10.00 less than lowest Blue ribbon

25. Rabbits, Broilers and Turkeys are sold by the pen.

26. All weights will be shrunk 3% to get the sale weight.

27. Five percents (5%) sale commission on all entries sold will be deducted from the exhibitors check.

28. Each exhibitor shall write a **hand written** thank you note to each buyer of his or her project, and to any "add-on" money the exhibitor receives. **This note is to be stamped, properly addressed but not sealed** and turned into the Stock Show Board. An exhibitor who receives a belt buckle or trophy will also be required to write a thank you note to the

donor. Thank you notes should be delivered to the Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show Barn on the 3rd Saturday after the sale @ 10am to 11:30am unless it falls on a Holiday than it will be pushed to the next Saturday. At that time, the exhibitor will receive their check(s). If the exhibitor does not pick up their check on this date they will be available for pickup before the next regular scheduled Show Board meeting. If thank you notes are not written and verified, the exhibitor will not be allowed to receive their checks. Exhibitor checks will be void after 90 days from **ORIGINAL DATE OF ISSUE**.

29. **All animal and poultry exhibitor will be required to keep a record book or project book. The Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show Board will provide the sheets for each book. Exhibitors may make as many copies of the sheets as they need. Record and Project books are due at weigh-in/check-in. If these books are not presented, the project will not be accepted. The exhibitor is required to supply all pictures and folder for these books. RECORD BOOK/PROJECT BOOK MUST BE SIGNED BY THE ORGINIZATIONAL LEADER.**

30. Every exhibitor will be required to clean up at the show. A sign up sheet will be posted the day of the show. **Failure to help clean up will result in a \$50.00 fine to be paid before you receive your check. Cash only. "It will not be held out of your check"**.

31. **All animals must be in their assigned pens before 4p.m. on Check-in day. If animals are not in there pens the exhibitor will not be allowed to show that entry.**

32. **NO ANIMALS WILL BE LOADED BEFORE THE SALE ENDS. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

33. No animal will be allowed to be removed from premises unless it has been cleared by a board member.

34. This is a **non-terminal** show. The exhibitor has the option to keep the animal. If the exhibitor keeps the animal the floor price will be deducted from his/her check. **The decision must be designated at weigh-in/check-in.**

RULES FOR INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS

Market Rabbits (one pen of three rabbits)

1. Meat class will be open to all breeds, and shall consist of three rabbits of any sex, but of the same breed and variety. Rabbits shall not be over 70 days old at the time of the show.
2. Each rabbit must weigh 3-5 lbs. at the time of the show. The first 3 weighed will be the exhibitor's entry. No substitution after the entry is weighed.

3. If the buyer does not want the project, the exhibitor must take it home. Entry sold by pen. **Contact club leader for further information.*
4. **“Born on Date”** forms must be signed by the breeder and presented to the Board at validation.

Broiler (3 broilers)

1. All broilers will be purchased from the same hatchery, and from the same hatch. Each exhibitor will start with 25 broilers, and the entry will consist of three broilers.
2. No show limit on weight.
3. If the buyer does not want the project, the exhibitor must take it home. Entry sold by the pen. **Contact club leader for further information.*

Turkeys (1 turkey)

1. All turkeys will be purchased from the same hatchery, and from the same hatch. Each exhibitor will start with a minimum of 10 one-day old poults, and each entry will consist of one turkey.
2. No show limit on weight.
3. Turkey exhibitors as a group will designate a responsible party to pickup the poults from Cargil on the scheduled date.
4. If the buyer does not want the project, the exhibitor must take it home. Entry sold by the pen. **Contact club leader for further information.*

Market Hogs

1. Hogs may be any breed or crossbreed.
2. Show weight limits: 210-270 lbs.

Market Lambs

1. Lambs may be any breed or crossbreed.
2. Show weight limits: 80-140 lbs.
3. Must be sheered **prior to arrival on the show grounds.**

4. Lambs shown with halters will not be eligible for Showmanship Awards.

Market Goats

1. Goats may be any breed or crossbreed.
2. Show weight limits: 60-130lbs.
3. All goats must be slick shorn above the knee and hocks joints, excluding the tail switch, and have horns tipped blunt **prior to arrival on the show grounds.** Removal of horns on the show grounds is not permitted.
4. Only small chains or collars around the neck may be used while showing.

Market Steers

1. Steers may be any breed or crossbreed.
2. Minimum weight limit of 1000 lbs. at show weigh in.
3. All steers must be polled (or dehorned) and slicked sheered except the tip of the tail **prior to arrival on the show grounds.**
4. All steers must be halter broke, lead, and controlled. **Steers that cannot be properly controlled will be disqualified.** The Livestock Show Board will make this decision.

Breeding Divisions

The exhibitors in this division will be subject to the general rules of the show and to the following additions.

1. "Born on Date" Form
2. Breeding animals may be any breed or crossbreed.
3. Breeding divisions will consist of gilts, ewes, goats, rabbits, and heifers that have not passed the age requirements by the show date. If breeder has a baby the offspring must be a minimum of 2 days old at check-in. Approval to show with offspring must be granted by the Board of Directors prior to check-in. Age limits for breeders are as follows.
 - A. Breeder Hog- maximum age limit 8 months

- B. Breeder Lamb - maximum age limit 15 months
 - C. Breeder Goat - maximum age limit 15 months
 - D. Breeder Heifer - maximum age limit 30 months
 - E. Breeder Rabbits – maximum age limit 15 months
4. All breeder animals will be checked-in at the same time as the matching market class.
 5. Lambs and goats must be halter broke or chain broke.
 6. Goats must be dehorned or have their horns tipped blunt **prior to arrival on the show grounds.**
 7. Heifers must be bangs vaccinated. Heifers must be polled (or dehorned) **prior to arrival on the show grounds.** All heifers must be halter broke, lead and controlled. **Heifers that cannot be properly handled will be disqualified.** The Livestock Show Board will make this decision.

Ag Mechanics

1. **Ten** Ag Mechanic entries can be sold during the sale. All other entries may be sold on individual consignments.
2. The project must be **agriculturally related, and approved by the Livestock Show Board.** All projects must be made entirely by the student under the supervision of the Ag. Teacher or the 4-H leader. The Ag. Teachers and County Agents will make recommendations, and the board will have final approval.
3. Ag. Mechanic items that do not have a project book will be disqualified. Project books must be **neatly handwritten by the exhibitor.** **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THE PROJECT BOOK AND DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ANYWHERE ON THE PROJECT UNTIL THE JUDGING IS OVER.**

Project book must be kept consisting of:

- A. Detailed Project Plan
Handwritten/hand drawn
- B. Practice Log
Log of time spent practicing
- C. Project Log
Log of time spent building and preparing project

- D. Summary of Expenses and Materials
- E. Receipts
- F. Pictures

Photos are to be taken at the beginning, and during the making of the project. Photos are to be turned in with the project the day of the show. Photos are to be included in project book. Exhibitor can be in photos.

- 4. Only quality projects will be accepted. Entries must be finished completely, must be clean, not used, items must be completed within the current school year, and from no previous youth or county show. (**NO KITS**- Packaged set of related materials.)
- 5. Each exhibitor must be standing by his or her entry during judging, and may be questioned by the judge(s).
- 6. Placement of projects will be at the discretion of the Livestock Show Officials. Display space under shelter is not guaranteed. Projects may be displayed outside if sufficient space is not available.
- 7. No vehicles are allowed in the judging area.
- 8. If stands are needed, exhibitors must provide their own appropriate and safe stands.
- 9. All trailers entered in the Nixon Smiley Livestock show must meet transportation codes. **Contact Club Leader and refer to Ag. Mechanic Score Sheet and Ag. Mechanic Project Book for more information.*

Crafts

- 1. All entries must be completed entirely by the exhibitor, and ready for display.
- 2. Only quality work will be shown. Entries must be finished completely, not used, be clean, items must be completed within the current school year and from no previous youth or county show. (**NO KITS**- Packaged set of related materials.)
- 3. Projects that do not have a project book will be disqualified. Project books must be **neatly handwritten by the exhibitor**. **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THE PROJECT BOOK AND DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ANYWHERE ON THE PROJECT UNTIL THE JUDGING IS OVER.**

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 - F. Pictures
Photos are to be taken at the beginning, and during the making of the project. Photos are to be turned in with the project the day of the show. Photos are to be included in project book. Exhibitor can be in photos.
4. Each exhibitor may be questioned by the judge(s) during the competition.
 5. Ten entries will be sold during the sale.
 6. An exhibitor's FCCLA, FFA, and/or 4:H Leader will make recommendations, and the Board will have final approval on any crafts shown. **Contact Club Leader and refer to Craft Score Sheet and Craft Project Book for more information.*
 7. Display props should not overshadow the project. The Show Board must approve all props.

Layered Cake

1. All entrants are reminded to exercise health and sanitation precautions when preparing cake entries. Any exhibitor or anyone in his/her family (includes an person(s) living in the same household) who has a contagious disease is asked not to show.
2. Entries must be completed entirely by the exhibitor.
3. All layered cakes must be prepared from scratch. **Pre-packaged mixes and cake mixes are not allowed for all or any portion of the cake entry.** No packaged frostings or icing. Decorations must be edible. No refrigeration will be available.
4. At check in, cakes will only be accepted with one slice placed in a separate container for judging.
5. Inappropriately exhibited items will be refused at entry time.
6. Cake entries that do not have a project book will be disqualified. Project books must be neatly handwritten by the exhibitor. **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THE PROJECT BOOK AND DO NOT PUT YOUR**

NAME ANYWHERE ON THE PROJECT UNTIL THE JUDGING IS OVER.

Project book must be kept consisting of:

- A. Recipe
- B. Practice Log
Log of time spent practicing
- C. Project Log
Log of time spent building and preparing project
- D. Summary of Expenses and Materials
- E. Receipts
- F. Pictures
Photos are to be taken at the beginning, and during the making of the project. Photos are to be turned in with the project the day of the show. Photos are to be included in project book. Exhibitor can be in photos.

**If you have increased the size of the recipe, or altered, added or deleted anything from a recipe, the recipe must be written so that if someone followed the recipe, they would produce the same results. Complete recipe includes: 1) Item name, 2) Ingredients, 3) Pan Size, 4) Temperature for baking or cooking, 5) Time required for baking or cooking and 6) Yield of recipe.*

- 7. Ten entries will be sold during the sale.

Commercial Heifers

- 1. Each exhibitor may show one pen of commercial heifers. Two heifers make up one pen.
- 2. Each heifer must be between the ages of 12 to 30 months at the date of the show. Any breed is allowed to compete, but the pen of heifers must consist of the same breed.
- 3. All heifers must be bangs vaccinated.
- 4. If heifers are over 18 months of age, they must be brucellosis tested.
- 5. By the check-in, exhibitors must present to the Livestock Show Director health papers and certificates of palpation signed by a licensed veterinarian. This must be done prior to the show. Exhibitors without these papers will not be allowed to show.

6. Commercial Heifers will not be sold in the Auction, but may be sold by private treaty.
7. All exhibitors are required to clean his or her heifer's pen daily, and clean the pen after the heifers are removed.
8. Exhibitors must be standing at their pen of heifers during the judging of the Commercial Heifer Class.
9. Commercial Heifer Class will show after the Breeder Heifer Class.
10. If breeder has a baby the offspring must be a minimum of 2 days old at check-in. Approval to show with offspring must be granted by the Board of Directors prior to check-in.