

2017 Nueces County Junior Livestock Show

Rules: Calf Scramble

1. The Nueces County Junior Livestock Show will not be responsible for any accidents, which may occur to any contestant before, during, or after the Calf Scramble.
2. **The NCJLS will only accept Minor's Release Forms from FFA Advisor or 4-H CEA/Club Manager.** Contestants will be notified of their acceptance through their FFA Advisor 4-H CEA/Club Manager. Minor's Release MUST be complete. Faxed forms or copies WILL NOT be accepted.
3. **BOTH PARENTS must sign the Minor's Release.** If the parents are divorced or if one is deceased, one signature is sufficient and "divorced" or "deceased" must be noted on the Minor's Release. If one parent cannot sign in front of the Notary, an affidavit must accompany the Minor's Release. Incomplete forms WILL NOT be accepted, nor returned. If forms are incomplete, the Superintendent of the contest will be notified and the first available alternate will be assigned to that position.
4. **Medical survey forms will be required for each contestant.** These forms will be mailed to the contestant's FFA Advisor or 4-H CEA/Club Manager. Entry forms are due by Friday before performance (January 20, 2017). In addition, contestants requiring medical attention 30 days prior to the scramble date, must provide a doctor's release at check-in. Contestants WILL NOT be allowed to scramble if either of these requirements are not met.

The Interscholastic League State Executive Committee, in cooperation with the State Board of Vocational Education, has formulated a plan to permit Calf Scrambles and still protect the participant's amateur standing. This is accomplished by placing the matter under the supervision of the Agricultural Science Department of the participating school and the AST. Participants are prohibited from receiving anything of cash value for winning the athletic portion of the program.

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PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Participants must be able to run and perform procedure necessary to scramble.
2. Applicant must weigh at least **100 pounds**.
3. Participants appearing to have broken limbs or evidence of a recent injury (cast, ace bandage, support brace, etc.) will **automatically** be disqualified and replaced by the first eligible alternate.

CONTESTANT RULES:

1. Contestants must have reached their 13th, but not their 18th birthday on August 31, 2016 and not be enrolled beyond their Junior year in high school. FFA and 4-H members MUST reside in Nueces County or be enrolled and a student in good standing in an accredited school IN Nueces County. They must be active members, in good standing of an FFA Chapter or 4-H Club.

2. There will only be 1 performance during the 2016 NCJLS. With 10 (+ or -) participants (5 4-H members and 5 FFA members) with 5 (+ or -) calves, depending on sponsorship. Contestants and calves will be placed in the arena as determined by the NCJLS. (Subject to change).
3. Contestants can only be awarded one (1) NCJLS Scramble Purchase Certificate during his or her FFA or 4-H career.
4. **Contestants can apply through either FFA or 4-H, but not both.**
5. Each 4-H Club and or FFA Chapter may only have one (1) participant per calendar year.
6. If a contestant is unable to scramble for any reason, the Calf Scramble Committee will assign an alternate.
7. **Approved applicants are considered eligible by the NCJLS for participation in the Calf Scramble at the time of entry. Eligibility forms MUST be signed and dated by the appropriate school officials and presented to the NCJLS Scramble Committee before entry to the arena. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.**

CERTIFICATE VALUE: \$1000.00 (As long as Donors are available), payable as \$750.00 to purchase animal and \$250.00 upon completion of 75% of tasks (ie: reports to sponsors, monthly expense reports, record book/scrap book, meetings, etc.)

ARENA RULES:

1. Participants must be checked in at the Scramble Meeting room prior to the start of the meeting. Any participant not present at the start of the meeting may forfeit their position and be replaced with an alternate. A notice including the scramble time and meeting time will be sent to all participants and alternates.
2. Contestants will carry a halter into the arena with an attached ten-foot rope supplied by the NCJLS. Neither the halter nor the rope may be used as a lariat. The halter must be placed on the animal as instructed by the NCJLS Scramble Orientation.
3. Contestants may not work as a "team". Each contestant will attempt to catch and halter one of the calves. Each contestant catching a calf is required to lead that calf across the finish line without assistance. After placing the halter on the calf, the contestants will NOT be permitted to fasten the rope to themselves in any manner.
4. If a contestant has hold of a calf, no other contestant will be allowed to touch the calf unless it breaks away. If two or more contestants catch the same calf, they will be ordered by the referee to release the calf.

5. If a calf is caught by the tail, the contestant will be allowed a reasonable amount of time to place the halter on the calf. However, at the direction of the referees, the contestant must let go.
6. **Poor sportsmanship will automatically disqualify the contestant! Undue roughness will NOT be tolerated whether towards participants or to the animal.**
7. **Proper attire MUST be worn.** Jeans, closed-toed shoes, and a long sleeve shirt are required. (Overalls, flip flops, sandals, shorts, and hats/caps are not allowed.)
8. There will be a MANDATORY meeting for all participants receiving a scramble certificate date to be determined after the completion of the livestock show. Certificate recipient's consideration will be made to accommodate every participant, but attendance is required by both recipient and at least one parent.

PURCHASE CERTIFICATE RULES:

1. **Calf Scramble winners are REQUIRED to mail a Thank You letter to their sponsor/sponsors and to the NCJLS office in order to receive their 2017 NCJLS Purchase Certificate.**
2. All Thank You letters to the sponsors and the NCJLS **MUST** be in the show office within 14 days of contest.
3. Monthly reports, with or without pictures, showing your progress with your project, must be mailed to your sponsor/sponsors and to the NCJLS office. Monthly Reports will be required beginning March 1, 2017 through January 1, 2018. All reports **MUST** be in NCJLS Office by the 10th of the month, every month of the reporting period (Mar 1 - Jan 1).

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4. 2017 NCJLS Purchase Certificates may be used to purchase a breeding heifer OR a market steer.
5. The animals purchased using the NCJLS Purchase Certificate **MUST** be approved by the Exhibitor's FFA Advisor or 4-H CEA/Club Manager and required to return and be exhibited at the 2018 NCJLS as the Exhibitor's 4-H or FFA project. **In addition to showing the project, exhibitors are required to submit an official Record Book/ Scrap book by January 6, 2018.**
6. **Dual ownerships or partnerships are not allowed. Registration papers should ONLY be in the scramble winner's name.**

7. **Exhibitors may NOT purchase animals from themselves, immediate family members (mother, father, brother, sister, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, stepfather, stepmother, half-brother, half-sister, niece, nephew, aunt, uncle, cousin), family ranches or partnerships, or their AST / CEA / 4-H CLUB MANAGER.**
8. If the animal is purchased for less than the Purchase Certificate amount, a check will be issued to the seller for the actual cost of the animal. **Under any circumstance, checks WILL NOT be issued to the exhibitor, 4-H Club or Club Manager, FFA Chapter or Advisor, or exhibitor's parents.**
9. **The calf must be a FFA or 4-H project. The winner MUST return to the 2018 NCJLS and show the calf.**
10. Steer projects may not be entered in any show prior to the 2018 NCJLS that requires winning animals to be sold at auction.
11. Winners cannot purchase a calf that they have previously shown at the NCJLS in any given year or any that calf that has previously been recorded in their name or in any immediate family member's name.
12. Heifer certificates may be combined with certificates from other stock shows that occur between January 1 and March 31, 2017 as long as the animal is brought back to the NCJLS in 2018. If a combination of certificates is being used, the original transferred registration papers must be sent to the Show that is the earliest in the calendar year. The first Show will make copies of the original transferred registration papers and then forward the original transferred registration papers to the later Shows. The last Show of the calendar year will receive and hold the original transferred registration papers and forward the original transferred registration papers to the winner/exhibitor upon completion of his project at all of the Shows involved.
12. Exhibitors, who fail to fulfill all or part of the obligations as listed, will result in the revocation of all rights to the Purchase Certificate and possible repayment of all or part of the value of the Purchase Certificate to the NCJLS and will be required to provide a letter of explanation to the donor/donors and the NCJLS office.
13. In addition to the rules and regulations listed, exhibitors are required to follow the guidelines as listed in the NCJLS General Rule Book.

This event will occur if sponsorships are secured at a time on January 20, 2017 or 1 hour after completion of the Livestock Judging Contest in the Equestrian Center.