

## **Smith County Junior Livestock Show and Scholarship Fund, Inc.**

**March 27-March 29, 2024**

### **GENERAL RULES**

1. All exhibitors must be bona fide 4-H, FCCLA, or FFA/Junior FFA members in good standing with a Smith County Club or Chapter. Members must be between the ages of 8 and in the third grade and 19 years of age, not yet graduated from high school.
2. Smith County Junior Livestock Show and Scholarship Fund, Inc. will comply with all requirements of H.B. 72 concerning eligibility for participation in extracurricular activities. Failure of a student to comply with this requirement will result in disqualification from participating in any Smith County Junior Livestock Show and Scholarship Fund, Inc. Scholastic ineligibility by school prohibits participation by students or projects.
3. Each livestock exhibitor will be required to turn in their Quality Counts number on their entry form proving they have taken and passed the exam for their appropriate age group.
4. All market animals become the sole property of the SCJLS after 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 28, 2024 if in the sale, but remain the responsibility of the exhibitor(s) until loaded for final disposition. Any and all projects may be used at the discretion of the SCJLS Board after 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2024.
5. All exhibitors must be under the supervision of the County Extension Agent, Agricultural Science Teacher, or FCCLA Teacher.
6. All projects must be exhibited and/or shown by their owner and the exhibitor must be present if their project is in the sale. However, exhibitor substitutions may be allowed under certain conditions. Exhibitors should submit the substitution form to the board of directors for consideration. In all cases, substitutions will require approval from the SCJLS Board of Directors. Substitutions will only be granted if certain conditions are met.
7. All protests must be presented in writing to the Superintendent of the division. Protests must be submitted within one hour of completion of the last market division show on Thursday, March 28, 2024. The protest must be submitted by the student and Club/Chapter Sponsor to the Superintendent. If the grievance is unresolved, the

Superintendent will present the protest to the SCJLS Board of Directors with a non-refundable \$100. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final. Any other exhibitor that is affected by the outcome of a dispute will also be required or allowed to follow that ruling without filing a second, redundant dispute.

8. Any animal project is subject to drug testing.
9. All exhibits will abide by the guidelines in accordance with the Texas Animal Health Commission.
10. Any unruly, unfit, or diseased animals will not be allowed to show and need to be removed from the show grounds.
11. The decision of the awarding judge will be final and no appeal shall be considered. Any exhibitor who shows disrespect to or attempts to interfere with the judges during their adjudication shall be promptly excluded from competition. No adults will be allowed in the show ring except judges, clerks, superintendents, board members, ring stewards, ribbon/award presenters, and photographers.
12. Superintendents will have full and complete charge of all livestock in their respective departments in accordance with the general rules. All animals will be judged on a placing basis.
13. Exhibitors will be required to furnish feed, water, and to attend to their own animals until the conclusion of the Sale of Champions. Unattended animals will be removed from the grounds and all premium money and awards will be forfeited.
14. The Smith County Junior Livestock Show and Scholarship Fund, Inc., its Board of Directors, and all supporting organizations will not be liable for any fire, theft, accident, etc. All concession rights have been reserved.
15. All grooming of animals must be done by the students, parents, family members, Agriculture Science Teachers, Country Extension Agents of the same club/chapter being represented; but, in all instances, the exhibitor should be present.
16. To be eligible for Showmanship, the exhibitor must have shown or entered the animal at the current year's show, except for Peewee exhibitors, who must borrow/use an animal that has been shown or entered in the current year's show. There will be four showmanship classes. These are for livestock projects only:
  - a. Peewee Class - 7 years old and under

- b. Junior Class - 8-13 years of age and in the 3rd grade as of January 1, 2023
  - c. Senior Class - 14 years of age and older as of January 1, 2024
    - i. To be eligible for Showmanship, the exhibitor must have shown the animal at the current year's show, except for Peewee exhibitors, who must borrow/use an animal that has been shown in the current year's show.
    - d. Adult showmanship - all entry fees will be put into the scholarship fund.
17. Exhibitors will be required to clean all trash and/or debris from their stall area at all times during the show and before being dismissed.
18. The act of force feeding and/or force watering is only allowed using a drench gun and only in the cheek of the animal.
19. No project(s) is to be removed before the approved times.
20. Any animal project is subject to inspection at the owner's pens any time after validation.
21. No unethical fitting of animals will be allowed (i.e. stomach pumping, airing, and physical alterations, etc.)
22. Fraternization with judges is strictly prohibited before, during, and after the show by managers, parents, contestants, or any representative thereof.
23. Violation of any rule may result in the ability to show projects as determined by the superintendents and board of directors.
24. These rules cannot be altered or interpreted except by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

## **MARKET DIVISION RULES**

1. No student/exhibitor may approach a buyer during the sale for any reason except to thank them for purchasing their project.
2. Any unruly or unfit animals and those that cannot meet the weight requirements within each division will be sifted and must be removed from the grounds.
3. Exhibitors will be required to furnish feed and to attend to their animal.
4. All animals must be in one family ownership at validation date and must be in single owner's name at the final weigh-in.
5. All sheep, goat, swine, breeding heifers and steers must be State Validated by the Smith County State Validation Committee, at the time of validation and remain tagged through distribution. If a tag is lost, notify the appropriate Committee Chair who may re-tag the animal. Any animal with an altered tag will be disqualified unless a re-tag was approved by the Validation Committee Chair. Validation, alone, does not serve as the show entry. All entries will be made online. Payment and required forms must be mailed to the show P.O. Box address by the posted deadline. No faxed or emailed entry forms will be accepted for any entries. \*\*\*This rule applies to all species listed.
6. All projects sold, and add-ons, will have an 8% commission taken out. Also, when necessary, additional money will be deducted from checks to compensate for animal shrink.
7. Gifts for buyers will be bought at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
  - a. Buyer's gifts from exhibitors will be allowed but should not exceed a \$25.00 value.
8. Animal disposition options at the Sale of Champions are as follows (buyers options on animals purchased):
  - a. I will take the project that I have purchased.
  - b. I will donate the floor price of this purchase back to the seller.
  - c. I will take the floor amount as a credit to my bill, giving up my ownership of the purchase.
9. Any drugs administered on or to animals must be used in strict accordance with label recommendation. Improper use of any drugs on animals is not condoned and

disciplinary action, including the forfeiture of sale money, will be sought against any participants who may be involved in such activity.

10. Smith County Junior Livestock Show is a non-terminal show with a terminal sale. Exhibitors who make the sale with their project(s) have the option to remove their project(s) from the sale order by 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2024. This excludes ALL Grand and Reserve Champion projects that are required to participate in the sale. The exhibitor and either a parent, or Agriculture Science Teacher, County Extension Agent, or FCCLA Teacher must sign a disposition form stating that they are removing their project(s) from the sale and that it will be removed from the grounds by 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2024. No projects may be removed from the sale after 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2024. Once an exhibitor has removed their project(s) from the sale, it cannot be reversed and must be removed from the grounds by 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2024.
11. Exhibitors who do not make the sale with projects have 2 options:
  - a. Remove their projects from the grounds by 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2024, to take it home, or
  - b. Place their livestock project on the “floor trailer”, at which time the animal will be sold to the floor buyer at the price provided by the buyer. Exhibitors are responsible for the care and feeding until the animal is taken by the floor buyer.
12. Immediately following the Sale of Champions on Friday, March 29, 2024, all exhibitors and participants in the sale need to help with clean up. Also, each exhibitor or a representative of that exhibitor is REQUIRED to load their animal(s) onto the “floor” trailer. The penalty for not doing so shall be \$100 fine which shall be deducted from the exhibitor's sale check.
13. Within each market animal division and agricultural mechanics, 50% of the projects that are exhibited will be sold. Horticulture will be capped at 10 sale lots and home economics division will be capped at 24 lots. A minimum of 5 projects will be sold per market division.

14. The judge of each show will select the sale order. Numbered tags will be used to place the sale order. The tags will be returned to the show superintendent to enter the exhibitor in the sale in the appropriate order.
15. Exhibitors are limited to two (2) lots in the premium sale with no more than one (1) lot from any single division including poultry (roasters and broilers fall under the same division-poultry), rabbits (single fryer and meat pens fall under the same division-rabbits), and cattle (steers and commercial heifers fall under the same division-cattle).
  - a. If an exhibitor has two (2) entries in the same division they want considered for sale order, after their first entry is selected, the remaining entry must be removed.
  - b. An exhibitor with two (2) grand champions; or two (2) reserve champions; or one (1) grand champion and one (1) reserve champion; in two (2) different divisions must withdraw from any further competition in other market divisions excluding showmanship from those divisions. An exhibitor has the right to pull their project prior to the championship drive disqualifying themselves from the sale of said project.
16. No unethical fitting of animals will be allowed (i.e. stomach pumping, airing, and physical alterations, etc.)
17. Each livestock exhibitor will be required to turn in their Quality Counts number on their entry form proving they have taken and passed the exam for their appropriate age group.
18. Any exhibitor or those associated with the exhibitor who is found in violation of any standing rules, may result in the exhibitor being disqualified from the show and sale. Any disqualified market livestock projects will be placed on the floor truck and sold for floor price with the proceeds from said sale being paid to the exhibitor less 8% commission.

## **Market Steer Division**

### **Superintendent: Clint Perkins**

1. All of the general rules and market rules apply to this division.
2. Exhibitors may enter more than one steer, however, only one (1) may be sold in the premium sale.
3. All steers must be slick shorn ( $\frac{1}{4}$  inch) except the switch of the tail.
4. Classes will be determined by the division Superintendent after weigh-in is complete.
5. Steers must be dehorned, halter-broken, slick shorn, and able to be led into the ring on show date.
6. A minimum of 1,000 lbs and a maximum of 1,450 lbs will be required (15 lb scale tolerance) will be required at weigh-in.

## **Commercial Heifers**

### **Superintendent: Tom Barker**

1. All of the general rules and market rules apply to this division.
2. Commercial heifers must be dehorned, halter-broken, and able to be led into the ring on show date.
3. Classes will be determined by the division superintendent after weigh-in is complete.
4. Heifers will be of beef breeding and do not have to be registered with a breed association.
5. All heifers must be led to scales at weigh-in by one exhibitor. Any animal judged unworthy or unruly by the division superintendent will not be permitted in the show or sale.
6. The commercial heifer show will be a "Blow and Go Show."
7. No heifer shall be validated that has been shown in this county show and sale previously.
8. All heifers must weigh at least 800 pounds at the time of county show weigh-in.

\*\*\*Commercial heifers do not have to be purchased within Smith County or be registered.

## **Market Swine**

### **Superintendent: Michael Van Winkle**

1. All of the general rules and market rules apply to this division.
2. Barrows or gilts may be shown.
3. Exhibitors may enter more than one pig, however, only one (1) may be sold in the premium sale.
4. A minimum of 230 lbs and no more than 280 lbs will be required. There will be a scale tolerance of 10 lbs.
5. Classes will be determined by the division superintendent after weigh-in is complete.
6. No snare will be allowed in the show barn. Excessive use of whips will result in the exhibitor being excused from the show ring after first warning.

## **Market Lambs**

### **Superintendent: Janelle Betts**

1. All of the general rules and market rules apply to this division.
2. Wethers or ewes may be shown.
3. Exhibitors may enter more than one lamb, however, only one (1) may be sold in the premium sale.
4. A minimum weight of 100 lbs at weigh-in will be required. There will be a scale tolerance of 5 lbs.
5. Classes will be determined by the division Superintendent after weigh-in is complete.
6. All lambs must be slick shorn within two weeks prior to weigh-in.

## **Market Goats**

### **Superintendent: Janelle Betts**

1. All of the general rules and market rules apply to this division.
2. Wethers or does may be shown.
3. Exhibitors may enter more than one goat, however, only one (1) may be sold in the premium sale.
4. A minimum weight of 65 lbs at weigh-in will be required. There will be a scale tolerance of 5 lbs.



5. Classes will be determined by the division superintendent after weigh-in is complete.
6. All goats must be slick shorn within two weeks prior to weigh-in.
7. Tipped-horned animals will be allowed to show (dime-sized or larger).

### **Market Rabbit**

#### **Superintendent: Ashlynn Smith**

1. All of the general rules and market rules apply to this division.
2. Exhibitors may enter more than one meat pen, however, only one (1) may be sold in the premium sale.
3. A pen shall consist of three (3) rabbits of the same breed, age, and weight. Not more than 12 weeks old and a minimum of 3.5 lbs and a maximum of 5.5 lbs each. One-half ounce scale tolerance will be permitted.
4. Rabbits must be owned and on feed by the validation date and will be tattooed on the validation date at validation. Rabbits with tattoos already in place will NOT be validated and will not be allowed to enter the show.
5. Rabbits will be weighed and inspected for disqualifications by the division superintendent prior to show.
  - a. Disqualifications include: ear mites, ear canker, sore hocks, buck teeth, snuffles, which is a white discharge from the nose and any other obvious disease. Any sick animal will be removed from the show at the discretion of the division superintendent. If a pen of rabbits are disqualified for any reason, no rabbit entered by that exhibitor will be allowed to enter the fryer show.
  - b. Any rabbit showing symptoms of any contagious disease at check-in or later in the show will be removed from the show ring by the division superintendent and will not be judged. Entry fees will be forfeited.

## **Market Fryer**

### **Superintendent: Ashlynn Smith**

1. All of the general rules and market rules apply to this division.
2. Exhibitors may enter more than one fryer, however, only one (1) may be sold in the premium sale.
3. Rabbits are not to be over 12 weeks of age. A minimum weight of 3.5 lbs and a maximum weight of 5.5 lbs will be required with a one-half ounce scale tolerance.
4. Rabbits must be owned and on feed by the validation date and will be tattooed on the validation date at validation. Rabbits with tattoos already in place will NOT be validated and will not be allowed to enter the show.
5. Rabbits will be weighed and inspected for disqualifications by the division superintendent prior to show.
  - a. Disqualifications include: ear mites, ear canker, sore hocks, buck teeth, and any other obvious disease. Any sick animal will be removed from the show at the discretion of the division superintendent. If a pen of rabbits are disqualified for any reason, no rabbit entered by that exhibitor will be allowed to enter the fryer show.
  - b. Any rabbit showing symptoms of any contagious disease at check-in or later in the show will be removed from the show ring by the division superintendent and will not be judged. Entry fees will be forfeited.
6. Exhibitors may enter from a meat pen if the meat pen does not make the sale or a single rabbit/fryer entry. Exhibitors must have entered and paid an entry fee prior to the show according to show rules and entry deadlines.

## **Market Roasters**

### **Superintendent: John Yoder**

1. All of the general rules and market rules apply to this division.
2. Exhibitors may enter more than one roaster, however, only one (1) may be sold in the premium sale.
3. Each entry shall consist of one (1) bird of either sex.

4. All chicks must be ordered from the Texas A&M Poultry Science Department through the Houston Livestock Show Broiler order. No other roasters will be ordered for the show.
5. All birds will be required to be banded.
6. Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and caring for their roasters throughout the show and provide feed, and water containers. They are also responsible for their own feed.
7. Only Grade A chickens will be allowed to show. This means bruises and broken wings will be a disqualification from the show.

### **Market Broilers**

#### **Superintendent: John Yoder**

1. All of the general rules and market rules apply to this division.
2. Exhibitors may enter more than one pen of broilers, however, only one (1) may be sold in the premium sale.
3. Each entry shall consist of three (3) birds of either sex.
4. All chicks must be ordered through the Agricultural Science Teacher, County Extension Agent, or FCCLA Teacher, and payment made to the Smith County Junior Livestock Show by the order date deadline.
  - a. Cost is \$2.00 per bird
  - b. A minimum order of 25 birds is required.
5. Birds will be available for pick up at the Smith County Extension Office on the designated date.
6. All birds will be required to be banded.
7. Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and caring for their roasters throughout the show and provide feed, and water containers. They are also responsible for their own feed.
8. Only Grade A chickens will be allowed to show. This means bruises and broken wings will be a disqualification from the show.

### **Agricultural Mechanics**

### **Superintendent: Jay Northcutt**

1. All of the general rules and market rules apply to this division.
2. All items are to be made under the supervision of an Agriculture Science Teacher or County Extension Agent.
3. Exhibitors may enter more than one project, however, only one (1) may be sold in the premium sale.
4. All projects must be constructed or repaired since the prior year's sale.
5. All items will be displayed at the showgrounds.
6. All projects must be accompanied by a Bill of Materials and Plans. Pictures of construction are optional. If they are not present upon time of judging, the project will be disqualified.
7. Entries must be in place by the designated time.
8. Projects will be divided into two divisions:
  - a. Market - projects to be sold
  - b. Open - projects which will not be sold
9. Sale order will be determined by the judge.
10. Showmanship Guidelines for Agricultural Mechanics Show:
  - Showmanship awards will be given for the following:
    - Junior Division: 8, and in the 3rd grade to 13 years of age
    - Senior Division: 14 years of age and older as of January 1, 2024

### **Project Show Classes:**

1. Livestock Equipment (squeeze chutes, feeders, mineral boxes, headgates, etc.)
2. Farm Equipment (mowers, shredders, packers, hay forks, fertilizer distributors, gates, etc.)
3. Recreational Projects (yard tables, swings, BBQ sets, etc.)
4. Woodworking Projects (bookshelves, lamps, tool boxes, show boxes, gun cabinets, chairs, etc.)
5. Farm Electrical Conveniences (brooders, elevators, conveyors, etc.)
6. Trailers - Implement

7. Trailers - Utility
8. Trailers - Stock
9. Shop Equipment (presses, extension cord stands, tables, carts, stands, etc.)
10. Hunting and Sporting Items
11. Structures (greenhouse, utility sheds, etc.)
12. Repaired and Rebuilt Equipment - repairs must be evident and a description of the repair should accompany the entry.

## **Horticulture**

**Superintendent: Tina Rosenbaum**

1. All of the general rules and market rules apply to this division.
2. Exhibitors may enter more than one horticulture project, however, only one (1) may be sold in the premium sale.
3. All plants entered in the Horticulture Division must have been in the possession of the exhibitor since February 2024.
4. All plants must be started no earlier than September 1, 2023.
5. Plants must be free of insects and disease.
6. To be classified as a "Flowering Plant" it must be in bloom at the time of the show.
7. Plants must be watered prior to entry and maintained during the show.
8. Each project is required to have a label stating: exhibitor name, club/chapter, name of plant, plant care, etc. attached.
9. Exhibitors of the project must be present at the time of judging.

Judging of Horticulture entries will include, but may not be limited to the following:

- ~ Plant and pot of appropriate proportion
- ~ Plant is groomed (broken or blemished leaves removed, with pot and foliage wiped free of soil and dust.)
- ~ Appropriate vigor
- ~ Nutritional deficiency or toxicity
- ~ Use of gaudy ribbons and gadgets
- ~ Must be started from a slip, plug, seed or cutting.

### **Horticulture Classes:**

1. Flowering plants
2. Foliage plants
3. Vegetables (2 flats)
4. Succulents
5. Ornamental Design
6. Other

**Home Economics Division**  
**Superintendent: Destry Duckett**

1. All of the general rules and market rules apply to this division.
2. Exhibitors may enter more than one project, however, only one (1) may be sold in the premium sale.
3. All projects will be accepted during the appropriate check-in times listed on the Smith County Junior Livestock Show schedule on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 and must remain in place for public viewing until 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2024.
4. All Home Economics projects must be picked up by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2024.
5. All items must be in a disposable container (purchased round, square, or rectangular cardboard cake boards or box cardboard wrapped in white freezer paper). Purchased paper doilies may be used. Items must be wrapped in see-through plastic wrap or ziploc baggies. Disposable aluminum foil containers will be accepted. Any item deemed not in an appropriate container will not be judged. No exceptions.
6. No perishable items will be allowed - cheesecake, whipped cream, sour cream, etc. Fresh fruit is not allowed as a garnish. No exceptions.
7. All food entries not qualifying for the sale will become property of the Smith County Junior Livestock Show. These will be sold to benefit the Smith County Junior Livestock Show Scholarship Fund.
8. Exhibitors who make sale with their Food Division projects will be required to prepare a "fresh" item prior to the sale on Friday, March 29, 2024.
9. Recipes must accompany all food entries. Recipes must be typed or handwritten on a notecard. Please secure all recipes to the food item and that there is no wording to

identify the owner. Two copies of the recipe are needed at check-in, at which time the recipe will be read for appropriateness of ingredients used. \*\*\*Superintendent's decision on perishability is final.

10. All entries in each division will be divided into three (3) age categories: Peewee (K-2nd), Junior (3rd or 9-13), and Senior (14-19). This will be determined by age as of August 31, 2023.
11. Peewee (Clover Kids) will not be eligible to make sale with their projects and therefore, will not be charged an entry fee. They will receive a green participation ribbon.
12. Exhibit items must have been completed since the prior Smith County Junior Livestock Show.
13. Work on any project can only be done by one (1) exhibitor.
14. Public viewing of projects in the Home Economics Division will begin at approximately 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2024.

### **Arts & Crafts Division Classes**

1. Art - Examples include paintings, drawings and posters
2. Fiber Arts - Examples include knitting, crochet, macrame, rug making and weaving
3. Hand Stitchery - Examples include needlepoint, embroidery, cross-stitch, counted cross-stitch, hand quilting and candle-wicking
4. Clay & Glass - Examples include ceramic, plaster, clay, stained glass, and glass art
5. Novelty Clothing - Examples include hand painted and appliqued (work may be done on ready-made or custom, but construction workmanship will not be judged)
6. Wood & Leather - Examples include kits, stenciling, hand-carved and wooden accessories
7. Decorating Accessories for the Home Interior - Examples include bedspreads, curtains, kitchen accessories, flower arrangements, wreaths, wall hangings, etc.
8. Jewelry Making

### **Food Division**

All entries must be in disposable containers as indicated in the Home Economics Division Rules. A recipe card is required with the entry. No perishable items will be permitted.

## **Classes:**

1. Cakes
2. Cookies
3. Candy
4. Bread

\*\*A variation of mixes can be used in preparing a food item, but are not allowable just to cook “as is” which means no box mixes.

## **Photography**

1. Photos should be **matted, not framed**. Photos must be 8”x10” in dimension. Matte dimension must be 11”x14”.
2. Photos should have the following information on the back of the photograph:
  - a. Location of photo
  - b. Date photo was taken
  - c. Description of enhancements made (Required for altered category.)
3. Photos entered in the Altered category must include a 4”x6” photo of the original photograph.
4. Photography will be judged in three (3) categories:
  - a. Black and White
  - b. Color
  - c. Alterations
5. Slight computer enhanced photos are allowed (such as cropping, trimming, adjusting lighting, and red eye reduction), but substantially altered photographs (such as changing colors, applying design styles, or using computer graphics) must be entered into the “Alteration” category. The superintendent has the right to change photography categories if necessary.
6. All photos must be an original photo taken by the exhibitor between March 31, 2023 and March 27, 2024.
7. Criteria for judging will be based on impact, creativity, technical, composition, subject matter, and storytelling for a possible score of 100 points. Judging sheets will be available for pick up after the results of the show.



- a. Impact (max points - 15)
  - b. Creativity (max points - 15)
  - c. Technical (max points - 25)
  - d. Composition (max points - 20)
  - e. Subject Matter (max points - 15)
  - f. Storytelling (max points - 10)
8. An overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be chosen in the Photography division. Sale order will be a combination of color, black and white, and altered photographs.

Classes:

1. Color
2. Black & White
3. Altered

**OPEN DIVISION**

**Open Breeding Heifers**

**Superintendent: Clint Perkins**

1. All of the general rules apply to this division.

2. All entries must be signed by the CEA or AST.
3. All heifers must be registered with that breed association and in the name of the exhibitor. Heifers must be owned as of November 1, 2021. Ownership date will be determined by the “Date of Sale” listed on the animal’s papers.
4. Registration papers and Health Certificates are **REQUIRED.**
  - Class 1: 4/1/2022 and after
  - Class 2: 3/1/2022 to 3/31/2022
  - Class 3: 2/1/2022 to 2/28/2022
  - Class 4: 1/1/2022 to 1/31/2022
  - Class 5: 11/1/2021 to 12/31/2021
  - Class 6: 9/1/2021 to 10/31/2021
  - Class 7: 7/1/2021 to 8/31/2021
  - Class 8: 5/1/2021 to 6/30/2021
  - Class 9: 3/1/2021 to 4/30/2021
  - Class 10: 1/1/2021 to 2/28/2021
  - Class 11: 9/1/2020 to 12/31/2020
5. Heifers will be shown by breed a minimum of 3 present to make a breed. All others will be shown by division: American, British, Exotic.
6. All heifers will be shown “Blow & Go.” No adhesive.

### **Junior Open Rabbit**

**Superintendent: Ashlynn Smith**

1. All of the general rules apply to this division.
2. All entries must be signed by a CEA or AST.
3. Rabbits will be shown by breed with a minimum of five (5) to make a breed. All others with less than five (5) entries in the breed will show in the “All Other Breeds” class and will be shown together.
4. All entries must be owned and cared for by the person entering the show at least 30 days before the show.
5. Rabbits will be inspected for disqualifications by the division superintendent prior to show.

- a. Disqualifications include: ear mites, ear canker, sore hocks, buck teeth, and any other obvious disease. Any sick animal will be removed from the show at the discretion of the division superintendent.
  - b. Any rabbit showing symptoms of any contagious disease at check-in or later in the show will be removed from the show ring by the division superintendent and will not be judged. Entry fees will be forfeited.
6. All rabbits must have a legible tattoo number in the left ear (not black marked). Each number must be listed on the entry form.
7. This show will be run under the rules of ARBA. all rabbits will be judged according to the latest revised rules of the ARBA. The judge's decision will be final.
8. The Smith County Junior Livestock Show is **NOT** a sanctioned ARBA show; therefore, it will not require an ARBA sanctioned judge.

**Public Speaking Division**  
**Superintendent: Dylan Bacon**

**Contest Rules:**

1. All general rules apply to this division.
2. Participants may participate in more than one division if different speeches are given in each division. A different speech is defined as follows: "All speech material in each manuscript must be entirely different, including the introduction, body, and conclusion, which also includes all facts, figures, quotes, titles, etc."

3. The contest will be divided into two age groups (age as of January 1, 2024):
  - Junior - Ages 8-13
  - Senior - Ages 14-19

**Contest Format:**

1. Each Junior Prepared participant's speech should address a topic related to agriculture or agribusiness.
2. Each speech shall be no less than six(6) nor more than eight (8) minutes with five(5) minutes additional time allowed for related questions, which shall be asked by the judges.
  - Designated Prepared Public Speaking Divisions:
    - Animal Science
    - Plant Science
    - Natural Resources
    - Agribusiness
    - Agricultural Policy
    - Agriculture Technology and Communications
3. Juniors will be divided among available rooms
4. Each senior division participant will be placed into one of six preliminary sections based on the topic of their speech.

**Dress Attire:**

1. Business professional attire is strongly recommended and may include FFA Official Dress or Official 4-H attire. Failure to dress appropriately may result in a loss of points.

**Time of Speeches:**

1. Junior Age Division: Each speech shall be a minimum of 5 minutes and a maximum of 8 minutes.
2. Senior Age Division: Each speech shall be a minimum of 6 minutes and a maximum of 8 minutes.
3. Questions and Answers: A 5-minute question/answer period will follow each speech.
4. Deductions: Points will be deducted from both Junior and Senior speakers as follows:
  - Under minimum time - 1 point deducted per second under
  - Over maximum time - 1 point deducted per second over

**Props:**

1. The use of props of any kind is prohibited. Notecards are permitted, but only as a reference tool for the speaker.

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### **Important Information:**

1. Website: <https://smithcountyjls.com>
2. All entries must be made using the link to ShoWorks on our website.
3. Online entries must be submitted by an Agricultural Science Teacher, County Extension Agent, or FCCLA Sponsor.
4. Payments must be made using one check or money order per club or chapter.
5. All paper entries must be mailed along with payment to:

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