

BEXAR COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

61th Annual Show Rules (2023-2024)

It is the exhibitors' responsibility to familiarize themselves with all the rules and regulations of the show, including the general rules and specific rules for their division.

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GENERAL SHOW RULES

- 1. AUTHORITY** – Final and absolute right is vested in the Bexar County Junior Livestock Show (BCJLS or the “Show”) Board (“the Board”) 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 or connected with the Show. The Executive Board has the option to change the Show schedule for the good of the Show.
- 2. LIABILITY** – All exhibits will be under the control and direction of the Board. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury, or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from any animal or article exhibited by him or her. Exhibitors shall indemnify BCJLS and the Board against all legal or other proceedings in regards thereto, as well as damages or injury to any other person or out of, or in any way connected with such exhibition or any animals so exhibited. All cattle exhibited must be broken to halter.
- 3. SHOWS AND CONTESTS** – The BCJLS will host the following shows and contests this year:

Market Animal Shows

1. Goat (wethers & does)
2. Lambs (wethers & ewes)
3. Rabbits (meat pen)
4. Steers
5. Swine (barrows and gilts)

Breeding Animal Shows

1. Cattle (heifers, including cow/calf with cow aged 36 months or less)
2. Swine (boars and gilts)
3. Rabbits

Poultry

1. Chickens (cockerel broilers)
2. Chickens (pullet broilers)
3. Turkeys (hens)
4. Turkeys (toms)

Agriculture Mechanics Show
Torch Speed Cutting Contest

Creative Arts Show
Soil Judging Contest

Livestock Judging Contest
Adult Showmanship Contest

- 4. SCHOLARSHIPS** – Senior students who meet requirements in Rule 10 (Who May Compete), have entered the BCJLS the previous two years, will enter this year’s show, will graduate in the spring immediately following this year’s show, and will attend college or a trade school in the fall semester immediately after graduation are eligible to apply for a BCJLS scholarship and the Sarah Sultenfuss Memorial Scholarship. Scholarship applications will be available on the Show Information page of the BCJLS website in the Fall.
- 5. BCJLS AMBASSADOR PROGRAM** – High school students (9th – 12th grade) may apply to be a BCJLS Ambassador. Ambassadors will be provided with a vest to wear and will work with the Board, volunteers, exhibitors, and judges to help create a quality Show. Ambassadors are expected to attend the Show on assigned days. Ambassadors may NOT work on a day they are showing. Applications will be posted on the BCJLS website and must be submitted to the board by September 15. Selected applicants will be interviewed by the Board and the Ambassadors chosen.

6. **HOW TO ENTER** – All animal, agriculture mechanics, and creative arts applications for entries must be made on printed forms available on the [Show Page](#) of the BCJLS website (www.bcjls.com). Forms must be filled out completely, signed by the exhibitor, and turned into the 4-H club manager or Agricultural Science Teacher (AST) for their signature. It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to provide accurate information to the leaders for entry. Exhibitors should make a copy or take a photo of their written entries. 4-H club managers & Agricultural Science Teachers (ASTs) **MUST** collect paper entry forms & money from the exhibitors.

Available forms are:

- a. Market & Breeding Animals Entry Form – this form is for animal entries.
- b. Breeding Swine Supplemental Form – breeding swine exhibitors must bring this form & their original registration papers to registration on the day of the swine show.
- c. Ag Mech Entry Form – only turn in the first page.
- d. Creative Arts Entry Form – only turn in the first page.
- e. Creative Arts Food Division Recipe Submission Form – this form **MUST** be emailed back to [J and R.BCJLS@aol.com](mailto:J_and_R.BCJLS@aol.com) by 11:59pm on November 1.
- f. Creative Arts Photography submission link – use this link to submit photographs & information about the photo electronically. All photos & information **MUST** be submitted by 11:59pm on December 1.
- g. Additional forms may be created and will be posted on the BCJLS website.

The AST or 4-H club manager must submit all Show entries into the online ShoWorks portal no later than 11:59pm on November 1. Club managers & ASTs must submit their group’s entries electronically using the [online entry portal](#) accessible through the [Show Page](#) on our [website](#). Log-in with your club’s name & use the password we provided last year. For help, email entries@bcjls.com. Print & save the entry receipt provided by ShoWorks. Fees must be paid online through the portal or by check made out to “BCJLS” and mailed to BCJLS. If you pay online, print & save your receipt.

The AST, 4-H club manager, or AgriLife Extension Office staff must submit the original, paper entry forms and payment to the BCJLS secretary on or before November 15. Club managers & ASTs should keep the online entry receipt & copy of the written entry forms the exhibitors turn-in. Entries may be hand delivered to a Board member or mailed to BCJLS. The entries must be postmarked on or before November 15 or received by November 15 if not postmarked.

7. **ENTRY FEES** – There will be no refund of fees once submitted. If an exhibitor is unable to or chooses not to show, there will be no refund of the entry fees.

A. Cattle	\$25.00	F. Rabbits	\$25.00
B. Swine	\$25.00	G. Ag Mechanics	\$25.00
C. Sheep	\$25.00	H. Livestock Judging	\$10.00
D. Goats	\$25.00	I. Arts and Crafts	\$15.00
E. Poultry	\$25.00		

8. **LATE ENTRIES** – An entry is late if it is not submitted online in ShoWorks by 11:59pm on November 1 AND the hard copy is not postmarked on or before November 15 OR received by November 15 if not postmarked.

Late entries will only be accepted on the day of the Show. Late breeding animal, agricultural mechanical projects, and some creative arts entries will be allowed at double the standard entry fee. Market animals will be accepted at a cost of \$100 per entry. Late entries must be paid with cash, cashier check, money order, or credit card only.

9. OTHER FEES

BCJLS Validation Tag	Market price
Premium Truck with Trailer Parking	\$50.00 per day
Adult Showmanship Contest	\$20.00 per exhibitor
Ag Mech Torch Speed Cutting Contest	\$20.00 per exhibitor

Validation tags are sold (cash only) at validation events. See rule 15.

A limited number of Premium Truck with Trailer Parking permits are pre-sold on a first come, first served basis. Spots will NOT be sold at the show. You may still park for free at BCJLS. Premium parking permits allow a truck with trailer to park in the closest, reserved spots.

Clipping is allowed without a permit. Clipping chutes & tables are allowed without a permit subject to available space.

10. WHO MAY COMPETE

- A. To be eligible for the BCJLS, students must be eight (8) years old on or before September 1, of the current livestock show year AND have entered the third (3rd) grade.
- B. **All** exhibitors must be a Bexar County 4-H, FFA, or junior FFA member.
- C. **All** exhibitors must be: 1) enrolled and regularly attending a public elementary or secondary school of a Bexar County school district or, 2) be a permanent resident of Bexar County during the current BCJLS.
- D. **All** exhibitors must have continuously and personally fed and cared for their animals under the supervision of a 4-H club manager or AST throughout the entire required feeding period.
- E. No one who has graduated from high school will be eligible to exhibit in this Show.
- F. No one will be eligible to participate in the Bexar County Junior Livestock Show if they sell a project in any of the surrounding county shows where school districts overlap into adjoining counties that hold an auction sale within the same calendar year. BCJLS exhibitors may participate in and sell at major shows and shows other than surrounding county shows in the same show year.

11. **CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY** – Those wishing to exhibit in the BCJLS must have a 4-H club manager, AST, or CEA who supervised the feeding of the exhibitor's animal certify on the entry form that the animal was fed and conditioned by the exhibitor. The CEA or AST

must notify the BCJLS secretary of any exhibitors suspended under [Texas Education Code 33.081](#) "No Pass, No Play" during any portion of the BCJLS or auction.

See also the [TEA – UIL Side-by-Side policy](#). Exhibitors suspended by their school or placed in alternative settings are ineligible to participate in any BCJLS activity, event, or competition during their suspension or alternative setting time. To participate in the show, exhibitors must be certified to be eligible for the auction. **Any animal owned by an ineligible exhibitor is ineligible for competition.**

12. NUMBERS OF ENTRIES – Exhibitors in market classes are limited to the exhibit of three (3) market animal units per division except that poultry divisions are limited to two (2) animal units per exhibitor. An animal unit consists of one cow, pig, sheep, or goat or one pen of rabbits or broilers.

13. OWNERSHIP PERIOD – All animals must be owned and continuously cared for by the exhibitor for the following periods:

Market/breeding beef	by the Texas beef validation deadline
Market/breeding swine	by the Texas swine validation deadline
Market sheep	by the Texas lamb validation deadline
Market/ breeding goats	by the Texas goat validation deadline
Market poultry	by the BCJLS validation deadline
Market/breeding rabbits	by the BCJLS validation deadline
Poultry	the date broiler/turkeys are distributed

14. PARTNERSHIPS – Animals owned by FFA Chapters or 4-H Clubs will not be eligible to Show.

15. VALIDATION – The BCJLS works with the Bexar County AgriLife Extension agents and Bexar County ASTs to schedule validation events for all species. All market show validation information must be submitted to the BCJLS Show secretary no later than 10 days after the validation deadline.

All cattle must be state validated.

All pigs, lambs, and goats must have a state or BCJLS ear tag. State tags are required for Texas major shows and are recognized by the BCJLS. If an animal will not go to a Texas major show, the exhibitor may purchase a BCJLS tag instead of a state tag. BCJLS must be purchased with cash at the validation sites on the day of validation.

Poultry shown at BCJLS are validated by their wing bands at the time of pick-up.

Rabbits shown at BCJLS are validated by their ear tattoos. Rabbit validation(s) are typically about one month before the show.

State validation information from the Bexar County AgriLife Extension can be found here: <https://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4h-youth-development/4-h-livestock/>.

The Texas Youth Livestock and Agriculture (TYLA) website has more information about state validation here: <https://texasyouthlivestock.com/>.

- 16. EAR TAGS** – Ear tags shall be checked in each animal as they enter the livestock or holding area. Only animals that are properly validated and that have the correct tag number will be allowed to show. Animals that have lost their tag must have the animal verified by appropriate officials based on how the animal was originally validated. Poultry that lose their wing bands are not eligible to show and cannot be re-validated.
- 17. UNETHICAL FITTING** – The Showing of unethically fitted livestock in the BCJLS is prohibited and such animals will be disqualified and made to leave the Show grounds immediately. If an exhibitor is determined to have violated these rules after the Show, the exhibitor will forfeit all titles, awards, premiums, prizes, and auction money.

The following is prohibited:

- A. Any method of altering the natural conformation of any part of the animal's body evidenced by the presence of abnormal tissue or foreign substance. The removal of ties and surgical dehorning is permissible.
- B. The use of chemicals not approved for animals to be used for human consumption at any time. Drug residues are human health hazards.
- C. The use of any drug with an undetermined withdrawal time at any time.
- D. The use of drugs, chemicals, and/or medications, including medicated feed, approved for use in animals for human consumption shall not be administered within the withdrawal times prior to the first day of the overall BCJLS.
- E. The use of any drugs, chemicals, and/or medications, including medicated feed, that are not allowed by the San Antonio Livestock Show as published in their annual Premium Book for the San Antonio Livestock Show immediately following the current BCJLS.
- F. Artificially filling animals internally by any method at any time, including the use of oral-gastric, nasal-gastric, or drench tubes. Oral hydration with water using a drench gun that does not pass into the esophagus is allowed. Exhibitors should remember that water weight may cause the animal to fall outside the weight tolerances.
- G. Stomach pumping on Show grounds.
- H. Injections of any kind on Show grounds.
- I. Application of any substance per rectum on Show grounds.

The exhibitor of any animal agrees to submit their exhibited animal(s) to inspection and testing by a veterinarian appointed by the Board upon the request of a judge, superintendent, or the Board. BCJLS reserves the right to have any portion of an animal, including DNA, blood, hair, and/or urine, analyzed. The exhibitor, exhibitor's parent or guardian, and superintendent of the division must be present during the collection of samples for testing and must witness, seal and sign the sample, thus verifying the sample to be properly collected and prepared for analysis. Refusal to submit an animal to inspection, testing, and/or analysis will result in the exhibitor and their family being barred from any further participation in the BCJLS **for life**. The exhibitor will also forfeit all titles, awards, premiums, prizes, and auction money.

The conclusion reached by the veterinarian and/or laboratory analysis shall be final and conclusive without recourse against BCJLS. The exhibitor waives any right of action which he or she might have for any action taken under this rule, and releases BCJLS and the veterinarian from any and all claims or demands whatsoever in connection with the inspection or testing.

In the event any animal is declared by the veterinarian or testing agency to be unethically fitted, the Board may permanently bar the exhibitor and their family from any further participation in the BCJLS **for life**. The exhibitor will also forfeit all titles, awards, premiums, prizes, and auction money.

18. HEALTH REGULATIONS – The current rules and regulations governing admission of livestock to Shows, fairs and exhibitions set forth by the Texas Animal Health Commission, 1020 Sam Houston State Office Building, Austin, Texas 78701, shall apply. These rules may be found in major livestock show catalogs or at <https://www.tahc.texas.gov/regs/entry.html>.

19. SHOWING EXHIBITS – All entries must be shown by their owner.

A. Exhibitors may use helpers to bring an animal to the holding area but the helpers may not enter the holding area. BCJLS may assign helpers in the holding area as necessary.

B. Exhibitor substitutions will be allowed if the exhibitor has more than one entry in a class or the exhibitor has entries in more than one show and multiple shows are showing at the same time. Such substitutions should be requested by the parent, club manager, or AST by notifying the Division Superintendent prior to the judging of the animal.

C. Exhibitor substitutions may also be allowed in the case of sickness or injury with a letter from a medical provider to the Division Superintendent for approval prior to the judging of the animal.

D. If the exhibitor is unable to exhibit their animal due to any other reason not mentioned in 18. A. or B., the Division Superintendent must be notified by the exhibitor's parent, club manager, or AST. Approval by the Division Superintendent of a substitution will be required by submitting the BCJLS Exhibitor Substitution Form to the Division Superintendent prior to the judging of the animal. The BCJLS Substitution Form can be obtained in the Show office.

E. Any substitutions must meet the qualifications of General Rule 10 (Who May Compete).

F. Exhibitors must display their assigned showmanship number during the show to be eligible for showmanship.

20. UNRULY ANIMALS – Any unruly animal will be removed from the Show at the request of a show superintendent or the General Show Superintendent.

21. ELECTRONIC DEVICES – Exhibitors may not have electronic devices in the show arenas.

22. SHOW EQUIPMENT, TACK, ON-SITE FITTING – The Board and/or its representatives have the authority and right to decide what constitutes acceptable show equipment and tack for use by the exhibitors. Board decisions are final.

Power equipment is allowed but may be restricted based on noise, power, safety concerns, or extenuating circumstances. Power equipment rules will apply equally to all exhibitor in

that show. **BCJLS does not provide electricity to exhibitors; therefore, exhibitors will need their own power source.**

- A. Generators and heaters are allowed.
- B. Blowers are allowed.
- C. Fans are allowed.
- D. Cable halters and pronged chain collars are prohibited for all species.
- E. Clipping is allowed **without** a permit. Clipping chutes & tables are allowed **without** a permit subject to available space.

23. FEEDING AND BEDDING AT THE SHOW – All exhibitors must furnish all feed, water, and bedding for their animals. **Exhibitors not caring for their animals may be disqualified. Exhibitors may not use straw at the Show.**

24. SIFTING – A sifting judge or committee, appointed by the Board, will pass on all animals entered in the BCJLS. **The decision of the sifting judge or committee is final.** Sifted animals will not be allowed to compete for prizes and must be removed by the owner from the Show grounds immediately after sifting.

All steers will be state validated. **All lambs, goats, and swine will be state or county validated.** Any animal that does not meet state or county validation requirements will be disqualified from the Show.

25. WEIGH-IN – All animals will be weighed in according to Show schedule and rules. Designated official digital scales will be used for the official weigh-in and will be controlled by the Show Superintendent. The Show Superintendent or their designee will be the official weigher. Any exhibitor may bring the animal to the scale for the weigh-in.

There will be one official weigh-in with no re-weigh later. If an exhibitor, parent, club manager, or AST has any question or objection about the weight of an animal, the animal will be removed from the scale, the balance of the scale checked, and animal's weight will be rechecked. The animal being rechecked will exit the scale and reenter the scale immediately for the recheck. The animal being rechecked cannot leave the scale area.

26. CLASSIFYING – Steers, lambs and swine will be classified at weigh-in. The exhibitor will declare the breed of the animal as the animal crosses the scales. The classifier will either accept the exhibitor's declaration or will move the animal to the appropriate class/breed. The decision of the classifier is final and not subject to appeal. Any individual that disputes and/or argues the classification of an animal is subject to having their animal, or their child's animal(s) disqualified from the BCJLS.

27. JUDGING

The decision of the judge is final in all cases.

The Board prefers to use two judges in each show, one to judge the animals and a second, separate judge to judge showmanship. The Board will determine judges and will take into consideration recommendations from CEAs, ASTs, 4-H club managers, and show

superintendents. Judges' names will be announced as soon as confirmed. The judges are subject to change by the Board as necessary.

During sifting or judging, no CEAs, ASTs, or club managers may enter the sifting, holding, or judging rings/areas. No adult may assist in the fitting of an animal while it is in the showing for judging. Only the animal exhibitor may groom or care for it while it is in the showing for judging.

28. PROTESTS – All protests must be in writing and accompanied by a cash deposit of \$100.00 which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Such protests must state plainly the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be made within one (1) hour after the Show is over (i.e., the steer show, lamb show, poultry show, ag mech show, etc.).

29. AWARDS – This will be an award and premium show with an auction sale. The method of placing will be determined by the Board of Directors. No premium money will be paid to market animals. The judge may choose not to award any placing ribbon as they deem appropriate for the class.

All market animals placing in a show will receive their ribbon before leaving the show ring. **Exhibitors MUST remain in the show ring until dismissed by a show official.**

Premium money is only awarded to breeding classes and will not be awarded until at least 3 animals are in a class. Premiums for all breeding classes will be awarded based on the table below.

Breeding Animal Premiums Schedule				
Number in Class	1 or 2	3 to 5	6 to 10	Over 10
1 st Place	None	\$20	\$30	\$40
2 nd Place	None	\$10	\$20	\$30
3 rd Place	X	\$5	\$10	\$20
4 th Place	X	X	\$5	\$10
5 th Place	X	X	X	\$5

Premiums will be based on entries turned in by the November 1st entry deadline. All premiums will be paid during the Show. Premiums will be handed out with the ribbons. **All premiums not picked up at the Show within 30 minutes will be forfeited.**

Belt Buckles will be awarded as listed below. Showmanship buckles in all divisions will be awarded to the winner of the junior and the senior Showmanship class. There must be ten (10) entries or more in any division before two buckles will be awarded. If there are less than ten (10) entries, then only one buckle will be awarded.

1. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Beef
2. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Steer
3. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Turkey
4. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Broiler Pen
5. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Lamb
6. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Goat
7. Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show Rabbit Meat Pen

8. Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show Breeding Rabbits
9. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Swine
10. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Swine
- ~~11. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Boer Breeding Goat~~
12. Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show Ag Mechanics
13. Champion Overall Livestock Judging Contest
14. Junior and Senior Showmanship Breeding Beef
15. Junior and Senior Showmanship Steer
16. Junior and Senior Showmanship Lamb
17. Junior and Senior Showmanship Goat
- ~~18. Junior and Senior Showmanship Boer Breeding Goat~~
19. Junior and Senior Showmanship Rabbits
20. Junior and Senior Showmanship Breeding Swine
21. Junior and Senior Showmanship Swine

- 30. GRAND AND RESERVE GRAND CHAMPIONS** – Second place winners in the class that the Grand Champion came from, will also compete for Reserve Grand Champion. Breeding beef and swine will have a Champion and Reserve Champion for each breed.
- 31. SHOWMANSHIP** – A showmanship award will be given to the outstanding junior (8 – 13 years) and senior (14 years and older) showman in each animal division except poultry at the completion of the last class in that species division. All ages are figured as of September 1st of the Show year. All finalists will receive a ribbon. An exhibitor must have an animal entered in that show (division) to be eligible to compete in the showmanship contest.
- 32. ADULT SHOWMANSHIP** – Adults may enter the adult showmanship contest for cattle, lambs, goats, rabbits, and swine. First and second place winners in each of the 5 species will receive a prize.
- 33. EXHIBITOR RELEASE** – The release time is to be determined by Show superintendent in such a way as to not disrupt the BCJLS.
- 34. LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST** - The BCJLS reserves the right to use any animal to create classes for the livestock judging contest. There will be a \$10.00 per person entry fee for participation in the livestock judging contest. There will be 3 question classes added to the contest. Awards will be given for the top 10 Junior (8-10 yrs.), Intermediate (11-13yrs.), and Senior (14 and up) entrants. Tie breakers on individual scores will be broken by the computerized scoring system predetermined prior to the running of the scores.
- 35. OVERNIGHT STAY** – No overnight stays are allowed, including animals and/or people.
- 36. DOGS** – Dogs are not allowed on the Show grounds. This rule will be strictly enforced and applies to everyone. Exceptions are granted for dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability.
- 37. CONDUCT** – Exhibitors may be disqualified based on poor and/or inappropriate conduct by the exhibitor and/or the exhibitor's family or guests. Any person, including club managers and ASTs, may be ejected from the grounds or auction for any length of time due to poor and/or inappropriate conduct.

38. ENFORCEMENT – Any exhibitor or exhibitor’s family that violates the rules will be disqualified from this year’s competition. The exhibitor will also forfeit all titles, awards, premiums, prizes, and auction money. Repeat offenders in multiple years may be barred for life. Repeat offender’s families may also be barred for life. AST or club managers who violate rules may be ejected from this and/or future shows and may have their entire program or club disqualified from this year’s competition.

39. CONTACT – Exhibitors, CEAs, ASTs, and 4-H Club Managers may contact Show superintendents through their email listed on our website or the BCJLS through one of the following methods:

Email - bcjls@bcjls.com

Telephone - 210-960-1239

STOCK SHOW ANIMAL DIVISIONS RULES

STEERS

1. VALIDATION – Market steers must be validated in accordance with rules in the State validation program. All market steers must have a state validation tag in their ear.

2. WEIGHT - Minimum weight is 900 pounds, there is no maximum weight limit. ~~Milk teeth need not be in place.~~ There will be a 5% tolerance at the scales.

3. DIVISIONS - All animals will be weighed and broken into divisions by weight and breed (see General Rule number 24 Sifting, 25 Weigh-In, and 26 Classifying). Each division will be divided into weight classes. Divisions will consist of:

- A. American Breed Division - Beefmaster, Brahman, Brangus, Santa Gertrud's, Simbrah, and any other similar breeds.
- B. British Breed Division - Angus, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Shorthorn, Belted Galloway, and any other similar breeds.
- C. European (Exotic) Breed Division - Charolais, Chianina, Gelbvieh, Limousine, Maine Anjou, Simmental, and other similar breeds by origin.

4. Only the exhibitor and their animal will be allowed in the exhibitor/holding area before the show. In the case of multiple entries, the exhibitor will be allowed one assistant in the exhibitor/holding area.

5. DISQUALIFICATIONS & RULES

- A. All cattle must be broken to halter.
- B. The Market Steer Show is a “blow and go” show. Animals may be clipped, blown, brushed, or combed on the day of the Show. No show day grooming products that alters the appearance of the animals (adhesives, paints, leg builder, etc.) shall be permitted, nor any product that can be wiped off on the day of the Show.
- C. The Market Steer Superintendent or their designee will determine if these rules have been violated. Any violation will result in the disqualification of that animal.

BREEDING BEEF

1. VALIDATION - To be eligible for the American, British, or European divisions, heifers must be currently validated with the Texas 4-H and FFA Breeding Heifer Validations Program in the exhibitor's name. Commercial heifers cannot be validated through the Texas 4-H and FFA breeding heifer program unless they are certified F1 or like certificated animal. The commercial heifer division is for unregistered females. If there is a question on commercial female certification, the state county heifer validation chairmen and BCJLS heifer superintendent shall make a decision on proper heifer division placement.

2. BREEDS - The breeding beef heifers shall be sifted into one of four divisions (instead of individual breeds) as follows (see General Rule number 24 Sifting, 25 Weigh-In, and 26 Classifying):

- A. American Breed Division - Beefmaster, Brahman, Brangus, Santa Gertrud's, Simbrah, and any other similar breeds.
- B. British Breed Division - Angus, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Shorthorn, Belted Galloway, and any other similar breeds.
- C. European (Exotic) Breed Division - Charolais, Chianina, Gelbvieh, Limousine, Maine Anjou, Simmental, and other similar breeds by origin.
- D. Commercial Heifers. All commercial heifers must still have their baby teeth in place unless their age can be substantiated using original breed registration papers and identifying tattoo or brand.

3. CLASSES - The divisions will be broken into 4 classes based on the age of the animals on the date of the Show:

- A. Junior: Less than 1 year of age
- B. Intermediate: Between 1 year and 18 months of age
- C. Senior: Between 19 and 24 months of age
- D. Aged: Between 25 and 36 months of age. Aged class must provide a veterinarian's certificate as proof of pregnancy or have a calf by side.

4. Only the exhibitor and their animal will be allowed in the exhibitor/holding area before the show. In the case of multiple entries, the exhibitor will be allowed one assistant in the exhibitor/holding area.

5. DISQUALIFICATIONS & RULES

- A. All cattle must be broken to halter.
- B. The Market Steer Show is a "blow and go" show. Animals may be clipped, blown, brushed, or combed on the day of the Show. No show day grooming products that alters the appearance of the animals (adhesives, paints, leg builder, etc.) shall be permitted, nor any product that can be wiped off on the day of the Show.
- C. The Market Steer Superintendent or their designee will determine if these rules have been violated. Any violation will result in the disqualification of that animal.

MARKET SWINE

- 1. VALIDATION** – Market swine must be validated in accordance with rules in the state/county validation program. All market swine must have either a BCJLS tag or a state validation tag in their ear.
- 2.** The validation committee will consist of one AST from each school, the CEA, and four members appointed at large by the CEA. The county-wide validation date will be set on the Saturday nearest the state deadline. Communities, chapters, and 4-H Clubs may schedule validation dates prior to the county-wide validation date.
- 3.** AST's, CEA's and swine leaders from respective 4-H Clubs will be in charge of tagging all hogs validated for the Bexar County Show. Two members of the validation committee must verify the validations prior to the deadline for validation. The two committee members verifying the validation must be from another community, school or 4-H Club. Validation cards: all county validation cards must be turned into the show secretary. Due date will be the same due date as required by the state.
- 4. WEIGHT** - Minimum weight is 165 pounds. Maximum weight is 280 pounds. Hogs of each breed will be divided into three equal weight classes, however, if any breed has more than 90 animals, they will be divided into four weight classes. There will be a ten (10) pound tolerance at the scales.
- 5.** ALL Market Swine will be weighed by breeds in show order. If someone misses their breed's weigh-in, then they must weigh in the cross division and show in the cross division.
- 6. CLASSES** - Either barrows or gilts may be shown in the following classes: Berkshire, Duroc, Hampshire, Black OPB (to include Poland China & Spotted Poland China) and a white OPB (to include any of the white breeds including Chester White and Landrace), Yorkshire, Crossbred. Gilts may be double entered in both market and breeding swine classes. Hogs of each breed will be divided into an equal number of head in each weight class as possible with a minimum of 6 animals per class, and no more than 25 hogs in any weight class.
- 7. SHOW ORDER:**

1) Berkshire	4) Hampshire	7) Crosses
2) Black OPB	5) White OPB	
3) Durocs	6) Yorkshires	
- 8.** Adults may not enter the holding areas or the show or sifting rings at any time, unless approved or requested by the Swine Show Superintendent.
- 9.** Exhibitors ONLY shall be allowed to "drive" hogs thru the weigh and sift, and show ring holding pens.
- 10. DISQUALIFICATION:**
 - A. No powder or oil may be used on the hogs in the show ring.
 - B. A hog with fresh ear notches may not be shown. A fresh ear notch is any notch that has scabs and/or is not completely healed.
 - C. Violation of any rule will result in disqualification of the animal.

BREEDING SWINE

1. VALIDATION – The breeding swine need to have original registration of ownership by Dec. 1 and original papers to be checked in according to show schedule. Only exception to this rule is the calf scramble certificate.

2. BREEDS - Only purebred Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, Poland China and Spotted Poland China, Yorkshire and other breeds designated by the Board of Directors may be shown.

3. SHOW ORDER:

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| 1) Berkshire | 4) Hampshire | 7) Spotted Poland China |
| 2) Chester white | 5) Landrace | 8) Yorkshire |
| 3) Durocs | 6) Poland China | 9) Other as designated |

4. CLASSES - There will be classes for both boars and gilts of each breed. Classes will be:

- A. June – pigs farrowed in June
- B. July – pigs farrowed in July
- C. August – pigs farrowed in August
- D. September – pigs farrowed in September

5. FITTING - Fitting of breeding swine will be in accordance with major show fitting rules for breeding swine.

6. DISQUALIFICATIONS:

- A. No powder or oil may be used on the hogs in the show ring.
- B. A hog with fresh ear notches may not be shown. A fresh ear notch is any notch that has scabs and/or is not completely healed.
- C. Violation of any rule will result in disqualification of the animal.

MARKET LAMBS

1. **VALIDATION** - All market lambs must be validated in accordance with rules in the state/county validation program. All animals must have either a BCJLS or State validation tag in its ear.

2. **WEIGHT** - Minimum weight is 90 pounds (80 pounds for Southdowns and Dorpers). There will be a three (3) pound tolerance at weigh-in.

3. CLASSES:

A. Both wether and ewe lambs may be shown.

B. Breeds with more than 6 entries will be divided into two equal weight groups. Groups with more than 40 lambs in the breed group after weigh-in and classification will be divided into three equal weight groups. If there are more than 60 they will be divided into 4-5 classes.

C. All lambs will be classified at the time of weigh-in. Weigh & sift Market lambs by breed (same as show order). See General Rules 24, 25, & 26.

D. A fine wool may be a Rambouillet, Merino or a cross between these two breeds.

i) A fine wool crossbred will be a typical first cross of a fine wool with a Suffolk, Hampshire, Corriedale or Columbia.

ii) Only pure Southdowns will be shown in the Southdown class. Medium wool lambs will be all other breeds and crosses not eligible in the preceding classes.

E. Class must have no less than 6 head per class, if less than 6, they will be moved to cross class.

4. **SIFTING** - All market lambs will be sifted and classified.

5. **DISQUALIFICATIONS** - A lamb may not be shown if the lamb has a fresh-punched, 1/4-inch or larger round hole in either ear.

6. SHOW ORDER:

- 1) Southdown
- 2) Dorper
- 3) Fine Wool

- 4) Fine Wool Cross
- 5) Medium Wool Cross

7. All lambs must be slick sheared to the skin above knee and hock joints, with no more than 1/4 inch wool in length.

MARKET GOATS

- 1. VALIDATION** - All market lambs must be validated in accordance with rules in the state/county validation program. All animals must have either a BCJLS or State validation tag in its ear.
2. Must be a wether goat (castrated billy) or doe (female) goat.
3. Must weigh a minimum of 50 pounds with no maximum weight limit. A three (3) pound tolerance on the minimum weight.
4. Market goats must be body clipped (slick sheared) with no more than 1/2 inch hair before going to the show grounds.
5. Each student will be allowed three entries.
6. Goats must be shown in collars or halter (including chains).
7. Classes will be broken by weight, with a minimum of 6 goats per class and no more than 25 goats per class. Classes will be divided into five weight divisions (Division I, II, III, IV and V).
8. All goat exhibitors will have a cardboard number that the exhibitor will wear in order to be picked for showmanship. Each exhibitor will wear the same number for all goats entered.
9. Exhibitors will be required to have horns tipped blunt on all goats before arrival on the grounds.
- 10. DISQUALIFICATIONS AND UNETHICAL FITTING** - Unethical fitting includes any attempt to alter the natural appearance, conformation, musculature, or weight of an animal by any unnatural means. See General Rule 17.

BREEDING GOATS

THERE IS NO BREEDING GOAT SHOW THIS YEAR.

POULTRY

1. CHECK-IN - All birds must be presented to officials for identification and pen assignment.
2. SIFTING - A Sifter will be appointed by the BCJLS Poultry Superintendent. Birds must be free of external parasites and disease. The sifter and judge will disregard any wing damage caused by the required wing band. Each bird presented to the sifting committee and entering the show ring must wear the original wing band and the identification number on the band must fall within the series of consecutively numbered birds assigned to that individual or their family at the time of taking possession of bird/birds. Birds losing their wing bands for whatever reason will not be eligible for show.
3. DISQUALIFICATION – See General Rule 17.
4. EXHIBITING - Only students or designated volunteers may hold birds during judging. Assistance will be provided to the exhibitors, if needed, at the discretion of the superintendent. Parents must stay out of the arena until all judging is complete; any questions or complaints should be directed to the superintendent only.
5. RELEASE - Poultry will be released upon completion of the show.

BROILERS

1. Birds will be straight run birds (both pullets and cockerels may be shown) and banded for identification. All birds will be purchased thru Texas A&M University's Poultry Science Department College Station.
2. All chicks will be of same hatch and date. Chicks will be hatched so their age will be approximately 40 days of age at the time of the show. All birds must be picked up at a time and place to be determined by BCJLS Poultry Superintendent.
3. All broilers must be owned and fed by the exhibitor from the order pickup date.
4. Each student must select and exhibit their pen of three birds from within the number range assigned to their family, or where children with different last sir or family names reside as a common address or household for the purpose of this show.
5. **ORDER SIZE** – Individual exhibitors must order a minimum of 25 birds and a maximum of 50 birds per exhibitor. School orders will be in lots of 50.
6. Deadline for ordering will be September 10th. All orders will be placed with the superintendent by the deadline.
7. There will be no weight limit.
8. **CLASSES** - There will be a cockerel and a pullet class. The broiler judge will determine the sex of the birds at the time of check in. Only the broiler judge and the BCJLS superintendent and designated assistants will be allowed in the broiler pen area during the broiler sex identification validation. If a broiler exhibits cockerel characteristics, the pen of 3 will be placed in the cockerel class.

TURKEYS

1. All Turkeys must be ordered by the State Major Show Deadlines through Texas A&M University's Poultry Science Department in accordance with the "The Rules and Procedures" outlined in the letter to all Agricultural Science Teachers and County Extension Agents. The turkeys are to be ordered by the Ag Science Teacher or County Agent. The turkeys will be wing banded at hatching and assigned to the exhibitor. Any turkey without the original wing band/tag will not be permitted to show. Only the wing band/tag numbers originally assigned to individual exhibitors and/or brothers and sisters of a single family will be accepted as the exhibitor show entry.
2. BCJLS Poultry Superintendent will obtain a list from A&M prior to the BCJLS Show listing exhibitor name, number of turkeys purchases, and assigned wing band numbers.
3. All turkeys must be owned and fed by the exhibitor from the order pickup date.
4. There will be no weight limit.
5. CLASSES - There will be a hen and tom class.

RABBITS

MEAT PEN RABBITS

1. SPECIAL RULES & DISQUALIFICATIONS - Rabbit classes will be governed by the rules of the ARBA's current Standard of Perfection issue. No crossbred or mixed breed rabbits will be allowed in the show.

2. WEIGHTS - Minimum weight on market rabbits is 3.5 pounds each, maximum weight is 5.5 pounds each. No tolerance.

3. TATTOOS - All rabbits will be permanently earmarked in the left ear, using two or more separate numbers or a numbers\letters combination. No two market rabbits from the same exhibitor shall have the same earmarks.

4. SUBSTITUTIONS - No substitutions or changes of ear tattoo or age groups on entries will be allowed after the judging begins.

5. SIFT - Sifted rabbits will be clearly marked with a paint stick and may not be presented again for sift.

6. VALIDATION - All market rabbits must be validated. Rabbits will be validated per family. Only eligible exhibitors in that family may exhibit these animals. Exhibitor may validate as many rabbits as they wish. Meat Pen Validation dates will be scheduled by the Rabbit Superintendent the week the rabbits are to turn 6 weeks old. The locations, dates, and times will be posted on the website.

7. MEAT PENS

- A. Each pen is to consist of three rabbits of not less than 3.5 pounds and not over 5.5 pounds each.
- B. Entries may not be over 70 days of age.
- C. All entries must have been raised to fryer size by the exhibitor (see General Rule 13, Ownership Period).

BREEDING RABBITS

1. SPECIAL RULES & DISQUALIFICATIONS - Rabbit classes will be governed by the rules of the ARBA's current Standard of Perfection issue.

2. CLASSES - There will be classes for both bucks and does in the following groups:

A. Classes for all breeds under a 9-pound minimum senior ideal weight are:

- i. Junior - under 6 months of age.
- ii. Senior - 6 months of age and over.

B. Classes for all breeds having a 9-pound minimum senior ideal weight are:

- i. Junior - under 6 months of age.
- ii. Intermediates - 6 months of age and under 8 months of age.
- iii. Senior - 8 months of age and over.

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS SHOW RULES

- 1. ENTRY FEE** – The entry fee for each project entered is \$25.00. See General Rule 6, 7, and 8.
- 2. PROJECTS** – Projects must have been constructed by FFA & 4-H either as a part of their agricultural mechanics instruction in agricultural science or as part of their supervised work experience program. Projects must be designed and constructed under the direct supervision and guidance of the 4-H club manager or project leader or the Agriculture Science Teacher (AST).
- 3. ENTRY CLASS CHANGE** – If an exhibitor shows a project that is in a different class from the class specified on their original entry, the exhibitor must pay a late entry fee (\$50). For example, if an exhibitor originally enters hay handling equipment, a part of class 3-1, then changes to a shop tool, a part of class 2-1, the exhibitor must pay a late entry fee.
- 4. GROUP ENTRIES** – Projects may have been individually or group constructed and may be individually or chapter/club owned. Group entries must be made in the name of the FFA Chapter or 4-H Club. **There are not separate judging categories for individual and group projects.**

Group entries must include only the names of the exhibitors who participated in planning and construction of the project. Group entries are those that are constructed by two or more students. **A group member must have contributed at least 10% of the total hours to be considered part of the group. Any student who contributes at least 10% of the total hours MUST be considered part of the group. Every member of the group must be eligible to show on the day of the Ag Mech show. Group entries will split any prize or auction money evenly amongst the group.**

- 5. NUMBER OF ENTRIES** – No individual or group may enter more than 3 projects. No individual or group may enter more than one project per class. This does not limit the number of projects an FFA chapter or 4-H club may enter.
- 6. EXHIBIT SPACE** – Projects will be grouped and displayed by classes. Placement of the projects will be at the discretion of stock show officials. Display space under shelter is not guaranteed.
- 7. CONSTRUCTION DATE** – A project may be exhibited only one time at the Bexar County Stock Show. Construction must have started on or after December 31, 2022.
- 8. TYPES OF PROJECTS** – Only those projects that fit into the stated classes will be accepted. Final project classification will be at the discretion of show officials.
- 9. PROJECT COMPLETENESS** – All projects should be complete including finish. Any item necessary for use of the project ~~must~~ **should** be in place and functional (example: hinges and latches on gates and panels). Unfinished projects will be penalized and possibly disqualified.
- 10. PROJECT PRESENTATION** – The following will be considered when judging a project:
 - Neatness of project - Clean and free of dust and debris.
 - Neatness of surroundings - Includes floor under and around the project.
 - Documentation - Presented in a manner that judges and the public can view it.
 - Signs - Must be appropriate, easy to read, and not too large as to take unusual space.
 - Exhibitor Card - Attached to the front center of the project. It is recommended to attach the card with Carton Sealing Clear Plastic Film Tape (duct, electrician, masking or scotch tape are not appropriate). The card should be displayed neatly and in a location that is highly visible.

- F. Safety - All safety procedures must be adhered to when displaying projects.
- G. Clutter - Exhibitors should confine paraphernalia, chairs, show boxes, cleaning supplies, brooms, and wiping rags to their assigned display area.
- H. Painting/Scratches - No paint is allowed in the barn. Judges will be instructed to make allowances for scratches or damage due to transportation.
- I. Exhibitors Presentation- The following will be considered when judging a project:
 - 1) Attire - Exhibitors should be dressed appropriately and be with their project when it is judged.
 - 2) Sportsmanship - Exhibitors should be courteous and helpful to those viewing their project, including those exhibiting next to them. Exhibitors should not interfere with or shield those who are exhibiting next to them.
 - 3) Knowledge - Exhibitors should be available to answer questions when their project is being judged. Knowledge of the project will be evaluated at this time. Exhibitors should be well informed of the project they are representing but should not be boisterous or argumentative.

11. JUDGING SCHEDULE – It is the exhibitor's responsibility to be present **during judging**. At least one chapter/club exhibitor should be available to answer questions from the public or show officials, including showmanship, at all times.

12. EXHIBIT AIDS – Exhibitors should provide any equipment that may be necessary to judge their project (e.g., flashlights or a mat or creeper for judging projects that the judge would need to get underneath). Exhibitors may be requested to hold measuring tape and assist the judge in making measurements on project.

13. DOCUMENTATION – An original working plan or drawing, photographs showing stages of construction and a bill of materials are required with each project. **ASABE ([The Society for Engineering in Agricultural, Food, and Biological Systems, www.asabe.org](http://www.asabe.org)) standards (aka ASAE standards) must be met on three-point hitch and PTO operated equipment.**

- A. Working Drawing - Should include an original multi-view orthographic projection drawn to a given scale with proper lettering and dimensioning. Dimensions shown on drawing should be specific and complete enough for it to be apparent that drawing was used to plan and construct project Judges will spot check dimensions on projects to see if they comply with drawings. Drawing may be a CAD (Computer Aided Design). Pictorials, isometric oblique, or perspective may be included.
- B. Bill of Materials - Must include a list or a description of material, including quantity, size, and cost. Other Information such as date of purchase, vendors name and/or purchase order number, etc. may be included.
- C. Photographs - Showing work in progress should depict proper safety procedures including clothing, eye and face shields, etc. Photographs should be sequenced in order of project construction.

Any project not having documentation will be disqualified. Any project not having all three documents will be placed down a ribbon.

14. SAFETY:

- A. Display - Appropriate and safe display stands are to be provided for gates, panels, and other projects that need support. Sharp edges and points, such as found on self-feeder roofs, bale movers, etc. are to be padded and/or covered as necessary to prevent possible injury.
- B. Transportation - All trailers and other equipment that will be operated and/or transported on public roads must be equipped with safety equipment specified in Title 7, Vehicles and Traffic

Transportation Code of the Texas Statutes. Projects must adhere to specific chapters regarding Width (621.201), Lights & Reflectors (547.322, 547.323, 547.324, 547.325, and 547.332), Brakes (547.401 and 547.402), Length (621.204) and Inspection (548.052).

- C. ~~All trailers must be legally registered with licenses plates and current registration stickers in place. Any trailer or vehicle towed or driven down the road to arrive at the show must be completely street legal.~~
- D. Fire safety - any engines must have fuel caps in place sealed with tape. An approved ABC fire extinguisher with a minimum 5lb capacity must be provided and near the engine.
- E. ~~Agriculture Exceptions - No agriculture exemptions for the following:~~

15. TRACTOR AND ENGINE RULES AND SAFETY:

- A. No yard tractors or riding lawnmowers.
- B. No implements or non-factory accessories allowed on tractors.
- C. ~~Tractors with steel lugs~~
- D. Tractor serial number must be included with description on entry form.
- E. Batteries must be disconnected and cranking or ignition systems must be disabled on all tractors to prevent unauthorized starting while on display.
- F. All fuel caps must be in place and sealed with tape. This applies to all engines in the show.
- G. LP-gas tractors will be exhibited outdoors.
- H. An approved ABC fire extinguisher with a minimum 5lb capacity must be provided and near the tractor.
- I. Tractors may be started only at request of show officials.
- J. Neat and functional drip pans containing absorbent material (cat litter) must be present to collect any coolant, oil, or hydraulic oil that may drip from the tractor.

16. SIGNS – All projects are to be identified with standard club exhibitor cards. Additional signs, banners, etc. are encouraged, but are subject to approval. No “For Sale” signs are permitted.

17. LOSS OR DAMAGE – Every precaution will be taken to protect the projects, however, neither the Bexar Stock Show nor the officials of this division will be responsible for any loss or damage to projects.

18. PROJECTS WITH ENGINES – No more than two gallons of fuel in any fuel tank is allowed. The fuel tank cap is to be in place and sealed with tape and the battery, if equipped, is to be disconnected. Tractors in the restoration division may have up to five gallons of fuel in the fuel tank.

19. PROJECTS NEEDING OFFLOADING ASSISTANCE – Projects that must be hoisted from the top-side are to be fitted with lifting eyes at balance points that will accommodate one inch shackles. Participants or Chapter/Club must provide their own safe offloading equipment. Projects that, in the opinion of show officials, cannot be safely offloaded with their own equipment will be shown at an alternate site **or on the transport vehicle or trailer.**

20. AWARDS:

- A. Projects will receive a ribbon based on quality (blue – highest, red – mid level, white – lower).
- B. Each class may have a class champion and reserve champion. Class champions must be blue ribbon quality. Therefore, if there is not a blue-ribbon level project in a class, there will be no class champion or reserve champion for that class.

- C. Each division may have a champion and reserve champion. Division champions must be blue ribbon quality. Therefore, if there is not a blue-ribbon level project in a division, there will be no division champion or reserve champion for that division.
- D. If a class has less than 3 entries, that class may be combined with other classes in the same division. The combined projects will compete against each other for class & division champions. If all classes in a division are combined, there will only be division champions and no class champions. For example, if there are 2 single axle trailers (class 4-1) and 2 tandem axle trailers (class 4-2), all 4 trailers may be combined into a new class.
- E. All Division Champions and Reserve Champions will compete for Best of Show Ag Mechanics and Reserve Best of Show Ag Mechanics. Best of Show Ag Mechanics and Reserve Best of Show Ag Mechanics winners will receive a belt buckle. If the Best of Show Ag Mechanics or Reserve Best of Show Ag Mechanics is a team, a maximum of 3 belt buckles will be awarded to the team.
- F. Restoration projects (Division 5) will compete for the Restoration Champion and Restoration Reserve Champion and may not compete for Best of Show or Reserve Best of Show in Agricultural Mechanics.

21. PRIZES - Types and number of prizes will be based on donations received for the show. Thank-you letters must be given to the Board to be forwarded to donors and/or contributors before any awards will be released. Thank-you letters must be addressed to the donors with appropriate return address and must be stamped.

22. TORCH SPEED CUTTING CONTEST – *New this year, BCJLS will offer a torch speed cutting contest.*

- A. The contest is open to any exhibitor with an entry in the BCJLS show. The entry does not have to be in Ag Mech.
- B. Contestants must pay a \$20 entry fee.
- C. The contest is single elimination.
- D. Types and number of prizes will be based on donations received for the show. Thank-you letters must be given to the Board to be forwarded to donors and/or contributors before any awards will be released. Thank-you letters must be addressed to the donors with appropriate return address and must be stamped.
- E. Students participating in the contest will be paired by a drawing that will randomly place participants in a bracket. Brackets will remain the same for the entire contest. Irregular numbers of students may require the bracket to include some “bye” slots.
- F. In each round students will light their own torch, adjust to a neutral flame, and make the cut required in that round. Regulators will be preset by contest officials. The student whose metal falls to the ground first or completes the event first advances to the next round and the other student will be eliminated.
- G. Any attempt to force the cut to fall by any action other than gravity (tapping with the torch tip, jarring the table, forcing with the hand, etc.) will result in that student being disqualified.
- H. Students **MUST** provide their own safety equipment and appropriate clothing. TWO high cuff gloves, safety glasses and a face shield must be worn while cutting. Eyewear must meet minimum Z87 standards. Long pants, closed-toed shoes, and a long-sleeved cotton shirt are required. Judges’ decision on appropriate clothing will be final.
- I. If judges determine that a torch tip is dirty, both tips will be cleaned by contest officials prior to the next round. Equipment malfunctions that cause an unfair advantage to one contestant may result in a “re-ride” if judges deem it appropriate.

- J. Metal to be cut will be provided by BCJLS. Preliminary rounds will cut flat metal, approximately 4" wide and approximately 3/8" thick. As the contest progresses contestants will be expected to make cuts on pipe, angle iron, channel iron, etc. Piercing cuts may be required in later rounds. At no point will metal to be cut exceed 1/2" in thickness.
- K. Prior to making their cuts students will be permitted to arrange metal, hoses, and strikers on their worktable for their own comfort. Judges will announce "go" to begin cuts in each round. Cut lines will be pre-marked by the judges.
- L. If during the contest a student is called for and is not present for his turn, the absent student will be eliminated and the absent student's competitor in that round will advance. Every effort will be made to accommodate students with other showing obligations and show officials may change the order of the brackets to help students participate.
- M. Contestants may choose the torch/table they use to cut on. If both students choose the same station, a coin flip will determine student placement.
- N. Decisions of the contest officials as they pertain to safety and details of the contest are final.

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS SHOW DIVISIONS

Division 1: Furniture and Cooking

Class 1-1: Furniture

Class 1-2: Fire Pits

Class 1-3: Grills, does not include towable.

Division 2: Shop Equipment and Truck Accessories

Class 2-1: Shop Tables and Jigs

Class 2-2: Truck Accessories

Division 3: Livestock and Wildlife Equipment

Class 3-1: Feeders, Gates, Pens and Traps.

Class 3-2: Observation Stands aka "deer blinds"

Division 4: Trailers including towable grills

Class 4-1: Single Axle Bumper Pull Trailers

Class 4-2: Tandem Axle Bumper Pull Trailers

Class 4-3: Gooseneck Trailers

Division 5: Restoration (all years, not eligible for the Agricultural Mechanics Best or Reserve Best of Show)

Class 5-1: Tractors

Class 5-2: All other agricultural related equipment.

CREATIVE ARTS SHOW RULES

1. LOCATION:

Martinez Social Club, 7791 FM 1346, San Antonio, TX 78220 (next to the BCJLS grounds).

2. SHOW DATE AND TIME:

Thursday, December 28, 2023 – Artwork, Crafts, Gardening & Horticulture, Photography, & Sewing

Friday, December 29, 2023 – Food division

Recipes for the food division must be electronically submitted by 11:59pm on November 1, 2023 to CreativeArtsSuper@bcjls.com.

Photographs MUST be electronically submitted in .jpg or .jpeg format through the [online submission platform](#) by 11:59pm on December 1, 2023.

3. **SCHEDULE** - All divisions **EXCEPT food & photography** check-in at the Martinez Social Club 9:00am – 11:00am on Thursday, December 28, 2023. Photography exhibitors do not need to check-in. Projects **MUST** be picked-up between 4:00pm and 5:00pm on Friday, December 29, 2023. Exhibitors may **NOT** pick-up their projects before 4:00pm. After 5:00pm, projects become the property of BCJLS.

Food division checks-in at the Martinez Social Club 8:00am – 9:30am on Friday, December 29, 2023. Projects **MUST** be picked-up between 4:00pm and 5:00pm on Friday, December 29, 2023. Exhibitors may **NOT** pick-up their projects before 4:00pm. After 5:00pm, projects become the property of BCJLS.

The photography entries are submitted online. There is no in-person check-in.

The Martinez Social Club will be open to the public for viewing of all projects from 2:00pm to 4:00pm on December 29, 2023.

4. **FEES** - The entry fee for each item entered will be **\$15.00**. The late entry fee is **\$30.00**.
5. **HOW TO ENTER** – Each exhibitor may enter one item per class (e.g., one entry for Artwork C1, one for Crafts A1, etc.). An exhibitor can enter one item in every class if desired. Use the entry form specific to the Creative Arts show. **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME OR INITIALS ANYWHERE ON THE ENTRY.** Your entry number will be assigned by the show at check-in.

Entries must be listed on the official group summary sheet along with all other stock show entries.

Recipes for the food division must be electronically submitted as a .doc, .docx, or .pdf file by 11:59pm on November 1, 2023 to CreativeArtsSuper@bcjls.com. Format the recipes for a recipe book with ingredients in columns in the order they are used then instructions. Proofread your recipe carefully. You will not be able to make changes later. Judges will read the recipes and mistakes will be noted.

Photographs MUST be electronically submitted in .jpg or .jpeg format through the [online submission platform](#) by 11:59pm on December 1, 2023.

On the day of the Show, all entries except photographs must be turned-in with an official BCJLS label found at the end of these rules. Photography exhibitors will submit the data found on the labels electronically when they upload their photographs.

All entrants MAY **handwrite or type additional information on the back of the official BCJLS label**. ~~All entries must have an additional card no larger than 4 inches by 6 inches attached to the entry, handwritten or typed,~~ which gives the judges insight and technical information about the project. This information MAY affect scoring. The information could include the development, design, purpose, construction, history, and/or inspiration for the project.

6. SHOW DIVISIONS:

The Creative Arts Show divisions are:

- a. Artwork shows on 12/28/2023, see rule 2
- b. Crafts shows on 12/28/2023, see rule 2
- c. Food shows on 12/29/2023, see rule 2
- d. Gardening & Horticulture shows on 12/28/2023, see rule 2
- e. Photography shows on 12/28/2023, see rule 2
- f. Sewing shows on 12/28/2023, see rule 2

Each division has category and class subdivisions as listed in the next section. Some divisions have their own specific additional rules, also listed below.

The Bexar County Junior Livestock Show board members, the Creative Arts Show superintendent, show division chairpersons, and judges have the right to change the classification of an entry or disqualify an entry to the Creative Arts Show at their discretion.

7. AGE GROUPS

There will be a junior/intermediate age group (exhibitor in grades 3-8 as of September 1, 2023) and a senior age group (exhibitor in grades 9-12 as of September 1, 2023).

8. PROJECT COMPLETION

All entries MUST have been started on or after December 28, 2022. All entries must have been created by the 4-H or FFA exhibitor. Adults may supervise and give counsel, but the project must have been completed by the exhibitor.

9. JUDGING

Judges will use a score sheet for each entry and provide feedback.

10. PRIZES AND AUCTION

The age group champion in the junior/intermediate and the senior groups in each show division will compete for the overall show division champion. Each of the six division champions will compete for Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show.

Ribbons & prizes will be displayed with the winning projects, including the top 3 photos in each category, during the public viewings on Friday, December 29, 2023. A list of photography winners will also be on display during the viewing on December 29, 2023. Winners will be published on the BCJLS website and Facebook pages later.

The six overall division champions are eligible to enter the premium auction. No food can be sold in the auction, just the recipe and a picture of the item. Exhibitors may choose to sell their actual artwork, craft, gardening & horticulture, photography, or sewing project in the auction.

Any exhibitor wishing to participate in the auction must take an official BCJLS photograph in person at the Show with the BCJLS photographer.

CREATIVE ARTS DIVISIONS, CATEGORIES, CLASSES, & RULES

ARTWORK DIVISION

Category	Class	Description
A	1	Paintings – acrylic or oil
B	1	Paintings – watercolor
C	1	Sketches – pencil, pen, scratch, charcoal, etc.
D	1	Sculptures
E	1	Other mixed media

CRAFTS DIVISION

Category	Class	Description
A	1	Macramé group
B	1	Leather work
C	1	Leaded and stained-glass group
D	1	Dried & cloth flower arrangement
E	1	Bread dough group
F	1	Ceramics group
G	1	Weaving group
H	1	Decoupage group
I	1	Homemade toy group (not sewn)
J	1	Latch hook group
K	1	Wearable art group – decorated/painted clothing
L	1	Handcrafted woodwork
M	1	Metal work
N	1	Recycled or re-purposed
O	1	Other

FOOD DIVISION

1. **Recipes for the food division must be electronically submitted by 11:59pm on November 1, 2023** to CreativeArtsSuper@bcjls.com. Format the recipes for a recipe book with ingredients in columns in the order they are used then instructions. Proofread your recipe carefully. You will not be able to make changes later. Judges will read the recipes and mistakes will be noted.
2. All entrants MUST exercise health and sanitation precautions when preparing, storing, and transporting food items. No food may be carried through the animal show barns and areas to be delivered for the Creative Arts Show. If a food item is seen in the animal barns or areas, the food item will be disqualified. Any entrant who has any contagious disease in their family (includes any person(s) living in the same household) should NOT enter a food item.
3. Baking contest entries must have a BCJLS entry label with insight about the project (see "How to Enter" in the rules above), and the recipe attached to the outside. The complete recipe must be typed or handwritten on a piece of 8.5" x 11" white paper OR an index card no larger than 4" x 6". The recipe must include the pie crust recipe for pies.
4. No prepackaged mixes (e.g., biscuit, cornbread, muffins, cookies, or icing), purchased pie crusts, or alcohol may be used in any Food Category. Decorated cakes/cupcakes may use small food safe props designed for use in edible decorating.
5. All entries in the Decorated Cake and Cupcake category will be judged on creativity, originality, and taste. A specific score card will be used for Category B which awards the majority of the points to the exterior aesthetic of the entry.
6. No items requiring refrigeration will be accepted. Due to health regulations, no soft cheeses, including cream cheese, ricotta cheese and cottage cheese will be allowed in any category, except as a cooked ingredient.
7. All food entries MUST be on a sturdy plate and securely covered with clear plastic wrap. **Plates left after 5pm on December 29, 2023 become the property of BCJLS and will NOT be returned to the exhibitor.**
- ~~8. All pies must be in an aluminum pie pan.~~
9. All loaves of bread must be a minimum of 4" X 8" (rectangular) or 6" diameter (round).
10. All cookies, candy, rolls, biscuits, etc., entries must contain at least thirteen (13) individual items.

FOOD DEFINITIONS

Biscuits: Biscuits are typically made with buttermilk and no eggs. They're flaky, soft, and traditionally not sweet.

Butters: Butters are made from pureed fruit. They are not as sweet as preserves, jams, or jellies but offer a full fruit flavor. Butters are cooked for over 6 hours, at a low temperature, allowing the product to thicken. Butters tend to be dark because of the exposure to air during cooking. Butters are available with no sugar added.

Chutneys: Chutneys are a vinegar-based condiment. They contain chopped fruit or vegetables, spices, sugar and sometimes flavor enhancers such as garlic.

Fruit Spreads (only fruit): Spreads are 100% fruit with no sugar added. If needed, sweet fruit juice such as white grape juice or apple juice may be added. Because of the sugar in the fruit, we cannot call these products sugarless. Spreads offer the most amount of pure fruit flavor.

Jam: Jam is made with mashed fruit.

Jelly: Jelly is made with strained fruit juice. There are no pieces of fruit in jelly.

Preserves: Preserves have whole fruit or large pieces of fruit. Some fruits such as blackberries or raspberries will not stay whole during the processing so there may not be much difference between raspberry jam and raspberry preserve.

Quick bread: Quick bread has no yeast.

Salsa: Salsa is a mixture of fresh vegetables including tomatoes, onions, chili peppers, jalapeño peppers, garlic, lime juice, cilantro and other herbs.

Savory Breads: Savory breads have a cheese or meat component and are designed to be served warm.

Scones: Scones are made with cream and eggs. They're sweeter, drier, and may contain fruit.

Food Category A - Cookies		
Category	Class	Description
A	1	Drop cookies
A	2	Bar cookies
A	3	Rolled & formed cookies
A	4	Shortbreads
A	5	Holiday, party, & decorated cookies

Food Category B – Cakes & Cupcakes		
Category	Class	Description
B	1	Iced cakes & cupcakes
B	2	Cheesecakes & cheesecake bars
B	3	Decorated cakes & cupcakes
B	4	Undecorated & uniced cakes & cupcakes
B	5	Brownies

Food Category C – Candy		
Category	Class	Description
C	1	Fudge
C	2	Candy
C	3	Hand dipped candies

Food Category D – Breads		
Category	Class	Description
D	1	Yeast bread – plain
D	2	Yeast bread – sweet
D	3	Savory yeast or quick bread
D	4	Quick breads
D	5	Scones
D	6	Biscuits

Food Category E – Jams, Jellies, and More		
Category	Class	Description
E	1	Fruit jam
E	2	Fruit jelly
E	3	Fruit preserves
E	4	Fruit spread
E	5	Fruit butter

Food Category G – Pies		
Category	Class	Description
G	1	Fruit
G	2	Nut
G	3	Cream or custard

Food Category F – Pickles, Hot Sauces & Salsas, and Chutneys		
Category	Class	Description
F	1	Sweet pickles
F	2	Dill & sour pickles
F	3	Spicy & hot pickles
F	4	Hot sauces & salsa
F	5	Chutney (fruit or vegetable)

GARDENING AND HORTICULTURE

1. All entries must include on the BCJLS entry label the type of plant, date of purchase and date replanted.
2. Category A and B must be live, rooted plants.
3. All entries must fit within an area not larger than 5 feet by 5 feet.
4. The plants must have been started on or after December 28, 2022.
5. Loose vegetables must be in a basket or container.
6. Category C - fresh flower arrangements:
 - a. Flowers need not be grown by exhibitor and may be retouched just prior to the public viewing in the event of wilting.
 - b. This class may include one (1) accessory.
 - c. No artificial foliage or flower material may be used.

Category	Class	Description
A	1	Flowering plants & succulents, including terrariums
B	1	Herbs and vegetables
C	1	Fresh flower arrangements

PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION

1. Exhibitors may only enter one entry per class in each category.
2. Photographs **MUST** be electronically submitted through the [online submission platform](#) by 11:59pm on December 1, 2023.
3. Photographs cannot be larger than 10MB. Photos must be submitted in .jpg or .jpeg format. iPhones and other cameras may not automatically save the files as .jpeg or .jpg. Exhibitors are responsible for converting the files to the appropriate format.
4. Photographs must be named in this format:
 Age division_category_class_exhibitor last name_exhibitor first name_photo title
 Example: junior_A_1_doe_john_poundpuppies.jpg
5. Because entries are submitted online, there is no need to check-in in-person at the Show on December 28. The top three photos in each category will be displayed at Martinez Social Club on December 29 from 2pm – 4pm.
6. Photo category descriptions can be found [here](#).
7. A photo story (class 5) must include at least 3 photos and no more than 5 photos.
8. Class 9 (“Catch all”) includes any photograph that does not clearly fit another category as determined by show officials and/or judges.

Color Photography		
Category	Class	Description
A	1	People
A	2	Animals – domestic
A	3	Animals – wildlife
A	4	Landscape & nature – no animals
A	5	Elements of design
A	6	Food
A	7	Plants & flora
A	8	Motion & action
A	9	Shadow & silhouette
A	10	Photo group story
A	11	Theme
A	12	Leading line
A	13	Long exposure
A	14	Enhanced
A	15	Details & macro
A	16	Catch all

Black & White Photography		
Category	Class	Description
B	1	People
B	2	Animals – domestic
B	3	Animals – wildlife
B	4	Landscape & nature – no animals
B	5	Elements of design
B	6	Food
B	7	Plants & flora
B	8	Motion & action
B	9	Shadow & silhouette
B	10	Photo group story
B	11	Theme
B	12	Leading line
B	13	Long exposure
B	14	Enhanced
B	15	Details & macro
B	16	Catch all

SEWING DIVISION

Clothing Categories		
Category	Class	Description
A	1	Clothing (all types)
A	2	Monogram & embroidery work (machine)
A	3	Toys
A	4	Pillows
A	5	Accessories (purses, hats, totes, etc.)
A	6	Other

Hand Needle Work Category		
Category	Class	Description
B	1	Knitting (original or kit)
B	2	Crocheting
B	3	Embroidery
B	4	Quilt
B	5	Needlepoint
B	6	Crewel
B	7	Appliqué
B	8	Counter cross stitch
B	9	Candle wicking group (original)
B	10	Other

Official BCJLS Creative Arts Entry Form	
Attach this to your project at the show. Photos info is submitted electronically. Your name must not be anywhere on your project or attached documents.	
Entry number (office use only)	
Age division (circle one)	Junior/Intermediate Senior
Project division (art, craft, food, garden, photo, sew)	
Project category (letter)	
Project class (number)	
Project description (e.g., "dog photo" or "lemon cake")	
Project title (exhibitor to name their project)	
Date completed	
Supplemental information for gardening and horticulture	Type of Plant: Date of Purchase: _____ Date Replanted: _____

Baking entries must attach the recipe. The complete recipe must be typed or handwritten on a piece of 8.5" x 11" white paper OR an index card no larger than 4" x 6". The recipe must include the pie crust recipe for pies. Proofread everything carefully as the judges will read these and mistakes will be noted.

Additional Information

On the back of this page, you MAY handwrite or type technical information and insight about your project. This information MAY affect scoring. The information could include the development, design, purpose, construction, history, and/or inspiration for the project. Proofread everything carefully as the judges will read these and mistakes will be noted.

BCJLS AUCTION RULES

EXHIBITOR'S RULES

1. **NUMBER TO SELL** – The number to sell will be determined by the Bexar County Junior Livestock Show (BCJLS, “the Show”) Board of Directors (“the Board”) or their designee(s) (collectively “show officials”).
2. **ORDER OF SALE** – The order of sale will be determined by the show officials.
3. **ELIGIBILITY** – Only those students receiving market show ribbons and the **6 overall Creative Arts division champions**, will be eligible for the auction. Breeding animals are not eligible for the auction.
4. **NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO SELL** – As soon as possible after the completion of judging of the last market class in the show, a meeting to make the auction list will be held with the superintendents and at least one representative from each FFA chapter and each 4-H club. It is the responsibility of the chapters and the clubs to make certain that their club or chapter is represented. The club or chapter representative is responsible for informing the Show as to which entry is to sell in the event that an exhibitor from their club or chapter has more than one entry qualified to sell. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to inform their representative of their intentions prior to the meeting. In the event no club or chapter representative is present or does not inform the Show, the first entry to be announced as eligible to sell will be the entry listed on the auction list.
5. **REMOVING AN ENTRY** – Once an entry is on the auction list, it may not be removed from the sale. If an exhibitor removes an entry from the auction sale after the auction list has been printed, he or she will be barred from showing the following year.
6. **LIMIT** – Each exhibitor will be eligible to sell only one (1) entry.
7. **METHOD OF SALE** – All entries will sell by the lot as a consortium purchase, meaning each buyer’s “bid” is really a contribution to the exhibitors. All the contributions to each exhibitor will be added together to make the final “sell” price awarded to the exhibitor.
8. **EXHIBITING THE LOT FOR SALE**
 - a. Each exhibitor should be present for the sale of his or her lot. Substitutions are allowed until a time set by the Board. If the exhibitor or substitute is not present, the lot will not sell.
 - b. Exhibitors must check in with the line-up superintendent 25 lots in advance of their sale lot. If Exhibitor or substitute is not present the lot will not sell.
 - c. **Parents are not allowed in the Sale Ring.**
 - d. No more than 2 students will be allowed in the Sale Ring per lot number.
 - e. Exhibitors can only bring into the sale ring their BCJLS 8 inch x 10 inch framed picture, ribbons from the current BCJLS, species signs provided by BCJLS, and
 - f. Senior signs provided by BCJLS. Seniors may write a 3 inch x 5 inch card for the auctioneer with their name, brief future plans, school they plan to attend, and major.

- g. NO OTHER ITEMS WILL BE ALLOWED. No projects, presents to buyers, banners, balloons, signs, etc., are allowed in the sale ring.
- 9. SALE AMOUNT** – Amounts announced during the live auction are not final. All auction sale amounts are subject to change without explanation based on the final BCJLS audit.
- 10. COMMISSION** – A sales commission of seven percent (7%) of sale value will be charged on all sale lots, pledges and add-ons and used to fund the Show, auction, and organization.
- 11. REPLACEMENT CHECKS** – Replacement checks to exhibitors will incur a processing fee.
- 12. THANK-YOU LETTERS**
- a. The exhibitor's thank you letter(s) to their buyer(s) must be submitted to Board of Director representative on the 3rd Tuesday of February from 6:30 PM till 8:00 PM at the BCJLS office at 7701 FM 1346, and must include ALL contributors on the provided thank you list, including belt buckle sponsors. Each letter must be ready to be mailed with an addressed, stamped, and sealed envelope.
 - b. In the event the exhibitor's letter(s) is not provided on the 3rd Tuesday in February, a 10% penalty fee will be deducted from the exhibitor's check. **The penalty fee will be used to fund scholarships.** If the exhibitor's letters are not received by March 1, the sale of the animal will be voided.
- 13. NO 4-H or FFA EXHIBITOR OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE BUYER'S AREA OF THE AUCTION.** This includes children of buyers. Volunteers working in the buyer's area may NOT solicit or pressure buyers.

BUYER'S RULES

1. All buyers, new or returning, **MUST** register on-line. Returning buyers **WILL** have a new buyer number assigned at the time of registration. Even if a buyer only wants to make add-ons, they must register.
2. **By participating in the live in-person auction, buyers agree to spend a minimum of \$500.** Buyers may spend the entire \$500 minimum on one lot or spread it across multiple lots. On-line and live auction bids will count towards the \$500 minimum.
3. The BCJLS is a **NOT** a terminal show. Lots will remain the property of the exhibitor. **Buyers are not actually bidding to take the item home.** "Bids" on the lots are individual donations. The cumulative total of the "bids" is the total sale price, with the individual buyer paying only their bid.
4. Buyers can bid via cell phone, computer, tablet, or similar devices.
5. In-person buyers at the live auction, meaning buyers who are committed to spending at least \$500, may sit in the buyer's area with complimentary food & drinks. Each buyer will receive wrist bands allowing access to the buyer's area.
6. Only in-person buyers at the live auction agreeing to the \$500 minimum and making a minimum bid (historically \$100 or more but subject to change during the auction) will have their names announced live.

7. Buyers wishing to spend less than \$500 should participate by making an add-on bid. Buyers may place add-on bids on-line until 11:50pm on January 31. **Add-on bids made after January 15 will not be included in the exhibitor's thank-you note lists. Add-on bids must be paid when submitted.**
8. **In the event of a discrepancy, the Board will use available evidence to resolve a discrepancy. Buyers who refuse to pay legitimate bids may be sanctioned.**
9. **Payment:** Payment can be made online by credit card via PayPal with a convenience fee applied at check-out or with a check. Unpaid accounts will be billed with payment due no later than **March 15**. Unpaid invoices will be deducted from the distribution to the kids and the bidder will not be allowed to attend future auctions.