

Rules and Regulations

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47th Annual
**Laredo International
Fair & Exposition**

February 24-27, 2010

Highlights for 2010

- *Change in shrink of all livestock to 5%*
(See – *Special Sales Rules, WEIGHING AND CONDITION OF ANIMALS, Rule no. 2*)
- *Change in the order of the sift of steers. Also a three judge classifier with 2 of 3 judges decision determining Division.*
(See – *Junior Steer Show, Special Rules SIFT, Rule no. 8.1 to 8.6*)
- *Snaring will not be allowed and Touch-up clipping will be allowed in swine.*
(See – *Market Swine Show, Special Rules, SIFT, Rule no. 2*)
- *Change in the order of the sift of lambs*
(See – *Market Lamb Show, Special Rules, SIFT, Rule no. 3.1 to 3.4*)
- *Competition for the Baking, Sewing and Canning has been changed to the same as that in Competition in the General Rules for LIFE.*
(See – *Baking, Sewing, Canning, General Rules, COMPETITION*)
- *No Baking, Canning, or Sewing Products will be received after 9:30 am.*
(See – *Special Rules Baking Division, Sewing Division and Canning Division*)
- *Ribbons will be awarded to the first six places.*
(See – *Special Rules Baking Division, Sewing Division and Canning Division*)
- *Baking Products, Canning Products and Sewing Products will be sold after the awards ceremony.*
(See – *Special Rules Baking Division, Sewing Division and Canning Division*)
- **CORRECTION Date correction on pages 26 and 29. Validation is scheduled on February 6, 2010**

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GENERAL RULES

EXHIBITORS

1. COMPETITION Competition is open to anyone, enrolled in elementary, middle school, jr. high school, high school, or home school and must be active members in good standing of an FFA chapter, 4-H club, or FCCLA organization in Webb County. Exhibitor must have personally fed and cared for the animal, baked, canned, sewn, constructed or drawn the entries in accordance to the rules and regulations set by the Laredo International Fair & Exposition (L.I.F.E.).

1.1 ACTIVE MEMBERS Active members in this Rule Book means having been a bona fide member of a 4-H Club, FFA Chapter, Jr. FFA or FCCLA Chapter on or before November 1st of the year immediately preceding the next L.I.F.E. Livestock Show. Exhibitors must be 9 years old or in the 3rd grade. Active member also means to be in good standing at the time of show.

1.2 SCHOOL STATUS Students who: have graduated, dropped out of school, are enrolled in a Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP) or a Justice Juvenile Alternative Education Program (JJAEP), or are not enrolled in school in Webb County are ineligible to participate.

1.3 SUBSTITUTE EXHIBITORS A Substitute Exhibitor Card must be submitted for both the Sift and the Show(Judging). The substitute exhibitors must comply with all the rules that apply to exhibitors. Substitute exhibitors information must be provided on an official L.I.F.E. Substitute Entry Card and must include the signature of the County Extension Agent (CEA) or Agriculture Science Teacher (AST). Substitute Exhibitor Cards will be accepted on the following basis:

- House Bill 72 (No Pass, No Play) – delivered by the CEA or AST to the LIFE office not later than 12:00 NOON Tuesday the week of the fair.
- Emergency Illness/Injury – must be accompanied by a doctor’s documentation (unless illness/injury occurs during fair).
- Exhibitor competing with two livestock projects in the same class. If the project makes the sale, then the exhibitor or substitute will sell the project in the sale.
- Denial by a schools administration to participate. Must be accompanied by documentation.

ENTRIES

1. APPLICATION FOR ENTRY All applications for entries must be printed completely on entry cards and in accordance with instructions. These cards, after being signed by the exhibitor, instructor, and parent or legal guardian, are delivered to the L.I.F.E. office located on the Laredo International Fair & Exposition grounds by the CEA or AST.

1.1 Incomplete Entry Cards will be rejected as received.

1.2 Each Entry Card must include the entry fee.

2. **ENTRY CARD DEADLINE** Entry cards will be accepted by L.I.F.E. only from CEA/AST. Entries will not be accepted from other individuals. Late Entries will not be accepted. Entry Cards will not be accepted on the day of validation.
3. **ENTRY CLOSING DATES** All entry cards must be in the L.I.F.E. office by 5:00 P.M. on the Wednesday preceding validation day or **December 04, 2009** whichever comes first.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Closing Date</u>	<u>Validation Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Steers	Sept. 23, 2009	Sept. 26, 2009	8:00 A.M.
Lambs	Oct. 14, 2009	Oct. 17, 2009	8:00 A.M.
Goats	Oct. 14, 2009	Oct. 17, 2009	8:00 A.M.
Swine	Dec. 02, 2009	Dec. 05, 2009	8:00 A.M.
Poultry	Dec. 04 2009	Feb. 06, 2010	8:00 A.M.
Rabbits	Dec. 04, 2009	Feb. 06, 2010	8:00 A.M.

10:00 AM Validation Cutoff Time_(sr)

4. **LIMIT OF ENTRIES**
 - 4.1 validate any number of exhibits (steers, hogs, lambs, goats, poultry, rabbits).
 - 4.2 Sift two exhibits
 - 4.3 Show two exhibits (In Poultry-see special rules)
 - 4.4 Sell only one exhibit in the auction.
5. **SIBLINGS (STEERS)** Direct siblings, half siblings, or step siblings may validate steers together. However, each exhibitor must select their own steer for the sift, show and sale. The siblings must reside in the same household and they must raise the steers together.
6. **SIBLINGS (POULTRY)** Direct siblings, half siblings, or step siblings may validate capon and broiler chick flocks together. However, each exhibitor must select their own bird(s) from the common flock for sift, show and sale. The siblings must reside in the same household and they must raise the flock together.
7. **SIBLINGS (RABBITS)** Direct siblings, half siblings, or step siblings may validate broiler and fryer rabbits from the same household pen or pens. However, each exhibitor must select their own rabbit(s) from the common group for sift, show and sale. The siblings must reside in the same household and they must raise the rabbits together.
8. **ACCEPT ENTRIES** In all cases the management reserves the right to reject, accept, or accept conditionally any entry, and does not guarantee space in the show barns to any entry, as it is intended that only such animals shall be entered and shown as having merit, and will be a credit to both the exhibitor and this exposition. An exhibitor who makes a material misrepresentation subjects himself to being barred from all further competition.

ENTRY FEES

1. **ENTRY FEES** Entry fees must be paid with the entry card and delivered by the CEA or AST. Entry Fees may be paid by Cashiers Check, Postal Money Order, School District Check, 4-H Club Check, or Cash. Personal, Family or Business Checks will not be accepted.

<u>Division</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Steers	\$20.00
Lambs	\$20.00
Goats	\$20.00
Swine	\$20.00
Poultry	\$20.00
Rabbits	\$20.00

2. **REFUNDS** There will be no re-funds after the entry closing date.

LIVESTOCK

1. **STALLS, PENS, TIES** Stalls, pens and ties will be assigned by the superintendents and board members of each division before check in on day of sift.
2. **LOSS OF EAR TAG** All livestock projects must have an official L.I.F.E. ear tag or state validation tag at sift and dispersal. Livestock projects not having an official ear tag will be sifted. Exhibitors removing ear tags before dispersal will not receive their check. In the event an ear tag is lost, the exhibitor must notify their CEA/AST within three (3) days of discovery of loss. CEA/AST will notify appropriate division superintendent to make arrangements to re-tag animal. Re-tagging must be done within ten (10) days from date of discovery of loss. Tagging and/or re-tagging will be done by division superintendent or superintendents designee only. There will be no exceptions to this rule. L.I.F.E. will assume no liability in theft or death of any livestock project.
3. **STATE NUMBERS** Livestock may use state validation ear-tag numbers instead of LIFE validation numbers.
4. **CHECK IN** All livestock, poultry, and rabbits must check in by 10:00AM in through West gate only on day of check in.
5. **DISEASED ANIMALS BARRED** Special care will be taken that no animals having a disease of any character will be admitted into the show grounds at any time. The superintendent of livestock is instructed and authorized to refuse unloading privileges or remove any livestock having a disease, or undesirable ailment.

6. **OBJECTIONABLE EXHIBITS** The management reserves the right to remove from the grounds any exhibit, animal, stand or show that may be falsely entered, or may be deemed unsuitable or objectionable without assigning a reason thereto, and if necessary to return any money already paid for space or stalls which shall exonerate the Exposition from any claims whatsoever on the part of exhibitor or purchaser.
7. **ERRONEOUS ENTRY** Exhibits that have been erroneously entered may be transferred to their proper class, prior to judging, upon application to the superintendent, who will determine the matter upon its merits. If such classes have been judged, however, they shall not be reopened.
8. **CARE OF ANIMALS** All owners of property, or livestock, or others having same in charge, shall care for, guard, protect and preserve the same, as the Laredo International Fair & Exposition does not undertake to do so, and it shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage to said property or the owners thereof. A charge sufficient to repair damages will be made to any exhibitor if he/she or his/her employees paint any signs on the walls of the livestock facilities.
9. **CARE OF STALLS AND PENS** All stalls, pens, and exhibition places must be cleaned before 8:00 A.M. each day and refuse matter disposed of as the General Superintendent of Livestock may direct. No smoking will be permitted in the covered show sheds.
 - 9.1 Exhibitors will be assigned stall space, pen space or ties for all projects.
 - 9.2 All projects include steers, hogs, lambs, goats, poultry, rabbits, & breeding heifers.
 - 9.3 All projects must be exhibited in their designated areas at all times.
10. **USE OF BLANKETS** Exhibitors are prohibited from using blankets or covers on their livestock between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. each day of the show. If the weather conditions necessitate the use of blankets on livestock between hours mentioned, permission must be obtained from the Livestock Superintendent to leave blanket on livestock.
11. **VIEWING OF LIVESTOCK AREAS** All areas must be prepared for viewing between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M.
12. **SHOW RING** No parent or persons other than the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendents designee will be allowed in the show ring while competing or otherwise showing his or her animal project. If the exhibitor is not able to handle his or her own project, he/she will not be allowed to participate.
13. **REFUSAL OR UNABLE TO SHOW** Exhibitors, or their substitutes, who are unable to show or who refuse to show their animal project during competition will forfeit their opportunity to sell at the auction.

- 14. SHOWING** Unethically fitted animals will be barred from exhibition. The decision of the official veterinarian will be final. Any animal or animals properly entered in any show class and passed upon by the sifting committee as eligible for competition must be brought into arena for exhibition, unless the reason for the non-appearance in the ring is acceptable to the superintendent in charge. All single breeding cattle and steers for exhibition must be shown with halter. All animals to be exhibited must not have their color or appearance altered. All livestock, poultry and rabbits will be subject to having body fluids withdrawn by a licensed veterinarian for the purpose of testing for drug residue. Specific animals to be tested may be selected at random or may be designated by an Executive Committee.
- 15. CLASS CERTIFICATION** See special rules in each division.
- 16. SURGERY/MEDICATIONS** No surgery shall be performed nor medications be given to livestock, poultry or rabbits during the fair without prior approval from the livestock superintendent or supervision of a licensed veterinarian.
- 17. L.I.F.E. LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST** All animal projects entered at L.I.F.E. are subject to be used in the L.I.F.E. Livestock Judging Contest at the discretion of the livestock committee. No exceptions will be allowed. Locks and chains on pens may be used after 6:00 P.M. only.
- 18. RELEASE OF LIVESTOCK** All steers must be taken to the pens behind the sale barn after the sale. Swine must be returned to their assigned pen after the sale. All lambs and goats must be returned to their chapter/club pens after the sale. All floored lambs and goats must remain in their chapter/club pens after the sale. No livestock, may be removed from grounds before 12:00 PM on Sunday of the fair. No livestock will be released until the release is approved by the superintendent. All sifted animals will be removed from the grounds by 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday the day of the sift. All sifted animals remaining on the grounds after 6:00 P.M. become property of L.I.F.E. **(THIS RULE WILL BE ENFORCED)**. Rabbits and poultry may be removed no earlier than 8:00 PM on the day of the sale.
- 19. EAR TAGS, LEG BANDS AND WINGBANDS** Animals without ear tags, leg bands or wing bands at time of dispersal will become property of L.I.F.E.
- 20. DISPERSAL** Any animal not picked up by buyer by 2:00 p.m. on Sunday will become the property of LIFE. Poultry and rabbit projects must be taken home by the exhibitor no earlier than 8:00p.m. on the day of the sale. The exhibitor is responsible for contacting the buyer, processing (if required) and delivering to the buyer. All steers must be taken to the pens behind the sale barn after the sale. Swine must be returned to their assigned pen after the sale. All lambs and goats must be returned to their chapter/club pens after the sale. All floored lambs and goats must remain in their chapter/club pens after the sale. Livestock will not be released until the release is approved by the superintendent.

- 21. SOLICITATION/RAFFLES** Nothing shall be sold or given or otherwise disposed of by exhibitors which will in any way conflict with, or which is subject matter of any privilege or concession granted or sold by the Laredo International Fair & Exposition. No exhibitor will be allowed in any way to solicit money for sifted livestock, poultry or rabbits. This includes raffles.
- 22. NURSE COWS** Nurse cows will not be permitted on the show grounds except those that come in for the heifer show.
- 23. ABANDONMENT** Any steers, swine, lambs, goats, poultry, or rabbits that are abandoned will become the property of LIFE and the exhibitor may be barred from further participation in the current livestock show and future livestock shows.

RULES

- 1. INTERPRETATION AND VIOLATION OF RULES** This Exposition reserves to its Grievance Committee the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations, arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with, or incident to, the Exposition, and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. An exhibitor who violates any of the rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the Grievance Committee may order. Any grievance will be handled by the Grievance Committee and their decision shall be final.
- 1.1 VIOLATORS** Any exhibitor, parent, 4-H livestock leader, chapter advisor, or volunteer, who threatens or causes in any way a disruption of any activity of the Show will be removed from the fair grounds and barred from further participation.
- 1.2 PROTESTS** It is the intent of L.I.F.E. and its management that all protests and grievances be handled in a professional manner. All protests must be in writing and accompanied by a \$100.00 cash deposit, which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Such protest must plainly state the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Grievance Committee of the Exposition immediately after the occasion for such protest (within 24 hours). Any protest as to the eligibility on account of age or breeding of animals must be filed with the management prior to the day on which they are to be judged.
- 1.3 ENTRY GRIEVANCE** A Grievance Committee will consist of the Fair Chairman, the superintendent of the animal in question and LIFE board members, and will handle all grievances pertaining to entries. The decision of the Grievance Committee shall be final. Voting will take place in executive session.
- 2. LIABILITY** All exhibitors will be under the control and direction of the management, but the Exposition will in no case be responsible for any loss, injury or damage that may occur. 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. Exhibitor shall indemnify the Exposition against all legal or, other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as damage or injury to any person or property, caused by the exhibitor or any of the animals so exhibited.

3. **SPECIAL RULES** Special rules or conditions are published in each department where necessary, and if there is a conflict between the special rules of any department and the general rules and regulations, the special rules will govern.

SPECIAL SALES RULES

1. AUCTION SALES Projects will be sold as specified by L.I.F.E. Rules Committee, **NO EXHIBITOR CAN SELL MORE THAN ONE ENTRY AT THE AUCTION.** Projects not making the sale, will be sold at floor price. Exhibitor can sell only once in the ring. In no case will steers, hogs, lambs, or goats after 10th place be sold. In no case will poultry or rabbits after 5th place be sold. Poultry and rabbits 6th through 10th place will be awarded premiums. **NO RE-SALES.**

1.1 In the event that an exhibitor; has two grand champions, one grand and one reserve champion, two reserve champions or two exhibits that are eligible for the sale, the exhibitor will have the option to select which one project will sell. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to immediately (after the judging) notify the LIFE Sales Office which exhibit will sell. If there is no notification, the LIFE Sales Office will decide. **AT NO TIME WILL AN EXHIBITOR BE ALLOWED TO SELL MORE THAN ONE PROJECT. (LIVESTOCK, POULTRY RABBITS, BAKED, CANNED, OR SEWN PRODUCTS, ETC.)**

1.2 Projects will sell freely at the discretion of the buyers. Amounts paid by buyer (and Add-Ons) will follow a free market system. The Buyers Committee, at its discretion, may add monies to help exhibitor.

1.3 Animals will be moved up in Lot # vacated by animals dropped from sale because of exhibitors having other entries. (For Sale Purposes only)

1.4 Projects must be led in sales ring by exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or by someone approved by L.I.F.E. All livestock which goes through this sale will be sold to the highest bidder.

1.5 Projects will be sold by the head, or by the pound, as announced by the auctioneer.

1.6 There is a **7%** sale fee on all livestock, poultry, rabbits, baked, canned or sewn products.

1.7 Add-ons will be handled through the L.I.F.E. office; any buyer wishing to give an exhibitor an Add-On may do so.

1.8 Each exhibitor will be responsible for his/her animal until it is placed in loading pens on day of dispersal.

1.9 In absolutely no case does L.I.F.E., The Board of Directors of L.I.F.E., nor L.I.F.E. management guarantee any exhibit or exhibitor the privilege of selling during the auction.

2. WEIGHING CONDITION OF ANIMALS All floored livestock will be shrunk 5% upon being weighed.

3. PARADE Any exhibitor selling in the auction must be paraded in at least show ring condition and appearance. Animal projects are to shown in their natural state and are not to wear clothing, hats, etc. Nor have any products attached to their coat, feathers or skin such as adhesives, spray paints, glitter, etc.

4. **THANK YOU LETTERS** In order for L.I.F.E. to disperse checks, all exhibitors must turn in their buyer's and add-on donor Thank you Letters to their CEA or AST as proof of acknowledgment. LIFE will accept Thank You Letters from CEA and AST only. Envelopes must be addressed, stamped, and sealed. Exhibitors will have 30 days, after they receive the Thank You Letter addresses, to turn in Thank You Letters.
5. **FLOORED LIVESTOCK** All steers must be moved to the back of the auction barn during the sale. **All lambs and goats that are floored must remain in their club/chapter pens.** All swine must be returned to their assigned pens during the sale.
 - 5.1 All steers, swine, lambs and goats placing 11th and after will be floored.
 - 5.2 The second steer, swine, lamb or goat entry not designated for the sale will be floored.
 - 5.3 All livestock donated back to the exhibitor will be floored.
6. All auctioned livestock, poultry, rabbits, baked, canned or sewn products will be charged a buyers photograph fee.
7. LIFE will release the checks upon 95% collection of the money from buyers. The Agriculture Science Teachers and County Extension Agents will be notified when the checks will be released.

8. The Auction will begin at 3:00pm

JUDGE'S RULES

Judges are earnestly requested to familiarize themselves with the rules and regulations of this show.

- 1. SELECTION OF JUDGES** The L.I.F.E. Rules & Regulations Committee will select the judges for the livestock shows. The Rules and Regulations Committee shall consist of LIFE Directors, Agriculture Science Teachers, County Extension Agents and two 4-H adult leaders. In every case the judges are selected with the utmost care.
- 2. DECISION OF JUDGES FINAL** The decision of the judges will be final in all cases, except where fraud, misrepresentation or collusion, not discovered at the time of the sift or award is proven. In such cases the Fair Chair or such referee as he may appoint may make a decision or the case may be referred to the Grievance Committee from whose decision there can be no appeal.
- 3. INTERFERENCE WITH JUDGES** If any exhibitor, parent, group leader, CEA, AST, volunteer or spectator in anyway interferes with the judges or shows any disrespect to them or the show, either in person or by agent, the management may demand a proper apology from such exhibitor, parent, group leader, CEA or AST, volunteer or spectator. The management may also exclude or bar such persons from further competition or participation in any activities and also withhold any premiums that have been awarded.
- 4. TIME OF JUDGING** The Livestock Judging Program as published in these Rules and Regulations will be followed as closely as possible. Exhibitors should ascertain at what time the exhibits entered will be judged. Any exhibit not presented promptly on scheduled time will be ruled out and barred from competition in the class called. No complaint or protest on the ground that the judges overlooked exhibits will be considered.
- 5. METHODS OF AWARDING** No animal will be awarded a prize unless removed from its stall or pen and exhibited before the judge in the show ring.
- 6. UNWORTHY EXHIBITS** Judges must not award a prize to an unworthy exhibit. It is the intention of the management that no premium or distinction of any kind shall be given any animal or article that is not deserving. Judges are also requested to report to the management any animal upon which a surgical operation has been performed to improve their "show" appearance. If, after examination by official veterinarian, an animal is found to have been tampered with, it will be barred from further exhibition and no award will be made and stall rent will not be refunded. These rules must be strictly adhered to whether there is competition or not.
- 7. ANIMALS DISQUALIFIED** Should any animal awarded a prize be disqualified the animals gaining the lower prizes shall graduate up into the higher positions next in order above them if, in the opinion of the judges, the animals are worthy of such prizes.

8. OTHER AWARDS The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of each livestock, poultry and rabbit divisions will receive a banner and trophy.

HERDMANSHIP

- 1.** The Laredo International Fair & Exposition will offer herdmanship awards to the 4-H clubs or FFA Chapters who the judges believe are deserving.
- 2.** Judges will be selected by Fair officials and will remain anonymous. and the decision of the judges will be final.
- 3.** Judging will begin on Wednesday (move-in day) at noon and continue through Saturday.
- 4.** The Herdmanship awards will be presented at the Sale on Saturday.
- 5.** Awards will be presented for the following divisions.
 - Steer Division
 - Swine Division
 - Lamb Division
 - Goat Division
 - Poultry Division
 - Rabbit Division
 - Overall Division
- 6.** The following guidelines will assist the clubs or chapters meet the criteria for the Herdmanship Awards.
 - 6.1** Clubs or chapters should have an exhibit area that is clean, neat and presentable to the public at all times.
 - 6.2** Use decorations that do not use AC current (electrical such as Christmas lights).
 - 6.3** Place decorations that will not fall into the pens, which livestock may eat and become sick. (such as ribbons, balloons, artificial flowers, etc above and inside pens).
 - 6.4** Club or chapter members should be courteous, polite and refrain from using profane or offending language at all times.
 - 6.5** Active participation in cleaning, maintenance and caring for the livestock should be observed at all times.
 - 6.6** Clubs or chapters should strive to have student representatives available to answer questions about the exhibits to the judges and the general public.

CONDUCT

The board of Directors or LIFE reserves the right to remove and bar for the remainder of the show anyone found in unlawful activities or disruptive behavior on the fairgrounds. In case of exhibitors, the exhibitor and his/her exhibit(s) will be refused the right to participate for the remainder of the show. The exhibit will be removed and all premiums forfeited.

**SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST
SPECIAL RULES**

The Laredo International Fair & Exposition will sponsor a Showmanship Contest for all livestock, poultry and rabbit divisions.

1. The contest will be held during regular judging or at the discretion of the judge.
2. The contest will be open to all 4-H and FFA members who show their own projects entered in the fair. Substitute exhibitors are not eligible.
3. There will be no entry fee and entries will be made at the show.
4. Each contestant will be allowed to enter only one division.
5. Awards will be given to the first place winners in each of the divisions directly after selection of grand and reserve grand champion of that division.
6. Exhibitors must follow their Student Code of Conduct when showing their project(s) in the show ring and auction.

JUNIOR STEER SHOW SPECIAL RULES

The purpose of the Junior Steer Show is to encourage 4-H Club members and FFA Chapter members to participate in a practical beef production program. Emphasis on economy in the feeding operation is recommended.

ENTRIES

1. Entry cards must be in the L.I.F.E. office by 5:00 PM on the Entry Closing Date, (Wednesday before validation) **September 23, 2009**.
2. The exhibitor must have owned the steer(s) prior to **September 23, 2009** and the steer(s) shall have been fed and cared for exclusively by the contestant during the feeding period.
3. Entry cards must delivered from AST/CEA only (Hand Deliver).
4. A fee of \$20.00 per entry must accompany the entry card.
5. No late entries will be accepted.
6. Direct siblings, half siblings, or step siblings may validate steers together. However, each exhibitor must select their own steer for the sift, show and sale. The siblings must reside in the same household and they must raise the steers together.

VALIDATION

1. Validation will begin at 8:00 AM Saturday, **September 26, 2009** and end when last steer is validated or 10:00 AM, whichever is earlier. 10:00 AM is the cutoff time_(sr).
2. State validated steers must show up to the validation to be photographed by the steer superintendent.
3. Steers will be ear tagged on the left ear and photographed.
4. Steers will not be ear-tagged or photographed inside trailers. They will only be ear-tagged and photographed in the head-stall behind the sale barn or at the discretion of the superintendents.
5. Steers shall have been de-horned, castrated and halter broken prior to date of validation.
6. There will be no weight limit at validation time.

SIFT

1. Sift day will be **February 24, 2010**.
2. Siblings (full, half or step) who live in the same household and raise steers in common may enter into the sift with his/her name and his/her siblings name on the same entry card.
 - 2.1 Exhibitors must determine who will show said steer at the time of sift.
 - 2.2 This rule cannot supercede any general rule, judge's rule, special rule or sales rule.
3. Steers must be slick shorn prior to sift.
4. Wild or unruly animals will be sifted at the discretion of the sift judge.
5. Steers will be required to use a security tie while tied to rail. This rule will be enforced.

6. Steers must weigh a minimum of 1,000 pounds on the day of sift. Steers not weighing the minimum 1,000 pounds shall not be eligible and will be sifted. THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE WEIGH-IN FOR EACH STEER.
7. Steers must be of show quality or they will be sifted.
8. Steers will be divided into three (3) divisions with three weight classes in each Division. **Steers will be classified in following order.**

8.1 American Breed Crosses/Brahman Influence

8.2 British / British Cross

8.3 European Influence

8.4 Steers will be classified according to visual breed characteristics.

8.5 Steers will be classified by three judges. The decision of two of the three judges will determine the division.

8.6 The decisions of classifier(s) and or sifter(s) is final and not subject to protest.

9. All sifted animals will be removed from the grounds by 6:00 PM on Wednesday the day of the sift. All sifted animals left on the grounds after 6:00 PM become property of L.I.F.E. **(THIS RULE WILL BE ENFORCED).**
10. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the sift.

SHOW

1. An exhibitor may enter and show two (2) steers.
2. A Division Champion will be selected from the first place steers in each weight class. The second place steer from the class that produced the Division Champion will compete for Reserve Division Champion.
3. The Grand Champion steer of the show will be selected from the Division Champions.
4. The Reserve Division Champion from the division that produced the Grand Champion will compete for Reserve Grand Champion steer of the show.
5. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the judging.

SALE

1. **All steers will be shrunk 5% upon being weighed.**
2. No exhibitor can sell more than one entry in the sale. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to immediately (after the judging) notify the LIFE Sales Office which entry will sell. If there is no notification, the LIFE Sales Office will decide.
3. In no case will a steer after tenth place (10th) be sold.
4. All steers that are to be floored must be taken to the pens behind the sale barn after 8:00 PM on the day of the sale. Steers may not be removed from the grounds before 12:00 PM on Sunday of the fair.
5. **Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the sale.**

DISPERSAL

1. Steers without ear tags at the time of dispersal will become property of L.I.F.E
2. All steers must be taken to the pens behind the sale barn after the sale.

MARKET SWINE SHOW SPECIAL RULES

The purpose of the Swine Show is to encourage 4-H Club members and FFA Chapter members to participate in a practical swine production program. Emphasis on economy in the feeding operation is recommended.

ENTRIES

1. Entry cards must be in the L.I.F.E. office by 5:00 PM on the Entry Closing Date, (Wednesday before validation) **December 2, 2009.**
2. The exhibitor must have owned the pig(s) prior to **December 2, 2009** and the pig(s) shall have been fed and cared for exclusively by the contestant during the feeding period.
3. Entry cards must delivered from AST/CEA only (Hand Deliver).
4. A fee of \$20.00 per entry must accompany the entry card.
5. No late entries will be accepted.

VALIDATION

1. Validation will begin at 8:00 AM Saturday, **December 5, 2009** and end when last pig is validated or 10:00 AM, whichever is earlier. 10:00 AM is the cutoff time_(sr).
2. State validated swine must show up to be photographed by the swine superintendent.
3. Pigs will be ear tagged on the left ear on validation date.

SIFT

1. Sift day will be **February 24, 2010.**
2. **“Snaring” will not be allowed on the fairgrounds at any time. “Touch-up” clipping will be allowed.**
3. Swine Show will not be divided into individual breeds but into weight classes.
4. Weight classes will be:
 - 4.1 Approximate equal numbers in each weight class.
 - 4.2 There will be six (6) classes if possible.
5. Weight Limits
 - 5.1 Minimum weight: 200 lbs.
 - 5.2 Maximum weight: 270 lbs.

THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE WEIGH-IN FOR EACH PIG.
6. Pigs must be of show quality or they will be sifted.
7. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the sift.
8. **The decisions of classifier(s) and or sifter(s) is final and not subject to protest.**

SHOW

1. Each exhibitor is entitled to enter two (2) pigs.

2. Barrows or open gilts may be shown.
3. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the judging.

SALE

1. **All swine will be shrunk 5% upon being weighed.**
2. No exhibitor can sell more than one entry in the sale. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to immediately (after the judging) notify the LIFE Sales Office which entry will sell. If there is no notification, the LIFE Sales Office will decide.
3. In no case will a pig after tenth place (10th) be sold.
4. All pigs must be returned to their assigned pens after they have been sold at the sale. Swine may not be removed from the grounds before 12:00 PM on Sunday of the fair.
5. **Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the sale.**

DISPERSAL

1. Swine without ear tags at the time of dispersal will become property of L.I.F.E
2. Swine must be returned to their assigned pen after the sale.

MARKET LAMB SHOW SPECIAL RULES

The purpose of the Lamb Show is to encourage 4-H Club members and FFA Chapter members to participate in a practical Lamb production program. Emphasis on economy in the feeding operation is recommended.

ENTRIES

1. Entry cards must be in the L.I.F.E. office by 5:00 PM on the Entry Closing Date, (Wednesday before validation) **October 14, 2009**.
2. The exhibitor must have owned the lamb(s) prior to **October 14, 2009** and the lamb(s) shall have been fed and cared for exclusively by the contestant during the feeding period.
3. Entry cards must delivered from AST/CEA only (Hand Deliver).
4. A fee of \$20.00 per entry must accompany the entry card.
5. No late entries will be accepted.
6. State validated lambs must submit a facial photograph and a side profile photograph with the entry card on the Entry Date (Wednesday before validation).

VALIDATION

1. Validation will begin at 8:00 AM Saturday, **October 17, 2009** and end when the last lamb is validated or 10:00 AM, whichever is earlier. 10:00 AM is the cutoff time_(sr).
2. State validated lambs must show up to be photographed by the lamb superintendent.
3. Lambs will be ear tagged on the left ear and tattooed on the right ear.
4. All male lambs must be castrated prior to validation.
5. Wether lambs cannot be castrated with berdizzos. Only knife or elastrator castration will be accepted.

SIFT

1. Sift day will be **February 24, 2010**.
2. All lambs must be slick shorn with an approximate 3/8 inch clip prior to weigh and sift.
3. **Lambs will be divided into the following divisions and will be classified and sifted in the following order.**
 - 3.1 **Southdown**
 - 3.2 **Fine Wool**
 - 3.3 **Fine Wool Cross**
 - 3.4 **Medium Wool**
4. Each lamb division will be divided into three classes:
 - Light
 - Medium
 - Heavy
5. Lambs weighing under eighty pounds (80 lbs.) or more than one-hundred forty pounds (140 lbs.) at the time of official weigh-in will be sifted.
THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE WEIGH-IN FOR EACH LAMB.

6. Lambs will be of show quality or they will be sifted.
7. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the sift.
8. **The decisions of classifier(s) and or sifter(s) is final and not subject to protest.**

SHOW

1. An exhibitor may enter and show two (2) lambs.
2. Ewes or wethers may be shown.
3. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the judging.

SALE

1. **All lambs will be shrunk 5% upon being weighed.**
2. No exhibitor can sell more than one entry in the sale. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to immediately (after the judging) notify the LIFE Sales Office which entry will sell. If there is no notification, the LIFE Sales Office will decide.
3. In no case will a lamb after tenth place (10th) be sold.
4. **All lambs that are auctioned must be returned to the club/chapter pens after the sale. All lambs that are floored must remain in their club/chapter pens the day of the sale. Lambs may not be removed from the grounds before 12:00 PM on Sunday of the fair.**
5. **Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the sale.**

DISPERSAL

1. Lambs without ear tags at time of dispersal will become property of L.I.F.E
2. **All lambs that are auctioned must be returned to the club/chapter pens after the sale. All lambs that are floored must remain in their club/chapter pens the day of the sale. Lambs may not be removed from the grounds before 12:00 PM on Sunday of the fair.**

MARKET GOAT SHOW SPECIAL RULES

The purpose of the Goat Show is to encourage 4-H Club members and FFA Chapter members to participate in a practical Goat production program. Emphasis on economy in the feeding operation is recommended.

ENTRIES

1. Entry cards must be in the L.I.F.E. office by 5:00 PM on the Entry Closing Date, (Wednesday before validation) **October 14, 2009.**
2. The exhibitor must have owned the goat(s) prior to **October 14, 2009** and the goat(s) shall have been fed and cared for exclusively by the contestant during the feeding period.
3. Entry cards must delivered from AST/CEA only (Hand Deliver).
4. A fee of \$20.00 per entry must accompany the entry card.
5. No late entries will be accepted.
6. State validated goat(s) must submit a facial photograph and a side profile photograph with the entry card on the Entry Closing Date (Wednesday before validation).

VALIDATION

1. Validation will begin at 8:00 AM Saturday, **October 17, 2009** and end when the last goat is validated or 10:00 AM, whichever is earlier. 10:00 AM is the cutoff time_(sr).
2. State validated goats must show up to be photographed by the goat superintendent.
3. Goats will be ear tagged on the left ear, tattooed on the right ear and photographed.
4. All male goats must be castrated prior to validation.
5. Wether goats cannot be castrated with berdizzos. Only knife or elastrator castration will be accepted.

SIFT

1. Sift day will be **February 24, 2009.**
2. All goats must be clipped prior to weighing and sifting and shown with a 3/8" clip.
3. Each goat class will be divided into six (6) classes after the official weigh-in.
 - Class 1
 - Class 2
 - Class 3
 - Class 4
 - Class 5
 - Class 6
4. **The minimum weight for wethers and females will be seventy five (75) pounds** and a maximum weight of one hundred twenty (120) pounds.
THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE WEIGH-IN FOR EACH GOAT.
5. Goats must be of show quality or they will be sifted.
6. Horns must be no longer than five inches at the rear base and must be tipped. (Tips of horns must be flat or round).

7. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the sift.

SHOW

1. An exhibitor may enter and show two (2) goats.
2. Wether goats and breeding females can be shown.
3. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the judging.

SALE

1. **All goats will be shrunk 5% upon being weighed.**
2. No exhibitor can sell more than one entry in the sale. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to immediately (after the judging) notify the LIFE Sales Office which entry will sell. If there is no notification, the LIFE Sales Office will decide.
3. In no case will a goat after tenth place (10th) be sold.
4. **All goats that are auctioned must be returned to the club/chapter pens after the sale. All goats that are floored must remain in their club/chapter pens the day of the sale. Goats may not be removed from the grounds before 12:00 PM on Sunday of the fair.**
5. **Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the sale.**

DISPERSAL

1. Lambs without ear tags at time of dispersal will become property of L.I.F.E
2. **All goats that are auctioned must be returned to the club/chapter pens after the sale. All goats that are floored must remain in their club/chapter pens the day of the sale. Goats may not be removed from the grounds before 12:00 PM on Sunday of the fair.**

POULTRY SHOW SPECIAL RULES

The purpose of the Poultry Show is to encourage 4-H Club members and FFA Chapter members to participate in a practical poultry production program. Emphasis on economy in the feeding operation is recommended.

ENTRIES

1. Entry cards must be in the L.I.F.E. office by 5:00 PM on the Entry Date, **December 4, 2009**.
2. The exhibitor must have fed and cared for the poultry exclusively by the contestant during the feeding period.
3. Entry cards must be delivered from AST/CEA only (Hand Deliver).
4. A fee of \$20.00 per entry must accompany the entry card.
5. No late entries will be accepted.
6. Direct siblings, half siblings, or step siblings may validate capon and broiler chick flocks together and select birds from the common flock for show. The siblings must reside in the same household and they must raise the flock together.

VALIDATION

1. Validation will begin at 8:00 PM Saturday, **February 6, 2010** and end when the last poultry project is validated or 10:00 AM, whichever is earlier. 10:00 AM is the cutoff time.
2. Broilers must be wing banded by the hatchery or exhibitor prior to validation.
2. Capons and Turkeys will be leg banded (unless they are wing banded) by the superintendents on the day of validation.

SIFT

1. Sift day will be **February 24, 2010**.
2. All poultry projects will be sifted on the following rules.
 - 2.1 Quality and weight.
 - 2.2 Any birds showing signs of blisters, bruises (other than on wing tips; past last wing joint), cuts, tears, broken or disjointed bones, or any type of external parasites.
 - 2.3 Only Grade "A" poultry will be accepted into the show.
3. All exhibitors in this division must have their project with them during sifting. No substitutions of birds during sifting, except broilers.
4. There will be four classes:
 - 4.1 One class of Capons.
 - Slips will be sifted.
 - No maximum weight.
 - Must be commercial strain, Yellow Cornish-Plymouth Rock Cross that are obtained from a Pullorum-Typhoid and Mycoplasma Gallisepticum clean hatchery.

4.2 One class of Broilers.

- Must be commercial strain, Yellow Cornish-Plymouth Rock Cross that are obtained from a Pullorum-Typhoid and Mycoplasma Gallisepticum clean hatchery.
- No cocks will be accepted.
- Pen of Three.
- Minimum weight, 9 lbs.
- Maximum weight, 23 lbs.
- One broiler may be immediately substituted. If the substitute broiler is sifted then the whole pen is eliminated.

4.3 One class of Turkey Toms

- Must be commercial strain Nicholas Broad Breasted White and from a Pullorum-Typhoid and Mycoplasma Gallisepticum clean hatchery.
- Minimum weight, 20 lbs.
- No maximum weight.

4.4 One class of Turkey Hens

- Must be commercial strain Nicholas Broad Breasted White and from a Pullorum-Typhoid and Mycoplasma Gallisepticum clean hatchery.
- Minimum weight, 15 lbs.
- No maximum weight.

- 5. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the sift.**

SHOW

- 1. Each exhibitor may show two (2) poultry projects, but they must be of different classes.**
- 2. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the judging.**

SALE

- 1. Only one poultry project may sell. In no case will any poultry after 5th place will be sold. Poultry between 6th and 10th place will be awarded premiums. Premiums will be as follow: 6th place - \$150.00, 7th place - \$125.00, 8th place - \$100.00, 9th place - \$90.00, 10th place \$80.00.**
- 2. There is no floor on Poultry.**
- 3. Poultry projects must be taken home by the exhibitor no earlier than 8:00PM. on the day of the sale or on Sunday the day of dispersal.**
- 4. The exhibitor is responsible for contacting the buyer, processing (if required) and delivering to the buyer.**
- 5. Any poultry left in the cage after 2:00 PM on Sunday will become the property of L.I.F.E. (THIS RULE WILL BE ENFORCED!)**
- 6. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the sale.**

DISPERSAL

1. Poultry without leg bands or wing bands at the time of dispersal will become property of L.I.F.E
2. Poultry projects must be taken home by the exhibitor no earlier than 8:00p.m. on the day of the sale. The exhibitor is responsible for contacting the buyer, processing (if required) and delivering to the buyer.
3. Any poultry left in the cage after 2:00 PM on Sunday will become the property of L.I.F.E. (THIS RULE WILL BE ENFORCED!)

RABBIT SHOW SPECIAL RULES

The purpose of the Rabbit Show is to encourage 4-H Club members and FFA Chapter members to participate in a practical rabbit production program. Emphasis on economy in the feeding operation is recommended.

ENTRIES

1. Entry cards must be in the L.I.F.E. office by 5:00 PM on the Entry Date, **December 4, 2009**.
2. The exhibitor must have fed and cared for the rabbit(s) exclusively by the contestant during the feeding period.
3. Entry cards must be delivered from AST/CEA only (Hand Deliver).
4. A fee of \$20.00 per entry must accompany the entry card.
5. No late entries will be accepted.
6. Direct siblings, half siblings, or step siblings may validate broiler and fryer rabbits from the same household pen or pens. However, each exhibitor must select their own rabbit(s) from the common group for sift, show and sale. The siblings must reside in the same household and they must raise the rabbits together.

VALIDATION

1. Validation will begin at 8:00 AM Saturday, **February 6, 2010** and end when the last rabbit project is validated or 10:00 AM, whichever is earlier. 10:00 AM is the cutoff time.
2. Rabbit projects will be tattooed or the existing tattoo will be used. This decision will be at the discretion of the superintendents.

SIFT

1. Sift day will be **February 24, 2010**.
2. All rabbits will be sifted by a professional sifter and all American Rabbit Breeders Association Disqualifications and Eliminations and those present herein shall apply to each entry. Any rabbit with signs of disease, external parasites, (ear canker or mites) fur chewing, hutch stains or physical abnormalities (wolf teeth, buck teeth, butting) will be sifted from the show at the discretion of the sifting judge.
3. Each exhibitor will be allowed one weigh-in for all his/her entries. All rabbits must be weighed in the presence of the judge. There will be no substituting of rabbits during the weighing and sifting except for fryers.
4. Rabbits will be divided into two divisions.
 - 4.1 Fryer Rabbits
 - A fryer rabbit entry will consist of a meat pen of three (3) rabbits, all of the same breed and variety but not necessarily from the same litter.
 - Fryer Rabbits must be born on or after **December 16, 2009** (@ 70 days of age or younger on the day of sift).
 - Weight limit is no less than three (3) pounds each, and not over five (5) pounds each.

- One fryer rabbit may be immediately substituted. If the substitute fryer rabbit is sifted then the whole pen is eliminated.
- If any one fryer rabbit in the pen including the substituted fryer rabbit is sifted, the whole pen is sifted.

4.2 Broiler Rabbits

- An entry will consist of one broiler rabbit whose weight should be no less than five and one-half pound (5.5 lbs) and no more than nine pounds (9 lbs).
- All rabbits entered in this class must be born on or after **August 28, 2009** (@ 180 days of age or younger on the day of sift).

5. Classes will be:

5.1 Class I - New Zealand Whites

5.2 Class II - All other breeds and cross breeds

6. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the sift.

SHOW

1. Exhibitors are limited to two entries.
2. If there are more than 40 entries in any class, they will be divided into two (2) sub-classes for judging. Odd number pens will be one sub-class and even number pens the second sub-class. The top ten (10) in each sub-class will be judged for final placing for the particular class.
3. All rabbit entries will be judged for market meat characteristics.
4. Exhibitors are responsible for furnishing their own approved equipment for feed and water while their rabbits are exhibited.
5. All rabbits must be locked at all times in their assigned cage. Exhibitor must furnish own lock.
6. **Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the sale.**

SALE

1. Only one rabbit project may sell. In no case will any rabbit after 5th place will be sold. Rabbits between 6th and 10th place will be awarded premiums. Premiums will be as follow: 6th place - \$150.00, 7th place - \$125.00, 8th place - \$100.00, 9th place - \$90.00, 10th place - \$80.00.
2. There is no floor on rabbits.
3. Rabbit projects must be taken home by the exhibitor no earlier than 8:00 PM on the day of the sale or on Sunday the day of dispersal.
4. All rabbits must be taken home by the exhibitor. The exhibitor is responsible for contacting buyer, processing (if required) and delivering rabbit to buyer.
5. Any rabbits left in their cage after 2:00 p.m. on Sunday will become property of LIFE. (THIS RULE WILL BE ENFORCED!)
6. Only the exhibitor, substitute exhibitor or superintendent designee will be allowed in the show ring during the sale.

DISPERSAL

1. Rabbit projects must be taken home by the exhibitor no earlier than 8:00p.m. on the day of the sale. The exhibitor is responsible for contacting the buyer, processing (if required) and delivering to the buyer.
2. Any rabbits left in their cage after 2:00 p.m. on Sunday will become property of LIFE. (THIS RULE WILL BE ENFORCED!)

VOCATIONAL INDUSTRIAL DIVISION RULES

ARTS CRAFTS

MIDDLE SCHOOL

PENCIL
ACRYLICS & OILS
WATER COLOR
PRISMA & MARKER
MULTIA MEDIA
MIXED MEDIA
AIR BRUSH
COLLAGE
PASTEL
COMPUTER ARTS
3 D

HIGH SCHOOL

PENCIL
ACRYLICS & OILS
WATER COLOR
PRISMA & MARKER
MULTIA MEDIA
MIXED MEDIA
AIR BRUSH
COLLAGE
PASTEL
COMPUTER ARTS
3 D

METAL TRADES
AUTO TECHNOLOGY
WOODWORK
AG. MECHANICS
AUTO BODY TECHNOLOGY

EXHIBIT CONTEST GENERAL RULES

1. Competition is open to boys and girls actively enrolled in 4-H, FFA, or any other vocational club of a school system that competes at L.I.F.E. Students who have graduated or dropped out of school are ineligible to participate. The purpose of this division is to allow students an opportunity to enter a job exhibit that represents examples of skills learned in the field in which the individual is training.
2. Only exhibits that represent the skills gained from the occupation in which the student is trained will be allowed.
3. Each student will be permitted one exhibit.
4. Each Chapter will be limited to one (1) Chapter display.
5. No cutaways, commercial models, mock-ups, or teaching aids will be allowed as student job exhibits.
6. Contestants shall, before arriving, obtain a tag for each project.

7. The identification tag must be filled out completely and attached securely in an obvious place.
8. The identification tag must be signed by the club sponsor to indicate all information is correct and approved by the sponsor.
9. Each exhibit will be displayed in the designated area.
10. Exhibits will be on display until released by the exhibit hall chair persons.
11. Each Chapter is responsible for bringing, displaying, and removing its entries from the exhibit contest.
12. All exhibit classifications will be divided into Division I (Middle School) and Division II (High School).
13. Each exhibit will be judged on individual merits, according to the rules of each category.
14. Each exhibit will include a narrative write-up, attached to the exhibit, which describes:
 - a. Occupational title of job.
 - b. Program title.
 - c. Tasks being performed--showing the steps in the process of making the end product.
 - d. Identify tools, materials, good, etc., used to make the product.
15. Student job exhibits will be judged on the following:
 - a. Explanation of exhibit--can be working drawing or description; should include a write-up (attached to the exhibit or in a notebook); occupational title, program title, tasks performed; tools and materials used.
 - b. Technical quality--meets the standards of the occupation in finish, construction, and assembly.
 - c. Skill level--displays quality and neatness, shows originality and initiative.

**BAKING/SEWING/CANNING
GENERAL RULES**

COMPETITION Competition is open to anyone, enrolled in elementary, middle school, jr. high school, high school, or home school and must be active members in good standing of an FFA chapter, 4-H club, or FCCLA organization in Webb County. Exhibitor must have personally baked, canned, sewn, etc. the entries in accordance to the rules and regulations set by the Laredo International Fair & Exposition (L.I.F.E.).

SCHOOL STATUS Students who: have graduated, dropped out of school, are enrolled in a Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP) or a Justice Juvenile Alternative Education Program (JJAEP), or are not enrolled in school in Webb County are ineligible to participate.

Little Partner Division	2 nd grade or 8 years old and under (All entries will receive a ribbon. Not eligible for auction. Will not be judged, this is just for experience!)
Elementary Division	3 rd grade (or 9 years old) – 5 th grade
Middle School Division	6 th – 8 th grade
High School Division	9 th – 12 th grade

GENERAL RULES

1. No entry fee is required to participate in the Baking/Sewing/Canning Divisions.
2. When there is no competition, entry will be awarded to merit of entry.
3. No ribbon will be awarded to any entry not listed. However, entries not listed may be exhibited.
4. All goods in the Baked Products Division and Canning Division will become the property of LIFE and sold after judging.
5. **BAKING/SEWING/CANNING EXHIBITORS MUST ABIDE BY ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS SET FORTH BY L.I.F.E.**
6. **NO EXHIBITOR MAY SELL MORE THAN ONE ENTRY AT THE AUCTION. (YOU MAY NOT AUCTION TWO BAKED/CANNED/SEWN PRODUCTS OR ONE BAKED/CANNED/SEWN PRODUCT AND ONE ANIMAL PROJECT! NO EXCEPTIONS.)**
7. There is a 7% sale fee on all **baked products, canned products, sewn products** sold at the auction.
8. All money derived from the sale of entries (except for Grand Champion winners sold at the auction) will be used for the continuation of the Bake-Off.

BAKING DIVISION SPECIAL RULES

CATEGORIES

1. Cakes
 - A. Scratch
 - B. Mixes
2. Pastries
 - A. Pies
 - B. Turnovers or other products
3. Breads
 - A. Yeast
 - B. Quick
4. Cookies
 - A. Drop
 - B. Bar
 - C. Other
5. Decorated Cakes
6. Candies
7. Cheesecake
8. Sugar Free Desserts
9. Other

RULES

1. All Baked Products must be produced by the exhibitor.
2. Exhibitors are limited to one entry per category.
3. Exhibitors must be a member in good standing in 4-H, FFA, FCCLA, or a school sponsored organization.
4. **Baked Products must be delivered to the L.I.F.E. Exhibit Barn on Friday, February 26, 2010 between 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. No entries will be received after 9:30 am**
5. Judging of the Baked entries will be by category and age group and will be held on Friday, **February 26, 2010** starting at 10:30 a.m.
6. All products must be placed on covered cardboard or paper plate and covered with plastic wrap (NOT FOIL). LIFE will not be responsible for any personal dish(s).
7. No Muffin entries will be accepted.
8. Entire batch of cookies must be exhibited.
9. **Recipe must be attached to all Desserts**
10. All Baked Products will become property of the show and will be sold to the public after judging on **February 26, 2010**.
11. Ribbons will be awarded to the first **six** places in each category. These ribbons will be awarded according to merit of the entry.
12. Grand Champion winners will be awarded to the best entry from all divisions in each category.

13. Ribbons will be awarded at the time of the announcement of placings. Participants not present will have their ribbons sent to the participant's school approximately two weeks from the time of competition.
15. There is a 7% sale fee on all auction items.
16. The Grand Champion Baked Products will be sold at the auction. A new item must be baked to sell at the auction.
- 17. All Baked Products will be sold after the awards ceremony. All money derived from the sale of entries (except for Grand Champion winners sold at the auction) will be used for the continuation of the Bake-Off.**

SEWING SPECIAL RULES

CATAGORIES:

1. Decorative Pillows
2. Quilt/Comforter/Throw/Wall Hanging
3. Kitchen Items (Tablecloths, Runners, Set of 4 Placemats w/napkins)
4. Cloth Purse or Book Bag
5. Miscellaneous

RULES:

1. All sewn products must be produced by the exhibitor.
2. Exhibitors are limited to one entry per category.
3. Exhibitors must be a member in good standing in 4-H, FFA, FHA, or a school sponsored organization.
4. **Sewn Products must be delivered to the L.I.F.E. Exhibit Barn on Friday, February 26 2010 between 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. No Sewn Products will be received after 9:30 am.**
5. Judging of the Sewn Products will be by category and will be held on Friday, **February 26, 2010** starting at 9:30 a.m.
6. All sewn products must be made by the exhibitor within the past 12 months (Since last year's fair).
7. Articles must be finished, clean, and sanitary.
8. All exhibits must be covered with a clear dry cleaners bag or a clear covering to protect items from the elements. Larger items must also be on a hanger.
9. **Ribbons will be awarded to the first six places in each category. These ribbons will be awarded according to merit of the entry.**
10. Ribbons will be awarded at the time of the announcement of placings. Participants not present will have their ribbons sent to the participant's school approximately two weeks from the time of competition.
11. There is a 7% sale fee on all auction items.
12. The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion sewn products will be sold at the auction.

CANNING SPECIAL RULES

CATAGORIES:

1. Vegetables
2. Pickles and Relishes
3. Fruits
4. Jelly or Jam
5. Salsa

RULES:

1. All canned products must be produced by the exhibitor.
2. Exhibitors are limited to one entry per category.
3. Each entry is a collection of three canned products from the same batch.
4. Exhibitors must be a member in good standing in 4-H, FFA, FHA, or a school sponsored organization.
5. Canned Products must be delivered to the L.I.F.E. Exhibit Barn on Friday, **February 26, 2010** between 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
6. **Judging of the canned entries will be by category and held on Friday, February 26 2010 starting at 9:30 a.m. No Canned Products will be received after 9:30 am.**
7. The canned product must be made by the exhibitor and preserved within the past 12 months.
8. Processing must properly seal all products including JELLY. Steam pressure for vegetables, and water baths for fruits and tomatoes.
9. Never invert jars of preserves after filling. Due to serious health and safety concerns for the judges and the general public, preserves sealed by inverted jars are banned from all competition.
10. Only one canned product will be judged for taste. The collection of three canned products will be judged for uniformity, good color, proper seal, and quality.
11. **Ribbons will be awarded to the first six places in each category. These ribbons will be awarded according to merit of the entry.**
12. Ribbons will be awarded at the time of the announcement of placings. Participants not present will have their ribbons sent to the participant's school approximately two weeks from the time of competition.
14. There is a 7% sale fee on all auction items.
15. The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion canned products will be sold at the auction. The exhibitors must auction their collection of the two remaining unopened canned products.
16. **All Canned Products will be sold after the awards ceremony. All money derived from the sale of entries (except for Grand Champion winners sold at the auction) will be used for the continuation of the Bake-Off.**