

2017 GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO, INC.
GALVESTON COUNTY STEER SHOW RULES
COUNTY DIVISION & MARKET DIVISION
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VALIDATION & TAG-IN:	Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
ENTRIES DUE:	Thursday, January 26, 2017 by 6:00 p.m. at the Fair Office by 4-H Leaders/Ag Teachers ONLY.
ENTRY FEE:	\$25.00
CHECK-IN:	Monday, April 24, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
WEIGH-IN TIME:	Weight Cards must be submitted to the check-in table no later than 7:00 pm on Monday, April 24, 2017.
JUDGING:	Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
MANDATORY RELEASE:	Wednesday, April 26, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. ALL Steers NOT making the sale.
CHECK-OUT:	Auction Steers that will not be used for the Livestock Judging Contest may be moved by the Steer Committee to an off site holding location prior to the Commercial Heifer check-in. All remaining auction steers will check-out on <i>Sunday, April 30, 2017, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon</i>

1. All entries for this division will be subject to the General Livestock Rules of the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc. except where they conflict with the requirements of this division in which case the division rules will prevail. In the event of special circumstances that may arise, or a conflict between rules, decisions of the Show Chairperson and the Livestock Superintendent will be final.
2. **COUNTY STEERS ONLY:** Verification Process:
 - a) Exhibitor must locate his/her steer within Galveston County.
 - b) Calf must be seen with mother at the time of verification and be County ear-tagged by the Steer Committee before exhibitor may take possession.
 - c) Calves must be born in Galveston County and will require the completion of a Breeders Certificate which will be kept on file by the Steer Chairperson
 - d) County calves will be tagged for upcoming fair only and must be county tagged prior to Validation & Tag In.
3. All steers must be presented for validation and/or ear tagging on Saturday, October 22, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the Fairgrounds. All steers must be owned by the Exhibitor on this date. Exhibitors must declare whether to show in the County Division or the Market Division on this date. The **County Division** validation process will consist of a) verification of ear-tag, b) nose printing, c) classifying, and d) signing of validation form by exhibitor and parent/guardian or representative. The **Market Division** validation process will consist of a) ear-tagging, b) nose printing, c) classifying, and d) signing of validation form by exhibitor and parent/guardian or representative.
4. Steers which are tagged with an Official Texas Steer Tag approved by the Texas Agriculture Extension Service and which are the property of the same Exhibitor (as indicated on the official state 4-H or FFA steer validation forms), will not be required for re-tagging. However, all such steers must be present for recording of the Texas Tag Number, nose printing, classifying, and signing of validation form by exhibitor and parent/guardian or representative. **County Division: If tags have been removed for Texas tag, the original County tag must be presented with the steer at tag-in. (Also see General Rule #11)**
5. The Classifier will be a non-Galveston County Cattleman chosen and approved by the Steer Committee, who will determine the steer to be either:

AMERICAN: BRAHAM CHARACTERISTICS AND FEATURES MUST BE EXHIBITED, MUST EXHIBIT AT LEAST THREE (3) OF THESE CHARACTERISTICS: DEWLAP, EAR, HUMP, OR SHEATH.

EXOTIC: ALL OTHERS.

The decision of the Classifier at validation and tag-in will be final.

6. An Exhibitor may enter two steers in the County Steer Division and two steers in the Market Steer Division provided one is exhibited in an American class and one is exhibited in an Exotic Class.
7. For safety reasons, all steers must be de-horned prior to check-in.
8. NO CLIPPING on steers (electric or manual, scissors, razors, knife, etc.) will be allowed once steers are on the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., grounds. No blowers allowed. All steers will be clipped to have no more than 1/4" of hair on any part of the animal's body upon arrival to show grounds. The only exception will be the tail switch. The switch may be ratted and balled or may be bobbed off. Steers will be checked at the time of check-in for conformity of the 1/4" or less of hair. All grooming of your cattle before the show must be done in the designated grooming area only.
9. **Steers must weigh a minimum of one thousand (1000) pounds on check-in day at the Fair. All Steers will be weighed by the exhibitor on the designated scales provided by the Steer Committee. Each exhibitor must return the weight card to the official check-in table no later than 7:00pm on Monday, April 24, 2017. The weight card is the INDIVIDUAL OFFICIAL WEIGHT. Once the weight card is turned in, absolutely no changes can be made. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
10. Steers must be halter broke for the Fair and cross-tied with one rope around the neck and one rope from the halter. Any steer which cannot be handled by the Exhibitor during check-in will automatically be sifted. Any steer which cannot be handled by the Exhibitor during judging will be removed from the Show Ring and disqualified.
11. No hay for bedding will be allowed. Shavings will be permitted at exhibitors' expense, but not provided by GCF & R. Exhibitors' shavings cannot be stored on the fairgrounds.
12. Stall area for steers must be cleaned by the exhibitor prior to their release. NO steers will be released until the stall area has been inspected.
13. No steer may be shown that has been artificially filled with any amount of liquid at anytime, once the steer enters the grounds of the show. The only exception will be a medical problem, such as dehydration, bloat, etc. where a veterinarian will be consulted by the Livestock Superintendent or Show Chairperson at the owner's expense. The Livestock Superintendent or Show Chairperson must be present when the veterinarian's recommended treatment is administered.
14. Steers will be placed into American or Exotic classes of equal or near equal numbers, according to weight. The number of classes will be determined by the Steer Committee according to the number of entries at check-in.
15. There will be an American and an Exotic Champion and Reserve Champion in both the County Division and the Market Division. The County American and County Exotic Champions will compete against the Market American and Market Exotic Champions for the Overall Grand and Reserve Champion Steer in the 2017 Steer Show.
16. Immediately following the steer judging the top three steers in each class will be re-weighed. Animals having more than a maximum weight gain of five percent (5%) over the official weight at check-in will be sifted and disqualified.
17. **Mandatory release for steers not making the sale is WEDNESDAY, April 26, 2017, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Auction Steers that will not be used for the Livestock Judging Contest may be moved by the Steer Committee to an off site holding location in order to accommodate the check-in of the Commercial Heifers. All remaining steers will check-out Sunday, April 30, 2017, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Steers left after 12:00 noon will be shipped to a locker plant chosen by the Galveston County Fair and Rodeo, Inc. at the expense and responsibility of the owner. Release forms must be signed by the Steer Show Chairperson or Livestock Superintendent before steers can leave the Fairgrounds.**
18. Exhibitors wishing to keep their halters must claim them by 12:00 noon on Sunday, April 30, 2017. **HALTERS NOT CLAIMED AT THIS TIME WILL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF GCF&R.**
19. A Proof of Delivery Form (when applicable) and thank you card (see General Rule #44) will be required before Exhibitor's check can be released. All exhibitors must come to the Fair Office, with these items, to sign for their check.

