

**2018 GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO, INC.**  
**MARKET SWINE RULES**  
**CHAIRPERSON: James Menotti**  
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<b>VALIDATION &amp; TAG-IN:</b>	<b>Saturday, January 13, 2018, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>ENTRIES DUE:</b>	<b>Thursday, January 25, 2018, by 6:00 p.m. at the Fair Office by 4-H Leaders/ Ag Teachers ONLY.</b>
<b>ENTRY FEE:</b>	<b>\$20.00 per head</b>
<b>CHECK-IN:</b>	<b>Saturday, April 14, 2018, 2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>WEIGH-IN TIME:</b>	<b>Weight Cards must be submitted to the check-in table no later than 6:00pm on Saturday, April 14, 2018.</b>
<b>JUDGING:</b>	<b>Sunday, April 15, 2018, 4:30 p.m.</b>
<b>ANIMAL RELEASE:</b>	<b>Release Forms will be filled out at time of release at the Swine area by Exhibitor, Parent or 4H/Ag Leader on both Monday and Sunday</b>
<b>EARLY RELEASE</b>	<b>Monday, April 16, 2018 Exhibitor pick up only 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.</b>
	<b><u>All early release for packing companies need to be turned in no later than 9:30 a.m.</u></b>
	<b>Packing Company Pick up only 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>FINAL CHECK-OUT:</b>	<b>Sunday, April 22, 2018 Exhibitor Pick up only 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.</b>
	<b><u>All releases for packing companies need to be turned in no later than 9:00 a.m.</u></b>
	<b>Packing House final release 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.</b>

**SWINE LEFT AFTER 12:00 NOON WILL BECOME PROPERTY OF GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR**

- 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.**
- All swine must be presented for validation and/or ear-tagging on Saturday, January 13, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the Fairgrounds. All swine must be owned by the Exhibitor on this date. The validation process will consist of a) ear-tagging, b) recording of ear notching, and c) signing of validation form by exhibitor and parent/guardian or representative.
- All swine will be subject to ear notching verification at any time.
- Exhibitors in the Galveston County Market Swine Show may show only one (1) swine, either a market barrow or a market gilt.
- Check-in will be on Saturday, April 14, 2018, 2:00 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.
- Pigs must weigh not less than 210 pounds and not more than 280 pounds. NO break will be allowed.**
- All Market Swine will be weighed by the exhibitor on the designated scales provided by the Swine Committee. Each exhibitor must return the weight card to the official check-in table no later than 6:00 pm on Saturday, April 14, 2018. The weight card is the INDIVIDUAL OFFICIAL WEIGHT. Once the weight card is turned in, absolutely no changes can be made. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Pens will be assigned to clubs and chapters at the time of Check-in. No moving of animals from assigned pens will be allowed without prior permission of the Swine Chairperson. Only exhibitor, a parent/guardian and/or a leader will be allowed in the swine area at the time of check-in/ the weighing of animals.
- Shavings will be permitted as bedding in swine pens. GCF&R will furnish one bag of shavings per pen, at time of check-in. Additional shavings may be used at exhibitors' expense. Exhibitors' shavings cannot be stored on the fairgrounds. No Hay to be put in pens.
- NO CLIPPING on swine (electric or manual) will be allowed once swine are on the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc. grounds. Pigs must be checked-in and shown clean. Only water based show products as a dressing.

No oil, paint, or any other substance will be permitted on the pigs. Each pig will be checked at the entry gate and violators of this rule will be disqualified.

11. **After check-in of all swine, you will be allowed to feed in the pen on the night before the show and show day only.** If you feed in the pen, you must supply your own partition. You must not leave feed and water buckets unattended! The use of PVC pipe waterers will be limited to 4" diameter pipe up to 4 feet long. The waterer must be firmly secured to pen. If sharing a pen with another exhibitor a partition must be installed at all times if using PVC pipe waterer. **The Livestock Committee will not be responsible for injuries related to use of PVC pipe waterers in Swine pens.** Failure to comply, as determined by the Swine Chairperson and Livestock Superintendent, will result in removal of the animal from the Fairgrounds, forfeiture of all prizes and awards, and/or further disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc. Executive Committee.
12. Market swine will be broken into 9 classes of equal or near equal numbers according to weight.
13. **Only Exhibitors, Ag teachers, or 4-H Club swine leaders will be allowed in the Swine Barn during the Show. Teachers and Leaders MUST be wearing designated badges to be admitted. Only Exhibitors and show officials will be allowed in the Show Ring during the show.**
14. The top three (3) swine in each class will be re-weighed. (Any hog weighing more than ten (10) pounds of the individual official weight will be disqualified. If a hog is disqualified, the class placing will move up one place.)
15. The top 8 swine in each class must remain on the fairgrounds. Remaining exhibitors have the option of removing their pigs from the Fairgrounds at early release from 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. for Exhibitor pick up only and 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. for Packing Company pick up on Monday, April 16, 2018. Exhibitors wishing to remove animals at this time must obtain a signed early release form from the Swine Committee Chairperson at the Swine Loading Area. **EARLY RELEASE FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED PRIOR TO MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2018 AT 8:00 AM.** All swine removed from the Fairgrounds after judging becomes the sole responsibility of the Exhibitor. If not released Monday morning, they MUST remain on the Fairgrounds until check-out on Sunday, April 22, 2018, Exhibitor pick up from 8:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m followed by Packing House pick up 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Swine left after 12:00 Noon will become property of the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc.
16. The Livestock Committee reserves the right to use any swine for the participation in the Pee Wee Swine Show to be held during the fair. The committee will select the swine to be used during the show. No Grand & Reserve Champion Swine will be used.
17. 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.



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