

2023 GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO, INC.

**MARKET GOAT RULES**

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<b>TAG-IN:</b>	Sunday, December 4, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
<b>ENTRIES DUE:</b>	All entries, fees and required paperwork will be due to the fair office no later than 6:00 p.m. January 26, 2023, and must be submitted by 4-H Leader or Ag Teacher ONLY. NO REFUNDS FOR ANY REASON
<b>CHECK-IN:</b>	Sunday, April 16, 2023, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
<b>WEIGH-IN TIME:</b>	Weight Cards must be submitted to the check-in table no later than 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 16, 2023
<b>SIFTING:</b>	Minimum of 65 pounds - Maximum of 120 pounds' weight at check-in
<b>JUDGING:</b>	Monday, April 17, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
<b>ENTRY FEE:</b>	\$30.00
<b>MANDATORY RELEASE:</b>	Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. For All Non-Auction Placing Goats
<b>CHECK-OUT:</b>	<u>Sunday, April 23, 2023, for Grand, Reserve and Auction Goats 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.</u>

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. All Market Goats to be entered and eligible to show must be the property of the exhibitor, on feed and under the daily care of the exhibitor by December 4, 2022 and will be tagged-in & nose printed on Dec. 4, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. **Goats must weigh not less than 65 pounds and not more than 120 pounds at check-in on Sunday, April 16, 2023. All Market Goats will be weighed by the exhibitor on the designated scales provided by the Goat Committee. Each exhibitor must return the weight card to the official check-in table no later than 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 16, 2023. The weight card is the INDIVIDUAL OFFICIAL WEIGHT. Once the weight card is turned in absolutely no changes can be made. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
3. Each exhibitor may enter and show two (2) goats in the 2023 Galveston County Fair.
4. **Once a goat has checked in, there will be no withdrawing of the goat, because of weight classification.**
5. This show is open to any breed or crossbred Female (unbred) or wether goat. Any female showing signs of pregnancy at show will be disqualified (Pregnancy may be determined by the show judge or the Market Goat committee.) Goats must show no signs of udder to testicular development.
6. **All Goats MUST be slick shorn 3/8" or less above the knee or hock joints PRIOR TO ARRIVAL ON THE FAIRGROUNDS FOR CHECK-IN.** No paint or colored powders are allowed. **Goats are to use DESIGNATED AREA ONLY for grooming, etc. BLOW DRYERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO BE USED ONLY AT POWER PLANT/DESIGNATED GROOMING AREA.** No clipping or touch ups after arrival are allowed on GCF&R grounds with any electric or manual appliances (scissors, razors, knives, etc.).
7. **ALL GOATS MUST BE DE-HORNED.** Absolutely No tying up of goats allowed in pens and must remain in assigned pens unless authorized by Goat Chairperson or Livestock Superintendent.
8. Exhibitors will be allowed to use halters or collars in the show ring.
9. Bedding (shavings) will be allowed in the goat pens at the exhibitors' expense. Exhibitors' shavings may not be stored on the fairgrounds.
10. Goats will be placed into classes of equal or near equal numbers according to weight. The number of classes will be determined according to the number of entries at check-in. An exhibitor having two goats whose weight would place both goats into the same class must place the goat with the heavier weight into the next higher class. If both goats are placed into the heaviest class, an eligible stand-in exhibitor may show the goat.
11. **The top five (5) goats 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.**
12. **The top three (3) goats in each class, including, the Grand and the Reserve Champions will not be released until Sunday, April 23, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** Exhibitor must pick up auction goats donated back to the exhibitor April 23, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. **MANDATORY**

**RELEASE FOR ALL OTHERS**, Tuesday, April 18, 2023, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. All goats not making auction that received a commitment and are going to a packing house or are donated back to the fair must return to the fairgrounds April 29, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

13. Exhibitors' will be responsible for feeding and watering their goat and keeping the stall and goat area clean at all times, until checked out. **There will be no FEEDING OR WATERING in the goat pens, except after early release on Tuesday, with permission from all other exhibitors in the same pen. There is to be no feed left in the pen while unattended. No Hay will be allowed in pens at any time. However, hay will be allowed in the feeding area.**
14. **No washing of animals is allowed in front of pens. You must take your animal(s) to the wash rack located at the East end of the Livestock Pavilion.**
15. **No use of hand held electronic devices such as hot shots, etc. is allowed on your animal(s) before or during the show.**
16. 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.

Fair officials reserve the right to change the rules, dates, times and places due to unforeseen circumstances.