

2020
GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS
JUNIOR NON-LIVESTOCK SHOWS

ONLINE ENTRY & PAYMENT DATES:	January 27 – February 7, 2020 by 5:00 P.M.
ONLINE ENTRY SUBMISSION WEBSITE:	WWW.MCFA.ORG
CHECK – IN FOR ALL JUNIOR SHOWS:	Saturday, March 28 th 7:00 A.M - 9:30 A.M
PRELIMINARY JUDGING:	Saturday, March 28 th 10:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
PRELIMINARY RESULTS:	Saturday, March 28 th Doors Open at 2:00 P.M.
NON-FINALISTS ENTRY PICK-UP:	Saturday, March 28 th 2:00 PM – 4:00 P.M.

TOP 10 ITEMS IN ALL JR. NON-LIVESTOCK SHOWS REMAIN ON-SITE FOR FINAL JUDGING.

HONORABLE MENTION ITEMS OR A SAMPLE (BAKED GOODS) REMAIN ON SITE FOR DISPLAY.

Those items not picked up by 4:00 P.M. become the property of MCFA.

FINAL JUDGING & INTERVIEWS:	Saturday, March 28 th 4:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS:	Saturday, March 28 th 8:30 – 9:00 P.M.
AUCTION SALE MEETING:	IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS
REPLACEMENT AUCTION SALE ITEMS DUE:	Monday, March 30 th 9:00 A.M – 12:00 P.M.
CHECK-IN FOR AUCTION WINNERS:	Monday, March 30 th 6:00 P.M.
NON-LIVESTOCK AUCTION:	Monday, March 30 th 7:00 P.M.

DISPLAYED ITEM'S MANDATORY PICK-UP TIME: Tuesday, March 31st 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Items not picked up become property of the MCFA; Baked Items will be disposed of

ALL ENTRIES PLACING GRAND – 20TH PLACE WILL BE MOVED TO THE DISPLAY AREA AT THE DESCRETION OF THE DISPLAY COMMITTEE.

DUE TO SAFETY AND/OR SECURITY RISKS, IF AN ITEM DOES NOT FIT THE DIMINSIONS OF THE DISPLAY CASE OR IS STRUCTURALLY UNSTABLE, THE ITEM WIL NOT BE DISPLAYED; HOWEVER, A TENT CARD WITH EXHIBITORS NAME, CLUB AND DESCRIPTION OF ITEM WILL BE DISPLAYED.

NO "FOR SALE" SIGNS MAY BE PLACED ON ITEMS ON DISPLAY, NOR DURING THE SHOW.

****NOTE: ARMBANDS OR SEASON PASSES MUST BE PRESENTED AT THE GATE TO GAIN FREE ENTRY. PARENTS, SIBLINGS, TEACHERS & EXHIBITORS WILL BE EXPECTED TO PAY UNLESS THE AFORMENTIONED IS PRESENT AT THE GATE EACH TIME YOU ENTER THE GROUNDS****

GENERAL PROVISIONS

THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION RESERVES TO ITS OFFICERS AND/OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS THE FINAL AND ABSOLUTE RIGHT TO INTERPRET THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS AS SET FORTH FROM PAGE 34 TO PAGE 51 AND ARBITRARILY SETTLE AND DETERMINE ALL MATTERS, QUESTIONS AND DIFFERENCES IN REGARD THERETO OR OTHERWISE ARISING OUT OF, CONNECTION WITH, OR INCIDENT TO THE SHOW.

The Officers and/or Board of Directors reserves the right to amend or add to these rules as it, in its judgment, may deem advisable.

Any exhibitor and/or his or her representative who violates any of the General Rules or special rules as published in these rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums won.

In order to participate in the Montgomery County Fair, each exhibitor, and his or her immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen and volunteers shall be in good standing with the Montgomery County Fair Association. In the event any exhibitor, exhibitor's immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen or volunteers (whether any of the above individually, or by, through and/or on behalf of any entity) owe money after August 1ST to the Montgomery County Fair Association for any reason whatsoever, said exhibitor, his or her immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen and volunteers shall not be allowed to enter, tag-in and/or participate in the Montgomery County Fair, Show and/or Auction.

THE FOLLOWING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ALL JR. NON-LIVESTOCK SHOWS HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

1. The Show will open **March 28th, 2020** unless postponed by the Officers and/or Board of Directors which they hereby claim the right to do, either in part or whole, from any cause whatsoever, for the general good of all concerned.
2. The Montgomery County Fair Association, its Board of Directors, Officers, Officer-in-Charge or Committeemen will not be liable for any personal injuries, damages, fire, theft, accident, etc.
3. Each exhibitor, exhibitor's immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen, judges, volunteers, spectators and/or visitors, violating and/or not cooperating with security personnel, officers, officer-in-charge, division chairmen, committeemen and/or officials of the Fair in all matters, policy, these rules and regulations, parking, etc., may not be allowed to enter, and/or participate; may have their entries cancelled, and/or may be ordered to exit and/or remove their exhibit(s) from the grounds immediately, and/or may forfeit all rights and privileges to enter, participate and/or exhibit in the future at the Montgomery County Fair.
4. Entrants and Exhibitors must be members in good standing of one of the following:
 - 1) FFA – must have attended 50% of local Montgomery County FFA Chapter from September through February.
 - 2) 4-H enrolled members must have attended a minimum of three (3) local Montgomery County 4-H Club meetings from September through February. This does not include project meetings.
 - 3) FHA – must be an active member in this school related club.
 - 4) Enrolled in a public, parochial or private school class during the entire current year, **which is related to the entry** (Example: Art Class, Photography Class, etc.). Must be 8 years old and in 3rd grade or 9 years old as of August 31, **2019** to enter.
 - 5) May be a Home Educated Student but must be a member of a Montgomery County 4-H Club and subject to Rule 4. 2) above. Only Home Educated students, whom would have attended a private, public or parochial school in the county, are eligible to show.

Except as provided in GENERAL EXCEPTION (A) or (B) below, all Entrants and Exhibitors must reside in Montgomery County (Residence to mean student who lives with parents, parent or legal guardian and sleeps in Montgomery County five or more nights each week) and must be enrolled and attending classes in private, public, parochial school or be a home educated student in elementary or secondary schools at time of registration.

GENERAL EXCEPTION (A): Any Entrant or Exhibitor who resides outside Montgomery County (Residence to mean student who lives with parents, parent or legal guardian and sleeps outside Montgomery County five or more nights each week), but because of school district boundaries, student is required to attend public school inside Montgomery County, student must be a member in good standing and attended a minimum of 50% of club meetings of a Montgomery County 4-H Club or FFA.

GENERAL EXCEPTION (B): Any Entrant or Exhibitor who resides outside Montgomery County (Residence to mean student who lives with parents, parent or legal guardian and sleeps outside Montgomery County five or more nights each week), but because parents, parent or legal guardian is employed by a private, public or parochial school district or system in Montgomery County and the Entrant or Exhibitor is enrolled and attending classes in the same private, public or parochial school district or system in Montgomery County, student must be a member in good standing and attending a minimum of 50% of club meetings of a Montgomery County 4-H Club or FFA.

Any Entrant or Exhibitor who qualified under GENERAL EXCEPTION (A) or (B) above, may be allowed to participate by completing a Special General Exception Form, but only after official acceptance, which requires approval by the Montgomery County Fair Association. This form must be received in the Montgomery County Fair Office, P.O. Box 869, Conroe, Texas 77305 by **February 7, 2020**, if you are exhibiting Non-Livestock only. If you are exhibiting Livestock check division rules for due date of this form.

5. Any individual serving as Chairman, Assistant Chairman or Judge cannot allow his/her children to participate in the show in which he serves as Chairman, Assistant or Judge. Any individual serving as a committeeman (worker) cannot be present at the judging of the show in which he is working if his children are participating in that show, nor can he judge that show. **NO CHILDREN ALLOWED DURING JUDGING. NO TEACHERS OR LEADERS OF EXHIBITORS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE AREA DURING JUDGING.**

6. Exhibits must be entered only by the individual making or creating it.

7. Previous entries (excluding foods) in the Montgomery County Fair are not eligible for re-entry.

8. No "For Sale" Signs may be placed on items during show or while on display.

9. Show Winner Recognition and Sale Placement Announcements:

a. Exhibitors may sell only ONE entry in the auction.

b. Exhibitors will be recognized for their show placement in Grand – 5th place. in each section/division and awards will be presented.

c. Final Sale Order will be announced IMMEDIATELY following the winner recognition.

d. IF an exhibitor has multiple entries in the Top Ten, they will be required to declare which item they prefer sell at auction by completing the Sale Item Confirmation Letter, provided by the committee prior to starting finals judging.

e. An exhibitor is NOT permitted to drop a Grand or Reserve Champion entry to sell an entry of lower sale placement.

f. In the event of an equal placement (2 Grand/Res. Champions) or if an exhibitor places 3rd – 5th with multiple entries, the aforementioned Sale Item Confirmation Letter will decide which item will be sold.

THE EXHIBITOR MUST BE PRESENT IN PERSON DURING THE AUCTION.

EXCEPTION: A substitute showman may be allowed if the individual is participating in the Market Barrow Show at the time of the Auction.

Grand Champion individuals who auctioned at the 2019 Montgomery County Fair cannot enter that particular section of the division in the Home Economics division or cannot enter the Show (Needlecrafts, Photography, Horticulture, Fine Arts) in which they received their auction proceeds for the 2019 Fair. In Handicraft they cannot enter the same division in which they received their Grand Champion auction proceeds.

10. Individual's wishing to compete in the Junior Non-Livestock Show must complete an online entry for EACH ITEM THEY WISH TO EXHIBIT. The item must be ENTERED AND PAID FOR by 5:00 p.m. on **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH, 2020 TO BE CONSIDERED CONFIRMED AND FINAL.** NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. An entry fee of \$10.00 per ITEM ENTERED will be charged – NO REFUNDS. All exhibitors will receive an armband which entitles them free entry to the Fairgrounds from **March 27th – 29th, 2020.** There is a \$5.00 replacement fee for a lost armband.

11. All exhibits will be monitored, and every precaution will be taken to protect them, but in no case will the Montgomery County Fair Association be held responsible for loss, theft, breakage or damage.

12. Exhibits will be judged and awarded Blue (Excellent), Red (Good) and White (Fair) Ribbons. At the discretion of the judges, finalist ribbons and honorable mention ribbons will be presented.

13. **Articles not going to final judging or being placed on display must** be picked up between 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, **March 28th** by presentation of Exhibitor's tag that will be issued at registration. Baked goods not picked up by 4:00 p.m. will become property of MCFA.

14. Special rules also apply for each of the following Junior Shows: Fine Arts, Photography, Horticulture, Home Economics, Needlecraft and Handicraft.

15. IT IS MANDATORY THAT EXHIBITOR BRING SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER AND ORIGINAL THANK YOU LETTER(S) TO HIS/HER BUYER(S) TO THE FAIR OFFICE, AND THE FAIR OFFICE WILL MAIL THANK YOU LETTERS AND BUYER'S PICTURES. PARENTS AND/OR EXHIBITOR ONLY MAY PICK UP CHECKS AT FAIR OFFICE. FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS MUST ALSO HAVE A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR TAX I.D. NUMBER BEFORE CHECK WILL BE RELEASED. **CHECKS WILL BE RELEASED BEGINNING TUESDAY, MAY 26TH. ALL CHECKS MUST BE PICKED UP BY MONDAY, JUNE 8TH BY 5:00 P.M. CHECKS NOT PICKED UP BY JUNE 8TH WILL BE FORFEITED AND THE MONIES WILL GO DIRECTLY TO THE FAIR SCHOLARSHIP FUND.**

16. Ten percent (10%) will be deducted from the Exhibitor's check for any and all monies received through the Fair Association. In addition, cost of pictures will be deducted from the Exhibitor's check.

17. For the 2020 Fair, it is expected that approximately 5 cakes from scratch, 5 cakes from mix, 5 cookies, 5 candies, 5 pies, 5 decorated cakes, 5 quick breads, 5 yeast breads, 5 canned foods, 5 Handicraft I, 5 Handicraft II, 5 Horticulture, 5 Needlecraft, 5 Fine Arts and 5 Photography for a total of 75 items to be auctioned.

18. An exhibitor removing his/her entry prior to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, **March 28th** will automatically forfeit his/her ribbon. NO EXCEPTIONS.

19. An exhibitor cannot enter and/or sell an item in the Special Education Auction and in the Junior Non-Livestock Auction.

20. Exhibitor or one (1) member of the immediate family must bring and enter projects. No one else will be permitted into the Special Events Area.

21. If an item should win Grand, Reserve, 3rd, 4th or 5th place and the exhibit does not fit the dimensions of the display area or is structurally unstable, because of security problems, the item will not be displayed. Specific dimensions are listed for each show.

22. Should a family member purchase their own child's (whether by blood, marriage, adoption, foster child, exchange student, grandchild, ward, etc.) exhibit, said exhibit must be paid for before the exhibitor will receive his/her check from the Fair Office.

23. ANY EXHIBITOR WITH ANY SPECIAL NEEDS OR CONCERNS MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE OF SAME TO THE FAIR OFFICE NO LATER THAN TWO (2) WEEKS BEFORE THE FAIR EVENT BEGINS SO THAT APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS, IF ANY, CAN BE CONSIDERED.

24. All protests to any ruling and/or to any provision of these rules and regulations set forth from Page 33 to 51 must be in writing and be accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00 which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Fair Office and notice given to the Officer-in-Charge and/or Division chairman immediately after occasion for such protest. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. Depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until complete investigation is done. All protests will be determined by a special committee made up of five members consisting of the Officer-in-Charge, Division chairman, and three other members from the rules committee and/or Board of Directors. Every exhibitor, in consideration of his entry being accepted by the Montgomery County Fair Association, agrees that the conclusion reached by the protest special committee shall be final, without recourse against the Montgomery County Fair Association, its Board of Directors, Officer-in-Charge, Division Chairmen, Committeemen, etc. (See General Provisions set forth on Pages 35-38).