

GENERAL INFORMATION

For information not herein contained, write or call
Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show
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EMERGENCY FIRST AID STATION

An emergency first aid station will be established and maintained on the Show grounds.

PARKING

Parking attendants will be on hand to direct traffic to the various parking areas. Vehicles parking in unauthorized areas will be towed away at the expense of the owner. Cars parked in the parking lots should be locked and empty of people.

All trucks, trailers and vehicles of exhibitors, not used daily, must be parked on the auxiliary parking lot which is provided free of charge. The lot is located on the West side of the Show grounds.

STOLEN OR LOST PROPERTY

The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show will not be responsible for stolen or lost property before, during or after the Show.

SECURITY AND POLICE

Law enforcement officers will be on hand to give assistance if needed. The Livestock Show cannot guarantee that accidents, damage, or loss of property will not occur, but through security service, the Show will attempt to prevent such from happening.

CONCESSION STANDS

All who operate or work in stands of any kind that serve drinks or food must comply fully with local, county and state health department requirements. Concessionaires are responsible for paying all state sales taxes and permit fees.

DELIVERIES

All persons or firms making deliveries to the show grounds must purchase a Commercial Delivery Permit.

Permits will be sold for \$50.00, which entitles the purchaser to one delivery vehicle windshield sticker. This sticker must be affixed to the windshield of the delivery vehicle and will admit the vehicle, driver and one attendant.

VETERINARIAN

Dr. Lucas Hinojosa, Official Show Veterinarian, or members of the Rio Grande Valley Veterinarian Association will be on call at all times. To obtain the services of a veterinarian, exhibitors should contact their division superintendent or the main Livestock Show Office.

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

Only photographers displaying the badge "Official Photographer" are authorized to operate on the show grounds and to charge exhibitors and others for their services. News Media, Breed Association representatives and other persons may take pictures provided they will not be sold to others.

RETURNED CHECKS

A \$30.00 charge will be made for all checks returned due to insufficient funds, account closed, etc.

SPECIAL NOTICE

It will be considered a favor if visitors will report to the management any mistreatment or extortion practices by an employee of the Livestock Show, concessionaire or carnival. Do not wait until the Show is over to make a complaint but report immediately as then is the time redress can be made.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

Persons, organizations or corporations desiring to present their product or their views may lease space in the areas designed for this purpose by the Management. Such space shall be assigned in accordance with a predetermined plan. Whenever practical, however, each lessee will be given preference in leasing the same space, the following year.

In order to maintain the public areas in a safe, neat and sanitary condition, and to promote a pleasant and carefree atmosphere, no lessee shall conduct any portion of its operations outside the space leased to it. Nor shall any person, group or corporation conduct business, distribute samples or printed material or make any solicitation or presentation of any nature on the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show grounds except within the areas leased by it. Begging, soliciting, singing or public speaking is strictly prohibited.

The above STATEMENT OF POLICY is an implied condition in every contract or lease agreement and is part of the General Rules and Regulations of the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show published only in the Premium List.

OBJECTIONABLE EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS

The Management reserves the right to remove from the grounds, any exhibit, animal, concession, show, sign, banner, advertising matter or merchandise of any kind that may be falsely entered or deemed objectionable, without assigning a reason, and if necessary, to return any money paid for space or stalls, which shall exonerate the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show from any claim whatsoever on the part of the exhibitor or purchaser.

PARKING PERMITS FOR TRAILERS

Permits will cost \$300.00 each and must be purchased from the Livestock Show Office prior to parking the vehicle. Permits must be affixed to house trailers or other vehicles used for sleeping or living quarters on the Show grounds. No refunds will be made after February 25, 2018.

GATES

The Show will open to visitors beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday March 8, and each day of the Show thereafter from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight except on Friday and Saturday nights when gates will be open until 1:00 a.m. No one will be allowed on the grounds after 1:00 a.m. other than those holding proper credentials.

GOLF CARTS, MOTORCYCLES, ETC.

No golf carts, three or four-wheelers, or motorcycles will be allowed on Show grounds unless approved by the Show Management.

DOGS

DOGS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE SHOWGROUNDS because of safety and public health regulations. This rule will be strictly enforced and applies to all exhibitors and their employees, vendors, Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show committee members, volunteers and Show visitors. The only exception is official entries in a sanctioned RGVLS competitive and/or entertainment event or guide dogs for those with sight impairment. Dogs entered in the Pet Show must be removed from the Showgrounds immediately after the show is over.

GENERAL RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED BY ALL EXHIBITORS

RULE 1. INTERPRETATION AND VIOLATION OF RULES:

The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show, Inc. (at times in these rules referred to simply as "the Show"), reserve, to the Show's Executive Committee, the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to settle and determine all matters, questions, protests and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, or connected with or incident to the Show, and the right to amend or add to the rules as its judgment may determine. All exhibitors by entry into the Show hereby agree and contract to abide and be bound by these rules and that their rights and privileges as Exhibitors in the Show are solely defined by them. Any Exhibitor who violates any of these rules will be subject to the specific penalty specified in any rule or rules violated plus one or more of the following as determined in the sole discretion of the Executive Committee:

1. Issuance of oral or written apologies in a form acceptable to the Show, to other exhibitors, Show Officials, sifters, judges, Chapters, Clubs and/or other persons or entities affected by the violation.
2. Removal from the Show grounds, along with any exhibit of his or hers.
3. Suspension or Disqualification of the Exhibitor, his or her immediate family, or both from the 2018 and/or future Rio Grande Valley Livestock Shows.
4. Forfeiture of all premium, extra, or supplemental funds and/or sales proceeds applicable to the sale of his or her exhibit(s) as part of any Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show from which that Exhibitor has been disqualified.
5. Forfeiture and return of all trophies, ribbons, plaques, banners, buckles, or other items won or awarded as a result of competition in any Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show from which that Exhibitor has been disqualified.
6. Suspension or Disqualification of his or her FFA Chapter or 4-H Club from the 2018 and/or future Rio Grande Valley Livestock Shows.
7. Suspension or Disqualification of other persons with ownership interests in the exhibit(s) exhibited from the 2018 and or future Rio Grande Valley Livestock Shows.
8. And/or such other penalty as the Executive Committee otherwise orders.

RULE 2. STATEMENT OF LIABILITY

All exhibits will be subject to the direction of the Show Management, but the Show will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur for any reason, including, but not limited to, the condition of the premises or the refusal to consent to the administration of any drugs, chemicals, or other foreign substances. Each Exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss or injury to any exhibit exhibited by him or her and for its description as given in the catalog, and shall indemnify the Show against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto as well as damage or injury to any other person or property used by the Exhibitor or any of the exhibits by him or her arising out of, or in any way connected with, such exhibit.

RULE 3. APPLICATION FOR ENTRY:

The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show will only accept entries through our on-line program. Entries may be submitted any time after November 3 but must be received in the Livestock Show Office by deadline. Entry Certification Forms (one per exhibitor), copy of State Validations forms (Market Steer, Market Hog, Market Goat, Market Lamb, Jr. Breeding Gilt, and Jr. Breeding Sheep), copy of original registration forms (Jr. Breeding Goats, and Jr. Breeding Heifers) and payment for entries are due in the Livestock Show Office no later than 5 calendar days after online entry date.

1. All FFA, 4-H and FCCLA entries must be submitted thru the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show On-Line entry system available on our website, www.rgvls.com. It is within the sole discretion of the Show to reject or accept conditionally any applications.
2. Separate entries must be submitted on exhibits, which compete in more than one class.
3. No entries will be accepted from individual FFA, FCCLA or 4-H Exhibitors. All entries of exhibitors from each individual 4-H Club, FFA or FCCLA Chapter from State of Texas must be submitted on-line by the 4-H Club manager, county agent, agriculture science teacher (AST) or FCCLA teacher. Payment must be made with one check, (no cash please) for all of the Club or Chapter entries. Payment can be made by credit card or your PayPal account and must be received in the Livestock Office no later than 5 calendar days after on-line entry date. Please make check payable to the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show. No Entries will be accepted unless entry fees are paid. No refunds of entry fees will be made under any circumstances.

RULE 4. APPLICATION SUMMARY

All entries of exhibitors from each individual 4-H Club, FFA or FCCLA Chapter must be submitted on-line by the 4-H Club manager, county agent, agriculture science teacher (AST) or FCCLA teacher. The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show requires a hardcopy of the Official ShoWorks receipt and the detailed ShoWorks summary of entries, in alphabetical order by exhibitor last name, delivered or mailed to the Livestock Office no later than 5 calendar days after the online entry date.

4-H Club Managers and ASTs must submit a list, of adult leaders who will be assisting their exhibitors during the Show.

RULE 5. DEADLINE CALCULATION.

All deadlines specified herein that fall on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday other than during the Show itself shall be on the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. Any other extension of any deadline occurring other than during the Show itself such as for weather, natural disaster, Act of God, strike, or any other cause will be at the sole discretion of the Show Management. All deadlines occurring during the Show itself are final and will not be extended under any circumstances.

RULE 6. ENTRY FEES AND DEADLINE SUMMARY:

The following is a list of entry fees and deadlines for various animals and exhibits. It is agreed by all Exhibitors that these fees are expressly NOT for the purchase of any goods or services or the chance to win any prize.

A late entry fee of \$50.00 will apply per entry or \$250.00 per 4-H Club, FCCLA Chapter or FFA Chapter. There will be a charge of \$50 per head for Open Show Breeding Cattle for entries received after the deadline date. No late entries will be accepted which are received seven (7) days after the entry closing date.

ENTRY DEADLINE TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2019

Market Steers (one per exhibitor)	\$30.00 per head
Market Hogs (one per exhibitor)	\$20.00 per head
Market Lambs (one per exhibitor)	\$20.00 per head
Market Goats (one per exhibitor)	\$20.00 per head
Market Rabbits (one pen of 3 per exhibitor)	\$10.00 per pen
Market Poultry (one pen of 3 per exhibitor)	\$10.00 per pen
Horticulture	\$10.00 per entry
Western Art (one per exhibitor)	\$10.00 entry fee
Jr. Breeding Rabbits	\$10.00 per head
Photography (limit of three per exhibitor)	\$10.00 per entry
Heifer Pen Show	\$100.00 per entry

ENTRY DEADLINE FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2019

All Valley Cotton Style Show	\$10.00 per entry
Breeding Cattle (Open Show)	\$30.00 per head
Breeding Cattle (Group classes)	\$30.00 per entry
*Breeding Cattle (Exhibit Only)	\$50.00 per head
FFA - 4-H Shop Project	\$20.00 per exhibitor
Jr. Breeding Gilts	\$20.00 per head
Jr. Breeding Goats	\$20.00 per head
Jr. Dairy Goats	\$20.00 per head
Dairy Goat	\$20.00 per head
Jr. Breeding Sheep	\$20.00 per head
Open Boer Goat	\$20.00 per head
Jr. Beef Heifers	\$30.00 per head
Jr. Commercial Female	\$30.00 per head
Open Commercial Heifer	\$30.00 per head

ENTRY DEADLINE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2019

Horse Show (Youth/Open)	\$10.00 per class
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Entries in Jr. Beef Division and Open Show must be halter broken.

*Breeding Cattle only will be allowed to stall in the Breeding Cattle Area. Cattle stalled in livestock show barns that do not show in competition will be considered exhibit cattle and a fee of \$50.00 per head will be required. Exhibitors who fail to pay the fee may be asked to remove their animals from the show grounds.

RULE 7. APPLICATION - NO SUBSTITUTES

No substitutions of entries will be allowed under any circumstances in any Jr. Divisions after entry deadline.

RULE 8. SUBSTITUTE EXHIBITORS - ALL JR. DIVISIONS

Exhibition. All animals must be exhibited by their owners. Exception: When an exhibitor has more than one project entered AND being judged at the same time at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show.

RULE 9. SHOW CARDS

Each entry will be assigned a number. Exhibitors will receive a show card with corresponding number, which must be worn when entry is being judged.

RULE 10. FEED AND WATER

All exhibitors must provide all feed, watering and feed vessels. Every exhibitor must adequately feed and water each animal, which he or she has entered all the way up to their divisions **LOAD OUT** time. Failure to do so may disqualify the exhibitor (at the board's discretion) from showing next year.

RULE 11. ARRIVAL OF LIVESTOCK ENTRIES – SEE RULES UNDER EACH DIVISION

RULE 12. RELEASE OF LIVESTOCK – SEE RULES UNDER EACH DIVISION

FFA and 4-H Club exhibitors must stay with their market entries until buyers take charge of them or until released by the division superintendent.

RULE 13. CARE OF ANIMALS, STALLS AND PENS

All stalls and pens must be cleaned before 9:00 a.m. each morning and animals in their stalls or pens from that time until 6:00 p.m. unless being judged or being prepared for judging.

All livestock will be stalled in the designated area assigned to that particular division for example: Breeding Cattle - Event Center; Steers – Middle Barn; Goat and Sheep – North Barn, etc. Exhibitors will not be permitted to stall animals otherwise. To do so may result in an exhibitor being disqualified.

RULE 14. GROOMING OF ANIMALS

Only immediate family members, Ag Teachers, 4-H Club managers, County Extension Agents, and certified 4-H Group Leaders of that group, (for all Jr. Shows) will be allowed to help/fit exhibitor's animals on the show grounds during the 2019 Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show, March 7-17. No cattle trim chutes will be allowed on the Show Grounds. Lamb and goat grooming tables will not be allowed in the barns – outside only.

RULE 15. GENERATORS

No generators will be allowed in or within 100 feet of livestock barns.

RULE 16. STALL CARDS AND SIGNS

Each 4-H and FFA Exhibitor is required to post a stall card or sign over his exhibit giving the Exhibitor's name, Club or Chapter and similar information such as sponsor, etc. This sign may be of any design or shape provided the outside dimensions do not exceed 22 inches in width and 28 inches in height. No other signs except Club and Chapter banners will be permitted in the Junior Livestock Barns. The exception to this rule will be duty roster signs. These must be no more than three feet wide and four feet in height.

Exhibitors showing in the junior show must stall with their respective 4-H club or FFA chapter, and they must post signs that reflect that club or chapter; they can only compete for Good Housekeeping Awards. If an exhibitor is entered in the Open show only they can compete for the Herdsman Award.

Exhibitors of Open Breeding Cattle are permitted to display a sign over the exhibit advertising their own herd. This sign shall be a reasonable size so as not to obstruct the view of other Exhibitors' signs or exhibits of livestock. Signs not to exceed 22 x 28 inches may be used to advertise individual animals with an individual exhibit. No "For Sale" signs will be permitted. All other forms of signs or advertising must be approved by the Show.

The Show, at its sole discretion, may have any signs removed that violate these provisions or which it otherwise finds objectionable for any reason.

RULE 17. SIFTING OF LIVESTOCK

The Show will appoint sifting committees to inspect and make a preliminary review of all animals entered for competition. The decisions of the sifter, sifters and/or sifting committee are within their sole discretion, are final and may not be challenged for any reason. If the sifter, or sifters, determine that an animal is lacking in competitive merit or is not adequately controllable for any reason, it will be eliminated, disqualified from further competition in that year's Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show. All sifted market animals will be returned to the exhibitor and must be immediately removed from the showgrounds. Junior exhibitors must personally present their animals for sift. Substitute junior exhibitors may present an animal for sift only if approved by the division superintendent. No adults will be allowed in the sifting arena.

RULE 18. JUDGING RULES

- A. The time of judging the livestock will be announced prior to the Show. All exhibitors must be on hand at the time of judging in order to present their animal promptly on schedule. No complaint or protest that judges overlooked exhibits will be considered.
- B. No one but the exhibitors, the official judges, his certified assistants and authorized show personnel will be allowed in the judging ring. During the judging, exhibitors shall not speak to the judge except when asked to do so by the judge.

- C. No exhibitor at any time or in any way, whether in person or by agent, servant, parent or any other person, may interfere with the judges and/or sifers in their official capacity or exhibit disrespect to them or other Show Officials.
- D. In classes where competition does not exist, the judge shall make his award in accordance with the merits of the animal being exhibited. The judge will not and cannot award a premium or other award to an unworthy animal.

RULE 19. SHOWING FOR ADJUDICATION

All Exhibitors must, in accordance with the rules, bring their animals into the arena for judging at all times and locations specified for the type and/or class in which competing.

RULE 20. ETHICS

The following shall be considered unethical in the entry, care, handling and/or showing of any animal.

1. Misrepresenting the age of the animal for the class in which it is shown.
2. Striking the animal to cause swelling or depressed area.
3. Surgery of any kind performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body, hide or hair, except for the removal of warts, teats or horns, or clipping and dressing of hair and trimming of hooves.
4. Insertion of foreign material under the skin including, but not limited to, air, liquid or natural substances from other portions of the same or other animals such as blood, urine, fat or tissue of any kind.
5. Changing the color of hair at any point, spot or area on the animal's body.
6. **The act of artificially filling animals internally by stomach pumping is prohibited.**
7. The use of alcoholic beverages in the feed or administered as a drench.
8. Mishandling, abuse or neglect of animals.

RULE 21. PROTESTS

Any disagreement, dispute, claim or challenge to any decision of the Show Management, its Officials or judges, under these rules or otherwise arising out of the presence of any Exhibitor on the show grounds or in any competition as part of the Show, must be made by Protest in writing within 15 calendar days of the event or decision made on the basis of the disagreement, dispute, claim or challenge. If protesting an animal, protest must be made prior to completion of judging of that animal. All protests must be supported by affidavit based upon the personal knowledge of the affiant supporting the Protest together with a deposit of \$250.00. The deposit will be forfeited if the Protest is not sustained. No Protest will be accepted regarding the actions of a sifter or classifier and their decisions are final. No Protest will be accepted challenging the policy reflected in any rule, only its application or administration. All policy decisions of the Show reflected in these rules are final. No Protest will be accepted regarding the merits of the judge's decision unless it is alleged that such decision was made in violation of these rules.

The Executive Committee of the Show shall have the sole right and authority to review and decide the Protest. In so doing it may use the information contained therein and any and all other information, which it may be able to acquire from any source. The protesting party will be notified of a time and place within twenty (20) days of the date of the Protest when the protesting party, in person or by representative so authorized in writing, may appear before the Executive Committee to state his or her position or present additional evidence competent under the Texas Rules of Evidence. Each such presentation shall be limited to ninety (90) minutes of total time. Non-appearance at the time scheduled will constitute a default of the Protest. The Show will not be required to produce any controvert evidence at the presentation but may discuss such evidence with the protesting party at the presentation, if the Executive Committee desires to do so. The protesting party will be allowed to request advance production of any controvert evidence to the extent it is available when requested. Within ten (10) days of the date of the scheduled presentation the Executive Committee will forward its decision in writing to the protesting party at the address on that party's application and to any representative so authorized in writing. The decision of the Executive Committee shall be final in all respects. Compliance with this rule in all respects shall be an absolute administrative prerequisite to any further action of any kind.

RULE 22. SPECIAL RULES

Special rules or conditions are published in each division where necessary. If there is a conflict between the special rules of any division and the general rules and regulations, the special rules will govern.

RULE 23. STAYING OVERNIGHT ON THE SHOW GROUNDS

Only bona fide ASTs, CEAs, Assistant CEAs, 4-H Club managers, exhibitors, their parents and/or family members and other persons authorized by the Show Management will be allowed to stay on the grounds overnight.

RULE 24. GENERAL CONDUCT RULES

No excessive noise of any kind will be allowed after twelve midnight. No Exhibitor, family member of any Exhibitor, AST, CEA, Club manager, or Assistant may use abusive language, be disruptive, interfere with the exhibits of others, exhibit lewd or lascivious behavior, possess or use non-prescription narcotics or controlled substances as defined by federal law, or otherwise create a nuisance or obstacle to the orderly continuation of the Show. Any person present on the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show grounds who refuses to allow a search of his or her person, exhibit area, supplies, overnight living quarters, vehicles, or other facilities under their possession or control within the confines of the Show grounds for substances prohibited by these rules may be subject to the penalties specified in Rule I. Constructive possession is the existence of substances in or within the areas specified herein other than on the person.

RULE 25. GROUND SECURITY

ASTs, CEAs and assistant CEAs shall work out a program between them so that one AST and one CEA or their assistant will be on duty throughout each night the exhibitors have their animals on the Show grounds. It will be the responsibility of those serving on night duty to supervise the exhibitors staying in the barns and to help care for any animals that may need attention. All exhibitors are solely responsible for the security and condition of their animals at all times until delivered on or to the truck or other conveyance of the buyer. The Show is no way responsible for security of any animal.

Each FFA Chapter and 4-H Club must supply the name and phone number of a person who can be reached at all times during the Show in case an emergency arises.

RULE 26. WRISTBANDS AND GATE TICKETS

- A. One Exhibitor Wristband will be provided to FFA, FCCLA and 4-H Club advisors for each exhibitor listed on their Summary Sheets. Wristband must be worn at all times during the Show. The Wristband will serve as the Exhibitor’s admission to the grounds. Double entry in the Open and Jr. Breeding Cattle Division by a Jr. Exhibitor does not entitle exhibitor to additional passes and parking permits. No lost or stolen Wrist Band will be replaced.
- B. Agriculture Science Teachers and 4-H Club managers: Complimentary season gate tickets will be allowed each AST and 4-H Club manager based on the following number of exhibitors as shown on summary sheets.

<u># Of Exhibitors</u> -----	<u># Of Season Tickets</u>
1 – 10 -----	2 season tickets
11 – 20 -----	3 season tickets
21 – 30 -----	4 season tickets
31 or more -----	5 season tickets

CEA’s and Assistant CEA’s who have exhibitors from their county will each be allowed one season gate ticket. Additional season gate tickets may be purchased at the discounted price of \$35.00.

- C. Adult Livestock Exhibitors: Listed below is the maximum number of season gate tickets that will be issued. Each exhibitor will be dealt with separately and if the maximum number of tickets is not required, the maximum will not be issued. Additional season gate tickets, in excess of the allowed number, may be purchased at the discounted price of \$35.00 each.

<u># Of Head</u> -----	<u># Of Season Tickets</u>
1-----	1
2 - 3 -----	2
4 - 6 -----	3
7 - 10 -----	4
11 OR MORE -----	5

NOTE: All gate tickets of every character are good only for admission of the person to whom issued. Tickets are not transferable and will be forfeited if misused in any manner.

RULE 27. SALE - MARKET ANIMALS

As this is a terminal Show, exhibitors must sell all market steers, hogs, lambs, goats, poultry and rabbits that show in competition during the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show.

There will be no take-home market animals except those ordered by the Show to be removed because of sickness.

All market steers, hogs, rabbits, lambs, goats and poultry will be sold to the bidder submitting the highest bid. Market steers, hogs, lambs, and goats will be sold by the pound. Market rabbits and poultry will be sold by the pen. The Show reserves the right to return market animals to their exhibitor in the event a bid cannot be obtained by the Show.

RULE 28. CHECKS FOR SALE PROCEEDS

The "Toasting Texas Talent" auction will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 15, 2019. Buyers should make checks payable to the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show. **Payment is due on the day of the sale.**

A premium auction will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 16, 2019. Buyers should make checks payable to the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show. **Payment is due on the day of the sale.**

The 4-H & FFA Shop Project Auction will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 17, 2019. Buyers should make checks payable to the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show. **Payment is due on the day of the sale.**

AST or 4-H Club manager will be notified when checks for exhibitors are available. AST or 4-H Club manager will need to pick up checks at the Livestock Show Office. A \$30.00 charge will be made to replace any premium or sale check that is lost, stolen or misplaced. Checks **MUST** be cashed within 90 days of issue.

RULE 29. OWNERSHIP AND ANIMAL IDENTITY

Ownership of all terminal projects will remain with the Exhibitor until the project is delivered on or to the truck or other conveyance of the buyer.

Animal Identity DNA Testing – As a condition for participation in the Show, every exhibitor must agree to submit DNA validation/registration samples of any and all animals entered by exhibitor for purposes of identifications. The Show requires that the animal exhibited at the Show be the same as the animal enrolled at the validation/registration event. The Show specifically reserves the right to obtain and maintain hair and/or blood DNA samples and have analysis made on any animal entered for the competition. The conclusion reached by the testing company/laboratories shall be final, without recourse against the Show or its service providers. If the animal's identity (Show sample) is found to differ from its validation/registration sample then the exhibitor will forfeit any awards, prize money and/or sale proceeds and may forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit in the future at the Show.

RULE 30. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

All livestock exhibited must meet the health requirements of the Texas Animal Health Commission and any additional requirements that the Show may in its sole discretion require.

Cattle and horses from tick or scabies quarantined areas must be accompanied by a certificate issued by a state or federal inspector showing freedom from infection or exposure thereto and have been dipped immediately prior to shipment. These Animals will be checked against health certificates at the gate of the Show grounds. Any animal may be inspected, refused entry or be required to be removed from the Show grounds due to disease or external parasites. Animals that show any evidence of abnormal discharge will not be admitted and all cows calving will be isolated.

HORSES - Effective January 1, 1997, all equines, regardless of origin, entering any show, fair and exhibition (interstate or intrastate) must have a negative test for EIA conducted within the previous 12 months.

RULE 31. FOREIGN SUBSTANCES

The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show in its sole discretion may, any number of times and at any time, test any animal officially entered in any division for unethical fitting or any foreign substance including any type of drugs, chemicals or prohibited feed additives other than drugs or chemicals. Feed additives are prohibited if they are so indicated by the USDA or FDA at the time of the test. Unethical fitting is any physical or physiological attempt to alter the natural confirmation, musculature or weight in any animal.

There will be an ABSOLUTE zero tolerance for any such foreign substances in any animal regardless of the concentration of the amount found or withdrawal periods published or approved by any entity. Testing equipment available is quite sensitive. All exhibitors are urged not to participate in or allow the medication of their animals for any reason whatsoever within at least three weeks of entry or while at the show without express written consent of the Show's General Manager or Official Veterinarian. Such consent will only be granted upon extraordinary circumstances to be determined at the sole discretion of the show. Unless written consent was given by the Show's General Manager or Official Veterinarian, any animal testing positive for any such foreign substance, regardless of its source, whether it is otherwise approved or permissible by any entity or governmental agency for the treatment of any animal, the Exhibitor's knowledge of or participation in its administration, or by whom it was administered, or having been unethically fitted as determined at the sole discretion of the judge(s), will automatically be disqualified. If an entry is disqualified, no changes will be made in the placing of other animals. The carcass of a disqualified animal will be disposed of, if still available, only in accordance with written instructions from USDA or FDA if the substances detected are or could be hazardous to humans if consumed.

RULE 32. - MEDICATIONS

Rule 32 establishes a zero tolerance for any type of medication in an animal unless the Show's General Manager or Official Veterinarian has given express written consent. Accordingly, there is no need for any person to have any such medication in their possession on the Show grounds and it will not be permitted. Should any such medication be found or discovered in the actual or constructive possession of an Exhibitor, that person and his or her exhibit may be subject to the penalties specified in Rule 1. Should any such medication be found in the actual or constructive possession of any other person, that person may be expelled from the Show grounds for a length of time to be determined in the sole discretion of the Show. Veterinarian bringing such medications onto the Show grounds for the possible treatment of animals pursuant to this rule should advise the Show's General Manager or Official Veterinarian before doing so or they will expose themselves to the provisions of this rule.

Exhibitors who have animals on the grounds and service of a veterinarian is needed, should report to the superintendent of their division who will call a veterinarian. After that, exhibitors should wait near their animal until a veterinarian arrives. If an animal of an exhibitor is in need of medication, the decision to give it or allow it to be given is solely that of the exhibitor regardless of consent or lack thereof from the Show and the effect on the animal of its administration, or lack thereof, is solely the responsibility of the exhibitor. If the medications used to treat the animal are or could be hazardous to humans if consumed, the animal must be removed from the showgrounds immediately. If the animal of an Exhibitor is medicated without the express written consent of the Show's General Manager or Official Veterinarian and it tests positive for the substance administered, the provisions of Rule 1 will apply. Payment of veterinary fees is the responsibility of the Exhibitor.

RULE 33. – SHOW BOXES

All tack, feed and equipment, including show boxes and chairs, must be kept in feed alley or in stalls assigned. None will be allowed in public walkways. If additional room is needed, exhibitors should apply for extra stalls to be used for this purpose.

RULE 34. – COOKING

No cooking grills, crockpots, roasters, or BBQ grills in the showground/barn area.

RULE 35. – TENTS

No personal tents or shade in the showground/barn area.