

**2019-2020
TOMBALL I.S.D. FFA PROJECT SHOW
RULE BOOK**

The rules and guidelines contained within this book are the result of careful consideration and input from school administrators and all agriculture teachers.

SHOW SCHEDULE

Thursday: January 23, 2020

Move In Begins – 8:00 AM

Rabbits must be in place by 10:00 AM

ALL OTHER animals must be in place by 12:00 PM

Rabbits Show – 11:00 AM

Broiler Show – 1:00 PM

Turkey Show – immediately following Broiler Show

Swine Show – 3:00 PM

Barn Closes – 8:00 PM or 1 hour after Swine Show (which ever comes later)

Friday: January 24, 2020

Barn Opens – 7:00 AM

Special Rodeo – 8:00 AM

Goat Show – 1:00 PM

Lamb Show – 2:30 PM

Steer Show – 5:00 PM

Barn Closes – 8:00 PM or 30 minutes after Steer Show (which ever comes later)

Saturday, January 25, 2020

Barn Opens – 7:45 AM

Auction Set Up and Sale Order Meeting – 8:00 AM

Buckle & Trophy Presentation – 11:00 AM

Buyers BBQ – 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Live Auction – 2:00 PM

Livestock Area of the Barn Closes to ALL people other than TISD FFA Load Out Committee – 30 minutes after the conclusion of the live auction

RULES FOR TOMBALL I.S.D. FFA PROJECT SHOW

General Rules:

- 1) Only Tomball ISD FFA dues paying members of good standing with their chapter and enrolled in classes of Agricultural Science in Tomball ISD are eligible to qualify as exhibitors. Students must have no outstanding balances and display conduct consistent with the ideals and purposes of the Texas FFA Association.
- 2) All properties and exhibitors entered shall be subject to the general and division rules of the Tomball I.S.D. FFA Project Show.
- 3) The FFA Advisors (which consist of the agriscience teachers at each high school) will interpret all rules and regulations, and settle all matters, questions, and disputes arising out of or in regard to the show. The Advisors reserve the right to adjust the rules to best benefit the goal of the project show. In any case, a majority of the Advisors must be in agreement with a rule change.
- 4) If you are NOT exhibiting or volunteering to work the special needs rodeo on Friday, **January 24th** then it is highly recommended that you attend the entire day of school.
- 5) The judge's placing is final. If a parent or student contacts the judge regarding the placing of their animal the student and immediate family members will be banned from showing at the Tomball I.S.D. FFA show for one school year.
- 6) The Tomball/Tomball Memorial FFA Chapter, Tomball/Tomball Memorial FFA Booster Club, Ag Science teachers, and Tomball ISD shall not be responsible or liable for any damage or injury to any person or for any property losses or injuries sustained by anyone from any incident or accident on the show grounds or during transportation to and from the show.
- 7) All expenses, including animal health and loss, are the responsibility of the student. Livestock insurance is available for purchase through a local insurance agency if the student desires.
- 8) Upon purchase of the animal, an entry fee and vet check fee will be paid. Broilers, Turkeys, and Rabbits will have a \$25.00 entry fee. Steers, Swine, Sheep, and Goats will have a \$30.00 entry fee. The vet check fee will be set prior to the purchase of the animals.
- 9) The Ag teachers may disqualify any animal deemed unmanageable. A majority of the ag teachers must agree the animal was unmanageable, and if so, that disqualification will only affect the project currently being shown; this project may still be sold through the freezer sale and is eligible for additions.
- 10) Animal Welfare: It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to provide proper and humane care and treatment to animals. The ag teachers reserve the right to disqualify and remove any exhibitor in violation of basic animal husbandry.
- 11) Animal/Exhibitor Disqualifications: To foster fair competition, provide a level playing field, and to protect the safety of food, the showing of unethically fitted livestock, and/or administered unapproved drugs is strictly prohibited and subject to disqualification. Additionally, any animal given an approved FDA drug must be free of residue from that drug or is subject to disqualification. If the approved FDA drug for a given species was administered by a licensed veterinarian, the ag

teachers must have prior knowledge of that and proof from the veterinarian must be presented prior to drug testing.

12) Unethical Fitting: Unethical fitting means any attempt to alter the natural appearance, conformation, musculature, or weight of an animal by any unnatural means. Animals showing signs of being unethically fitted will be disqualified.

a) Examples of unethical fitting include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Application of any substance to any part of the animal's body
2. Use of injections
3. Draining of fluids
4. Bruising
5. Feeding of materials not conducive to the health of the animal, safety of food, or marketability of its carcass.
6. Surgical alterations
7. Artificially filling animals by stomach pumping or airing injections

13) Unapproved Drug Use: The showing of any animal that has been administered during its life any quantity of any unapproved drug, chemical, or medication is strictly prohibited. Such drugs include, but are not limited to, any diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication. Unapproved means not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals including animals that may be destined for human consumption.

14) Animal Inspection: As condition for participation in the show, exhibitors must agree to submit any animal entered by the exhibitor for inspection. Exhibitors agree to have such animal submitted to any tests requested by the ag teacher. Exhibitors also agree that the opinion reached by the ag teachers as to whether such animal is unethically fitted shall be final and binding without recourse against Tomball I.S.D. Further, the ag teachers specially reserve the right to have tissue, blood, or urine laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for competition. The conclusion reached by the laboratory shall be final and binding without any recourse against Tomball I.S.D. An exhibitor of an animal that is found to be unethically fitted and/or testing positive for any drug or medication or unapproved chemical the exhibitor will forfeit all rights to exhibit livestock under TISD for the remainder of their high school career and immediate family members will forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock for the following year. The student will forfeit their check (the money will either be returned to the purchaser or donated back to the FFA Project Show Fund). If the family chooses to show again after the probationary period, every animal they show will automatically be examined and drug tested.

15) 10% or no less than three steers, swine, lambs, or goats will be randomly selected through a drawing done by TISD administrators to be drug tested by an approved representative immediately upon arrival at the show. ALL Grand and Reserve Champions will also be drug tested immediately upon the conclusion of each species show. At the time of drug testing, the exhibitor or legal guardian (of Steers, Swine, Sheep, and Goats) must be present with their animal until the sample is collected. The exhibitor or legal guardian of small animals must be present when animal is secured and the sample collected. If a legal guardian is not available to sign the collection paperwork, a TISD administrator will sign in their place.

16) Emergency Treatment: If an animal requires emergency treatment while on the show grounds, only a licensed veterinarian or ag teacher will be allowed to administer any drug. If an official veterinarian MUST be notified, an ag teacher must be present when the drug is administered. If an ag teacher is NOT notified and present, the exhibitor is subject to disqualification.

- 17) Treatment Cost: All treatment costs are the responsibility of the exhibitor.
- 18) No student may show more than two (2) market items in the Tomball I.S.D. FFA Show with the exception of rabbits. Rabbits can only be shown if the students has no other large animal project or in conjunction with one other small animal (chickens or turkeys).
- 19) No student may purchase or show more than one (1) animal/pen per market division.
- 20) Tomball I.S.D. FFA Show will be a terminal show for all animals. This means that ALL of these species will go on a trailer that is provided by Tomball ISD at the Tomball ISD Project Show.
- 21) The minimum number of steers in the auction will be determined by multiplying 50% by the original number of students paying for and selecting steer projects.
- 22) The balance of the auction sale lots will be determined by the number of students paying for and selecting lambs, goats, swine, rabbits, chickens, and turkeys, and dividing these entries into the remaining available sale lots (100 minus the steer lots) to give a sale percentage for each species. However, the number of rabbit lots will be capped at 10.
- 23) If a student is selected by the judge to return for the showmanship class, participation is optional; however, if they participate, they must show the animal they originally showed. If the showmanship winner is not already in the sale, it will be designated as a Champion placing animal and will be sold following the Reserve Champion of that species. **If the showmanship winner is already in the sale, the first alternate will be moved into the last spot of the division in the live auction. This process will create 1 additional auction spot for steer, swine, lamb, and goat.**
- 24) All projects sold in the freezer sale will be sold at a specified floor price listed below:

Steers - \$2,600
Swine - \$400
Lambs - \$400
Goats - \$400
Turkeys - \$300
Broilers - \$150
Rabbits - \$150

Freezer Sale Table Hours:

Friday, **January 24th** – 12 PM to 6 PM

Saturday, **January 25th** – 8 AM to 7 PM (or 1 hour after the conclusion of the live auction; whichever is later)

***Under extenuating circumstances where all the animals are not sold at the time the freezer sale closes, the exhibitor will have the following choices:

1. load on the trailer that has been selected for a contracted price.
2. load on an available processing trailer at the show to be processed for their personal deep freeze (exhibitor will be responsible for the processing fees)

25) Only projects that have been entered can be brought to the project grounds.

26) If ten or less animals are shown in any division only Grand and Reserve champion will sell.

- 27) All market steers, swine, lambs, goats, rabbits, broilers, and turkeys will be purchased from T.I.S.D. and received at the same place, at the same time, through Tomball I.S.D.
- 28) Any student moving into the district, who has a market project on feed, after validation may sell the animal in the freezer sale as long as the exhibitor pays the entry fee, but may not show it in the livestock show.
- 29) During the species show, only the exhibitor and one other representative will be allowed in that division's area. During the showing of pigs, lambs, and goats, no one but the student will be allowed in the alley ways or holding area.
- 30) All class winners will automatically make the sale order. The judge will select the sale order.
- 31) Exhibitors may use an approved livestock hair and skin care product on their livestock before entering the show ring. Example: Sudden Impact, Show Sheen, Revive, etc. Absolutely NO over the counter oils.
- 32) All Grand and Reserve Champions of small animals will be left at the TISD Show Barn after the species shows on Thursday.
- 33) Removing, tampering with, altering, or replacing an ear tag will be a fine of \$500.00. The processor NEEDS this identification method and it needs to be the original tag!

Selection Process:

- 34) There will be an allotted preview time for large animals. At the conclusion of the preview time, everyone will be removed from the selection area. Each exhibitor will enter five lots ahead of his or her draw for viewing. When it becomes their turn, the exhibitor will have 3 minutes to choose their animal. If they have not chosen an animal within their time limit, they may continue to choose but the next exhibitor will be allowed to select as well. There will be room around the selection area for outsiders to communicate with the exhibitor.
- 35) Poultry selection will be first come first serve.
- 36) Rabbit selection, upon arrival the exhibitor will draw a number that will correspond with the box number.

Eligibility:

- 37) All exhibitors of steers and turkeys and at least one parent are required to attend a mandatory livestock meeting on **Wednesday, March 6th OR Thursday, March 7th** in the THS Ag Department in which they will fill out and sign all forms necessary as well as turn in all payments including Animal money, Entry Fees, and Barn Fees (if applicable) to be considered entered to show at the Tomball I.S.D. FFA Project Show. (NO EXCEPTIONS)
- 38) All exhibitors of sheep, goats, pigs, rabbits, and broilers and at least one parent are REQUIRED to attend at least ONE MANDATORY MEETING set for **Wednesday, September 4th OR Thursday, September 5th** in the THS cafeteria in which they will fill out and sign all forms necessary as well as turn in all payments including Animal money (including entry fee), and Barn Fees (if applicable) to be considered entered to show at the Tomball I.S.D. FFA Project Show. (NO EXCEPTIONS)

- 39) All students are expected to attend at least **three FFA meetings** (in the proper attire) prior to the show to be eligible to show, in addition to pay meeting in September. All students will be required to attend the combined THS and TMHS FFA meeting on **January 13th**. All other FFA meetings are set according to each FFA chapter. There will be a fine of \$50 per meeting missed deducted from your Tomball ISD FFA Project Show check.
- 40) All market steers, lambs, goats, and pigs must have hair drawn by an ag teacher at validation time, sealed immediately with the student's signature across the seal, and placed in a secure location by the ag teacher for possible future DNA testing. If a question should arise, the hair sample will be submitted for DNA testing and the animal must match this hair sample or will be disqualified.
- 40.) Expense records must be kept on AET on each animal and a computerized expense sheet must be turned in by **Friday, January 17th** in order to have expenses recorded on sale sheets for the Tomball I.S.D. FFA Project Show. The website is www.theaet.com and should include ONLY operating expenses (these are consumable items only). Expense sheets not turned in will have the purchase price written in as their invested value and the exhibitor will be fine \$25.
- 41) All students must meet State guidelines with regard to grades and eligibility for co-curricular and extracurricular activities. **Refer to the TISD eligibility calendar. (THIS YEAR YOU MUST PASS THE SECOND NINE WEEKS TO SHOW).** Any student that is ineligible to show will not be allowed to have their animal on the show grounds. They must dispose of their animal on their own.
- 42) If a student is assigned to AEP and attends the program at any time during the **2019-2020** school year, they will not be able to show or sell their TISD project/projects. They must dispose of it/them on their own.
- 43) If a student is assigned to homebound school and still enrolled in an Agriculture class, the student may sell the animal in the freezer sale only.
- 44) All entries must be owned, cared for, and exhibited by the student.
- 45) All exhibitors when showing and during the sale will wear official FFA dress as stated in the FFA official manual. FFA jacket, white shirt or blouse, solid black jeans (no skinny or holey jeans), tie/scarf, and black shoes. At the **January 13th** meeting, all students must wear official dress as described above.
- 46) Rabbits should be in place at the project show grounds by 10:00 AM the Thursday of the show and all remaining livestock in place by 12:00 PM.
- 47) Upon arrival, an ag teacher will be present at an official scale that will weigh pigs only. Steers, goats, and lambs must be checked in (to determine if they are to be drug tested) upon arrival, but will be weighed at noon. The exhibitor or parent must be present to weigh. This weight will be the official weight for breaking classes.
- 48) Rabbits will be weighed in alphabetical order by student name at 10:00 AM by the ag science teacher. The owner or parent of the owner of the pen must be present at weigh time.
- 49) Students are required to attend one of the three barn set ups at the Tomball ISD Show Barn located at Tomball High School. There will be a fine of \$50 deducted from your Tomball ISD FFA Project Show check for not attending at least one barn set up.

50) All students placing in the live auction are required to attend a mandatory sale order meeting and auction set up Saturday starting at 8:00 AM. There will be a fine of \$50 deducted from your Tomball ISD FFA Project Show check for not attending this.

51) All exhibitors must remove ALL tack and show equipment (boxes) no later than 1:30 PM on Saturday.

52) Absolutely NO outside bedding will be allowed. For example, bedding includes but not limited to shavings, straw, sawdust, woody pet, etc. There will be a fine of \$500 (five hundred) deducted from your Tomball ISD FFA Project Show check if the exhibitor brings in outside bedding.

53) There will be a show barn clean up the Wednesday from 3-6 PM after the TISD Project Show required for ALL steer AND all live auction exhibitors. Steer exhibitors are required to remove all leftover feedstuffs. There will be a fine of \$50 deducted from your Tomball ISD FFA Project Show check for not attending this or sending a representative in the exhibitor's place, or arriving late/leaving early.

Requirements to receive checks:

54) All sale items will automatically have the price of two-8X10 color photographs deducted from their pay out. One picture is for the exhibitor to keep and one must be delivered, with proof, to the buyer within 2 weeks from the time pictures are given to the exhibitor.

55) All exhibitors who are awarded a belt buckle or trophy will also have the price of two – 5X7 deducted from their pay out check. They are to frame and deliver one to the sponsor within 2 weeks from the time pictures are given to the exhibitor.

56) There will be a 10% commission deducted on all items including sale, freezer, & add-ons, which are handled by the school district.

57) All students are required to write thank you notes to their buyer and any individual that gave them money. Grand, Reserve, Weight Gain and Showmanship winners will need to write a thank you letter to the sponsors of their belt buckle and trophy.

58) Small animals must be delivered to the exhibitor's buyer 1 week after the processed animals are returned to TISD FFA. The date of the processed animal arrival is TBD. There will be a 3% deduction per day past the due date.

59) Any student that has not turned in thank you letters (to their ag teacher) or made delivery of their buyer pictures (with proof) within two weeks of receiving their exhibitor information sheet or their pictures will have an additional 3% deduction per day from their prize money. Any student that has NOT turned in thank you letters within 5 days will forfeit the right to show at the TISD Project Show the following year. In addition, if an exhibitor NEVER turns them in, they will forfeit their check.

60) Students with animals that fall under Rules 10-15 will result in the loss of the students check including add-ons. The money will either be returned to the purchaser, who could donate the money back to the Tomball I.S.D. Project Show, and the exhibitor will forfeit all rights to exhibit livestock under TISD for the remainder of their high school career and immediate family members will forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock for the following year. If the family chooses to

show again at the Tomball I.S.D. FFA show after the probationary period, every animal they show will automatically be drug tested.

Market Steer Division

1. All steers must be validated on Friday, **May 10, 2019**.
2. The weights on this day will be used as the beginning weight for the rate of gain contest.
3. All steers must be dehorned. Scurs will be allowed; growth must not exceed 3 inches from the base of the head.
4. Steers will be slick shorn to within $\frac{1}{4}$ inch of hair on all parts of the body except the switch of the tail.
5. Steers must weigh a minimum of **1000** pounds to be eligible to show with a 25 lb. scale tolerance. There will be no maximum weight.
6. All steers will be weighed at noon Thursday of the show by an ag teacher. That weight will be used as the show weight to break weight classes and for Rate of Gain.
7. The winner of the Rate of Gain contest will be awarded a trophy and belt buckle, and be guaranteed a place in the sale if it has not been selected to make the live auction previously
8. 10% or a minimum of three random steers will be drug tested immediately upon arrival on the show grounds. The Grand and Reserve Champions will also be drug tested immediately upon conclusion of the steer show.
9. Ractopamine at FDA approved levels is acceptable. No zilpaterol hydrochloride will be tolerated.
10. The chart below will be used to determine the number of classes at the show:

# of Steers	# of Classes
1-21	3
22-32	4
33-43	5
44+	6

Market Swine Division

1. Barrows or gilts are allowed to be shown.
2. Swine must be validated in September/October 2019 (specific date TBA). Students may validate only one pig.
3. All swine will be weighed upon arrival by an ag teacher. That weight will be used as the show weight and to break weight classes.
4. Swine must weigh a minimum of 200 pounds to be eligible to show with a 5 pound scale tolerance. There will be no maximum weight.
5. 10% or a minimum of three random swine will be drug tested immediately upon arrival on the show grounds. The Grand and Reserve Champions will also be drug tested immediately upon conclusion of the swine show.
6. Ractopamine at FDA approved levels is acceptable.
7. The chart below will be used to determine the number of classes at the show:

# of Pigs	# of Classes
1-80	5
81-100	6
101-130	7
131-150	8
150 +	9

Market Lamb Division

1. Lambs will be validated in **September/October 2019** (the specific date TBA). Students may validate only one lamb.
2. All lambs must be washed before they arrive at the show facility.
3. All lambs must be slick shorn.
4. All lambs will be weighed following steers. That weight will be used to break weight classes.
5. Lambs must weigh a minimum of 90 pounds to be eligible to show with a 5 pound scale tolerance. There will be no maximum weight.
6. No levels of Ractopamine will be tolerated. It is not FDA approved for this species.
7. The chart below will be used to determine the number of classes at the show:

# of Lambs	# of Classes
1-10	1
11-20	2
21-40	3
41-60	4
61-80	5
81 +	6

Market Goat Division

1. Goats will be validated in **September/October 2019** (the specific date TBA). Students may validate only one goat.
2. Goats must be exhibited with only a collar or chain. No harness or halters allowed.
3. All goats are to be summer clipped from the knee and hock up, not to exceed 3/8" of hair on any part of their body excluding the tail.
4. Goats should be dehorned prior to the show, with any tipped horns not being smaller than a dime in circumference.
5. All goats will be weighed following steers. That weight will be used to break weight classes.
6. Goats must weigh a minimum of 60 pounds to be eligible to show with a 5 pound scale tolerance. There will be no maximum weight.
7. No levels of Ractopamine will be tolerated. It is not FDA approved for this species.
8. The chart below will be used to determine the number of classes at the show:

# of Goats	# of Classes
1-10	1
11-20	2
21-40	3
41-60	4
61-80	5
81+	6

Market Rabbit Division

1. Each exhibitor may enter one pen consisting of two rabbits.
2. If you purchase rabbits, you may not purchase a large animal in conjunction with those rabbits. You may only purchase poultry with rabbits.
3. Rabbits must weigh between 3.0 and 6.5 pounds to be eligible. Any one rabbit weighing outside these limits will disqualify the pen. Weights will be read to one decimal on the official scale. If a pen is disqualified, they will be allowed in the freezer sale only.
4. All market rabbits must be validated the week in December 2019 prior to the Christmas Break. (The exact date TBA)
5. Each student must buy all meat pens through the school district.
6. Each student will start with a pen of four rabbits and show only a pen of two rabbits.
7. Any extra rabbits brought from home to the TISD Show grounds, must be taken home the evening of the rabbit show or the exhibitor will be fined \$50.00.
8. The student or a legal guardian must be present to weigh his or her rabbits at 10:00 am on Thursday of the show.
9. The scales will be available prior to 10:00 AM to weigh your rabbits on your own. At 10:00 AM, official weights will start and students will NOT be able to exchange any rabbits after this time.
10. All rabbits must exhibit proper tattoos to be eligible to show.
11. No levels of Ractopamine will be tolerated. It is not FDA approved for this species.

Broiler Division

1. Entries are limited to one pen consisting of three birds per pen. Pens may be a combination of either sex.
2. All birds must be owned and fed by the exhibitor.
3. Each exhibitor must purchase a pen through the TISD Project Show and pick them up on the first or second week of December. Exact date TBA. Each pen will be 25 birds. Exhibitors with siblings showing broilers may use the best birds of all pens combined.
4. All birds will be wing banded when they are picked up and validated.
5. Any bird without a wing band at the show will be disqualified.
6. The pen of three must weigh a total of 12 pounds (average of 4 pounds per bird). If not, the exhibitor will not show and go directly in the freezer sale.
7. The judge will sift broilers for broken bones, bruises, and disjoints according to quality standards. Exhibitors will be allowed 5 minutes to replace any sifted bird with their alternate.
8. Any extra broilers brought from home to the TISD Show grounds, must be taken home the evening of the broiler show or the exhibitor will be fined \$50.00.
9. Only eligible FFA members in official dress will be allowed to help the exhibitor show the pen of three birds.
10. No levels of Ractopamine will be tolerated. It is not FDA approved for this species.

Turkey Division

1. Entries are limited to one turkey per individual. ONLY hens are allowed to be exhibited. The birds we will order will be sexed hens; however, if a student ends up with a tom (which happens sometimes) they may NOT exhibit it.
2. All birds must be owned and fed by the exhibitor since they were validated.
3. Each exhibitor must purchase a pen through the TISD Project Show and pick them up on the last week of September. (Exact date TBA) Each pen will be 15 poults. Exhibitors with siblings showing turkeys may use the best turkeys of all pens combined.
4. Any extra turkey brought from home to the TISD Show grounds, must be taken home the evening of the turkey show or the exhibitor will be fined \$50.00.
5. The judge will sift turkeys for broken bones, bruises, and disjoints according to quality standards. Exhibitors will be allowed 5 minutes to replace any sifted bird with their alternate
6. Only eligible FFA members in official dress may assist the exhibitor at show time.

7. No levels of Ractopamine will be tolerated in turkeys.

****TISD is not responsible for death any time after the exhibitor has picked up their poultry.**

I agree to the terms and conditions stated in **2019-2020 TOMBALL I.S.D. FFA PROJECT SHOW**
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Student Name (Printed) _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

High School _____

Species _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

REMEMBER THIS IS A TERMINAL SHOW – BY SIGNING THESE SHOW RULES YOU AGREE THAT YOU WILL SELL YOUR ANIMAL THROUGH TOMBALL I.S.D.