

Tomball ISD



Project Show & Major Livestock Show Exhibitor Handbook

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Project Show FAQ

1. Why should I raise an animal for the project show?

Each animal in FFA is referred to as an experience. It is a vital part of a well rounded FFA program to have a supervised agricultural experience (SAE). This SAE will take dedication and hard work, but come show time, you will be rewarded not only monetarily but also by gaining personal characteristics like responsibility, time management and a great work ethic which are valuable traits when applying for college and/or a career.

2. If I want to raise an animal for the Tomball ISD Project Show, what do I do?

First, you must be enrolled in at least 1 Ag Science course at your high school. That can be a semester class. Then make sure you pay your FFA dues to join and become an annual FFA member. Following that, you and a parent need to attend the mandatory meeting to pay for the animal of your choice. If you are interested in raising a steer or turkeys, those pay meetings are at the beginning of March to raise them for the following years show. See calendar for dates, times, and locations. All other animals (swine, lambs, broilers, and rabbits) will be paid for at the mandatory meeting which is at the beginning of September for the January show.

3. Do I HAVE to raise an animal to be in FFA?

No - raising an animal is a choice; however it is encouraged. It will change your life. You may simply join FFA to participate in Leadership and Career Development Events as well as other FFA opportunities. Contact your ag teacher for more information on these fun opportunities!

4. What if I want to raise an animal but do not have the funds to?

It's your lucky day (maybe) - The Hudson Folkerts Memorial Foundation offers scholarships to help students that are in financial need to raise an animal. Go to their website at www.hudsonfolkertsmemorialfoundation.org where you can find the application to turn in. Please pay attention to deadlines to have them turned in. It will be prior to the mandatory meetings in order for the foundation to evaluate and approve. The foundation will pay T.I.S.D. FFA directly and you will have an account set up at a feed store for your feed.

5. What if I want to raise an animal but I do not have a place to house it?

Tomball ISD FFA students have the opportunity to raise their animal project at the Tomball Memorial High School. FFA Project barn for a fee associated with the project being raised. Fee's cover waste removal and maintenance of the facility. The facility is located across the street from Tomball Memorial High School.

T.I.S.D. Project Show Terms/Definitions

Add on: Monies that anyone can give to a student in any amount, for any reason they wish. This does not involve purchasing an animal.

Animal Husbandry: The proper and humane care and treatment of an animal by its exhibitor.

BAND app: Messaging app utilized by Ag Teachers to communicate all information.

Barn Set-up: Students are required to attend 1 of 3 scheduled barn set-ups. The kids set up the barn configurations for the 3 different events: Animal Selection, Progress Show and Project Show.

Buyers: These are individuals from Tomball or surrounding communities that come to the show with the intention to purchase animals in either the live auction, freezer sale, or provide add ons to your kids. These can be family members or complete strangers. It is the **responsibility** of everyone – parents and kids – to solicit buyers in your community to come out and support the kids and purchase animals.

Clip: to shave/cut hair of the animal. See project show rules for length requirements.

Grand/Champion Drive: The 1st and 2nd place of each large animal class, by species, will return to the show ring to be judged again. A Grand Champion (overall 1st place) and Reserve Champion (overall 2nd place) will be selected.

Class Winner: Large animal species are broken down into a predetermined number of classes based upon weight as determined by the Ag Teachers. Each class will be judged, and a class winner will be selected with the remaining animals being placed accordingly. The class winner and 2nd place will return to the ring for Champion Drive.

Division: Species of animal in the project show. I.e. Swine, lamb, etc.

Expense Report: Students are required to keep an electronic expense report on AET of ONLY consumable items (operating expenses). Ag Teachers will provide all the necessary information and training to your children. **Due mid-January.** This information is included on the sale sheet for buyers.

Fitting: Anything done to alter an animal's appearance. *Ethical fitting:* shearing hair, hide conditioner, etc. *Unethical fitting:* painting hair, draining fluids, pumping stomachs, etc. Unethical fitting is grounds for disqualification.

Floor Price: A predetermined price per species, set by the Ag Teachers, that is usually close to what the student spent on their animals, but does not recoup all their expenses.

FFA Website: www.tomball.ffanow.org or tomballmemorial.ffanow.org

Freezer Sale: Animals shown in the Project Show but did not make the live auction. Animals will sell for either the preset floor price, market price, if not sold at floor price, or, the student may elect to pay processing fees and keep the meat for their personal use or donate it back to the FFA.

Hudson Folkerts Memorial Foundation (HFMF) - an outside organization that gives students scholarships to help pay for their animal/feed cost and senior college scholarships. You can visit their website for more information at hfmf.org

Jackpot Shows: Livestock shows held all over Texas that you can enter providing valuable experience for not only your student, but for their animal as well. Students develop their show skills, and expose the animals to all the activity that goes on at a show.

Large Animals: Lambs, goats, swine, and steers

Live Auction: Animals from Project Show that placed high enough in their species will be auctioned off the Saturday after the show to the highest bidder.

No Pass – No Play: The T.I.S.D. Project Show is viewed the same as all other co-curricular or extracurricular activities. The student must meet eligibility requirements set by the State of Texas in order to participate. **This means they must be passing all their classes for the 2nd Nine Weeks in order to participate. IF THESE STANDARDS ARE NOT MET, THE STUDENT WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO SHOW THEIR ANIMAL. IF THE ANIMAL IS BEING KEPT AT THE PROJECT BARN IT MUST BE REMOVED AND WILL BE THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CARE FOR IT OR SELL IT.**

Market Price: Price a species is currently being sold for at livestock auctions. On most occasions, this price will be considerably lower than the price originally paid for the animal.

Official Show Dress: FFA jacket, white button-down shirt or blouse with collar, FFA tie for boys and scarf for girls, black jeans or pants, black socks (if they will show), and black boots or shoes

Pay Meeting: Preselected dates that students and a parent or legal guardian must attend to review rules and pay the predetermined price for animals to be shown in the T.I.S.D. Project Show. A student may show 2 different species with one condition: steer feeders that want to show a small animal may only show broilers or turkeys. The pay meeting dates are as follows: **March** – Steers and Turkeys; **August/September** – lambs, goats, swine, broilers, and rabbits.

Poultry: Broilers and turkeys

Pre-Sale Animals: Any animal species may be sold any time prior to the Project Show for a predetermined price (higher than freezer sale prices). The purchaser can be an individual, a buyer's group, a business, etc. This can be a specific student's project or just a "specific species", so any student. If a specific student's project is pre-sold, this will be null and void if the student makes the live auction.

Project Barn: Each high school campus has a project barn where show animals are housed for a nominal fee. You are not only responsible for the care of your stall, storage area, and animals always, but, additionally, also responsible for the care and upkeep of the barn and equipment as well.

Sale Order: Animal order for those being sold in the live auction. The number of each species selected for live auction is based upon the number of animals originally purchased (See Show Rules). The judge selects the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion, and then will continue to set the sale order by selecting the next best animal, until all live auction slots are filled. Next he will place the "unspecified" presale animals. All remaining animals are then entered in the freezer sale.

Scurs: Incompletely developed horns – can occur in lambs, goats, or steers. For T.I.S.D. Project Show, scurs can not exceed 3" from the base of the head.

Selection: The day you take possession of and be prepared to care for your animal. i.e. feed, water, clean pens daily. See specific detail in the rules below.

Showmanship: During the large animal classes the judge will be looking for the top showman. The judge will select students in each class to come back for showmanship. **At the conclusion of selecting Grand and Reserve Champion, the students can, but are not obligated to, compete for the showmanship competition.** A Showmanship Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected to receive a prize. **ONLY the Showmanship Champion will receive a sale position if not already in the sale. Reserve Showmanship is an AWARD only!**

Show Barn: This barn is where the 2024 Project Show will be held and is currently under construction. It is located at the Tomball Innovation Center, 11211 Farm to Market 2920. No animals are housed in this barn except during these events. After construction is complete it will also be utilized for project show meetings, animal selection in September, and Progress Show in December but will NOT be until it opens in January 2024. For the fall semester, see locations/addendums in the show rules.

Sick Animals: Always contact your species advisor first. They often can tell you how to treat your animal without the expense of a vet. Also, use experienced students / parents as a resource as well. Lastly, there is a Vet listed on the opening page of the FFA website if you are not able to get a hold of anyone.

Slick Shorn: Steers and lambs are required to have their hair / wool cut to within ¼” on all parts of their body except tail on steers and legs (boots) on lambs. Goats and swine are also trimmed, but they are not slicked.

Small animals: Rabbits, broilers and turkeys.

Species: T.I.S.D. only shows the following species: broilers, turkeys, rabbits, swine, lambs, goats, and steers

Swine: A pig

Terminal Show: All animals shown in the Project Show will go onto a processing trailer at the end of the show. No animals may be taken home or purchased by a buyer to be a pasture animal.

T.I.S.D. Progress Show: Held in December in the T.I.S.D. Show Barn. This is the student’s / animal’s opportunity to experience a real show atmosphere and practice showmanship skills prior to the actual T.I.S.D. Project Show especially if jackpot shows have not been attended. Only large animals are eligible, and the entry fee is \$10 / animal.

Tomball Buddies: A buyer’s group that ANYONE can join. The group pools all monies to purchase ONLY freezer sale animals or to provide add ons to students who have not received any. They DO NOT purchase any animals in the live auction.

Withdraw Period: Amount of time needed for an animal to be free of residue from an administered drug. Withdraw times are listed on the labels of all FDA approved drugs. Animals are required to be free of all drug residue by the time they check in for the Project Show.

SHOW SCHEDULE

DUE to T.I.S.D. Policy, the schedule is subject to change at any time.

Tuesday: January 23, 2024

Barn Opens 2:00 PM

Ag Mech projects must be in by 5:30 PM

Pen set up from 2:00 - 5:30 PM

Barn Closes at 6:00 PM

Wednesday: January 24, 2024

Special Rodeo – 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

All T.I.S.D. Project Barn large animal move in (ag teachers only)

Ag Mech Show starts at 1:00 PM

All at home large animal projects move in 2:00 - 5:00 PM

All students with large animals MUST be at their pen at 5:30 PM to weigh

Weigh in for Swine will start at 5:30 PM on Scale #1

Weigh in for Steers will start at 5:30 PM on Scale #2 followed by Goats then Lambs

Barn will close 30 minutes at the conclusion of Lamb and Goat Weigh

Thursday: January 25, 2024

Barn Opens – 7:00 AM

Move in Rabbits, Broilers, Turkeys by 8 AM

Rabbit Show starts at 8:30 AM

Broiler Show following Rabbit Show but no earlier than 10:00 AM

Turkey Show following Broiler Show but no earlier than 11:00 AM

Steer Show starts at 2:00 PM

Barn Closes – 5:00 PM or 30 minutes after Steer Show (whichever is later)

Friday: January 26, 2024

Barn Opens – 7:00 AM

Lamb Show starts at 8:00 AM

Goat Show 30 minutes following Lamb Show but no earlier than 10:00 AM

Swine Show 30 minutes following the Goat show but no earlier than 2:00 PM

Auction Set Up at 5:00 PM or immediately following the swine show (whichever is later)

Barn Closes –30 minutes after the auction set up.

Saturday: January 27, 2024

Barn Opens – 9:00 AM

Sale Order Meeting – 9:30 AM

Buckle & Trophy Presentation – 11:00 AM

Buyers Lunch – 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Live Auction – 2:00 PM

Livestock Area of the Barn Closes to ALL people other than T.I.S.D. FFA Load Out Committee – 30 minutes after the conclusion of the live auction

2023-2024 RULES FOR TOMBALL I.S.D. FFA PROJECT SHOW

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

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) and the T.I.S.D. Project Show Compliance Committee (which consist of the T.I.S.D. administrators and FFA Advisors) will interpret all rules and regulations, and settle all matters, questions, and disputes/protests 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 T.I.S.D. Project Show Compliance Committee must be in agreement with a rule change.
4. The judge's placing is final and can not be protested. 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.
5. All formal protests must be filed in writing to the T.I.S.D. Project Show Compliance Committee.. A protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the show management immediately after the occasion that prompted the protest. A protest will be accepted prior to judging or immediately at the conclusion of judging that species. A majority vote of the T.I.S.D. Project Show Compliance Committee will determine the final decision regarding all protests.
6. The Tomball/Tomball Memorial FFA Chapter, Tomball/Tomball Memorial FFA Booster Club, 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 submission of entry, a fee for that entry and a vet fee will be paid. Fees for all entries are \$30.00 per entry. The vet check fee will be set prior to the purchase of the animals.
9. The T.I.S.D. Project Show Compliance Committee may disqualify any animal deemed unmanageable. A majority of the committee members 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 add-ons.
10. It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to provide proper and humane care and treatment to animals. The T.I.S.D. Project Show Compliance Committee reserves the right to disqualify and remove any exhibitor in violation of basic animal husbandry. Reminder during show: All animals upon arrival on the premises, should be fed, watered, and cleaned up after. This shall continue throughout the duration of the time the animal is on T.I.S.D. property.
11. All animal entries will be purchased from T.I.S.D. and each species will be received at the same place, at the same time, through T.I.S.D.
12. All animal entries must be owned, cared for, and exhibited by the student. Any projects not raised at the T.I.S.D. Facilities or the exhibitor's home address, need to fill out the housing location form and submit to the T.I.S.D. Project Show Compliance Committee prior to possession of the animal. Prior approval must be granted by the T.I.S.D. Project Show Compliance Committee in the event the animal will be moved to a location that is outside of the direct care of the exhibitor, immediate family/guardian, or Agricultural Science Teacher. Failure to gain approval from the committee will result in disqualification.

13. 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.
14. All medical treatment costs are the responsibility of the exhibitor.
15. No student may show more than two (2) market items in the Tomball I.S.D. Project Show with the exception of rabbits. Rabbits can only be shown if the student has no other large animal project or in conjunction with one other small animal (chickens or turkeys).
16. No student may purchase or show more than one (1) animal/pen per market division.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. 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 any signs of being unethically fitted will be disqualified.
Examples of unethical fitting include, but are not limited to the following:
 - Application of any substance to any part of the animal's body; injection, drenching or application of any substance per rectum is prohibited
 - Use of injections
 - Draining of fluids
 - Bruising
 - Feeding of material not conducive to the health of the animal, safety of food or marketability of its carcass
 - Surgical alterations
 - Artificially filling animals by stomach pumping or airing injections
 - Use of paints, powders, dyes, and adhesive
20. As a condition for participation in the show, exhibitors must agree to submit any animal entered by the exhibitor for inspection. Exhibitors agree to have such animals submitted to any tests requested by T.I.S.D. Project Show Compliance Committee. Exhibitors also agree that the opinion reached by the T.I.S.D. Project Show Compliance Committee as to whether such an animal is unethically fitted shall be final and binding without recourse against Tomball I.S.D. Further, the T.I.S.D. Project Show Compliance Committee reserves the right to have hair, 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 T.I.S.D 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.
21. All market steers, lambs, goats, and swine must have hair drawn by an ag teacher prior to selection, 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.

22. Students with animals that violate Rules 17-21 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 T.I.S.D. 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 be subject to additional testing.**
23. 10% or no less than three steers, swine, lambs, or goats **that arrive at the showgrounds** will be randomly drug tested. **Selection for drug testing will be determined by randomly selecting placings from classes per species through a drawing done by the T.I.S.D. Project Show Compliance Committee. Testing will be conducted by an approved representative.** ALL Grand and Reserve Champions (small and large animals, excluding showmanship) as well as the randomly selected animals will be drug tested **immediately following the 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 the animal is secured and the sample collected.
24. **Tomball I.S.D. FFA Show will be a terminal show for all animals that arrive on T.I.S.D. Showgrounds. This means that ALL of these species will go on a trailer that is provided by Tomball I.S.D. at the Tomball I.S.D. Project Show. Animals may not be removed from the T.I.S.D. Property by any means except for on an approved processor trailer. No exception to this rule will be made. Violation of this rule will result in forfeit of check.**

Selection Process for Large Animals:

25. 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. Each exhibitor will be allowed one person to enter with them in the selection area (with the exception of an ag teacher) while selecting their animal.
- Order of selection will be entered into a computerized randomizer by the T.I.S.D. Project Show Committee or that committees' designees and will be published and distributed prior to the day of selection.
26. In the event that a student cannot be present at selection, they may designate an alternative FFA member with one designated helper OR they can have one designated helper select for them. Prior arrangements must be made with an ag teacher before selection.

Steer Selection: Located at the T.I.S.D. Project Facility located near Tomball Memorial High School at 19229 Northpointe Ridge Ln. Tomball, TX 77377

Once steers arrive, ANYONE caught inside the steer selection area prior to viewing and selection opening will face the consequence of selecting LAST. This is for the safety of you and the animals. They need a time to settle down from a stressful day and no one needs to be alone with the possibility of getting hurt.

Friday, May 5th – Viewing

The T.I.S.D. Project Barn will be open starting at 5:00 PM for anyone to be able to view the cattle. The cattle will not be haltered to allow them to walk around; however the ag teachers will cut out 3-5 at a time for you to see better. No one other than Ag teachers and those assigned to assist will be able to go inside the pen with the cattle. Information sheets with ear tag numbers and weights will be provided. Viewing is open from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM. At 7:00 PM ALL (even those keeping their animals at the T.I.S.D. barn) will be required to leave.

Saturday, May 6th – Selection

At 8:00 AM the T.I.S.D. Project Barn will open and everyone will be able to enter and will have 30 minutes to view the steers tied to the fence. At 8:30 AM the exhibitors will select their steer in chronological order from the computer randomized list. We will follow selection criteria outlined in rule 25.

For 2023-2024 Swine, Lamb, and Goat Selection ONLY (Due to construction of the old and new show barns) - see link https://docs.google.com/document/d/1orpQGbhvy426_zLWlzNvFi63NQDH6A0-GZ0HdxUiKUo/edit?usp=sharing



Swine, Lamb and Goat Selection: Located at the Tomball ISD Show Barn located at Tomball High School — at 30330 Quinn Rd. Tomball, TX 77375

Friday, September 15, 2023 - Viewing

The T.I.S.D. Show Barn will be open starting at 5:00 PM for anyone to be able to view the animals. The animals will not be haltered; however, exhibitors are allowed to handle sheep and goats to evaluate them better. Information sheets with ear tag numbers will be provided. Viewing is open from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM. At 7:00 PM ALL individuals will be required to leave.

Saturday, September 16th - Selection

Set 1- Selection Numbers 1-25

- ~~From 8:00 AM - 8:15 AM~~ only exhibitors 1-25 of each species will have time to view the animals.
- ~~8:20 AM~~ the selection will start for numbers 1-25
- ~~9:20 AM~~ all exhibitors should be done and should exit the building.

Set 2 - Selection Number 26-50

- ~~9:20 AM - 9:35 AM~~ Only those with selection numbers 26-50 will be able to view the remaining species.
- ~~9:40 AM~~ the selection will start for number 26 and continue in the same process as above.
- ~~10:40 AM~~ all exhibitors should be done and should exit the building.

Set 3 - Selection Number 51-75

- ~~10:40 AM - 10:55 AM~~ Only those with selection numbers 51-75 will be able to view the remaining species.
- ~~11:00 AM~~ the selection will start for number 51 and continue in the same process as above.
- ~~12:00 PM~~ all exhibitors should be done and should exit the building.

Set 4 - Selection Number 76-100

- ~~12:00 PM - 12:15 PM~~ Only those with selection numbers 76-100 will be able to view the remaining species.
- ~~12:20 PM~~ the selection will start for number 76 and continue in the same process as above.
- ~~1:20 PM~~ all exhibitors should be done and should exit the building.

Set 5 - Selection Number 100-125

- ~~1:20 PM - 1:35 PM~~ Only those with selection numbers 76-100 will be able to view the remaining species.
- ~~1:40 PM~~ the selection will start for number 76 and continue in the same process as above.
- ~~2:40 PM~~ all exhibitors should be done and should exit the building.

Selection Process for Small Animals:

27. All small animals will come presorted/pre divided by the breeder or the hatchery. No handling will be allowed prior to receiving the animals.

Poultry Selection

Broilers will come pre-divided in a set of 25 and the boxes will be randomly selected and designated to the exhibitor. Turkeys will be pre-divided in a set of 15 and boxes will be randomly selected and designated to the exhibitor

Rabbit selection

Upon arrival rabbits will come pre-divided in a set of 4 and the boxes will be randomly selected and designated to the exhibitor.

Sale and Show Information:

28. 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.
29. 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 (96 minus the steer lots) to give a sale percentage for each species. However, the number of rabbit lots will be capped at 10.

30. **Showmanship Champion Drive will be held immediately following the Grand and Reserve Drive.** If a student is selected by the judge to return for the showmanship champion drive, participation is optional; however, if they participate, they must show the animal they originally showed. The judge will select a Grand and Reserve Showman. If the Grand Showman is already in the sale (Grand or Reserve Champion) an additional sale spot will be open to be selected. **Reserve Showmanship is an AWARD placing only.**
31. If ten or less animals are shown in any species division only Grand and Reserve champions will sell.
32. The judge will select the sale order. All class winners will automatically make the sale order.
33. Any student moving into the district, who has a market project on feed, after selection 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.
34. There will be a 10% commission deducted on all items including sale, freezer, & add-ons, which is handled by the school district.
35. 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/Add On Hours:

Thursday – 10:00 AM - Barn Close

Friday – 10:00 AM - Barn Close

Saturday – 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM (or 1 hour after the conclusion of the live auction; whichever is later)

*** Freezer animals will not be available for sale until 30 minutes after the conclusion of the species show.

***Under extenuating circumstances where all the animals are not sold at the time the freezer sale closes, the exhibitor's animal will be sold for a contracted price per pound.

36. During the species show, only the exhibitor and one other representative will be allowed in that division's area. During the showing of swine, lambs, and goats, no one but the student and their one representative will be allowed in the alleyways or holding area. During the sale order of the pig show, only the exhibitor will be allowed in the pig area, and they must stay in their pen unless they are moving their animal up for sale order. No one will be allowed in the pig area other than the exhibitor until moving of swine into sale order and freezer sale spaces is complete.
37. No tack, show boxes, or personal items (ie. Chairs, coolers, etc.) will be allowed in ANY aisle, walkway, or holding area. Sheep/Goat exhibitors will have access to blocking tables provided by the district. Any personal blocking tables must be kept outside of the T.I.S.D. Show Barn.
38. **Bedding must be provided by the exhibitor.**
39. **The Tomball I.S.D. Project Show is a blow and go show which means only water is allowed to be put on the animal before entering the show ring.**

40. **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!
41. **Removing or altering the T.I.S.D. name sign at any point will result in a fine of \$200.00. You will receive your sign the following week at the show barn clean up or at school.**
42. All exhibitors must remove ALL tack and show equipment (boxes) prior to barn closing Saturday.

Eligibility:

43. All exhibitors and a parent/guardian of steers and turkeys are required to attend a mandatory livestock meeting on **Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at Tomball High School Room 1609 OR Thursday, March 2, 2023 at Tomball Memorial High School Room 1500** in which they will fill out and sign all forms necessary as well as turn in all payments including Animal money, Entry Fees, Barn Fees (if applicable) and W-9 to be considered entered to show at the Tomball I.S.D. FFA Project Show. In an event that a student has a prior obligation the parent/guardian can sign for them; however, prior communication must be made with the ag teacher.
44. All exhibitors and a parent/guardian of sheep, goats, swine, rabbits, and broilers are REQUIRED to attend at least ONE MANDATORY MEETING set for **Thursday, August 31, 2023 at Tomball High School cafeteria OR Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at Tomball Memorial cafeteria** in which they will submit online entry paperwork including receipt of payment to be considered entered to show at the Tomball I.S.D. FFA Project Show. In an event that a student has a prior obligation the parent/guardian can sign for them; however, prior communication must be made with the ag teacher. **Prior to these meetings, entries must be submitted through ShoWorks online - website link will be sent out via The Band app and in classes.**
45. All students must attend at least **three Project Show meetings** in addition to the mandatory entry meetings in **March (for steers and turkeys) or August/September.** All students will be required to attend the Project Show meeting on **January 8th.** - There will be a fine of \$50 per meeting missed deducted from your Tomball ISD FFA Project Show check. The project show meeting dates are as follows:
 - August 21, 2023- TMHS Cafeteria
 - September 11, 2023 - THS Cafeteria
 - October 16, 2023- TMHS Cafeteria
 - November 13, 2023 - THS Cafeteria
 - January 8, 2024 (required in show official dress) - Show Barn at Tomball Innovation Center
 - February 12, 2024- Show Barn at Tomball Innovation Center
46. All students must meet State guidelines with regard to grades and eligibility for co-curricular and extracurricular activities. Refer to the T.I.S.D. 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.
47. **If a student receives a single AEP placement of 20 or more days or more than one placement at any time during the 2023-2024 school year, they will not be able to show or sell their T.I.S.D. project/projects. They must dispose of it/them on their own.**
48. 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.
49. 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 8th** meeting, all students must wear official dress as described above.

50. Students are required to attend one of the three barn setups at the **Tomball ISD Show Barn located at Tomball High School or the Tomball Innovation Center.** 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.
51. All students placing in the live auction are required to attend an auction set up on Friday at 4:00 PM or immediately following the swine show and a mandatory sale order meeting on Saturday at 9:30 AM. There will be a fine of \$50 deducted from your Tomball ISD FFA Project Show check for not attending this.

Requirements to receive checks:

52. There will be a show barn clean up the Wednesday after the T.I.S.D. Project Show from 3-6 PM which is required **for ALL exhibitors.** 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.
53. **All students** are required to write thank you notes to their buyer and any individual that gave them money (add-ons). **Exhibitors awarded a buckle and trophy** will need to write a thank you letter to the sponsors of their belt buckle and trophy. **All letters must be professional but personal, stamped, addressed to buyer/add-on contributor, return addressed, and left unsealed which is then turned in to an ag teacher no later than 3:00 PM on March 1, 2024.**
54. **All live auction exhibitors** will receive two-8X10 color photographs. One picture is for the exhibitor to keep and **one must be framed and delivered to the buyer. Proof of delivery form must be turned in to the ag teachers no later than 3:00 PM on March 1, 2024.**
55. **All exhibitors awarded a buckle or trophy** will receive two – 5X7 photographs. One picture is for the exhibitor and one must be framed and delivered to the sponsor. **Proof of delivery form must be turned in to the ag teachers no later than 3:00 PM on March 1, 2024.**
56. Small animals (turkey, broilers, and rabbits) must be picked up from the show barn on **Wednesday, January 31, 2024.** They must be delivered frozen to the buyer AND proof of delivery form must be returned to the ag teachers by **Monday, February 12, 2024.**
57. Any exhibitor that violates Rules **53-56** will have a 3% of the prize money deducted per day, per rule not completed by the due dates listed. **Any student that has NOT turned in thank you letters within 5 days will forfeit the right to show at the T.I.S.D. Project Show the following year. In addition, if an exhibitor NEVER turns them in, they will forfeit their check.**

Market Steer Division

1. All steers will be selected on Saturday, **May 6, 2023**. (date subject to change)
2. The weights provided by the breeder prior to selection will be used as the beginning weight for the rate of gain award. The winner of the Rate of Gain contest will be awarded a trophy and belt buckle.
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 (**12" from the last vertebrae of the tip of the tail**).
5. **No grooming material of any kind is allowed (water only).**
6. 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.
7. All steers will be weighed **starting at 5:30 PM on Wednesday**. That weight will be used as the show weight to break weight classes and for the ending weight for the Rate of Gain award.
8. 10% of the steers arriving on the showgrounds will be selected for drug testing. 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. **Number of classes will be determined by the total number of eligible entries.**

Market Swine Division

1. Barrows or gilts are allowed to be shown.
2. Swine will be selected on September 16, **2023**. Students may validate only one pig.
3. **No grooming material of any kind is allowed (water only).**
4. All swine will be weighed starting at 5:30 PM on Wednesday. That weight will be used as the show weight and to break weight classes.
5. 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.
6. 10% of the swine arriving on the showgrounds will be randomly selected for drug testing. The Grand and Reserve Champions will also be drug tested immediately upon conclusion of the swine show.
7. Ractopamine at FDA approved levels is acceptable.
8. **Number of classes will be determined by the total number of eligible entries.**

Market Lamb Division

1. Lambs will be selected on September 23, 2023. 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, which will start at 5:30 PM on Wednesday. That weight will be used to break weight classes. Blankets, socks, muzzles and leg wraps must be removed prior to weighing in.
5. No grooming material of any kind is allowed (water only).
6. Application of any substance to any part of the animal's body; injection, drenching or application of any substance per rectum is prohibited.
7. 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.
8. No levels of Ractopamine will be tolerated. It is not FDA approved for this species.
9. 10% of the lambs arriving on the showgrounds will be randomly selected for drug testing. The Grand and Reserve Champions will also be drug tested immediately upon conclusion of the lambs show.
10. Number of classes will be determined by the total number of eligible entries.

Market Goat Division

1. Goats will be selected on September 16, 2023. Students may validate only one goat.
2. All goats will be weighed following steers and lambs, which will start at 5:30 PM on Wednesday. That weight will be used to break weight classes. Blankets, socks, muzzles and leg wraps must be removed prior to weighing in.
3. No grooming material of any kind is allowed (water only).
4. Application of any substance to any part of the animal's body; injection, drenching or application of any substance per rectum is prohibited.
5. Goats must weigh a minimum of 55 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. 10% of the goats arriving on the showgrounds will be randomly selected for drug testing. The Grand and Reserve Champions will also be drug tested immediately upon conclusion of the goat show.
8. Number of classes will be determined by the total number of eligible entries.

9. All goats are to be clipped to a maximum of ¼" length hair from the hock and knee up, including the head and excluding the tip of the tail.

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 picked up mid-December 2023 prior to the Christmas Break. (The exact date TBA)
5. Each student must buy all meat pens through the school district.
6. **No grooming material of any kind is allowed (water only).**
7. Each student will start with a pen of four rabbits and show only a pen of two rabbits.
8. Any extra rabbits brought from home to the T.I.S.D. Show grounds must be taken home the evening of the rabbit show or the exhibitor will be fined \$50.00.
9. All rabbits must exhibit proper tattoos to be eligible to show.
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 order will be sexed hens; however, if a student ends up with a tom (which happens sometimes) they may NOT exhibit it.
2. Each exhibitor must purchase a pen through the T.I.S.D. 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.
3. All birds will be wing banded prior to pick up in mid-September.
4. **No grooming material of any kind is allowed (water only).**
5. Any bird without a wing band or one that is unreadable at the show will be disqualified. Wing bands need to be expanded during the first week, and periodically throughout the feeding process, so meat does not grow over wing bands preventing visibility of your wing band numbers.
6. Any extra turkey brought from home to the T.I.S.D. Show grounds, must be taken home the evening of the turkey show or the exhibitor will be fined \$50.00.
7. 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
8. Only eligible FFA members in official dress may assist the exhibitor at show time.

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

Broiler Division

1. Entries are limited to one pen consisting of three birds per pen. Pens may be a combination of either sex.
2. Each exhibitor must purchase a pen through the T.I.S.D. 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.
3. All birds will be wing banded prior to pick up in mid-December.
4. **No grooming material of any kind is allowed (water only).**
5. Any bird without a wing band or one that is unreadable at the show will be disqualified. Wing bands need to be expanded during the first week, and periodically throughout the feeding process, so meat does not grow over wing bands preventing visibility of your wing band numbers.
6. The pen of three must weigh a minimum 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 T.I.S.D. 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.

****T.I.S.D. is not responsible for death any time after the exhibitor has picked up their poultry.**

Ag Mechanics Project Division

1. Exhibitors must be a TISD FFA member in good standing.
2. Projects must be 100% constructed in a Tomball ISD Ag Mechanics shop by an individual or a group or supervised by an TISD Ag Teacher if built at a home shop.
3. All projects must be clean, painted or properly treated, and in a presentable condition even if it has been used.
4. Each project must be identified with an exhibitor card and portfolio. Portfolio Requirements:
 - Ten (10) pictures minimum showing all phases of construction
 - An original plan or drawing
 - A bill of materials
5. Ag Mechanics projects are not sold at auction, but may have "for sale" signs on them after they have shown.
6. Projects will be judged utilizing the following criteria:
 - Workmanship 30 points
 - Design and materials used 20 points
 - Practicality 20 points
 - Degree of difficulty 20 points
 - Finish 10 points
 - Judges discretionary points 15 points
 - Total = 115 points
7. Awards will be given as follows: Blue=90 to 115 points Red = 80 to 89 points White =70 to 79 points
8. The following divisions and classes will be recognized:

Ag Machinery and Equipment

Hay handling equipment
Spraying equipment
Mounted or pull type equipment
Hydraulic equipment
Shop equipment

Trailers

Small utility trailers
Small stock trailers
Utility and implement trailers
Multi bale trailers
Gooseneck trailer

Livestock Equipment

Gates and livestock panels
Squeeze chutes and restraining equipment
Trim chutes, blocking stands, livestock moving equip.
Head gates Feeders, self-feeders, and creep feeders

Electrical Equipment

Show and livestock supplies
Shop accessories

Outdoor Convenience

Indoor Home Convenience

Wildlife Equipment

BBQ Pits

Truck, Tractor, and Agriculture Equipment Accessories

2023-2024
Tomball Independent School District
Project Facility Guidelines

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of the Tomball ISD Project facilities located at Tomball Memorial High School or Tomball High School is to provide an extension of the *classroom* to be utilized for students' Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE).

In order for all parties to best utilize the Agricultural Science facilities and to insure the safety of the students, animals, and others on the property, the following regulations must be followed. To ensure compliance, Tomball ISD employees, including Agricultural Science teachers and school administrators, will monitor compliance of facility rules and the operations of the facility.

Students who do not have a place to raise projects are eligible for space in the project facility. Agricultural Science teachers will assign all stalls and stalls will not be changed without their approval.

Eligible students will be allowed project space according to the following priorities:

1. Exhibitors at the Tomball ISD Project Show

If space is not available for a particular animal project, the following priorities will be in place to determine the assignment of project space:

Large Animals:

1. Students who have exhibited animals through the Tomball ISD Project Show for the longest time.
2. Students in the higher grade level (Ranked from seniors down to freshmen).
3. The names of eligible students exhibiting at the same level, members of FFA for the same number of years, and in the same grade level will be placed in a box and randomly drawn by the Agricultural Science teachers to determine the order of priority for the remaining available spaces.

Small Animals:

1. Students who are only exhibiting small animals will be given priority
2. A randomized lottery system will be used for the remaining pen space to determine who will be able to use the facility
3. In the event that a student isn't selected to use the facility they will have the option to
 - a. Raise at home
 - b. Raise at the THS project facility if pen space is available
 - c. Receive a full refund

All students' projects are under the direct supervision of their Agricultural Science teacher. The student is to respect the value of the Tomball ISD Agricultural Science Facility. Any defacing of property or equipment will mean dismissal from the complex **IMMEDIATELY**.

Neither Tomball ISD, any Tomball ISD Agricultural Science teacher, the FFA Chapter, nor any school official is responsible for any loss or damage to any person, property, or any project animal while it is on school property or any other property.

It is the policy of Tomball ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

PROJECT FACILITY RULES

A. Use of Facilities

1. As a Tomball ISD facility supporting school-related activities, the most recent T.I.S.D. Student Handbook will be followed.
2. For security purposes, the facility should be used between **5:30 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. only**.
3. All users must drive and park in designated areas; must abide by fire code.
4. The Project Facility is for High School FFA animals only. No 4-H or Jr. FFA projects will be allowed on the facility.
5. No breeding animals are allowed at the facility,
6. All manure and feedstuffs must be properly disposed of in the approved designated areas.
 - Any student dumping waste products in any area other than the **dumpster** or leaving it in the wheelbarrow will receive an automatic second offense disciplinary action (see number 19 below).
7. Animals are to be washed in designated areas only.
8. Feed Storage at the facility will be limited to steers. For all projects not provided feed storage space, the student will have to bring in feed from home for each feeding.
9. The safety, sanitation, and appearance of the barn are a priority.
10. Cleanliness of the Project Facility is the direct responsibility of every student with a project.
11. All broken or stolen project facility equipment is to be reported immediately. All equipment is to be cleaned and returned to the proper storage area after each use. All wheelbarrows **MUST** be emptied after each use.
12. No glass containers are allowed at the barn complex. Broken glass can cause severe damage to a student or project.
13. No heat lamps allowed in the large animal barn (steers, swine, lambs, goats) due to the fire hazard. Any heat lamps installed will be removed.
14. Passageways, including door openings, are not to be cluttered with boxes, equipment, chairs or animals. Both routine and emergency traffic must be able to move efficiently.
15. Any accident or safety hazard is to be reported to a teacher immediately.
16. If an animal gets sick at any time, an Agricultural Science teacher must be notified immediately and the animal moved to a quarantined area specified by the teachers.
17. The use of power equipment such as tractors, bobcats, other front-end loaders, etc. owned by students is **NOT** allowed at the facility.
18. No pets are allowed on the project facility grounds.
19. No modifications will be made to electricity, carpentry, plumbing, or anything else related to the project facility without approval from the appropriate Ancillary Service Department.

20. Any student who does not abide by the rules of the project facility will be subject to the following disciplinary action:
- Warning** - Written pen tag by an Agriculture Science teacher.
 - 1st offense** – Written pen tag by an Agricultural Science teacher and parent notification.
 - 2nd offense** – Referral by the Agricultural Science teacher which will be passed on to the administrator* of the campus in which the student attends. They will meet with a student and one legal guardian.
 - 3rd offense** – Removal of animal from facility*

Upon being evicted, the student has 7 days to remove the animal and clean out his/her pen. After 7 days, the animal becomes the property of T.I.S.D..

*A fee, determined by a T.I.S.D. administrator, may be charged for any offense that requires time, materials, or actions to correct.

*If evicted from the T.I.S.D. Facility, the student will no longer be allowed to use T.I.S.D. facilities for the remainder of their high school career.

B. Student Responsibilities

1. The student must be a paid T.I.S.D. FFA member in good standing to utilize the facility. Only the student's immediate family may enter to feed or assist the student. No guests, other than those approved by the ag teacher such as veterinarians, hoof trimmers, etc. should enter.
2. Students and parents will follow the Key and Access Policy in Section E.
3. All students will share the responsibility of the community areas. Teachers will assign specific duties if necessary. At certain times of the year, teachers may schedule a work day which is mandatory for all students having a project in the facility. Failure to attend these work days could result in eviction. If sick, the student must give the agriculture teachers notice and bring a doctor's note when he/she returns to school.
4. If a student is evicted from the facility, he/she will not be allowed back on the premises.
5. If a student chooses to remove their animal from the facility, they may not bring their animal back during that school year. They may raise an animal in the barn during the next school year.
6. No student may leave a vehicle or trailer at the project facility overnight unless given prior approval from an Agricultural Science teacher.
7. Any valuables should be brought to and from home as needed. The school district and employees are not responsible for theft and damage.
8. All students will provide their own shavings or bedding.
9. Only the owner of a project may provide feed, water, other care, or move the project unless that owner has given permission to another student or family member.
10. No student shall administer any medication to an animal without prior approval from an Agricultural Science teacher.
11. Any complaint or questions concerning the facility and the rules applied to its use should be presented to the student's Agricultural Science teacher. If not resolved, the complaint or questions should be presented, in order, to: campus Career

and Technical Education (CTE) administrator, campus principal, district CTE director, Chief Administrative Officer of Administrative Services.

C. Timelines for Removal of Projects

1. If a student becomes ineligible to show or moves out of T.I.S.D. facility, the student has 7 days to remove his/her project, clean out and pressure wash his/her pen, and attend the mandatory barn clean up or they will not be allowed to stall an animal at any T.I.S.D. facility in the future.
2. If a student is assigned to the Alternative Education Program (AEP) and he/she becomes ineligible (eligibility is determined by the general show rules) to show the project, the animal must be removed within 7 days and the pen must be cleaned.
3. If an animal has not been removed within 7 days or other arrangements have not been made with the Agricultural Science teachers, the project becomes the property of T.I.S.D.* (C.1, C.2, C.7).
4. After the conclusion of the designated show, students have 10 days to clean out the shavings, remove drain covers, clean drains, and pressure wash the pen up to the center of the main aisle and width of the pen. On the 11th day, the student's pen will be checked to ensure it meets expectations. If not, a note will be left with the corrections needed and the timeline in which the corrections must be made (no less than 96 hours). The second inspection will take place prior to the mandatory clean up day arranged by the ag teachers. If they fail the second inspection, a fine of \$100.00 will be assessed, and the student will not be allowed to stall an animal at any T.I.S.D. facility for the remainder of their high school career.
5. A mandatory barn clean-up for all exhibitors who used the facility during that project year will be arranged by the Ag Science teachers for each student to clean common areas of the facility. If a student has more than one project they must attend those assigned days. If their project work days fall on the same date they must attend an additional clean up day to account for their multiple species. If there is a conflict, the student must make prior arrangements with their teacher and/or send another person to represent them. If the student fails to attend their mandatory barn clean up day(s) a fine of \$100.00 will be assessed per project pen from the exhibitor's show check, or a fine will be applied to the student account, and the student will not be allowed to stall an animal at any T.I.S.D. facility for the remainder of their high school career. This includes exhibitors whose animals died during the year, were ineligible to show, or removed from the project barn facilities due to personal choice.

Cleanup Schedule for T.I.S.D. Facilities

For both locations:

- o **Wednesday, February 7, 2024** – Final Pen check (pen and drains must be cleaned and power washed must be complete by this date)

Facility located behind TMHS: Subject to change based off number of animals

- o **Monday, February 12, 2024** - Small Animal Barn and Southeast Aisle
- o **Tuesday, February 13, 2024** – Center South Aisle and Southwest Aisle
- o **Wednesday, February 14, 2024** – Northwest Aisle and Center North Aisle
- o **Thursday, February 15, 2024** – Northeast Aisle

Facility located behind THS: Subject to change based off number of animals

- o **Monday, February 12, 2024** - Wings A
- o **Tuesday, February 13, 2024** - Wing B
- o **Wednesday, February 14, 2024** – Wing D
- o **Thursday, February 15, 2024** – Wing C and Small Animal Barns

6. If death of an animal occurs while on the project facility, an Agricultural Science teacher must be contacted and the animal removed IMMEDIATELY. The student has 7 days to clean out the pen.
7. If a student abuses or neglects his/her animal project, he/she may be eligible for legal prosecution and the abused/neglected animal(s) will become the property of T.I.S.D.* , and be removed from the facility immediately.

***Property of T.I.S.D. means the animal will be removed and sold by the Agricultural Science teachers. Any money received will go directly back into the Project Show Account.**

D. Costs for Facility Use

1. All students must pay a non-refundable pen rent that is due prior to the animal arriving at the facility. **Pen rent amount is determined by waste removal amount and not pen space.** They are as follows:

Steer = \$ 200.00 per project per year
Swine = \$ 150.00 per project per year
Lamb = \$ 100.00 per project per year
Goats = \$ 100.00 per project per year
Chickens = \$ 50.00 per pen per year
Turkey = \$ 100.00 per pen per year
Rabbits = \$30.00 per pen per year

2. There may be a fee charged to correct problems created by any violation of a facility rule (A.19).
3. See Section C for fees associated with failure to remove an animal/clean the pen/common areas.
4. Failure to return a gate key within the designated time period will result in a charge of \$100 or the cost to replace the lock-key system.

E. Access Policy for the Project Facility

1. Students will enter the facility through the main front gate off the parking lot. This will be the only entrance keyed for student access without teacher permission. This will prevent any vehicles from entering the barn or unloading area without teacher permission.
2. Steer feed and storage areas will be locked. Only students with steers will have access to enter these areas.
3. Student fobs will be issued by the campus key control staff member. The fob shall be signed for on a T.I.S.D. Key Issuance Form. Lost fobs will be replaced at a charge of \$100 per fob. Following your mandatory clean up, all fobs must be returned to the campus key control staff.

It is the policy of Tomball ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age or disability in its education programs or access to the facility.

Your online entry submission is your agreement that you understand and agree to abide by all rules and regulations in this handbook.

Tomball ISD Policy for Major Livestock Shows

It is the recommendation of both Tomball HS FFA and Tomball Memorial HS FFA that our members participate in the TISD Livestock Show. Beyond the T.I.S.D. district show there are many more opportunities for students to exhibit their livestock, however because of the resources involved it is not possible for T.I.S.D. FFA Advisors to attend every major show. Below you will find the TISD policy for exhibiting livestock at major livestock shows.

Tomball Independent School District (TISD) FFA Advisors will haul livestock projects and students to the State Fair of Texas in the Fall and both the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in the Spring as long as there are at least three (3) exhibitors entering for a species. Absences incurred while attending these three (3) major livestock shows with an accompanying FFA Advisor will be excused as per the UIL policy for extracurricular activities. Any other major shows attended beyond the three (3) listed above will be at the responsibility of the parent without the attendance of the FFA Advisors and would require a parent note to excuse the absence. While these shows are available to our students, pen space in TISD project barns will be given priority to animals that are being raised for the TISD Livestock Show.

Signature Page for TISD Policy for Major Livestock Shows

By signing below, I understand that T.I.S.D. FFA Advisors will only haul major livestock projects to the listed three shows above only if (3) exhibitors are entered and that absences will only be UIL excused if an advisor is accompanying.

Printed Student Name _____

Signature of Student _____

Printed Parent/Guardian Name _____

Signature of Parent _____

Tomball ISD Project Facility Rules for Major/County Show Animals

All major/county show animal feeders also must follow ALL Tomball ISD Project Facility Rules.

GENERAL RULES:

1. Tomball ISD animals take precedence over all major/county shows, therefore there is no guarantee that a space will be available for animal.
2. No breeding animals are allowed in the TISD facility.
3. Each exhibitor must purchase a major/county tag with full intention of state validating that animal.
4. Each exhibitor must have pen rent paid prior to placing any animal into the Tomball ISD Project Facility.
5. If the exhibitor does not enter by the shows' entry deadline, the exhibitor has 7 days to remove the animal from the facility, clean the pen, remove personal items, and turn in key fobs.
6. If the exhibitor does not participate in the originally entered show, the exhibitor has 7 days from the date of that show to remove the animal from the facility, clean the pen, remove personal items, and turn in key fobs.
7. If the animal is not removed and/or pen is not cleaned within the 7 day period the exhibitors will have a \$100 deduction from their Tomball ISD check.

SPECIES RULES:

Lambs and Goats:

- Pen Rent is \$100 per animal validated for a 6 month period.

Swine:

- Pen Rent is \$150 per animal validated for a 6 month period. All swine shows are terminal; therefore, none will return to the barn.

Steer:

- Pen Rent is \$200 per animal validated for a 12 month period. If the animal is revalidated or exceeds the 12 month lease agreement an additional pen rent will have to be paid within 7 days of the 12 month period.

Turkeys:

- Pen Rent is \$100 per set of 25 birds. All culls must be removed and pens cleaned out within 7 days of the entered show.

Broilers:

- Pen Rent is \$50 per set of 25 birds. All culls must be removed and pens cleaned out within 7 days of the entered show.

Signature Page for TISD Facility Rules for Major/County Shows

By signing below, I agree to follow the TISD Project Facility Rules AND the Addendum for Major/County animals in the facility. If I do not follow these rules, fines could be applied to my Tomball ISD check OR it could result in removal of my animal from the facility.

Printed Student Name _____

Signature of Student _____

Printed Parent/Guardian Name _____

Signature of Parent _____

**2023-2024
Tomball Independent School District
Breeding Show Rules**

December 9, 2023

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2. Ownership/Registration: Animals entered in the junior breeding shows must be owned by the exhibitor and registered in the records of the respective breed association (in the name of the exhibitor) on or before November 1. Permanent identification (i.e. brand or tattoo) must be present and must match the registration paper of the animal.
3. Partnerships: Original registration papers must be solely in the name of the exhibitor. Partnerships of any form will not be allowed.
4. Validation: All breeding beef heifers (including potential substitute heifers) MUST be validated through the TX 4-H and FFA Breeding Heifer Validation Program. Heifer validation will include online registration paper submittal and physical validation with DNA hair sampling for all entered and potential substitute heifers. Exhibitors should contact AST for specific county validation deadlines and locations; however, all breeding beef heifers MUST be validated by November 1, of the current year, in order to be eligible for participation in the Tomball ISD Breeding Beef Heifer Show.
5. Show Requirements: Exhibitors are required to bring the original or copy of the registration paper that was uploaded to Texas Validation to the show ring. Exhibitors must keep the paper in their possession while exhibiting the heifer.
6. Clipping: No clippers which must be plugged into an electrical outlet are allowed to be used on Junior Breeding Beef Heifers once they arrive on Show grounds. Cordless clippers are allowed.
7. Grooming Material: No grooming material is allowed (this includes conditioner). No painting or dyeing is allowed.
8. Classes: Below is a list of standardized classes that is being used for all classes in the Divisions for the Breeding Beef Heifer Show.

HEIFER CALVES -- 1/1/23 & After

JUNIOR HEIFERS -- 5/1/22 – 12/31/22

SENIOR HEIFERS -- 9/1/21 – 4/30/22

**** All Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion heifers are required to be in attendance for the Supreme Champion Drive.**

Special Rules for Breeding Gilt Show

- 1. Rules:** This show is subject to the Tomball ISD FFA Project Show General Rules and Regulations, and to the Special Rules listed in this section and for each Division. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules will prevail.
- 2. ENTRY LIMITATION:** There will be no entry limitations in this event.
- 3. REGISTRATION:** Gilts DO NOT REQUIRE registration. However, to be eligible, gilts must be validated with and adhere to all the rules of the Texas 4-H and FFA Gilt Validation Program administered by the Texas FFA. Exhibitors need to check with their local AST for local/county validation deadlines. Failure to abide by these rules will result in disqualification
- 4. SHOW WEIGHTS:** Exhibitors will turn in an official show weight by the checked-in deadline. Once submitted, weight changes will not be allowed. The minimum show weight is 70lbs and not to exceed 200lbs.
- 5. CLASSES:** Classes will be broken as evenly as possible by weight.
- 6. WEIGH BACK:** Gilts selected for weigh back must weigh no more than 10lbs lighter or heavier than the weight listed on their official weight card. Tomball ISD FFA Project Show reserves the right to reweigh any gilt after the completion of check-in.
- 7. Grooming Material:** No grooming material is allowed (this includes conditioner). No painting or dyeing is allowed.

Special Rules for Junior Breeding Sheep Show

- 1. Rules:** This show is subject to the Tomball ISD FFA Project Show General Rules and Regulations, and to the Special Rules listed in this section and for each Division. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules will prevail.
- 2. ENTRY LIMITATION:** There will be no entry limitations in this event.
- 3. VALIDATION:** To be eligible, sheep must be validated with and adhere to all the rules of the Texas 4-H and FFA Validation Program administered by Texas 4-H. Exhibitors need to check with their local CEA or AST for local/county validation deadlines. Failure to abide by these rules will result in disqualification.
- 4. GROOMING:** Sheep must be slick shorn to the skin from knee and hock up prior to arrival on grounds. No clippers requiring an electrical outlet are permitted. No grooming material is allowed (this includes conditioner). No painting or dyeing is allowed. Sheep must be free of external parasites and fungus.
- 5. SHOW WEIGHTS:** Exhibitors will turn in an official show weight for their sheep. All ewes must meet the minimum weight requirement of 45 lbs. Weight changes will not be allowed at any time.
- 6. CLASSES:** Classes will be broken as evenly as possible by weight.
- 7. WEIGH BACK:** Top placing sheep will be reweighed at the time of judging. Upon weigh back, sheep weighing 5 lbs. lighter or heavier than the official turn-in weight will be disqualified. Tomball ISD FFA Project Show reserves the right to weigh any sheep after the completion of check-in.

Special Rules for Junior Breeding Goat Show

- 1. Rules:** This show is subject to the Tomball ISD FFA Project Show General Rules and Regulations, and to the Special Rules listed in this section and for each Division. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules will prevail.
- 2. ENTRY LIMITATION:** There will be no entry limitations per class in this event. All goats must be exhibited in the designated breed/division in which they are validated under.
- 3. VALIDATION:** To be eligible, goats must be validated with and adhere to all the rules of the Texas 4-H and FFA Validation Program administered by Texas 4-H. Exhibitors need to check with their local CEA or AST for local/county validation deadlines. Failure to abide by these rules will result in disqualification.
- 4. SCRAPIE/IDENTIFICATION:** All entries must have a form of identification including but not limited to an ear tag or tattoo. All goats must comply with USDA Scrapie Eradication Program Guidelines.
- 5. GROOMING:** Does must be shorn slick to the skin above knee and hock joints prior to arrival. No clippers requiring an electrical outlet are permitted. No grooming material is allowed (this includes conditioner). No painting or dyeing is allowed. Does must be free of external parasites and fungus.
- 6. SHOW WEIGHTS:** Exhibitors will turn in an official show weight for their goat. All goats must meet the minimum weight requirement of 20 lbs. Weight changes will not be allowed at any time.
- 7. CLASSES:** Classes will be broken as evenly as possible by weight.
- 8. WEIGH BACK:** Top placing goats will be re-weighed at the time of judging. Upon weigh back, goats weighing more than 5 pounds heavier than the official turn-in weight will be disqualified. Tomball ISD FFA Project Show reserves the right to weigh any entry after the completion of check-in.

Quick Reference Calendar

Date	Name	Time	Location
March 1, 2023	Steer & Turkey Payment Meeting	6:00 PM	THS Classroom 1609
March 2, 2023	Steer & Turkey Payment Meeting	6:00 PM	TMHS Classroom 1500
May 5, 2023	Steer Viewing	5:00 - 7:00 PM	TMHS Project Barn
May 6, 2023	Steer Selection	8:00 AM	TMHS Project Barn
August 21, 2023	Project Show Meeting	6:00 PM	TMHS Cafeteria
August 31st	Pay Meeting - Swine, Lamb, Goat, Broilers, Rabbits	6:00 PM	THS Commons
September 6, 2023	Pay Meeting - Swine, Lamb, Goat, Broilers, Rabbits	6:00 PM	TMHS Cafeteria
September 11, 2023	Barn Set Up Project Show Meeting	3:00 PM 6:00 PM	Barn Set up at each campus ag barn THS Cafeteria
September 15, 2023	Swine, Lamb & Goat Viewing	5:00- 7:00 PM	Swine THS Ag Barn/Lamb&Goat TMHS Ag Barn
September 16, 2023	Selection for Swine, Lamb, Goat	See addendum link in rules	See addendum link in rules
Estimated Date Sep. 20	Turkey Pick-Up	3:00 PM	TMHS Ag Shop
October 16, 2023	Barn Set Up Project Show Meeting	3:00 PM 6:00 PM	TBD TMHS Cafeteria
November 13, 2023	Barn Set Up Project Show Meeting	3:00 PM 6:00 PM	TBD THS Cafeteria
Mid Dec- TBA	Rabbit Pick-Up	3:00 PM	TMHS Ag Shop
Mid Dec- TBA	Broiler Pick-Up	3:00 PM	TMHS Ag Shop
January 8, 2024	Mandatory Show Meeting (Show Official Dress)	6:00 PM	T.I.S.D. Show Barn @ Tomball Innovation Center
January 19, 2024	AET Expense Report Due	3:00 PM	Give to your Ag Teacher
January 23, 2024	Ag Mech Move In Pen Set Up	2:00 PM- 5:30 PM 5:30PM	T.I.S.D Show Barn
January 24, 2024	Large Animal Move In Special Rodeo Ag Mech Show	8:00 AM- 12:00 PM 1:00 PM	T.I.S.D. Show Barn
January 25, 2024	Rabbit, Broiler & Turkey Show Steer Show	8:30 AM 10:00 AM, Immediately following Broiler Show and 2:00 PM	T.I.S.D. Show Barn
January 26, 2024	Lamb, Goat and Pig Show	12:00 PM and 2:00 PM	T.I.S.D. Show Barn

January 27, 2024	Live Auction	2:00 PM	T.I.S.D. Show Barn
January 31, 2024	Show Barn Clean-Up / Small Animal Pick-Up	3:00 PM	T.I.S.D. Show Barn
February 12, 2024	Project Show Meeting	6:00 PM	T.I.S.D. Show Barn @ Tomball Innovation Center
February 12, 2024	Proof of Small Animal Delivery	3:00 PM	Give to your Ag Teacher
March 1, 2024	Thank you letters and proof of picture delivery due	3:00 PM	Give to your Ag Teacher

For additional dates specific to each chapter, see the corresponding websites below:

www.tomball.ffanow.org

www.tomballmemorial.ffanow.org

I agree to the terms and conditions stated in **2023-2024 TOMBALL I.S.D. FFA PROJECT SHOW & MAJOR SHOW HANDBOOK:**

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.