

Carter County Junior Livestock Show Rules

2026

Changes, Reminders & Important Dates

Dates: 4-H enrollment- must be completed by the Friday after the last nomination date.

Changes

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Reminders

No artificial coloring, paint, powder, or adhesives will be permitted for this show
on ALL animals

All registered animals MUST have original registration papers at time of entry

General Rules & Regulations

1. All exhibitors must enroll in 4-H or FFA. 4-H members MUST complete their enrollment by the deadline stated on page 1. Any exhibitor not enrolled in either 4-H or FFA by the aforementioned date will be deemed ineligible, thus making the animals entered under that exhibitor's name ineligible.
2. Each exhibitor's Academic Eligibility Form must be submitted to their ag teacher, 4-H leader, or species superintendent by the date stated on page 1. Academic ineligible students and their animals will be disqualified.
3. No claim for injury to any person or animal shall be asserted or suit instituted or maintained against the show or its sponsors or supporters.
4. A protest may be filed in writing with the superintendent of the respective division up to two hours after judging of the respective species. A non-refundable fee of \$100 cash must accompany any protest.
5. Each exhibitor controls their animal at all times to assure the safety of all exhibitors and the public. The superintendent may, at their discretion, provide an assistant to assist the showman to assure the safety of all participants.
6. Exhibitors must accompany all livestock to the show, care for it, and personally exhibit it, except in cases of illness or other unavoidable circumstances. In such cases, permission must be secured from the superintendent of the respective species prior to judging. A substitute showman is an exhibitor of the same species and school and is an exhibitor in the current show. If this is not possible, then the substitute showman must be approved by the species superintendent. **See Substitute Showman on the last page of the rule book.**
7. All animals are pre-entered on or before their official nomination deadline as stated on page 1. Exhibitors may nominate an unlimited number of animals of each species with a \$20.00 per head nomination fee payable at the time of nomination. No more than a total of three steers, three barrows, three gilts, three lambs, three does, three wethers, and three heifers may be exhibited by any one participant.
8. An animal is eligible for nomination by one exhibitor only. Individual animals may only be nominated for one breed. Any animal offered for auction at any other premium auction in the same calendar year is not eligible to be exhibited.
9. Each exhibitor can sell only two animals. If an exhibitor exhibits more than two Grands, Reserve Grands, or two Bronze Medallion, all Grands, Reserve Grands and Bronze Medallions will sell.

10. Judges in the respective divisions determine sale order. All animals will be charged an auction fee. Auction fee rates are: \$250.00 for each steer or each heifer, and \$150.00 for each lamb, goat, or swine making the premium sale. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor's respective booster club or exhibitor to pay the fee. Those not paying the auction fee will have the respective amount deducted from the exhibitors premium check. The animal selling in the live premium sale is required to enter the ring in order to receive the respective premium.

11. All exhibitors are eligible to compete in the showmanship contest. Age brackets are as follows:

- a. Junior Showmanship- 8 thru 12 years old
- b. Intermediate Showmanship- 13 thru 15 years old
- c. Senior Showmanship- 16 thru 19 years old

Supreme Showman per species will receive a cash award. Age is as of date of show.

12. No heat lamps allowed in the stalls. Each exhibitor is expected to furnish their own bedding. Stalls must be cleaned before the exhibitor leaves the show. If stalls are not cleaned before leaving the show, a fine will be imposed on the respective Ag program, 4-H club or exhibitor.

13. The Carter County Junior Livestock Show adheres to the Oklahoma Show Ring Code of Ethics adopted by Career Tech and the Co-Operative Extension Services.

14. Show Ring and Premium Sale Dress Code:

OYE and Tulsa approved options will be used. OYE and Tulsa options are clearly noted on OKFFAGEAR.com for both 4H and FFA apparel.

All exhibitors will wear one of the following:

A. 4-H Member (Option 1):

- a. An official 4-H vest, corduroy jacket, sweater or pullover wind shirt. *No hooded garments will be allowed.*
- b. Must be of the appropriate colors of solid green, solid white, or a mix of green and white. No third color mix or additional colors are allowed
- c. Must have an official 4-H emblem of at least 2½ inches permanently affixed to the front and left side of the outer garment.
- d. Must wear a collared shirt under the outer garment that is the appropriate colors of solid green, solid white, or a mix of green and white.

B. 4-H Member (Option 2):

- a. A buttoned up, collared shirt or polo shirt, short or long sleeve, of the appropriate 4-H colors of solid green, solid white, or a mix of green and white. No third color mix or additional colors are allowed.

- b. Must have an official 4-H emblem of at least 2½ inches that is permanently affixed to the front, left side of the shirt.

C. FFA Member (Option 1):

- a. An official Oklahoma FFA corduroy jacket or vest.
- b. Vest must be of the appropriate colors of solid blue, solid yellow, or a mix of blue and yellow.
- c. Must have an official FFA emblem of at least 2½ inches permanently affixed to the front and left side of the jacket options or vest.
- d. Must wear a collared shirt under the jacket or vest options that is of the appropriate colors of solid white, solid blue, solid yellow, or a mix of blue and yellow. No additional colors are allowed.

D. FFA Member (Option 2):

- a. A buttoned up, collared shirt or polo shirt, short or long sleeve, of the appropriate FFA colors of solid white, solid blue, solid yellow, or a mix of blue and yellow. No additional colors are allowed.
- b. Must have an official FFA emblem of at least 2½ inches that is permanently affixed to the front and left side of the shirt.

In addition- for 4H and FFA exhibitors:

- a. Cowboy hats and hair bows are allowed. No other head gear is allowed
- b. The show ring dress code is also required and will be enforced during the premium sale.
- c. *No hooded garments will be allowed.*
- d. NO farm logos shall appear on any article of clothing, including towels, masks, brushes, etc.
- e. No jeans with designer holes will be allowed, final decision will be determined by species superintendents.

- 15. Any exhibitor not abiding by the rules and regulations, or any conduct unbecoming of a 4-H or FFA member, may be barred from exhibiting at present or future Carter County Junior Livestock Shows. Furthermore, any premium monies, trophies, special awards, or other consideration earned may be forfeited.
- 16. Show officials reserve the final and absolute right to interpret rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, or differences in regard thereof, or otherwise arising out of, or connected with incident to the show. CCJLS Board of Directors decisions are final.

17. If an exhibitor's animal loses their EID tag, the exhibitor must contact their species superintendent or board member as soon as possible.

18. Household Nominations

- a. The exhibitors must all legally reside in the same household and share the same legal address.
- b. In order to be eligible to show, an exhibitor must be listed as the primary showman for at least one animal to be eligible to show.
- c. If an exhibitor is declared ineligible, any animal entered in that exhibitor's name as the primary exhibitor will be ineligible.
- d. Household nomination does not apply in the bred and owned competition.

Cattle Rules

1. Nominations dates are as stated on page 1.
2. The judge will pick the premium sale order.
3. Showmanship will follow the steer sale order. There will only be one cattle showmanship.
4. No pumping.
5. No adhesive will be allowed.
6. There must be three animals to make a breed.
7. All animals must be present at nomination to be eligible.

Market Steers

Classes and order of judging: British, American, and Crossbred. Those will be the only three breeds shown.

1. All breeds will be divided as equitable as possible by weight, not to exceed seven per class. The superintendent will divide classes.
2. Steers must exhibit the characteristics of the breed they are entered in as defined in the Oklahoma Youth Expo rules.
3. Steers will have a minimum weight to show at time of entry of 1,000 pounds.
4. 60% of the steers entered at showtime will make the sale.
5. If less than 3 animals are present in a breed, they will show in AOB.

Heifers

Classes and order of judging: Beef breeds as determined by the species superintendent.

1. No heifers will be allowed to be entered as AOB ("All Other Breeds"). British AOB, Continental AOB, or **Percentage AOB** classes will be reserved for those heifers with appropriate breed registration with less than 3 head of the registered breed. Those heifers without appropriate breed registration papers will be shown as commercial.
2. Heifers must not be older than 26 months of age at the time of show.

3. Original registration papers must be presented at the time of entry at the spring show showing the sole owner to be the person exhibiting the heifer. If the original paperwork is not available at the time of entry for the show, then the heifer may show as commercial only if the tag of the heifer matches the paperwork of the heifer originally nominated. Otherwise, the heifer will not be allowed to show. Ownership must be in the exhibitor's name by January 1 of the current year.
4. No previous Grand Champion heifer of Carter County Jr. Livestock show will be eligible to participate in this year's show.
5. The superintendent will divide the registered classes and AOB classes by age, and the commercial heifers will be divided by weight.
6. 40% of heifers will make the premium sale.

Bred & Owned Heifer Division

1. OWNERSHIP: All animals must be registered in the exhibitor's name only.
2. REGISTRATION: Heifers entered in this show must be officially registered in one of the recognized breed associations. The original registration certificate is required at check-in.
3. Heifer must have been officially nominated at Carter County Junior Livestock Show heifer nomination.
4. SUBSTITUTIONS: There will be no substitutions for any entry or substitution of showmen in the bred and owned class.
5. BRED AND OWNED SHOW RULES:
Exhibitor must be listed as breeder and only owner on original registration certificate on bred and owned entries. The animal must never have been transferred out of the original breeder/owner's name to qualify for bred and owned.
 - The exhibitor is both the owner and the breeder on the registration certificate
 - The cow must be owned by the exhibitor at the time the calf is born.
 - The exhibitor is the sole and continuous owner of the entry since birth.
 - Bred & Owned entries will not count against the three head maximum heifer rule.
 - All other rules will follow the rules of the Carter County Junior Livestock Show Heifer Show.

No commercial heifers allowed in the bred & owned division.

Market Barrows

Classes and order of judging: Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Poland China, Spots, Yorkshire, Other Breeds, Light Cross, and Dark Cross.

1. All hog nominations must be submitted at the time and date stated on page 1. No nominations will be accepted after this deadline. Pseudo rabies tests are due with the nomination information and negative pseudo rabies tests are due at show entry.
2. Hogs must weigh more than 210 and less than 280 pounds. A 10 pound weigh-back will be allowed.
3. Showmanship will be held after the barrow show.
4. The judge will pick the premium sale order within breeds.
5. Exhibitors will turn in their own weights. There will be a 10 pound weigh-back from the heaviest in the class. The top two barrows will be weighed in each class.
6. Classes will be divided by breed, then by weight by the superintendent.
7. **Breeds In the Show**
 - a. There must be a minimum of 3 animals to constitute a breed. All hogs that don't make a breed will be shown in the AOBs.
 - b. If there are 5 or more entered for a breed, the top 40% of that breed will make the premium sale.
 - c. If there are less than 5 entered for a breed, the breed champion will make the sale and the remaining hogs will show for sale order against the AOBs, with Breed Champion counted in 40%.
8. 40% of the market hogs entered at the time of show will make the premium sale. This will be done within each breed. Check in date is as listed on page 1.
9. No Adhesive, No paint.

Breeding Gilts

1. All hog nominations must be submitted at the time and date stated on page 1. No nominations will be accepted after this deadline. Pseudo rabies tests are due with the nomination information and negative pseudo rabies tests are due at show entry.
2. Breeding gilts not having registration papers must be entered as crossbreeds.
3. The classes will be divided by age on the registered gilts, and by weight on the crossbred gilts.

4. Weights on crossbred gilts will be 210 to 325 pounds, with a 10 pound weigh back. The top two crossbred gilts will be weighed in each class.
5. Gilts must be born after July 1 of the preceding year. Gilts will be checked against the original registration papers at the time of entry at the show, and must be in the name of the Primary Showman.
6. 40% of breeding gilts will make the premium sale. Check in date is as listed on page 1.
7. The judge will pick the premium sale order. It will be done by breed alone.

Market Lambs

Classes and order of judging: As determined by the sheep superintendent. There must be three animals to make a breed. If there are not three to make a breed, they will show in the AOB.

Market Wether

1. Sheep will have an official weigh in on show entry date. A minimum weight of 90 pounds will be required for the sheep to be eligible to show. There will be no weigh back during the show. The superintendent will divide the classes by weight.
2. Sheep will be classified by officials as to the breed.
3. Showmanship will follow the sale order selection.
4. All lambs must be slick sheared to be eligible to show. No more than 1 weeks wool growth will be permitted.
5. 30% or more blue, excluding wool pickers, must be shown as natural.
6. All sheep must have a scrapies tag in place prior to the time of nomination. If the animal's scrapies tag is not an EID tag, they will be given an EID tag at nomination. This tag must be in place for entry and show.
7. 40% of the market lambs entered at the time of show will make the premium sale. The judge will pick the premium sale order.
8. Drenching will be allowed for hydration purposes.

Breeding Ewes

1. Original registration papers in Exhibitor's name are required to show in purebred division.
2. Registration papers must be in Exhibitor's name before January 1.

Market Goats & Breeding Does

All breeds show together, divided into classes by weight. Showmanship will follow the Grand and Reserve Grand judging. The judge will pick sale order.

1. All goats must have a scrapies tag in place prior to the time of nomination. If the animal's scrapies tag is not an EID tag, they will be given an EID tag at nomination. This tag must be in place for entry and show.
2. Dehorning of goats in this show is not suggested, however, horns should be tipped or rounded. Goats with horns sharper than deemed safe by the show superintendent will be required to be tipped or rounded or isolated and not shown.
3. The minimum weight for the market goats will be 50 pounds at the time of show entry. There will be an official weigh in at entry time, but no weigh back during the show.
4. The superintendent will divide the classes by weight.
5. Bracing of wethers will be permitted. Bracing of does will not be permitted.
6. Animals must be shown with a collar or halter used to control the animal. Any violation may result in dismissal.
7. Drenching will be allowed for hydration purposes.
8. Does and wethers will show separately **with the exception of wether dams**. Does show first, followed by wethers.
 - a. **Wether dam does will be shown as a division within the wether show. They will compete in the Grand wether drive for contention and sale order.**
9. There will be only one goat showmanship. It will be at the conclusion of the wether show.
10. All breeds of goats will show together. Goats will not be divided by breed.
11. 40% of wether goats will make the premium sale. 40% of breeding does will make the premium sale.
12. All wethers must be sheared to a length to not exceed 1/2" above the knee.

Substitute Showman

An eligible substitute showman must a current exhibitor in the Carter County Jr. Livestock Show. Clover Buds are not eligible.

Substitute Showman: Substitutions will only be allowed for the following reasons:

- A. An exhibitor has two animals in the same class.
- B. Sickness or a physical injury documented by a physician.
- C. A conflicting school activity – only applicable for the premium sale
- D. Quarantine documented by a school official

Steps to obtaining a Substitute Showman: The following is the procedure, which is to be followed to determine a substitute showman for all species at the Carter County Jr. Livestock Show. Once the exhibitor determines one or more of the aforementioned mentioned circumstances applies to him/her, the exhibitor will:

A. Obtain a “substitute showman form” from the species superintendent. (couldn't find OYE example but was told it was at the announcers desk, we would have to develop one)

B. Identify another exhibitor exhibiting livestock at the Carter County Jr. Livestock Show in the following manner:

a. **Immediate Family Member Exhibitor:** If an immediate family member is not present and eligible, then the exhibitor proceeds to step (b).

b. **An exhibitor from the exact same FFA Chapter or 4-H Club:** If a member of the exhibitor's FFA Chapter or 4-H Club is not present and eligible, then the exhibitor proceeds to step (c).

c. an **eligible exhibitor** of the Carter County Jr. Livestock Show.

C. Complete the “substitute showman form” prior to the start of the assigned class. (usually our biggest issue is during sale order)

D. Turn in the form to the species superintendent for approval.

Failure to follow the stated procedures in requesting a substitute showman will result in the animal being disqualified. These are to be completed and signed by an agricultural education instructor or extension educator, stating the reason and naming the substitute showman. The card must be completed and returned to the species superintendent issuing the cards prior to the start of the show. Failure to comply will disqualify the exhibitor.