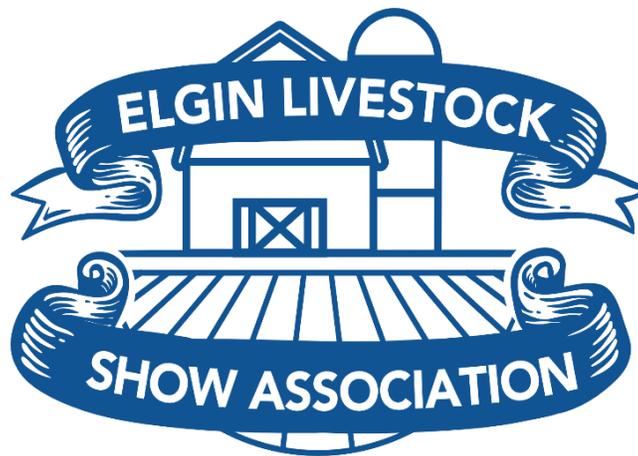


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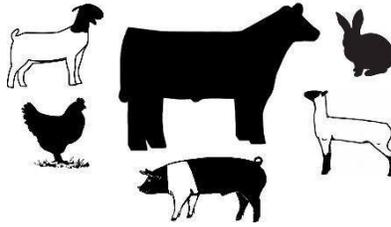
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GENERAL RULES

- 1. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT:** Exhibitors, parents/guardians, 4-H leaders/FFA advisors, and members of the ELSA are expected to follow these rules and to conduct himself/herself in a respectful manner. All 4-H and FFA members and/or parents/guardians are expected to display sportsmanlike conduct to judges, volunteers, and other exhibitors. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. Any exhibitor or parent/guardian, who violates any of these rules, at the discretion of the ELSA Officers, may be barred from any further participation in the Show, and will be subject to such penalties as deemed appropriate by the ELSA Officers. Each exhibitor shall read these rules and agree to abide by the terms and provisions.
- 2. INTERPRETATION AND VIOLATION OF RULES.** Changes cannot be made to the rules printed or implied by this official Elgin Livestock Show Rule Book. The ELSA Officers reserve the final and absolute right to interpret and enforce these rules and settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard to, or otherwise arising out of or connected with the Show; and to amend or add to these rules as deemed necessary. Any exhibitor who violates any of these rules and any exhibitor who aids in or participates in a violation of these rules, will be subjected to penalties defined by the ELSA Officers including, but not limited to, disqualification of the exhibitor, disqualification of their animals from the show, forfeiting of funds, and/or awards.
- 3. EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY:** Exhibitors must meet the eligibility below.
Exhibitors must be between the ages of nine (9) years or third grade and nineteen (19) years old.
Exhibitors must be enrolled or eligible to be enrolled in a Bastrop County school district. Exhibitors must be a member of a Bastrop County 4-H Club or an active member of a Bastrop County FFA chapter. Enrollment for 4-H can be found on 4-H Connect at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/about/join-now/>, deadline is October 31st of the current year. Enrollment for FFA is through Elgin, Bastrop, Smithville or McDade ISD. Exhibitors can only show in one county show. Exhibitors must be a paid member of the Elgin Livestock Show Association by October 6, 2025. Membership information can be found on the association website: <https://bastrop.agrilife.org/bcjs/>
- 4. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER REQUIREMENT:** All Exhibitors must have a personal Social Security Number to be eligible to participate in the Elgin Livestock Show. Exhibitors who choose to not provide their personal Social Security Number at the time of entry will forfeit any and all awarded auction slots or premium funds.
- 5. SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY:** Exhibitors must pass all classes during the previous grading period prior to participation in the Livestock Show in accordance with current Texas Legislative Rulings. If the exhibitor is ineligible, the animal is ineligible to be shown. A substitute showman may not exhibit animals for an owner/exhibitor participating in other events or activities (UIL competitions, school sports, etc.) or just being absent from the competition. If the exhibitor is scholastically ineligible to participate, as determined by the respective school district, the exhibitor and their entries are ineligible for competition. Extenuating circumstances may be approved by the ELSA Officers for an exhibitor to be eligible to show his/ her animal. Grades will be verified.
- 6. QUALITY COUNTS:** You must have taken and passed the Quality Counts Test to show at the Elgin Livestock Show. Quality Counts is designed to teach young people the importance of displaying good character and proper use of livestock management practices. To take the Quality Counts Test, please visit the following website and record your number: <http://agrilife.org/qualitycounts/verification/>.
- 7. EXHIBITOR SUBSTITUTIONS:** Entries in Livestock Show must be shown by their owner, except in the case of serious illness or emergency in the exhibitor's immediate family. ELSA Officers and the appropriate Superintendent must be notified immediately, and substitute showman must be approved by ELSA officers. Approvals must be requested in writing (email and/or text) prior to the start of the livestock show (8 am Saturday). Exhibitor substituting must meet exhibitor eligibility and scholastic eligibility. For exhibitors

showing multiple animals in the same class/grouping/championship drive, alternate showman must be an eligible exhibitor for ELSA.

8. **TRAILERS:** All Animals may be shown off the trailer. The exhibitors must be at check-in/weigh-in at the appropriate times. The show is not responsible for making sure every exhibitor is on time and present at designated time/place.
9. **SIGNATURES:** All exhibitors must have the required signatures (Exhibitor, AST/CEA and Parent or Guardian) on each entry form received.
10. **LIABILITY:** The Elgin Livestock Show Association, I.G. Janca Show Barn (Elgin ISD), Bastrop County 4-H program, and the participating FFA Chapters will in no case be responsible for any loss, injury or damage that may occur during the show.
11. **SUBMITTING ENTRIES:** To submit an entry or entries, the following must be completed:
 - a. **MUST BE A PAID MEMBER OF THE ELSA BY October 6, 2025 TO ENTER**
 - b. **ENTRIES MUST INCLUDE: ENTRY FORM, FEES, AND BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 3, 2025. EMAIL CONFIRMATIONS WILL BE SENT TO THE EMAIL ADDRESS ON THE ENTRY FORM(S). IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION EMAIL, YOUR ENTRY IS NOT CONFIRMED. AFTER NOVEMBER 3, a \$50 LATE FEE WILL APPLY. NO ENTRIES AFTER NOVEMBER 30TH. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
 - c. **NO REFUNDS ON ANY ENTRIES.**
 - d. **MAIL TO:** Elgin Livestock Show
Association PO Box 1056
Elgin, Texas 78621
12. **DECISION OF JUDGES FINAL:** The decision of the judges as to the results of all competitive events will be final, except in cases of a violation of these rules and/or as established by the sustaining of a protest filed.
13. **PROTESTS:** The ELSA Officers and Superintendents will handle any situation that arises which is not covered by these rules. The decision of the ELSA Officers and Superintendents will be final. All protests must be in writing on the Protest Form and accompanied by a **\$250.00 cash** deposit, which will be returned if the protest is upheld. Protests must be submitted within two hours of infraction. The Show will not be stopped or delayed while protests are considered. The protest must state the following:
 - a. Name of the person who is alleged to have violated a rule and the rule violated.
 - b. The species, exhibitor number, and description of each exhibit involved in the alleged rule violation.
 - c. The name and contact information of the person filing and putting up the protest fee.
 - d. A statement of the protest and the reasons why the participant lodging the protest believes that a rule has been violated.
 - e. The names of all persons having knowledge of facts bearing on the truth of the protest.
14. **PAYOUT REQUIREMENTS:** Exhibitors are required to complete the tasks below in order to receive auction and/or premium funds. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in forfeiting of funds. If there are extenuating circumstances that conflict with successfully completing the tasks below, please see ELSA Officers as soon as possible.
 - a. Paid Membership by October 7, 2024 and be an active member (family member attending at least 3 meetings prior to show in January)
 - b. Sell one (1) fundraising ticket OR gain a sponsorship for the show
 - c. Attend one (1) Barn Clean Up or (1) VFW setup/cleanup for youth fair (as applicable)
 - d. Complete Thank You Letters
 - i. **THANK YOU NOTES:** Every exhibitor who is eligible to sell their animal in the Auction and/or receive Premium Funds will be required to write a HANDWRITTEN thank you letter to the buyer of their animal and/or any premium fund contributors. Buyer/Contributor information

will be sent to each exhibitor by email.

- ii. Proof of the thank you letter(s) must be submitted to ELSA as soon as possible. The thank you letters must be submitted complete with an addressed and stamped envelope.
- iii. Auction/Premium Funds will NOT be released until this information is verified.

15. **AUCTION:** Auction funds are generated from a live auction (sale). Exhibitors that qualify for the Auction in the Livestock Show and Youth Fair events may sell their animals/projects in the Auction representing each section accordingly.
16. **AUCTION ATTENDANCE:** Exhibitors that qualify for the Auction in the Livestock Show and Youth Fair events must be present for the auction. If there are extenuating circumstances that conflict with participating, please see ELSA Officers as soon as possible.
17. **PREMIUM FUNDS:** Premium Funds are dedicated to the exhibitor projects that do not make the auction and breeding animals, as applicable. Funds are determined by the amount of funds donated to and raised by the Elgin Livestock Show Association. Every effort will be made to pay out these exhibitors, as applicable. Premium fund amounts are not guaranteed.
18. **LIVESTOCK AUCTION RULES:** The Livestock Auction will operate as follows:
 - a. **NON-TERMINAL** - The Elgin Livestock Show is a non-terminal Show. The Auction is a ribbon sale. All lots sold at the Auction will be sold to the highest bidder. The Exhibitor retains ownership of his or her animal after the Show.
 - b. **MARKET ANIMALS** – Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions animals from each species are eligible for the auction.
 - c. **BREEDING ANIMALS** – Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions animals from each species are eligible for the auction.
 - d. If there are 10 or more exhibitors in one animal species/category, the judge will allow for a overall third place for an additional auction placement.
19. **AUCTION LIMIT:** Livestock exhibitors with market animals may only sell one entry. If an exhibitor receives a First Place, in addition to Grand/Reserve Champion, the First Place animal becomes ineligible, and the ELSA Officers will make a determination on the next eligible animal to move into the auction based on results/eligibility.
20. **LIVESTOCK AUCTION CAPS:** There is no cap on auction lots.
21. **DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS:** Every effort will be made to pay the Auction lots and Premium Fund as soon as possible; however, payment cannot be guaranteed until each buyer or contributor remits payment to the Livestock Show. The exhibitor will need to sign (or have a parent/guardian sign) to obtain their check. This is to track and secure that the exhibitor received their funds.

LIVESTOCK RULES

1. **ENTRY FEES:** Entry fees are \$20 per animal/pen. See General Rules for deadlines and submitting entries. Species will be as follows:
 - a. Market Steers
 - b. Breeding Heifers
 - c. Meat Goats
 - d. Meat Rabbits
 - e. Fryer Rabbits
 - f. Market Barrows
 - g. Breeding Gilts
 - h. Broilers – Pullets
 - i. Broilers – Cockerels
 - j. Market Lambs
2. **BROILER/RABBIT – DEFINITION OF PENS:**
 - a. Broilers and Meat Rabbits - one entry = a pen of three (3)
 - b. Broiler entries are limited to one pen of each sex – Pullets & Cockerels
 - c. Meat Rabbit entries are limited to one pen of meat rabbits
3. **NUMBER OF ENTRIES:** Exhibitors may exhibit two (2) animals per class, exception for broiler/meat rabbit pens. In the event that both animals fall into the same weight class, the exhibitor is responsible for finding another eligible youth exhibitor to show his/her animal upon the approval of the superintendent.
4. **OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** All Exhibitors must have owned and cared for their animals by November 30, 2025.
5. **ELSA VALIDATION:** If any animal is not state validated or a registered breeding animal, they must be validated for the show. Exhibitors are required to provide proof of ownership that can be confirmed by bill of sale, proof of purchase, or by an ag teacher or CEA. All entries must be validated or registered in the exhibitor's name. Animals must be taken to a state validation. A representative will take photos and required documentation for validation. Example: A non-state validated goat will still attend the state validation and will have photos/documents taken at that time.
 - a. **POULTRY:** Poultry is considered state validated and do not need to be ELSA Validation.
 - b. **RABBITS:** Rabbits are not state validated and must attend ELSA Validation. Rabbits must be tattooed. If you are unable to tattoo them, the superintendent for that species will do so at the time of validation. A minimum of four (4) rabbits are required to be validated with a maximum of ten (10) rabbits.
6. **ANIMAL SUBSTITUTIONS:** No animal substitutions will be allowed.
7. **WEIGHING:** Market species will be weighed under the supervision of an ELSA Officer and Superintendent, as applicable. This will be the official weight. Three (3) or more entries per species may be divided by weight break, anything less than three (3) entries may be shown together in one class. Decisions on classes will be made by the ELSA Officers and Superintendents.
8. **CHECK IN TIMES:** Check-in times will be enforced. Anyone arriving after the designated check in time and once check-in sheets have been submitted to the office, will not be allowed to show. ELSA Officers will notify exhibitors of any unexpected changes (i.e., weather, etc.).

- 9. RABBIT SHOW:** An exhibitor may bring no more than four (4) rabbits to the show. The exhibitor must identify three (3) of those rabbits to be checked in for the meat pen competition. When an exhibitor identifies their three (3) rabbits for competition, those are the rabbits that must be shown, no substitutions after check-in. Rabbit age limit is 10 weeks old. Rabbits must weigh a minimum of 3.5 lbs. (3 lbs., 8 oz) for EACH RABBIT and not exceed a maximum of 5.5 lbs. (5 lbs., 8 oz) for EACH RABBIT. Rabbits will be weighed, and tattoos verified at check-in.
- 10. POULTRY SIFT/SHOW:** Assistance with poultry during the sift and show may occur as follows:
- SIFT:** Handling of poultry during the sifting stage must be conducted by the exhibitor. Parents and/or other eligible 4-H/FFA exhibitors may assist only during this stage.
 - SHOW:** Handling of poultry during the show must be conducted by the exhibitor. Any Bastrop County student may assist during the poultry show.
- 11. GROOMING OF ANIMALS:**
- Cattle – Blow and Go, water only.
 - Swine, Lambs, Goats, Broilers, Rabbits: Use of water only.
- 12. HEALTH CERTIFICATES:** All livestock are exempt.
- 13. AWARDS:** In each class, animals will be ranked (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.) according to their placing.
- 14. SHOWMANSHIP:** Showmanship will be divided into two categories: Junior (13 years of age or younger as of show day) and Senior (14 years of age and older as of show day). Species identified for Showmanship are Cattle, Swine, Lambs, Rabbits, Poultry and Goats. A category must include of 2 or more exhibitors. If there is only one exhibitor in a category, that exhibitor will be merged with the other category for showmanship. The exhibitor must be entered into the species of that showmanship category in order to be eligible for showmanship. Ex: You must have a steer or heifer entered for the Bastrop Country Jr. Livestock to be eligible for cattle showmanship.
- 15. BREEDING ANIMALS:** Breeding animals must follow major show birthdates as described for each species.
- Breeding Heifers:** Breeding heifers will be shown one class per division.
 - Heifer Calves Division (One Class)
 - Calves on or after April 1, 2025
 - March 1 – 31, 2025
 - February 1 – 28, 2025
 - January 1 – 31, 2025
 - Junior Heifer Division (One Class)
 - November 1 – December 31, 2024
 - September 1 – October 31, 2024
 - July 1 – August 31, 2024
 - May 1 – June 30, 2024
 - Senior Heifer Division (One Class)
 - March 1 – April 30, 2024
 - January 1 - February 28, 2024
 - September 1 – December 31, 2023
 - Breeding Gilts:** All gilts must have been farrowed between June 1 and September 10, 2025, inclusive. Classes will be determined on show day.
- 16. DISMISSAL OF ANIMALS:** Animals may be released at the time specified on the most current schedule.
- 17. ANIMAL STALLING** – early stalling is acceptable at the risk of the animal owner.

2025-2026 ELGIN LIVESTOCK SHOW - ENTRY FORM

QUALITY COUNTS #: _____
EXHIBITOR NAME: _____ **PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME:** _____
ADDRESS: _____ **PHONE:** _____
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ **SECOND EMAIL ADDRESS:** _____
EXHIBITOR AGE: _____ **GRADE:** _____
FFA CHAPTER/4-H CLUB (please include City) : _____
SCHOOL ATTENDING: _____ **ADVISOR/LEADER:** _____
T-SHIRT SIZE (Exhibitors Only): **YOUTH - XS S M L XL** **ADULT: S M L XL**

DIVISION	# ENTERED (x \$20)	DATE OF BIRTH	STATE VALIDATED/REGISTERED YES OR NO
Market Steers		N/A	
Market Barrows		N/A	
Market Lambs		N/A	
Meat Goats		N/A	
Broilers - Pullets (Max: 1 pen of 3 pullets)		N/A	YES - STATE VALIDATED
Broilers - Cockerels (Max: 1 pen of 3 cockerels)		N/A	YES - STATE VALIDATED
Meat Rabbits (Max: 1 pen of 3 meat rabbits)		N/A	
Fryer Rabbit		N/A	
Breeding Heifers			
Breeding Gilts			
TOTAL ENTRY FEES	\$	REMINDERS:	<input type="checkbox"/> Paid membership by October 6, 2025
ENTRY FEES:	\$20 per entry		<input type="checkbox"/> Entry Signatures
DEADLINE:	November 3, 2025		<input type="checkbox"/> ELSA Validation, if applicable

AGREEMENTS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I hereby make application for the entry or entries in the Elgin Livestock Show. I certify that I have read and will abide by the following:

- Elgin Livestock Show Rules

Exhibitor Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Elgin Livestock Show, including its officers, directors, servants, agents, and/or employees, herein called "Livestock Show" and the Owner and/or Exhibitor, including parents, and /or legal representatives, herein called "Exhibitor" agree that the Livestock Show will in no case be responsible for any loss, damage or injury to the person, animals or property of exhibitor, or exhibitor's agents, servants, family and/or employees, regardless of how such loss, damage or injury is occasioned and by whom. The Livestock Show and Exhibitor further agree that Exhibitor will protect, indemnify and save harmless the Livestock Show from any and all claims, suits and/or judgments (including the cost of defense of any such claim and/or suit by the Livestock Show) brought by anyone as a result of any loss, damage or injury to any person, animals or property occasioned by any action or inaction of Exhibitor, either solely or in conjunction with the Livestock Show or anyone else.

The undersigned hereby consents and agrees that the animal(s) described on the entry application may, at the discretion of the Elgin Livestock Show management be tested for unauthorized use of medications or drugs.

By signing below, Exhibitor _____ **does** or _____ **does not** give the Livestock Show permission to use video and/or photos of Exhibitor (including exhibitor's animals and property) for newspaper, television, and video presentations without compensation or prior permission of Exhibitor.

By signing below the exhibitor also agrees to abide by all Rules and Regulations of the Elgin Livestock Show.

Exhibitor Signature: _____ **Age:** _____ **Date:** _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature: (if Minor Child) _____ **Date:** _____

I certify the individual submitting this entry has signed a Code of Ethics for the 2025-2026 year and fed and cared for their animal(s) under my supervision and to the best of my knowledge in accordance with the rules of the show and is eligible as per the show rules.

Agriscience Teacher or County Extension Agent: _____ **Date:** _____

ELSA USE ONLY: Amount Paid: \$ _____ Check # _____ OR Cash

Received: _____ Entered: _____ Email Sent: _____

2025-2026 ELGIN LIVESTOCK SHOW - PROTEST FORM

The ELSA Officers and Superintendents will handle any situation that arises which is not covered by the Elgin Livestock Show Rules. The decision of the ELSA Officers and Superintendents will be final.

All protests must be in writing on the Protest Form and accompanied by a **\$250.00 cash deposit**, which will be returned if the protest is upheld. Protests must be submitted within two hours of infraction.

The Show will not be stopped or delayed while protests are considered. The protest must state the information below. Please complete form in full. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.

NAME OF PERSON(S) WHO ALLEGEDLY VIOLATED A RULE: _____

RULE(S) VIOLATED: _____

SPECIES, EXHIBITOR NUMBER, AND DESCRIPTION OF EACH EXHIBIT INVOLVED IN THE ALLEGED RULE VIOLATION:

NAME OF PERSON FILING PROTEST: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

ADDRESS: _____ **PHONE:** _____

A STATEMENT OF THE PROTEST AND REASONS WHY YOU BELIEVE A RULE HAS BEEN VIOLATED:

NAMES OF ALL PERSONS HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF FACTS BEARING THE TRUTH OF THE PROTEST:

SIGNATURE OF PERSON PROTESTING: _____ **DATE/TIME:** _____

ELSA USE ONLY:	Protest Fee - \$250 CASH: <input type="checkbox"/>	Received By: _____
Decision:	UPHELD DENIED	Officers/Superintendent: _____