

## CALF SCRAMBLE RULES

1. The East Montgomery County Fair Association (EMCFA) will not be responsible for any accidents, which may occur to any participant in the Calf Scramble before, during, or after the scramble.
2. FFA teachers and 4-H leaders when making the selection of participants in the calf scramble should take the following questions into consideration; the nominees will be carefully selected.
  - A. The scramble certificate awarded to the winner is for the purchase of feed, supplies, and veterinary services, and will be mailed to the exhibitor periodically. The participants will have to add more funds if necessary, for the care of the project. Would the exhibitor's family be financially able to do this?
  - B. The participant must have suitable facilities, including pen and adequate cover (barn/shed covering) to care for and develop the project.
  - C. Does the participant have a real desire to care for and show the project?
  - D. Is the participant the type who would devote their attention to the project in an effort to bring it to the EMC Fair in which themselves, sponsors, supervisors, and the EMCFA will be proud of the exhibit?
  - E. Are the parents willing and are **grades satisfactory** to allow the participant to spend the time away from school and other activities to bring the project to the EMC Fair and stay with it for the required time necessary to show and care for it?
  - F. Will the participant be conscientious enough in submitting regular monthly reports to the Fair office and sponsors on required forms that are provided by the Scramble Committee?
3. Please do not attempt to enter in both FFA and 4-H. Participants will be allowed to enter one time only.
4. A signed contract (participant, parent/guardian) must accompany the application stating that they accept responsibility to maintain the project and return to exhibit it in the **2017** Fair.
5. The screening process will be based on:
  - A. Completion of the application and contract forms.
  - B. Submission of a 250-word essay, legibly written or printed containing:
    1. Why they would like to participate in the scramble program.
    2. The goals they would like to achieve.
  - C. Inspection of their facilities at anytime during the feeding period.
  - D. Willingness to meet and abide by all EMCFA General Rules and Regulations, including the scholastic requirements.
6. The FFA teacher and 4-H leaders must submit applications to the Fair office no later than 7:30p.m. **August 28, 2017**. Selected applicants will be notified and are required to be at the Fair office, along with their parent/guardian, for a personal interview with scramble committee at 7:00p.m. **September 21, 2017**.
7. Absolutely no substitutions will be made to the participant list after they are received by the EMCFA.
  - A. Ages: Participants must have reached their 12<sup>th</sup> but not 18<sup>th</sup> birthday as of **September 1, 2017** and not be enrolled beyond their junior year in high school.
  - B. Weight: Participants must weigh at least 100 pounds.
  - C. Participants who report to the Fair office must be in good physical condition. Any participant appearing with broken limbs, etc. will automatically be disqualified and the first alternate will be put in their place.
8. "Hard Luck: winners will be selected by the Scramble Committee. Receipt of a sponsorship is totally dependent on the circumstances and a sponsor coming forward. Should any contestant participating in the calf scramble fail to catch a calf because of unusual or extenuating circumstances, and is then awarded a sponsorship by a sponsor coming forward, the "Hard Luck" winner will participate in all special awards offered to the scramble winner. The "Hard Luck" winner must care for the project under the calf scramble rules and the donor will become a calf scramble sponsor.
9. All scramble winners, along with "Hard Luck" winners will be allowed to choose a project at the EMC selection, along with the other exhibitors at the selection dates set for the project being selected.
10. The amount of sponsorship will be \$500.00 out of which the purchase price of the project will be deducted and paid to the EMC Fair, and \$50.00 will also be deducted by the Scramble Committee to purchase t-shirts and pictures. The remaining funds will be dispersed on a prorated basis. The first check will be delivered on the day of selection, with the balance being paid on a monthly basis during the feeding period. Should the funds be inadequate, the exhibitor/parent/guardian will be expected to provide necessary funds required to care for the project.

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11. The official start of the project will be **June 1, 2017**. At the end of each month, the exhibitor is required to submit a packet containing the following:
  - A. Two copies of your monthly expense report. One is for the scramble committee and one is for the sponsor.
  - B. A letter to your sponsor. (Must be at least 1 ½ pages)
  - C. Pictures for your sponsor and Scramble Committee. (Committee will accept copies, but sponsors MUST be originals)
  - D. Two copies of your daily log, one for the scramble committee and one for your sponsor. The packets are checked LATE if they arrive at the Fair office after the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. Exhibitors must send them as soon as they have completed the previous month's expenses. The first packet is due on **July 1, 2017**, the second on August 1, and the final packet on **September 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Exhibitor is allowed (1), (10) day grace period or the project will be picked up and the exhibitor will not be able to exhibit the animal at the EMC Fair.
12. In addition to the above, exhibitors are also required to turn in monthly expense reports to their FFA teacher or 4-H leader and keep a copy for their own records.
13. On **September 1, 2017**, exhibitors are required to turn in a final essay, minimum of 750-words, legibly written or printed, including but not limited to:
  - A. The traits and characteristics of the ideal market animal.
  - B. Tell about the positive characteristics that your project has in comparison to the ideal market animal.
  - C. Tell about the negative characteristics that your project has in comparison to the ideal market animal.
  - D. What you would look for and do differently if you were able to select your project again.
  - E. What you have learned during the course of the project.
  - F. Did you achieve your goals?
14. Award Point System:

Monthly reports, photos, letters to sponsors, barn inspection	Score 1-50 points
<b>September 2<sup>nd</sup></b> Final Essay	Score 1-50 points
Show Check in: Pictorial Board & Scrapbook	Score 1-100 points
i. Pictorial Board (worth 1-50 points) If the exhibitor's item is out of dimensions, the exhibitor will receive "zero" points.	
ii. Scrapbook (worth 1-50 points)	

Belt buckles will be awarded to the top 2 places, along with the added money for the top 3 places.

1 <sup>st</sup> Place - \$1,000.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place - \$ 750.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place - \$ 500.00
15. If at any time the exhibitor or parent(s)/guardian(s) feel that the project is not in good physical condition, they should immediately call the project leader, FFA teacher, or a licensed veterinarian.
16. If in the view of the Scramble Committee, the project is not being cared for at any time during the feeding period, the animal will be picked up and returned to the EMCFA. The outstanding balance of the sponsorship money will be forfeited.
17. The exhibitor will be allowed to retain any premium awards received during the feeding period.
18. Once the scrambler has been awarded sponsorship, they must decide which project they would like to raise, a pig, lamb, or goat. The Scramble Chairman must be notified in writing ten days prior to the first goat deposit due date.
19. Exhibitors will draw for selection order with all other EMC fair exhibitors of the same project.
20. Animals received as a result of the scramble will not be sold, traded or disposed of except with the consent of the EMCFA.
21. Exhibitors are subject to the General Rules of the EMCFA.