

**LIVESTOCK SHOW
GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

ALL EXHIBITORS AND PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO CAREFULLY READ THE FOLLOWING RULES AND REGULATIONS, AS THE SAME WILL STRICTLY BE ENFORCED WITHOUT DEVIATION OF ANY KIND. THE EAST MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR RESERVES TO ITS EXECUTIVE BOARD THE FINAL AND ABSOLUTE RIGHT TO INTERPRET THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND ARBITRARILY SETTLE AND DETERMINE ALL MATTERS, QUESTIONS, AND DIFFERENCES IN REGARD THERETO OR OTHERWISE ARISING OUT OF, CONNECTION WITH, OR INCIDENT TO THE SHOW. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AMEND OR ADD TO THESE RULES AS IT, IN ITS' JUDGEMENT, MAY DEEM ADVISABLE. ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY OF THE GENENRAL RULES OR SPECIAL RULES AS PUBLISHED IN THESE RULES MAY FORFEIT ALL PRIVILEGES AND PREMIUMS WON.

*******East Montgomery County Fair will be known in this document as EMCF*******

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING RULES AND REGULATIONS.

In consideration for the opportunity to participate in the Show, each Exhibitor, and his or her immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen and volunteers agree to be bound by the General Rules and Special Rules as published herein. Any exhibitor and his or her immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen or volunteer who violates and/or refuses to follow any of the General Rules and/or Special Rules as published in these rules shall not be allowed to enter, tag-in and/or participate in the East Montgomery County Fair, Show and/or Auction, and/or will forfeit all privileges and/or premiums won, and/or may forfeit all rights and privileges to enter, participate and/or exhibit in the future at the East Montgomery County Fair. A level of ethical standards shall be followed by all exhibitor(s) and his or her immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s) and representative(s), committeemen and volunteer(s).

The East Montgomery County Fair Association, its Board of Directors, Officers, Officers-in-Charge, Division Chairmen, Committeemen, etc. will not be liable for any personal injuries, damages, fire, theft, accident and/or any matters resulting from or relating to the actions of any exhibitor, exhibitor's immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s), and/or representative(s), committeemen, volunteers, spectators, visitors, exhibits, animals, animal clinics, forfeiture of all awards and/or sale proceeds, non-payment of sale proceeds by an auction buyer(s), etc. NOTE: In the event it is determined that the East Montgomery County Fair Association is held liable with regard to an exhibitor's animal, whether directly or indirectly relating to same, which liability is specifically denied by the Association, then in that event the limit of the East Montgomery County Fair Association's liability will not exceed the market value of the exhibitor's animal (in its market class and weight) or the animal's tankage price on the date of the Fair Auction Sale, which is hereby acknowledged and agreed to by each exhibitor as a condition of participating in the show.

- 1. In order to participate in the EMCF, all exhibitors and/or exhibitors' immediate family members(s), parent(s), exhibitor(s) guardian(s) and/or representative(s), committeeman and volunteer(s) shall be in good standings with East Montgomery Fair Association. In the event any exhibitor and/or exhibitors immediate family member(s), parents(s), exhibitor's guardian(s) and/or representative(s), Committeemen or volunteer(s) (whether any of the above individually, or by through and/or on behalf of any entity) owe money to the East Montgomery County Fair Association for any reason whatsoever, said exhibitor(s) and /or exhibitor(s), immediate family member(s), parent(s), exhibitor's guardian(s), and/or representative(s), committeeman and volunteer shall not be allowed to enter any Non-Livestock, or select an animal and/or participate in the EMCF.**

2. **NO PASS / NO PLAY!!** If any Exhibitor is **NOT** Passing, they will **NOT** be allowed to show their Project, Livestock or Non-Livestock. There will be **NO** substitute Showman, unless needed for medical reasons or death in immediate family.
3. The Fair will begin **September 9, 2017** unless postponed by the Board of Directors which they hereby claim the right to do, either in part or whole, from any cause whatsoever, for the general good of all concerned.
4. The East Montgomery County Fair Association and the New Caney and Splendor School Districts will not be liable for any damages, fire, theft, accident, etc.
5. Entrant and Exhibitors must be members in good standing with their local Splendor FFA Chapter, Porter FFA Chapter, New Caney FFA Chapter, Splendor 4-H, Porter 4-H, and New Caney 4-H Clubs and be UIL eligible. Exhibitors must be a member in good standing with a FFA Chapter or a 4-H Club and have attended **50%** of the organizations required meetings from January thru August of that year in order to be eligible to show. If you will be showing under a different club than what the entry was originally recorded under you must notify the secretary prior to September 1st.
6. All entrants and exhibitors **must reside in** and be enrolled in the New Caney ISD, Splendor ISD, in a Private School or Home Schooled students located within the boundaries of the New Caney ISD or Splendor ISD during the entire feeding period. All home school students must reside in the New Caney ISD or Splendor ISD. Non Residents must qualify under rule #8 of General Exception Rules.
7. Entries must be bona fide property of the exhibitor and remain under the daily care of the exhibitor at their residence or any other EMCF eligible resident, unless the exhibitor falls under the General Exception Rule.
8. **THE GENERAL EXCEPTION RULE: Proof of Residence** – must have homestead on main property. Any exhibitor that attends New Caney ISD or Splendor ISD due to parent employment is eligible to show even though the student and their project reside outside the boundaries. Does not apply if primary residence is in New Caney or Splendor ISD
9. This rule applies to the divisions that comprise the Auction sale. Contestants are eligible to enter each division of the show; however, each contestant may sale only two (2) entries in the auction.
10. All animals will be purchased through the East Montgomery County Fair Association at the time designated by each committee, (with the exception of rabbits). A minimum of fifty percent (50%) deposit will be required or you may pay 100% at the designated time on all animals to be purchased. A second date will be scheduled for the remaining balance. There is a five (\$5.00) dollar entry fee and a five (\$5.00) dollar shot fee due with each deposit. Exhibitors will draw for the order in which they will choose their animals. Selection of the animal will be by the Exhibitor only. Late deposits will be accepted provided they are turned in within seven (7) calendar days of the first deposit date. There will be a \$50.00 penalty for late deposits. **NO LATE DEPOSITS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THE SECOND DEPOSITS. ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS OF DEPOSITS WILL BE MADE.** It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to contact the Livestock Chairman or the Committee Chairman for any late deposits. There will be no transfer of deposits from one Exhibitor to another or animal breed to another.
11. Horticulture & Handicraft entry cards and entry fees are due in the Fair office on **May 18, 2017** from 6:00p.m.to 7:00p.m. Homemaking & Fine Arts entry cards and entry fees are due in the Fair office on **August 28, 2017**. There will be a \$50.00 penalty for late entries. Late entries will be accepted provided they are turned in within seven (7) calendar days of the due date. It is the responsibility of the exhibitors to contact the non-livestock Chairman for any late entry deposits.
12. There will be a \$5.00 entry fee on all livestock entries. There will be a \$10.00 entry fee per item entered in the non-livestock show. Entries will be paid to the East Montgomery County Fair Association. All livestock and non-livestock entry fees will be paid on selection dates, deposit dates, intent to show form dates, or tattoo dates.
13. Each exhibitor may tag and register only one animal per division.

14. Premium auction items for the livestock division shall consist of a minimum of eight (8) items of any division (except with the turkey division) with a maximum of:

15 Broiler Pens	15 Steers
15 Rabbit Pens	10 Turkeys (with a minimum of 2)
20 Lambs	18 Goats
45 Swine	

Should there be insufficient numbers of livestock in any division to reach the maximum at the time of the selection, approximately 60% of the animals in that division(s) shall be sold through the premium auction. The number of animals which make the sale in each division will be determined by the number selected, received, or tattooed of the said animal.

15. A 10% sales commission will be charged on add on money and all items sold through the premium auction.

16. THE VICE PRESIDENT OVER LIVESTOCK WILL ENFORCE THE RULES AND BE IN CHARGE OF THE GROUNDS AND THE BARN DURING THE SHOW.

17. Livestock division chairman have the right to combine classes if insufficient in numbers and create a single breed or weight class if deemed necessary, with the approval of the livestock Vice President.
18. All judging will be conducted within the separate divisions in numerical order.
19. Market steers, lambs, goats, and swine will be shown in weight classes only.
20. Market steers, lambs, goats, and swine will have no weight limits. Steers, lambs, goats, swine, and rabbits will be weighed one time only and that weight will be recorded and become official weight.
21. There will be no tooth rule in effect except for rabbits.
22. No one but 4-H leaders, Ag teachers, adult leaders, parents of exhibitors, exhibitors or friends residing in Montgomery County will be permitted to groom market livestock for and during the East Montgomery County Fair.
23. Committees to sift livestock may be appointed in such division, as the executive board deems advisable. It is the duty of the sifting committee to pass upon eligibility of animals of show purposes before the judging begins. The committees shall be empowered and required to eliminate from the show, any animal which in their judgment, is not qualified for competition and upon the recommendation of the committee, the management may require such animals to be removed from the show grounds.
24. The executive board reserves the right to remove from the grounds any exhibit or animal that they deem unsuitable or objectionable, and return any entry fee already paid for space of stalls. Management will not be required to furnish a reason for such actions; the return of the exhibitor's money exonerates the show from any claim by the exhibitor or purchaser. The cost of the animal will not be reimbursed.
25. Exhibitor not cooperating with security personnel or officials of the show in all matters of policy, including parking, will have their entries canceled and be ordered to remove their exhibits from the grounds immediately.
26. All protest must be in writing and be accompanied by a cash deposit of \$100.00, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of the complaint or appeal, and must be delivered to the executive board, immediately after the occasion for such protest. Protest will be accepted previous to judging or immediately at the conclusion of the judging. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until complete investigation is done.

27. DNA will be collected for positive identification on all steers, pigs, lambs and goats. Exhibitors should be present. Ag teacher, 4-H leader, parent/ guardian, exhibitor **MUST** be present in order to sign hair sample envelope. A fee of \$300.00 will be assessed if it is determined that DNA testing is required for proper identification. Such protest must be in writing and be accompanied by a cash deposit of \$300.00 which will be forfeited if the test determines that was the animal selected. If the test determines that the animal tested was **NOT** the animal selected by the exhibitor at the time of selection, the exhibitor will be charged the \$300.00 fee and the protester will receive his/her \$300.00 in return. The exhibitor will forfeit his/her sales slot and will be banned from the EMCFA
28. All drug and/or medication must be administered by a licensed Veterinarian and witnessed by the Vice President of Livestock or Division Committee Chairman for the duration of the Fair.
29. All animals making sale plus alternates will remain on the show grounds. All others will be released after judging is completed. Exhibitors will not solicit any animals not being sold in the premium auction on the grounds.
- NON-SALE ANIMALS REMAINING ON THE FAIR GROUNDS AFTER 10:00 A.M. SATURDAY OF THE PREMIUM AUCTION WILL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE EMCFA, AND/OR THE EXHIBITOR WILL BE BANNED FOR ONE YEAR FROM EXHIBITING AT THE EAST MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR.**
30. Exhibitors must vacate the barn at the designated time by the Vice President in charge of livestock.
31. The showing of unethically fitted livestock or livestock of an ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered is prohibited. Unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of any method altering the natural conformation of any part of any animal's body. Animals showing signs of having been operated upon or tampered with for the purpose of concealing faults in conformation or with intent to deceive relative to the animal's soundness will be disqualified. Every exhibitor, in consideration of his/her entry being accepted by the East Montgomery County Fair Association, agrees to submit any animal so entered by him/her to inspection by a Veterinarian appointed by the Vice President in charge of livestock and/or division chairman, and agrees to have such animals submitted to any test as many be designated as requested by the Veterinarian, and agrees that the conclusions reached by the Veterinarian as to whether such animal is unethically fitted shall be final, without recourse against the East Montgomery County Fair Association, it's Executive Board of Directors, Officers-in-Charge, Division Chairmen, or Committee Persons, etc.
- 32. IF YOU RECEIVE ANY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS WITH TIME DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE FLYERS AND THIS BOOK, THE OFFICIAL TIMES ARE THE TIMES POSTED IN THIS BOOK.**
33. An animal or exhibitor will not be allowed in the show ring if the judge has officially placed **ANY ANIMAL IN ANY PLACING ORDER.**
34. Exhibitors are responsible for securing their animals throughout the fair.
35. All 1st place animals shall return for the selection of Grand Champion. After Grand Champion is selected, the 2nd place in the weight class will join the other class winners for the selection of the Reserve Champion. Following the selection of the Grand and Reserve Champion the judge will place animals in sale order. The animals will be lined up according to their placing in their respective weight classes
36. Exhibitors, Exhibitor's immediate Family members, Guardians and/or Representatives, Committee Persons, Volunteers, Spectators and/or Visitors violating and/or not cooperating with Security Officers, Officers-in-charge, Division Chairmen, Committee Persons and/or Officials of the Fair in all matters, policy, rules, parking, etc. may not be allowed to enter, tag-in, and/or participate. They may have their entries canceled, and/or may be ordered to exit and/or remove their exhibit(s) from the Fairgrounds immediately, and/or may forfeit all rights and privileges to enter, participate and/or exhibit in the future at the East Montgomery County Fair.
37. Showmanship classes will be determined based on the exhibitor's age on the show date. Senior showmanship will be for exhibitors 14 years of age and above, junior showmanship will be exhibitors 13 years of age and under. **JR. AND SR. SHOWMANSHIP WILL BE OPEN TO ALL EXHIBITORS WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE. YOU PAY \$5.00 (CASH) AT THE ENTRY GATE AND THE WINNER WILL BE AWARDED ALL PROCEEDS AT THE EXIT GATE.**

38. Animals must have tag at check in, scheduled re-tag dates will be: **August 17, 2017** and **August 24, 2017** from 6:00-7:00pm at the EMCF grounds.
39. Any exhibitor with any special needs or concerns must provide written notice of the same to the Fair office no later than two weeks before the Fair event begins so that appropriate arrangements, if any, can be considered.
40. If an exhibitor drops a Grand or Reserve item in the auction, no changes will be made in the placement of other items. (Ex: Grand Cake drops- the Reserve and 3rd Place cake will be sold)
41. There will be no camping allowed on the grounds. Only the Executive Board members will be allowed to have campers on the Fair grounds for the duration of the Fair.
42. A substitute animal may be used during showmanship if the Exhibitors animal is too sick and unable to be shown. The Livestock Chairman will make the final determination.
43. Ag teacher, 4-H leaders, parents/ guardians, family members and exhibitors are forbidden from viewing any animal intended for the EMCFA prior to selection. There shall not be any attempt made by a parent/ guardian, family member, or exhibitor to contact a livestock supplier about specific animals to be selected at the EMCFA. Failure to comply with this rule, will result in forfeiture of the exhibitor's selection spot.