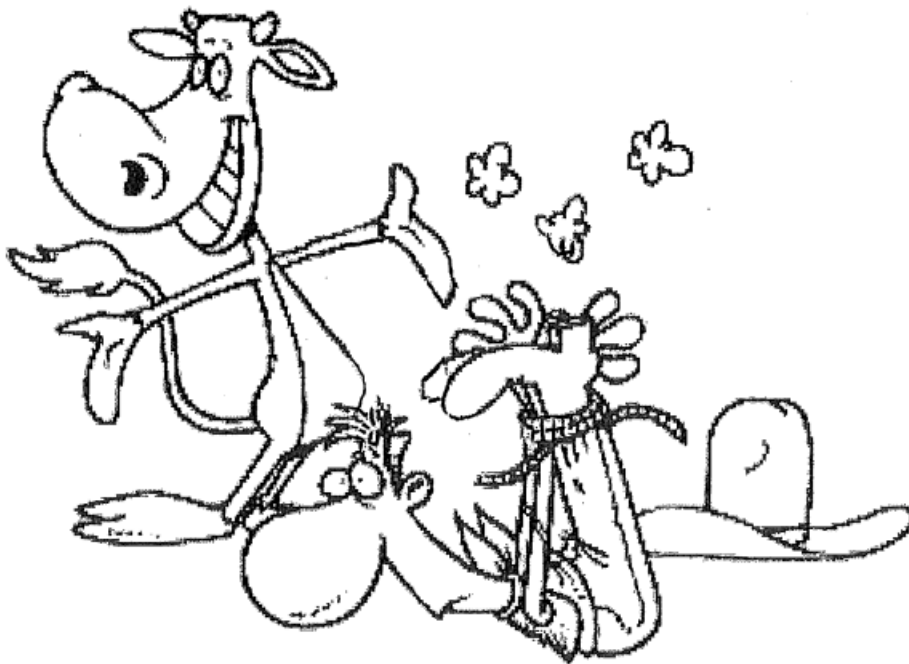




**Freestone County Fair Association  
Livestock Show & Rodeo**

**Calf Scramble Handbook**



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## **Calf Scramble Contact Information**

### **Mailing Address for Correspondence**

Freestone County Fair Association  
P. O. Box 592  
Fairfield, Texas 75840

### **Contact for Information**

Freestone County Fair Association  
Michelle Welch, Secretary  
903-390-7028

### **Sponsor Addresses**

Friday Night Calf Scramble- TBD

Saturday Night Calf Scramble-TBD

### **Questions – Email:**

[rjlmwelch@gmail.com](mailto:rjlmwelch@gmail.com)

# **Rules and Regulations**

**Age:** 14 thru 17 years (on or before June 12, 2023 will be the date of determination of age.)

Winners of the 2023 Freestone County Fair and Rodeo Calf Scramble will receive a \$500.00 Purchase Certificate. The Freestone County Fair and Rodeo of the State of Texas will not be responsible for any accidents which may occur to any participant in the Calf Scramble before, during or after the scramble.

1. Incomplete minors' releases will not be accepted. All information requested on the minor's release must be complete. Both parents must sign the release. However, if the parents are divorced or if one is deceased, one signature is sufficient, but the notation of "Divorce" or "Deceased" must be made in the space provided. The release must be notarized. Completed minors' releases, entry forms, and responsibilities sheets must be submitted by the current Freestone County Fair Calf Scramble registration date.
2. Exhibitors are restricted to Freestone County:
3. A boy or girl must have reached their 14<sup>th</sup>, but not their 18<sup>th</sup>, birthday by or on June 12, 2023 and cannot exceed their junior year in high school.

## **Arena Rules**

1. Participants will take nothing into the rodeo arena with them. Halter will be on the 6 calves when they are released into the arena. (It is suggested that the supervisors of all participants instruct them on how to encourage the calf to lead or back using the halter.)
2. At no time will a participant be permitted to tie the rope to his/her body or belt.
3. Each participant will attempt to catch one of the calves released. The participant catching a calf is required to lead or back it across the finish line without aid.
4. If a participant has hold of a calf, no other participant will be allowed to touch the calf until it breaks away.
5. If two or more participants catch the same calf, the first participant to touch the calf keeps possession to try and cross the line.
6. A participant who secures and properly leads it across the finish line will be declared a winner when so indicated by the referee.
7. Undue roughness will not be tolerated. Poor sportsmanship automatically disqualifies scrambler

## Purchasing Rules

1. Certificates may be used to purchase a steer, heifer, pig, goat, sheep, chicken, or rabbit.
2. All animals purchased must be purchased according to the Freestone County Fair Association Livestock rules and regulations.
3. Scramble winners must select the animal they desire to purchase and present the certificate to the seller.
  - a. Note: All information must be filled out by the seller, along with the signature of the Ag-Science teacher, the Freestone County 4H Leader. The Freestone County Fair Association payment will not exceed the amount of the certificate. If the animal purchased is more than the said certificate, the additional cost will be the winner's expense.
4. The winner must use the certificate to purchase their project animal. Date of purchase must be by the county validation dates for their species of animal.
5. Send completed certificates to:

Freestone County Fair Association  
P. O. Box 592  
Fairfield, Texas 75840  
Attention: Michelle Welch, Secretary

## Requirements for the FCFA Calf Scramble Program

1. Thank You Letter and Letters of Communication to Donor
  - ✓ Mail or email a thank you letter to your doner no later than 10 days after scramble.
  - ✓ Mail a copy or send a copy of letter by email to your 4H Leader or Ag Science Teacher.
  - ✓ You may choose to write a letter or send a thank you card. Either way, make sure that the Calf Scramble Office receives a copy of your correspondence and that **you keep a copy for your records and scrapbook.**
  - ✓ Four to Six letters of communication to donor during the project period.
  - ✓ Please keep in mind that this correspondence is to thank your donor for their generous donation to the Freestone County Fair and Rodeo Calf Scramble Program.
  - ✓ Addresses of the donors will be provided.
2. Monthly Reports
  - ✓ You will need to create a record keeping system for yourself which will work best for you to record expenses incurred with your scramble project.
  - ✓ These records should include the expenses you incurred during your project. (Examples: feed, hay, medicine, supplies, etc.)
  - ✓ A letter updating your donor on the progress of your animal should also be included with these reports.

- ✓ Pictures of your project are required to be sent at least 3 times during your project year.
- ✓ It is your responsibility to ensure that your donor and your 4H Leader or Ag Science Teacher receives a copy of this report each month.
- ✓ You need to keep a copy of each report for your records to be inserted into your record/scrapbook.
- ✓ Monthly financial reports are due upon the purchase of your animal, but letters to your donors must be sent before the purchase to show your appreciation and to keep them informed of your plans if purchase of your project is closer to validation date.
- ✓ Financial Reports are due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month after you get the project until May. These need to be included in your record book.
- ✓ Make your letters interesting by adding information about your project as well as information about other life events. The connection you make with your sponsor will make a difference in your life as well as theirs.

### 3. Year End Essay

- ✓ Due: last day of Freestone County Fair Livestock Show Entry
- ✓ Length: 500 words
- ✓ Essay Title: My Calf Scramble Project
- ✓ Keep a copy for your scrapbook
- ✓ Send a copy to your donor

### 4. Scrapbook

- ✓ Must be delivered to the FFA Sponsors or 4H Sponsors by the Freestone County Fair Livestock Registration Day.
- ✓ Your scrapbook must contain the following:
  - Decorative and original exterior cover
  - Inside cover page with your name, club/chapter name
  - Table of contents with corresponding tabs – order of content does not matter
  - Monthly expense reports
  - Monthly correspondence to and from your donor
  - Pictures relating to your project
  - Copy of Scramble Essay
- ✓ Everything must be included in your scrapbook; however, you may add anything else to highlight your scramble experience. This book will highlight your year as a calf scramble participant and will be a memorable book to cherish forever.
- ✓ Be creative and original.
- ✓ Items received after the deadline will not be judged but will be placed on display at the FCFA Home and Garden Show.
- ✓ Scrapbooks may be picked up after the Home and Garden Show is complete.

## 5. Home Project Visits

- ✓ The Ag Science Teachers and 4H Leader will perform random project visits throughout the year. They will contact you 24 hours before arriving.
- ✓ If they deem that the animal is not properly being taken care of, the scrambler will receive a warning and will be given direction on what they need to be doing.
- ✓ Should your project be in poor condition on multiple visits, you may not be allowed to participate in the calf scramble again.

## 6. Freestone County Fair Livestock Show

- ✓ You are required to bring your project to the Freestone County Fair Association Livestock Show unless circumstances approved by officials make this impractical.
- ✓ You are required to display a sign by your project at the Freestone County Fair Association Livestock Show saying your project was sponsored by the sponsor of the night of your calf scramble (My project was sponsored by \_\_\_\_\_ during the 2023 Freestone County Fair and Rodeo Calf Scramble.)
- ✓ Market and Breeding animals must be shown at the Freestone County Fair Association Livestock Show the year following the calf scramble.
- ✓ It is your responsibility to register your animal through your 4H Leader or Ag Science Teacher for participation in the show.
- ✓ It is also your responsibility to pay the required fee for the show.

## **Calf Scramble Project Checklist**

- Thank You Letter – Due April 1<sup>st</sup>
  
- Monthly Reports – Due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month
  - December
  - January
  - February
  - March
  - April
  - May
  
- Animal registration papers and certificate – Due by the 2023 FCFA Livestock Show validation dates
  
- Essay – Due by last day of the 2023 FCFA Livestock Show Entry Date
  
- Record Book - Due by first day of the 2023 FCFA Fair Date
  
- Scrapbook – Due by first day of the 2023 FCFA Fair Date
  
- Freestone County Livestock Show