

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
MEDINA COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW
2026**

ARTICLE I. NAME AND PURPOSE

- Section A: The name of this organization shall be the Medina County Junior Livestock Show.
- Section B: The purpose of this organization is to hold a junior livestock show. The Sponsors, Directors, and Board of Directors, with the financial aid and donations from loyal citizens and business firms of Medina County and cities in the County's trade territory, will arrange and hold this non-profit livestock show for the convenience, education and benefit of the boys and girls engaged in FFA Chapters and 4-H Club agricultural and livestock projects.
- Section C: Through the medium of this show, the boys and girls who will be our future farmers and ranchers, will be engaged in the production of better livestock.
- Section D: To further aid boys and girls of Medina County, an auction sale will be held in conjunction with the show.

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION

- Section A: A county wide non-profit organization controlled by a Board of Directors elected annually at the first meeting after the show of each year, shall be the structure.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

- Section A: Any reputable person 18 or over and not enrolled in secondary school who lives in Medina County, Texas, and who is in accord with the purpose of the organization and who is willing to cooperate in the accomplishment of its purpose, may become a member.
- Section B: No member shall become in any manner liable for any expenses or other indebtedness of this organization.
- Section C: Each Member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote on any business matter coming before the house at a general membership meeting. Decisions submitted to ballot vote of membership will be decided by a majority of the ballots returned.
- Section D: The annual meeting shall be held in March of each year for the purpose of reviewing the past show, rule change suggestions and electing directors, officers, and department superintendents. An annual report shall be given by the Executive Secretary of the association.
- Section E: A special meeting of the membership may be held at any time upon call of the President of the Board of Directors. The purpose of the meeting to be stated in the notice.
- Section F: Notice of all membership meetings shall be posted on the MCJLS website not later than ten (10) business days prior to the date of the meeting.

**ARTICLE IV. DIRECTORS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- Section A: **GOVERNING BODY** – The Board of Directors is the governing body of the MCJLS. The composition of the Board of Directors shall be twenty-six (26) members. Twenty (20) of the directors shall be community representatives elected from five (5) school districts, and six (6) director positions will be elected at large. Only MCJLS members in good standing are eligible to be elected to the Board of Directors. All board members shall volunteer or be appointed to at least one Department committee, with a maximum of four members per committee.
- The school districts shall be represented on the Board of Directors as follows:
Hondo – 5; Devine – 5; Medina Valley – 6; D'Hanis – 2; Natalia – 2
- The County Extension Agents and Agricultural Science Teachers of the County, as well as the Executive Secretary and non-board member division superintendents (superintendents effective April 2019) shall serve as an advisory committee to the Board of Directors, with voting privileges.
- Section B: **POLICY** – The Board of Directors shall adopt such policies and procedures for the operation of this association as may be consistent with its by-laws and designed to carry out the purpose of the Association.
- Section C: **TERM** – The Board of Directors members shall serve three-year terms. At the end of each term, the position will be reopened for election. Any Director in good standing may be nominated for re-election to a position representing the school district of their residence or an open at large position.
- Section D: **ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS** – The Board of Directors shall be elected by the membership. The Board of Directors shall consist of twenty-six (26) members. Each year board members shall be elected from each school district of the county as terms expire on a staggered schedule, plus six (6) directors shall be elected from at large at two (2_ each year. This allows board members to be elected each year to serve a three-year (3) term. Director elections shall be conducted during the month of March. The newly elected directors shall begin their term in May following their election.
- Section E: **QUORUM** – Fifteen (15) directors and advisory committee members present at any regular or special meetings of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum to transact business, and any matter brought before a meeting of the Directors shall be decided by a majority.
- Section F: **SPECIAL MEETING** – Special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be called by its President.
- Section G: **ATTENDANCE** –All elected members of the Board of Directors shall attend 70% of all meetings and workdays scheduled by MCJLS from March to March of each year. An individual director's resignation shall be deemed tendered and accepted by the Board if the attendance requirements are not met. A board member who is removed from the board due to attendance will not be able to be re-elected the MCJLS Board of Directors next year.

Section H: RESIGNATION – Any director may resign at any time by giving written notice to the president or executive secretary. The board will vote on the resignation, to approve or disapprove the resignation. The date and time will be in the letter of resignation. Any Director may be removed by a 2/3 vote of the entire board. Any vacancy that might occur on the board of directors shall be filled by a majority vote of the directors, with the understanding that the directors shall choose its new member from the membership of the respective school district in which the vacancy has occurred, or at large if such applies, and the new member to be elected shall serve out the term of the director whom he or she is replacing.

Section I: INSURANCE – The show and all activities shall carry Insurance.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

Section A: OFFICERS – The elected officers of this organization shall be a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, and an Operational Secretary. An officer is elected to the position of Second Vice President each year and will serve a four-year at large commitment as rotation of Second Vice President, First Vice President, President, and Immediate Past Present, Officers shall take office at the May meeting.

Section B: DUTIES – The duties of each officer shall be those customarily exercised by those offices.

1. **PRESIDENT:** The President is the executive officer and in general charge of the execution of the rules of the Board of Directors and the MCJLS. The President shall preside at all meetings of the members and Board of Directors and perform all duties usual to such office or as prescribed by the Board of Directors. The President shall only vote in the case of a tie vote among the Board of Directors. Upon leaving office, the President will serve a 1-year term as an Immediate Past President to maintain consistency during leadership transition.
2. **FIRST VICE PRESIDENT:** The First Vice President shall, in the absence of the President or if requested, perform the duties of the President or such duties as the President may designate. The First Vice President shall have voting privileges at Board of Director meetings unless serving as active President. Additionally, the First Vice President will serve as ex-officio member to all committees.
3. **SECOND VICE PRESIDENT:** The Second Vice President shall, in the absence of the President and First Vice President, perform the duties of the President or such duties as the President may designate. The Second Vice President shall have voting privileges at Board of Directors meetings unless serving as acting President. Additionally, the Second Vice President will serve as overseer of all show superintendents.
4. **OPERATIONAL SECRETARY:** The Operational Secretary will help support all operational functions of the Executive Committee as well as the MCJLS Board of Directors. The Operational Secretary will support the executions of all MCJLS events and work with the Executive Secretary for items to include award purchases, sponsorship gathering, the show/auction software implementation, auction order, and any other duties assigned by the executive board as needed. This position would act as a backup to the Executive Secretary in the event the Executive Secretary is unable to fulfill his/her duties. The Operational Secretary will be elected to the Executive Committee for a three (3) year term but will not rotate into other roles with the Executive Committee.

Section C: VACANCY – If any of the elected positions become vacated, the next in line will immediately move up to the next position. The Second Vice President shall then be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Any officer elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of his or her predecessor in the office.

Section D: EXECUTIVE SECRETARY – The Board of Directors may appoint an Executive Secretary to perform duties as assigned by the Board of Directors and be part of the advisory committee. The Executive Secretary is authorized to spend up to \$1,000 per transaction for normal stock show business with officer approval, full board approval is not necessary for these expenditures.

ARTICLE VI. DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENTS

Section A: DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENTS – Department Superintendents will be elected to oversee the following departments:

1. Cattle
2. Swine with assistance superintendent
3. Lambs & Goats
4. Commercial Heifers
5. Poultry
6. Rabbits
7. Ag Mechanics/Tractor Restoration
8. Auction
9. Facilities
10. Yearling Ranch Horse Show
11. Youth Showcase
12. Hospitality
13. Prospect Shows

Section B: SELECTION – Department Superintendents will be elected for each department for a period of one (1) year and can be elected again by the membership. Department Superintendents, who are not board members, will serve as members of the advisory committee and be required to attend the January, March, April, and December meetings, failure to attend those meetings will make them ineligible to be a department superintendent the following year. Effective April 2019.

Section C: DUTIES – Department Superintendents are responsible for:

1. Implementing and enforcing general and special rules applicable to their respective department.
2. Organizing the necessary volunteers to assist with weigh-in, class breaks, and show ring operations.
3. Determine shows needs for the respective departments including scales, ring arrangements and special needs. Superintendents will inform Facility Superintendent of needs, layout, and desired arrangement at least 3 days prior to department show.
4. Breaking classes in a fair and equitable manner.
5. Inform President or Executive Secretary of rule infractions and any action taken to resolve issue.

6. Assist the Executive Secretary by proofing and special rules following adoption and edits of such rules.

ARTICLE VII. LOCATION

Section A: The location of the annual show shall be at the Show Barn at the Medina County Fair Grounds.

ARTICLE VIII. ADOPTION

Section A: The approval of majority of the members of the Medina County Junior Livestock Show present at a meeting of the membership shall be necessary for the adoption of this constitution and by-laws.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENT

Section A: In order to amend the constitution, a written copy of the proposed amendment must be delivered electronically and/or physically to directors at least ten (10) business days prior to the date of the meeting of the membership at which time the amendment is to be voted upon. It will be the duty of the directors of each community to see that the members of his community are familiar with the amendment. A majority of the directors present at the meeting will be necessary to amend the constitution. The constitution may be amended at the annual meeting or a special meeting.

Section B: The General Rules and Regulations of this show are subject to change from year to year, based on suggestions made at the Annual Open Board meeting in March of each year. Amendments may be made at no other time than the meeting following the annual open meeting, unless notice of a proposed amendment is given electronically and/or physically to the Board of Directors at least ten (10) business days prior to a special meeting of the membership. Notice of said special meeting must be posted on the MCJLS website and information should be distributed by directors to membership. A two-third (2/3) majority of the directors and advisory committee members present at the meeting will be necessary to amend the Rules and Regulations.

BY-LAWS

By-Laws (also referred to as general rules and regulations) of this organization shall be the rules of the Medina County Junior Livestock Show set forth in the 1988 rules, not supplanted by this constitution or in conflict with it.

QUALIFICATIONS

The show is a local medium of exposition whereby FFA and 4-H club members can enter their projects for competitive judging and ribbons. They may also receive further financial returns from the public auction sale. All exhibits in this show must be under the supervision of the county agents or agriculture science instructors. Exhibits are limited to bona fide Medina County FFA or 4-H club members, and they must be members by December 15 prior to the show. In addition, exhibitors must, on the day so the show 1) be enrolled and attending, private, public, or home-based elementary or secondary school; OR 2) have graduated from a private, public, or home-based high school within the past 90 days.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

EXHIBITORS SHOULD FAMILIRIZE THEMSELVES WITH ALL THE GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SHOW AND THOSE APPLICABLE TO THEIR EXHIBITS

RULE VIOLATIONS – Violation of any rule within, will result in the disqualification and financial penalty to the exhibitor, at the discretion of the Board. Superintendents are in charge of enforcing the rules for their division.

1. **ABSOLUTE RIGHT:** Final and absolute right is vested in the Board of Directors to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with the show and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine.
2. **GOVERNING POWER:** All exhibits will be under the control and direction of the Board of Directors. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from any animal or article exhibited by him or her. He or she shall indemnify differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of or connected with the show against all legal or their proceedings in regard thereto, as well as damages or injury to any other person or property caused by the exhibitor or any of the animals exhibited by him or her, or arising out of, or in any way connected with such exhibition or any of the animals so exhibited.
3. **SPECIAL RULES:** Special Rules are published in any division where necessary. If there is a conflict between the Special Rules and the General Rules, the Board of Directors will govern the final ruling.
4. **PROTEST:** All protests must be in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$100.00 cash which will be refunded if the protest is sustained. Such a protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the secretary within 24 hours of the incident in question.
5. **OFFICAL JUDGE:** The single judge system will be the policy of this show, unless otherwise stated, and the decision of the judge(s) is final in the placement of all projects. Judging of all entries shall be free of any interference from any persons other than the judge(s) responsible for decisions and the exhibitors themselves.

6. **HALTER BREAKING:** All animals exhibited must be broke to halter or be gentle enough to be handled in and out of the show ring and in the show in general, without delay or danger to others.
7. **ENTRY FORMS AND ENTRY DEADLINE:** Application for MCJLS Entry will be on official MCJLS printed forms. These forms are available from your FFA Advisor or the Medina County Extension Office. These completed forms along with required entry fees are due by December 15th. If December 15th falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline will extend to the first business day following the 15th. Any changes to Agriculture Mechanics entry divisions or classes must be made no later than January 1 by the exhibitor, after which a \$50 penalty will be assessed for that change. Required forms and fees are to be submitted to the FFA Advisor or County Extension Office on or before the deadline. In addition, MCJLS will accept late entries up until January 10, 5:00 pm, or if that falls on a weekend or holiday, the next business day. No refunds will be given on any MCJLA entry fee. A fee of \$250 per entry will be the penalty for late entries. Extended late entries will be taken between January 11 and the Monday before the MCJLS begins (by 5:00 pm) with an assessed fee of \$500 per entry. Any late entry along with the late fee must be delivered in person to the Medina County Agriculture Extension Office (1506 Avenue M, Hondo) by the individual participant or their representative; therefore, it is no longer the responsibility of the Club Manager or Agriculture Science teacher to turn in the entry. Exhibitors must complete a W-9 at entry to comply with IRS tax law.
8. **NUMBER OF ENTRIES:** Exhibitors are limited to exhibit and show a maximum of 3 projects eligible for the premium auction (i.e., market animal and/or ag mechanics projects and/or restored tractors), not to exceed 2 projects per division. A pen of poultry or rabbits shall be considered as a unit. All other animals are shown as individuals. Only 1 project can be sold in the premium auction. Breeding classes and Commercial Heifers can be shown and will not be considered as a unit eligible for the Premium Auction.
9. **ELIGIBILITY:** Exhibitors suspended under Texas Education Code 33.081 "No Pass – No Play" are ineligible to participate in the Medina County Junior Livestock Show. Any entry owned by an ineligible exhibitor is ineligible for competition. If an exhibitor is ineligible under the "No Pass – No Play" Rule at 8:00 a.m. Friday prior to MCJLS, the entry is not to come on the grounds.
10. **OWNERSHIP:** Exhibitors must own and possess their animals at the beginning of and throughout the feeding period and must feed and care for the exhibited animals during the entire feeding period. The official feeding period begins on validation day.
11. **CLASSIFICATION:** Sifters are appointed by the Board of Directors of the local show and will pass on all animals entered in the Medina County Junior Livestock Show. Sifters may sift any animal due to health, including but not limited to illness, presence of parasites, open wounds, etc. The decision of sifters shall be final and irrevocable. Once an animal of any species is presented to the sifter/classifier, no substitutions are allowed. If an animal is sifted from the show, it is shifted from the entire MCJLS show. There can be no single-entry classes in any species of market animals.
12. **STALLING:** Animals will be in pre-assigned stalls. All entries must be in their stalls prior to sifting. Animals must be kept in their stalls unless moving to and from the wash rack, show ring, or being exercised in plain sight.
13. **FEEDING:** All exhibitors must furnish all the feed for their animals.
14. **WEIGHING:** All entries will be weighed by MCJLS officials on a scale designated by the Division Superintendent. Any animal that does not meet the minimum or maximum weight limits will be re-weighed immediately by the Division Superintendent or his/her designee. The exhibitor's name cannot be changed on weight card after the animal has been weighed.
15. **PHOTOGRAPHS:** The show is obligated to have pictures made of all champions so they may be available for publicity.

16. **VALIDATION:** All market and breeding animals will be state validated. A/an official date(s) will be set for validation by the validation committee for each species. For rabbits, late county validation will be allowed for one business day after official validation. All animals must be in show condition at the time of validation, free of excessive mud, debris, feces, etc.
17. **UNETHICALLY FITTED LIVESTOCK:** The "Texas Ethics Policy" applies to this county show. The showing of unethically fitted livestock and poultry, the showing of livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered, or the misrepresentation of breeding or milking status is prohibited. Unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of changing the normal conformation of any part of the animal's body or using drugs or mechanical devices to alter the physical makeup of the animal. This includes but is not limited to the following:
- a. Animals that are in milk due to an unnaturally induced lactation.
 - b. Balancing the udder by any means other than leaving naturally produced milk in any or all quarters.
 - c. Treating or massaging any part of the animal's body, internally or externally, with an irritant, counterirritant, or other substance to temporarily improve conformation.
 - d. Minimizing the effects of cramping by feeding or injecting drugs & depressants or applying packs or using any artificial contrivance or therapeutic treatment except normal exercise.
 - e. Blocking the nerves to prevent limping or switching of the tail.
 - f. Striking the animal to cause swelling in a depressed area.
 - g. Surgery or other practices performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body, hide, hair, except the removal of warts or horns and the clipping and dressing of hair and trimming of hooves.
 - h. Insertion of foreign material under the skin.
 - i. Changing the color of hair at any point, spot, or area on the animal's body. Any grooming material that allows color to come off any animal will not be allowed at the show. No talc will be allowed on hogs.
 - j. All cattle and hogs may be towed at time of classification and at entering show ring.
 - k. The use of alcoholic or carbonated beverages in the feed or administration as a drench.
 - l. The use of diuretics.
 - m. Administration of a drug internally or externally except for treating a recognized disease, in which case treatment must be administered by a licensed veterinarian. The term drug shall mean any substance for which the sale, possession or use is controlled by license under federal, state, or local laws or regulation and any substance commonly used by the medical or veterinary professions which affects the circulatory, respiratory, or central nervous system of any species of livestock. If drugs are used by an official show veterinarian to treat a recognized disease in market animals, the withdrawal times listed by the manufacturer must be strictly followed.
18. **DEATH OF ANIMAL:** The animal or bird exhibited (broilers may be an exception) must be alive when it receives its award. If a first or second place animal dies between class placing and champion drive, it will retain its sale position, but the next placing animal will move up to compete for Champion.
19. **CHAMPION DRIVE:** If an animal that is eligible for the champion drive is withdrawn after its class but prior to the champion drive, that animal will retain its place in that class. However, the animal immediately below it may be moved into the champion drive for consideration as champion or reserve.
20. **HEATERS:** No types of heaters (propane, butane, electric, diesel, etc.) will be permitted in the show barn for safety purposes.
21. **RELEASE:** All animals are released from the show following their class.

22. **MARKET AND BREEDING CLASSES:** An individual animal may be exhibited in both the market and the breeding class of their species. Animals shown in breeding classes are not eligible for sale at the premium sale. An exhibitor is limited to show two breeding animals per species, with the exception of swine, in which three will be allowed.
23. **SHOWMANSHIP:** Divisions within showmanship will consist of Junior (grades 3-5), Intermediate (grades 6-8), and Senior Showmanship (grades 9-12), unless otherwise stated. Other specific rules concerning showmanship may be included in the rules for specific divisions.
24. **INTERFERENCE:** An exhibitor who, in any way, whether in person or by agent or servant, interferes with the judges during their adjudication, or shows any disrespect to them or the show, is subject to be penalized. Show Management may demand a proper apology from the exhibitor, may exclude him/her from competition, bar him/her from the grounds, and may also withhold any prizes that may have been awarded.
25. **CLIPPERS AND BLOWERS:** Any type of clippers and blowers will be allowed at the MCJLS.
26. **PRIZE MONIES:** Prize monies will be awarded for halter heifers, breeding lambs, breeding goats, and breeding gilts as follows: 1st place - \$25; 2nd place - \$15; 3rd place - \$10. These prize monies for each species will not exceed the total entry fees paid for that species.
27. **EXHIBITOR SUBSTITUTION:** Entries in the MCJLS must be shown by their owner. Exhibitor substitutions may be allowed under the conditions outlined below. In all cases, the Department Superintendent must approve the exhibitor substitution and will do so only if all conditions are met.

Substitute exhibitors may show only one project (except in departments which exhibitor may enter more than one project), in addition to their own project, in each Department. Substitute exhibitors must be entered and exhibit their own project in the respective department in which they are serving as a substitute. An exhibitor of a past grand champion in a respective market animal department is not eligible to serve as a substitute exhibitor within that department. An exhibitor is allowed to have a substitute if he/she has two animals in the same class.

Substitution A - Other School Activity: This request must be made on the Official Medina County Junior Livestock Show Exhibitor Substitution Form provided by show management. This request must be accompanied by a statement signed by a School Administrator, on the school letterhead stating the specific reason a substitute is requested. The completed Official Substitution Form and the statement must be submitted to the Department Superintendent prior to the start of the respective Show. Attending school or practice does not constitute as another School Activity. Examples of Other School Activities are UIL events, school sports, or similar events.

Substitution B - Sickness: This request must be made on the Official Medina County Junior Livestock Show Substitution Form provided by show management. This request must be accompanied by a statement, signed by a physician, on his/her letterhead. The completed official Medina County Jr Livestock Show Exhibitor Substitution Form and the physician's statement must be submitted to the Department Superintendent prior to the start of the respective Show.

In any of the two situations listed above, or in the case of an emergency, the Department Superintendent may use his/her own discretion as to whether a substitute showman will be allowed. If a positive decision is rendered, the substitute must be from the same school, FFA Chapter, or 4-H Club as the original exhibitor with the following two exceptions: i. The original exhibitor is the only exhibitor from that school, FFA Chapter, or 4-H Club entered in that

Department. ii. All other members from that school, FFA Chapter, or 4-H Club are exhibiting at the same time. In either case, any junior exhibitor, who is entered and exhibiting in the respective department, meeting the approval of the Department Superintendent may exhibit the animal.

28. **EXHIBITOR CHECKS:** All exhibitor checks will be sent to FFA or 4H leaders. Checks will be distributed only when evidence of thank-you notes to buyers is presented by the exhibitor to the FFA or 4H leader.
29. **HOLDING PENS:** Only exhibitors, substitutes, ag teachers, extension agents, and ring help as determined by the show superintendent, will be allowed in holding pens before entering the show ring.
30. **CARE OF PROJECTS AT SHOW:** The exhibitor is expected to feed, care for, fit, and exhibit their animal/project while at the Medina County Junior Livestock Show. If needed, the exhibitor may have the assistance of the exhibitor's family (to include parents, grand-parents, siblings and/or legal guardians), Ag Science teacher/FFA advisor, county extension agent/4H Project leader, local county 4H or FFA Chapter approved adult volunteer or other 4H or FFA member. Violators of this rule will be disqualified and may be barred from future participation and attendance.

AUCTION

1. **GENERAL:** Eligible market animals and poultry, except beef heifers and other breeding classes, will sell in the auction. Premium auction sale is limited to one animal unit or ag mechanics project or restored tractor per exhibitor, and unit/project must have been exhibited by exhibitor. The Medina County Junior Livestock Show will collect and disburse funds for the Medina County Junior Livestock Association auction sale. For this service they will be paid 4% of the gross sale. Children between the ages of 3 and 18 will not be allowed into the Buyer's Corral.
2. **BUYER MINIMUM:** Anyone registering as a Buyer must agree to contribute a minimum of \$500 to the premium auction. Individuals or entities wishing to contribute less than
3. \$500 may do so through the "Add-on Table". All buyers must register as buyers.
4. **CONSORTIUM BIDS:** A buyer must bid a minimum of \$100 to be part of a consortium bid. This shall include bids made on bid sheets at the champion and booster tables, as well as live floor bids.
5. **ADD-ONS:** Any amount lower than the \$100 consortium bid minimum may be added to that exhibitor's premium through the add-on table. The add-on minimum is \$25.
6. **CASH PREMIUMS:** All cash premiums will be paid by check. Checks must be cashed within 30 days or void.
7. **SALE ORDER:** Sale will be a round robin sale. All champions will sell first, followed by reserve champions, followed by breed/division champions and reserves, followed by first place, second place, etc. The executive secretary will make a reasonable effort to distribute lots later in the sale so that no single division is grouped with more than three consecutive lots. The division sale order will be determined by rotating the prior year's second lot to first, third to second, fourth to third, etc.
8. **FAMILY PURCHASES:** Should a family member (family member is defined as a parent, grandparent, guardian, uncle, aunt, or sibling) or a representative of said family purchase a lot or lots, the check will not be issued for that child's lot until payment is received for the lot(s) in question.
9. **ABSENCE FROM SALE:** Eligible exhibitors who do not go through the sale will have \$500 deducted from their receipts. This fine will be refunded upon documentation of illness or death in the family. Students involved in district/state level stock shows (ex: Majors) or advancing UIL activities at district level or above with proper documentation are allowed to miss the auction

without penalty. Students who are absent from the sale under these circumstances must secure their own substitute. In the case of an Ag Mechanics team member being absent from the premium sale, only that team member will have \$500 deducted from his/her portion of their receipts.

10. **SALE PERCENTAGES:** Percent of sale animals shall be as follows: Steers - 85%, Goats - 85%, Lambs - 85%, Pigs - 85%, Broilers - 70%. and Rabbits - 50%. If a Turkey division is shown (6 exhibitors are needed to make a show) the sale percentage shall be 70%. To determine the number eligible for the sale, the number of animals posted in the class shall be multiplied by the percentage allowed for that species. The resulting number will be rounded up to the next number, if the number following the decimal is greater than zero. No exhibitor may sell more than one project.

STEER DIVISION

1. **ENTRY:** Each exhibitor is entitled to enter up to two Market Steers.
2. **TACK:** Butt fans are not allowed on grounds. Dividers and side fans are permissible.
3. **VALIDATION:** The feeding period shall begin on the appointed date in June.
4. **WEIGHT:** Steers must weigh a minimum of 850 pounds with no maximum.
5. **SCALES:** Digital scales will be used.
6. **BREEDS:** Calves may be purebred or crossbred.
7. **GENDER:** All calves must be steers.
8. **SIFTING:** sifting will be done on type, conformation, finish, and soundness. Animals must grade high select or better to show.
9. **CLASSIFICATION:** Calves will be classified based on guidelines of the San Antonio Livestock Exposition by a team of three (3) classifiers hired by the show.
10. **DIVISIONS:** Calves will compete in three (3) divisions British, American Cross, and Exotic. Brahman steers may form a separate class if there are at least 6 head after classification.
11. **CLASSES:** Classes will be determined by the superintendent.
12. **GROOMING:** No adhesives allowed at the show.
13. **SHOWMANSHIP:** There will be Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Showmanship awards. Steer and Heifer exhibitors will compete together for the Beef Showmanship Awards.
14. **DRENCHING:** Drenching animals is allowed, but pumping is not. See General Rules and Regulations, 17, K.
15. **CLIPPERS:** Any type of clippers are allowed.
16. **EAR TAGS:** All ear tags except the Texas validation tag must be removed before classification and weight in and are not allowed in the show ring. No alterations to the State Validation tag are allowed.

SWINE DIVISION

1. **ENTRY:** Each exhibitor is entitled to enter up to two (2) market swine.
2. **VALIDATION:** Shall be held on the appointed date in November.
3. **WEIGHT:** Market hogs must weigh a minimum of 190 pounds with a maximum of 280 pounds.
4. **SCALES:** Digital scales will be used.
5. **BREEDS:** Hogs may be either purebred or crossbred.
6. **GENDER:** Barrows or gilts may be exhibited.
7. **SIFTING:** Pigs must be clean with clean ear tags for the sift and weight in. Dirty pigs will be sent to the wash rack and return to weigh in and sift after the crosses have been weighed.
8. **CLASSIFICATION:** Swine will be classified based on guidelines of the MCJLS Standards for Swine Classification by a team of three classifiers hired by the show. The classifiers will either accept the exhibitor's declaration or move the animal to the Dark Crossbred division. The decision of the classifiers is final and not subject to change by the Swine Show Judge.
9. **DIVISIONS:** Divisions and Show Order are as follows:
 - a. Berkshires
 - b. Duroc
 - c. Hampshire
 - d. Dark OPB
 - e. White OPB
 - f. Yorkshire
 - g. Dark Crossbred
 - h. White Crossbred
10. **CLASSES:** Classes will be determined by the superintendent. Pigs will be divided into equal weight classes, not to exceed 25 head per class.
11. **BREEDING SHOW:** A breeding gilt show will be included and will follow market swine breeds with a minimum of 6 head per breed. An exhibitor will be limited to showing three breeding gilts. The show will be divided between registered breeding gilts and non- registered breeding gilts weighing a minimum of 190 pounds and a maximum of 340 pounds. All gilts, registered and non-registered, will be shown by weight. Classes will be determined by superintendent. Registered breeding gilts are required to have registration papers on the exhibitor at the time of the show. Gilts eligible for the current San Antonio Livestock Exposition show season are eligible to be shown at MCJLS.
12. **CLIPPERS:** Any type of clippers are allowed.
13. **SPRAYERS:** No outside sprayers will be used in or sprayed over the fence of the holding ring, show ring or placing pens. Exhibitors will be allowed to use sprayers provided by MCJLS in the holding ring and placing pens.

LAMB DIVISION

1. **ENTRY:** Each exhibitor is entitled to enter up to two Market Lambs.
2. **VALIDATION:** Lambs must be validated at the appointed date in October. All state validated lambs and breeding sheep may be part of this show.
3. **WEIGHT:** Lambs must weigh a minimum of 80 pounds with a maximum of 175 pounds.
4. **SCALES:** Scales designated by show officials will be used.
5. **BREEDS:** Lambs may be either purebred or crossbred.
6. **GENDER:** Wethers or ewes may be exhibited; ewe lambs may be double entered in the market and breeding shows.
7. **SIFTING:** Sifting will be done on type, conformation, finish, and soundness.
8. **CLASSIFICATION:** Lambs will be classified based on new breed classification guidelines by a third party hired by the show.
9. **DIVISIONS:** Divisions and Show Order are as follows:
 - a. Southdown
 - b. Finewool
 - c. Finewool Cross
 - d. Dorper
 - e. Medium Wool
10. **CLASSES:** Classes will be determined by the superintendent. Lambs will be divided into equal weight classes, not to exceed 25 head per class.
11. **SHEARING:** No shearing on the grounds. Lambs must be slick shorn from the hocks prior to arrival at the show.
12. **WEIGHING:** Lambs must be weighed without halters or blankets.
13. **TABLES:** Lamb tables are permitted.
14. **BREEDING SHOW:** A breeding lamb show will be included with the number of classes determined by the superintendent. An exhibitor will be limited to showing two breeding sheep.
15. **BLOWERS:** Blowers will be allowed.
16. **CLIPPERS:** Any type of clippers are allowed.

GOAT DIVISION

1. **ENTRY:** Each exhibitor is entitled to enter up to two Market Goats.
2. **VALIDATION:** Goats must be validated at the appointed date in October. All state validated goats may be part of this show.
3. **WEIGHT:** Goats must weigh a minimum of 50 pounds with a maximum of 125 pounds.
4. **SCALES:** Scales designated by show officials will be used.
5. **GENDER:** Wethers or does may be exhibited; doe goats may be doubled entered in the market and breeding shows.
6. **SIFTING:** Sifting will be done on type, conformation, finish, and soundness. No external parasites will be allowed.
7. **HORNS:** Horns must be tipped blunt before arrival to the grounds. Removal of horns on the grounds is not permitted.
8. **DIVISION:** Classes will be broken into Light Weight, Medium Weight, and Heavy Weight divisions, with a champion and reserve champion selected from each division.
9. **CLASSES:** Classes will be determined by the superintendent. Goats will be divided into equal weight classes, not to exceed 25 head per class.
10. **CLIPPING:** Goats must be slick shorn from hocks up upon arrival at the grounds if entered solely in the market class. If also entered in the breeding show, goats may be clipped as necessary. Any type of clippers is allowed.
11. **RESTRAINT:** Halters or collars may be used on goats in the show ring.
12. **WEIGHING:** Goats must be weighed without blankets.
13. **TABLES:** Goat Tables are permitted.
14. **BREEDING SHOW:** A breeding goat show will be included with the number of classes determined by the superintendent. An exhibitor will be limited to showing two breeding goats.
15. **BLOWERS:** Blowers will be allowed.

BROILER DIVISION

1. **ENTRY:** Each exhibitor is entitled to enter up to two pens of Broilers (three (3) birds per pen).
2. **VALIDATION:** Wing bands on broilers will serve as validation and must be attached to birds to be eligible to show.
3. **WEIGHT:** There are no weight limits.
4. **ORDERING:** Broilers will be commercial birds placed as one county order through the County Extension Office in the first week of October. Exhibitors are responsible for ordering broilers.
5. **GENDER:** Pullets or roosters may be shown.
6. **SIFTING:** All birds must grade USDA grade A, have no breast blisters and no bruises past the wing tip. Birds will also be sifted for external parasites. Once a bird passes the sift, it will be allowed to show and be judged, even if it dies.
7. **EXTRA BIRDS:** Exhibitors may bring extra birds to the show, but only 3 may be presented to the judge at one time.
8. **EXHIBITION:** Each broiler exhibitor must provide two helpers at the show. Only 4-H or FFA age children are allowed to hold birds during the show.
9. **SHOWMANSHIP:** Showmanship will be awarded to one exhibitor in the broiler show.

TURKEY DIVISION

1. **ENTRY:** Each exhibitor is entitled to enter up to two turkeys. The show will only be held if 6 exhibitors enter.
2. **VALIDATION:** Wing bands on turkey will serve as validation and must be attached to birds to be eligible to show.
3. **WEIGHT:** There are no weight limits.
4. **ORDERING:** Turkeys will be commercial birds placed as one county order through the County Extension Office. Exhibitors are responsible for ordering turkeys.
5. **GENDER:** Toms or hens may be shown.
6. **SIFTING:** All birds must grade USDA grade A, have no breast blisters and no bruises past the wing tip. Birds will also be sifted for external parasites. Once a bird passes the sift, it will be allowed to show and be judged, even if it dies.
7. **EXTRA BIRDS:** Exhibitors may bring an extra bird to the show, but only 1 may be presented to the judge at one time.
8. **EXHIBITION:** Only 4-H or FFA age children are allowed to hold birds during the show.

RABBIT DIVISION

1. **ENTRY:** Each exhibitor is entitled to enter up to two meat pens that shall consist of 3 rabbits in each pen.
2. **FEEDING PERIOD:** Exhibitors shall have raised their entry or have purchased it by 30 days prior to the opening of the show.
3. **AGE:** Rabbits shall not be more than 10 weeks of age on the opening day of the show.
4. **GENDER:** Rabbits can be either sex.
5. **VALIDATION:** All rabbits will be tattooed and validated on the appointed date.
6. **WEIGHT:** Each Rabbit must weigh a minimum of 3 ½ pounds with a maximum of 5 ½ pounds. There is a 2-ounce tolerance either way.
7. **SIFTING:** Rabbits must be clean, free of any sign of disease, ear canker, malocclusion (buck teeth), or sore hocks.
8. **EXTRA RABBITS:** Exhibitors may present only 3 rabbits to the sifter.
9. **BREEDS:** Rabbits must be meat type and will be shown as Californians and New Zealand's or other meat type breeds.
10. **CLASSES:** A class must have 5 pens, or it will be entered with another breed at the Superintendent's discretion.
11. **CHAMPIONS:** One overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be selected.
12. **JUDGING:** The ARBA Standard Guide for judging meat classes will be used.
13. **DISMISSAL:** Exhibitors must remove projects from the show grounds after the conclusion of the show.

HALTER HEIFER DIVISION

1. **ENTRY:** Each exhibitor is entitled to enter only two Beef Halter Heifers.
2. **OWNERSHIP:** Exhibitors must own and have heifer registered in the exhibitor's name by November 1 of the year prior to the show.
3. **AGE:** Heifers eligible for the 2025 State Fair of Texas and/or the 2026 San Antonio Livestock Exposition are eligible to be shown at the MCJLS.
4. **ELIGIBILITY:** Any beef breed of registered heifer in America is eligible to show by division of American, British, or Exotic.
5. **SUBSTITUTE:** If an exhibitor has 2 heifers in one class, the second heifer may be shown by another 4-H or FFA member.
6. **CHAMPIONS:** Champions will be selected in the American, British & Exotic Divisions. From the Division Champions a Supreme Heifer Champion will be selected.
7. **CLIPPINGS:** Any type of clipper will be allowed.
8. **GROOMING:** No adhesives allowed at the show.
9. **REGISTRATION PAPERS:** Verification of registration papers will be done at check-in.
10. **PREMIUM SALE:** Heifers will not be sold through the Premium Sale.
11. **SHOWMANSHIP:** There will be Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Showmanship awards. Steer and heifer exhibitors will compete together for the Beef Showmanship Awards.

COMMERCIAL HEIFER DIVISION

The Junior Commercial Heifer Show, and sale is an opportunity for junior exhibitors to show and sell commercial heifers. Crossbred heifers are desired but purebred heifers will be permitted to show provided they have not been shown anywhere previous to the Commercial Heifer Show in Medina County. Any heifer exhibiting in the Commercial Heifer Show will not be allowed to compete in the Junior Breeding Show of the Medina County Fair or the Medina County Junior Livestock Show.

1. EXHIBITORS:

- a. Must be a member of Medina County 4-H or FFA program at a Medina County School.
- b. Must own all heifers throughout the feeding period starting at first validation through the time of the show.
- c. May only show one pen of commercial heifers.
- d. May still show and sell one additional lot through the normal premium auction of the Medina County Junior Livestock Show.

2. HEIFERS:

- a. Crossbred heifers are desired but purebred heifers will be permitted to show provided they have not been shown anywhere before the Commercial Heifer Show in Medina County.
- b. Open heifers, commercial or registered, are allowed to show. If registered, exhibitors are responsible for transfers.
- c. Any heifer exhibiting in the Commercial Heifer Show will not be allowed to compete in the Junior Breeding Show of the Medina County Fair or Medina County Junior Livestock Show.
- d. Two heifers with one alternate constitute a pen. Only two heifers will be eligible to be shown. Each exhibitor will have one alternate, not to exceed three heifers per exhibitor, including the alternate.
- e. An average weight of no less than 650 and no more than 850 pounds per head will be allowed at first validation. Heifer will be weighed by the pen. The official scale will be chosen by the Commercial Heifer Superintendent or MCJLS Board. The weight on the official scale is final. There will be no rounding up or down of pounds to meet weight requirements.
- f. Animals may be grazed or fed and will be judged as replacement heifers.
- g. No nurse cows will be allowed.
- h. Each pen of heifers must gain an average of one (1.0) pound or more per day, per head, from first validation through second validation or they will be sifted. There will be no rounding up of pounds to meet minimum weight gain per day.

3. FIRST VALIDATION:

- a. First validation will be held in September on a date designated by the Commercial Heifer Superintendent.
- b. At this time, the pens of commercial heifers will be weighed, palpated, and tagged by a licensed veterinarian chosen by the Commercial Heifer Superintendent.
- c. Exhibitors are eligible for one re-weight immediately following their first weigh-in.
- d. During palpation, all heifers must be reproductively sound or will be disqualified.
- e. If heifers have not received a Brucellosis vaccine by first validation, the vet can administer onsite.
- f. Initial sifting for the show will be enforced at second validation.
- g. A validation fee of \$20 per pen is required prior to validation, on a date designated by the Medina County Extension Office.

- h. The number of pens validated will be at the discretion of the Commercial Heifer Superintendent depending on factors including, but not limited to, weather and prior buyer turnout.

4. SECOND VALIDATION:

- a. Second validation will be held in January on a date designated by the Commercial Heifer Superintendent.
- b. Final weights will be taken on the official scale chosen by the Commercial Heifer Superintendent or MCJLS Board.
- c. Heifers will be palpated by a licensed veterinarian chosen by the Commercial Heifer Superintendent. This will be at the exhibitor's expense. The cost will be deducted from the sale price of the pen of heifers.
- d. All heifers are to be guaranteed open, without the use of any abortifacient medication. Any bred heifer will be disqualified.
- e. Exhibitors are eligible for one re-weight immediately following their first weigh-in.
- f. During palpation, all heifers must be reproductively sound or will be disqualified.
- g. Sifting for the show will be enforced at second validation.
- h. Heifers must be calfhood vaccinated for Brucellosis by second validation.
- i. Registered heifer papers must be provided at second validation, if requested.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES OF EXHIBITORS:

- a. Each exhibitor is responsible for getting his or her pen ready before check-in day. The Commercial Heifer Superintendent will assign pens prior to check-in. The pen number, lot number for catalog, and show order number will all be the same. Most likely, this number will not be your sale order number.
- b. Exhibitors should read, understand, and comply with the official Rules and Regulations of the Medina County Junior Livestock Show as those rules will prevail.
- c. Each exhibitor is responsible for knowing the schedule of events.
- d. If an exhibitor does not plan to show, he or she must notify the Medina County Junior Livestock Show office.
- e. Exhibitors must feed and water their heifers and clean their pen and alley daily.
- f. Exhibitors must ensure that display signs or any other identifying material is not hung in the pen area until after the completion of judging.
- g. After completion of the Medina County Junior Livestock Show Commercial Heifer Contest, exhibitors will be responsible for cleaning any/all equipment, bedding, and manure from their assigned pen with trash being placed in the designated area or dumpster provided.
- h. Any pen not cleaned by 12PM (Noon) the Sunday following the show and sale will incur a fee. The fee is \$500 for exhibitors that placed third (3rd) through last and \$750 for exhibitors that placed grand or reserve. The fees will be deducted from the exhibitor's sale checks.

6. SHOW CHECK-IN:

- a. The show check-in will be at the date, time, and location designated by the Commercial Heifer Superintendent.
- b. Exhibitors must provide proof of official calfhood vaccination (Brucellosis) at the time of check-in, if requested.
- c. Heifers will be penned immediately upon arrival.

7. JUDGES:

- a. Judges will consist of three individuals that are operators in the cow/calf industry.
- b. Two of the judges will score the pens of heifers and interviews.
- c. The third judge will score the record books.
- d. Every effort will be made to seek judges that have no preference to any exhibitor.

- e. Judges will make every effort to not to score an exhibitor with the same score to avoid a tie.

8. JUDGING:

- a. Heifers – pens of heifers will count for 60% of the overall score and will be scored between 1 and 100 points, with 100 points being the best. Heifers will be judged on structural soundness, body condition and area adaptability, temperament, and uniformity and femininity. If there are less than two (2) heifers in a pen, the score will be zero (0) but will still be allowed to sell. Only the judges will be allowed in the pen area during the judging times scheduled by the Commercial Heifer Superintendent.
- b. Interview – the interview will count for 40% of the overall score and will be scored between 1 and 100 points, with 100 points being the best. Exhibitors will be divided into two divisions: Junior (8th grade and below) and Senior (9th grade and above). Exhibitors will be required to participate in an interview on the day of the show at their scheduled time. Interview scores will be based on the exhibitor's knowledge of all areas of his or her exhibit. Ten (10) points will be deducted from the overall interview score for any exhibitor that is late for their scheduled time. Only the judges and the exhibitor being interviewed will be allowed in the pen area during the judging times scheduled by the Commercial Heifer Superintendent.
- c. Record Book – Two (2) record books must be turned in by the designated time set by the Commercial Heifer Superintendent. The original, handwritten by the exhibitor, record book will be given to the record book judge, and the photocopy record book will be given to the heifer judges. Record books will be used by the judges to base interview questions and to aid in the choosing of herdsman awards. Ten (10) points will be deducted from the overall record book score for any exhibitor that turns it in late.
- d. Herdsman – the Herdsman awards are determined by the highest overall scores when adding together points awarded to exhibitors in the interview and record book categories.
- e. For placings, judge's scores will be tallied, and the highest overall score will place first and so forth down to last place. In the event of a tie, the exhibitor's interview score will serve as the tiebreaker. If interview scores are the same, the exhibitor's record book score will serve as the second tiebreaker.

9. AWARDS:

- a. Pens will be awarded Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, followed by third place through the final number of exhibits. There is no division of junior and senior age divisions for overall pen placing. If an animal(s) is lost, the exhibitor is not eligible to compete for grand or reserve of the show.
- b. The best interview will be awarded to the highest scoring junior (8th grade and below) and highest scoring senior (9th grade and above).
- c. The best record book will be awarded to the highest scoring junior (8th grade and below) and highest scoring senior (9th grade and above).
- d. Champion and Reserve Champion Herdsman will be awarded to the highest scoring juniors (8th grade and below) and highest scoring seniors (9th grade and above).
- e. Prize/premium monies may also be awarded.

10. SALE:

- a. All pens of heifers are required to sell.
- b. Only open heifers may sell.
- c. If an animal(s) is lost, the exhibitor may still sell their remaining animal(s).
- d. Pens of less than three (3) head will be placed last on the sale sheet in placing order along with other pens with less than three (3) head.
- e. Pens will be sold times the money and may not be split by the buyer.

- f. The exhibitor has the option of retaining the animal listed as an alternate or selling it at the same price of the other(s) in the pen. This decision must be made and conveyed to the Commercial Heifer Superintendent by 5PM on the day of the show.

11. CHECKS:

- a. A sales commission of 4% will be deducted by the Medina County Junior Livestock Show as per the bylaws of the show office.
- b. To comply with the National Law on the beef check-off, \$1.00 will be deducted from the sale price of each heifer.
- c. Commercial heifer exhibitors are eligible to receive add-ons through the premium auction.

12. HARRASSMENT:

- a. There will be no harassment of the judges, approved veterinarian, or commercial heifer committee members prior to, during, or after the show/sale.
- b. Any exhibitor, or person acting for the exhibitor, found to be in violation will cause immediate disqualification of the exhibitor, followed by a one (1) year expulsion from the Medina County Junior Livestock Show Commercial Heifer Contest.

13. SAFETY:

- a. For the safety of all involved, cattle may be disqualified based on temperament at the discretion of the Commercial Heifer Superintendent.

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS DIVISION

1. **ENTRY:** Each exhibitor/team is entitled to enter up to two Ag Mechanics Projects. General Show Rule #8 referring to a maximum of three projects does apply and includes the Ag Mechanics Division. Ag Mech teams that are eligible for the premium sale will be issued separate, equal checks in the names of the participating team members.
2. **ELIGIBILITY:** All projects must be constructed by the exhibitor and supervised by the ag-science teacher or the 4H leader. No kit projects are allowed. In the event that a student on an Ag Mechanics team becomes academically ineligible, the project may still be shown and sold in the premium auction by eligible team members. The academically ineligible student will not receive any monetary compensation from the MCJLS premium auction.
3. **JUDGING:** The following factors will be considered in judging these exhibits:
 - a. Workmanship – 30 points
 - b. Degree of Difficulty – 20 points
 - c. Study Knowledge – 20 points
 - d. Functionality – 10 points
 - e. Design and Materials – 10 points
 - f. Finish – 5 points
 - g. Documentation – 5 points
 - i. Blue Award = 90-100 points
 - ii. Red Award = 80-89 points
 - iii. White Award = 70-79 points
4. **TIME-LINE:** Ag Mechanics Projects may be exhibited only once at the Medina County Junior Livestock Show and must have been completed within one calendar year of the date of the previous show.
5. **DESTRUCTION:** The Medina County Junior Livestock Show will not be responsible for fire, theft, vandalism, or any destruction of exhibits.
6. **DIVISIONS & CLASSES:** Divisions and classes will be as follows:
 - Division I – Trailers**
 - Class 1: 14' or shorter (utility & livestock)
 - Class 2: Longer than 14' (utility & livestock)
 - Class 3: Gooseneck (all)
 - Class 4: All other specialty trailers
 - Division II – Livestock Equipment**
 - Class 5: Gates/Entryway (cattle guards, ATV, etc.)
 - Class 6: Chutes, panels, restraint equipment, etc.
 - Class 7: Feeders (livestock & game)
 - Class 8: Wildlife (blinds, traps, gambrels, etc.)
 - Division III – Home & Recreational Convenience**
 - Class 9: Small Wood (3' long x 2' wide or smaller)
 - Class 10: Small Metal (under 30 pounds)
 - Class 11: Large Wood (Picnic tables, yard furniture, cabinets, storage sheds, etc.)
 - Class 12: Large Metal (BBQ pits, yard furniture, cabinets, sheds, etc.)
 - Class 13: Fire pits
 - Class 14: BBQ pits (towable & non-towable)
 - Class 15: Forged Equipment (under 20 lbs.): knives, bits, spurs, door handles, fireplace equipment, etc.
 - Class 16: Forged Equipment (over 20 lbs.): Doors, gates, railings, etc.

All projects entered into Classes 15 & 16 MUST be forged. No knife blade kits, or pre-manufactured steel items can be used. No welding allowed with the exception of bits, spurs, and Damascus blades.

Division IV – Ag Machinery & Equipment

Class 17: Hay handling

Class 18: Spray Equipment

Class 19: Mounted tractor equipment

Class 20: Pull-type tractor equipment

Class 21: All other Farm Implements

Class 22: Shop equipment

Class 23: Truck and Ag equipment accessories

7. **AWARDS:** Blue, Red and White Ribbons will be awarded based on project quality and will be awarded during the judging. Champion and Reserve Champion buckles will be awarded. Ribbons for class placement will also be given for each class from the blue- ribbon projects only.
8. **SHOWMANSHIP:** There will be Junior and Senior Showmanship awards for Agriculture Mechanics and Tractor Restoration Divisions combined.
9. **PROJECT COMPLETENESS:** All projects should be complete including finish and be fully functional. Projects are to be clean, free of dust and debris, and in a presentable condition even though they may have been used. Any item necessary for use of the project must be a part of it. Example: hinges and latches on gates and panels, etc. Trailers and all other equipment are to be displayed in transport positions. Ramps, extensions, and operation of specific features may be demonstrated as directed by the official judge and as space allows.
10. **AUCTION:** Champion & Reserve Champion Ag Mechanics Projects in each Division will sell in premium sale as well as up to 50% of each class. An overall Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion selected from Divisions I, II, III, IV will be awarded. A student may remove his/her name from an Agricultural Mechanics team project if that student qualifies to sell an animal in the premium sale. The remaining projects will not be sold in the auction but can be sold on private treaty by the owner of the project.

RESTORED TRACTOR DIVISION

1. **ENTRY:** Each exhibitor/team is entitled to enter up to two Restored Tractor Projects. General Show Rule #8 referring to maximum of two projects does apply and includes the Restored Tractor Division.
2. **ELIGIBILITY:** All Projects must be constructed by exhibitors and supervised by the Agriculture teacher or the 4-H leader.
3. **JUDGING:** The following factors will be considered in judging these exhibits:
 - a. Mechanical – 40 points
 - b. Aesthetics – 20 points
 - c. Originality – 10 points
 - d. Knowledge and presentation - 10 points
 - e. Safety equipment - 10 points
 - f. Documentation - 10 points
 - i. Blue Award = 90-100 points
 - ii. Red Award = 80-89 points
 - iii. White Award = 70-79 points
4. **TIME-LINE:** Restored Tractor Projects may be exhibited only once at the Medina County Junior Livestock Show and must have been completed within one calendar year of the date of the previous show.

5. **DESTRUCTION:** The Medina County Junior Livestock Show will not be responsible for fire, theft, vandalism, or any destruction of exhibits.
6. **DIVISIONS & CLASSES:** Divisions and Classes will be as follows:
Division I – Tractors
Class 1: Restored Tractors
7. **AWARDS:** Blue, Red and White Ribbons will be awarded as well as Champion and Reserve Champion buckles.
8. **SHOWMANSHIP:** There will be Junior and Senior Showmanship awards for Agriculture Mechanics and Tractor Restoration Divisions combined.
9. **PROJECT COMPLETENESS:** All projects should be complete including finish and be fully functional. Projects are to be clean, free of dust and debris, and in a presentable condition even though they may have been used. Any item necessary for use of the project must be a part of it.
10. **AUCTION:** Champion & Reserve Champion Restored Tractor Projects in each Division will sell in premium sale. An overall Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Tractor will be awarded. If a Restored Tractor exhibitor qualifies for the sale, and also qualifies a market animal, he/she must decide which ONE to sell. The remaining projects will not be sold in the auction but can be sold on private treaty by the owner of the project.

YEARLING RANCH HORSE DIVISION

1. **DATES AND DEADLINES:** Show Sign-Up - Participants must sign up with the committee and pay their colt deposit by October 1 (16 months before the show and sale).
2. **LOTTERY DRAFT:**
 - a. Colts will be drafted near March 1 for the participants that signed up and paid colt deposit by October 1.
 - b. All horses in this show must be placed into and drafted out of the lottery. There will be no outside colts allowed to be shown.
 - c. The committee will assemble a pen of yearling horses to equal the number of participants.
 - d. They will be halter broke and gelded.
 - e. They will be listed on a stallion breeder's report and foaled by a mare that has been DNA type tested.
 - f. All horses will be presented in a pen and numbered 1 through the total number of participants (1-10, if there are 10). Each participant will draw a random number, and they will receive the colt associated with their number.
3. **PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:**
 - a. Horse Age Requirements: Must turn 2 years old in the current show year.
 - b. AQHA registry (must be able to be registered with AQHA)
 - c. Stallions must be gelded.
 - d. Vaccinations and De-Worming
 - i. Each participant is required to vaccinate and de-worm their colt and maintain the records.
 - e. Vaccinations and de-worming will be covered in detail in our workdays.
 - i. Each participant is required to obtain clean Coggins and health papers less than 30 days from show day.
 - f. Show horses must live with the immediate family of the participant showing. This show is designed to educate and build confidence towards developing exceptional young horsemen and women. This project prohibits outside trainers/fitters. If an individual needs additional assistance, exhibitors should consult a committee member or one of our workday educators for help.
 - g. There will be no substitutions.
4. **SHOW:**
 - a. The show will consist of 3 equal parts.
 - i. Presentation
 - ii. Halter
 - iii. Pattern
 - b. Awards
 - i. Grand/Reserve – Participant with the most combined points from all 4 classes will win the Medina County Grand Champion Yearling Ranch Colt. The 2nd most points will be awarded Research Grand Champion.
 - c. Horses will be shown and presented in rope halters only (no chains, no sticks and strings, no whips).
 - d. Participants are responsible for transporting their own colts to and from the show.
 - e. Western attire is required.
 - i. Pants, slacks, trousers, jeans with a belt
 - ii. Long sleeved buttoned-down shirt with a collar
 - iii. Western hat

- iv. Cowboy boots
- f. Grooming
 - i. Manes and tails are to be brushed and presented clean.
 - ii. No braids and no extensions are allowed.
- g. Feet will be trimmed but not shod.
- h. A minimum of 5 participants must validate to make the show.
- i. Judges
 - i. Judges will be randomly selected from the TAMU Animal Science Equine Department
 - ii. Assigned judges will judge all 4 classes (Halter, Showmanship, Recordkeeping, Interview)

5. WORKDAYS:

- a. There will be 8 project workdays. Participation will be required in 6 of the 8 workdays.
- b. Workday Schedule – Will be announced at the Lottery Day
- c. Participants are responsible for transportation of project to and from workdays.

6. FEE/CHARGES: All fees (AQHA membership, transfer, vaccination, de-wormer, farrier, and other equipment/service-related fees) are the direct responsibility of the participant.

7. PARTICIPATION: All entries and participants are subject to MCJLS rules, except where they conflict with the horse show rules in which case the horse show rules apply.

8. SALE:

- a. All participants that attend 6 of 8 workdays and show in all 3 show day classes are eligible for the horse sale.
- b. Colt committee will evaluate colts in January and has the right to refuse a colt for the show and sale based on lameness/body condition.
- c. Horse sale will be a live terminal sale.
- d. Every participant must have a halter and lead rope to give to the prospective buyer.
- e. Every participant must have a signed AQHA transfer form ready for their buyer on sale day.
- f. Kids will be responsible for connecting their buyer with their project and making sure that the project is transported away from the fairgrounds.
- g. Regarding buybacks, payments must be made in full before the sale check can be released.

YOUTH SHOWCASE DIVISION General Rules

1. All participants are to read the rules carefully and understand that by entering the MCJLS Youth Showcase, you agree to abide by the rules. All MCJLS General Rules also apply to this show. Contestants may compete in the other components of the Medina County Junior Livestock Show in addition to the Youth Showcase and earn a sale spot in both the silent auction and premium auction.
2. Each participant may enter one entry per category with a maximum of three categories and sell one Youth Showcase project in the silent auction. Contestants may opt out of the silent auction if they desire.
3. 1st through 3rd place in each category for each age division are invited to participate in the silent auction on the day of the MCJLS Premium Auction. 1st through 6th place will be awarded ribbons. If multiple Youth Showcase projects for one exhibitor qualify for the silent auction, the highest placing project will be in the silent auction. If multiple projects make the sale at equal placings, the exhibitor will choose one category to sell. If an exhibitor fails to inform a member of the Youth Showcase committee which project they want to sell, the committee will decide. The MCJLS Youth Showcase Committee will set up the silent auction and bidding will cease at the posted time on the schedule. Silent auction checks will be given to FFA advisors and 4H club leaders to disperse upon completion of thank you notes. MCJLS will retain a 4% commission of each gross sale.
4. The entry fee is \$10 per entry and has a limit of three categories per exhibitor. This fee is non-refundable and will match the deadlines of the MCJLS, which is December 15 at 5:00 pm, no changes can be made after December 15 at 5 pm.
5. Entries in all divisions must be made by the exhibitor in the current show year. In addition, entries in food divisions must be within 3 months of the current year's Youth Showcase contest. Participants who placed Grand Champion will not be able to re-enter the same recipe the following contest year.
6. Results will be announced as soon as judging is complete.
7. No entry with a rule infraction will be judged and will be disqualified. Disqualification will also occur if a judge refuses to taste a recipe due to health or safety concern (examples, but not limited to, undercooked food, or hair in food). Failure to comply with rules will result in disqualification of entry and said disqualification may occur at any point from check-in to silent auction.
8. Any food item made with alcohol (i.e., beer, wine, hard liquor, etc.) will not be accepted.
9. Age Divisions will be Senior (grades 9-12), Intermediate (grades 6-8), Junior (grades 3- 5)
10. Please ensure your project is placed in the correct category. Any changes to the category must be made by December 15th at 5 pm. If you have any questions, please contact the Committee Chairman.
11. Entries must be carried in by the exhibitor to the check-in table. Entries must be the work of the exhibitor and must be prepared, built, constructed, painted, drawn, and/or photographed by the exhibitor if applicable. Entries must be able to fit through a single doorway, be completely assembled, and carried by the exhibitor.
12. Please note that spectators will not be allowed in the exhibit area during check in, judging, or tabulation unless they are a part of the MCJLS Youth Showcase Committee.
13. Judges will be selected by the MCJLS Youth Showcase Committee, and the committee will aim to have qualified, unbiased judges.
14. All non-sale items must be picked up at the designated time and disposed of off-site. Items not picked up will become the property of MCJLS.

15. The show superintendent reserves the right to combine age divisions in any category that does not meet the minimum requirement of more than 6 entries.

BAKED & PRESERVED FOOD RULES:

1. For all food division categories, a food division recipe form found on www.mcjls.org must be submitted to mcjlsyouthshowcase@gmail.com by the December 31st of the show year.
 - a. Exhibitors will be contacted if their recipes are unacceptable. EXHIBITORS WILL HAVE 1 WEEK TO RESUBMIT A NEW RECIPE FOR APPROVAL FROM THE DAY OF CONTACT. If the committee has not approved a recipe, the entry will be eliminated upon arrival for judging.
2. All entries must be BAKED or COOKED from SCRATCH (i.e.: without pre-made mixes, canned pie filling, boxed cake mix, frosting, cookie mixes, frozen cookie dough pre-made pie crusts, phyllo dough, etc.), with the exception of cake hacks, as described below.
3. Items that are allowed as secondary ingredients include the following:
 - a. fillings such as jams and jellies.
 - b. flavored toppings such as caramel or chocolate topping, graham cracker crumbs, crushed cookies, candy, and pudding if baked into the item.
4. Food safety precautions must be followed. Only non-perishable foods will be accepted. No food item should require refrigeration to maintain food safety. Those that do will not be accepted at registration.
5. Perishable foods are those with egg custard and cream cheese type fillings and frosting. Examples include cream or custard pies, cream puffs, cheesecakes, meringues, breads with large amounts of filling, whipped toppings, and cream cheese frosting etc. Also, perishable food items that have a very high moisture content such as cakes that have a liquid or very thin frosting, or syrup poured over them after baking intended to saturate the cake. These products have higher amounts of moisture, dairy products and/or eggs that can support the growth of microorganisms at room temperature or warmer; therefore, they require refrigeration for food safety and quality.
6. Cream cheese, mayo, yogurt, cottage cheese, ricotta cheese, milk and heavy cream are acceptable as long as they are baked into the food item.
7. Fruit and pecan pies are acceptable. These products have high amounts of sugar to suppress the growth of microorganisms at room temperature.
8. Flavoring ingredients such as vanilla, almond extract, etc. are acceptable.
9. For sanitary and food safety purposes entries must be exhibited in a bakery style box with a clear window. They will be secured by the exhibitor prior to the show and your entry brought to the show properly prepared as described in this section. Check this link to see an example of the type of box that is expected.
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<https://www.michaels.com/window-cake-box-by-celebrate-it/M10359757.html>
 - b. Only paper doilies may be used for decoration in the boxes.
 - c. Boxes may be reinforced for additional weight capacity with cardboard. You may cover this board with foil.
 - d. No name or identifying marks may be seen on the bakery box.
10. Recipes that require being left in baking vessel (i.e.: pie) may use any type of disposable or non-disposable baking container. Baking containers will not be returned from silent auction items.
11. Recipe must have the following information: recipe name, ingredients with amounts listed in order used, preparation steps in sequence, pan size, baking/cooking temperature and time and yield. (i.e., 36 cookies, 2- 1-pound loaves, 1- 8-inch pie).

FOOD DIVISION RULES:**Judging Criteria:**

- Taste/Aroma
- Texture/Color
- Creativity
- Safety
- Skill Level
- Uniformity (If Applicable)
- Judge's Comments

1. CAKE/CUPCAKES:

- Everything on the cake must be edible.
- The entire cake must be exhibited.
- If the entry is cupcakes, 1 dozen must be exhibited.

2. CANDY/FUDGES:

- No dipped style candy will be accepted.
- 1½ dozen must be exhibited.

3. GLUTEN-FREE:

- May be any sweet or savory baked item which is modified to contain no gluten.

4. PIE:

- Everything on the pie must be edible.
- Entire pie must be exhibited.
- Do NOT cut pie samples.

5. COOKIES/BROWNIES:

- At least 2 dozen must be exhibited.

6. BREAD:

- May be sweet or savory.
- May be loaf or roll. If the entry is rolls, at least 1 dozen must be exhibited.

7. PRESERVED FOODS:**Canned Foods**

- Only fresh ingredients may be used in the entry.
- Two (2) identical jars must be entered. These must be jars that were prepared and processed in the same batch. One jar will be used for judging and one for display.
- Entries must have been canned (sealed) in a water bath canner or pressure canner based on the acidity of the food product. Please understand that consumption of improperly canned foods can be very dangerous.
- Must use a mason jar with a two-piece lid. Do NOT use old mayonnaise jars, pickle jars, etc.
- Fresh salsa or refrigerator pickles may not be entered as they need refrigeration to maintain quality and safety.
- If a canned good item qualifies for silent auction – exhibitor may bring in an extra sealed canned good to replace the one used for judging.

Dried Foods – Categories: Herbs, Fruits, Vegetables and Jerky

- All dried foods must be in a vacuum sealed bag. Dried foods in Ziploc type bags, mason jars and Tupperware type containers will NOT be accepted.
- Two vacuum sealed bags must be entered. The dried goods must be prepared and processed from the same batch. Dried goods made of wild game will NOT be accepted. Two bags of

dried food must be exhibited; 1 bag must contain $\frac{1}{4}$ pound for judging and 1 bag must contain $\frac{1}{2}$ pound for display.

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- USDA Jerky & Food Safety Publication must be followed.
 - o <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/food-safety/safe-food-handling-and-preparation/meat-fish/jerky>

Non-Food Division Rules

Judging Criteria:

- Skill level
- Creativity
- Craftmanship/Quality
- Presentation/Composition
- Judge's Comments

1. **ART RULES:**

- Artwork can be done on various medium materials like canvas, paper, nature, glass, metal, or other materials as desired.
- Entries may be completed using crayons, ink, pencil, charcoal, watercolor, paint, oil, or pastels.
- Artist's name may not appear on the artwork.
- If artwork qualifies for the silent auction, the exhibitor may bring in a frame on the day before the start of the silent auction.

2. **PHOTOGRAPHY RULES:**

- Photographs must be exclusively created by the exhibitor. The photographer's name or signature must not be visible on the front of the photo.
- 8x10" photo exhibits must be in a clear sheet protector. No frames may be included. Black and white or color entries can be submitted.
- The photographed image may not include anything inappropriate such as alcohol or drugs. The MCJLS Youth Showcase Committee will make the final decision on whether the image is appropriate or not for entry.
- Exhibitor's names and faces may not appear in or on the photo.
- If a photograph qualifies for the silent auction, the exhibitor may bring in a frame on the day before the start of the silent auction.

3. **SEWING RULES:**

- There will be two judging classes:
 - o Apparel or wearables
 - o Household items (i.e., hot pads, placemats, pillowcases, etc.)
- Entries can be hand sewn or machine sewn.
- Entries may be anything the contestant wishes to enter such as clothing, accessories, home goods, or other.
- Junior level entries may use sewing kits. However, the other age categories may not use sewing kits.