

Karnes County Youth Show
Exhibitor Handbook
2025



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2025 KCYS Schedule

RULES CHANGES ENACTED SINCE THE 2024 KARNES COUNTY YOUTH SHOW

1. Premium Auction – Commission changed, and Social Security number must be provided to KCYS.
2. Broilers must be purchased with the minimum of 25 and maximum of 150.
3. Changes to state validation/breed registry for market/breeding swine
4. Commercial heifer revamped for easier reading and non-redundance.
5. Agricultural mechanics show changes to who can change items to different categories and added patio and yard furniture class.
6. Sweepstakes awards – there will now be three (3) Junior and three (3) Senior sweepstakes winners.
7. Handicraft classes – no alcohol, tobacco, drug or any explicit content in all categories
8. Dairy Cattle Division added.
9. Showmanship will now be judged with your animal.

GENERAL RULES OF THE KARNES COUNTY YOUTH SHOW (LAST AMENDED MAY 8, 2024)

1. The Board of Directors reserves the right to interpret these rules and regulations and to settle all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto. They also reserve the right to amend the rules as the need arises.
2. In order for an exhibitor to be eligible to participate in the Karnes County Youth Show, the exhibitor must be a bonafide member of a Karnes County 4-H club, FCCLA club, or FFA chapter (must be an active member abiding by the bylaws of the organization) OR be currently enrolled in a home economics class taught in Karnes County. Failure to comply may result in denial of entry.
3. One county/local show a year. You must choose to enter the show in the county in which you live OR the county in which you attend school.
4. The Board of Directors are in no way liable for any loss or damage to property or damage to exhibit or injury to exhibitors or spectators. No claim for injury to any person or property shall be assessed nor suit instituted. Anyone who vandalizes, destroys, or takes someone else's property will be banned from the current year's Youth Show and any future Karnes County Youth Shows.

5. All exhibitors are responsible for abiding by the printed rules of the Karnes County Youth Show. Any exhibitor who violates any of the show rules may forfeit all privileges, premiums and ribbons or be subject to such other penalties as the KCYS Board of Directors may order. All exhibitors are requested to read these rules carefully and not enter the show unless they can wholeheartedly abide by the rules. An exhibitor who violates any of the show rules may forfeit all privileges, premiums and ribbons or be subject to such other penalties as the Board of Directors may order.

6. Rules infraction questions will have a grievance committee to do research. The Grievance Committee consists of the President, the Advisor of the Exhibitor, and the Division Superintendent. The Executive Board will make the final decision. All grievances brought to the Executive Board must clearly explain the issue in writing and be accompanied by a \$100 deposit. If the grievance is not upheld, the deposit is forfeited.

7. Competent judges, graders, classifiers, and sifters will be elected by the Karnes County Youth Show Board. Their decisions shall be final.

8. There will be Junior and Senior age categories in the Livestock and Homemaking divisions. Exhibitors in third through eighth grade are considered Junior exhibitors and exhibitors in the ninth through twelfth grade are considered Senior exhibitors.

9. Entries will be submitted through an online entry portal designated by the KCYS Board of Directors and will be due before a specified date and time. Payment for entry fees must be made by credit card or debit card and submitted through the online entry portal. There will be no refund of entry fees. Any division changes made after the entry deadline will incur a \$40.00 fee per division change, provided all validation requirements have been met. Division changes are considered entry form errors (ie: marking the wrong item on the original online entry that was submitted by the due date). Late entries will be accepted until the day of the show at \$250.00 per entry provided all validation requirements have been met. Late entries are defined as no entry form submitted or only one item entered, and the exhibitors wants to show additional items. Show management may decline any late entry without explanation. If an exhibitor's entry fee payment is declined for any reason, the exhibitor will be notified and will have seven days to pay the amount owed in cash, money order or cashier's check PLUS an additional \$25.00 fee. If payment is not completed within seven days, the exhibitor's entries will be disqualified.

10. In order to enter the show ring and/or sale ring a student must comply with state law (i.e. Texas Education Code). Exhibitors suspended under Texas Education Code 33.081 "No Pass, No Play" or are enrolled in DEAP are ineligible to participate in any Karnes County Youth Show Activity, Event or Competition. If an exhibitor is ineligible at any time throughout the duration

of the Karnes County Youth Show, from Tuesday – Saturday, that exhibitor is ineligible for the entire show. Any project owned by the ineligible exhibitor is ineligible for competition.

11. Each exhibitor must keep their show space in good order at all times (includes keeping troughs, feed, etc., out of the aisles). Failure to do so could result in disqualification. Exhibitors must participate in a designated set-up date prior to each annual show AND must participate in a designated clean-up date to clean and store all show equipment used for the event (usually the day following the conclusion of the show). Failure to attend both events could result in a fine of up to 10% of an exhibitor's proceeds. Viable excuses will be accepted but must be submitted to the Board of Directors prior to each designated date.

12. No Ag Science Teacher, County Extension Agent or Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher can be a division chairman.

13. Any decision concerning rules in a division must be made by the division committee. All committee lists must be turned in at the December Show Board meeting.

14. Each exhibitor will be provided a list of buyers who purchased their auction lot(s) and those who contributed bumps and their addresses. Each exhibitor must write a thank-you note to each buyer and/or bump contributor and present each note to their club/chapter advisor. Once the advisor has verified completion, the exhibitor may receive his/her check for total auction proceeds. Each exhibitor is responsible for providing his/her own note cards, paper, envelopes, and postage. The lists will be made available to each club/chapter advisor for distribution to their exhibitors not later than 60 days after the show is completed. Once received by the advisor, the exhibitors have 60 days to complete their thank-you notes or risk forfeiting their auction proceeds. Each thank you card must have at least three hand-written sentences.

15. Any outstanding money owed to the Karnes County Youth Show by the exhibitor or their family will be deducted from the next check that the exhibitor receives from the Karnes County Youth Show.

16. VIOLATION OF RULES: Any exhibitor, parent, or other individual assisting the exhibitor who violates the rules of the show, is unruly or belligerent towards any board member, or conducts themselves in a manner requiring disciplinary action or law enforcement involvement can disqualify all said exhibitor's entries, thus forfeiting all prizes and premiums. This action could disqualify said exhibitor from participating in future Karnes County Youth Shows. This includes unethical or inhumane treatment of exhibitor's animals. Final decision will be determined by the KCYS Board of Directors.

17. All animals must arrive on the show barn grounds by the designated times for their specific species as listed on the schedule.

JUNIOR PREMIUM AUCTION RULES

1. All eligible market livestock will participate in a premium auction and will sell by the head.
2. Each exhibitor may sell only one non-champion item in the auction. If an exhibitor has a champion food item and a non-champion animal, they must make a choice and sell only one. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to inform the division superintendents which item will be sold, immediately after the results of those divisions have been released. The next place animal or next placing food division rosette winner will be brought into the sale depending on which item is chosen. This auction item substitution will not go beyond the white rosette in food classes. No exhibitor will be allowed to sell a champion food item and a champion animal.
3. All Grand and Reserve Champion Animals must sell. All Champion Food items must sell with the following exceptions.
 - a. If an individual has 2 Grand Champion Food Items, he/she may sell only one and must select the one he/she wants to sell.
 - b. If an individual has a Grand Champion Animal and Food item, the animal must sell and the food item will not sell at the auction.
 - c. Conditions in rule 2 above apply.
4. The auction will be limited with a fixed number of auction lots. The auction will be limited to 199 lots; 177 livestock lots and 22 food lots. The auction breakdown will be as follows:
 - a. Homemaking - 22 sale lots
 - b. Livestock – 177 sale lots will be assigned after all animals are checked in at the show. Livestock sale lots will be based on the percentage for each division in relation to the total number of market animals at the show. Take the Grand and Reserve out of each division before the percentages are taken for final sale slot allotments.

In determining the individual sale slots of the total slots allotted for the steers, hogs, and lambs, a percentage will be applied to the total slots allotted for each species based on the number shown in each breed compared to the total number of head shown in that species.

For example, if a total of 100 steers are shown, and we have 20 British, 30 ABC, and 50 exotic, then 20% of the allotted steer slots will be British, 30% will be ABC, and 50% will be Exotic. If the steers get 50 sale slots, then 10 British, 15 ABC, and 25 Exotic sell.

If one or more of the divisions does not sell their maximum number of allotted sale lots, the remaining lots from those divisions will be reassigned to those divisions that have exceeded their maximum number of sale lots. These extra sale lots will be reassigned to those divisions in relation to the number of animals exhibited.

5. There will be an 8.00% commission charge on all 199 sale lots including bumps. There will be a 5% operating expense charge on all food items sold to the general public and a 10% operating expense charge on all handicraft items sold to the general public.

6. In case an exhibitor has more than one project in the market livestock division, the selection of sale animals must be made no later than 1 hour after the judging of market classes is completed or the division superintendent will order the sale of the highest placing item.

7. Reserve Champion items cannot receive more than the Grand Champion items nor can any other placing item receive more than the Reserve. This excludes add-ons (bumps) that may be given to an exhibitor.

8. In the Junior Premium Auction, all champion animals will sell first and all other animals and food items will be sold by the highest placing throughout the sale with the exception of the items in the sale that earned their sale spot by vacancies in other divisions. The exhibitors receiving the extra sale lots will not be added in the sale sheet in their respective placing order but will be added at the end of the sale sheet after all animals and foods have been placed in the sale sheet per the percentages originally assigned.

9. No breeding animals will be sold through the Junior Premium Auction.

10. Sifted market livestock, poultry, and homemaking entries are not eligible for the Junior Premium Auction.

11. Exhibitors must be present with their project when being sold in the sale ring unless the Division Superintendent gives permission for some other 4-H, FFA, or FCCLA member to replace them. If the exhibitor or approved substitute is not present at time of sale, their project will not be sold. Also, no "add on" money will be given to the exhibitor in this situation. The exhibitor also forfeits ribbon money for which he/she is eligible.

12. Each exhibitor is responsible to see if they made the sale. The sale sheet will be posted on Saturday morning.

13. All 22 champion food items will be sold in groups of two (2), dispersed throughout the Premium Sale. All food items will be champion items with pictures taken of all items sold. All champion food items will be sold throughout the Premium Sale after all grand and reserve champion animals are dispersed. Slots for selling of champion food items will rotate each year. The first food item to sell this year will rotate to the bottom of the sale sheet and the other food items will move up.

14. The champion animals will sell in the following order for the 2025 Show: Broilers, Halter Steer, Commercial Steer, Market Hog, Market Goat, and Market Lamb. The first champion to sell this year will rotate to sell last in 2026 and so forth. The second champion to sell in any given year will rotate to sell first the next year.

15. No floor bids will be offered by the Karnes County Youth Show. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to remove their animals from the show premises by Saturday morning at 12 noon.

16. No alcoholic beverages may be given to buyers as gifts from the exhibitor during the auction.

17. No gifts/baskets can be given to the buyers during the auction, with the exception of the 22 baked items that are auctioned. Those baked item exhibitors may give their buyer a baked item in a KCYS food container. NO EXCEPTIONS!

18. The final lot of the Junior Premium Auction will be the Grand Champion Adult Food item. The money raised for the final item will go into the scholarship fund.

19. All exhibitors must provide their Social Security Number to the Karnes County Youth Show (KCYS) to be eligible to participate in any of the shows. KCYS has the right to retain all proceeds if the Social Security Number is not provided.

LIVESTOCK DIVISION RULES

1. Entry fees must be submitted with entry forms. The fees are:
 - a. Market Cattle, Swine, Sheep, Goats – \$10.00 per head
 - b. Breeding Swine & Goats – \$15.00 per head
 - c. Breeding Beef – \$20.00 per head
 - d. Broilers – \$10.00 per pen (Payment for broilers must be submitted with entry fees.)

2. All livestock and poultry entries must meet the requirements of the Texas Animal Health Commission and USDA. If an animal is found to contain any illegal drug residue, or if the carcass is condemned, all losses will be borne by the exhibitor.

3. Junior and Senior division showmanship awards will be presented to the top showman in the halter steer, breeding cattle (heifer and bull exhibitors combined), goat, sheep, and swine divisions. Substitute exhibitors will not be eligible for showmanship awards. These showmanship division champions will be selected by a qualified judge chosen by the Karnes County Youth Show Board of Directors. The top 5 showmen in each division will be called back to compete for showmanship division champion with their animal.

Each entry must be shown by the exhibitor of record. Exhibitor substitutions may be allowed under the two following circumstances:

- a. The exhibitor has more than one entry showing in a class or has entries in more than one division showing at the same time.
- b. The exhibitor is sick, injured, has a medical condition, or is participating in another approved school activity that prevents him/her from showing their animals or birds. It is highly recommended a physician's note or note from the exhibitor's school accompanies a request for substitute exhibitor for this circumstance.

In either of these two circumstances or in the case of an emergency, the Division superintendent must use his/her discretion whether to allow the substitute exhibitor. If approved, the substitute exhibitor must be a current-year KCYS exhibitor and must meet all other rules of the Karnes County Youth Show.

4. Exhibitors will not be allowed to spend the night on the grounds.

5. All Grand and Reserve Champion animals will remain in the show barn and in the assigned pens until released by the show superintendent.

6. Prize money will be paid as shown in the rules of each division.

7. No pre-weigh on show scales before official weigh in on day of check in at the show and no re-weighs will be allowed.
8. All livestock and poultry entries must have been fed and cared for by the exhibitor from the date of acquisition through the last day of the show.
9. The same animal may not be shown in the market show and breeding show, except for swine. A gilt that is entered in the breeding swine show is also eligible to be entered into and compete in the market swine show, provided the gilt meets the sifting criteria. In this case, the exhibitor must complete entries for the gilt for each show and pay each entry fee.
10. All halter steers, market lambs, and market goats and market/breeding swine must be state-validated in accordance with Texas Livestock Validation programs managed by Texas 4-H and Texas FFA. Breeding goats will be county-validated at the same time and date as market goats are state-validated. Commercial steers and commercial heifers will be validated using county tags at a time fixed in those divisions' rules. All chicks must be purchased with bands from the representative designated by the KCYS. After validation, all market animals will be subject to DNA testing.

At check-in and weigh-in during the show, all tags other than the required state or county validation tag must be removed from each animal's ears before the animal leaves the scale.

11. Absolutely no injections shall be administered to any animal while on the show grounds unless it is approved by the show superintendent and is witnessed by division superintendent when administered. If questions arise, superintendent will consult the executive board. There will be no tooth rule for any species.
12. Hay can be fed in the halter cattle barn. Exhibitors are responsible for clean-up.
13. All halter cattle must be bedded on pelleted shavings or the dirt floor. Flake shavings will not be allowed for halter cattle.
14. Livestock and poultry sifting rules
 - a. All livestock and poultry entries will go through a sifting procedure prior to judging.
 - b. Sifting and classifying will be done by qualified persons and their decisions are final when communicated to the exhibitor.
 - c. Livestock and Poultry entries may be sifted for being crippled, diseased, showing live parasites, and/or parasite eggs, over-finished, under-finished, a lack of quality, artificially forced filled to alter the weight and swine not grading USDA 1 or 2 or other reasons the Board of Directors may designate. Poultry will be sifted if they have lost their identification band.

d. If an animal passes the sift, they cannot leave the grounds until their designated check out time.

e. There will be a 5 lb. tolerance on the lower and upper weight limit on market swine and market goats. There will be a 5 lb. tolerance on the lower weight limit of market lambs. There will be a 10 lb. tolerance on the lower weight limit of halter steers.

MARKET LAMB DIVISION RULES

1. Each exhibitor is eligible to enter a maximum of two lambs in this division.
2. Lambs will be shown by weight, not by breed categories.
3. Lambs must be owned and in the possession of the exhibitor by November 1.
4. Lambs must weigh a minimum of 90 pounds. There will be no maximum weight limit.
5. Exhibitors may show ewe lambs.
6. Weighing and assignment of weight classes of all market lambs will be determined under the direction of the Lamb Division Superintendent. There will be a lightweight and heavyweight division winner and reserve division winner picked.
7. All lambs must be slick shorn from knees and hock up at time of sifting.
8. All lambs must be docked.
9. No lamb or goat trim tables will be allowed inside the barn.

MARKET GOAT DIVISION RULES

1. Each exhibitor is eligible to enter a maximum of two goats in this division.
2. Goats must be owned and in the possession of the exhibitor by November 1.
3. Goats must weigh a minimum of 50 lbs. and cannot exceed 135 lbs.
4. Exhibitors may show either wethers or open females. (Females not bred or have not kidded)
5. Exhibitors are required to have horns tipped blunt on all goats prior to arrival. Removal of horns on the grounds is prohibited.

6. Goats may be any breed or crossbred.
7. No clipping of goats is required but they must be clean and free of parasites.
8. Only small collars, chains or halters around animal's neck may be used. No leads longer than 18" will be permitted in the show ring.
9. Weighing and assignment of weight classes will be determined under the direction of the Goat Division Superintendent. There will be a light, middle and heavyweight division and reserve division winner picked. Those goats will compete for Grand and Reserve Champion of the show.
10. No lamb or goat trim tables will be allowed inside the barn.

MARKET HOG DIVISION RULES

1. Each exhibitor is eligible to enter a maximum of two hogs in this division.
2. Hogs must be owned and in the possession of the exhibitor by November 1.
3. Hogs must weigh a minimum of 200 lbs. and cannot exceed 270 lbs.
4. Exhibitors may show barrows or open gilts.
5. Five breed classes will be offered in the following show order on a yearly rotation basis: OPB, Duroc, Yorkshire and Hampshire and Cross. The first to show this year will rotate to show last next year. The second to show this year will rotate to show first next year.
6. The sifters will determine the classification of all hogs. The hog division will have three classifiers and will use the chip system.
7. Weighing and assignment of weight classes of all market hogs will be determined under the direction of the Hog Division Superintendent.
8. No oil, paint, powder or other dressing will be permitted on hogs during the sift or show. Only water will be allowed.

9. Classification guidelines for market hogs shall be the same as the most recent guidelines published by the San Antonio Livestock Exposition in their livestock premium list (available at sarodeo.com).

HALTER STEER DIVISION RULES

1. All halter steers must be shorn to not more than 1/4 inch on any location on the body, excluding the tail switch. Steers not shorn according to guidelines will be disqualified if the hair is not immediately shorn to meet rule requirements.

2. Each exhibitor is eligible to enter a maximum of two steers in this division. Halter steers must be owned and in the possession of the exhibitor by July 1.

3. All steers must be halter broken and lead. Steers that cannot be properly handled will be sifted. All steers must be dehorned; all scurs must be loose.

4. Three breed divisions will be offered: American, British and Exotic. One head constitutes a division. All breed divisions will show regardless of number entered.

a. An American steer must show a predominance of Brahman, Santa Gertrudis, Simbrah, Brangus or Beefmaster characteristics or a cross between any of these.

b. A British steer will be a Hereford, Polled Hereford, Angus, Red Angus, Shorthorn or a cross between any of these.

c. An Exotic steer will consist of steers not fitting the above categories.

5. Weighing and assignment of weight classes of all market steers will be determined under the direction of the cattle superintendent. Halter steers must weigh a minimum of 950 lbs. and there is no maximum weight.

6. The sifters will determine the classification of all steers. There will be three classifiers for halter steers.

7. Three breed divisions will be offered in the following show order on a yearly rotation basis: American, British and Exotic. The first to show this year will rotate to show last next year. The second to show this year will rotate to show first next year.

8. No butt fans allowed in aisles.

COMMERCIAL STEER DIVISION RULES

1. A Commercial Steer pen consists of one animal. An exhibitor may enter a maximum of two pens of commercial steers. They must be validated with a special tag and if the tag is lost, the supervisor must be contacted to have the steer re-tagged.
2. Steers do not have to be halter broke; however, no wild or unruly animals will be accepted. All steers must be dehorned; all scurs must be loose.
3. All commercial steers must be owned and in the possession of the exhibitor on or before a date specified by the KCYS Board of Directors. All commercial steers must be weighed and validated on that date and at a location specified by the KCYS Board. All weight slips will then be handed over to the show Secretary on that day. All commercial steers will get their final weight at a date specified by the KCYS Board. Commercial steers must weigh a minimum of 950 lbs. at the final weigh-in and there is no maximum weight.
4. The following evaluation system will be used in determining the placing of entries entered in the Commercial Steer Show:

a. USDA Grade *	30 points
b. Feed Efficiency **	5 points
c. Oral Interview	20 points
d. Written Test ***	20 points
e. Actual Return to Capital	5 points
f. Record Book ****	<u>20 points</u>
Total	100 points

* The following Quality/Yield Grade scores will be used:

Prime, Yield Grade 1	30 points
Prime, Yield Grade 2	28 points
Prime, Yield Grade 3	26 points
Prime, Yield Grade 4 or 5	16 points
Choice, Yield Grade 1	23 points
Choice, Yield Grade 2	21 points
Choice, Yield Grade 3	19 points
Choice, Yield Grade 4 or 5	9 points
Select, Yield Grade 1	16 points
Select, Yield Grade 2	13 points
Select, Yield Grade 3	10 points
Select, Yield Grade 4 or 5	0 points

- ** Feed efficiency is based on rate of gain, feed conversion, and total cost of gain.
- *** Written test will come from the San Antonio Commercial Steer Review section.
- **** Record books will follow San Antonio Commercial Steer guidelines except where changes are noted on the information given to each exhibitor.

5. Initial cost of Commercial Steers will be based on a 600 lb. price with a 5 cent slide (up and down).

6. Initial health costs will be \$6.50 per head for record book.

7. A \$3.00 per head freight charge will be added to all steers for record book purposes.

8. Pen rent shall be \$5.00 per head for the feeding period.

9. Cost of feed shall be the price when purchased plus storage, if any, plus the milling cost.

10. The Showmanship Awards will go to the Junior and Senior Exhibitor who did not win Grand or Reserve of the Show, and who had the highest total score on the test, oral interview and record book combined.

11. All final results, including individual point totals for each category, will be posted at a designated location 30 minutes before the placings are announced.

12. In case of a tied score, the following tie breaker system will be used in the following order:

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| 1. Animal Performance | 4. Record Book |
| 2. Return to Capital | 5. Written Test |
| 3. Feed Efficiency | 6. Oral Interview |

13. The exhibitor that wins Grand Champion commercial steer is not eligible for Reserve Champion. Third place will move up to Reserve Champion.

14. Exhibitors will be required to clean his/her assigned pen to the satisfaction of the Commercial Steer Committee during Sunday clean-up.

MARKET BROILER DIVISION RULES

1. Each exhibitor is eligible to enter two pens of broilers in this division – one pen of pullets and one pen of cockerels.
2. Classes – There will be a pullet and a cockerel class. The broiler judge will determine the sex of the birds at the time of judging. If a broiler exhibits cockerel characteristics, the pen of three will be placed in the cockerel class.
3. Broilers must be purchased by the County Agent or his representative. Birds will be straight run birds (pullets and cockerels) and banded for identification. Any bird losing its band during the feeding period is ineligible to be shown. All birds entered for exhibition must have the original band attached to the bird. The minimum order per exhibitor is 25 birds, with a maximum of 150 birds per family. Broilers will have to be ordered in increments of 25 (Example – 25, 50, 75, 100, 125, or 150).
4. Each exhibitor must select and exhibit their pen of three birds from within the number range assigned to that exhibitor or family.
5. Birds must be free from sickness, external parasites and physical defects which include: cuts, tears, broken and disjunct bones, breast blisters or breast bruises.
6. Each pen must consist of three broilers. The minimum project order is 25 baby chicks not to exceed 45 days of age. All birds since date of hatching must have been owned and fed by the exhibitor.
7. Exhibitors must submit payment for broiler orders with their KCYS entry fee.
8. Each broiler exhibited must weigh at least 5.5 lbs. at time of show and there is no maximum weight. Broilers not meeting the weight requirement will be sifted.
9. Eligible broilers will be auctioned by the pen at the premium auction.
10. All broilers will be removed from the show grounds by the exhibitors on Thursday night.

BREEDING LIVESTOCK GENERAL RULES

1. Each exhibitor is eligible to enter a maximum of two breeding animals per division.
2. All breeding animals must be owned and in the possession of the exhibitor by November 1 (and breeding goats by October 1). Breeding heifers, bulls, and swine must be registered in the records of their respective breed association in the sole name of the exhibitor. Original registration papers must be presented at check-in time.
3. The breeding cattle show is a blow and go show. No grooming material is allowed, including painting or dyeing. Trim chutes will be allowed outside the barn.
4. Breeding classes for each division will be set up prior to show time according to the number of animals entered.
5. All breeding animals will be subject to sifting.
6. There must be a minimum of three head entered in each division (bulls, beef heifers, gilts and goats) before that division will be eligible to show. If there are not three entered in the division, entry fees will be returned to the exhibitor.
7. No butt fans allowed in aisles.

BEEF HEIFER DIVISION

1. All beef heifers must be halter broke and lead. Heifers that cannot be properly handled will be sifted.
2. Age classes for beef heifers will be judged as follows:

Class 1	Heifers born January 1, 2024, to July 31, 2024
Class 2	Heifers born August 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023
Class 3	Heifers born March 1, 2023, to July 31, 2023
Class 4	Heifers born September 1, 2022, to February 28, 2023
3. Three breed divisions will be offered: American breeds, British breeds, and Exotic breeds. Any breed having three animals will constitute a breed within that division.

4. Premiums	Grand Champion of the Show	\$100
	Reserve Champion of the Show	\$ 75
	Placings within classes	
	1 st	\$ 75
	2 nd	\$ 60
	3 rd	\$ 50
	4 th	\$ 40
	5 th	\$ 30

BEEF BULL DIVISION

- All bulls must be halter broke and lead. Bulls that cannot be properly handled will be sifted.
- All bulls must have a neck rope on when left alone in stalling area. All bulls must have a nose ring and bulls with horns over 6 inches must be tipped. All bulls must be shown with a lead attached to a nose ring.
- Bulls may be stalled beside your own heifers, but not right next to other exhibitor's heifers. Bull committee and exhibitor will determine stalling at check-in.
- Age classes of bulls will be judged as follows:

Class 1	Bulls born January 1, 2024, to July 31, 2024
Class 2	Bulls born August 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023
Class 3	Bulls born March 1, 2023, to July 31, 2023
Class 4	Bulls born September 1, 2022, to February 28, 2023
- Three breed divisions will be offered: American breeds, British breeds, and Exotic breeds. Any breed having three animals will constitute a breed within that division.

6. Premiums	Grand Champion of the Show	\$100
	Reserve Champion of the Show	\$ 75
	Placings within classes	
	1st	\$ 75
	2nd	\$ 60
	3rd	\$ 50
	4th	\$ 40
	5th	\$ 30

BREEDING GILT DIVISION

1. Gilts will be judged in the following age classes (must have at least three animals to constitute a breed):

Class 1	Gilts born August 1, 2024, to August 31, 2024
Class 2	Gilts born July 1, 2024, to July 31, 2024

2. Premiums	Grand Champion of the Show	\$ 75
	Reserve Champion of the Show	\$ 50
	Placings within classes	
	1st	\$ 50
	2nd	\$ 35
	3rd	\$ 30
	4th	\$ 25
	5th	\$ 20

4. All gilts will be checked in on Thursday, during the sift. Registration papers will need to be presented at this time.

5. Five breeds will be offered: 1. Duroc, 2. Hampshire, 3. Yorkshire, 4. Other Registered Breeds (Dark Colored), 5. Other Registered Breeds (Light Colored).

BREEDING NANNY GOAT DIVISION

1. All breeding goats must be state-validated as a registered breeding goat per state validation guidelines. Registered breeding goats must be registered with the American Boer Goat Association.

2. Age classes for goats will be as follows (ages as of January 1 of the current show year):

Class 1	Goats under 6 months of age
Class 2	Goats 6 months and older but still having their milk teeth

3. Two breeds will be offered:

- 1 – Percentage Boer and other Crosses
- 2 – Full-blood Boer (if 3 or more)

4. Breeding goats' horns do not have to be tipped before entering show barn.

5. Premiums	Grand Champion of the Show	\$ 75
	Reserve Champion of the Show	\$ 50
	Placings within classes	
	1st	\$ 50
	2nd	\$ 35
	3rd	\$ 30
	4th	\$ 25
	5th	\$ 20

6. The breeding nanny show is a blow and go show. No grooming material is allowed including painting or dyeing.

HOMEMAKING DIVISION RULES

1. All food items become property of KCYS.
2. All general show rules will apply to this division.
3. All Homemaking - Division Category Rules also will apply.
4. All entries must be the work of the individual exhibitor utilizing original crafting techniques.
5. All entries must be complete and ready for display and judging.
6. Entries in any division may be exhibited in the Karnes County show one time only.
7. The Superintendent of the Homemaking Division will: 1) handle disqualified entries, 2) appoint a review committee composed of herself and 3 other leaders. This committee will be advisors for dispute and resolution of infractions and issues; rule interpretation.
8. All entries should be registered in the proper class. If entered into the wrong class, the item will be moved to the correct class and be charged a 5-point deduction (rule infraction).
9. Entrants should refer to the show schedule of events for appropriate check in times. Late entries will be accepted and given a 5-point deduction (rule infraction). No late entries will be accepted after judging starts.
10. Each exhibit worthy of a ribbon will be awarded a ribbon according to the evaluation of our judges.
11. Rosettes will be awarded to the top 6 places as selected by our judges in each category.
12. The blue, red, and white rosettes must be awarded to the top three placing items in a category (food, crafts, and agricultural mechanics). The yellow, pink, and green rosettes will be awarded at the judges' discretion.
13. Premium money and ribbons will be awarded to entries having an overall value of good or above. Participation ribbons will be awarded to all other entries which have an overall evaluation of needs improvement.
14. Items going to the Junior Premium Auction will not receive premium (ribbon) money.

15. Items with rule infractions will not receive premium money, and will not be eligible for a rosette.
16. Any exhibitor may enter a maximum of three (3) food classes and may have no more than one (1) entry per food class.
17. Entries shall have no personal markings or identifying marks. Exceptions are photographs, paintings, drawings or scrapbooking.
18. If a large number of like items are received in one category, the handicraft superintendent, at his/her discretion, may create new class.

FOOD CATEGORY RULES

1. All general show rules, Homemaking Division, Category and class rules will apply.
2. Food items become property of the Show. These items will be sold to the general public. The show will retain 5% of the money to cover show cost; 95% will go to the entrant with the exception of the auctioned items. KCYS will retain all proceeds from the public sale of auctioned items. There will be an 8.0% commission charge on all food items auctioned.
3. No judged food item will be given to the buyer at the premium auction. Buyer will receive winning recipe. It is left to the exhibitor's discretion whether they would like to re-bake the food item for the auction. Rosette winners who auction should be prepared to reprint the winning recipe to be presented to the buyer.
4. Class specifications must be followed as outlined under each class listing.
5. Items requiring refrigeration to maintain freshness and containing any alcoholic beverage will be sifted and removed from competition. Examples of items that will be sifted are as follows: meats, custards, meringue toppings, Cool Whip, uncooked egg whites, rum, brandy, etc.
6. Icing containing Dairy Products must be prepared within 12 hours of check-in.
7. Flavoring and extracts may be used.
8. All eligible Jr./Sr. Champion Food items in each class will be sold in the Junior Premium Auction. See rule #3 under Junior Premium Auction rules.

9. Food items must be displayed in special bakery container. These can be obtained from 4-H club leaders, FCCLA Teachers, Ag Science Teachers. Only paper doilies may be used for decoration. Any type of baking container may be used such as glass pie plates or non-disposable 13" x 9" baking pans, etc. However, know that these items will not be returned to you after the show.

10. TWO COPIES of the recipe must accompany the entry. The recipe must be printed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. No exhibitor name may be printed on the recipe sheets.

11. All blue rosette winners and any auctioned rosette winners cannot enter the same food class the following year. This rule also applies to Juniors moving to the Senior category.

12. A complete recipe consists of:

- a. Item name
- b. Ingredients
- c. Steps of preparation
- d. Pan size
- e. Temperature for baking
- f. Baking time required
- g. Directions for mixing
- h. Date prepared
- i. Yield

13. Enter the complete recipe. List all ingredients, and directions. If the recipe makes 24 cookies, enter 24; if it makes 36, enter 36.

14. All food entries must be made from scratch, unless otherwise specified.

15. All icing and frosting must be made from scratch. All fillings must be made from scratch. EXCEPTIONS: Specialty cookies/bars and specialty cakes allow pre-mixed or bought fillings.

16. Place a sample of your entry on a paper plate, place it in a plastic bag and attach to top of your container. Sample must be from the entry you are exhibiting. Do not cut pies. This will be done by the judges.

17. Food classes are:

ICED CAKE - Includes layer but not restricted to, also includes Chiffon, Sheet, etc.

UN-ICED CAKE - Pound, bundt, loaf etc. Glaze, powdered sugar, or any other edible garnish are allowed. NO FROSTING. Streusel toppings that are baked on cakes or pineapple upside-down cakes are allowed in this class. No mixes, premixed, or bought fillings are allowed in this class.

SPECIALITY CAKE – Must start with any box cake mix and must have a minimum of three additional ingredients the box cake mix does not require. Pre-mixed or bought fillings are permitted.

YEAST BREAD - Yeast coffee cakes, cinnamon or sweet rolls, dinner rolls, loaf bread, etc. NO premixed or bought fillings are allowed.

QUICK BREAD - Non-yeast, Coffee cakes, muffins, fruit & nut breads. NO premixed or bought fillings

CUPCAKES – Must be standard size cupcakes (no mini or giant cupcakes allowed); no mixes allowed. Cupcakes must not require refrigeration after baking, must be in cupcake liners, decorations are allowed but must be edible, may have icing, and must enter a minimum of 12 cupcakes per entry.

CANDY - Must be cooked—not just melted—at least to a soft or hardball stage. Indicate the temperature at which candy is ready. NO uncooked candy. Candy prepared in a microwave oven is allowed and should have the temperature noted on the recipe.

COOKIES – Cookies are dough that is dropped, shaped, rolled, or pressed into serving size portions onto a baking pan and then baked. No mixes or bought fillings allowed.

SPECIALITY COOKIES OR SPECIALITY BARS – Must start with any box cake mix or box cookie mix and have a minimum of three ingredients the box mix does not require. Pre-mixed and bought fillings are permitted.

BAR COOKIES – Cookies are baked in one pan. No mixes or bought fillings. May not require additional refrigeration after being baked. May have a baked crust. Entire recipe must be presented in evenly-cut portions.

FRUIT OR NUT PIE - Must have a homemade pastry crust. The recipe for the pastry crust must be included in the recipe. No canned fillings. Include the recipe for the pastry crust. No tarts or custard (using eggs and milk) pies will be allowed. Do not cut pies. NO MERINGUE TOPPINGS.

HANDICRAFT CATEGORY RULES

1. An exhibitor may enter no more than one (1) entry per class and a maximum of three (3) handicraft classes. Entries may NOT have been entered in a previous year.
2. Handicraft items should exhibit original crafting techniques. No display of alcohol, tobacco, drug paraphernalia & explicit content or use of their signage with different verbiage, will result in a disqualification of the exhibitor's project.
3. All entries in the handicraft division shall submit a brief description explaining the technique or process used, a list of items or tools and materials used for the project. This shall be included with the project at the time of check-in.
4. Handicraft classes will be:

PAINTINGS: No kits. May be any size. Paintings must have a frame. Mats are up to the discretion of the exhibitor. A hanger must be attached to the back for displaying. Signature of artist on painting is allowed.

DRAWINGS: No kits. May be any size. Drawings must have a frame. Mats are up to the discretion of the exhibitor. A hanger must be attached to the back for displaying. Signature of artist on drawing is allowed.

GENERAL MACHINE: Kits are allowed. This category consists of all items prepared with a sewing machine. This includes clothing items, purses, aprons, place mats, napkins, etc. It also may include holiday items. Minimal hand stitching is allowed in the completion of a project such as adding buttons, ribbons, or lace, etc.

PHOTOGRAPHY: Entry must be 8x10 in size and must be exhibited (glued) onto foam board 8x10 in size. Photos must be taken since the last stock show. Description for photography should include: Type of camera used; focal point of photo (what you are taking a picture of); where it was taken; and when the photo was taken. No Styrofoam. No trim or decoration on photograph.

DECORATED WREATHS & SWAGS: Kits are allowed. This category INCLUDES HOLIDAY wreaths and swags. Must have a hanger provided with or attached to it for display purposes.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS: Kits are allowed. NO wreaths or swags. Construction of item can be by hand or machine or combination of both. Note in the instructions what assembly methods you used.

WELDING: No kits. This category consists of any welded item using original crafting and finishing techniques. Procedures or instructions and supplies list must be included with entry. Group projects are allowed. Group must submit an entry form and give their group a name.

MODELS: This category includes woodcraft models or kits with pre-made or pre-fabricated parts, and Legos.

SCRAPBOOKING: Any project which the focus is the collection of memories in photos. Includes scrap boxes.

MISCELLANEOUS: (to include puzzles and nail art) Must not conform to any of the above classes. If a large number of like items are received, the handicraft superintendent, at his/her discretion, may create a new class. No models (including Legos) allowed in this class.

JEWELRY: Any item that can be worn as an accent to an outfit.

HOME DÉCOR: May include table arrangements and wall decorations that cannot be considered as furniture.

JUNK/RECYCLED/REPURPOSED ART: No kits allowed. All items are to be repurposed or redesigned.

JAMS/JELLIES/MARMALADES/PRESERVES: Must include a complete recipe (see Food Category Rule 12 for guidance). Must enter 3 half-pint jars. One jar will be opened for judging; the other two will be available for sale. Must be heat-sealed. No machine canning is allowed.

SAUCES/SALSAS/RELISHES: Must include a complete recipe (see Food Category Rule 12 for guidance). Must enter 3 half-pint jars. One jar will be opened for judging; the other two will be available for sale. Must be heat-sealed. No machine canning is allowed.

5. Items that are appropriate for more than one class can be entered into and judged in the class specified by the exhibitor.

6. An exhibitor may choose to place his/her entry into the Handicraft Silent Auction and must indicate their intention to place it into the silent auction at time of check-in. A minimum price must be indicated to the division superintendent at time of check-in. Exhibitors' items that do not sell due to no bid are responsible to collect their items during the scheduled Handicraft Pickup time frame. All items placed into the Silent Auction at check-in cannot be removed from

the silent auction list. All sales are final and highest bidder will be awarded the item. There will be a 10% operating expense charge if the item sells.

ADULT DIVISION GENERAL RULES

1. All exhibitors are subject to the Karnes County Youth Show General Rules, Homemaking Division Rules, and Food Category Rules.
2. Exhibitors must be 18 years or older (and already graduated from high school), reside or work in Karnes County, or be a past exhibitor of the Karnes County Youth Show.
3. Entry Fees will be \$10.00 per entry and you may enter three categories.
4. Exhibitors will NOT receive premium money. Exhibitors compete for Ribbons and Rosettes.
5. All money collected for entry fees and sale of the baked good will go into the scholarship fund.
6. An overall Grand Champion item will be selected and sold in the Junior Premium Auction. The item will be the final lot of the premium auction and all money collected will go into the scholarship fund.
7. Entry forms and money are due or must be postmarked by the same deadline for youth exhibitors.
8. It is highly recommended that you enter a recipe that has not won previously in the Karnes County Youth Show.
9. Adults will have four categories to compete in the food division:

ICED CAKE - Includes layer but not restricted to, also includes Chiffon, Sheet, etc.

YEAST BREAD - Yeast coffee cakes, cinnamon or sweet rolls, dinner rolls, loaf bread, etc. NO premixed or bought fillings are allowed.

COOKIES – Cookies are dough that is dropped, shaped, rolled, or pressed into serving size portions onto a baking pan and then baked. No mixes or bought fillings allowed.

SPECIALITY COOKIES OR SPECIALITY BARS – Must start with any box cake mix or box cookie mix and have a minimum of three ingredients the box mix does not require. Pre-mixed and bought fillings are permitted.

BAR COOKIES – Cookies are baked in one pan. No mixes or bought fillings. May not require additional refrigeration after being baked. May have a baked crust. Entire recipe must be presented in evenly-cut portions.

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS CATEGORY RULES

1. Any item may be shown only once and cannot be modified and reshow. Group projects are allowed. The group must submit an entry for their project(s), specifying all members.
2. No project can be entered in two classes. No display of alcohol, tobacco, drug paraphernalia & explicit content or use of their signage with different verbiage, will result in a disqualification of the exhibitor's project
3. No gun safes or any alcohol-related paraphernalia are allowed. A keg can be repurposed as a water storage or BBQ pit, provided all wording is either covered up or ground off to not be legible.
4. Projects should be completed (painted, wired, sealed, all welding complete and not tacked together). Projects that are presented incomplete will be judged and critiqued accordingly.
5. Agricultural mechanics classes will be:

WOOD STRUCTURES: Items constructed of wood that have been cut, nailed, screwed, glued, or assembled and finished. Examples would include shelving, cabinetry, beverage stands, picnic tables, or benches.

FARM/RANCH EQUIPMENT: Welded items that are commonly considered equipment used in farming or ranching. Examples would include hay rings, feed troughs, gate assemblies, chutes, or livestock/fuel/equipment trailers.

BBQ PITS/FIRE RINGS: Welded items including BBQ pits (stationary, wheeled, or trailer-mounted) and fire pits.

LARGE METAL: Any welded item created using original crafting and finishing techniques.

SMALL METAL: Any welded item created using original crafting and finishing techniques.

RESTORED TRACTORS: Will be judged on overall appearance, workmanship, and finish. Items to be considered include but are not limited to metal prep, sheet metal work, and paint finish detail. The completeness of each of the component's engine, transmission, rear axle and tires, electrical systems, paint and decals will be judged. All components must be taken apart and inspected and reinstalled to correct tolerances, start, run, and drive.

PATIO and LAWN FURNITURE:

6. KCYS judges and/or KCYS contest committee will make determinations as to correct classification of projects. For example, if a table is built mostly of wood with metal braces it would be classified as a wood structure. If the table consisted of a prominently visible metal frame with wood attached to it, it would be classified as a large metal or small metal project.

7. Agricultural mechanics classes are subject to change depending on entries.

8. Any pull type trailer must have lights. License plates or registration are not required.

9. Each project must be accompanied by a record book which must include a cover sheet, table of contents, a drawing of the project and/or plans, a materials list, a list of hours per phase, a tool list, photos of all phases of the project, expense report detailing all costs of the project, and safety data sheets (if applicable). Exhibitors may use the record book outline from the San Antonio Stock Show Agricultural Mechanics Show as a guide. Displays of record books should be done in such a manner to take up little floor space or set on the project. Stands, podiums, or computers are allowed.

10. Every class will have a junior and senior division. All class winners will compete for the overall Grand and Reserve.

11. Entries will be judged on a 100-point basis. The criteria for judging and points allowed per category are:

Workmanship and knowledge	30
Design and materials	20
Degree of difficulty/hours	10
Safety	10
Documentation and presentation	30

Within each class, the judges will award a blue rosette, a red rosette, and a white rosette to the top three entries in the class. The judges shall also determine which of the entries are deserving of a blue ribbon, a red ribbon, or a white ribbon beyond the overall top three entries in the class.

12. Agricultural mechanics entries will count as part of the maximum of three handicraft division entries for purposes of sweepstakes points but only for individual (not group) projects. For example, an exhibitor would be allowed to enter and show a wood structure, a photo, and a farm equipment entry and have all points earned count toward sweepstakes. Record books

made specifically for an agricultural mechanics entry are not eligible for entry in the scrapbooking division of the handicrafts show.

13. Agricultural mechanics contest entries will be allowed to display their items on the show grounds for a period of time to be specified by the annual show schedule. Exhibitors will be allowed to sell their entries via a silent auction/bid sheet process if they desire. If the item sells, there will be a 10% operating expense charge (Handicraft Division Rule 6). All exhibitors except the overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion may remove their entries at the conclusion of the awards ceremony on show day. Agricultural mechanics entries will not be eligible to sell in the junior premium auction.

14. Premiums will be paid to the overall grand champion and reserve grand champion projects as well as within each class, according to a premium schedule to be determined and posted prior to the show.

SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS

1. Exhibitors must turn in a minimum of one project in the food show and a minimum of one individual project in either the handicraft show or the agricultural mechanics show to be eligible for sweepstakes. Exhibitor must sign up for sweepstakes at food entry turn-in. There will be trophies awarded to the three exhibitors who accumulate most points in the homemaking division. Points will be awarded according to the following criteria:

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| a. Red Ribbon | 1 point |
| b. Blue Ribbon | 2 points |
| c. Green Rosette | 4 points |
| d. Pink Rosette | 6 points |
| e. Yellow Rosette | 8 points |
| f. White Rosette | 10 points |
| g. Red Rosette | 12 points |
| h. Blue Rosette | 14 points |

Exhibitors will earn sweepstakes points from a maximum of three food projects and their three highest placing entries between the handicraft show and agricultural mechanics show (no sweepstakes points will be awarded for group projects in the agricultural mechanics show).

In case of a tie, the tie will be broken by the total number of exhibitors competing in the categories entered. The exhibitor with the highest number of competitors in each category will be deemed the winner.

2. The three high point junior and the three high point senior individuals will be eligible for sweepstakes award money.

First High Point Individual	\$300
Second High Point Individual	\$200
Third High Point Individual	\$100

COMMERCIAL HEIFER SHOW AND SALE

The purpose of the commercial heifer show and sale is to provide a project that will expose the exhibitors to commercial cattle production. This includes the purchasing, development, breeding, exhibition and marketing of crossbred beef cattle heifers.

This project is not a part of the Junior Livestock Auction Division; therefore, 4-H and FFA members can sell in this project as well as in the Junior Livestock Auction. However, exhibitors must abide by the General Rules of the Karnes County Youth Show.

1. This show is limited to projects owned, fed, and cared for by Karnes County 4-H and FFA members in good standing and under the supervision of the Ag Science Teachers and County Extension Agents.
2. 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 Karnes County Youth Show Commercial Heifer Show. Any heifer exhibited in the Commercial Heifer Show will not be allowed to compete in the Karnes County Youth Show Junior Beef Heifer Division. The Commercial Heifer project will consist of a pen of two (2) heifers.
3. All commercial heifer entries will be tagged in at a place and location determined by the KCYS Board. Exhibitors must provide a completed breeder verification form for each heifer validated, including each heifer's birthday. Each form must be signed by the breeder.
4. An official KCYS commercial entry is a pen of two heifers. Each exhibitor may validate one additional heifer that serves as an alternate throughout the feeding period. It is strongly recommended that siblings who validate heifers do so as a family. For example, if Bob & Mary Smith, brother and sister, each wish to participate in the show, they could validate from four to six heifers at tag in under "Smith Children." Bob and Mary Smith then would not specify which heifers belong to each child until check in at the Karnes County Youth Show.
5. All heifers must be brucellosis calfhood vaccinated by the initial tag-in. They must have a legible brucellosis calfhood vaccination tag and/or tattoo. Heifers are eligible for calfhood vaccination at 4-12 months of age.
6. Exhibitors must own and care for their heifers from the tag in date through the show date. Heifers cannot be added or switched after the validation date and just be either polled or dehorned by show date.

7. All commercial heifers must be pregnancy checked by a licensed, accredited veterinarian and pregnancy status must be indicated on a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI). All tests must be done and the CVI must be dated within 30 days of check in date at the Karnes County Youth Show. Class 1 entries must be palpated open and the veterinarian must include on the CVI that the open heifers are of sound reproductive quality.

8. Exhibitors will be responsible for seeing that their heifers are fed and watered appropriately during the duration of the time they are at the Karnes County Youth Show Barn. All hay must be fed in a hay net only. Exhibitors will be required to clean his/her assigned pen to the satisfaction of the Commercial Heifer Committee during Sunday clean-up. If an exhibitor does not clean their pen on clean-up day, \$250 will be deducted from their sale proceeds.

9. Heifer Classes: Age is determined as of the date the heifers are judged.

- a. Class 1 9 – 15 months (must be open at show date)
- b. Class 2 16 – 23 months (must be bred or pairs)
- c. Class 3 24 – 30 months (must be bred in third trimester, pairs, or 3-n-1s)

NOTE: All heifers in every class MUST be palpated (commercial heifer rule 7)

10. Heifers will be judged on a 100-point system detailed below. This alone determines the final placing of each pen of heifers within its class. Live Judging will be held in the pens. Everyone but the judges and authorized KCYS committee persons will be required to vacate the pen area until live judging is complete. There will be no harassment of judges, committee or show board members at any time. The decision of the judges will be final.

Live Judging/Placing Point System

a. Quality, conformation, and condition	20 points
b. Breeding status per day of age	15 points
c. Structural soundness	15 points
d. Frame size per day of age	10 points
e. Reproductive soundness	10 points
f. Area adaptability	10 points
g. Uniformity	10 points
h. Temperament	<u>10 points</u>
Total points	100 points

Once Class Champions and Reserve Class Champions are determined in each of the three classes, those pens of heifers shall complete for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion of the show.

11. Within each judging class, tied scores between pens of heifers will be broken and placings will be determined by each pen's score in the following Live Judging/Placing Point System in Rule 10 in the following order:

1. Quality, Conformation, and Condition
2. Structural Soundness
3. Breeding Status Per Day of Age
4. Reproductive Soundness
5. Uniformity
6. Area Adaptability
7. Temperament
8. Frame Size Per Day of Age

12. Showmanship will be determined by the total points each exhibitor earns from their record book, oral interview, and written quiz. Showmanship awards will be awarded in each of the junior and senior divisions (exhibitors who win Grand Champion or Reserve Champion commercial heifers are not eligible for showmanship awards). Junior and Senior Divisions are specified in the KCYS general show rules. Ties will be broken by the highest score on the quiz, the oral interview, then the record book.

13. Record Book. Each exhibitor must complete and submit a record book on their commercial heifer project. Record books will be due at a time and manner specified by the Commercial Heifer Committee. Record books will be scored by the following point system:

a. Breed Selection Essay	15 points
b. Pen/Pasture Rent Essay	10 points
c. Breeding Status Essay	15 points
d. My Commercial Heifer Story	20 points
e. Photographs	10 points
f. Completeness of Receipts/Forms	15 points
g. Accuracy of Information/Calculations	<u>15 points</u>
Total Points	100 points

14. Oral Interview. Each exhibitor must complete an oral interview at a time specified by the Commercial Heifer Committee. The purpose of the oral interview is to assess the exhibitor's knowledge of their commercial heifer project. The maximum score of the oral interview shall be 100 points.

15. Cattle Knowledge Quiz. Each exhibitor must complete a written quiz dealing with general cattle industry topics, including cattle selection, breeds, nutrition, animal health, animal handling and welfare, and other specified topics. The questions will be drawn from a study

guide compiled from reputable industry sources and will be made available to exhibitors on or before the validation date for their heifers. The quiz will be administered at a time specified by the Commercial Heifer Committee. The maximum score of the quiz shall be 100 points

16. All heifers checked in at the KCYS for show must sell in a time and in a manner determined by the KCYS Board of Directors. All sale accounting will be handled by representatives of the KCYS Board of Directors. A sales commission will be deducted from each pen that sells (along with the \$2/head Beef Checkoff). That sales commission shall be the same as specified for the KCYS Junior Premium Auction.

16. The Commercial Heifer Committee reserves the right to amend these rules with the approval of the Karnes County Youth Show Board.

17. Each exhibitor who sells their pen of heifers must write a thank you letter to his/her buyers prior to receiving his/her check for sales proceeds (less commission, beef checkoff, and any fees applied). Those letters must be approved for content by the relevant AST/CEA before checks will be distributed.

KCYS Junior Dairy Cattle Breed Show Rules

This show is subject to the KCYS General Rules, the Junior Livestock Show Rules and Special Rules listed in this section.

SPECIAL RULES

1. Ownership/Registration: Animals must be registered in the Herd book of their Association in only the Exhibitor's same on or before November 1, the year preceding the show. Purchase, delivery, possession, transfer, recording and registration must all take place on or before November 1, the year preceding the show. Registration Certificates must be available upon request.
2. Health papers: Certificate of Veterinary Inspection issued within the past 30 days is required.
3. Stalling: Junior Dairy Heifer will be stalled on a first come-first serve basis upon arrival. No automatic waterers will be allowed. No round bales of hay allowed.
4. Breeds: The show will consist of the following breeds: Holstein, Jersey, Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, and Milking Shorthorns.
5. Classes: Classes for each breed is 3 or more of the breed, with all breeds having less than 3 head competing against each other.

Class 1 Heifer - born Sept - Oct 2024

Class 2 Heifer - born June - Aug 2024

Class 3 Heifer – born Mar – May 2024

Class 4 Heifer – born Dec 2023 – Feb 2024

Class 5 Heifer – born Sept – Nov 2023

Class 6 Heifer – born June – Aug 2023

Class 7 Heifer – (not in milk) – born Dec 2022 – May 2023

Class 8 Champion Junior Female Rosette

Class 9 Reserve Champion Junior Female Rosette

Class 10 Cow – born Sept 2022 (including younger animals that have freshened)

Class 11 Cow – born Sept 2021

Class 12 Cow – born Sept 2020 – 2021

Class 13 Cow – born Sept 2019 – Aug 2020

Class 14 Cow – born before Sept 2019

Class 15 Champion Senior Female Rosette

Class 16 Reserve Senior Female Rosette

Class 17 Grand Champion Female Banner

Class Reserve Champion Female Banner

