



NEEDVILLE YOUTH FAIR GENERAL RULES - 2025

April 25, 2025 – May 4, 2025

1. The Needville Youth Fair reserves for its Executive Officers the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the Fair.
2. Any rule violation or misconduct by an exhibitor or parent will be subject to disqualification of exhibitor from any award and sale for the current year.
3. The Needville Youth Fair shall be held in April each year.
4. To be eligible to enter in the Needville Youth Fair (“NYF”), an exhibitor must be a member of FFA, 4-H (3rd Grade and 8yrs or old), or FCCLA. The exhibitor must be an active member of one of the following recognized NYF clubs or chapters listed: Big Creek 4-H, Lone Star Bend 4-H, 2 Rivers Rabbit & Photography 4-H, Needville 4-H; 4-H Livestock Producers, Needville FFA; Needville Jr. FFA, and Needville FCCLA. In addition, an exhibitor must meet the eligibility of Rule 4a.
 - 4a. In addition to General Rule 4, an exhibitor must meet one of the following criteria:
 1. Attend a Needville ISD (NISD) school or Damon ISD (DISD).
 2. Reside in the boundaries of NISD
5. **The Needville Youth Fair recognizes and accepts NISD/DISD student policies, rules and procedures as stated in the 2024-2025 School Student Handbooks. Any exhibitor that is deemed not eligible to participate in an extracurricular activity by NISD/DISD due to grade eligibility, attendance or disciplinary infractions will not be allowed to participate in the Needville Youth Fair.** To be an eligible student, he/she must meet criteria stated in rule #5 as well as NISD/DISD eligibility requirements. Any exhibitor that is ineligible to compete because of UIL or TEA requirements (Sec. 33.081 Texas Education Code) will not be allowed to participate in the Needville Youth Fair. Eligibility will be verified as of April 9, 2025. That verification will be applicable to the most recent completed six weeks grades available or most recent progress report to re-certify an exhibitor if applicable.
6. Entries in the livestock show must be shown and **sold** by their owner. Exhibitor substitution may be allowed under the following conditions (Type A and B below). In all cases, the Livestock Superintendent (current Vice President) must approve the exhibitor substitutions and will do so only if all conditions are met. The substitute showman must be another current NYF exhibitor.

TYPE (A) SUBSTITUTION: OTHER SCHOOL ACTIVITY
The substitution request must be made in writing by the parent. The parent’s request must include the name of the substitute. The substitute showman must meet the requirements of rules #5, #6 and #7 of the Livestock General Rules. **Completed Form must be turned in 30 minutes after the steer show.**

TYPE (B) SUBSTITUTION: SICKNESS OR FAMILY EMERGENCY
The substitution request must be made in writing by the parent. The parent’s request must include the name of the substitute. The substitute showman must meet the requirements of rule #5, #6 and #7 of the Livestock General Rules.
7. To be eligible for competition, all animals and poultry must be owned, fed and cared for by the exhibitor. An exhibitor must own 100% of their project throughout the feeding period (family-tag included), starting at the initial entry/order date. Animal must be housed at the location identified on entry card and is subject to verification by division chairman.
8. All exhibitors and event participants listed below must submit their division entries and entry fees online at the Needville Youth Fair website. Livestock and Creative Arts Exhibitors are required to have their entries and entry fee submitted by midnight 7 days prior to their tag in/tattoo date. The specific tag-in, order date, or tattooing is the official start of the project. Fees will not be refunded in any division.

Exhibitor/Participant Release of Liability MUST be submitted online at www.needvilleyouthfair.com and be completed prior to tag in/tattoo date or at check-in for Poultry exhibitors. Entry fees must be

paid through ShoWorks. Exhibitors will be able to register all their fair entries at the same time for the 2025 fair. A \$150.00 Late Fee will be assessed after the close of the online registration. The Late Fee and Registration will be paid on/at the Tag In/Tattoo Date.

Required Online Entries Include: All Livestock entries, Creative Arts, Archery, BBQ Cook-Off Teams, Jr BBQ Cook-Off, Bucket Calf's and Mutton Bustin.

9. Family tagging will be allowed. This will be interpreted as "immediate family living in the same household". (i.e.: brothers, sisters, step brothers and sisters, half brothers and sisters). This does not include cousins, nieces or nephews. This rule applies to all market livestock divisions. All exhibitor's names must be submitted when animal is tagged and when poultry is ordered.
10. A \$20.00 fee per livestock entry will be charged. A five (5) percent (%) commission will be charged on all auction items. There will be **no** commission charge on Add-ons.
11. Check-in times will be as follows:

Commercial Heifer	Saturday, April 26, 2025	4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
Lambs and Goats	Wednesday, April 30, 2025	5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Rabbits	Wednesday, April 30, 2025	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Swine	Thursday, May 1, 2025	4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Steer	Thursday, May 1, 2025	4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Roasters and Broilers	Friday, May 2, 2025	7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

No tack allowed in barn until after 12 noon on Wednesday of the fair. (i.e. show boxes, fan racks, trim stalls, grooming tables etc.) NO TACK WILL BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE BARN UNTIL CHECK OUT ON SUNDAY MORNING AT 8:30 A.M.

12. **ANIMALS MAY NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE FENCED AREA FOR ANY REASON ONCE THEY HAVE BEEN CHECKED IN UNTIL RELEASED BY DIVISION CHAIRMAN.**
13. **ALL EXHIBITORS MUST DISPLAY AN EXHIBITOR SIGN BY END OF CHECK-IN DAY (WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY). SIGN MUST BE MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE FAIR. SEE RULE NUMBER 2.**
14. The Fair will provide Wood shavings in the poultry pens. Needville Youth Fair will provide one (1) bag of shavings per swine, sheep and goat pen. Steer and Heifer exhibitors will be allowed to use pelleted shavings. **All exhibitors** will be responsible for feeding their animals and cleaning their pens/stalls the morning of checkout. **Cedar Shavings must be used for all Cattle Exhibitors.**
15. Each exhibitor will be responsible for their feed and feeding their animals. Feeding equipment for livestock and poultry must be provided by the exhibitor.
16. No change of color pattern of the animal(s) by painting or dying will be allowed! No "powder" or "dusts" will be permitted on animal(s) at show time! No oil will be allowed on swine at show time!
17. Evidence of "sharp practice" to improve confirmation or appearance of animal(s) is cause for disqualification!
18. A "Grand" and a "Reserve Champion" will be awarded in each division of market animals. Ribbons will be awarded to the first five (5) places in each division of market animals.
19. There will be a Champion and Reserve Champion "Junior", "Intermediate" and "Senior" Showmanship Award given in the steer, lamb, goat, swine, rabbit, and commercial breeding heifer divisions. An exhibitor must show his/her own animal that was exhibited in class for the showmanship competition. Alternate/substitute animals will not be allowed. The showmanship divisions are as follows:

Junior Showmanship	-	3 rd thru 5 th grade
Intermediate Showmanship	-	6 th thru 8 th grade Senior
Showmanship	-	9 th thru 12 th grade
20. The Judge's decision is final in all competitions!
21. No portable generators will be allowed within the fenced area.
22. **TYING OF STEERS AND HEIFERS TO THE PERIMETER FENCE IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.**
23. An exhibitor is allowed to sell two (2) market exhibits, with the exception that all Grand and Reserve Champions must sell. Only one (1) entry per animal division is allowed. The exhibitor must notify the

Livestock Superintendent (Fair Vice-President) 30 minutes after the Steer show as to the two (2) items to sell or the Fair will automatically drop the lowest placing sale exhibit. Any and all additional sale drops are due at this time.

24. The following number of entries will be sold, provided they meet the minimum show standards:
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| a) | Steers | - | 15 |
| b) | Lambs | - | 15 |
| c) | Swine | - | 22 |
| d) | Roaster | - | 18 |
| e) | Pen of 3 Broilers | - | 18 |
| f) | Pen of 3 Rabbits | - | 22 |
| g) | Goats | - | 15 |
| h) | Commercial Heifers - | - | 20 |

If one (1) class is deficient, items will be added from the other division by: Listed Sale Rotations (Starting in **2025 with Swine**) Alternate the sale items. Sell all market items in rotation.

(Ex: steer, lamb, swine, roasters, broilers, rabbits, goats). Commercial Breeding Heifers will not be included in the rotation. The exhibitor is responsible for getting his/her animal to the sale arena. If exhibitor (or substitute with the animal) is not in line at the time the animal is due in the auction ring, they will forfeit their sale position.

25. All livestock will be sold by the head. All poultry and rabbits will be sold by the pen. In the event poultry or rabbits are donated to an organization for resale, the exhibitor will have \$20 deducted from their sale check for the donation.
26. There will be no add-ons to non-sale lots; sale sheet entries or items only.
27. The Needville Youth Fair Corp. will do all purchase billings and collection on all auction items; then pay the sellers. Thank You letters must be written and submitted before auction payments can be received.
28. **AUCTION BUYERS SHALL NOT BE APPROACHED BY ANYONE TO BUY BACK OR ASKED THAT THEIR ANIMAL BE DONATED BACK TO THE EXHIBITOR.**
29. **Buyers SHALL NOT be approached to buy non-sale animals until after the conclusion of the livestock auction. No for sale signs allowed until after the auction is over**
30. Seller (exhibitor) must submit a postage stamped unsealed handwritten thank-you letter(s) with the correct postage amount for each lot, unless there are multiple add-ons from the same person, for their buyer, add on, trophy donor, banner donor, and buckle donor with signed disposition sheet(s) from their buyers to the Needville Youth Fair showing the animal has been delivered as indicated on the disposition sheet. **Thank you letters will be sealed by the exhibitor after verification by the Auction Committee is completed.** A picture thank you note is acceptable as long as a handwritten thank you note of two or more sentences is included. No combining of family members. (i.e. brothers, sisters, step brothers and sisters, half brothers and sisters, etc.) Our Buyers are very important to the success of the Fair and the proceeds benefit the exhibitor directly.
31. The thank you letters and the signed disposition sheets will be submitted to the Needville Youth Fair thirty (30) days following the close of the fair. Exhibitors or their representative will submit these letters and disposition sheet(s) to the Needville Youth Fair Representatives at the youth fair grounds on **Tuesday, June 3, 2025** between **6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.** The committee will help each exhibitor with the required addresses. The exhibitor is responsible for required postage to mail thank you letters.
32. Any exhibitor failing to turn in thank you letter(s) and signed disposition sheets by the designated due date will have their check held. The Auction Committee Chairman will hold these checks until thank you letters are submitted to the Needville Youth Fair (Livestock Superintendent).
33. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible and liable for delivery of his or her livestock, poultry or rabbits after the show. Delivery must be made no later than fourteen (14) days after the show (**May 18, 2025**).
34. Auction checks will not be issued to exhibitors any sooner than forty-five (45) days from the close of the fair, unless earlier approval by the Needville Youth Fair Board.
35. Exhibitors with non-sale livestock items must sign out with the division chairman.
36. All animals must remain in the show barn until 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning. All animals must be checked-out at 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning with the event chairman or livestock superintendent. This

includes all non-sale items.* All exhibitors must clean their individual pens and/or stalls before release! Non-placing birds may be released by poultry chairman at his/her discretion if space and/or barn conditions exist.

37. No one allowed in fenced area between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. beginning the 1st Saturday of the fair and for the duration of the fair.
38. FOR SAFETY OF THE LIVESTOCK, EXHIBITORS AND VISITORS, **NO PETS** OF ANY SORT WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE NEEDVILLE YOUTH FAIRGROUNDS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ENTRIES FOR THE PET SHOW.
39. **THE NEEDVILLE YOUTH FAIR WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LOSS OF ANY ANIMAL OR POULTRY BEFORE, DURING, OR AFTER THE SALE.**
40. PARENT WORK CONTRACT: A parent/guardian of any exhibitor exhibiting a project at the Needville Youth Fair (excluding Bucket Calf) is required to work a minimum of four (4) hours per family. If a parent/guardian cannot work the 4 hours, they may ask a family member or friend to work for them; all workers must be 16 or older. It is the Parent's responsibility to find a replacement. No-shows will result in **\$250.00** deduction from sale check. A schedule for sign-up and viewing (Sign-Up Genius) will be available on the website March 1st. Parents/Guardians must sign up on or before April 1st. Do not sign up during your child's Show. You will be required to work the entire (4) hour shift. Parents/Guardians of exhibitors choosing not to work a four (4) hour shift will be assessed a fee of \$150 per family. For the Parents/Guardians of exhibitors who choose not to work, a \$150.00 payment will be collected at Online Registration or Tag in/Tattoo. If the payment is not made at registration and an opt out option is decided at a later date, the \$150.00 payment must be made by April 1st. Checks made payable to NYF and mailed to Needville Youth Fair, P.O. Box 237, Needville, Texas 77461. If payment is not received by check-in the exhibitor will forfeit the right to show. **Failure to comply with the Parent Work Rule may also forfeit the right to future participation in the NYF.** Sign-up Genius Work Areas include but aren't limited to: Dance, Concession Stand, Creative Arts, Catered meal, etc.

THE NEEDVILLE YOUTH FAIR WILL NOT BE HELD LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY THEFT, DAMAGES OR INJURIES TO ANY PERSONS, PERSONAL PROPERTIES, EXHIBITORS, EXHIBITS OR LIVESTOCK WHILE ON THE GROUNDS OR IN TRANSIT THERETO OR THEREFROM, OR ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER!