SOUTHWEST DISTRICT LIVESTOCK SHOW & RODEO

CALF SCRAMBLE RULES

GENERAL

1. The Southwest District Livestock Show Inc., McNeese State University, Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service, Harper-Morgan Rodeo Productions Inc., the Cattlemen's Association in the Southwest District, the Calf Scramble Sponsor, and the supplier of calves for the calf scramble **will not be responsible** for any accidents which may occur to any of the participants in the Calf Scramble before, during, or after the scramble.

2. All information requested on the **Minors Release** must be completed. There must be two adult witnesses present for the signing of the release by both the parents/legal guardian and the participant. **BOTH PARENTS** must sign the release. However, if the parents are divorced or if one is deceased, one signature is sufficient. But the notation of "**DIVORCED**" or "**DECEASED**" must be made in the space provided, or the minor's release will be returned. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL INCOMPLETE MINOR'S RELEASES BE ACCEPTED**.

SELECTION OF SCRAMBLE CONTESTANTS

1. The names of potential participants will be submitted to the Southwest District Livestock Association by the County Extension Agent and Agricultural Science teachers by January 10th, before this year's District Livestock Show. From the names submitted, the Calf Scramble Committee will select participants and alternates using a lottery system. No more than twenty (20) participants will be chosen for each rodeo performance. This list will be made public, and participants will be notified of their selection. Once the list of participants has been promulgated, no substitutions will be allowed, i.e., participants cannot switch performances, etc.

2. Participants in the **Senior Calf Scramble** must have reached their 12th, but not their 18th birthday, on January 1 of the year they will participate and cannot be enrolled beyond their junior year in high school. Participants in the **Junior Calf Scramble** must have reached their 9th birthday but not their 12th birthday on January 1 of the year they will participate. All participants must meet the following general guidelines:

a) must have suitable facilities to care for and develop animals won in the scramble
b) must have the emotional maturity and desire to care for an animal
c) must be able to display some reasonable assurance that the participant will show any animal won at the next Southwest District Livestock Show
d) must have the scholastic ability to devote the time necessary to care for and develop an animal and still maintain reasonable academic standards

3. Participants in the Senior Calf Scramble must weigh at least 100 pounds and be in good physical condition. Any participant appearing with broken limbs or evidence of a recent injury (cast, ace bandages, etc.) will be automatically disqualified and will be replaced by an alternate.

4. Winners of the Calf Scramble will not be eligible to participate in future scrambles sponsored by the Southwest District Livestock Show Inc.

5. Participants must be bona fide members of either a 4-H club or an FFA Chapter. Students holding membership in both organizations can only have their name entered once per year for eligibility to participate in the Calf Scramble. Names of potential participants **must** be submitted by either 4-H agents or Agri-Science teachers. Names **will not** be accepted from parents, family members, or others.

6. After all Minor Releases have been checked by the Southwest District Livestock Show Inc. Calf Scramble Committee, each applicant will be notified of their acceptance as a participant or alternate and when and where to meet on the date and time they are to participate in the Calf Scramble. Official notification will come only from the Calf Scramble Committee. Students selected for participation who know in advance that they will not be able to participate in the Calf Scramble should notify a member of the Calf Scramble Committee for alternates to be selected for participation. Once selected, failure to inform the Calf Scramble Committee of non-participation may result in ineligibility for future Calf Scrambles.

ARENA RULES

1. Participants and animals will be placed in the arena as directed by the Arena Director.

2. Participants will take into the arena a rope halter, which the Calf Scramble Committee will supply. The halter cannot be used as a lariat. Halters must be placed on the head of the animal in the usual way. (It is suggested that Supervisors of all participants instruct the participants in the proper use of a rope halter, and how to place it on the head of a calf before participating in the scramble.)

3. At no time will a participant be permitted to tie the rope to his body or belt.

4. Each participant will attempt to catch and halter one of the animals released. The participant catching an animal is required to halter it and lead it across the finish line without any aid.

5. If a participant has hold of an animal, no other participant will be allowed to touch the animal until it breaks away.

6. If a participant catches the animal by the tail, they will be given a reasonable amount of time to work around to the head; otherwise, the referee will order the animal released.

7. If two or more participants catch the same animal, the animal will be released.

8. The first participant who secures and properly halters an animal and leads it across the finish line will be declared a winner when so indicated by the referee. Second-place and third-place winners will be awarded cash prizes, the value of which will be determined by the sponsor of the Calf Scramble.

9. Undue roughness will not be tolerated. Poor sportsmanship automatically disqualifies any participant. Participants will not be allowed to drag an animal.

10. The Calf Scramble will be refereed by a select group of not less than four (4) referees.

11. Shoes with any type of knob or cleat - rubber, or metal **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED**.

ASSIGNMENT OF ANIMALS TO SCRAMBLE WINNERS

1. The winner of the Calf Scramble at each rodeo performance will be awarded a certificate to purchase a beef heifer, which **MUST** be shown at the next Southwest District Livestock Show. Scramble winners must buy their heifers from a breeder located within Louisiana. Scramble winners will make their own arrangements to purchase heifers. However, they are highly encouraged to solicit the advice and guidance of their 4-H Club Advisors or Agri-Science teachers. Although the negotiated price of the heifer may exceed $1000.00, the Scramble Committee **WILL NOT** reimburse the scramble winner for more than $1000.00. Scramble winners who purchase animals for less than $1000.00 may be reimbursed for feed and veterinary supplies for an amount that, combined with the purchase price, does not exceed $1000.00. Receipts for such expenses will be required.

2. Animals purchased with Calf Scramble Certificates **CANNOT** be sold, traded, or disposed of prior to fulfilling exhibition requirements, except by consent of the Chairman of the Calf Scramble Committee and the participant's Supervisor.

3. The title to an animal won in a scramble will not pass to the participant until the participant has demonstrated the interest, ability, and competency to follow instructions in feeding, grooming, and showing said animal.

4. **AFTER THE YEAR'S PROJECT HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND THE HEIFER IS SHOWN AT THE SOUTHWEST DISTRICT LIVESTOCK SHOW**, the money gained from the sale of the heifer will belong to the participant as a reward for their labor, feed, veterinary, insurance, and other costs.

5. Scramble winners must notify the Scramble Committee of a negotiated purchase of a heifer by September 15th of the year the scramble is held. Failure to negotiate a purchase by such date shall render the scramble winner's certificate of purchase null and void, and the second-place winner of the appropriate scramble will be declared the winner.

6. It will be the responsibility of the scramble winners to keep the participants' supervisor and the Calf Scramble Committee abreast of the development and progress of the animal through monthly reports.

CALF SCRAMBLE RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT MUST BE FULLY COMPLETED BEFORE THE CONTESTANT WILL BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CALF SCRAMBLE.

I, or we, _____ and _____
(Father) (Mother)
(Hereinafter "Parents", whether one or two), Parents of _____
(Contestant)
("Contestant"), a minor, born on (Date) _____ do hereby consent and agree to participation of Contestant in the Calf Scramble of the Southwest District Livestock Show Inc. on _____and in consideration thereof Contestant and Parents do hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless each of Southwest District Livestock Show Inc., McNeese State University, Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service, Harper-Morgan Rodeo Production Inc., Cattlemen's Association of the Southwest District, and the supplier of calves for the scramble, or any others acting on their behalf (collectively, "Indemnitee") against any and all claims whatsoever, including but not limited to injury or death to persons or loss or damage to property, and any and all liability and cost (including cost of defense or settlement) in whole or in part caused by or any arising out of or in connection with (I) Contestant's or Parent's use of any premises or material of Indemnitee; and/or (ii) Contestant's activities or presence as a contestant or participant. Parents and Contestant further release Indemnitee from all liability for any cause, including but not limited to injury or death to persons or loss or damage of property, suffered by Contestant in connection with his/her activities or presence as a contestant or participant or by Contestant or Parent in connection with the use of any of the premises or material of Indemnitee. The foregoing indemnity and release shall be applicable without regard to cause or causes of the act or omission giving rise to such indemnity or release, or the negligence of any party (including and Indemnitee and anyone directly responsible to any Indemnitee), whether such negligence be sole, partial, joint or concurrent, ordinary or gross, active or passive, and regardless of any failure of Indemnitee to give any warning concerning any premises or material, provided that such indemnity shall not apply in the case of Indemnitee's sole negligence. The venue for these purposes shall be located in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.

Parents also hereby consent and agree that, in the event of any injury to the Contestant while participating in a calf scramble and if the parents are not readily available, those acting on behalf of the Indemnitee shall have the right (but not the obligation) to authorize medical treatment for the Contestant, including hospital admission if deemed necessary. The foregoing release shall apply to any act or omission by the Indemnitee in this regard and to any costs or expenses of medical treatment.

NOTE: Signatures of parents, contestant, and witnesses **MUST BE THEIR OWN.** This release will **NOT** be accepted unless a PUBLIC NOTARY witnesses the signatures of the parents and contestant**.**

_____ _____
Father's Signature Mother's Signature

_____ _____
Contestant's Signature Parent's email address (for correspondence)

Address: _____

Phone (cell # if possible) _____

_____
Witness Name - Printed

_____ Address: _____
Witness Signature

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On this _____ day of _____, 20 _____, before me, personally appeared _____, to me known to be the persons who executed the foregoing Release and acknowledge that they signed same as their free act and deed.

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES _____

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NOTARY PUBLIC

COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT
OR AGRI-SCIENCE TEACHER: _____
(Name)

4-H Parish or FFA Chapter Name: _____

T-Shirt Size (Circle) YS YM YL AS AM AL XL XXL

Grade level currently enrolled in school: _____

MEDICAL CARE AUTHORIZATION

PATIENT'S NAME: _____

I hereby grant authorization to a physician designated by the Southwest District Livestock Show Calf Scramble Committee to administer any treatments that are deemed necessary or advisable for this patient.

SIGNED: _____
PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN

On this _____ Day of _____ 20____ Before me, personally appeared _____ known to be the person who executed the foregoing **Authority for Medical Care** and acknowledged that they signed the same as their free act and deed.

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: _____

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NOTARY PUBLIC

Please submit this form with your application. It will be returned to you during Calf Scramble participation.

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- **Farm Bureau Federation**
- **First South Farm Credit**
- **Louisiana Land Bank**