2027 SOUTHWEST DISTRICT JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW
RULES AND REGULATIONS

The general rules that apply to the LSU Junior Show and the District Shows will be adhered to. Southwest District Livestock Show Management reserves the right to disqualify any animal(s) exhibited if an exhibitor is found, in the opinion of the show Management, in violation of the rules. Any violation of rules will be reported to the LSU Agricultural Livestock Show Management.

1. No heat lamps allowed. No open-flame cookers and no BBQ pits are permitted in the barn area. No butane bottles in the pen or tie areas. The barn is a smoke-free area. Locks on pens and stalls as well as the use of automatic waterers are not allowed. Side fans only in the beef area. No scooters, hoverboards, or bikes are allowed in the barns. **NO DOGS** are allowed on the show grounds, except for service dogs.

   NO PELLETIZED SHAVINGS ALLOWED IN THE CATTLE TIE AREA OR SMALL ANIMALS PENS OF THE BURTON COMPLEX.

2. **EXHIBITOR CODE OF CONDUCT** - An exhibitor may be disqualified for any of the following:
   - Possession of illegal drugs and/or alcohol
   - Misuse or abuse of personal or facility property
   - Disrespect of the authority of Agents, Ag Teachers, Leaders, or Superintendents
   - Disruptive or abusive behavior by exhibitors or family members toward other participants or spectators

3. Any superintendent, along with show management, will have the authority to disqualify individuals in violation of rules and enforce policies and procedures adopted by the Southwest District Livestock Show Advisory Committee.

4. **WEIGH PROCEDURE** - All animals must make District minimum weight to qualify for LSU. Exhibitors, parents, agents, or FFA Advisors are responsible for weighing animals prior to the deadline for each species. Only one entry weight on a properly signed weigh card will be accepted. Market hogs will be "weigh your own" and will have a mandatory weigh-back. Market steers, lambs, and goats will not have a re-weigh and will use the official weight given by the weighmaster at the scales.

   A. Minimum/maximum weights to qualify for District:

Market Hogs	**171 - 285 lbs.**	**** this year only**
Market Lambs	80	no upper limit
Market Steers	850	no upper limit
Market Goats	50	no upper limit
Commercial Heifers	500	no upper limit

   B. **ONCE WEIGHT CARDS ARE TURNED IN, THEY ARE NOT SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

   C. Classifying:
   Market Swine, Commercial Heifers, and Market Lambs **must be declared on entry form by the exhibitor and will be reviewed and can be reclassified at District.**

   D. In order to compete for Class Champion or Reserve, or La. Bred Class Champion or Reserve Market Animal, animals must be re-weighed and meet the following tolerances of their show weight:

+ or -	
Swine	5% of recorded weight
Steers	**** No reweigh**
Lambs	**** No reweigh**
Meat Goats	**** No reweigh**

   Once an animal leaves the weigh area, they cannot be re-weighed. If an exhibitor disagrees with the initial weight, they must ask for a re-weigh immediately.

   E. **IMPORTANT!** Lightweight market hogs will have their minimum weight verified prior to showing in class. If an individual does not meet the minimum weight, they will not be allowed to show and will not be eligible for the LSU Jr. Show as per the LSU Rule.

   All market steers will have their minimum weight verified during weigh-in. If a steer does not meet the minimum weight, **it will not show in class** and will not be eligible for the LSU Jr. Show.

F. Market animals will be shown by weights, starting with lightweight classes.

5. **RABBIT BREEDING SHOW**: Will follow ARBA rules unless otherwise stated below.

   A. Possession date for all breeding rabbits is December 1 each year. Rabbits must be in the exhibitors' care and possession.
   B. All Entries must be filled out by parish offices by their deadline.
   C. The entry fee will be $5 per rabbit.
   D. All rabbits must be tattooed with permanent and legible identification. The tattoo must be on the left ear. If you do not have access to tattoo supplies. Please contact your 4-H office for help. They should have a volunteer in their parish to assist with tattooing your rabbits.
   E. Crossbred rabbits will be allowed to show.
   F. Rabbit showmanship will be offered. Study guides will be sent out to agents to distribute. No test will be given.
   G. Each age division will have a class. There will be a Junior Division Champion from ages 13 and under and a Senior Division Champion from ages 14 and over.
   H. Will select Best of Breed and Best Opposite of each breed. Overall, will select Best in Show and Second Best of Show.

6. **EXHIBITION POULTRY SHOW**:

   A. Poultry entry fees will be $5.00 per bird.
   B. General rules and guidelines for the show will come from the State Poultry Show catalog with the exception of the number of birds an exhibitor may enter on the District Level. The District Show is not a qualifying event for an exhibitor's birds to advance to the State Show.
   C. Each exhibitor may only enter a **total of six exhibition birds**. An exhibitor may exhibit a maximum of five varieties of poultry; however, they can be any combination of standards or bantams. Within each variety, an exhibitor may enter no more than two cocks, two cockerels, two hens, and two pullets.
   D. At check-in, exhibitors must present a valid Health Certificate from a general veterinarian as well as a VS Form 9-2 from a state veterinarian indicating that the bird(s) have beentested and are free of *Salmonella pullorum* and *Salmonella gallinarum* (pullorum and typhoid). You may contact your 4-H Agent for more information.
   E. Exhibition Poultry will be shown by Variety/Breed and Class, following the LSU Livestock Show Catalog Poultry Rules. Within each breed, birds will be awarded a Quality Group Ribbon, with Purple representing top quality, then Blue, Red, and White in that order. The top three birds in each breed will be awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, and that placing will be noted on the back of the Quality Ribbon (Purple Ribbon). Only birds in the Purple Quality Group will be eligible for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. 1st Place within each breed will receive an Award Medallion.

      All of the 1st Place winners within each breed will be judged to determine the Champion and Reserve Champion within each Class (i.e., American, English, Mediterranean, Continental, Asiatic, and Any Other Standard Breed; Modern Game, Old English Game, SCCL, RCCL, AOCCL, and Feather Legged). Class Champions and Reserve Class Champions will receive a Rosette. The Class Champions will be judged to select a Champion Bantam and Champion Standard. These two winners will receive a trophy (or buckle if funds allow).
   F. Showmanship is optional, and divisions will include Junior (9 - 13-year-olds) and Senior (14 and older). Ribbons will be awarded in all classes, and buckles will be awarded to the division Champions.
   G. All entries must be leg-banded for identification purposes.

7. An exhibitor can show 3 market steers, 3 market hogs, 3 market goats, 3 market lambs, 3 commercial heifers, 3 commercial dairy, 3 commercial does, 2 commercial ewes, and 3 commercial gilts at the District Show. Breeding requirements: a club or chapter member may enter as many registered animals as he desires; however, no member will be allowed to show no more than one per class except for dairy heifers that calf and are moved to the two-year-old class. They can be shown with another two-year-old by the same exhibitor.

8. All animals will be placed according to the Danish system. (Purple, Blue, Red, White) and ribbons awarded accordingly. Market Steer, Lamb, and Hog divisions will select division Champions and Reserve Champions, and they will return to compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of the Show. Any animal

must be purple ribbon quality in order to receive a Champion or Reserve Champion Award.

9. Belt Buckles, Trophies, and/or Banners will be presented to the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champions.
10. All certified La. Bred Animals certified prior to placing in the purple, blue, or red ribbon groups are eligible to receive premium money. Breeding animals placing purple, or blue will also be eligible for premiums.
11. All Swine will need LA BRED Certificate on hand to verify LA BRED at check-in.
12. Showmanship classes will start with the oldest and end with the youngest. Those who were 14 or older on or before December 31 will compete as seniors. ***Showmanship entries will be taken online for the district shows.**
13. **All Entry fees are due at the same time entries are due. No paying for entries at check-in**.
14. No one will be allowed to sleep in the barn with the animals.
15. Rules for operation of the Burton Coliseum Complex, as set down by the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, will be strictly adhered to.
16. Parents or Legal Guardians will be responsible for the behavior of their children at all times.
17. All Exhibitors are subject to the supervision of all Agents and Vo Ag Teachers on the livestock grounds.
18. Superintendents and Extension Office Secretaries will check registration papers or copies of all breeding animals.
19. Breeding sheep must be shown **SLICK SHEARED** (except recognized wool breeds) with no wool above the knees or hocks.
20. No straw or hay will be allowed in the barn as bedding. No hay can be fed in beef or dairy ties except in hay nets.
21. Health papers are required on all animals exhibited at the District Show. Papers must be checked by LDAF before unloading.
22. All protests must be made in writing and accompanied by a deposit of $50.00, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. The protest must be filed with the Livestock Show Manager immediately upon the occasion for such protest and must contain at least one specific charge stating all facts relied upon or the rules violated, and name witnesses and their addresses. No complaint or appeal based upon the statement that the judge or judges are incompetent or have overlooked an animal will be considered.
23. Any protests will be resolved by the Show Manager, Superintendent, Agent, or Ag Teacher involved. Anyone who leaves early with their animal from the District Show without proper release forfeits all awards and may not be allowed to show at the LSU State Junior Show.

SW DISTRICT LIVESTOCK SHOW | UNLOADING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **All trailers must enter the lot by Gauthier Road (North Entrance)** and have health papers checked in the Northwest lot.
2. Beef and Swine trailers will enter the barn lot by the Northwest gate (closest to the Coliseum) and exit by the Southwest gate. **No trailers will be allowed in the barn.**
3. Sheep and goats will be unloaded on the North side of the outdoor arena. Sheep will be housed on the east side of the barn and goats on the west side. **No trailers are allowed in the barn.**
4. After unloading, all trailers must be taken home or to the McNeese football field for parking. **Trailers left in the lot overnight will be subject to towing.**
5. Poultry will use the SW Gate entrance, drive to the barn to park/unload, and then check health papers.
6. Rabbits will use the North side of the Outdoor Arena to park/unload and then enter through the West side of the Arena to check health papers.