

4-H & FFA CALF SCRAMBLE CONTEST

Objective

The purpose of the Tulsa State Fair Calf Scramble is to encourage 4-H & FFA youth who have a desire to learn about all aspects of raising an animal project. This program assists those individuals who have not had the opportunity to be involved in livestock shows at the Tulsa State Fair to participate. Exhibitors will learn animal husbandry, time management, and even financial responsibility.

Entry

The Calf Scramble application deadline is September 9, 2016. Each Club/Chapter must submit entry online and upload the agreement form. Each Club and 4-H County are limited to five entries per year.

Participation

1. Applicants must be enrolled in the Oklahoma 4-H or FFA, and considered eligible, at the time of application, and if selected, at the time of scramble.
2. Applicants must have reached their 12th, but not their 18th birthday on July 1, 2016 and not be enrolled beyond their senior year in high school.
3. Applicants must have the consent of his/her parents.
4. The Tulsa State Fair will not be responsible for any injury connected with this contest.
5. Participant must complete a Minor's Release. The signature of one legal guardian, the 4-H County Extension Agent or FFA Agricultural Instructor, and the participant are required.
6. Applicants who previously won a calf scramble certificate at the Tulsa State Fair are not eligible to participate in the Calf Scramble Program more than once. Only one certificate per person per lifetime.
7. Applications received by the Tulsa State Fair that are incomplete will be ineligible. The Show will not reserve any scramble or alternate positions without a complete application. The drawing for the Calf Scramble will be held at the Tulsa State Fair Livestock Office on September 18, 2016. The drawing will include only members who have submitted fully completed applications by September 9, 2016.
8. Selected participants must be able to compete in the Calf Scramble that will take place during the PRCA Rodeo on either Friday, October 7 or Saturday, October 8. The winners will be notified by email of the time that they will compete in the Calf Scramble Contest if they are to participate.
9. Those contestants that cannot compete on the day posted may switch with another contestant prior to Monday, October 3. The request must be emailed to the kara@tulsastatefair.com. The Livestock Office will keep these requests on file and will accommodate if possible. Contestants that cannot be accommodated will be responsible for attending the date as posted or will be replaced by the next eligible alternate.
10. Applicants should be able to answer a definite "yes" to the following questions:
 - a. The Scramble Purchase Certificate awarded is for the purchase of any animal eligible to show in the 2017 Tulsa State Fair Junior Livestock Shows with the exception of the Broiler Show. Is the participant financially capable of contributing additional funds to feed and care for the animal?
 - b. Does the participant have suitable facilities to care for and manage the project?
 - c. Does the participant have a real desire to own and show an animal?
 - d. Is the participant the type who would devote their attention to the animal to bring to the 2017 show that you, your advisor, the sponsors and the Tulsa State Fair will be proud to display?
 - e. Are the parents willing to allow the participant to spend the time from school and other activities to bring their animal to the 2017 show and stay for the time necessary to show and care for the animal?
 - f. Will the participant be conscientious in submitting regular monthly reports, essays and other necessary paperwork via email to the livestock office and the donor as required?

Ineligible Participants

Approved applicants are considered eligible by the Tulsa State Fair for participation in the Calf Scramble at the time the completed entry application is received by the Show. Any 4-H County Extension Agent or FFA Agriculture Instructor who has a member that becomes ineligible to participate, for any reason, must provide written notification to the scramble office at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of scheduled scramble in which the ineligible participant was to participate. Notification may be faxed or e-mailed.

Arena Rules

1. Contestants will be permitted to take into the arena a rope halter sponsored by the Calf Scramble committee. The halter cannot be used as a lariat.
2. Contestants may not work as a team. Each contestant will attempt to catch and attach their halter to one of the calves. Each contestant catching a calf is required to lead that calf across the finish line. After placing the lead rope on the calf, the contestants will not be permitted to fasten the rope to them in any manner.
3. If a contestant has hold of a calf, no other contestant will be allowed to touch the calf unless it breaks away. If two or more contestants catch the same calf, they will be ordered by the referee to release the calf.
4. If a calf is caught by the tail, the contestant will be allowed a reasonable amount of time to place the lead rope on the calf. However, at the direction of the referees, the contestant must let the calf go.
5. Poor sportsmanship will automatically disqualify the contestant. Undue roughness will not be tolerated, whether towards participants or to the animal.

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2016 – 2017 Calf Scramble Winner Requirements

1. The first 10 contestants to catch a calf and cross the finish line will be awarded an \$800.00 voucher to use toward the purchase of a Market Steer, Prospect Steer, Heifer, Barrow, Wether Lamb, Ewe Lamb, Wether Goat or Doe Goat that is eligible to show at the 2017 Tulsa State Fair.
2. It is agreed and understood by the participant that ownership of the animal shall be joint ownership with the Tulsa State Fair. Exhibitors will receive full ownership of the animal after the completion of the project.
3. Purchase certificates in the amount of \$800.00 must be used in the purchase of an animal approved by the Tulsa State Fair Calf Scramble Committee. Winners cannot purchase animals from themselves, immediate family members or their ranches (family ranches or partnerships). Under any circumstance, checks will NOT be issued to 4-H Clubs, FFA Chapters, students, parents or supervisors. The seller will be issued the check in the full amount of animal, not exceeding \$800.00. If the animal is purchased for less than the \$800.00 certificate amount, the seller will be issued a check for only the actual purchase amount. The purchase price may be over \$800.00, however; any amount over \$800.00 is the responsibility of the Calf Scramble participant.
4. Payment on scramble certificates will be made to the seller after the voucher is received in the scramble office.
5. The animal must be a FFA or 4-H project. The animal purchased must return and be shown at the 2017 Tulsa State Fair. The exhibitor must show the animal in the junior show. Winners must submit appropriate entry materials by the entry deadline.
6. The exhibitor must purchase the animal by May 1, 2017. For breeding animals registration transfer into Exhibitor's legal name must take place by the breeding animal ownership deadline. Registration papers should only be in the scramble winner's name. Market Animals must be nominated by July 1, 2017. Dual ownerships, partnerships, or family nominations are not allowed.
7. Ownership must take place on or before May 1, 2017. Exhibitor agrees to care for the animal daily by providing feed, water, and a healthy environment.
8. In addition to the rules and regulations listed, Exhibitors are required to follow the guidelines as listed in the Livestock Premium Book.
9. A monthly progress report (one page report documenting you and your animal's progress from the previous month) and expense report must be sent via email to kara@tulsastatefair.com. All reports will be posted on the Tulsa State Fair Calf Scramble blog for sponsors to read each month.

Disclaimer

Winners who fail to fulfill their obligations as stated in these rules will have their Calf Scramble Certificates revoked and will be required to repay the certificate value to the Tulsa State Fair. The exhibitor will also be required to provide a letter of explanation to the donor and the scramble office. Failure to comply with these rules could also result in forfeiture of Calf Scramble entries for one year for that club/chapter.

Responsibilities of Winners

1. Participant sponsor relationship: Progress and expense reports must be typed and emailed monthly to kara@tulsastatefair.com.
2. Completed scrap book/record book.
3. Live evaluation will be judged during the 2017 junior shows. Each Calf Scramble animal will show in their respective division and breed.

2016 CALF SCRAMBLE CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Rules

1. Exhibitor and animals are subject to the Tulsa State Fair General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Division Rules and Regulations and the Rules governing the Calf Scramble.
2. The Calf Scramble contest is limited to 2016 Calf Scramble certificate winners.
3. Calf Scramble animals must be entered in a Junior Show by the September 1, 2016 entry deadline.
4. Calf Scramble animals must be shown in a 2016 Junior Show.
5. Participants must participate in the phases of the program: Record Keeping and Live Evaluation.

Record Keeping

The top four in this phase will receive premium money: 1st - \$150, 2nd - \$125, 3rd - \$100, 4th - \$75, 5th - \$50
Points will be awarded based on the following:

1. Participant sending in monthly progress and expense report.
2. Overall accuracy and completeness of reports.
3. Essay at the conclusion of project, "What did you learn and explain your understanding of today's livestock industry."
4. Scrapbook with completed recordkeeping information turned in to the livestock office on Friday, October 7.

Live Evaluation

Scramble animals do not show in a scramble class. Animals must enter and show in the respective divisions in the Tulsa State Fair Junior Show.