

2008 Wiregrass Winter Classic Rules

Ring A Judge: Jerry McPeak, Warner, Oklahoma
Ring B Judge: Jake Franke, Hereford, Texas

Wiregrass Arena

Nicholls, Georgia

December 12, 13 & 14, 2008

2 Rings and 2 Judges

2 separate shows combined into one outing for a single entry fee.

1. Exhibitors will begin the show in Ring A and immediately will proceed to Ring B.
2. There will be only one Showmanship competition where odd grades will compete in Ring A and even grades will compete in Ring B.
3. **Eligibility: Open to the world. Only bonafied FFA and 4-H members (age 9 to 12th grade) are eligible.**
4. **Drugs and Diuretics:** Administration of any drug of any kind or description internally or externally is prohibited, except for treating a recognized disease or injury as prescribed by a licensed veterinarian. For the purpose of these rules the term "drug" shall mean: any substance, the sale, possession or use of which is controlled by license under federal, state or local laws or regulations and any substance commonly used by the medical or veterinary professions which affect circulatory, respiratory or central nervous systems of an animal to include diuretics. The use of any diuretic for any purpose whatsoever on any animal in the show is prohibited. Show management reserves the right to take blood and/or urine samples for analysis. Any violators will be reported to the appropriate state and federal authorities.
5. Steers and heifers must be owned, in the possession of and under the daily care of the exhibitor by October 1, 2008.
6. An original registration certificate is required on all registered heifers.
7. **Breeding Heifer Information:**

All heifers must be born after September 1, 2007. Registered heifers will be shown by breed and age. Commercial heifers will be shown by weight. **All breed divisions will make regardless of number.** Each breed division will have a Grand and Reserve Champion and those two heifers will then compete for the Overall Top 5 with other breed champions in the final drive.

8. **Market Steer and Market Heifer Information:**

Market Heifer Show: Exhibitors will be given the opportunity to show heifers in the Market Heifer Show. All heifers are eligible. Exhibitor must make decision on entry form to show either in the Commercial Breeding Heifer Show or the Market Heifer Show. Market heifers will be shown by weight.

Market Steer Show: Steers will be shown by breed and weight. Breed must be entered on entry form; however, exhibitors can make a final declaration of their steers' breed when their steer is weighed. **All breeds divisions will make regardless of number.** Breeds with 10 head or more will be shown in at least two classes.

Every effort will be made to have as small of a weight spread as possible in each class. Each breed division will have a Grand and Reserve Champion and those two steers will then compete for the Overall Top 5 with other breed champions in the final drive.

Steer Classification Guidelines:

This will assist in entering your steer. These guidelines were developed by a committee of Ag Ed teachers and County Extension agents.

Continental Breeds:

Steers must show a predominance of characteristics indicating that the animal is approximately 50% or more of the breed entered. Continental breeds include (but are not limited to) Charolais, Chi-Influence, Gelbvieh, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, Simmental.

British Breeds:

Angus: Must show all the characteristics of the Angus breed; black in color with no white above the underline, or on leg, foot or tail. (White is allowed in front of the navel). Smooth polled, no scurs.

Hereford: Must show all characteristics of the Hereford breed. Horned and Polled Herefords are eligible. (horned steers must be dehorned) .

Shorthorn: Must show all characteristics of the Shorthorn breed. Color typically should be red, white or red/white roan. No black or blue/white roans allowed.

Red Angus: Must show all characteristics of the Red Angus breed. Smooth polled, no scurs.

Brahman Influence:

Must show evidence of Brahman (or Brahman derivative) parentage.

9. An official health certificate as required by Georgia Department of Agriculture regulations must accompany steers and heifers. (Refer to 2007-2008 Georgia 4-H and FFA rules and Regulations booklet for details.) Out of state exhibitors may want to call the Georgia Department of Agriculture for regulations concerning out of state cattle (404-656-3667.)
10. Cattle will be tied on shavings furnished by the Coffee County Steer Club.
11. Filling of steers and heifers with any substance, water included, is prohibited. False tailheads and false switches will not be permitted. All animals must be shown in their natural conformation and structure without alteration by modification except for the grooming and treatment of the hair and trimming of the hooves. No graphite, hair, cotton twine, etc. may be applied.
12. **Fees:** Entry fees will be \$40 per calf. Entry deadline is November 26, 2008. Entry fees for cattle on forms postmarked after November 26th will be \$50 per animal. No entries will be accepted after December 7, 2008. Tie spaces will be assigned depending on available spaces. T-shirts will only be available to those exhibitors who enter their cattle by November 26th.
13. No dogs allowed. (Leave them at home.)
14. All exhibitors participating in showmanship must show their own animal. Exhibitors in showmanship will not be allowed to change their animal once the showmanship class starts.
15. The use of nose tongs will not be allowed to exhibit steers or heifers. Please leave unruly animals at home. If an animal gets away from exhibitor three times, it must leave the ring.