



## 2025 MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION CALF SCRAMBLE RULES

### MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR & RODEO SCRAMBLE DATES APRIL 4 & 5, 2025

#### GENERAL

1. The Montgomery County Fair Association will not be responsible for any accidents that may occur to any participant in the Calf Scramble before, during or after the scramble.
2. **INCOMPLETE MINORS RELEASES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** All information requested on the Minors Release must be complete. There must be two adult witnesses to the signing of the Release by the parents and the participants. 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 Minor's Releases will be returned.

#### SELECTION OF CONTESTANTS

1. These participants should be carefully selected. Participants may only be selected by their Agricultural Science Teacher or County Extension Agent. Absolutely no substitutions will be made in the participant lists after they are received by the Montgomery County Fair Association from the FFA or 4-H County Office.
  - a. AGES: Participants must have reached their 12th, but not their 18th birthday on January 1, 2025, and not be enrolled beyond their Junior year in high school.
  - b. WEIGHT: Participants must weigh at least 100 pounds.
  - c. Participants who report to the Fair Office must be in top physical condition. Any participant appearing with broken limbs, etc. will automatically be disqualified and the first alternate will be put in their place.
2. The following questions should be taken into consideration by Agricultural Science Teachers or County Extension Agents when making the selection of participants in the Calf Scramble.
  - a. The Scramble Purchase Certificate awarded to the winners is for the purchase of a registered heifer, and will be mailed to the winner. Many of the participants have had to add more money in order to obtain a suitable heifer for showing. Would the participant's parents be financially able to do this if it is found to be necessary?
  - b. Does the participant have suitable facilities for caring for and developing a heifer?
  - c. Does the participant have a real desire to own and show a registered heifer?
  - d. Is the participant the type who would devote the time that is needed and that their sponsors, their supervisor and the Montgomery County Fair Association will be proud to show?
  - e. Are the parents willing (and are grades satisfactory enough) to allow the participant to spend the time away from school and other activities to bring the heifer to the 2026 Fair and stay with her for the days necessary to show and care for her?
  - f. Will the participant be conscientious in submitting regular monthly reports to this office and to the sponsors on forms that we furnish?
3. The scramble program is open to all 4-H and FFA members that are enrolled in public, private,

parochial schools or Home Educated Students. No participant will be permitted to participate in more than one scramble (either 4-H or FFA) in any one year. PLEASE DO NOT ATTEMPT TO ENTER IN BOTH FFA & 4-H. Even if an exhibitor has been through the program once, they are eligible to participate in the program again, but only after they have sat out of the program for the year following their participation. They would then be placed at the bottom of the list, giving exhibitors who have not participated in the program an opportunity to do so.

4. After all Minors Releases have been checked by the Montgomery County Fair Association, each applicant will be notified of their acceptances as a participant, when and where to meet on the date and time they are to participate in the Calf Scramble by the Fair Office. (This official notification will be sent to you by the Montgomery County Fair Association ONLY).

## **ARENA RULES**

1. At no time will the participant be permitted to tie the halter to their belt or body or use it as a lariat.
2. If two or more participants catch the same calf at the same time, the calf will be turned loose.
3. If a participant has hold of a calf, no other participant will be allowed to touch the calf until it breaks away.
4. If a participant catches a calf by the tail, the participant will be given a reasonable amount of time to work around to its head. If they cannot do this, an Arena Judge will have to order the participant to let the calf go.
5. If a participant loses a calf with their halter on it, the animal becomes a "Free Calf". The participant is permitted to recapture the calf by use of the halter, but any other participant who catches this calf will have to do so in the usual manner, remove the other participants halter and put their own halter on the calf.
6. If a participant catches a calf within the winner's square, he/she will be able to halter the calf, and then the calf must be taken out of the square and brought back across the finish line.
7. There will be no kicking or dragging of the calves.
8. If a calf should get out of the arena, the participant is not to follow the calf. Committeeman will retrieve the calf and place it back in the arena for the participants.
9. Any participant who secures and properly halters a calf and gets the calf across the finish line will be declared a winner.
10. After the participant crosses the finish line a Finish Line Judge will take the calf from the participant. The participant must stay with the calf and not walk away.
11. No teaming up. We are not discouraging good sportsmanship and in fact encourage it when an Arena Judge tells you it is OK.