

CALF SCRAMBLE

GENERAL:

Calf Scramble online entry will be available to Clubs/Chapters by Oct. 15, 2019, at www.rodeohouston.com. All entries must be submitted by AST/CEA only by Dec. 1, 2019.

- a. The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ is not responsible for any accidents which may occur to any participant in the Calf Scramble before, during or after the event.
- b. Participants are selected on a first-come, first-served basis. AST/CEAs may enter calf scramble participants and alternates online beginning Oct. 15, 2019, and reenter the system at a later date to submit the remainder of their junior livestock show entries prior to the December 1 deadline.
- c. Once the necessary paperwork has been received and verified by the Calf Scramble office, qualified applicants will be notified of their acceptance as a participant or alternate, the date and time they are to participate, and where they are to meet. This official notification will be sent to you by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Calf Scramble Office ONLY.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- a. Applicants must be enrolled in and considered eligible in a TX 4-H or FFA at the time of application and if selected, at the time of scramble. **Applicants MUST be United States citizens and MUST possess a valid social security number.**
- b. Applicants must be enrolled in and attending a public or private secondary school in the state of TX.
- c. Applicant must have reached their 14th, but **NOT** their 19th birthday on Jan. 1, 2020 and not be enrolled beyond their junior year in high school.
- d. Applicant is required to pass the Quality Counts Verification test for entry. Calf Scramble entrants will not be accepted without the verification code. The test can be found at <https://agrillife.org/qualitycounts/>
- e. Applicant must be financially capable to supply any additional funds that may be needed to purchase the heifer or market steer and to feed and care for it.
- f. Applicant must be able to provide suitable facilities for caring and developing a breeding heifer or market steer.
- g. Applicant must be able to devote the appropriate time and attention to the calf and return to the 2021 Show with a heifer or steer that all parties involved will be proud to display.
- h. Applicant and his/her parents/guardian must be willing and the participant must be eligible to spend the required time away from school and other activities to exhibit and care for the heifer or steer at the 2021 Show. They must also have the required time it takes to submit all monthly reports, essays and business plan.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENT:

- a. Participants must be able to run and perform procedures necessary to scramble.
- b. Applicant must weigh at least **100 pounds**.
- c. Participants appearing to have broken limbs or evidence of a recent injury (cast, ace bandage, support brace, etc.) will **automatically** be disqualified and replaced by the first eligible alternate.

SPECIAL RULES:

- a. Certificate Limitations: Applicants who previously won a scramble certificate through participation in the Calf Scramble, 4-H and FFA Dairy Judging Contest, or 4-H and FFA Livestock Judging Contest at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo are not eligible to participate in the Calf Scramble or to accept additional Calf Scramble certificates.
- b. Scramble Limitations: Participants are only allowed to participate in one Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Calf Scramble in any one year. Clubs/Chapters may enter unlimited Calf Scramble entries, with the first 5 entries being considered for available participant positions. All potential Calf Scramble participants/applicants must be entered online by the December 1 deadline.
- c. Substitutions: If a participant is unable to scramble for any reason, an alternate will be assigned by the Calf Scramble Office.
- d. Ineligible Participants: Approved applicants are considered eligible by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo for participation in the Calf Scramble at the time the online entries are made. Any CEA/AST that has a member who becomes ineligible to participate, for any reason, must provide written and signed notification to the scramble office at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of the scheduled scramble in which the ineligible participant was to participate. Failure to do so may result in disqualification of entries for the following Show year.
- e. Dress: Participants must wear long pants and comfortable shoes. Dresses and skirts will not be allowed. Shoes with any type of knob or cleat are not allowed. A belt is not required but strongly suggested. Please remember that you will be running in dirt, so the more comfortable you are, the easier it is to run.
- f. Roll Call: Participants must be checked in at the Scramble Meeting room prior to the start of the meeting. Any participant not present at roll call and the Scramble Meeting may forfeit their position and be replaced with an alternate. A notice including the scramble date and meeting time will be sent to all participants and alternates.