Purchase Certificate Rules

1. Total award for all Calf Scramble Certificate recipients is $2,250. $1,750 of which will be used to purchase the heifer or market steer and $500 of which will be received after the banquet at the 2021 Show, provided that all obligations are fulfilled. Purchase certificates in the amount of $1,750 must be used in the purchase of a breeding beef heifer or a market steer approved by the CEA or AST. Heifers must be born between Jan. 1, 2019 and Mar. 31, 2020. Heifer breeds that are eligible for purchase will be determined after the 2020 Show and posted to the Scramble page at http://www.rodeohouston.com/Get-Involved/Exhibitors-Participants/Calf-Scramble. All steers must be validated through the TX 4-H and FFA steer validation program by June 30, 2020 and the electronic identification number must be entered in the “Animal Details” section of the monthly reporting system on or before August 1, 2020. Steers may be any breed of beef cattle. All heifers must be validated through the TX 4-H and FFA Heifer Validation System. Heifer validation will include online registration paper uploading and a physical validation with a county validation committee which will include DNA hair sampling. The deadline for heifer validation is November 1, 2020, exhibitors should contact their County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher for local / county deadlines.

2. The calf must be an FFA or 4-H project. The winner MUST return to the 2021 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and show the calf in the Scramble Beef Heifer Show or Scramble Steer Show. Steer projects may not be entered in any show prior to the 2021 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo that requires the winning animals to be sold at auction. Scramble steer exhibitors are encouraged to enter the Junior Market Steer Show, but are only allowed one entry into the Junior Market Steer Show and it must be their Scramble Steer. Scramble heifer exhibitors are encouraged to enter the Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show, but are only allowed one entry into the Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show and it must be their Scramble Heifer. Appropriate entry materials must be submitted through the exhibitor’s club or chapter by Dec. 1, 2020 for the exhibitor to show in the 2021 Junior Livestock Show.

3. Payment on scramble heifer certificates will be made to the seller after the completed purchase certificate and the original, transferred registration paper are received in the Scramble Office. Payment on steer certificates will be made to the seller after the completed purchase certificate is received in the Scramble Office. The original scramble certificate must be signed by the supervisor, seller, parent and student. Payment will be delayed if documentation is incomplete.

4. All correspondence, including certificate and registration papers, should be sent to: Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Attn: Calf Scramble Office, PO Box 20070, Houston, TX 77225.

5. Winners cannot purchase animals from themselves, immediate family members (mother, father, brother, sister, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, stepfather, stepmother, half-brother, half-sister, nieces, nephews, aunt, uncle, cousin) or their ranches (family ranches or partnerships), their 4-H/FFA advisor or 4-H club/FFA chapter. Winners may not purchase heifers that have been previously exhibited through any Calf Scramble program. Payments will not be issued to 4-H Clubs, FFA Chapters, students, parents or supervisors.

6. Winners cannot purchase a calf that they have previously shown at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in any given year or any calf that has previously been recorded in their name or in an immediate family member’s name. Winners cannot purchase a calf that was previously shown as a Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scramble calf. If a calf is purchased for less than the $1,750 certificate amount, the seller will be issued a check for only the actual purchase amount.

7. Heifer Certificates may be combined with certificates awarded from other stock shows occurring between Jul. 1, 2020 and Mar. 31, 2021 as long as the animal is brought back to the Houston Livestock Show in 2021. If a combination of certificates is being used, the original transferred registration papers must be sent to the Show that is earliest in the calendar year. The first Show will make copies of the original transferred registration papers and then forward the original transferred registration papers to the later Shows. The last Show of the calendar year will receive and hold the original transferred registration papers and forward the original transferred registration papers to the winner/exhibitor upon completion of his project at all of the Shows involved.

8. Scramble steer and heifer substitutions will only be allowed at the discretion of Show management. Furthermore, scramble heifer substitutions will only be allowed if the original registration paper of the substitute heifer (solely in the name of the respective scramble exhibitor on or before Nov. 1, 2020) is received by the Scramble Office on or before the December 1st deadline. Show management must be notified immediately of any potential substitutions.

9. Winners who fail to fulfill their obligations as stated in these rules may have their Calf Scramble Certificates revoked, will be required to repay the certificate value to the Houston Livestock Show and will 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. If repayment is not made within 30 days of the 2021 Show, HLSR reserves the right to repossess the scramble heifer or steer and revoke invitations to participate in future Houston Livestock Shows. Winners who are ineligible to show at the 2021 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scramble Steer or Scramble Beef Heifer Shows will be required to re-pay the certificate value to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

10. Scramble Certificate winners who initially accept and then decline their Scramble Certificate, may be barred from exhibiting/participating in future HLSR competitions/shows. This is at the discretion of Show Management.

11. Failure to submit three (3) or more monthly reports to the donor and Scramble Office during the course of the year-long project will make the exhibitor ineligible for the remaining $500 received upon completion of the 2021 Show.