CALF SCRAMBLE

GENERAL:

Calf Scramble online entry will be available to Clubs/Chapters by Oct. 15, 2014, at www.rodeohouston.com. All entries must be submitted by AST/CEA only by Dec. 1, 2014.

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 online beginning Oct. 15, 2014, 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 Texas 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 Texas.

c. Applicant must have reached their 14th, but NOT their 18th birthday on Jan. 1, 2015 and not be enrolled beyond their junior year in high school.

d. 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.

e. Applicant must be able to provide suitable facilities for caring and developing a breeding heifer or market steer.

f. Applicant must be capable to devote the appropriate time and attention to the calf and return to the 2015 Show with a heifer or steer that all parties involved will be proud to display.

g. 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 2016 Show. They must also have the required time it takes to submit all monthly paperwork, essays and scrapbook.

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 are limited to 5 entries during the online submission period. If spots are available after the December 1 deadline, club/chapters may enter additional scramblers for participant and alternate positions by submitting paper applications to the Calf Scramble Office.

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 the start of the 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.
Purchase Certificate Rules

1. Total award for all Calf Scramble Certificate recipients is $1,750. $1,500 of which will be used to purchase the heifer or market steer and $250 of which will be received upon check-in at the 2016 Show, provided that all obligations are fulfilled. Purchase certificates in the amount of $1,500 or more 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, 2014 and Mar. 31, 2015. Heifer breeds that are eligible for purchase are: Angus, Beefmaster, Brangus, Charolais, Chianina, Grey Brahman, Hereford, Limousin (and Lim-Flex min. 50% Limousin), Maine-Anjou, Polled Hereford, Red Angus, Red Brahman, Red Brangus, Santa Gertrudis, Simbrah, Shorthorn, Simmental, American Registered Breeds, and Other Registered Breeds. The American Registered Breeds division is open to the following breeds: Beefmaster Advancer, Braford, Braford F-1, Brahmosin, Brangus Optimizer, Charbray, Gelbray, Golden Certified F1, Percentage Simbrah, Star 5, UltraBlack, and UltraRed. All American Registered Breeds must be at least 3/16ths Brahman. The Other Registered Breeds division is open to the following breeds: Braunvieh, Braunvieh Beef Builder, Gelvieh, Gelvieh Balancer, Lim-Flex (less than 50% Limousin), Maine Tainer, Percentage Charolias, Percentage Simmental, Pinzgauer, Shorthorn Plus. Any breed not listed above is considered ineligible.

All steers must be validated through the Texas 4-H and FFA steer validation program by June 30, 2015 and the electronic identification number must be remitted by email to the Calf Scramble Office at calfscramble@rodeohouston.com on or before July 15, 2015. Steers may be any breed of beef cattle.

All heifers must be validated through the Texas 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 14, 2015, but you need to check with your local County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher for local / county deadlines.

2. The calf must be a FFA or 4-H project. The winner **MUST** return to the 2016 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 2016 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. Appropriate entry materials must be submitted through the exhibitor’s club or chapter by Dec. 1, 2015 for the exhibitor to show in the 2016 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 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, P.O. Box 20070, Houston, Texas 77225-0070

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, niece, nephew, aunt, uncle, cousin) or their ranches (family ranches or partnerships). Winners may not purchase heifers that have been previously exhibited through any Calf Scramble program. Checks 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.

7. If a calf is purchased for less than the $1,500 certificate amount, the seller will be issued a check for only the actual purchase amount.

8. Heifer Certificates may be combined with certificates from other stock shows that occur between Jul. 1, 2015 and Mar. 31, 2016 as long as the animal is brought back to the Houston Livestock Show in 2016. 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.

9. Scramble steer and heifer substitutions made from July 15th – Nov 1st 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, 2015) is received by the Scramble Office on or before the December 1st deadline. Show management must be notified of any potential substitutions.

10. Winners who fail to fulfill their obligations as stated in these rules will 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 forfeit of Calf Scramble entries for one year for that club/chapter. If repayment is not made within 30 days of the 2016 Show, HLSR reserves the right to repossess the scramble heifer or steer and revoke invitations to participate in future Houston Livestock Shows.
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 $250 received upon check-in to the 2016 Show. Failure to submit any reports during the course of the project will result in the exhibitor forfeiting any premiums won during the Calf Scramble Heifer Show or Steer Show in addition to the $250.