

# Helpful Hints for Exhibitors of the 2020 San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Livestock Show

The San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc. is home to one of the largest junior livestock shows in the world. Over 12,500 exhibitors from nearly every county in Texas enter our show each year. The volunteers that put on our show are committed to providing each exhibitor the best experience possible. The San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo is well known for its down home approach and hospitality to exhibitors, patrons, and show officials. We strive to treat our exhibitors as our guests and we appreciate that they choose to come to San Antonio. To those 4-H and FFA supervisors and exhibitors who have come many years, we thank you. To those who may be new to San Antonio, we are excited to host you! These “Helpful Hints” are designed for exhibitors to be aware of our procedures both before and after arrival on the grounds.

## **Premium List**

The [2020 Livestock Premium List](#) includes all rules and regulations regarding the upcoming Livestock Show. The Premium List includes all schedules, entry and eligibility requirements, scholarship information, auction and premium information, etc. for all Junior and Open Livestock Shows, Junior Ag Mechanics, and Calf Scramble. It is imperative for all exhibitors and their families to read and understand all the rules associated with every show/contest they are considering participating in. The Premium List is typically posted online in early October.

## **Biosecurity**

Every animal that comes on grounds must be compliant with current Texas Animal Health Commission rules, and requirements are subject to change. View the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo’s Health Requirements in the [2020 Livestock Premium List](#).

Anytime there is congregation of animals, especially animals originating from different premises, there is increased risk for the spread of diseases. Establishing and following sound biosecurity practices is the cornerstone for reducing the risk of spreading these diseases. Exhibitors are encouraged to work with their local veterinarian and AST/CEA to establish a proper protocol for their animals before, during and after the show.

## **Entering the Livestock Show**

Junior livestock show exhibitors are required to enter the Livestock Show via their respective Agricultural Science Teacher (AST) or the County Extension Agent (CEA). Exhibitors should contact their AST/CEA to learn more about the entry process for each chapter/county.

## **Credentials**

Junior show passes purchased during the entry process will be mailed to the exhibitor's AST/CEA before the show. Open show exhibitors may pick up and/or purchase passes at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo- Salado Creek Property Office. Upon arrival to the show, additional gate/car passes can be purchased at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo- Salado Creek Property or the Livestock Office on grounds provided they are available.

## **Arriving at the Show**

All livestock and agricultural mechanics projects will first report to the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo- Salado Creek Property. Exhibitors will be greeted by volunteers upon entering the area. Exhibitors will drive through the arrival tent, fill out all necessary paperwork, and be placed in line for unloading in the order at which they arrive. They will then receive a text that will provide further instructions on the unloading process and stalling information. The San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo- Salado Creek Property is open 24 hours a day beginning at 3 pm on Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> for your convenience. Please keep in mind that no animals are allowed off the trailers while at San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo- Salado Creek Property.

While every effort is taken to minimize the wait time at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo- Salado Creek Property and make the process more efficient, exhibitors should be prepared to wait in line for an extended period. Finally, be aware that Check-In does not occur at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo- Salado Creek Property. Further steps will need to be taken once the exhibitor arrives on the grounds to make sure their animal is properly checked-in.

## **Unloading at the Barns**

From the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo- Salado Creek Property, exhibitors will be directed to the East Gate of the Freeman Coliseum/AT&T Center grounds. Volunteers will provide helpful instructions detailing where exhibitors will unload their projects. While unloading, we encourage each exhibitor to be as efficient as possible in order to expedite the process for the others still waiting in line. Many times volunteers and interns are available to help with the unloading process.

## **Trailer Parking**

After unloading, exhibitors will return back to the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo- Salado Creek Property to park empty livestock trailers. Volunteers are at the lot 24 hours a day to help exhibitors drop off and pick up trailers. No livestock are allowed in the area where empty trailers are being parked. No exhibitors are allowed to stay in this area of the lot overnight.

## **Check-In**

Exhibitors are reminded that Check-In does not occur at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo-Salado Creek Property. For most shows and contests, Check-In consists of turning in paperwork to the show superintendent or entering information into a kiosk once they arrive on the grounds. Please ask the volunteers or superintendents of the respective show/contest where and how to Check-In.

## **During the Show**

Class postings will be available throughout the barn when they become available after Check-In. Exhibitors are encouraged to monitor the judging progress throughout the day so that they are prepared when their class is called to the staging area. When the exhibitor has completed his/her class, they will need to follow the guidelines of their specific show departure.

## **Release**

Release times will be announced by the department Superintendent. No livestock may exit the grounds between 10pm and 7am.

## **Livestock Office**

The Livestock Office located between the Morris Center and Swine Barn is open daily from 7am-6pm. Volunteers and staff are available to answer any questions, help with late entries, sell parking/gate passes as available, and assist with any problems. ®

## **Feed Store**

Feed, hay, shavings, and other supplies are available for purchase on site at the S.A.L.E. Feed Stores, located at the east end of the Horse Show Stall Barn and the east end of the Cattle Barn.

## **Official Show Veterinarian**

The official show veterinarian, Dr. Ben Espy, and his staff are available at all times during the Livestock Show. The Official Show Veterinarian Office is located at the north end of Animal Adventures/Cattle Barn #2. For the convenience of exhibitors, the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo arranges to have veterinarians available; however, they do not donate their services or medications. All medication administered during the livestock show must be administered by the Official San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo Veterinarian. Dr. Espy is a great resource regarding specific animal health requirements *prior to* arrival, and his contact number is 210-281-4765.

## **Auction, Premium and Floor Checks**

Many exhibitors will be fortunate to receive premium monies or qualify for the Junior Livestock Auction. *Premium* and *auction* checks are typically mailed from S.A.L.E. to the respective AST/CEA at the end of March. Exhibitors will need to visit their AST/CEA to receive their check. *Floor* checks for market animals are typically sent from the Texas Livestock Marketing Association (TLMA) to the

AST/CEA in mid-March. If there are any questions regarding floor checks, please contact TLMA directly.

### **Show Photographer**

The 2020 Livestock Show official photographer is [ShowChampions](#).

### **Online Broadcast**

The 2020 Livestock Show will feature certain shows live broadcasted through [Walton Webcasting](#). Major market shows including Barrows, Goats, Lambs and Steers as well as Junior Breeding Heifers and Junior Crossbred Gilts will be broadcast through Walton Webcasting.

### **San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo – Competitive Events Facebook Page**

Exhibitors can keep up with the latest happenings within the Livestock Show, Horse Show, Junior Ag Mechanics and Junior Shoot-Out by following the [San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo – Competitive Events Facebook Page](#). As much as possible, the page is kept up to date with show and contest information such as weight breaks, links to results, weather alerts, etc.

### **Accommodations**

Trucks with campers and trailers with dressing rooms can park on grounds but cannot be used as living quarters. K.O.A. (210) 224-9296 and Dixie Kampground (201) 337-6501 are located near the AT&T Center grounds.

### **Miscellaneous**

The city of San Antonio has adopted a “hands-free” ordinance prohibiting the use of hand-held mobile communicate devices to engage in a call, or send, read or write a text message, or engage in any other use of the device while operating a motor vehicle.

San Antonio is the seventh largest city in the United States so please take into consideration rush-hour traffic and other delays when making your way to the Grounds or other properties.