

2009 STEER CALF DIVISION RULES

1. All steer entries will be subject to the General Rules of the WCFA.
2. All calves must be on feed by the next to the last Saturday in October.
3. Each exhibitor may weigh and tag two steers on the next to last Saturday of October between the hours of 9:00 am and 11:00 am at the Walker County Fairgrounds; provided that one of the steers is an American Breed, however, only one steer may be shown at the Walker County Fair. Families with 2 or more children will be allowed to tag steers in the family name. At final weigh-in it must be declared which child will show which steer. **Only one calf per exhibitor will be stalled at the Fair.**
4. All calves must be halter broken to lead at the time of the Steer Show.
5. There will be two breed divisions within the show: European Breeds and American Breeds (American Breeds will be Brahman, Beefmaster, Brangus, or Santa Gertrudis influence and display those characteristics that would be expected of a 1/4 Brahman Cross, i.e. some ear and sheath. The final decision of what will classify as an American Breed will be made by the Steer Committee or its duly appointed representative.) The steers will be placed in their respective divisions at the first weigh-in by an appropriate person.
6. Classes will be determined at the discretion of the Steer Committee following the final weigh-in.
7. Only one calf per person may be sold, and only fifteen calves will be sold. The judge will pick the sale order, whereby the fifteen best steers in the show will sell.
8. There will be a first-place steer and a second place-steer selected for each class, with the first-place steer of each class, returning to compete for Grand Champion Steer. The second place steer from the class that provided the Grand Champion Steer will then compete with all the other class winners for Reserve Grand Champion Steer.
9. Steers will be sold per head.
10. Each exhibitor will show one of the animals that was weighed in on the next to the last Saturday in October.
11. There will be a weight-gain trophy and a \$250 cash award presented to the exhibitor whose steer gains the most weight during the official feeding period, which will include the period from the next to the last Saturday of October to a date designated on the WCFA Schedule of Events
12. All steers will be required to gain a minimum of two pounds per head per day during the official feeding period. Any steer failing to meet the daily gain requirements will be sifted.
13. There will be four monthly weigh-ins held at intervals of approximately thirty days during the official feeding period, with each exhibitor strongly encouraged to attend all four. In order to be eligible for the show, all exhibitors and their steers must attend the weigh-ins, which will be when steers are officially weighed in on the next to the last Saturday of October, plus two additional weight checks and the final weigh-in on the Monday prior to the Steer Show.
14. Steers will be weighed when they are checked in for the Steer show. This weight will be the official weight to determine the sale weight, weight-gain champion and daily-gain requirement. Only one official weigh-in between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on check-in day will be allowed. All steers not meeting daily gain requirements will be removed from scales, scales balanced and re-weighed prior to the 7:00 p.m. deadline. All steers meeting the required weight gain requirements on their initial weigh-in will not be allowed to reweigh. All steers not meeting the required weight gain by the 7:00 p.m. deadline will be sifted and will be removed from the fairgrounds immediately.
15. There will be two showmanship classes, with a belt buckle presented to the Grand and Reserve Grand Showman in each division. The divisions will be Junior and Senior Showmanship. Junior showmanship will be ages 8-13 years of age and Senior showmanship will be ages 14 years and older.
16. Each exhibitor will be presented an exhibitor's number at the official weigh-in for the Steer show and will be required to wear this number at all times while in the show ring.
17. Hair: Steers must be slick sheared to not more than 1/4" on any location of the body, excluding the tail switch. Steers must be slick sheared before arrival on the grounds. Steers will be checked at weigh-in for 1/4" length; violation of the 1/4" uniform length over the entire body will result in Immediate disqualification and may not be shown. Decisions of the Steer Committee will be final.
18. No grooming powders will be allowed. Other grooming aids will be allowed so long as they do not change the major color pattern of the steer

19. The exhibitor will designate at the October Steer "TAG-IN" the physical address located in Walker County at which the steer will be fed and cared for by the exhibitor throughout the entire feeding period with a minimum of outside aid and assistance in preparation for the Walker County Fair. A temporary physical address change shall only be approved by the steer committee for the reasons of animal health or personal hardships. .
20. At the final check-in of the Fair, all projects will be subject to screening based upon health, grooming, preparation and presentation.
21. Only steers displaying official WCFA tags will be allowed to weigh-in and show. If this tag is accidentally removed from steer, the exhibitor should immediately notify the steer Committee Chairman in order that he may re-tag the animal.

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