**MARKET SWINE**

**Rule 1:** Swine exhibitors must have possession and caring for their animals and have them on feed by December 1 of the year preceding the show.

**Rule 2:** Each exhibitor in the swine department may enter and show only 2 market hogs. Exhibitor may show as many breeding gifts as desired. Any gilt not weighing in to the market show that is entered in the breeding show also, may show in the breeding gilt show.

**Rule 3:** The act of artificially filling animals internally, which would include stomach pumping, drench tubes, or any other method per os (by esophagus) is prohibited. Failure to abide by this rule will result in automatic disqualification of the animal entered.

**Rule 4:** Classes will be divided into breed classes. Example Duroc, Hampshire, Light OPB, Dark OPB, and Crossbreds. .

**Rule 5:** All breeds will have a Champion and Reserve Champion. Breed Champion will compete for Grand Champion. When Grand Champion has been selected, the Reserve Champion from that breed will compete with the other breed champions for Reserve Grand Champion.

**Rule 6:** Weight Class: Hogs must weigh in between 205 and 280 pounds. No grace will be given. Weigh in weights will be recorded for the breaking of classes. All breed classes will be broken as follows:

20‐34 head 2 Classes

35‐74 head 3 Classes

75‐99 head 4 Classes

100 or more head 5 ClassesIf weight classes exceed 35 pounds from the lightest to the heaviest, extra classes MAY BE ADDED IF POSSIBLE.

**Rule 7**: Sex—In the Market Class Barrows and Gilts may be shown.

**Rule 8:** Breeding Gilt Class: Gilts should be farrowed between July 1st and Sept. 15th .

**Rule 8A:** Exhibitors showing gilts in the purebred classes will be required to present registration papers. Papers will not be required to be in the exhibitor’s name, but may be in an immediate family member name, or farm name.

**Rule 8B:** Purebred registered gilts may double enter and show in market and breeding gilt show.

**Rule 8C:** Crossbred and unregistered breeding gilts may show in the crossbred class in the Breeding Gilt show but may not also show in the market hog how.

**Rule 9:** 75% of the Market Swine in each class will be placed and will receive ribbons, those that grade Middle #2 or above, will be eligible to be presented in the sale.

**Rule 10:** The use of talc or oils or any foreign materials will not be permitted. There will be no clipping of hogs on the grounds during the show.

**Rule 11:** Showmanship will be judged after the judging of the swine division. Showmanship awards shall be presented in three (3) divisions. Seniors (Grades 9‐12), Intermediate (Grades 6‐8) and Juniors (Grades 3‐5) as of the first date of the show), to the exhibitors showing the greatest skill and knowledge in the handling and fitting of their animals for the show. The three (3) showmanship winners shall be chosen from among all swine division exhibitors (breeding and market). Exhibitors will only be allowed to wear their showmanship number with their own animals not while showing someone else’s animal. Exhibitors will only enter the showmanship competition with their own animals that was shown in the Market or Breeding classes. THE SHOWMANSHIP EXHIBITOR MUST SHOW THEIR OWN ANIMAL THAT WAS SHOWN IN THE MARKET OR BREEDING CLASSES.

**Rule 12:** Hogs must arrive by 12:00 p.m. on Thursday (and not before 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday). Hogs will be weighed in at 1:00 until completed. Reweighs will be done immediately at time of crossing scale. At 12 noon, the barn gates will be locked and no hogs may enter or leave the barn except if released to go home.

**Rule 13** Validation of all market swine and breeding swine will be held in conjunction with the state validation. County only validated animals will be charged $2.00 for their tag and paperwork. Both county and state validations will be accepted at the Guadalupe County Youth Show. Hogs may be validated in the name of a family and not necessarily the name of individual members.