

# Bastrop FFA Livestock and Project Exhibition Policy

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**Article I.** This policy, in addition to all rules of the relevant governing bodies, shall govern the exhibition of projects exhibited through Bastrop FFA. Exhibited projects shall be defined as a livestock, fabrication, or artistic project exhibited with Bastrop FFA or one of the Bastrop FFA Ag Science Teachers (ASTs) as the adult sponsor/mentor/advisor. This policy shall also govern any projects of any nature constructed, housed, or stored at a Bastrop Independent School District Facility.

**Article II.** All exhibitors must have paid FFA dues and have turned in the Project Intent to Show Form by the FFA dues final collection date.

**Article III.** It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to: locate, read, and follow all official rules and regulations of each individual show they plan to attend and attend all relevant validations.

**Article IV.** Students must be in good academic standing to participate in any exhibition event; this includes but is not limited to academic eligibility as outlined by UIL guidelines.

**Article V.** Throughout the year, the ASTs will designate exhibition meetings that are mandatory. Students will be required to attend these mandatory meetings.

**Article VI.** Throughout the year, ASTs will schedule SAE visits for student projects. The exhibitor (student) must be present at their project's location for the scheduled SAE visit.

**Article VII.** Exhibitors must provide the housing address for all livestock projects. The property must be open to an advisor check at the advisor's discretion. Twenty-four hour notice will be given for a project check. The student can be present, but is not mandatory for an advisor check.

**Article VIII.** All exhibitors and contestants must have created and maintained a record book using the Bastrop FFA's theaet.com platform according to the criteria mentioned within this document.

**Section A.** Record books must be set-up in AET according to AST instruction. The SAE plan must be completed entirely. All financial data regarding the project must be entered, including amounts received from their respective exhibition event. Financial entries must be entered no less frequently than monthly. Students must log their time working on the project at least weekly.

**Section B.** Upon the completion of the student's exhibition, any student with incomplete record books will be fined from their winnings / auction check \$50.

## **Article IX. Bastrop Area Livestock Show**

**Section A.** All students who plan to participate in the livestock show must enroll by November 1. Exhibitors must be members in good standing of a FFA Chapter or 4-H Club in Bastrop County, and have attended at least 5 of their regularly scheduled 4-H or FFA club meetings (September 1

through May 31) within the current stock show calendar year (from end of last stock show to start of present stock show) and sign the official attendance sheet.

**Section B.** In order to participate in the Bastrop Area Livestock Show, students must complete a series of tasks and participate in all of the following activities, in addition to any outlined in the official rules of the Bastrop Area Livestock Show.

**Subsection (a)** All exhibitors and contestants, livestock and otherwise, must identify the time and date necessary to set up the Bastrop Area Livestock Show facilities for the annual event. Exhibitors must arrive ten minutes prior to the official start time and stay for the entire duration of the event, until released by the AST. Any potential reason(s) for not being able to do so must be submitted in writing at least forty-eight hours in advance and are subject to review and approval by the AST and the Bastrop Area Livestock Show Board of Directors.

**Subsection (b)** All exhibitors and contestants must assist in teardown of facilities immediately at the end of the event. They must stay and be actively helpful until duties are completed and released by the AST.

**Subsection (c)** All exhibitors and contestants must participate in BALS fundraising activities including: sell five of the raffle tickets for the annual Bastrop Area Livestock Show Raffle, selling the steak dinner tickets, providing an auction item for either event, and or volunteering for the event(s). *Please note there is occasionally an add on provided by supportive groups that may have a higher participation requirement.*

**Subsection (d)** All requirements for buyer interaction must be completed before student checks will be released by the ASTs. This will include buyer letters, pictures, and any other activities as outlined by the BALS Board of Directors.

## **Article X. State Livestock Shows**

**Section A.** It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to print and fill out state livestock show entries at least seven days prior to the due date for the Ag Science Teacher. The Ag Science Teacher will then go through the process of submitting their entry digitally in accordance with the state show procedures.

**Section B.** The Ag Science Teacher will attempt to gain approval to travel to state shows at which a Bastrop FFA member will exhibit, and the AST submitted the entries. The AST will (if permitted) assist with turn in of all required forms to officially check in a project. The AST will check in periodically with the exhibitor offering advice and ensuring the welfare of the project. The AST will attempt to attend the show ring while an exhibitor is in the ring.

**Section C.** All state show contestants will pay a five-dollar fee to the Bastrop FFA Chapter for submission of state entries and are responsible for other relevant registration fees.