

**WALTER GERLACH  
LIVESTOCK SHOW AND SALE  
2027**

**FRIDAY - JANUARY 15, 2027**

Kickoff Dance @ Pedrotti's

7:30pm - midnight

**FRIDAY - JANUARY 22, 2027**

Ag Mechanics Project Check-in at Vickery

5:00pm - 7:00pm

**SATURDAY - JANUARY 23, 2027**

AG Mechanics Show Begins @ Vickery Multipurpose Center

9:00am

**SUNDAY - JANUARY 24, 2027**

Goat Arrival

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Lamb Arrival

3:00pm - 4:00pm

**MONDAY - JANUARY 25, 2027**

Goat Show Begins

8:00am

Lamb Show Begins

30 min after goat show

Steer Arrival

5:00pm - 6:00pm

**TUESDAY - JANUARY 26, 2027**

Swine Arrival

8:00am - 11:00am

Steer Show Begins

5:00pm

**WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 27, 2027**

Swine Show Begins

9:00am

Rabbit Arrival

2:00pm - 3:00pm

Rabbit Show Begins

3:00pm

**THURSDAY - JANUARY 28, 2027**

Turkey Arrival

8:00am - 8:30am

Broiler Arrival

8:30am - 9:30am

Poultry Show Begins (Turkey then Broiler)

10:00am

Closing Ceremony

5:00pm

**FRIDAY - JANUARY 29, 2027**

Prep Barns for Auction

9:00am

**SATURDAY - JANUARY 30, 2027**

Auction Opening Ceremonies followed by Auction of Champions

10:00am

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**WALTER GERLACH  
LIVESTOCK SHOW AND SALE  
GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Effective April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027

In case of a local, state, or national emergency, the Board of Directors reserves the right to adjust rules and policies as they deem necessary.

**Any real, digital, physical and/or intellectual property of the Walter Gerlach Livestock Show and Sale, Inc. and/or its Board of Directors, belongs to the Walter Gerlach Livestock Show and Sale, Inc. Utilization and disbursement of any of these properties without express written consent from the Executive Board of the Walter Gerlach Livestock Show and Sale, Inc. is strictly prohibited.**

**RULE 1 EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITY**

It is the responsibility of each exhibitor, parent, guardian, or official adult sponsor to familiarize themselves with all general rules and regulations of the livestock show. Pets are not allowed on the WGLS grounds.

**RULE 2 RULE INTERPRETATION**

The Executive Board, General and Assistant Show Superintendents, and Divisional Show Superintendents have the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to settle all matters, questions, and differences regarding the show rules as issues arise. They also have final and absolute right to amend or add to these rules as their judgment may determine necessary. If an exhibitor is found in violation of any of the livestock show rules, the exhibitor and the exhibitor's family may be permanently barred from participating in the Walter Gerlach Livestock Show.

**RULE 3 ENTRIES**

All applications for entries must be made on the official 2027 WGLS Exhibitor Online Entry Form. ***Each submitted entry must include a valid and current email address, current working phone number, and a current mailing address. All correspondence (including mail) from WGLS will use the information provided on the WGLS Online Entry Form.*** Any changes after turning in the entry form must be provided to the WGLS Records Committee.

Exhibitors must enter under one, but not both, of the invited FFA or 4-H organizations: except Ag Mechanics. A fully completed W-9 Form, including the exhibitor's social security number, must be furnished to submit the entry. The Entry Fee for each animal project (steer, pig, lamb, goat, turkey) or pen (broiler, rabbits) or Ag Mechanics Project is \$30. Each additional Ag Mechanics Team Member must pay \$15.

The deadline for entries is **November 6, 2026**. Entries received after the deadline are considered late. Late entries will be charged a late fee of \$100 added to the normal fee. Late entries are accepted until animals weigh in or check in time for the show. Late entries must be submitted through the online entry form. Late entries submitted during the show (January 22-28) must be submitted in person at the show office and paid for with cash only.

#### **RULE 4 SALE MONIES**

A commission of 7% per sale lot will be charged to defray the cost of expenses of the show and sale. Additionally, the 7% commission will be charged on all floored animals, pledges, and add-ons including pledges for ag mechanics projects. Rigorous attempts will be made to collect all the monies promised by buyers at the auction. In the event adequate monies are not received within 60 days after the auction, the Board of Directors will determine appropriate action to be taken for the equitable disbursement of funds. If an exhibitor's relative participates in buying animal lots in the auction, the exhibitor will not be paid until all pledged money is received from the buyer. If the relative fails to fulfill their full financial responsibility by April 1, 2027, the exhibitor will be ineligible to show the following year and each year until the obligation is fulfilled. **Note: If a bid is placed by any buyer and the money is not collected from the buyer, the exhibitor will not receive this money in their auction check.**

#### **RULE 5 ANIMAL UNIT**

An exhibitor may show no more than three (3) animal units during the WGLS and may show no more than two (2) animal units per division. Example: An exhibitor may show 2 pigs and 1 steer but not 3 pigs. An animal unit is defined as any auctionable animal or pen. An exhibitor may sell only one animal unit at the auction. Exception: All Grand and Reserve Grand Champions must be sold at the auction. If an exhibitor places more than one (1) Grand or Reserve Grand Champion, the exhibitor must sell all animals that receive these honors. An animal unit consists of:

Steer	1
Swine	1
Turkey	1
Broilers (Chickens) Pen of 3	1
Rabbits Pen of 3	1
Lamb	1
Goat	1

#### **RULE 6 AUCTION**

All placing animals will receive a ribbon and are eligible to be sold in the auction. The percentage of animals placed is determined by the Board of Directors. Percentages may differ between divisions.

Broilers – at least 30% of the division

Turkeys – at least 65% of the division

Steers – at least 65% of the division

Rabbits – a maximum of 30 pens

Commercial Show for Lambs, Goats, and Swine – at least 65% of the division

Open Show for Lambs, Goats, and Swine – at least 25% of the division

**SEE AUCTION GUIDELINES AT THE END OF THESE RULES FOR MORE INFORMATION**

#### **RULE 7 SIFT**

The exhibitor must declare the breed of the animal before entering the show. Animals will be classified and sifted by a classifying and sifting judge approved by the Board of Directors. **Classification will not be changed after the classifying judge makes their decision.** Animals are sifted based on weight, parasites (lice, ringworm, active staph infection) and external physical defects as determined by the sifting judge. All animals must be of show quality. Sifted animals must be removed from the show grounds within one (1) hour after the completion of the sift. All sifted animals must be checked out and released by the division superintendent. Sifted animals constitute an entry and may not be replaced by another animal.

## **RULE 8 WEIGH-IN**

All entries will be weighed, tagged, and/or marked where applicable at a location designated by the Division Superintendent. Lost tags must be replaced by an Ag Teacher, County Extension Agent, or Division Superintendent and the replacement of new tags must be reported to the Records Committee. The exhibitor or designee must be present with the animal at weigh-in and must present documentation including exhibitor's name and breed of animal. If the animal does not meet the weight requirements or if the exhibitor, parent, Ag Teacher, or 4-H leader has a question regarding the weight of the animal, the animal will be removed from the scale, the scale will be reset, and the animal will be reweighed. The animal being reweighed may not leave the scale area. If an animal is sifted due to not meeting the weight requirements, the animal may not be reweighed at a later time. A five (5) pound tolerance on weight will be given to swine, lambs, and goats. A twenty-five (25) pound tolerance on weight is given to steers. No weight tolerance is allowed for rabbits. Animals are not allowed in the barn until they have been weighed. Likewise, no equipment or supplies (including shavings) are allowed in the barn until animals have been weighed, sifted, and pens have been assigned. Any animal weighed in or sifted for a given exhibitor constitutes an entry and may not be changed or replaced by another animal. The tag identified on the entry must match the validation tag on the animal. If the entry tag number and the animal validation number do not match, the entry is rejected, and the animal is sifted. Breeder tags must be removed prior to the show (Exception: Required Breeder Tags for Major Breeding Show participants)

## **RULE 9 FLOORING**

Floored animals are those animals sent to market. Open animals shown but are not eligible for the auction may be floored by the exhibitor or may be taken home by the exhibitor. If an exhibitor has multiple animals eligible for the auction, the exhibitor must choose only one (1) to sell in the auction. The exhibitor may floor the remaining open animals or may take them home. All open animals taken home by the exhibitor must be released through the Records Department and Division Superintendent. No commercial animals will be released to go home as all commercial animals will be floored.

## **RULE 10 JUDGE**

The Single Judge System is the policy for the Show (Exception: Ag Mechanics). A separate Showmanship Judge may be used to determine Showmanship winners. The decision of the judge is final in all cases.

## **RULE 11 PROTESTS**

All protests concerning the show rules or appeals must be made in writing and accompanied by a cash deposit of \$250, which will be forfeited if the protest or appeal is not sustained. The written protest/appeal must plainly state the cause of the protest or appeal and must be delivered to the General Superintendent or his designee. The written protest or appeal must be delivered no later than one (1) hour after the class is judged.

## **RULE 12 FEEDING AND FITTING**

All animals must be fed and fitted by the exhibitor during the feeding and fitting period as listed in Rule 13. All animals must be raised within the boundaries of the Northside ISD for the complete feeding period unless a special request for an exception is made and approved by the Board of Directors. Such requests must be made in writing to the Board of Directors prior to the feeding period and must be approved by the Board before the animal is moved.

### **RULE 13                    FEEDING AND FITTING PERIODS**

Show officials may check any animal during the feeding period for testing purposes. Show officials may require blood, urine, or fecal testing. Feeding and fitting periods are as follows:

- Swine – All swine must be state validated for open show or WGLS validated for commercial show and must be on feed and owned by the exhibitor at the time of validation until the end of the WGLS.
- Lambs– All lambs must be state validated for open show or WGLS validated for commercial show and must be on feed and owned by the exhibitor at the time of validation until the end of the WGLS.
- Goats– All goats must be state validated for open show or WGLS validated for commercial show and must be on feed and owned by the exhibitor at the time of validation until the end of the WGLS.
- Broilers – Must be purchased from the WGLS. Orders are due no later than September 11, 2026. Exhibitor names and wing band numbers must be recorded by FFA advisor or 4-H leader and reported to the Records Department within one (1) week after distribution.
- Turkeys– Must possess the Official State wing band for the current year. Exhibitor names and wing band numbers must be recorded by FFA advisor or 4-H leader and reported to the Records Department within one (1) week after distribution.
- Rabbits – All rabbits must be tattooed. 4-H leaders must submit exhibitor names and validation numbers to Records Department or WGLS, PO Box 781, Helotes, Tx. 78023, postmarked by December 31, 2026. All rabbits must be fed and owned by the exhibitor at the time of validation until the end of the WGLS.

All commercial division steers, lambs, swine, and goats must be purchased from the Walter Gerlach Livestock Show with appropriate WGLS validation.

### **RULE 14                    GROOMING**

Artificial coloring, powder, oil, or other materials are NOT allowed to be on any market animal in the show ring. Electric or battery-operated clippers or other equipment are prohibited from use on animals on show grounds. Blowers, grooming tables, or steer trim chutes are prohibited from use on the show grounds. Head stands for trimming and grooming of goats and sheep are prohibited. This includes all restraining devices, generators, extension cords, or portable tents on the show grounds. **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS RULE WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE SHOW.**

### **RULE 15                    ELIGIBILITY**

Exhibitors must be an active member of an “invited” FFA Chapter or 4-H Club and must reside in the Northside ISD or legally attend a NISD school during the entire feeding period and throughout the duration of the show. (See Rule 12 for animal eligibility)

- “Invited” chapters or clubs include: ASTA FFA, Helotes 4-H LSO, LSP, and Unlimited Clubs, and Leon Springs 4-H. Other clubs may request an invitation from the Board of Directors to the 2027 Show. Clubs must be in existence and in good standing for two (2) years prior to receiving an invitation. Clubs that become inactive or become not in good standing may be removed from the invitation list.
- Exhibitors must attend an accredited private, home school, or public elementary or secondary school and have not yet graduated from high school.
- Exhibitor must personally feed and care for their animal for the entire duration of the feeding and fitting period.
- An exhibitor attending the NISD Alternative Center may not participate.

- An exhibitor who is a 5<sup>th</sup> year high school student may not participate.
- All exhibitors must be between the ages of 9 and 19 on August 31, 2026, or may be 8 years old and in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade on August 31, 2026.
- Exhibitors who are ineligible under Texas Education Code 33.081 “No Pass, No Play” are not allowed to participate in any WGLS activity, including the showing of a project and/or auction. Any project owned by an ineligible exhibitor is also ineligible for competition and auction. This includes Ag Mechanics entries.
- Ineligible exhibitors who receive an “honors” waiver from their school MUST turn in the waiver document to the President of the WGLS or his designee no later than 11:00am on Friday, January 15, 2027, No Exceptions! Waivers not turned in by the required deadline will not be accepted and the exhibitor will remain ineligible to participate.

## **RULE 16                    SANITARY REGULATIONS**

All rules and regulations governing admission of livestock to shows, fairs, and exhibitions set forth by the Texas Animal Health Commission shall apply to the Walter Gerlach Livestock Show.

## **RULE 17                    SHOWING OF ANIMAL**

The exhibitor must show their own animal except when the exhibitor has two (2) animals showing in the same class. If an exhibitor has two animals in the same class, an eligible substitute may show the second animal in the same class without Board approval but must inform the show office of the name of the substitute and must complete a substitute form. Exhibitors who become ill, handicapped, or experience an emergency must receive approval from the Board of Directors for a substitute to show the exhibitor’s animal. The exhibitor or parent must complete the “Show/Auction Substitute Form” and return the form to the Records Superintendent for approval. Forms are available from Ag Teachers and 4-H leaders. Forms must be fully completed and signed by the Ag Teacher or 4-H leader. This rule applies for anyone requesting a substitute to show an animal as well as anyone requesting a substitute to sell the animal at the auction. **A copy of this form is included at the end of these rules.**

## **RULE 18                    EXHIBITOR PRESENCE AT SHOW**

The exhibitor must be present at show time and for the duration of the show. The exhibitor must ensure that their animal is in proper place and class for judging. The exhibitor must pick up their own ribbon as it is being presented. Failure to do so will result in immediate expulsion from the show. Any exception to this rule must be approved by the Board of Directors. An exhibitor that is ineligible to show but shows their animal anyway will be barred from any future shows, and all sale monies will be returned to the buyer(s).

## **RULE 19                    PLEDGES AND ADD-ONS**

All pledges must be turned in to the Records Department and must be accompanied with payment. Buyers at the auction may make additional pledges or add-ons as part of their financial commitment. Pledges must be a minimum of \$50 per exhibitor and must be on the approved WGLS add-on/pledge form with all required contact information included. Incomplete or digitally altered add-on forms will not be processed. Mailed pledges must be postmarked by February 3, 2027. Electronic add-ons are open through February 5, 2027. Pledges are not accepted after this date. All exhibitors who have an entry in the WGLS may receive an add-on; however, exhibitors attending the NISD Alternative Academy, exhibitors who no longer reside in the NISD boundaries, or exhibitors who are no longer enrolled in school may not receive add-ons.

## **RULE 20 LOANED AND LEASED ANIMALS**

Any exhibitor who enters an animal not owned by the exhibitor shall not be permitted to show or sell the animal. The person who loaned the animal shall likewise not be permitted to show or sell any animal and will be barred from future shows. In addition, leased animals are not allowed to be shown at the WGLS.

## **RULE 21 EXHIBITOR AUCTION RESPONSIBILITY**

The exhibitor is responsible for being in the proper place at least 30 lots prior to being auctioned. Failure to do so will cause the exhibitor to forfeit the right to auction and the animal will be floored. Exhibitors are not allowed in the auction buyer area. Gifts for buyers and signs are not allowed in the auction arena. Exhibitors may only display awards, ribbons, banners, and buckles received at the current WGLS. No more than two students (exhibitor plus one helper) are allowed in the sale ring. (Exception: Grand and Reserve Grands may have 2 helpers)

## **RULE 22 CARE AND FEEDING DURING SHOW**

All animals must be properly fed and cared for by the exhibitor for the duration of the show and sale. Animals must be watered daily. Medications or injections are prohibited from use during the show without the Board of Directors' approval. Show boxes and other show tack/feed must be stored in vehicles and/or trailers. At all times, alleyways must be free of debris, buckets, and other items. Rule 2 may apply.

## **RULE 23 REMOVAL OF ANIMAL**

All animals not auctioned or floored must be removed from the show grounds by 3:00pm on Thursday, January 28, 2027. Any animal not removed by this time will become property of the WGLS and will be floored.

The exhibitor will receive the floor price of the animal. All poultry and rabbits must be removed within one hour after the completion of the show. All animals will be released by the division superintendent. Animals may not be removed without the division superintendent's presence at time of removal. Once an animal is removed from the show grounds, it is not allowed to return. Any animal designated to floor or sell may not be removed from the Gerlach show grounds. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the exhibitor and family being permanently barred from the show.

## **RULE 24 INTENT TO SELL**

Each exhibitor must notify their 4-H or FFA leader of their intent to sell and/or floor each animal shown. This must be done prior to the closing of each divisional show. If an exhibitor has other animals remaining to show and are not able to decide, the exhibitor must inform the 4-H or FFA leader of the situation. However, the exhibitor must inform the 4-H or FFA leader of their intentions to sell immediately following the showing of the last animal the exhibitor owns. 4-H and FFA leaders must submit intent to sell lists to the Record Office within 1 hour after the final show ends. Exhibitors not complying with this rule will forfeit their right to sell and their animal will be floored. Exhibitors may be barred from future shows.

## **RULE 25 EXHIBITOR CHECKS AND THANK-YOU LETTERS**

All checks will be given directly to the exhibitor at "Check Night" or as designated by the Board of Directors. If the exhibitor is not present, the check will be mailed to the home address provided on the entry card. Checks not cashed within 90 days will be forfeited back to the show. The exhibitor's "Thank-You" letters to buyers must be submitted to the Board of Directors and representatives on February 25, 2027, from 6:30pm – 7:30pm at the ASTA Vickery Multipurpose Activity Center. Individual letters must be written to each buyer contributing funds to the exhibitor's project as well as to sponsors of any belt buckles awarded to the exhibitor. Each letter must be properly addressed, stamped, and sealed in an envelope with the exhibitor's return address. If the exhibitor does not provide

the letter(s) on February 25, 2027, a 10% penalty will be deducted from the exhibitor's check. The 10% deduction applies to letters to belt buckle sponsors also. If the exhibitor's "Thank-You" letters are not received by March 1, 2027, the sale of the animal will be voided, and all monies will be donated to the WGLS livestock fund. Failure to send "Thank-You" letters will result in the exhibitor being barred from the show the following year. The following Gerlach return address must be used for each thank-you letter: PO Box 781, Helotes, Texas 78023. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to use proper postage for each letter. Some letters may require additional postage. If a letter is returned due to lack of appropriate postage, the additional postage costs will be deducted from the exhibitor's account.

## **RULE 26 STOCK SHOW MISCONDUCT**

Any exhibitor or exhibitor's family member who engages in misconduct at or in connection with the WGLS will result in the exhibitor forfeiting the right to show or sell at the current event. Additionally, the exhibitor and/or family members may be prohibited from participating in future shows.

Misconduct includes but is not limited to: destruction of property; failure to follow directions; disrespect toward a Director or Supervisor; posting derogatory or slanderous content on social media; or any other conduct the WGLS Board of Directors determines to be inappropriate.

Unethical treatment of animals, including the use of any shocking device, constitutes misconduct and will be subject to these penalties.

## **RULE 27 AUCTIONED ANIMALS**

Previously shown and auctioned animals are not allowed to participate at the WGLS. Exception: Bexar County Junior Livestock Show. Previously auctioned animals will be floored, and the exhibitor will be banned from future shows.

## **RULE 28 SHOWMANSHIP**

There are two divisions: Junior Showmanship (3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade) and Senior Showmanship (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade). Five showmanship ribbons with rosettes will be awarded for each division. The Champion of each division will be awarded a belt buckle. The exhibitor must own and have shown the animal in which he/she is using for showmanship honors. Exhibitors must register and wear the provided showmanship number to be considered for showmanship honors.

## **RULE 29 COMMERCIAL AND OPEN SHOW POLICY**

1. No more than 2 animal units per division may be purchased for commercial shows.
2. The ASTA Ag Department and Gerlach Board will contract and purchase all commercial animals (Exception – Poultry must be purchased through major show channels).
3. Commercial shows for steers, sheep, goats, and swine are terminal for all entries regardless of placing or inclusion of animal in the auction.
4. Commercial classes will be shown by weight or by the discretion of the Gerlach Board.
5. There will be a Commercial Show and Open Show within each large animal division (Exceptions – Poultry and Steers do not have Open Shows).
6. See Rule 6 for percentages that place for Commercial and Open Shows.
7. When a division has both a Commercial and Open Show, the judge will select a Grand and Reserve Grand Champion from the division champions and reserve champions of each show. Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand will be determined between the Grand and Reserve Grand of each show.

8. An exhibitor may show no more than two animal units per show (1 commercial and 1 open or 2 of either commercial or open).
9. The WGLS accepts no responsibility for the animals after the date of the delivery to the exhibitor.
10. The exhibitor's cost for commercial livestock is determined by the WGLS Board of Directors. Full payment is required and must be paid when ordering in March 2027. The payment is non-refundable unless the student is unable to get a pen at the project center and is unable to find another location to house their animals. Payment may be deducted from the exhibitor's show account if desired.
11. Validation of commercial livestock will be done by ASTA FFA teachers and the WGLS Board. All commercial livestock will be tagged specifically for the Walter Gerlach Show.
12. Sifting based on weight limits will be the same for both Commercial and Open Shows.
13. Parents and show volunteers are not allowed in the show ring for any reason while immediate family member exhibitors are showing (exception: the Show Superintendents may be in the show ring)

### **RULE 30                      DEBT COLLECTIONS**

Disputed debit/credit card charges, and/or NSF returned checks must be resolved within 3 days of notification of the debt. This payment **MUST** be made in **CASH** for the balance due plus any bank and/or financial institution related NSF charges. If restitution is not made within the 3-day time period, the WGLS will enforce any or all of the following collection procedures:

1. Put a hold on the exhibitor's stock show auction check until payment is made.
2. Deny the student exhibitor an entry into the WGLS.
3. Cancel the exhibitor's order for a commercial animal.
4. Ban the exhibitor and other family members from exhibiting at the WGLS.
5. All refunds will be subject to charged banking fees.

## DIVISION RULES

### STEERS

1. Steers will be pre-tagged, and exhibitors will draw numbers matching steer tags. Example: If a student draws #15, the exhibitor receives the steer tagged with #15.
2. Steer prices will be kept as close to market price as possible. Any remaining amount plus other additional expenses incurred will be collected prior to the WGLS validation drawing (date to be determined). State validation will be done in June.
3. The WGLS Board of Directors will determine show classes.
4. The minimum weight of steers is 1050 pounds (25 pound weight tolerance is allowed). There are no maximum weight requirements for the WGLS Steer Show.
5. Weight classes will be determined by the Division and/or General Superintendent but must be no more than 3 classes and at least 4 steers in each class.
6. No more than two (2) steers may be purchased per exhibitor.
7. Steers may be family validated.
8. Steers will be shown slick sheared.
9. The WGLS Board of Directors accept no responsibility or liability for steers after exhibitor receives ownership at the validation drawing. This includes the loading and/or unloading of steers at the time of the drawing or at the stock show.
10. Junior and Senior Showmanship will be judged and awarded for exhibitors who register for the showmanship competition.

### LAMBS

1. Wethers and ewes may be shown.
2. Commercial classes will be shown by weight or by the discretion of the WGLS Board of Directors.
3. Open classes will be shown by breed or by a designated combination of breeds as determined by the WGLS Board of Directors. (Example: The WGLS Board may determine to combine Southdown with Medium Wool or Fine Wool may be combined with Fine Wool Crosses). Open Show order will be Southdown, Fine Wool, Fine Wool Crosses, Medium Wool.
4. Weight classes will be determined by the Division and/or General Superintendent. Weight limits are as follows:

Southdown	Minimum weight	80 pounds
All Others	Minimum weight	90 pounds

There is no maximum weight for either group. A five-pound weight tolerance is allowed.
5. All lambs must be shorn slick before arrival to the show grounds.
6. Wool must be the same length over the entire body.
7. Boots are permissible.
8. No teeth requirement on lambs.
9. A minimum of seven (7) lambs must show per Open and Commercial class.
10. Thirty (30) or more lambs from the same breed will be divided into three (3) divisions.
11. WGLS validation is required for all commercial show entries.
12. State validation is required for all open show entries.
13. Lamb pens will be assigned at the show by the Lamb Superintendent.
14. The WGLS Board of Directors accept no responsibility or liability for lambs after exhibitor receives ownership at the validation drawing. This includes the loading and/or unloading of lambs at the time of the drawing or at the stock show.
15. Junior and Senior Showmanship will be judged and awarded for exhibitors who register for the showmanship competition.

## **GOATS**

1. Wethers and does may be shown.
2. All goats must weigh a minimum 50 pounds and maximum of 115 pounds (five-pound weight tolerance is allowed)
3. All market goats must be slick sheared before arrival to show grounds. No more than ¼ inch of hair allowed above the hocks.
4. Weight classes will be determined by the Division and/or General Superintendent.
5. Horns must be tipped or removed.
6. WGLS validation is required for all commercial show entries.
7. State validation is required for all open show entries.
8. No teeth requirement on goats.
9. Thirty (30) or more goats will be divided into three (3) divisions.
10. Division class champions will be determined as entries dictate at the discretion of the WGLS Board of Directors. A minimum of seven (7) goats must show per Open and Commercial class. There will be three divisions with any number of classes per division.
11. Goat pens will be assigned by the Goat Superintendent.
12. The WGLS Board of Directors accept no responsibility or liability for goats after exhibitor receives ownership at the validation drawing. This includes the loading and/or unloading of goats at the time of the drawing or at the stock show.
13. Junior and Senior Showmanship will be judged and awarded for exhibitors who register for the showmanship competition.

## **SWINE**

1. Barrows and Gilts may be shown.
2. All swine must weigh a minimum of 200 pounds and a maximum of 300 pounds. (Five-pound weight tolerance is allowed).
3. Thirty (30) or more pigs from the same breed will be divided into three (3) divisions.
4. Division class champions will be determined as entries dictate at the discretion of the WGLS Board of Directors (may have up to 9 weight classes and 3 division champions in Commercial Show)
5. Each open breed must have a minimum of seven (7) entries to be placed in the show order. Otherwise, the breed will be placed in the OPB (Other Pure Breeds) division or Cross division if the OPB division has less than seven (7) entries. The Open Show order will be OPB, Duroc, Hampshire, Yorkshire, Crosses. Other recognized Pure Breeds may be placed alphabetically in the show order if there are seven (7) or more entries identified by the classifying judge.
6. Classes within the OPB division will be determined by the WGLS Board of Directors. Example: If the OPB division has 14 or more entries, they may be subdivided by weight or by down ear breeds and up eared breeds.
7. Weight classes will be determined by the Division and/or General Superintendent.
8. WGLS validation is required for all commercial show entries.
9. State validation is required for all open show entries.
10. Swine pens will be assigned by the Swine Superintendent.
11. The WGLS Board of Directors accept no responsibility or liability for swine after exhibitor receives ownership at the validation drawing. This includes the loading and/or unloading of swine at the time of the drawing or at the stock show.
12. Junior and Senior Showmanship will be judged and awarded for exhibitors who register for the showmanship competition.

## **RABBITS**

1. Three (3) rabbits constitute one (1) pen, unit, or entry.
2. Rabbits must have a minimum weight of three (3) pounds and a maximum weight of 5 ½ pounds (5 pounds and 8 ounces). No weight tolerance is allowed.
3. Exhibitors may enter a maximum of two (2) pens of rabbits.
4. All breeds will be classified as Californian.
5. Rabbits must have no deformed teeth, ear canker, or disease.
6. There are no age requirements for rabbits.
7. Junior and Senior Showmanship will be judged and awarded for exhibitors who register for the showmanship competition.

## **GENERAL POULTRY**

1. The Poultry Show shall consist of Turkey Division and Broiler Division.
2. A check-in slip must be filled out identifying wing band numbers of each bird being shown. The check-in slip must be provided when checking in the exhibitor's entry of birds or pen of birds.
3. Each exhibitor is responsible for their own pen space and must help clean show area and staging area at the conclusion of the show.
4. Parents and guardians are not allowed in show ring or sift ring. If an exhibitor needs assistance showing a bird or pen of birds, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to find other exhibitors to assist. Student volunteers will be available.
5. Birds with exterior parasites, broken wings, or severe bruising will be sifted at the judge's discretion.

## **TURKEY**

1. An entry consists of one (1) Hen or (1) Tom.
2. Hens and Toms will be shown in separate classes. An exhibitor may show one (1) Hen and one (1) Tom or may show two (2) turkeys of the same sex in the same class.
3. The Poultry judge will determine the sex of Turkey. Toms may not show in the Hen class. If the exhibitor presents the turkey as a Hen and the judge determines it to be a Tom, the bird will be sifted or placed in the Tom class if there is one.
4. State validated birds will be purchased for the show. Purchase requests for birds must be submitted to the ASTA Ag Department by April, 2027.
5. The number of birds purchased for the WGLS is 25 per exhibitor. Additional birds may be purchased for other shows and any unsold WGLS birds may be used for other shows. The Poultry Superintendent will identify and record wing band numbers for all birds eligible for the WGLS at the time of pick up. Families with multiple exhibitors may purchase and show from one group of 25 birds.
6. The Grand and Reserve Grand Champion will be chosen from class winners from the Hen and Tom divisions.
7. Wing bands for the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Turkeys will be removed by the Show Superintendent or designee prior to leaving the show ring. Wing bands must be removed by the Show Superintendent or designee for any Turkey designated to be sold in the auction. Substitution birds are not allowed. Wing bands must be turned in by the Show Superintendent or designee to the Records Office for verification on the day of the show or immediately after a determination is made after showing other animal units. (Note: if an exhibitor decides to sell a placing Turkey after removing the Turkey from the show grounds, the exhibitor must return the wing band of the designated bird to the Gerlach show grounds to the Show Superintendent or designee.)

## **BROILERS**

1. Pullets and Cockerels will be shown.
2. An entry consists of three (3) chickens.
3. Pullets and Cockerels will show in separate classes. All three chickens in each pen must be of the same sex. If the judge determines that there are both pullets and cockerels in the same pen, the pen will be shown as a pen of cockerels.
4. Exhibitors may show one (1) pen of pullets and one (1) pen of cockerels or two (2) pens of the same sex.
5. Each pen must arrive in their own cage, crate, or box and be presented to the judge for pre-judging as a group. No substitution of birds is allowed once the pen is presented for pre-judging.
6. Wing bands will be checked during pre-judging to ensure they are within the range of bands assigned to the exhibitor. If any wing band is not within the assigned range, the pen will be sifted.
7. Only birds purchased from the Texas Stock Show Association and possessing the official wing bands will be used for the WGLS.
8. The number of birds purchased for the WGLS is 25 per exhibitor. The Poultry Superintendent will identify and record wing band numbers for all birds eligible for the WGLS at the time of pick up. Families with multiple exhibitors may purchase and show from one group of 25 birds.
9. Birds must possess a wing band from the recorded range of 25 assigned to each exhibitor. Missing wing bands or wing bands outside of the assigned range will cause the entire pen to be sifted.
10. Purchase request for birds must be submitted to the ASTA Ag Department by September 11, 2026.
11. The Poultry Superintendent will notify FFA or 4-H leaders as to the pick-up date of their broilers.
12. The WGLS will assume no responsibility for birds after they are transferred to the exhibitors.
13. The Grand and Reserve Grand Champions will be chosen from the winners of the Pullet and Cockrell divisions.

## ZACH DAVIS AND RUBY GERLACH

### AGRICULTURE MECHANICS PROJECT SHOW PURPOSE:

To provide an opportunity for FFA and 4-H members to display the projects constructed in an agriculture mechanics laboratory and to

- Promote the development of skills in agriculture mechanics through competition,
- Recognize individual accomplishments of youth through agricultural mechanics,
- Provide an opportunity for the public to develop an appreciation of this important phase of our youth program.

### RULES

- 1 An entry fee of \$30 is required from the main exhibitor of each project. The co-exhibitor entry fee is \$15 per co-exhibitor. All entry fees are handled the same as for the livestock show. There is no refund of entry fees after the closing date of the entry. Entries are limited to invited FFA and 4-H Chapters only.
- 2 Projects must be constructed under the supervision of the Ag Mechanics teacher or under the supervision of an identified 4-H Ag Mechanics project leader. All projects must be built and kept within the NISD boundaries unless approved by the WGLS Board of Directors.
- 3 Each exhibitor or co-exhibitor may enter no more than two (2) ag mech projects per show year.
- 4 Team projects are allowed with a maximum of four (4) team members per project. If a team member becomes ineligible, the member will be removed from the team.
- 5 A project may be entered only one time at the WGLS and must be constructed within one calendar year of the exhibition date.
- 6 Substitutions: Project substitutions must be made in writing and postmarked by January 1, 2027. After that date, project substitutions constitute a late entry and are subject to \$100 late fee in addition to the entry fee. A project may be shown by identified co-exhibitors if the main exhibitor is unavailable.
- 7 All projects must be painted or properly treated and must be in clean and presentable condition. Professional paint jobs are prohibited. Wet paint on the project during check-in will result in disqualification.
- 8 A project book including an original working plan with dimensions, cut lists, photographs showing stages of construction, and a bill of materials is required for each project.
- 9 Tractors, trucks, or other vehicles are prohibited in the exhibit area as part of the display.
- 10 Appropriate and safe display stands must be provided by the exhibitor for gates, panels, and other projects that need support. Sharp edges and points, such as those found on self-feeder roofs, bale movers, etc. are to be padded and/or covered as necessary to prevent possible injury.
- 11 All projects are to be identified with standard club exhibitor's cards. Additional signs, banners, etc. are encouraged, but are subject to approval by the division Superintendent.
- 12 Every precaution will be taken to protect the projects entered. However, neither the WGLS Directors, nor the officials of this division will be liable for the loss of or damage to projects.
- 13 The WGLS reserves the right to display the projects as space and quality of projects allow. It is possible for larger projects to be displayed at an alternate site.

- 14 The Danish System will be used in judging the projects in the following categories. A second judge may be utilized.
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| A. Workmanship                       | 30 |
| B. Design and materials used         | 10 |
| C. Practicality                      | 10 |
| D. Degree of difficulty              | 20 |
| E. Finish                            | 10 |
| F. Project Book                      | 10 |
| G. Interview (Questions and Answers) | 10 |
- 15 Divisions: The Show Committee or Judge may reclassify or sift projects that do not meet the division or workmanship requirements.
- A. Furniture and Cooking – Furniture, Fire Pits, Grills and other cooking devices
  - B. Shop Equipment and Truck Accessories – Shop Tables, Jigs, Resource Recovery, Truck Accessories
  - C. Farm, Livestock and Wildlife Equipment – Gates, Pens, Traps, Feeders, Troughs, Observation Stands, Farm Implements
  - D. Trailers – Single Axle, Double Axle, Gooseneck
  - E. Restoration – Tractors and other Ag Related Restoration Projects
- 16 Awards include:
- A. Champion and Reserve Champion of each Division.
  - B. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champions of the Show.
  - C. Blue, Red, and White Ribbons. A project must earn a blue ribbon to compete for Division Champion. If a Division does not have any blue ribbon projects, a Champion of Division will not be awarded.
- 17 Ag Mechanics is not included in the livestock Auction of Champions. Prize money is awarded to qualifying projects. Other awards such as buckles, ribbons, or banners will only be provided to the main exhibitor of qualifying projects during the show. If the main exhibitor of a group project is unable to participate, the 1<sup>st</sup> co-exhibitor listed on the Entry Card becomes the main exhibitor etc. Additional buckles, if awarded, will be provided to co-exhibitors at a later date.
- 18 Projects must be on site and checked in by the exhibitor/parent by the identified time and date on the show schedule. Projects must arrive at check-in in a finished state and ready for on-site assembly or display set up only. (No fabrication, modification, or finish work will be allowed). All projects must be removed from the show site immediately after the Ag Mechanics show unless approved by Show Superintendent. Exhibitors may begin removal of projects immediately following the announcement of the Ag Mechanics awards.

## AUCTION GUIDELINES FOR THE WALTER GERLACH LIVESTOCK SHOW

In an effort to speed up the auction for the WGLS, the following initiatives have been incorporated into the auction guidelines:

- 1 Only buyers with bids of \$1000 or more will be named on Champion Boards. Buyers with bids of \$500 or more will be invited to appear in the sale ring for a photo.
- 2 It is preferred that buyers pre-register online or by mail. Please make sure that all the billing information is correct. Information provided to the WGLS on the Buyer Registration Card will be utilized for correspondence from WGLS and show exhibitors. Buyers that pre-register will have buyer packets available when they arrive. This will save them time in line.
- 3 Only bids or donations of **\$100 or more** (\$200 or more during Auction of Champions) will be announced during the auction. Pre-bids on auction lots are highly encouraged. After the sale, exhibitors will receive a list of buyers that purchased their animal. The resale (floor) price of all animals, with the exception of steers, will automatically be credited to the scholarship fund. A minimum amount of \$100 is required (\$200 during Auction of Champions); smaller amounts can be donated as **add-ons but not less than \$50 per exhibitor**.
- 4 This is a terminal sale, and all livestock must go to slaughter or resale to slaughter. Floor buyers will not sell livestock on the Gerlach property.
- 5 **If a buyer fails to pay their auction bill, students whose project the buyer promised funds will not receive that money in their checks. All funds should be paid no later than April 1, 2027.**
- 6 In keeping with the pace of other auctions (SALE), the minimum total purchase including add-on amounts for a buyer in the auction ring is \$1000. If a buyer purchases less than \$1000 including add-ons in the auction ring, the buyer will be billed \$1000. Those buyers that choose to donate to the auction committee in lieu of attending the auction, will not be billed the \$1000 minimum. Only buyers spending \$1000 or more in the auction ring will be included on the official buyers list. Anyone wishing to donate less than \$1000 and not donating directly to the auction committee must use the add-on process. See Rule 6.
- 7 Minors under 21 years of age are not permitted in the auction buyer's area unless approved by the Show Superintendent or Auction Committee Chairs. Exhibitors are not permitted in the buyer's area at any time. Consumption of alcohol by a minor is strictly prohibited at any time at Steve Chumbley Agriculture Park.

Any questions regarding the auction, please contact:  
Dee Ann Schofield or Jar Vasquez

Agriculture Science and Technology Academy Ag Department – 210-397-4871  
WGLS Barn – 210-698-3609 (Show Dates Only)

## **C.E. VICKERY AWARD**

Charles E. Vickery believed in serving others and this award is to honor him and his dedicated service to the Walter Gerlach Livestock Show. As the founding Ag Teacher of the WGLS, Mr. Vickery had a dream of providing a show for the students of Northside to exhibit their animals and learn to serve others in unselfish ways. He worked hard and was never afraid to get right into the mix of things; he was a true lead by example type of person. As so, the WGLS Board of Directors recognizes up to six students who carry on the Vickery spirit of serving others and serving the show.

Criteria for this award are as follows:

- The student must be nominated by one or more of the directors
- The student must serve the 2027 WGLS by volunteering at workdays, animal delivery days, and during the WGLS
- The student must have an entry in the 2027 Walter Gerlach Livestock Show
- The student takes initiative to serve without being asked
- The student completes tasks with a positive attitude
- The student does what is asked of him/her the first time asked
- The student actively volunteers and helps when called upon

## ADDENDUM UNETHICAL FITTING

The showing of unethically fitted livestock at the Walter Gerlach Livestock Show is prohibited. Unethically fitted animals will be sifted. Unethical fitting is deemed to consist of any method of altering the natural conformation of any part of the animal's body evidenced by the presence of abnormal tissue or foreign substance. The use of chemicals not approved for market show animals (steers, lambs, swine, goats, poultry, and rabbits) to be used for human consumption will not be tolerated. Undetermined withdrawal times and safety data of tranquilizers are reasons unapproved drugs shall not be used in food animals. Drug residues are human health hazards. The use of drugs and chemicals in show animals with intent to deceive relative to the animal's soundness, conformation, body weight, and disposition will not be tolerated. Use of drugs, chemicals, and medications, including medicated feed approved for market animals for human consumption shall not be administered within the withdrawal times prior to the show. Feed and additives that are not FDA approved for a particular species are not allowed during the entire feeding/fitting period. Drug residues from dewormers, insecticides, antibiotics, and antibacterials are human health hazards. **Abuse or misuse of drugs and chemicals in show animals by the exhibitor will result in him/her being disqualified from the show.** The exhibitor of any animal in any division agrees to submit the animal to inspection by a veterinarian appointed by the Executive Committee and agrees to have the animal tested for laboratory analysis. The exhibitor, including the parent or guardian, AST or CEA and Superintendent of the division must be present during the collection for testing and must witness, seal, and sign the sample, thus verifying the sample was properly collected and prepared for analysis. The conclusion reached by the veterinarian or lab analysis shall be final and conclusive without recourse against WGLS. The exhibitor waives any right of action which he/she might have for any action taken under this rule. The exhibitor also releases WGLS and the veterinarian from any and all claims or demands whatsoever in connection with the inspection or testing performed. The Executive Committee is authorized to permanently bar the exhibitor and their family from any further participation in the WGLS. The exhibitor will also forfeit all titles, awards, prizes, and auction proceeds **for the current show year.**

Any activity deemed as unethical or as an intentional violation of the WGLS rules **OR** any family or exhibitor banned from other stock shows due to violations determined by the Texas State Stock Show Board or Validation Committee may result in the exhibitor and/or exhibitor's family being banned from the current show and all future Walter Gerlach Stock Shows. Violation of the WGLS rules may result in forfeiture of all titles, awards, prizes, and auction proceeds for the current show year.

**2027 WALTER GERLACH LIVESTOCK SHOW  
EXHIBITOR SUBSTITUTION FORM**

**PLEASE REFER TO RULE 17 FOR SUBSTITUTION ELIGIBILITY**

Exhibitor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H or FFA Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I will not be showing my animal because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Complete the following for each substitution:**

**The following exhibitor(s) will be showing my animal(s) in my absence.**

Animal #1

Name of Substitute Exhibitor: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal Entry Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal #2

Name of Substitute Exhibitor: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal Entry Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal #3

Name of Substitute Exhibitor: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal Entry Number: \_\_\_\_\_

ASTA/ 4-H Leader's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_