



4-H on Parade Regional Beef Female Rules and Regulations



Committee:

1. The 4-H on Parade Beef Female Committee shall be referred to as “the Committee” unless otherwise noted.
2. The Committee will consist of at least one (1) representative from each Calgary Regional 4-H Club who have a member / member(s) wishing to enter a beef female project into the 4-H on Parade event during each current project year. Multiple representatives from each club are welcome to attend the Beef Female Committee meetings, however each club will only be afforded a single vote when making Committee decisions.
3. The Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and a Stampede Liason(s). The elected positions of Chairman, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer are accepted for 2-year terms, at which time, nominations and elections will be conducted to fill these roles.
4. Any problem arising at 4-H on Parade will be dealt with at the Committees discretion. Any decision rendered by the Committee shall be deemed final and is not subject to negotiation. A minimum of three (3) Committee members, including at least one (1) of either the Chairman or Vice-Chair will be considered sufficient in rendering a decision. If any circumstance arises that is not fully addressed by these approved set of Rules and Regulations, the quorum of three (3) Committee members shall consult Policy # 6.05 “4-H Alberta Beef Project Policy” and utilize the discretion of the Calgary Regional 4-H Specialist if available when rendering an appropriate decision to resolve the conflict.
5. Any new clubs of the Calgary Region, or existing clubs that have been absent for one or more project year(s) from the Beef Female Committee, and wish to show a Beef Female project at 4-H on Parade are required to attend the first 4-H on Parade Beef Female subcommittee meeting of the project year.

Registration:

1. All female projects shown at 4-H On Parade must be registered 4-H project animals. All female projects must be registered with the Regional 4-H office by December 31 of the current project year.
2. Cancellation date for participation in the 4-H on Parade Beef Female show is the date of the April 4-H on Parade meeting.
3. A \$10.00 non-refundable entry fee, per female project is required to be paid by April 1 of the current project year.
4. Cleaver members can only participate in classes created specifically and solely for Cleaver members involving only calendar-year calves, according to provincial requirements for Cleaver members.
5. Clubs that have beef female project entries at 4-H on Parade have the responsibility to do the following:
 - 5.1. Select a club representative to attend and participate in all 4-H on Parade Beef Female subcommittee meetings.
 - 5.2. Volunteer and contribute to positions available on the subcommittee to ensure even distribution of tasks.

Identification:

1. All female projects must be identified by a locked CCIA ear tag, and if possible, a 4-H tag. Purebred and Fullblood animals will further be identified by the tattoo as recorded on the breed registration papers. The Committee has the right to expect proof of animal identity. If the female project presented does not match the animal identified from 4-H registration, the animal will be disqualified from show and required to leave the premise as soon as possible. The Committee may randomly conduct identification checks on any individual or all participating female animals at any time during 4-H on Parade.
2. All female projects must be verified as belonging to the member, or to the member’s family farm (family company or family herd name) via a registration paper, bill of sale, or lease agreement. The Committee has the right to ask for and expect proof of ownership. If the female is found not belonging to the member or the member’s family farm, the animal will be disqualified and required to leave the premise as soon as possible.

The Show:

1. Two divisions of classes per age category are available for female projects to enter:
 - 1.1. Commercial (female without registration papers)
 - 1.2. Purebred & Fullblood (female registered with corresponding breed association)
2. There must be a minimum of six (6) registered entries per breed in order for form an individual breed class.

3. Show order will be determined by rotation of the breeds each year. Breed classes will alternate by age class so as to allow members with multiple female projects time to prepare their 2-year-old and/or 3-year-old entries.
4. Each calf shown in the 2-year-old and 3-year-old classes must be a calendar-year calf, having been born on January 1 or later during the current calendar year.
5. A Purebred cow with a commercial calf at foot will be entered and shown in the appropriate commercial class.
6. Project Herds must consist of a female project from each age class:
 - 6.1. Yearling Heifter
 - 6.2. 2-year-old cow/calf
 - 6.3. 3-year-old cow/calf
 - 6.4. There are no additional fees to enter the Project Herd class.
7. Late entrance into the show ring is not permitted. If a participating member with their corresponding female project is not inside the show ring before the entrance gate is closed, the member and their entry will be disqualified. It is the member's responsibility to be aware of how soon their class could be showing, and have their female project ready and waiting in the marshaling area in advance of when their class enters.
8. A minimum of One (1) and possibly two (2) marshaling areas will be set up depending on available resources; (ie: space, volunteers etc.). Each marshaling area will have an assigned marshal who will organize entries according to how they appear in the program. It is NOT the responsibility of a marshal to track down members or their entries in the barns prior to a class entering the show ring.
9. The Committee reserves the right to excuse an unruly female project, or any female project deemed unsuitable for show. This can occur at any time during the 4-H on Parade event.
10. Non-4-H members (parents, paid professionals, former 4-H members etc.) are asked to refrain from the activities of feeding/watering, washing, brushing, clipping, fitting any participating female project at all times during 4-H on Parade. Non-4H members are however, allowed to assist with leading or holding a participating female project. Only Calgary Region 4-H members who are registered participants of 4-H on Parade and are in good standing are allowed to be 'hands-on' with registered female projects. Being 'hands-on' refers to the activities and responsibilities listed above, but are not limited to feeding/watering, washing, brushing, clipping, and fitting. Member mentorship is encouraged at this event, which supports the 4-H motto and philosophy of "Learn to do by Doing". Any registered Calgary Region 4-H on Parade participant can ask for or request assistance from any other registered Calgary Region 4-H on Parade participant, including registered Calgary Region 4-H on Parade participants from other participating clubs. Consequences to the member and/or their female project entry for having non-4-H members or non-Calgary Region 4-H on Parade participants be hands-on are at the discretion of the Committee and any decision rendered by the Committee will be final. A minimum of three (3) Committee members, including at least one (1) of the Chair or Vice Chair will be considered sufficient in rendering a decision.
11. Members must show their own female project entry (ie: the cow of a cow/calf pair, or the yearling heifer). The only EXEMPTION to this rule is junior members have the option to show their cow or it's calf of the cow/calf pair. If advancing out of its class, the junior member must continue to show the animal they originally showed in the qualifying class.
12. Show numbers must be clearly displayed in the show harness of the member owning the female project entry. Hip numbers are NOT allowed. The committee reserves the right to refuse entry into the show ring any member wearing a hip number.

Showmanship:

1. Members will be evaluated during and able to advance in showmanship from their respective conformation class.
2. The showmanship judge may qualify any number of members to advance from each conformation class, or none.
3. If a member is selected to qualify for advancement into the Showmanship class from more than one (1) conformation class, the member may choose which 'qualified' animal they want to use for competition in the Showmanship class. A 'qualified' animal means that the female project entry was used during the conformation class in which the member qualified for advancement into the Showmanship class.
4. If a member qualifies for showmanship with their 2-year old or 3-year old cow/calf pair, it will be up to the discretion of the member whether to keep the cow/calf pair together for the Showmanship class. Members should know and anticipate the behavior of their female projects. The member will not be penalized for not bringing the calf of a cow/calf pair into subsequent Showmanship classes, unless the result is an unruly cow.

The member may be asked to leave the show ring and be disqualified from the Showmanship class if the cow is deemed unruly by show officials.

Unforeseen animal events:

1. Replacement Animals:
 - 1.1. An unruly heifer may be changed prior to February 15 of the current project year at the discretion of the respective 4-H club beef/ beef female leader. The beef / beef female leader is expected to notify the Regional Beef Female Chairman at their earliest convenience of this decision, and the Chairman will then notify the rest of the Committee at his/her earliest opportunity or the next 4-H on Parade Beef Female meeting.
 - 1.2. A member may use a replacement female if the original registered heifer project dies before April 15 of the current project year. A death certificate or veterinary certificate must be presented and confirmed by the respective 4-H club beef / beef female leader. The beef / beef female leader is expected to notify the Regional Beef Female Chairman at their earliest convenience of this incident. The Chairman will then present this information for approval by the Committee at the next 4-H on Parade Beef Female meeting. The selected replacement heifer needs not to have been previously registered with the Regional 4-H office. The replacement female also does not need to be of the same breed or show category as the original animal. If the replacement heifer is a Purebred or Fullblood, then the appropriate registration papers must be submitted to the Committee by April 30 of the current project year.
 - 1.3. Members showing replacement heifers are not eligible to place higher than third (3rd) in their conformation class, but are still eligible to advance in Showmanship.
2. Early pregnancy in a yearling heifer is not a suitable reason for replacement. In this circumstance, the yearling heifer is ineligible to be shown during the current project year at 4-H on Parade, however, if registered in the following year, it is eligible for entry as a 2-year old project, and as a 3-year old project in the next year.
3. A yearling heifer is eligible to be shown as a 2-year old and 3-year old female project as long as the heifer was registered by December 31 as a yearling heifer of the current project year in the members name. A qualifying yearling heifer 4-H project that was unable to be shown as a yearling heifer can be brought back to be shown as a 2-year old and/or 3-year old by the originally registered club member.
4. “Grafted” calves or “adopted” calves must be identified on the registration form. Any member showing this type of cow/calf pair will only be eligible to advance in Showmanship, and will not be eligible to receive conformation awards for this pair. This cow/calf pairing must be identified to the Committee by the April 4-H on Parade meeting so that the program can reflect this and officials can be adequately notified.

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