Senior Calf Scramble Rules

Sponsored by the Greene County Fair Board, in cooperation with the directors of the Greene County Cattlemen’s Association.

1. The Greene County Cattleman’s Association, Greene County Agricultural Society, Vocational Agricultural Departments, Greene County Extension Service, and the committees in charge will not be held responsible for any accidents connected with this contest.

2. Qualifications for contestants are:
   a. MUST BE BETWEEN 14 AND 17 YEARS OF AGE. MUST BE 14, BUT NOT 18, BY OR ON JANUARY 1st OF THE CURRENT YEAR.
   b. Be interested in feeding cattle.
   c. Must be able to feed and care for the calf for one year.
   d. Must be reliable and trustworthy.
   e. Now carrying a 4-H or FFA project.
   f. Previous winners of calves are not eligible to participate.
   g. Applicant and guardian will assume all financial responsibility for feed and health care of the animal.

3. Contestants and calves will be placed in the arena directed by the arena director.

4. Contestants must furnish own safety HELMETS WITH FACE GUARDS, CHIN STRAPS, AND MOUTH PIECES, which must be approved by judges. No shoes with cleats can be worn. Long pants or jeans must be worn. The committee suggests wearing heavy boots and a long sleeve shirt, jerseys will be provided.

5. Contestants will take a rope halter into the arena. The halter cannot be used as a lariat. The halter must be placed on the head of the animal in the approved manor with the lead coming off the animal’s left side and under the animal’s chin. Rope halters will be provided.

6. At no time will the participant be permitted to tie the rope to their body.

7. If a contestant has hold of a calf no other participant will be allowed to touch the calf until it breaks away, staying back at least 10 feet.

8. If two or more participants catch the same calf, that calf will be turned loose.

9. Contestants will secure and properly halter the calf and lead to the winners circle without help. A winner will be indicated by the referee.

10. If a calf breaks away while being lead to the winners circle, it is a free calf. If another participant captures the free calf, the halter must be removed and replaced with their halter. If the original participant recaptures the calf, it is a valid possession and may proceed to the winners circle.

11. Undue roughness will not be tolerated by the referee. Poor sportsmanship automatically disqualifies any contestant.

12. The Calf Scramble will be refereed by a group of not less than six referees selected by the committee in charge.
13. Contestants will not be permitted to hold a calf down or lead the calf by putting fingers in its nose or applying pressure as a bull ring.

14. If at any time a calf/calves break out of the arena, all unsecured calves must be started over.

15. The referee’s decision will be final.

16. After all minor’s releases and applications have been checked (applications must be properly signed by contestants, parents, 4-H advisors, or FFA instructors), the Calf Scramble Committee will notify each one of their acceptance, where and when to meet, and the date they will participate in the calf scramble.

17. The calves obtained in the scramble must be shown at the Greene County Fair the following year. Class winners will be eligible to compete for overall champion. Calves must either sell in the junior sale or be processed following the fair.

18. The calf caught must be carried as a regular project in 4-H or FFA and shown by the participant at the Greene County Fair the following year. A participant may enter the contest non-committed to either 4-H or FFA and have until December 1st of that year to make a decision as to which group they will work with.

19. EACH CONTESTANT MUST HAVE A DOCTOR’S PHYSICAL EXAMINATION IN WRITING BEFORE PARTICIPATING IN THE CALF SCRAMBLE.

20. A three minute count down will be assessed to the contestant if the committee in charge feels the contestant is not making forward progress on haltering the calf. If the contestant has failed to make forward progress after the three minute warning has been initiated, the contestant will have to release the calf.

21. The committee in charge reserves the right to disqualify any scramble winner from participating in the showing of their animal if, in the committee’s view point, the calf has not been properly cared for, fed, or handled.

22. ALL COMPLAINTS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING, ACCOMPANIED BY A $100.00 BOND.

23. Applications must be completed and returned to the extension office by July 1st.

24. If at any time throughout the raising of a scramble calf project, the Greene County Cattlemen’s Association deems the wellbeing of any calf caught in the scramble to be unfit for any reason ie: malnutrition, unfit animal living conditions, animal not halter broke, etc.; the Cattlemen’s Association reserves the right to repossess the calf.

Applicant Signature: _____________________ Date: ______________ 

Parent Signature: _____________________ Date: ______________ 

Association Rep Signature: _____________________ Date: ______________ 