

National 4-H & FFA Beef Quiz Bowl Invitational Contest

**Superintendent – Kevin Chilek – College Station, Texas
Presented by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo**

Guided Tours Lunch/ Orientation	Thursday	March 1	11:30 am	George Ranch
Quiz Bowl Registration	Thursday	March 1	8:00 am	Reliant Center –Rm. TBA
Quiz Bowl Orientation	Friday	March 2	8:30 am	Reliant Center –Rm. TBA
Preliminary Rounds	Friday	March 2	9:00 am	Reliant Center –Rm. TBA
Finals	Friday	March 2	Upon completion of Preliminary Rounds	Reliant Center –Rm. TBA
Awards Presentation	Friday	March 2	Upon completion of Finals	Reliant Center –Rm. TBA

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations and the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

1. Eligible Entries

- Each county or FFA chapter is invited to enter an unlimited number of teams of up to four (4) contestants per team. Entry forms must be completed and returned, with a \$100.00 entry fee per team, to HLSR **January 5, 2012**.
- Contestants must be 8 years of age, but not over 18 years of age as of August 31, 2011 and must be enrolled in and attending a public or private elementary or secondary school in Texas. Exception: students in the 3rd grade become eligible on their 8th birthday.
- Contestants must not have completed post-secondary coursework in subject areas of the National 4-H or FFA Beef Quiz Bowl Contest, nor has he or she participated in training for post-secondary competition in subject areas of the National 4-H – FFA Beef Quiz Bowl Contest.
- Any contestant enrolled in post-secondary education must submit a transcript of completed and/or enrolled coursework with entry materials.
- All contestants must be members in good standing of 4-H or FFA in the state that they are representing during the contest.
- All contestants and teams of contestants must be certified by the County Extension Agent or Agriculture Science Teacher.

2. Maximum Entries: A team will consist of three (3) or four (4) contestants.

3. Entry Forms: Completed entry forms and a \$100 entry fee per team must be mailed to the Houston Livestock Show, postmark on or before **January 5, 2012**. All entry documentation and payment must be mailed to the HLSR Livestock Entry Office at Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, P. O. Box 20070, Houston, TX 77225-0070.

4. Texas 4-H Quiz Bowl Guidelines: This show will be held under the rules of the Texas 4-H Quiz Bowl Guidelines, provided they do not conflict with any of the rules and regulations prescribed by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

5. Registration: Teams will be notified prior to the National 4-H and FFA Beef Quiz Bowl Invitational Contest as to when and where they should report. Teams that fail to check-in within 10 minutes of their scheduled match will forfeit the match unless excused by the National Beef Quiz Bowl Superintendent.

6. **Team Captains:** A team captain is designated and should be seated nearest the moderator, who will be positioned between two teams. Contestants will wear identification tags and/or have cards with their contestant numbers. The captain will remain the captain throughout the contest and will always be seated closest to the moderator. Other team members may change their seating order between matches.

7. **Viewing:** Contestants cannot view matches until the open viewing of the championship round. No electronic devices are allowed in contest room. Spectators may not bring any writing, recording devices, or other similar materials into a contest room. Other specific rules about public and participant viewing will be announced at orientation, just prior to the Quiz Bowl competition.

8. **Awards:** The following prizes will be awarded:

First place..... Trophy Buckles for each individual participant, \$100 merchandise voucher for each participant (to be redeemed at the HLSR merchandise booth), Team Trophy and Leather Banner.

Second Place Team..... Plaques for each individual participant, \$75 merchandise voucher for each participant (to be redeemed at the HLSR merchandise booth), Team Trophy and Leather Banner

Third Place Team..... \$50 Merchandise Voucher for each participant (to be redeemed at the HLSR merchandise booth), Team Trophy and Leather Banner.

Fourth Place Team..... \$25 Merchandise Voucher for each participant (to be redeemed at the HLSR merchandise booth), Team Trophy and Leather Banner.

2012 Team Entry Form

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Entry for the state of: _____

Date _____

PLEASE TYPE.

Contestants:

Captain/Contestant #1

Contestant #2

Name _____

Gender _____

Birth Date/(Age) _____ ()

_____ ()

Address _____

City/Zip _____

Name of College _____

Contestants:

Contestant #3

Contestant #4

Name _____

Gender _____

Birth Date/(Age) _____ ()

_____ ()

Address _____

City/Zip _____

Name of College _____

Eligibility: The eligibility of team members must be approved by the Extension State 4-H or FFA Program Leader or Designee and meet requirements as stated in the 4-H Beef Quiz Bowl Invitational Contest Rules.

Approved by:

Coach

State 4-H or FFA Program Leader or Designee

Signature _____

Signature _____

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____

City/Zip _____

Phone _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Email _____

Alternate Contestants: Possible alternate contestants must be pre-approved as eligible participants. They can be substituted for any of the above contestants at registration just prior to the contest.

Name _____

Gender _____

Birth Date/(Age) _____()

Address _____

Name _____

Gender _____

Birth Date/(Age) _____()

Address _____

Name _____

Gender _____

Birth Date/(Age) _____()

Address _____

Name _____

Gender _____

Birth Date/(Age) _____()

Address _____

Return completed form along with \$100 registration fee by January 5 to: **HLSR.**

Livestock Competitions
P.O. Box 20070
Houston, TX 77225



Judging Contest and Other: Release of Liability & Indemnity Agreement

PLEASE EXECUTE AND BRING TO REGISTRATION. DO NOT MAIL WITH ENTRY.

- 4-H & FFA Dairy Judging Contest
- 4-H & FFA Floriculture Contest
- 4-H & FFA Horse Judging Contest
- 4-H & FFA Livestock Judging Contest
- 4-H & FFA Meat Judging Contest
- 4-H & FFA Nursery / Landscape Contest
- 4-H & FFA Poultry Judging Contest
- 4-H & FFA Range & Pasture Plant I. D. Contest
- Quality Counts Multi-Media Contest
- Agriculture Product Identification Contest
- 4-H & FFA Wool Judging Contest
- Agricultural Mechanics Contest
- Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest
- Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest
- Intercollegiate Wool and Mohair Judging Contest
- Tractor Technician Contest
- Public Speaking Contest
- 4-H and FFA Beef Quiz Bowl Contest
- Ranching and Wildlife Competition

ONE FORM REQUIRED FOR EACH CONTEST ENTERED. EACH COACH AND CONTESTANT MUST EXECUTE THIS APPLICATION.

Part I

As valid consideration for entry into and participation in activities (the "Activities") with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Inc., Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Educational Fund, HLS&R Institute for Teacher Excellence, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Endowment Foundation and the Corral Club, Inc., (collectively, "HLSR"), the undersigned hereby enter into this RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (this "Agreement").

1. INVITATIONAL SHOW: The Houston Livestock Show is an invitational show and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo reserves the right to extend or withhold an invitation to any Exhibitor or Contestant.

2. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS: The undersigned recognize and understand there are risks associated with entry into and participation in the Activities including, but not limited to, bodily injury or death, and damage to property or privacy rights. The undersigned further acknowledge that they will be liable for all damage to persons, livestock, or property that is caused by them or any persons (including, but not limited to, minors) under their care and control, and that arise out of, or are related to, the undersigned's entry into and participation in the Activities.

3. RELEASE FROM LIABILITY: The undersigned hereby RELEASE, ACQUIT AND FOREVER DISCHARGE HLSR, their present and former directors, officers, employees, agents, and representatives and the respective heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns (collectively, the "HLSR Parties" or individually, an "HLSR Party") from any and all claims, causes of action, suits and/or demands for personal injury, death or property damage, accrued or to accrue in the future, known or unknown, (collectively, "Claims") relating to or arising out of any negligent, grossly negligent and/or intentional or unintentional acts on the part of the undersigned in connection with entry into and participation in the Activities. Without limiting the foregoing, the undersigned agree that the HLSR Parties shall not be liable to them, their family, heirs, administrators, executors or assigns for Claims arising from or related to the undersigned Contestant's entry into and participation in the Activities.

4. AGREEMENT TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS: THE UNDERSIGNED AGREE TO DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE HLSR PARTIES AGAINST THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE HLSR PARTIES' OWN NEGLIGENCE, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH NEGLIGENCE WAS THE SOLE, PROXIMATE OR PRODUCING CAUSE OF THE CLAIMS; provided, however, that the duty of the undersigned to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the HLSR Parties shall extend only to Claims arising directly or indirectly from the undersigned Contestant's entry into and participation in the Activities. As used herein, "INDEMNIFY" means to agree to assume the HLSR Parties' liability in a situation, thereby relieving them of responsibility and/or reimbursing the HLSR Parties for Claims asserted against them.

5. PHOTOGRAPH/INTERVIEW RELEASE AND INDEMNITY: The undersigned GRANT PERMISSION to be PHOTOGRAPHED or INTERVIEWED in connection with the Activities. The undersigned understand that photographs or interviews may be used by HLSR for television, film, video, visual, or printed media. The undersigned agree to RELEASE and INDEMNIFY HLSR for any Claims related to photographs or interviews by the HLSR Parties or any media.

6. TEXAS LAW AND ARBITRATION: The undersigned understand that this Agreement shall be binding on their heirs, executors, successors and assigns, that the Agreement will be governed by the laws of Texas, and that jurisdiction and venue for any dispute regarding this Agreement shall lie in a State Court in Harris County, Texas. If any part of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, it does not affect the validity of the remainder of this Agreement. This Agreement controls notwithstanding any conflicting terms or conditions of any other agreement between the parties. The undersigned agree to these terms and conditions and acknowledge receipt of this Agreement. HLSR may require that all claims or disputes between Contestant and/or Contestant's parent or guardian and HLSR and/or its agents, officers, directors volunteers, members and assigns, in any way arising out of or related to this Agreement, shall be decided by binding arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. 1, et seq. and in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the AAA that are in effect at the time the demand for arbitration is filed, unless the parties mutually agree otherwise in writing. The decision of the arbitrator(s), which shall state findings of fact and conclusions of law, shall be final, conclusive and binding on the parties and judgment may be entered thereon in the District Court of Harris County, Texas to enforce the decision.

Part II

We, the undersigned Junior Contestant and parent/guardian, certify that we have read, understand and will abide by all rules and regulations of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

The undersigned represent that they thoroughly understand that this is a complete and final release and indemnity agreement, that they are voluntarily entering into this Agreement and that no representations, promises or statements made by any HLSR Party or any agent, attorney or other representative of any HLSR Party has influenced the undersigned in causing them to sign this Agreement.

Signature—Exhibitor

Date

Name Printed

If the person on whose behalf this Agreement is being executed is a minor, a parent or legal guardian must also execute this Agreement.

Signature—Parent/Guardian

Date

Name Printed

RELATIONSHIP TO MINOR: _____

