

2025 Perry County Senior Calf Scramble Qualifications & Rules

The Perry County Senior Fair Board, Agricultural Society, Vocational Agricultural Departments, Perry County Extension Service, Committee, Scramble Donors and Volunteers in charge will not be held responsible for any accidents connected with this contest.

Qualifications for Senior Calf Scramble Contestants are:

1. MUST BE BETWEEN 13 AND 17 YEARS OF AGE. MUST BE 13, BUT NOT 18, BY OR ON JANUARY 1 OF THE CURRENT YEAR AND ALSO HAVE AT LEAST ONE YEAR OF 4-H OR FFA ELIGIBILITY REMAINING.
2. **Completed application is due to the Extension Office by the date on the application. (Consideration will be dependent upon timeliness and completeness of the application.)**
3. Be interested in feeding cattle.
4. Must be able to feed and care for the calf for one year.
5. Must be reliable and trustworthy.
6. Now carrying a 4-H or FFA project.
7. Must have at least one year of large animal experience (beef, dairy feeder, swine, sheep, goat, horse).
8. Previous winners of calves will not be eligible to participate.
9. Applicant and guardian will assume all financial responsibility for feed and health care of the calf.
10. Applicant will provide adequate health care, feed, water, hay and facilities for the calf. Pen size in a barn should be at least 50 square feet per head.
11. In the event that there are a high number of applications received, the Calf Scramble Committee reserves the right to require an essay to narrow the number of participants.
12. After all minors' releases and applications have been checked (applications must be properly signed by contestants, parents, 4-H advisors/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.

Senior Calf Scramble Rules:

1. **EACH CONTESTANT IS REQUIRED TO HAVE A DOCTOR'S PHYSICAL EXAMINATION IN WRITING BEFORE PARTICIPATING IN THE CALF SCRAMBLE.**
2. Contestants must furnish their own SAFETY HELMETS WITH FACE GUARDS, CHIN STRAPS and MOUTH PIECES, which must be approved by the 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.
3. Track will be wet down prior to the start of the contest.
4. Contestants and calves will be placed in the arena as directed by the arena director.
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 calf in the approved manner with the lead coming off the calf's left side and under the calf's chin. Rope halters will be provided.
6. At no time will the participant be permitted to tie the rope to or around 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 it into the winner's circle without help.
10. A winner will be indicated by the referee once all 4 of the calf's hooves are in the circle.
11. If a calf breaks away while being lead to the winner's circle, it is a free calf. If another participant captures the free calf, the halter must be removed, and then replaced with their own halter. If the original participant recaptures the calf, it is a valid possession and may proceed to the winner's circle.
12. The referee will not tolerate undue roughness.

13. Poor sportsmanship automatically disqualifies any contestant.
14. The Calf Scramble will be refereed by a group of not less than six referees selected by the committee in charge.
15. 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.
16. If at any time a calf/calves breaks out of the arena, all unsecured calves must be started over.
17. The referee's decision will be final.
18. If you are a winner of a scramble calf, you agree to take possession of your animal no later than the Tuesday following the fair, from the location which it is being housed. You are responsible for transporting your animal.
19. The calves obtained in the scramble must be shown at the Perry County Fair the following year.
 - a. Under the present policies of the Calf Scramble Committee and Perry County Senior Fair Board, the animal that you capture in the calf scramble must be a project the following year.
 - b. The calf caught must be carried as a regular project in 4-H or FFA and shown by the participant at the Perry County Fair the following year.
 - c. There will be a separate class exclusive to calf scramble participants.
 - d. The Champion and Reserve Champion Scramble Calves of the scramble class will be eligible to compete for overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Market Beef.
 - e. All scramble calves must sell at the Junior Livestock Sale.
 - f. If the participant chooses not to exhibit and sell the scramble calf the following year at the Perry County Fair, they must reimburse the Perry County Senior Fair Board the approximate market value of the calf.
 - g. Calf Scramble winners will be eligible to sell up to three items through the livestock sale. These items can include a live lot, an eligible carcass, AND a scramble calf.
 - h. In the event that the animal dies after the Calf Scramble while still under the care of the Calf Scramble Committee, the Calf Scramble Committee and the Perry County Senior Fair Board will not be held responsible.
 - i. In the event that the animal dies while in the care of the 4-H or FFA member, the 4-H or FFA member or parent/guardian must contact the Committee Chairperson, Jamie Snider at 740-973-5563. The fair vet will be sent to inspect the animal. After the vet performs their evaluation, it will be determined if the cost of the calf will be waived. The Calf Scramble Committee and the Perry County Senior Fair Board will not be held responsible.
 - j. The committee in charge reserves the right to check on the animal's housing and care following the Calf Scramble and prior to the following year's Perry County Fair. If it is determined that the animal has not been properly cared for or if proper facilities are not provided, the animal may be removed from the care of the exhibitor.
 - k. The committee in charge reserves the right to disqualify any Calf 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.
20. **If an accepted participant decides not to participate in the Calf Scramble, they must reimburse the Senior Fair Board \$100 for costs incurred.**
21. All complaints must be submitted in writing, accompanied by a \$100.00 bond.