



## **Calf Scramble Program**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE JULY 15th of current year.**

Mail To:

Union County Fair Board Association,  
Box 29, Clayton, NM 88415

### **Event Details**

This year's Calf Scramble will be held Saturday at the Union County Fair. Entrants must comply with the Junior Livestock General Rules. The information in this section is frequently updated. It is the participant's responsibility to ensure compliance with the most recent regulations.

This event is replacing the previous Donor Heifer Program. Participant can not have participated in the previous program.

Contestant Meeting Contestant meeting on Saturday, August 14 at 10:45 AM in the grandstands. Scramble will take place following meeting.

### **Special Rules Calf Scramble**

1. The Union County Fair Association (UCFA) will not be responsible for any accidents that may occur to any participant in the Calf Scramble before, during, or after the scramble.
2. Must be eligible to show livestock at the UCFA. Exhibitor is not older than 19 years of age as of January 1 of the show year the animal will be eligible to show (2022).
3. Incomplete Minors Releases Will Not Be Accepted. All information requested on the Minors Release must be complete. There must be two adult witnesses to the signing of the Release by the parents and the participants. BOTH PARENTS/GUARDIANS must sign the Release. However, if the parents are divorced, or if one is deceased, one signature is sufficient, but the notation of "DIVORCED" or "DECEASED" must be made in the space provided or the Minor's Releases will be returned.

### **Selection of Contestants**

1. Entry forms may be downloaded from extension office. Entries for the Calf Scramble will be taken until July 15 of the current fair year. Entries will be taken on a first come, first serve basis until the maximum number of contestants is reached, provided entrants meet the qualifications listed below.
2. These participants will be carefully selected. Absolutely no substitutions will be made in the participant lists after they are received by the UCFA, from Agriculture Education Advisor or County

Extension Agent. a. Must be in good standing with 4-H or FFA. b. Participants: Participants who report to the mandatory meeting must be in top physical condition. Any participant appearing with broken limbs, etc. will automatically be disqualified and the first alternate will be put in their place.

3. The following questions should be taken into consideration by Agricultural Education Advisor or County Extension Agents when making the selection of participants in the Calf Scramble:
  - a. Would the participant's parents be financially able to do this if it is found to be necessary?
  - b. Does the participant have suitable facilities for caring for and developing a show animal?
  - c. Does the participant have a real desire to own and show animals?
  - d. Is the participant the type who would devote their attention to the said animal?
  - e. Are the parents willing (and are grades satisfactory) to allow the participant to spend the time away from school and other activities to Show an animal at a fair and stay with them for the days necessary to show and care for it?
  - f. Will the participant be conscientious in submitting regular monthly reports to their sponsor? This could include a short write up and pictures on how their project is progressing?
4. Any participant who has received a donor animal through participation in the Calf Scramble at the Union County Fair will not be eligible to participate again.
5. After all Minor's Releases have been checked by the UCFA, each applicant will be notified of their acceptance as a participant to participate in the Calf Scramble at the Union County Fair.
6. FAILURE to COMPLETE any of the requirements listed below can result in immediate removal of the donor animal from the participant.
7. FAILURE to Complete could result in being ineligible to sell at the Union County Fair the following year.

### **Arena Rules**

1. Participants and un-haltered calves will be placed in the arena as directed by the arena director.
2. At no time will a participant be permitted to tie the rope to his/her body or belt.
3. Each participant will attempt to catch one of the calves released. The participant catching a calf is required to lead it across to the center box line without aid.
4. If a participant has hold of a calf, no other participant will be allowed to touch the calf until it breaks away.
5. If a participant catches the calf by the tail, they will be given a reasonable amount of time to work around to his head; otherwise, the referee will order him to let the calf go.
6. If two or more participants catch the same calf, the calf will be turned loose.

7. A participant who secures a calf and leads it across the finish line will be declared a winner when so indicated by the referee.
8. The referee will not tolerate undue roughness. Poor sportsmanship automatically disqualifies any contestant. Do not drag the calf.
9. The Calf Scramble is to be refereed by a select group of not less than four referees.
10. Shoes with any type of knob or cleat (rubber or metal) will not be allowed.

### **Rules for Receiving Donor Animals Won in The Calf Scramble**

It is the responsibility for the proper selection on the participant, animal donor, and their supervisor. It is designed to give the participant experience in selecting the proper type of animal for showing purposes.

#### **Rules, Reporting, and Exhibition**

1. Winners MUST exhibit their animals at the 2022 Union County Fair.
2. **TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT (no exceptions):**
  - a. **REQUIRED: Provide proof of Insurance donor animal for a minimum of \$1000, must be done within 30 days of receiving donor animal from donor.**
  - b. **REQUIRED: Feed and Fit donor animal to grow, breed and show in acceptable manner.**
  - c. **REQUIRED: Write a monthly letter to the donor about the donor animal, must include a picture of the donor animal. The letter and picture will be turned in to the Fair Board by the 15th of each month. The Fair Board will be responsible for forwarding the letter along with picture to the animal donor. Sent via mail to Union County Fair Association, PO Box 29, Clayton, NM 88415.**
  - d. **REQUIRED: Show donor animal at the Union County Fair following heifer selection.**
  - e. **The donor animal will remain the property of the breeder until all requirements are met and the youth.**
3. If at any time any of the following people: Donor, Fair Board member, 4-H Extension Agent, or Ag. Teacher, believe that the donor animal is not being properly cared for or that a breach of agreement is present and the goals for the project are not being met, they will submit to the Donor Committee such concerns and they will decide as to whether the donor animal should be returned to breeder. Their decision will be final. (Special circumstances will be considered).
4. The donor animal will not be re branded and will remain the property of the Donor until the youth completes the project successfully.
5. The Fair Board reserves the right to take possession of the donor animal and return to the donor if any of the above requirements are not completed as instructed.

**APPLICATION**

**UNION COUNTY FAIRBOARD Calf Scramble Program**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB or CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Must include 2 letters of recommendation, one from Leader or Ag. Teacher and one from other adult.**

*(Additional Pages may be used if necessary).*

1. Briefly explain "WHY" you want a donor animal.
  
2. Briefly explain where you will keep the donor animal.
  
3. Explain your management plan for the donor animal including how you will feed, fit, grow and manage your donor animal.
  
4. Briefly explain how you will provide for the donor animal after completion of the requirements.
  
5. Briefly explain the financial obligation of having this project. Include what you think it will cost to care for this donor animal during this project period.

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**By signing this document, the undersigned has read and understands all rules and regulations of the Union County Fair Board Donor Animal Program and are in agreement with following the requirements and rules of the program and understand all the penalties for non-compliance with the program.**

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(Member Signature)

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(Parent Signature)

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(Agent or Ag. Advisor Signature)