2026 Heart O' Texas Fair and Rodeo

Calf Scramble Entry and Minor Release Form

Release can only be turned in by a CEA/AST

Must be filled out completely or applicant will be disqualified

CONTESTANT NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE **TX** ZIP CODE _____

AGE ____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

**This should be the student's email

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____

PARENT PHONE _____ PARENT EMAIL _____

CLUB/CHAPTER _____ CEA/AST _____

CEA/AST PHONE _____ CEA/AST EMAIL _____

Completing this form does not constitute entry in Calf Scramble. Entry must be made online and is limited to the first 20 participants per night who have entered online and submitted this form with $20 to Heart O' Texas. Incomplete paperwork, payments or online entry will result in denial of entry competition.

I _____ parent of _____

Do hereby consent and agree that it is permissible for our said minor child to compete in the Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo Calf Scramble, and I(we), joined by our said minor child, do hereby consent and agree to hold said Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo, referees, participants, sponsors, Scramble Committee and all persons individually or collectively, harmless from any liability for bodily injury or any other damage or injury sustained or suffered while said minor child is a participant in the scramble on any of the scheduled scramble nights.

I (we) also agree that we have been given a copy of the official rules and regulations for the Calf Scramble. I (we) along with our child, agree to abide by all rules until the completion of the Calf Scramble program in October 2027.

Submit by August 31, 2026 to:

Heart O' Texas Fair — Calf Scramble

4601 Bosque Blvd.

Waco, TX 76710

Calf Scramble

Calf Scramble & Chute-Out
October 13-18, 2026
Entry Fee: $20

The **Heart O' Texas Calf Scramble, presented by Brazos Masonry**, takes place over five (5) days at the Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo. Each night 20 students will compete to catch one of 10 calves. Catching a calf guarantees the student a Purchase Certificate to purchase, raise, and show a heifer, steer, lamb, goat, or swine project the following year. The top three (3) contestants from each scramble performance will qualify to scramble again at **the HOT Chute-Out, presented by Brazos Masonry**, on the final Sunday of the rodeo and will receive an upgraded Purchase Certificate.

Eligibility:

1. **Age Eligibility:** Contestants must be 12 years old by August 31, 2026, and cannot be past their junior year in high school. Eligibility will be limited to 4-H and FFA members from the State of Texas. Contact your CEA or AST to fill out an application form. **All application forms may only be submitted by a CEA or AST.**
2. **Physical Requirements:** Contestants who report to the Scramble Office must be in top physical condition. Contestants appearing with broken limbs, etc., will automatically be disqualified. Contestant's minimum weight is 100 pounds.
3. **Entry Requirement:** Contestants entering in the Stampede must commit to being in attendance all three days of the tournament.

Selection of Contestants:

1. Calf Scramble is limited to 20 students per night. Contestants will be selected ONLY by CEAs or ASTs. CEAs and ASTs will then enter selected Contestants on www.hotfair.com. Online entries will be accepted until all spots per night are filled. Contestants are accepted to Calf Scramble on a first-come, first-serve basis. After Contestants are successfully entered online, CEA's and AST's must also submit entry fee and Entry Forms to keep the Contestant's spot on the Calf Scramble list.

2. After the 20 Contestant per night spots are filled, entries will remain open for alternates. Any Contestant who is entered and fails to submit entry fee, online Entry Form within 10 days of online entry submission will relinquish their spot and the spot will be given to an alternate. Alternates will be notified when spots become available. CEAs and ASTs must mail entry fees, online entry receipts and Entry Forms for their students only when notified to be alternates. Show Management will designate a deadline for documents to be received depending on when alternate spots become available.

3. Contestants will be notified through their supervisor if they have been accepted to participate and their scheduled participation time, if applicable.

EXTRACO EVENTS CENTER AND HEART O' TEXAS FAIR & RODEO RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, for being allowed entry into and participation in activities (the "Activities") associated with the McLennan County Fair, Inc. dba Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo and the Extraco Events Center, (collectively, "HOTFAIR"), the undersigned hereby enters into this RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") as of the date set forth below.

1. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS:** The undersigned recognizes and understands that there are risks associated with their participation in the Activities including, but not limited to, bodily injury or death to persons and damage to property. The undersigned further acknowledges and understands that they will be held liable and responsible for any and all damage to persons, livestock, vehicles, property and/or improvements to property that is caused by them and/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.

2. **APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE OF RELEASES AND INDEMNITIES:** For purposes of this Agreement, "Claims" shall mean any past, present and future claims, losses, costs, expenses, liabilities, demands, or causes of action, and costs of defense or settlement (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and court costs). For purposes of this Agreement, the term "Released Parties" shall mean the McLennan County Fair, Inc, Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo and the Extraco Events Center of Waco, Texas, McLennan County, Texas and their respective present and former officers, directors, members, council members, commissioners, subsidiaries, affiliates, employees, staff, volunteers, agents and any other person, firm, corporation or entity bound to defend or pay judgments against them. The releases, waivers and indemnities contained in this Agreement expressly shall apply regardless of whether the Claims to be released, waived or indemnified against arise, or are alleged to arise, from (i) **NEGLIGENCE (WHETHER SOLE, JOINT OR CONCURRENT), GROSS NEGLIGENCE, NEGLIGENCE PER SE, and/or STRICT LIABILITY,** of the Released Parties; (ii) personal injury, death or property damage; (iii) acts under the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act ("DTPA"); (iv) acts of any other persons or guests; (v) theft, burglary, assault, or other crimes; (vi) fire, water, wind, rain and/or smoke and /or (vii) any other risks and hazards associated with the undersigned's entry into and participation in the Activities, including, but not limited to, the general conditions at the Activities, animals both wild and domestic that may be diseased and/or potentially dangerous, persons with firearms both on and off the premises used in connection with the Activities, persons wearing video equipment mounted to safety helmets and/or vests and the driving or riding in any vehicles, whether belonging to Released Parties or to other persons.

3. **RELEASE FROM LIABILITY: The undersigned hereby RELEASES, ACQUITES AND FOREVER DISCHARGES, and WAIVES any and all Claims against any of the Released Parties that arise from or relate to their entry and participation in the Activities—including, but not limited to, the types of claims enumerated in Paragraph 2—and agree not to sue any of the Released Parties for such Claims. Without limiting the foregoing, the undersigned agrees that the Released Parties shall not be liable to them, their family, or their guests, for personal injury, property damage, or any other Claims arising from or related to the undersigned's entry into and participation in the Activities.**

4. **AGREEMENT TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS: The undersigned agrees to INDEMNIFY and HOLD HARMLESS the Released Parties against any and all Claims arising from or related to the undersigned's entry and participation in the Activities—including, but not limited to, the types of Claims enumerated in Paragraph 2. In addition, and without limiting the**

foregoing, the undersigned agrees to INDEMNIFY the Released Parties for any Claims for injuries to any minors under their care and control and/or his or her parent/guardian, and for any Claims asserted by, through or under the undersigned, arising from or related to the undersigned's entry into and participation in the Activities—including, but not limited to, the types of Claims

enumerated in Paragraph 2. As used herein, "INDEMNIFY" means to agree to assume the Released Parties' liability in a situation, thereby relieving them of responsibility, and/or reimbursing the Released Party for Claims asserted against them.

5. **PHOTOGRAPH/INTERVIEW RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT: The undersigned GRANTS PERMISSION to be PHOTOGRAPHED, VIDEOED or INTERVIEWED in connection with the Activities. The undersigned understands that any such photograph, video or interview may be used by the Released Parties or television, film, video, visual, graphic or printed media. The undersigned agrees to RELEASE and INDEMNIFY the Released Parties with respect to any Claims related to the usage of such photographs or interviews by the Released Parties or any media—including, but not limited to, the types of Claims enumerated in Paragraph 2.**

6. **LIVESTOCK RELEASE:** HOTFAIR, including its officers, directors, servants, agents, and/or employees, and the undersigned, including parents and/or legal representatives, agree that HOTFAIR will in no case be responsible for any loss, damage or injury to the person, animals or property of the undersigned, or the undersigned's agents, servants, family and/or employees regardless of how such loss, damage or injury is occasioned and by whom. HOTFAIR and the undersigned further agree that the undersigned will protect, indemnify and save harmless HOTFAIR from any and all claims, suits, and/or judgments (including the cost of defense of any such claim and/or suit by HOTFAIR) brought by anyone as a result of any loss, damage or injury to any person, animal or property occasioned by any action or inaction or the undersigned, either solely or in conjunction with HOTFAIR or anyone else.

HOTFAIR assumes no responsibility for the correctness of any description given in the Livestock Show and Competitive Events Catalog located on our website at www.hotfair.com. The undersigned agrees to abide by all Rules of the Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo.

We the undersigned certify that we have not administered to and have no knowledge that this entry has received any substance not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for food animals. We further certify that we have read and understood the Drug Residue Avoidance Policy as set forth in the Catalog. We also authorize HOTFAIR to obtain samples from any animal for drug testing.

HOTFAIR reserves the right to disqualify any animal found in violation of the Drug Residue Avoidance Policy. If an animal is disqualified, HOTFAIR reserves the right to require the undersigned to forfeit all scholarship and/or premium money and forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future at HOTFAIR. All decisions based on any test, inspection, analysis, or examination conducted by or for HOTFAIR shall be final and conclusive and no exhibitor or his/her parent and/or legal guardian have any recourse against HOTFAIR or any of its officers, directors, volunteers, employees or veterinarian appointed by HOTFAIR for any such decision.

The undersigned fully understand and grant permission to HOTFAIR to report any and all rule infractions to North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association (NALSRMA) Rule Infraction Database (RID). We understand that that this information will be available to the membership of the NALSRMA.

7. **PROVISIONS APPLICABLE IF PARTICIPANT IS A MINOR:** If Participant is a minor, such minor's undersigned Parent/Guardian hereby represents and warrants that he/she is the PARENT/LEGAL

GUARDIAN of the Participant, and that he/she has the full power, authority, capacity and right, without limitation, to enter into, execute, deliver and perform this Release of Liability/Indemnity Agreement.

As further inducement to HOTFAIR to permit the undersigned's entry into and participation in the Activities, the undersigned represents that they thoroughly and completely understand that this is a complete and final release and indemnity agreement, that they are freely and voluntarily entering into this Agreement, and that no representations, promises or statements made by any of the Released Parties, or any agent, attorney or other representative of any of the Released Parties has influenced the undersigned in causing them to sign this Agreement.

The undersigned understands 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 resolution of any dispute regarding this Agreement shall lie in State District Courts in McLennan 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. The undersigned agrees to the terms and conditions above, and acknowledges receipt of this Agreement.

Please continue to next page for required signatures

Substitute W-9 Form & Entry Agreement Signature Page:

Certification: Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. **The number submitted with the completed Entry is my correct taxpayer identification number, and**
2. **I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and**
3. **I am a U.S Citizen or other U.S. Person (defined in the instructions); and**
4. **The FATCA codes entered on this form (if any) indicating that the payee is exempt from FACTA reporting is correct.**
   You must cross out item 2 if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interests and dividends on your tax return

By my signature below, I hereby certify that I have read, understand, and will abide by all the regulations and release of liability and indemnity of HOTFAIR. I am aware of the consequences of any violation of the regulations and stated rule violations of the use of drugs, chemicals, and/or feed additives.

The IRS does not require your consent to any provision of this document other than the certifications required to avoid backup withholding.

EXHIBITOR FULL NAME | SSN# | CLUB/CHAPTER

EXHIBITOR SIGNATURE | DATE

PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE | DATE

I hereby certify that the exhibitor's entry, whether one or more, is eligible in accordance with the regulations of HOTFAIR and that I have informed the exhibitor of the consequences of stated rule violations of the use of drugs, chemicals and/or feed additives. To the best of my knowledge, this certification is correct. I hereby certify that I have read, understand, and will abide by all the regulations and release of liability and indemnity of HOTFAIR.

CEA/AST