

Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association

2016 Junior Academic Rodeo Guidelines

Entry fee of \$25.00 and forms are due on Noon, Tuesday, January 26, 2016

1. Teams will consist of four students from grades 3-8 from each school district and/or 4-H club. Each team may have two alternates. Students may be a member on only one team. Entry fee is \$25.00 per team which is due on **Noon, Tuesday, January 26, 2016 with all forms and payment.**
2. Team members must be eligible according to UIL requirements.
3. Questions will cover the following subject matter of Matagorda County Fair history and activities including guidelines and rules, Matagorda County, Texas and United States History, Geography, Current events, Trivia, FFA, 4-H, Rodeo, Animal Husbandry and Agricultural type questions. Please note this is general study information and not limited to this subject matter.
4. For the first round of competition, teams "A" and "B" are competing: the first question will be directed to contestant #1 on "A" team, and #1 on "B" team. 1A and 1B will have 10 (ten) seconds to buzz and 10 (ten) seconds to answer the questions #2 and #2 etc. First round is five minutes.
 - If the question is answered correctly, the team will score five (5) points.
 - If the question is answered incorrectly, the opposing contestant will have 10 seconds to give an answer.
 - If the contestant answers the question correctly, the team scores five (5) points. If the contestant answers incorrectly, the question dies.
5. The second round will last 5 minutes. Any contestant on any team may buzz in and then answer. Contestants will have ten (10) seconds to buzz and then ten (10) seconds to answer.
 - If the answer is correct the team will score five (5) points.
 - If the question is answered incorrectly, the opposing team will have ten (10) seconds to discuss the question and give an answer.
 - If after discussion the opposing team answers the question correctly, the team will score five (5) points. If the team answers the question incorrectly, the question dies.
6. Round Three is a "Lighting Round". It is a two (2) minute round; a member may buzz in and answer. The point value for lightning round is 10 points for any correct answer and *minus* 10 points for any incorrect answer.

7. If an answer is heard from the audience, **the question will be dropped.**
8. If two lights come on at once the question will be dropped.
9. The moderator will stop reading the question when a light appears. The contestants must give an answer within ten (10) seconds. If the answer is incorrect, the question will be repeated in its entirety for the opposing team.
10. Each contest is five (5) minutes long, followed by a two (2) minute lightning round.
11. The Preliminary Round and finals will be conducted at the Multi-Purpose Building on **Sunday, February 28, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.**
12. In the event of a tie, one "true or false" question will determine the winner. If the team buzzes in and answers the question correctly, **wins** the round. If the team buzzes in and answers the question incorrectly, **loses** the round. And the other team DOES NOT need to answer the question and therefore wins the round. If no team buzzes in after 10 seconds, other "true or false" questions will be read to determine the winner.
13. **The Committee Chairman reserves the right to make additional rules and regulations as the situations warrant. Decisions of the Academic Rodeo Chairman are final.**
14. Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association Protest Procedures - All protests concerning Matagorda County Fair Entries must be submitted immediately after the conclusion of the preliminary rounds and be accompanied by a \$150 cash deposit. The deposit will be returned ONLY if the protest is upheld. Once the championship round has commenced NO protests will be accepted. The Judges decision is final and not subject for protest. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. The protest will be reviewed by at least (5) members of the Fair Board. The ruling of the Fair Board Directors will be final. Both sides of the protest must be present at the time of the protest. There will be no anonymous protests accepted. Every exhibitor, in consideration of his/her entry being accepted by the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association, agrees that the conclusion reached by the Fair Board Directors shall be final, without any recourse against the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association, Board of Directors, Division Chairman, Superintendent, or Committeemen.
15. **No cameras or tape recording devices allowed during competition. No cell phones used as a recording device. No cell phone visible during competition. Please have cell phones in off or vibrate mode.**

Entry deadline for participating teams will be **Noon, Tuesday, January 26, 2016.** Please submit your entry form to:

Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association
P.O. Box 1803
Bay City, TX 77404-1803
Fax (979) 245-4250

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Entry Form

Each Team Member must sign a Release Clause (See below) and return with Entry Form

(4-H/School Organization)	(Phone #)
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(Address, City, Zip)

(4-H/ School Leader Name)	(Phone #)
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TEAM MEMBERS:

(Name of Student)	(Grade & School)
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(Name of Student)	(Grade & School)
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(Name of Student)	(Grade & School)
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(Name of Student)	(Grade & School)
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(Name of Alternate Student)	(Grade & School)
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(Name of Alternate Student)	(Grade & School)
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RELEASE CLAUSE

I, consent to my child _____ entering the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association's Academic Rodeo Contest. I authorize the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association to release any of the above information to the press. I understand that the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association will not supervise or be responsible for my child during contest activities and that it is my responsibility to supervise my child at all times and do hereby knowingly and voluntarily release the above referenced Event, the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association, Board of Directors, members, judges, volunteers and employees of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association, Matagorda County and any other person, firm or individual charged and chargeable with responsibility or liability, their heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns from and against any and all claims, lawsuits, demands, damages, loss of services, actions and causes of action based upon, arising out of, such event(s) or in any way related to any honors, awards, or rights sought by me as a participant in the Matagorda County Fair Association the conduct of business threat thereat, the ownership and possession of any honors, awards, or rights, thereby, any negligent act, act of misfeasance of nonfeasance by the Matagorda County Fair Association with any honors, awards, and rights, bestowed at said events. Further, I do hereby agree to exonerate, hold harmless, and indemnify such event(s) past, present or future in connection with such honors, awards and rights. Such indemnification to include any and all fees (including reasonable attorney's fee), costs and other expenses reasonably incurred by or on behalf of the above referenced event(s) and investigation of or defense against any such claims, lawsuits, demands, actions, or causes of actions. I have had a full and adequate opportunity to be thoroughly advised of the terms and conditions of this release and indemnity agreement by counsel of my own choosing. I have also been afforded the opportunity to ask any and all questions that I have concerning this document and its execution by me. I do fully understand the terms of this agreement and do intentionally and voluntarily agree to same.

(Parent or Legal Guardian Signature)

(Date)

(Witness Signature)

(Date)