

BARBERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL AG FARM CONTRACT RULES & REGULATIONS

The Barbers Hill FFA Ag Barn is provided for FFA members raising an animal project that do not have a place of their own to keep livestock. High School aged students will be given preference over non-high school aged students. Chambers County Fair projects will be given first priority with pen selection and availability. Projects to be shown elsewhere may or may not be allowed to house within our facilities as space permits.

All animals will be split into two different categories based on the time of year the show takes place (Fall and Spring) that the animal is planned to show. Due to current space limitations in the barn we are going to have to limit the number of animals students are allowed to have housed in the barn during each season.

Exhibitors wanting to show small animals in the Fall may have 2 animals in the Fall season. One may be shown at Trinity Valley Exposition (TVE) and another may be shown at a Fall state fair/major show (Heart of Texas or State Fair). Exhibitors wanting to show in the Spring may have 2 small animals in the Spring season. One may be shown at the Chambers County Youth Livestock Show and one may be shown at a Spring state fair/major show (Fort Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston, Austin, Beaumont(YMBL)).

Exhibitors wanting to show cattle in market or commercial shows are allowed to show one for a Fall show and one for a Spring show.

Exhibitors wanting to show breeding beef cattle will be allowed one stall per year because the animal is intended to be shown in multiple show seasons.

Dates that contracts are available for each show season are as follows:

Fall Season Shows - the 1st day after Spring Break

Spring Season Shows - the 1st day back to school after Chambers County Youth Livestock Show

Failure to abide by the following rules will result in:

1st Offense - Verbal warning ***(Excluding Rule number 1& 2 listed below-1st offense is EVICTION)** **2nd Offense** - Written warning **3rd Offense** - Eviction of project

1. All BHISD policies will be followed at all times. Parents and guests must adhere to all BHISD guidelines while attending or supervising students. Failure to do so may result in the individual being restricted to BH ISD/FFA activities. Guests are the responsibility of the student. **No alcoholic beverages, tobacco product, or controlled substance will be allowed on any BH ISD facilities. No persons under the influence of alcohol, tobacco or other controlled**

substances will be allowed on the school grounds at any time. (Please refer to the BHHS Handbook and BHISD Board Policy for details). **Failure to abide by these rules can result in immediate eviction of the student's animal on the 1st offense – NO WARNINGS.**

2. Cruelty or endangerment to the animals/people will not be tolerated **and is cause for immediate eviction of the offender's animal by the AST (Agriculture Science Teacher).**

This includes but is not limited to: neglect, abusive training, malicious actions, using electronic devices without permission or unapproved drugs to your own animal, another student or another animal.

3. Cleanliness is a necessity. It is your responsibility to keep your pen area along with other areas you may use neat, clean, and orderly daily. All manure will be placed in the concrete manure location outside. Only shavings and manure are to be dumped here. Trash goes in the dumpster. Wheelbarrows must be cleaned out and returned to the storage area. A \$50.00 deposit will be kept for pen cleanup fee for students who have not cleaned their project center. This student will have to be approved for re-entry by the Principal and Advisors.

4. Barn cleaning/duty weeks will be assigned to students to which they are responsible for cleaning the general areas and bathroom. **Assigned cleaning/duty must be done at least 2 days during the week they are assigned. Failure to do so will result in an offense and could result in a disciplinary action.**

5. In the event of a stall flooding: you are responsible for cleaning out the wet shavings and laying new shavings down for your animal. Whether it is your stall or a neighbor that has flooded your stall. You are responsible. It is suggested that if your stall is the stall that has caused the flooding, regardless of cause (broken water line, stuck float or turned on by animal or person) that person should offer to help clean up the mess out of common courtesy. But regardless, each stall is the responsibility of the leaser for any problems. It should be cleaned up within **3** days of the problem.

6. No pets will be allowed at the project center. Barn Cats excluded.

7. One animal per stall is allowed. Any student who places two animals in the same stall without consulting an Ag teacher will receive one offence and the animal will be required to be removed from the BHISD Ag barn immediately.

8. Safety for self and the project is the sole responsibility of the student. Any damage to the facility should be reported to an Ag teacher immediately. The Ag Department or BHISD will not be held liable for injury, loss, or theft to a project or any individual entering the facility. The hold harmless rule in the BH FFA Handbook applies to this contract. You may leave a message on the machine anytime at 576-2221 x 1213.

9. Animals must be attended/fed before and after school hours. Animals must be fed every day.

10. The project center will open at 5:30 am until 10:00 pm each day. Be aware of the automatic gate and timing to drive through without damages. After driving through the gate entrance it is your responsibility to look back at the gate to make sure it is closed. Any damages that are made to the automated gate, keypads or any other school property at the BHISD Ag barn will be the responsibility of the person who damaged them to pay for the repair.

11. Students, parents or guests are limited to driving on designated areas only. Drivers should drive slowly and with caution both inside and outside fenced areas. DO NOT DRIVE IN PASTURE! Consider roadways, which lead to project center, an extension of center and avoid excessive noise, recklessness, littering, or other disruptive displays whether inside or near project center.

12. Teachers will make stall/ pen assignments for each student project. Stall assignments will not be changed without teacher approval. Advisors will assign and or reassign stalls and tack rooms as needed.

13. Before animals are allowed to be brought into the BHISD Ag barn a signed and paid for barn contract and deposit must be paid in full. No animals may change ownership or be moved in without Ag teacher knowledge or the animal will be removed immediately. Animals must enter the facility only after visual inspection by AST for health reasons.

14. NO additions, subtractions, modifications, or construction relating to electricity, carpentry, plumbing or location may be made without approval. The student is responsible for safe use of electricity on the Project Center. The use of electrical devices or extension cords must meet NEC and UL electrical codes. No cords shall lie in the aisle, across the pens or on the ground. Animals can chew on the cord and be electrocuted.

15. No personal or mini refrigerators are allowed at the Ag barn. Any medicines that need refrigeration that must be given to your animal must be stored at your home if it requires refrigeration.

16. No personal treadmills are allowed at the BHISD Ag barn. BHISD provides the students a livestock treadmill to be use. Any personal treadmills will be removed from the premises.

17. Students must administer medications or have the animal viewed by a veterinarian when advised by the AST. Failure to do so could affect the health of other student projects.

18. Bedding material will be the responsibility of the student. Shavings will not be provided with this barn fee. Shavings must be kept at a minimum of 6 inches deep in the stall for lambs and goats and a comfortable depth for cattle (no concrete should be visible)

19. Students and family members may not feed, move, water or provide any other care, regardless of the intent, to help other student's projects without permission from the owner. AST cannot assess the health and care of the individual animal if others are caring for it. Please do not make it your business to feed or care for another person's animal or to complain about the care of the project. You may not be there when they are or they may come and go at different times than you. The AST will monitor the projects.

20. All market/commercial animals must be removed from the project center within 2 weeks following the project show. Projects not removed will become property of FFA chapter and sold (excluding approved Breeding projects). If a student does not comply with the rules he/she may not be allowed access in the future. After the student submits a picture of the clean tack room and cleaned out stall only then will they be released from their 50.00 deposit. Otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and paid to another student by the Advisors to clean out the stall/tack.

21. All exhibitors must have up to date emergency contact information posted on their barn locker door. In the event of an emergency, please call your veterinarian. Do not administer medication/feed or water to another person's animal.

22. Any evicted project must be removed within three days of notification or the animal will become the property of the FFA chapter and sold at auction. The evicted student may not be allowed access for future projects.

23. The facility is monitored by video surveillance at all times and viewed by Ag Teachers only.

24. Each student will be responsible for providing personal locks for their individual feed/tack storage rooms and gates to their stalls. You must provide the AST keys for both of these locks prior to move-in or the Advisors may cut the lock if necessary.

25. Feed /hay/water troughs will be provided by the student. Feeders for lambs and goats must be hanging type. Hay bags are not permitted in stalls. Feed must be kept in a closed container for pest control measures.

26. Fans and/or outside panels must be pre-approved by AST. No cords shall be left in the alley for animals to be tangled up with. **Fan cords may NOT be left hanging where animals may chew on them.** They will and could be electrocuted. **No heat lamps will be allowed.**

27. If the stall has automatic waterers previously installed they may be used by the student's projects but it is the responsibility of the student to maintain it. Any additional automatic waterers must be pre-approved by advisors. The chapter is not responsible for providing automatic waterers for the stalls or flooded stalls due to waterers.

28. A stall rental and deposit must be paid prior to move -in. Your stall rental is ends at the completion of your animals planned show. Breeding cattle will assess a 12 month stall fee. There will be no refunds or prorates on stall fees for any reason. Animals are not allowed to stay in the barn if they have no planned show.

29. All high school students must be a member in good standing with the Texas FFA and currently enrolled in a BH ISD Agriculture class. All projects kept in the school facility must be entered as FFA projects at all shows. If a high school student is not enrolled in an Ag class the animal stall will be released and the animal must be removed from the facility within two weeks of notice from Advisors. In the event that the student is applying for barn admission during the summer months he/she must enroll in the upcoming fall semester. The HS counselor may submit a written notice of the student's enrollment into the upcoming semester.

30. Non high school aged students must have parents who are dues paying members of the Barbers Hill Young Farmers in order to keep animals in the BHISD Ag barn. Remember that priority will be given to high school FFA students over non-high school aged students.

31. The BHISD Ag Barn GroupMe is used for informational purposes only. It should not be used as a way to have personal conversations with other barn members or parents nor should it be used for to present problems at the barn. All messages that are not informational should be sent directly to one of the Ag teachers and they will address the issue. Also no GroupMe messages before 7 AM or after 9 PM. Misuse of the GroupMe will result in it being taken down.

32. You may purchase outside panels for the animals run. But please have your material approved for stalls. Any stall panels left after the 10 day clean up deadline become property of BH ISD Ag department.

33. Remember, this facility is a privilege and if the student/parents cannot work cooperatively with BH ISD &/or staff, the student will be given one verbal warning, one written warning and the third incident will result in the eviction of the livestock project. No further stalls shall be rented.

NOTE:

Ag Teachers will assist in the transportation of the animals at sanctioned shows listed in the handbook. Parents/students must stay in contact with advisors as of the needs to weigh, oversee or transport animals for the sanctioned shows. We have a great community of support that offers to help us weigh and transport projects during the year. We can assist you just keep in touch. We have a big program and we are blessed.

RETURN THIS PAGE SIGNED WITH PAYMENT IF YOU WILL BE REQUESTING A STALL SPACE

Students Name: _____ Grade: _____

Animal: Circle one:

Goat

Lamb

Steer

F1 Heifer

Commercial Heifer

Breeding Heifer

Show animal will be shown at: _____

YOU WILL TURN IN 2 CHECKS:

● **Stall rental checks made out to BH FFA:**

Fee Schedule: Breeding cattle (per 12 months) \$ 250.00

Steers/F1 market heifers/Commercial Heifers (Per head/per feeding period) \$ 200.00

Sheep/Goat (Per head/per feeding period) \$ 100.00

● **A \$50 deposit check (undated and made out to BHIF)**

○ **Deposit checks will be destroyed if the animal stall & tack room are cleaned within 10 days after the animals targeted sale date and/or end of contract, whichever comes first. If the stall & locker is not cleaned in the 10-day period, the check will be deposited and you will lose your deposit.**

❖ The Agri-Science Department, Agriculture Science Teachers, FFA chapter, BHISD, or teachers are not responsible for any loss or damage to any person, property, or livestock, which may occur on the project center. **Students and parents assume all risks, and should consider insurance policies which cover animal projects and other property.** ❖ In the event of an emergency/evacuation the owner is responsible for the animal's welfare. ❖ The Ag teachers reserve the right to make decisions concerning the project center rules/projects, assigned stalls & barn in the best interest /residents/livestock at any time. These rules will be accessed, reviewed and amended by the FFA Advisors as needed.

• I have read, understand, and will abide by the Facility Rules.

• I understand I am responsible for the actions of those I allow to enter the facility with me.

• I will maintain the general use areas

• I will maintain a positive and cooperative working attitude with Ag Teachers and other members.

• I understand that at certain times my Advisors will ask me to do a total cleaning of the tack room and stall area as well as a workday if needed around the facility.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Contact information to be added to BARN GROUPME FOR ALERTS:

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

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Name: _____ Phone #: _____