

Official 2022-2023 SCCA Production Steer Rules

Changes from previous years -

All steers must be broken to lead and handle at the weigh in, calves will unload at the door of the barn and be led around in the show ring on the way to the scales. A committee of Cattleman's Board members will make the call on any calves deemed too wild to continue at the time of weigh in and that calf will be removed from the contest.

Entry Process:

A \$20.00 Nomination fee will be charged per steer this year. It is due to the OSU Extension office on or before 4:00 PM July 1st.

Exhibitors will be allowed to nominate 2 head if they desire for this year's contest.

Our processing capacity is capped at 21 head for this contest. If we have more than 21 participants (youth), we will hold a lottery drawing to determine who will fill the 21 slots. If more than 21 participants are nominated, we will only allow one steer per exhibitor.

If we have 14 kids and 24 steers nominated each participant will get 1 steer to establish the initial 14 spots, then the remaining 10 who entered 2 steers would be drawn to see who would get the final 7 spots.

We will not carry any alternates for this contest.

If a lottery is needed, it will be conducted by the SCCA board the week following the 4th of July Holiday so everyone will know in plenty of time if they are selected to participate and if they are allowed to enter multiple calves. If a lottery is needed and you are not selected to participate your \$20 nomination fee will be returned. If you are selected, your \$20 fee is non-refundable, whether you participate or not.

Rules:

1. At the beef auction, all participants will sell a calf prior to anyone selling their 2nd calf, even if they finish first and second in the contest.
2. The Production Steer exhibitors must abide by the rules of the Seminole County Fair Board as printed in the Junior Livestock Rule Book.
3. Steers will be shown at the Seminole County Junior Livestock Show in the Production Steer class. THIS IS A TERMINAL CLASS.
4. Steers must be purchased from an active member of the Seminole County Cattlemen's Association. The SCCA member must maintain at least a portion of his/her herd within the county and the calf must be born somewhere within the producer's herd.
5. Students who participate must be a Seminole Co. 4H or FFA member in good standing academically. Participants may use a steer they have raised from their herd or their family's herd, if they are Seminole County Cattlemen's Association members.

6. No substitutions will be allowed after the initial steer weigh in. Steers will be tagged and weighed at the Seminole County Free Fair during the normal county fair weigh in.
7. Participants must have possession of their steer on or before the weigh-in date
8. Steers must meet the 1000 lb. minimum market weight to qualify and be sold in the SCCA beef auction.
9. The steers will also be eligible to show in the market steer show at the Seminole County Junior Livestock Show if properly nominated per SCJLS rules. In addition, these steers will be eligible for the Premium Sale according to guidelines approved by the Seminole County Fair Board.
10. If any phase is missed, including failure to submit a record book, or failing to make 1000 lb. minimum market weight, the steer is no longer eligible in any of the categories, and will be removed from the contest, forfeit any prize money, and will not sell in the carcass auction.
11. The overall champion will be the highest cumulative score from four divisions

Scoring:

1. ADG Index

final weight - start weight / days on feed = ADG

ADG / Max ADG X 100 = ADG Index

Max Possible Pts = 100 ADG Index

2. Show Ring

Placed top to bottom on all steers making weight

Top steer will be 100 Pts

Bottom steer will be the average of the low point ADG index and Carcass Index

All other steers will be divided evenly by placing from 100 down to the average of the other two low point levels.

Max Possible Pts = 100 show ring

3. Carcass

We will use a form of the OK Steer Feed-Out Carcass Index

It makes point adjustments for carcass traits outside the acceptable windows:

Carcass weights should be between 575-1000 outside either way is deductions.

Back fat 2.5-4.0 outside either direction is deductions.

Rib Eye should be .012 of a square inch X lbs. of carcass weight + 3.8 Larger = Bonus, Smaller = Deduction.

KPH should be 2.5 Higher = Deduction, Lower = Bonus.

Grade CH- is desired, CH0 or higher is bonus, SE+ or lower is deduction.

Highest score wins the carcass contest.

Max Possible Pts = Actual Carcass Index

4. Record Book

Max Possible Pts = 50

2022-2023 Important Dates: (subject to change)

9/10/22 - Steer Weigh in during the county fair

2/18/23 Seminole County Jr Livestock Steer Show

2/20/23 - 2/23/23 Butcher Dates as Country Home Meats

2/27/23 Beef grading / viewing at Country Home Meats

3/2/23 Beef Auction – Reynolds Wellness Center @ 6:30 PM

Recommendations to help you have a successful experience:

1. Familiarize yourself with all the rules of the SCJLS.
2. Observe all labels including medication withdrawal periods on any medications or products used to keep your animal healthy.
3. Excessive shrinking before weighing in is discouraged. You only hurt the steer's chances of grading choice. SCCA recommends a pre-conditioning period, in which time the Production Steers will be 1) haltered, 2) broke to lead, and 3) started on feed to reduce stress on the steer.
4. Production steers should weigh 600+ pounds at the time of weigh-in. (**not required, just suggested**)
5. Make sure your ration is balanced for Calcium and Phosphorus to avoid Urinary Calculi issues. Providing a ration with a 2:1 calcium:phosphorus ratio will reduce the incidence of calculi formation in feeder animals.
6. Maintain a continuous fresh supply of feed, water, and hay or grass to your steer to keep him healthy throughout the program. If at any time you feel your steer is not feeling well contact one of the SCCA board members, the OSU extension office, your ag teacher, or one of the local veterinarians, we want this to be a successful learning experience and Animal Husbandry and Health is a big part of that learning experience.
7. Keep track of your record book from weigh in throughout the program, don't wait until the last few days.
8. Take plenty of pictures during the program for your record book at the end.
9. Begin talking with prospective beef auction buyers now, as the amount of money it will cost to purchase your steer is substantial and most buyers need time to plan and budget to be able to purchase your beef from you.