

CUMBERLAND FAIR – SCRAMBLE CALF RULES AND APPLICATION

THIS IS NOT A 4-H SANCTIONED EVENT
THE CUMBERLAND FARMERS CLUB WILL NOT ACCEPT
SCRAMBLE CALVES WEIGHING OVER 400 LBS.
(PREFERABLY 350 LBS.)

ELIGIBILITY:

- 1.** Any Cumberland County 4-H member between the ages of 12 –18 as of January 1 of the current year. Young people planning to leave the area for post high school education are urged not to enter the scramble.
- 2.** 4-H member must have been enrolled in a large animal project.
- 3.** No 4-H member may participate more than three years in the Cumberland Fair Baby Beef Calf Scramble.
- 4.** Must have adequate facilities, stable, box stall, bedding, and adequate feed.
- 5.** A 4-H beef club member drawing a sorry for two consecutive years will be automatically eligible for a calf the third year provided member stays in the beef project raising a steer during those two years and has never caught a scramble steer before.
- 6.** Final selection is made by the Cumberland Farmers Club.
- 7.** If any member gives up a steer for any reason, the steer will automatically go to the alternate.
- 8.** Each member participating in the scramble must have 2 rope halters.
- 9.** All contestants must furnish their own equipment to properly take care of their animals.

SALE:

All scramble calves furnished by the Cumberland Farmers Club must return the following year to be sold in the auction unless excused by the Farmers Club. Only those steers furnished by the Cumberland Farmers Club and caught in the scramble are eligible to be shown and sold in the Auction.

WEIGHING:

All calves will be weighed immediately following the calf scramble.

FEED:

Scramble calves will be 100% grain fed, plus roughage. No milk can be used as feed at any time.

RESERVATION:

The Cumberland Farmers Club reserves the right to amend or add to these rules and regulations as its judgement may be deemed advisable.

STARTING DATE:

Project records start when club member's calf is on his/her farm following the calf scramble.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR SCRAMBLE CALF PARTICIPANTS

1. Equipment: All contestants must furnish their own equipment to take care of their animals properly and have adequate facilities, stable, a box stall, and adequate feed and bedding – shavings or other suitable bedding. This is especially important on concrete floors. Each member participating in the scramble must have a rope at least 13 feet long.
2. Leaders, Extension Educators, and Farmers Club members will check these steers during the year. When these people arrive unannounced, all steers are expected to be in their box stalls, NOT out to pasture.
3. Steers can have a very small exercise yard to be in some of the time but are not allowed out to pasture except during July and August if OK'ed by leader.
4. Steers should be walked daily, weather permitting, starting as soon as steer is home from scramble.
5. Ownership: Every member is expected to take entire charge and care of calf except in case of sickness or some other reason approved by the Cumberland Farmers Club.
6. Cost: These steers should weigh around 1000 lbs or more at fair time. The cost of grain, hay, veterinary and miscellaneous expenses will probably average around \$1000 or even more.
7. The Cumberland Farmers Club has the right to take the steer away from any member that does not comply with the above rules and regulations.
8. Insurance: Minimum Insurance Requirements of \$300,000.00.
9. 4-H members catching a scramble steer are expected to enroll in the Red & White Faces 4-H club for the current year.
10. Eligibility for Showing: All steers will be judged and placed. No member will be eligible for a Scramble calf the following year and no premium money will be paid to members who have not attended 80% of the Red & White Faces meetings, unless excused by their leader. This regulation includes premiums on placing, showmanship, and herdsmanship.
11. Showing: Each member must show his/her animal. No animal may be exhibited that cannot be managed and led into the show ring by its owner alone. No help may be received. All animals must remain on the grounds until released by Fair Officials. Tampering with baby beef animals such as filling with foreign substances, cutting of ties, etc. is prohibited.
12. Unsuitable Animals: The Cumberland Farmers Club reserves the right to eliminate any steers in competition and sale that are not in suitable condition.

CALF SCRAMBLE APPLICATION

_____ I would like to have a scramble calf this year, and I have facilities for a large animal.

_____ I have had a 4-H large animal project previously.

Signed

Club

CALF SCRAMBLE PERMISSION

_____ has my permission to be in the Calf Scramble at the Cumberland Fair, Saturday, September 30, 2023, at 9:30 AM, and to raise a baby beef to be auctioned off at the 2024 Cumberland Fair.

I will see that he/she gets to the monthly meetings of the Baby Beef Club (Red & White Faces) and has adequate housing and feed for the animal.

Signed: _____
(Parent or guardian)

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please return to: Mark Cooper
81 Chute Road
Windham, Maine 04062
892-7276

By September 1st.