

## **Boling ISD FFA Project Center Rules**

The Boling ISD FFA Project Center is an extension of the school district's facilities. It was built for students of the FFA, and is now utilized by Junior FFA exhibitors as well. The facility is one of the best, and the continued success of it depends on how well the students use and take care of the facility.

The feeding facility is a laboratory extension of the classroom, just as a science lab is to a science class. Rules and regulations have been established so that everyone will know the guidelines and the operating procedures of the feeding facility. Everyone will be required to follow all guidelines.

1. All rules and policies of the Boling ISD and any of its campuses will be in effect.
2. The Agricultural Science Teachers (AST's) are responsible for the operation of the feeding facility.
3. All animals will be selected, purchased and delivered by the AST's, and removal will only be allowed with the approval from the AST's.
4. When applicable, exhibitors will select their own animals using a draw and pool system. When using this system, a pool of animals will be offered by the AST's at a set price, and exhibitors will select in accordance to their related draw. The development of this process is the responsibility of the AST's.
5. All decisions including pen arrangements, weight and feeding procedures will be made by the AST's.
6. Animals are to be fed twice per day.
7. Pens shall be kept clean. Manure and other waste material shall be placed in a designated area. Proper cleaning procedures that must be completed include cleaning pens daily, replace shavings when needed, sweeping all concrete surfaces (including the walkway in front of pens, feed room and restroom), and raking of goat pens and dirt in walkway in front of pens.
8. No one is to borrow equipment, feed, buckets, or supplies without permission. Anyone violating this rule can be expelled from the facility.
9. Halls and alleyways should be kept clean and clear at all times.
10. Be observant. If you see something wrong; a pen left open, door not closed, a sick animal, etc., we ask that you do what you can and then contact the animal's owner or an AST.
11. Never mistreat or "tease" an animal.
12. Never feed or water another student's project unless you are asked. If you agree to care for another student's project, be sure you know what kind and how much to feed. Animals can become very sick due to incorrect feeding.
13. There is absolutely to be no horseplay, fighting, running, shouting or disruptive behavior at the facility.
14. A 10 M.P.H. speed limit shall be observed within the Community Center, Little League, and FFA Project Center areas.
15. Students and parents should not be in the project area except when barns are open, or when given permission due to extenuating circumstances. Barn hours are from 6:00AM to 10:00PM.
16. Other animals such as dogs, cats, horses, birds, etc. are not allowed inside the project area.

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17. Check the watering system in your pen daily and keep it clean. Also, assure that other faucets are completely turned off after use.
18. All feed and animal costs (supplies, supplements, etc.) are divided equally among all exhibitors of each species. Any veterinarian or medical expense will be the responsibility of the individual exhibitor. Bills should be paid as soon as possible, but no later than within one month. Upon completion of the project, all bills must be paid no later than June 1<sup>st</sup> or a \$25 per week late charge may be applied.
19. If an animal, for whatever reason, is not cared for within a 24 hour period (feeding and watering), the animal can be removed at the AST's discretion. At the student's request, the animal will be sold with the balance of proceeds paid to the student after expenses. If the student wishes to retain ownership, the animal will be delivered in a 20 mile radius.
20. To prevent overcrowding and to aid in the marketing of project animals, if the situation requires, an animal limit will be applied per student. Regarding capacity, every student will have an opportunity to keep at least one animal in a defined category (swine pen, goat/lamb pen or cattle stall) per show (county, major, etc.) before someone is allowed a second, two animals before someone is allowed a third, etc. When considering capacity related issues, FFA exhibitors take precedent over Junior FFA exhibitors.
21. Exhibitors must abide by all rules of the Wharton County Youth Fair or related Major Show. Violators may be expelled from the facility.
22. At the conclusion of the Wharton County Youth Fair, a conscious effort should be made to remove fair animals from the facility by working in conjunction with fair buyers, etc.
23. With the large number of exhibitors utilizing the facility, visitors other than family members should be kept to a minimum, but is allowed if communicated to an AST in advance.
24. Feel free to direct general questions to an AST at any time, but report any problems immediately.
25. Any violation of one or more rules can cause a student/parent and or project to be expelled from the project area.

I have read and comprehend the guidelines above.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_