

# ULTIMATE SCRAMBLE CHAMPIONSHIP

ENTRIES OPEN – 10 a.m., October 1, 2018

## PREMIUMS:

USC Purchase Certificates.....\$1,000-\$6,000

## ENTRY FEE:

Entry Fee.....\$30.00

## SCHEDULE:

USC Round 1 (Wild West) ..... Saturday, March 23, 8 a.m.

USC Semi-finals (Wild West) ..... Saturday, March 23, 11 a.m.

USC Finals (Rodeo Arena) ..... Saturday, March 23, 7 p.m.

## SPECIAL RULES:

### ELIGIBILITY:

1. Participants must have reached their 12<sup>th</sup> but not their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 31, year prior to Show, and must not be enrolled beyond their junior year in High School. Participants must be active participants in a FFA or 4-H program and reside in the state of Texas.
2. Each Participant must complete a current USC Entry Collection Form. Incomplete and faxed USC Entry Collection Forms will not be accepted. All information requested on the USC Entry Collection Form must be complete, with original signatures (no copies). The USC Entry Collection Form must be signed by a parent/guardian, contestant and the CEA or AST.
3. Rodeo Austin will not be responsible for any accidents which may occur to any contestant in USC before, during or after USC.

### SELECTION OF CONTESTANTS:

1. USC is limited to 160 Participants. Participants will be selected **ONLY** by CEAs or ASTs. CEAs and ASTs will then enter selected Participants on [www.RodeoAustin.com](http://www.RodeoAustin.com). Online entries begin October 1, year prior to Show and will be accepted until all 160 USC spots are filled. Participants are accepted to USC on a first-come, first-serve basis. After Participants are successfully entered online, CEAs and ASTs must mail entry fees, online entry receipts and USC Entry Collection Forms to Rodeo Austin office as soon as possible to keep the Participant's spot on the USC list. Please address mailings to **Rodeo Austin, ATTN: USC, 9100 Decker Lake Rd., Austin, TX 78724**. Documents must be received within 10 days of online entry submission. If entry fees, online entry receipts and USC Entry Collection Forms are not received within 10 days of online entry submission, the Participant will not be allowed to compete in USC and an alternate will advance.
2. After the 160 Participant spots are filled, entries will remain open for alternates. Any Participant who is entered and fails to submit entry fee, online entry receipt and USC Entry Collection Form within 10 days of online entry submission will relinquish their spot and the spot will be given to an alternate. Alternates will be notified when spots become available. CEAs and ASTs must mail entry fees, online entry receipts and USC Entry Collection Forms for their students only when notified to be alternates in USC. Show Management will designate a deadline for documents to be received depending on when alternate spots become available.
3. The USC bracket will include a Preliminary, Semi Final and Finals round. Females and males will compete in each division separately until the final round. The top three (3) female and male contestants from each heat who catch a calf will advance to the semifinal round. The top six (6) male contestants from both heats and the top eight (8) female contestants from their respective semifinal round will then compete in the final round. There will be 20 contestants competing in the final round in the Rodeo Austin Arena. Reference the bracket online at [www.RodeoAustin.com](http://www.RodeoAustin.com).
4. Participants will be notified through their supervisor if they have been accepted to participate and their scheduled participation time, if applicable.
5. The University Interscholastic League State Executive Committee, in cooperation with the State Board of Vocational Education, has formulated a plan to permit calf scrambles and still protect Participant's amateur standing. This is done by

placing the matter under the supervision of the Agricultural Science Department of the School and the CEA's, and prohibiting the Participants from receiving anything of cash value for winning the athletic part of the program.

6. Contestants must weigh at least 100 lbs. and be in top physical condition.

#### **CONTESTANT PRACTICE:**

1. For the safety of contestants, supervisors should implement a rigorous training program including:
  - a. Running: Two miles per day
  - b. Wind Sprints: Daily, 20-30 yards with several repetitions
  - c. Calf Catching Practice: Use a large pen or arena with 300-350 pound calf
  - d. Halter: Learn to clip a lead rope to a nylon halter

#### **ARENA RULES:**

1. Participants will be notified of their first heat time with their mailed entry packet. Participants must arrive one hour before their heat for orientation. Participants who do not arrive one hour before their heats will be replaced with an alternate.
2. Participants will carry into the arena a lead rope, which will be supplied by Rodeo Austin. The rope may not be used as a lariat. All calves will be haltered before they enter the arena. The Participant must obtain control of the calf and snap the lead rope to the ring underneath the halter. Any Participant attempting to catch the calf by the halter will be disqualified.
3. Participants may not work as a "team". Each Participant catching a calf is required to lead that calf across the finish line without aid. After placing the lead rope on the halter, Participants will not be permitted to fasten the rope to themselves in any manner to aid in leading the calf over the finish line.
4. Participants will advance to the next round based on the order in which they crossed the finish line with the calf. In the event Participants cross the line at the same time, a coin toss will be used to determine who moves to the next round.
5. If a Participant has hold of a calf, no other Participant will be allowed to touch the calf unless it breaks away. If two or more Participants catch the same calf, they will be ordered by the referee to release the calf.
6. Participant will not be permitted to catch a calf by the tail. If Participant catches a calf by the tail, he/she will be required to release the calf immediately.
7. Poor sportsmanship will automatically disqualify the Participant and undue roughness (i.e. abuse, choking calves, pulling of tails, etc.) will not be tolerated.
8. There will be no less than eight (8) referees appointed.
9. The Show reserves the right to modify or change any of the arena Rules. Notification of any such modification or change will be made to the Participants prior to the USC performance.

#### **PURCHASE CERTIFICATE RULES:**

1. **Purchase Certificates:** Purchase certificates ranging in the amounts of \$1,000.00-\$6,000.00 (except for special awards) must be used in the purchase of any of the following animals: Market Steer, Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Barrow, or Breeding Beef Heifers. Exhibitors wanting to purchase a Boer goat or Texas Longhorn may be approved by the Livestock Coordinator upon written request. Animal must be approved by the AST or CEA and used as the Participant's FFA or 4-H project. The Participant must return to the 2020 Junior Livestock Show to exhibit the livestock purchased.
2. **Contributor Thank You Letter:** Purchase certificates will not be issued to the Participant until the Participant submits a contributor thank you letter to the assigned contributor (contributor address will be provided). A photocopy of this letter must also be sent to Rodeo Austin office. After the letter is received by the contributor and the photocopy of the letter is received by Rodeo Austin office, the purchase certificate will be mailed to the Participant. A copy of this letter must be received by Rodeo Austin office by May 1, 2019.
3. **Seller Payment:** Payment on USC certificates will not be made to the seller until the following documents are received in the Competitive Events Office:
  - a. **Market Animals:** When purchasing Market Animals, Participants must submit the original USC certificate (complete with all information filled out), along with copies of the bill of sale. Purchase, delivery and possession must all take place before the following deadlines.

Deadlines for Market Animal paperwork to be received by Rodeo Austin office:

Market Steer – June 30, 2019  
Market Lamb – October 31, 2019  
Market Goat – October 31, 2019  
Market Barrow – November 30, 2019

All Market Animals must be validated through the respective county's validation program to be entered in the 2020 Rodeo Austin Junior Livestock Show.

- b. **Breeding Animals:** When purchasing breeding animals, Participants must submit the original USC certificate (complete with all information filled out), along with ORIGINAL breed registration certificate. Original breed registration certificates will be used to verify ownership date for breeding animals. Animals must be registered in the herd book of their association in the name of the junior owner on or before the required ownership date. Superintendents will check original breed registration certificates at the time of check-in. Purchase, delivery, possession and registration must all take place by the following deadlines.

Deadlines for breeding animal paperwork to be received by Rodeo Austin office:

Breeding Heifer – November 1, 2019  
Boer Goat – November 1, 2019  
Texas Longhorn – November 1, 2019

- c. When returning certificates for payment please adhere to the following guidelines or payment will be delayed. **THESE DOCUMENTS MUST ARRIVE TOGETHER.**

**Market Animals:**

1. USC Certificate: signed by the Supervisor (CEA or AST), seller and Participant
2. Copy of bill of sale

**Breeding Animals:**

1. USC Certificate: signed by the Supervisor (CEA or AST), seller and Participant
2. Original breed registration certificate

**NOTE – Breeding Beef Heifers, Boer Goats, and Texas Longhorns only:**

If a calf scramble certificate from another major Stock Show is being used in addition to Rodeo Austin USC Certificate to purchase a breeding beef heifer, the original breed registration papers must be sent by the breeder or the Exhibitor to the stock show which takes place the earliest on the calendar year. After the appropriate copies are made, the first Stock Show then forwards the original documents to the other Show(s) whose certificate values were allocated towards purchasing the breeding beef heifer. Certificates may be combined with certificates from other major stock shows as long as the animal is brought back to Rodeo Austin the following year. The original registration papers will be mailed to the Exhibitor after the scramble heifer has been shown in Rodeo Austin breeding Show and the Official Rodeo Austin Record Book has been received in the Competitive Events Office.

All correspondence should be sent to:

**Rodeo Austin**  
**Attn: Ultimate Scramble Championship**  
**9100 Decker Lake Road**  
**Austin, TX 78724**

4. **Purchase Animals:** Participants will NOT be allowed to purchase animals from themselves, immediate family members or their ranches (family ranches or partnerships), or their Agriculture Science Teacher or County Extension Agent. Checks will be issued to the seller from Rodeo Austin not to exceed the amount listed on the purchase certificate. Checks will not be issued to 4-H Clubs, FFA Chapters, students, parents or supervisors.
5. **2020 Show:** Winners must submit appropriate entry materials through their supervisor by December 1, 2019, and exhibit their animals at the 2020 Rodeo Austin Junior Livestock Show. Exhibitors must enter the appropriate Show depending on the market or breeding animal being entered.
6. **Monthly Letters:** Participants must write a letter addressed to their contributor(s) informing them of their progress by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the following month starting in June after the 2019 USC (ex. June letter is due July 1<sup>st</sup>). Monthly Letters must be sent every month – no matter if participant has not purchased or picked up the animal yet. Letters can be handwritten or typed, and pictures are encouraged. Participants must submit original letters each month to their contributors, and send

copies to both Rodeo Austin Livestock Office and to their AST/CEA. DO NOT send a monthly financial report form to contributor in the place of a monthly letter. These are two separate assignments – see #7 below.

7. **Business Report:** Participants must create a business report of the year's project. The business report is a required part of the project, and it will be judged based on the participant's essays, projected budget, and expense reports. Participants must keep monthly financial reports to include in the business report. Monthly financial reports can be downloaded at [www.RodeoAustin.com](http://www.RodeoAustin.com). The report is a template, participants are encouraged to create their own monthly report design.

The business report must be either delivered or received by mail to Rodeo Austin Competitive Events Office by 5:00 p.m. on March 1, 2020. Participants are not required to submit business reports to the Agriculture Science Teacher or County Extension Agent supervising the project prior turning in the business report.

8. **Failure to Comply:** Participants who fail to fulfill their obligations as stated in these Rules will result in revocation of the USC Certificate and will require repayment of certificate value to Rodeo Austin.

9. **UIL Amateur Standing:** The University Interscholastic League State Executive Committee, in cooperation with the State Board of Vocational Education, has formulated the following model for USC Rules, which permits the event, but still protects the Participant's amateur standing. This is done, as will be noted in the Rules, by placing the whole matter under the supervision of the Agricultural Science Department of the School and prohibiting the Participants from receiving anything of cash value for winning the athletic part of the program.

- a. A Participant shall not receive rewards of any kind for participating in USC.
- b. Special awards may be given for these animals when they are exhibited in competition with other animals. All awards money and other money derived from the sale of the animal will belong to the Participant as a reward for their labor, feed, veterinary, insurance and other costs after the year's project has been completed and the animal is shown at Rodeo Austin Junior Livestock Show.
- c. Title to an animal received in USC shall NOT pass to the Participant catching the calf until the Participant has demonstrated under competent supervision their interest in caring for the animal and their ability to follow competent instructions in feeding, grooming and showing said animal. The animal must be returned for exhibit at the next Show, unless circumstances approved by Show Management of the Show concerned, and supervisor make this impractical, before title is turned over to the Participant. (For example: The animal may turn out to be unsuitable for the project due to deformity, disease, or other unforeseen reasons, or the student is failing in school).
- d. Animals received in USC will not be allowed to be sold, traded or disposed of except by the consent of Show Management and the Participant's supervisor. Under no circumstances will a "For Sale" sign be displayed while the livestock project is being exhibited at Rodeo Austin Junior Livestock Show.