## Poteet Strawberry Auction General Rules

#### Time:

All entries must be in between 9 am – 11:59 am, Saturday, April 11, 2026. Judging will begin at 12:30 pm.

### Place:

Strawberry Exhibit Area in the Rotary Building on the Strawberry Festival Grounds.

#### **Auction:**

Saturday, April 12, 2025 at 2:00 pm

# Strawberry Auction General Rules

- 1. Only berries that qualified at the sift on April 4, 2026 are eligible to enter.
- The Strawberry Judging Committee and the Poteet Rotary Club assume no responsibility for any entry other than exercising reasonable care in handling. The Committee will not be responsible for accidents or losses occurring for any cause.
- 3. The Committee has no control over, or assumes no responsibility for, agreements between landlords and tenants.
- 4. The Committee assumes no respo
- 5. nsibility as to classification of varieties entered. The grower making the entry must make that designation. If correct classification is in doubt, the final classification will be left up to the judge(s). Each crate of berries must be in the same variety, (Each crate will contain only one variety of berry. Exhibitors are not allowed to mix varieties in a single crate. If the Committee finds it necessary, the crate requirement may be changed to a flat and all eligible growers would be notified by the PSGA.
- 6. The Committee reserves the final and absolute right to interpret the rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and difference in regard thereto, its judgment may determine. A grower who violates any of the rules and regulations of the show will forfeit all privileges and be subject to such penalty as the Committee may order.
- 7. **Protests** All protests must be in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$100.00, which will be refunded if the protest is sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of the complaint, or appeal, and must be delivered to the Secretary of the Rotary Club of Poteet.

#### **Special Rules**

- Major classes or varieties of entered berries are determined by the results of the sift on April 4, 2026. If there are 4 or fewer crates on the day of the show, those that are entered or remain (if a crate(s) was disqualified) will be judge under the class they were entered.
- 2. All entries must be packed in a <u>new</u> Poteet Strawberry Festival paper flats (12-pints total). All other will be disqualified.

- 3. When a grower arrives to drop off an entry or entries (Gate E Amphion Road Entrance), we ask that they remain in their vehicle in the designated area for drop off until a Rotary member comes to transport the grower and the entry or entries to the Rotary Pavilion. At no time shall a grower or their representative be in the display or judging area.
- 4. Each crate must be labeled with the exhibitor's name on the **bottom of the crate**. Labeling should be completed before arriving at the Poteet Strawberry Festival Grounds. If the crate is not label prior to submission, it will be rejected with the possibility of being disqualified from being judge in the show.
- 5. No more than 1 (one) entry per variety may be made per grower. All others will be disqualified.
- 6. Strawberry exhibitors must be strawberry growers. A grower is defined as a person who is a member of the Poteet Strawberry Growers Association.
- 7. The Grower or his appointed representatives will be notified at the end of the judging which place the entry received for the Show and sale.
- 8. During the sale of each entry, only the crate of strawberries will be offered. If a grower has a gift for buyers, it must be in a quantity so that all buyers receive it. This will be included in their gift bag at registration.
- 9. When the entire judging is complete, a list of the placing entries will be made available on Facebook. This list will be emailed to buyers who have contacted the Rotary Club of Poteet at <a href="mailto:rotaryclubofpoteet@yahoo.com">rotaryclubofpoteet@yahoo.com</a>. Buyers will be asked to respond with their intended contribution for each entry by April 25, 2026 at 6 pm. After all contributions have been recorded, a list of those contributions will be made available on Facebook and sent to the Pleasanton Express for publication.
- 10. Only berries grown in Atascosa County will be eligible for the sale.
- 11. Any crate of berries that does not meet minimum quality standards (\*) for the Show determine by the judge(s) will be set aside and not judged.
- 12. Once berry entries are registered and accepted by the judging committee, the entries become the property of the judging committee and will remain so until the entry is released to the buyer of that crate. Any exhibitor who reclaims or moves an entry without the express permission of the judging committee will forfeit all rights and privileges.