



2017-2018 American Royal Calf Scramble Criteria

1. Participants should have successfully completed one (1) large animal project.
2. Must not be enrolled beyond their junior year in high school by September 2017.
3. Must have reached their 12th but not their 18th birthday on January 1, 2018 for the physical Calf Scramble participation.
4. Must have reached their 9th but not their 18th birthday on January 1, 2018 for the application and interview portion of the Calf Scramble program.
5. Must weigh **at least 100 pounds** and be in good physical condition to participate in the physical Calf Scramble.
6. Must be conscientious in submitting regular monthly reports to the American Royal and his/her sponsor. Failure to do this will result in disqualification and return of the animal.
7. Must be an active and dependable member of 4-H, FFA or have a desire to be in an agricultural program
8. Must be making passing grades, eligible for extracurricular activities.
9. Must have the desire to own and develop a heifer program.
10. Must have support from parents/guardians and/or 4-H Leader/FFA Advisor.
11. Must have suitable facilities for caring for and developing a heifer. Including: adequate fencing, shade, water and feeding facilities available and sufficient space for a growing heifer.
12. Must be able to feed and care for the calf for the length of time as defined by the American Royal.
13. Both participant and parent must agree to comply with all rules of the Calf Scramble.
14. Will agree to following the feeding, vaccination, deworming and breeding protocols as well as overall management suggestions made by their 4-H Leader, FFA Advisor, County Extension Agent or other industry expert.
15. Must be able to select, purchase and have ownership of a heifer by December 1, 2017 based on the voucher criteria.
16. Must be able to break heifer to lead and return to the 2018 American Royal Calf Scramble Show.
17. Must not have received a heifer through the American Royal Calf Scramble program in the past. Participants not receiving an animal may reapply.

The way the scramble works is as follows:

Up to 20 scramblers will be picked from the applications received. These scramblers will all go through an orientation the day of the scramble (Saturday, September 30) and an overview of what is expected of them throughout the course of the next year. Participants will also participate in a short oral interview. This meeting is mandatory that parents and/or guardians must attend as well.

New in 2017 – interested participants in the Calf Scramble who are unable to physically scramble, due to injury or disability, will complete an application and participate in the interview portion of the selection day.

All scramblers participating in the Rodeo scramble will be placed within a chalk circle inside Hale Arena during the intermission of the rodeo with a halter (provided by American Royal) and calves (approximately 175 – 350 pounds) will be released in the arena from a single location. Scramblers will then attempt to halter a calf and lead it back to the chalk circle. Calves must be haltered and scrambler must be in control for the calf not to be available to other scramblers. Immediately following the scramble, scramblers receiving a heifer will meet with the scramble committee at a designated location to meet their heifer sponsors and receive their vouchers.

The voucher system will work as follows. Each scrambler will be given a voucher from the American Royal in the value of up to \$1,250 to identify and purchase a heifer. Heifers can be pure-bred or commercial grade but must be one of the following breeds or combination of the following breeds: Angus, Red Angus, Maine-Anjou, Chianina, Hereford, Simmental, Shorthorn, Gelbvieh, Limousin, and/or AOB. Heifers must be spring heifers with birth dates of January 1 – May 15, 2017. The seller will fill out the voucher and return it to the Calf Scramble committee where they will then be cut a check for the sale price of the heifer not to exceed \$1,250. Heifers must be purchased and in-hand no later than December 1 with an American Royal provided tag placed in their left ear.

Once the heifers are at home each scrambler will be required to submit a once monthly report back to the American Royal representative and their heifer sponsor. Sample of the report will be provided to the scramblers. Failure to submit reports will result in disqualification from the program and return of the heifer.

The ultimate goal of this program is to learn how to care for a growing heifer and return her to the American Royal in 2018 to participate in the Calf Scramble Show. Failure to return the heifer to the 2018 American Royal Calf Scramble Show will result in disqualification from the program and return of the heifer to the American Royal. If the scrambler completes one year of raising the heifer and returns her to the show then the heifer will belong to the scrambler to start his/her beef operation.

To view a video of the 2010 scramble, please visit: http://youtu.be/_2-4mheFq_g

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Applications are due by September 4, 2017 and scramblers will be notified via email no later than September 8 if they have been selected to be part of the scramble. Scramblers selected to be in the program will receive free entry to the rodeo the night of the scramble and a t-shirt they will wear the night of the scramble. Additional rodeo tickets will be available through the Calf Scramble Committee for family members in attendance.

For more information or clarification about the criteria document and how the scramble works, please contact:

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