



Code of Ethics for Dairy Shows

The following was taken from Holstein Canada's web site.

It supports good animal husbandry practices at shows, while presenting a positive image to spectators. All exhibitors, fitters, agents, or other representatives agree to abide by the following Code of Ethics.

PART I

The following practices or procedures are unacceptable in the show ring of registered dairy cattle.

1. misrepresenting the age or ownership of an animal
2. filling an animal's rumen unnaturally with liquid (tubing)
3. balancing the udder by any means other than by leaving naturally produced milk in any or all quarters
4. treating the udder internally with an irritant, counter-irritant, or any other substance to temporarily improve conformation or produce unnatural animation
5. treating the udder externally with an irritant, counter-irritant, or any other substance to temporarily improve conformation or produce unnatural animation (allowable practices/substances include sealing and setting teats, and the use of external anti-inflammatory substances for the well-being of the animal)
6. roping udders and the use of objects to physically improve definition of the suspensory center ligament
7. administering epidural anesthesia (blocking tails) and/or applying any irritant either externally or internally to the perineum (rectum and vagina) areas
8. inserting foreign material/articles under the skin, into the topline (including hair not attached to its own hair follicle) or on the feet (administration of acceptable medications, and false switches and tails are permitted)
9. performing surgery of any kind to change the natural contour of appearance of the animal's body, hide or hair. Not included is the removal of warts, teats and horns, clipping and dressing of hair, and trimming of hooves
10. criticizing or interfering with the judge, show management or other exhibitors, or other conduct detrimental to the breed or show
11. wrapping hocks or draining fluid from hocks unless authorized by a veterinarian at the show.

PART II

All exhibitors and their fitters, agents or other representatives agree to abide by the following procedures:

1. Exhibitors, agents, employees or other persons acting on behalf of an exhibitor, shall deliver to an inspector upon request any hypodermic syringe, needle or other device, swabs, cloths or other material, or samples of any medicine, preparation or substance, whether in liquid or other form, for the purposes of laboratory analysis.
2. All entries and personal property of the exhibitors, their servants and agents and persons acting on behalf of exhibitors, are subject to inspection by inspectors authorized by a show.
3. All such persons shall cooperate with the inspectors and shall provide all such information in connection with such inspections and shall provide access to the animal and all information reasonably required by inspectors in connection with such inspections and shall provide, if so requested, samples or urine, milk, blood, or any other body fluids suitable for analysis.
4. Exhibitors shall remove any udder supports, blankets or other objects limiting the ability of the inspector to undertake a thorough inspection.
5. The exhibitor agrees to act at all times in accordance with the Rules and Regulations for Showing and the Standard Procedures, and will accept any final decision made there under.



Standard Exhibitors Agreement

Agreement, Declaration and Waiver

If entry is accepted by the show organizers, the undersigned (on his or her own behalf), the exhibitor and the principals and agents of the exhibitor, acknowledge and agree that they and each of them:

1. are bound by, and will act at all times in accordance with the Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle, and Standard Procedures and Penalties for Enforcing Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle, and will accept any final decision made there under;
2. accepts that any action which may be taken under the above may be reported to any association registering purebred livestock; and
3. release and agree to hold the Show and its officials, directors, officers, employees, representatives, agents and volunteers (collectively the "show organizers") harmless from any action taken under this agreement, the rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle, or any other show rules and regulations, and release the show organizers from and against any injury, damage or loss suffered during or in connection with the show, whether or not such injury, damage or loss resulted from or was contributed to directly or indirectly, by the acts or omissions of the show organizers.

I declare by signing the 4-H PEI Entry Forms that:

1. any animal entered is not currently barred from showing at any future dairy show in North America; and
2. no owner of the entered animal, whether direct or indirect, is currently barred from showing any other animal at any future dairy show in North America.

I declare by signing this entry that:

1. the entry information provided to the show organizers is true and correct;
2. I have the authority of make this AGREEMENT, DECLARATION, AND WAIVER, and to bind all persons and enterprises with any interest in the entered animal(s) to the terms of this AGREEMENT, DECLARATION, AND WAIVER, and do so bind them, their agents, heirs, successors and assigns or, to the extent that I do not have this authority, will ensure that such person(s) sign this agreement;
3. I and all other persons and enterprises with an interest in the entered animal(s) accept full responsibility for my actions, and for those of anyone else, including but not limited to fitters, who are involved in the care of, show preparation and/or showing of the entered animal(s).

Violators are subject to disciplinary provisions of the Standard Procedures and Penalties for Enforcing Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle, and/or other show rules and regulations.

By signing 4-H PEI Exhibition Entry Forms for 4-H classes at exhibitions, you are agreeing to abide by this Code of Ethics and AGREEMENT, DECLARATION AND WAIVER.

