

NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS FOR ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times report themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics", fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
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4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of drugs. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

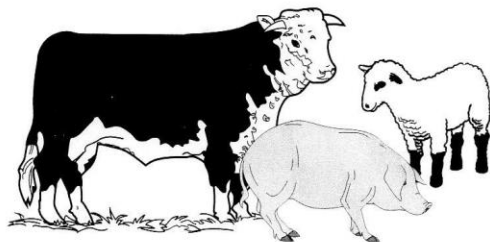
If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood or other substance tested by the approved laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise at any hearing in regard to the matter conducted by the fair or livestock show.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or Drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, Counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the Animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedure performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person to have any disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show against such individuals published in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.
11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of any penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

GUIDELINES FOR CARE OF ANIMALS

It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to care for animals in a manner that is responsible and ethical.



HEALTH RULES FOR LIVESTOCK ON EXHIBITION


Only livestock meeting the following requirements
Will be permitted entry to the premises

1. All entries must be identified by unique ear tag, ear or tattoo and must be done before entering the fairgrounds.
2. All entries must be free of contagious disease and must not be known to have been exposed to contagious disease for at least 30 days prior to entry to fairground.
3. All entries must comply with Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture regulations governing the transportation and/or exhibition of livestock.
4. All entries shall be accompanied by a statement signed by a licensed Veterinarian that the animals presented for entry are known to be free of contagious disease and have originated from herds or flocks known to be free of contagious disease during the past 30 days.
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 - B. All entries must not have been vaccinated with, or exposed to animals vaccinated with, a live biological within the previous 15 days.
 - C. The fair reserves the right to refuse any entries. Improper entries, including poorly conditioned animals, will not be considered for competition.
 - D. If any animals are suspected of contagious disease in the judgment of fair management, the fair reserves the right to refuse entry and unloading.
 - E. Superintendents and associates may require an official vet check during the course of the fair.
 - F. Animals not to be exhibited may not remain on the grounds.
 - G. Any animals exhibiting signs of contagious disease, including sore mouth and scabies, will be asked to leave along with their total exhibit.
 - H. Animals exhibiting abscesses will be required to be removed from the grounds on an individual basis.

HEALTH REGULATIONS CATTLE

Dairy and Market Steers

Requirements:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued after May 1, 2018
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this should be written on the CVI.
3. Individual official animal identification. Official ID will have a US shield  and includes:
 - A. A USDA-issued National Uniform Ear tagging System (NUES) tag
 - B. A 15-digit Animal Identification Number ear tag starting with "840"
 - C. Other official identification approved by USDA. (Brands and breed registrations with tattoos are NOT acceptable).
4. All animals will be vaccinated against the following: IBR, P 13, BRSV and BVD administered at least 15 days prior to entry to Fair. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian

Recommendation: for animals 3 months of age and older (market cattle are exempt).

Dairy -General Rules


1. Exhibitors may enter as both Open and 4-H or FFA if eligible.
2. Leased animals will be permitted, if and only if, the lessor and lessee abide by the Berks County 4H Dairy Council leasing rules and the PA Junior Dairy Show leasing guidelines for YOUTH ONLY.
3. All group classes and owned, bred and shown animals must be pre-registered. NO added entries show day.

Market Steers -General Rules

1. Exhibitors may enter as both Open and 4-H or FFA if eligible.
2. Exhibitors are allowed to enter one steer.
3. All animals must show evidence of training. Exhibitors may be excused from the ring when, at the discretion of the fair committee, it is evident that he/she is unable to control their animal. And requires assistance more than once. Please no one gets hurt.
4. All steers will be weighed and assigned to a weight class, depending on weight and the number of entries. The class assignments is up to the judge and or fair committee. All decisions are final.

HEALTH REGULATIONS SHEEP

Requirements:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued after May 1, 2018
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this should be written on the CVI.
3. Individual official USDA scrapie animal identification is required. Official scrapie ID includes:
 - A. A USDA ear tag with a US shield 
 - B. A legible tattoo with herd and identification recognized in an approved USDA Scrapie database
 - C. Sheep having a breed registration tattoo and accompanied by a registration certificate are exempt from the scrapie ID requirement if the tattoo is legible and a registration certificate (copy acceptable) accompanies the animal at all times during transport from the premises of origin.

Recommendation: A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian for animals 3 months of age and older (market lambs are exempt).

Sheep -General Rules


1. Exhibitors may enter both Open and 4-H or FFA if eligible.
2. Exhibitors may show both market lambs and breeding sheep, but may not show the same animals in both contests.
3. Exhibitors are limited to 10 animals, including up to 2 market lambs.
4. Lambs may be assigned 4 to a pen if room is tight
5. Market classes - wethers and/or ewes. NO RAMS.

Market Lambs

All lambs will be weighed and assigned to a weight class depending on weight and number of entries. The class assignment is up to the judge and/or fair committee. All decisions are final

HEALTH REGULATIONS MARKET GOATS

Requirements:


1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued after May 1, 2018
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this should be written on the CVI.
3. Individual official animal identification is required. Official ID includes:
 - A. A USDA ear tag with a US shield 
 - B. A legible tattoo with herd and identification recognized
In an approved USDA Scrapie database
 - C. A breed registration tattoo IF the animal is accompanied by a registration certificate and the tattoo is legible.

Goats -General Rules

1. Exhibitors must own and possess goats no later than April 1
2. All goats must be born on or after December 1.
3. Exhibitors are limited to two market goats.
4. Goats may be wethers and/or does. NO BUCKS.
5. All goats will be weighed and assigned to a weight class depending on weight and number of entries.
The class assignment is up to the judge and/or fair committee. All decisions are final.
6. All market goats with horns must at least be tipped.
7. All market goats must have their kid teeth.
8. Goats may be assigned 4 to a pen if room is tight.

HEALTH REGULATIONS SWINE

Requirements:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued after May 1, 2018
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this should be written on the CVI.
3. Individual animal ID. ID options include:
 - A. A USDA-issued metal eartag with US shield 
 - B. An ISO-compliant 15-digit eartag starting with "840"
 - C. A plastic stamped ear tag (feeder & Market hogs only)

Swine -General Rules

1. Exhibitors may enter both Open and 4-H or FFA if eligible.
2. Exhibitors must own and possess pigs at least 30 days before start of fair.
3. Pigs can be purebreds or crossbreeds.
4. Exhibitors are limited to two feeder pigs and two market hogs. Four pigs total.
5. All swine will be weighed and assigned to a weight class depending on weight and number of entries. The class assignment is up to the judge and/or fair committee. All decisions are final.
7. Feeder pig may be assigned 4 to a pen if room is tight.
8. To establish uniform fitting rules ALL SWINE SHALL NOT BE CLIPPED

To get health requirements for Animals from out of state please contact Tim at livestock@mountainspringscountryfair.org