

RULES FOR RACINE COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW AND SALE*

GENERAL RULES

- A. The Racine County Fair is fully committed to ensuring the integrity in all Livestock Departments. Adherence to these rules will be strictly enforced by the respective specie superintendent(s), the Racine County Agricultural Society, Inc. Livestock Show and Sale Committee, and/or the Racine County Agricultural Society, Inc. Livestock DNA Committee.
- B. Junior livestock exhibitors in the Beef, Sheep, Goat, and Swine Departments will be allowed to exhibit and sell no more than two (2) MARKET ANIMALS in the Livestock Show and Sale. Exceptions to this rule are the following:
 - a. Carcass Champions – Overall and Reserve Champions in the Beef, Sheep, and Swine Carcass Classes will be considered a bonus animal and will not count towards the two (2) animal limit.
- C. A four percent (4%) fee from each animal sold will be deducted from the exhibitor's sale check by the Racine County Agricultural Society, Inc. 2% will be used for the Buyer's Appreciation Dinner and 2% will be used for building maintenance.
- D. Only animals donated to the Fair Building Fund will be immediately re-sold in the Sale Ring. The exhibitor will receive the initial sale price. All other donated animals will become the property of the recipient.
- E. No paper shavings will be allowed in any barn.
- F. See additional rules in the respective Junior Animal Departments.

ELIGIBILITY OF THE EXHIBITOR

There shall be no discrimination of any exhibitor at the show due to race, creed, color, national origin, or religious affiliation.

- A. All entry, earmark, weigh-in and DNA deadlines **SHALL** be followed with **NO EXCEPTIONS**.
- B. Each exhibitor must be at least 10 years of age and not more than 19 years of age as of January 1 of the current calendar year.
- C. All exhibitors must conform to the policies and regulations established for out-of-ring activities as listed in the General Rules such as housing, recreations, and meals. No recreational drugs, smoking, or drinking of alcoholic beverages will be permitted.
- D. All exhibitors shall adhere to the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics.
- E. All animals shown in market classes shall be owned and under the daily care of the 4-H, FFA, Breed Association, or other Youth Group exhibitor. Other housing and care situations must be on file with the Racine County Agricultural Society, Inc. and will be approved by the respective specie superintendent(s). **ALL ANIMALS SHALL BE IDENTIFIED AND WEIGHED AT THE STATED TIME(S) ACCORDING TO THE RACINE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, INC. LIVESTOCK SHOW AND SALE COMMITTEE POLICY.**
- F. Breeding animals may be either owned or managed by the exhibitor but to be eligible to show the animal, it shall be under the daily care of the exhibitor.
- G. All animals must be shown by the exhibitor or an approved substitute exhibitor at this show. The substitute must be a junior exhibitor approved by the project superintendent(s).

- H. All Junior exhibitors selling their Livestock at the Racine County Fair will be required to take and pass the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) education course for their age level.
- I. Any exhibitor that has been banned from another approved show/fair is ineligible to exhibit at the Racine County Fair.

ANIMAL EXHIBITS

- Eligibility of Animals

- A. Any market animal that has been sold at a meat animal auction at any other show is ineligible to be shown again.
- B. A junior exhibitor may only register / weigh-in his or her steer(s) at one (1) County Fair.
- C. Steers and Sheep sold at the Racine County Fair Livestock Sale will only be allowed to exhibit at the Wisconsin State Fair if the "Purchase Agreement Form" is completed and filed with the project Superintendent(s) at weigh-in prior to exhibition.
- D. Steers, wethers, or barrows showing masculine coarseness or evidence of late and/or incomplete castration will be discriminated against by the judge.
- E. Any animal that becomes wild and/or uncontrollable during the show may be declared ineligible by the project Superintendent(s) and/or Judge.
- F. A market animal must be shown in the live carcass show to be eligible for carcass awards and premiums.
- G. Weight Limits: Please see the fair book pages that pertain to each specie that is eligible to sell in the Livestock Auction

- Animal Care / Welfare

- A. Exhibitors shall continually own and actively care for their animal and the exhibit while exhibiting at the Racine County Fair. If needed, the exhibitor may have a caretaker care for their livestock (immediate family member or other 4-H/FFA/Breed Assoc/Youth Group member). However, the exhibitor is the absolute insurer of and is responsible for the condition of their animal / project(s).
- B. All persons in charge of livestock shall care for, guard, protect, and preserve their livestock, as the Racine County Agricultural Society, Inc. shall not be held responsible for any loss, shrinkage, or damage to said property or livestock or the owners or exhibitors thereof.
- C. The exhibitor is the absolute insurer of and is responsible for the condition of their animal(s). The Racine County Agricultural Society Inc. is not responsible for the acts of a third party.

- Veterinary Services

- A. The official fair Veterinarian is Dr. Stacey Adams, DVM.
- B. Should an animal require veterinary attention while on the Racine County Fairgrounds, the official fair veterinarian or veterinarian's designee shall be contacted to examine and/or treat the animal. All fees incurred will be the responsibility of the exhibitor.
- C. If the following conditions have been met, the Racine County Agricultural Society, Inc. is expressly authorized to allow the official fair veterinarian to perform any medical treatment, including but not limited to medical practices / procedures, administering of medication(s), surgery, and euthanasia for an animal in the absence of the exhibitor if:

- a. The exhibitor is unreachable after due diligence has been made to contact the exhibitor and,
 - b. The official fair veterinarian, along with the department superintendent(s) determines that the animal's health is in danger and delaying treatment would be detrimental to the animal's life, or that the animal is in extreme pain.
- D. If the official fair veterinarian concludes that an animal requires drug intervention prior to showing, that animal shall be deemed ineligible to show if the animal cannot meet the proper withdrawal period for that specific drug as of the start of the show of that animal's specific species. **All medication must be administered by the official fair veterinarian or veterinarian's designee.**
- E. If an animal should require drug intervention after showing but prior to being sold in the livestock sale, the animal must meet the proper withdrawal period for that specific drug. If the animal cannot meet the proper withdrawal period, extended care may be permitted but the buyer must be notified at the time of the sale. If extended care has been granted, the exhibitor will be responsible for all care and transport.
- F. If an animal should require drug intervention after the livestock sale, the animal must meet the proper withdrawal period for that specific drug. If the animal cannot meet the proper withdrawal period, extended care may be permitted in consultation with the buyer. If extended care has been granted, the exhibitor will be responsible for all care and transport.
- **Grooming** – Responsibility for grooming animals for show is the responsibility of the exhibitor. In keeping with this fact, the following rules will be observed:
 - a. Clipping, trimming, or blocking of all species by anyone other than the exhibitor, a Racine County Leader in that species project, a Racine County Junior exhibitor, a member of the exhibitor's immediate family or legal guardian will not be permitted at this show. Violation of this rule will automatically disqualify the exhibitor and shall result in forfeiture of all premium monies.
 - b. Any equipment or inappropriate attire found on an exhibitor or an animal which has been deemed by the project Superintendent(s) to be detracting from the appearance of the show shall be changed upon request. For clarification, review the 4-H literature for Beef, Sheep, and Swine fitting and showing. **NO** farm names will be allowed on shirts or hats for the Junior Show.
 - c. In the Beef Show ring, exhibitors may use traditional show halters, show sticks, and appropriate combs. Throats straps and nose leads will not be permitted.
 - d. All market lambs shall be shown with ¼" wool or less. No patch shearing will be allowed.
- **Unethically Fitted Livestock**
 - A. The showing of any unethically fitted livestock or livestock of an ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered is prohibited.
 - B. Unethically fitted is defined as any attempt to alter the natural appearance, conformation, musculature, or weight of an animal by any unnatural means, as well as changing the normal conformation of any part of the animal's body or using drugs, medications, chemicals, or other substances (including over-the-counter and extra-label substances and uses), or mechanical devices to alter the physical makeup

or performance of the animal. Unethical fitting includes but is not limited to the following:

- a. Treating or massaging any part of the animal's body, internally or externally, with an irritant, counterirritant, or other substance to temporarily improve conformation.
- b. Minimizing the effects of cramping by feeding or injecting drugs and depressants or applying packs or using any artificial contrivance or therapeutic treatment except normal exercise.
- c. Striking the animal to cause swelling in a depressed area.
- d. Surgery or other practices performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body, hide, hair, or feet (this is to include any materials added to the feet of an animal) except the removal of warts or horns and the permitted clipping and dressing of hair and trimming of hooves.
- e. Insertion of foreign material under the skin
- f. The act of artificially filling animals internally, which would include stomach pumping, drench tubes, or any other method by esophagus.
- g. The use of alcoholic or caffeinated carbonated beverages in the feed or administered as a drench.
- h. The use of diuretics.
- i. Administration of an illegal, unapproved, or performance enhancing drug internally or externally.

- **INSPECTION / TESTING**

- o There is **ZERO TOLERANCE** for any violation of the following rules in this section; intent is not relevant (i.e. strict liability).

A. **Exhibitor Warranties for Livestock Animals** - By entering the Racine County Fair, each exhibitor warrants the following:

- a. The exhibitor has complied with the USDA Wholesome Meat Act and the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and that the animal sold is fit for human consumption.
- b. The animal contains no trace or residue of any illegal drug or any other substance not approved for administration to such animal under applicable laws or Racine County Agricultural Society, Inc. rules and regulations.
 - i. As of 2022, Ractopamine hydrochloride (Paylean® / Optaflexx®) and any of its derivatives is BANNED for use in Swine.
- c. The carcass of the animal reveals no evidence of any unethical fitting practice.
- d. These warranties are absolute guarantees of the quality of the animal, without regard to the Participant's actual responsibility or fault.

B. Each exhibitor upon weigh-in for their individual species shall submit the Market Animal Drug History form. Failure to submit this form shall result in automatic disqualification.

- a. If an animal has been given a drug prior to arrival at the Fair, the animal must have met the listed drug withdrawal time by the start of each individual species Show.

- **Prohibited Substance Testing**

- A. The term "drug" shall mean any substance that the sale, possession, or use of which is regulated by federal, state, or local law or regulation, as well as any substance used by the medical or veterinary professions that affects the circulatory,

respiratory, muscular, skeletal, or central nervous system of any species of livestock.

- B. Animals shall be presented to the Racine County Fair where they will enter the food chain free of drugs as of the individual species show day. The act of entering the Racine County Fair is giving the consent by the owner / exhibitor for the Racine County Agricultural Society, Inc. to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals 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 in the event.
- C. Upon completion of showing for each individual market specie, the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion animal will have samples taken for drug and DNA testing.
 - a. The Racine County Agricultural Society, Inc. reserves the right to collect samples that include but are not limited to blood, urine, hair, and/or tissue for drug and/or DNA testing AT ANY TIME, on any animal, during the Racine County Fair.
- D. The exhibitor or parent/guardian of the exhibitor (if the exhibitor is under 18 years of age) must be present during the initial collection of the sample to witness that the sample was properly collected.
- E. If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from a market animal 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, transfer to the laboratory, and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate. 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. The burden will be on the owner / exhibitor to prove otherwise.
- F. The Racine County Agricultural Society, Inc. will test for some of the following classes of drugs. This list is not comprehensive and the full list will be on file with the testing laboratory.
 - a. Anabolic Steroids, Analgesics, Anti-histamines, Anti-depressants, Beta-agonists, Beta-blockers, Bronchodilators, Corticosteroids, Diuretics, Local anesthetics, Muscle relaxants, NSAID (Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug), Stimulants, Tranquilizers/Sedatives/Anesthetics, and Therapeutics.
 - b. Exceptions to this will be Ractopamine hydrochloride (Paylean® / Optaflexx®) for Cattle. As of 2022, Ractopamine Hydrochloride (Paylean® / Optaflexx®) and its derivatives is BANNED for use in Swine and will be tested for as a non-approved drug.

- **Consequences**

- A. Should an animal be determined to be unethically fitted and/or have a positive result of drug testing, the exhibitor will pay for the cost of testing, lose all premium money from all projects shown at the Racine County Fair, and lose all sale rights/proceeds for that exhibition year. If the animal has already been sold the carcass will be condemned. The exhibitor will reimburse the buyer for the full

amount of the sale. Additionally, the exhibitor will be responsible for any damages that result from a positive substance test.

- a. For a first offense, the exhibitor and immediate family members will be barred from exhibiting at the Racine County Fair for a period of no less than one (1) year.
- b. For a second offense, the exhibitor and immediate family members will be barred from exhibiting at the Racine County Fair permanently.

IAFE (International Association of Fairs & Expositions) NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times conduct 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 composition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE 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.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
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 and 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, conformation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by 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 and 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 statues, regulations or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

***All Rules are Subject to Change at any time.**

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