

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SHOWING DAIRY CATTLE
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Throughout this section the words:

'Organisers' should be read as **INSERT NAME OF SHOW ORGANISER**

'Participants' should be read as all owners, exhibitors and other participants including fitters and agents in the Show

'Rules and Regulations' should be read as the Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle and Standard Procedures and Penalties for Enforcing Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle

'Show' should be read as the **INSERT NAME OF SHOW**

In addition to the Rules and Regulations, all Participants shall meet all additional regulations as required by The Health & Safety Executive, DEFRA (in particular following the Code of Recommendations for the Welfare of Livestock), any other Government or legislative body, The Trading Standards Office and The Local Authorities under whose control the Show falls, in particular those relating to Bio-Security and Health and Safety

The Organisers reserve the right to decide upon the interpretation of all Rules and Regulations and the decision on any eventuality, not covered in this Schedule, will be ruled upon by the Stewards

Participants are present at the invitation of the Organisers and that invitation may be withdrawn at any time at the Organiser's discretion.

The following supports good animal husbandry practices at shows, while presenting a positive image to spectators. All Participants agree to abide by the following rules and regulations.

PART 1

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

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- animation. (Allowable practices / substances include the use of external anti-inflammatory substances for the well-being of the animal). No unlicensed substance to be entered inside the teat orifice. No setting of teats with any substance
- 6 Roping udders and the use of objects to physically improve definition of the suspensory central ligament
 - 7 Administering epidural anaesthesia (blocking tails) and/or applying any irritant either externally or internally to the perineal (rectum and vagina) area.
 - 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 prescribed medications, and false switches and tails is 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 Wrapping hocks or draining fluid from hocks unless authorised by a veterinarian at the show.
 - 11 No appliance shall be attached to the animal other than for milking.
 - 12 Criticising or interfering with any or all of the individuals involved in the organisation and judging of the show (including the judge, show management or other exhibitors) or any other conduct detrimental to the breed or show.
 - 13 No animal is allowed at the show wearing shackles.

PART II

All Participants agree to abide by the following procedures:

- 1 Participants shall deliver to an inspector upon request any hypodermic syringe, needle or any other device, swabs, cloths or other material, or samples or any medicine, preparation or substance whether in liquid or other form, for the purpose of laboratory analysis.
- 2 All entries and personal property of the Participants are subject to inspection by inspectors authorised by the Organisers. Participants shall co-operate 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 of urine, milk, blood, or any other body fluids suitable for analysis.
- 3 Participants shall remove any udder supports, blankets or other objects limiting the ability of the inspector to undertake a thorough inspection.
- 4 Participants agree 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.

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

These rules and regulations will be reviewed on a regular basis.

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STANDARD PROCEDURES AND PENALTIES FOR ENFORCING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SHOWING DAIRY CATTLE

The purpose of these procedures is to put into effect the Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle as published by the Organisers. Where there is any conflict between the Rules and Regulations and these procedures, the Rules and Regulations shall prevail to the extent of the conflict.

- 1 All Participants must sign the applicable agreement(s) annexed to these Rules and Regulations to abide by the Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle, either as a separate document or as part of the entry form.
- 2 The Organisers will appoint designated persons to act as a Rules Committee at the Show. The Rules Committee for the Show will be responsible for overseeing compliance with the Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle. The Rules Committee shall be representatives of the Organisers at the Show.
- 3 The Rules Committee for the Show, or any agent or representative of the Rules Committee, shall act as the Inspector under the Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle, for the purpose of monitoring compliance. To help in this regard, such person(s), their agents or representatives shall have the authority to perform on any animal entered any of the following.
 - (a) an ultrasound examination of the udder, prior to and after milkout
 - (b) a milkout of any individual cow or cows
 - (c) the collection and testing of any of the animal's body fluids, at any time
 - (d) The use at any time of any other technology and other inspections and/or analysis – including autopsy – that the Inspector considers may be useful for assessing compliance with the Rules and Regulations.
- 4 The Inspector may, at any time, require the delivery of any hypodermic syringe, needle or other device, swabs, cloths or other material or samples or any medicine, preparation or substance, whether in liquid or other form, in the possession or control of the exhibitor, his fitter, agents, or persons acting on behalf of the exhibitor, for the purpose of laboratory analysis.
- 5 All Participants at the Show shall provide promptly to the Rules Committee, upon request, whatever information and produce any documents required by the Rules Committee for the proper monitoring of compliance with the Rules and Regulations and shall fully co-operate with any inspections.
- 6 The Rules Committee will try to warn an owner or owner's representative before entering the show ring that:
 - (a) a complaint has been received of a possible violation of the Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle concerning the animal to be shown, or
 - (b) the Rules Committee has a reasonable belief that there would be a violation of the Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle if the owner's animal is shown.

If the owner or owner's representative decides not to show the animal after receiving such a warning, no violation of the Rules and Regulations will be considered to have occurred and no disciplinary measures will be taken against the owner or owner's representatives. The Rules Committee will only give the

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- above warning to an owner or owner's representative where the committee considers it reasonable and practical to do so and not in circumstances of disqualification of entries under the Rules and Regulations.
- 7 Notwithstanding the above, at any time in the Show the Rules Committee reserve the right to disqualify a Participant, Participants, an animal or animals if they deem fit to do so. Further action shall be at the discretion of the Rules Committee and may be taken against any Participant or Participants and include the penalties set out in paragraph 13 below. The Rules Committee reserve the right not to extend invitations to Participant(s) who breach the Rules and Regulations to future Shows. In relation to this paragraph the decision of the Rules Committee shall not be reviewed and Participants shall abide by the decision of the Rules Committee.
 - 8 The Rules Committee shall have the option, following the judging of the milking cow classes, to ultrasound the udders, prior to milkout, of a representative number of the milking cow classes, or to take milk samples from a representative group of cows. If the Rules Committee undertakes the option to ultrasound the udders or to take milk samples, it shall make an announcement to this effect before the judging of the milking cow classes.
 - 9 Where, after the judging of the classes, the Rules Committee considers that there has been a violation of the Rules and Regulations for Showing, these procedures, or other show rules and regulations, the accused Participant shall be notified of the alleged violation and shall confidentially be provided with information supporting the basis for the allegation.
 - 10 The Rules Committee shall consider at a meeting ('Rules Review Meeting') any alleged violation of the Rules and Regulations or other applicable Show Rules and Regulations relating to any animal which has been shown.
 - 11 An accused Participant shall be asked to respond to the allegations. It is the obligation of every person, whenever requested, to attend a Rules Review Meeting and to give whatever information and produce whatever documents may be required for the proper determination of matters pending before the Rules Committee. The Rules Committee will determine if any violation of the Rules and Regulations for Showing has occurred and recommend appropriate disciplinary measures. A finding of a violation and recommendation of disciplinary measures requires agreement by a majority of the Rules Committee. The determinations and recommendations will be reported in writing to the Organisers, with a copy to the affected Participant(s).
 - 12 Within ten (10) days of the Rules Committee report being received, any Participant determined to have violated the Rules and Regulations by the Rules Review Meeting may appeal in writing to the Organisers – which, for the purposes of the appeal, will exclude any member (Chair, Vice-Chair etc) who served on the Rules Committee. A copy of the appeal in writing shall be given to any other party to the Rules Review Meeting that the Organisers see fit, who may respond to those comments within ten (10) days of receipt of the written appeal. The Organisers shall consider the appeal and finally determine whether a violation(s) has taken place.

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13 In the event the Organisers decide a violation(s) has taken place the Organisers will consider the recommendations of the Rules Committee and determine the appropriate disciplinary measures, for a violation by a Participant of the Rules and Regulations. Penalties for violation are at the discretion of the Organisers. Such measures may comprise any or all of public censure, disqualifications or suspension from the Show and future dairy shows for up to three (3) years, notification to applicable dairy cattle associations, forfeiture of any prizes or prize money already received or to be received, and the levy of a charge for the recovery of reasonable costs incurred by the Rules Committee and Organisers in relation to the matter. The following guidelines are recommended with respect to appropriate suspensions as part of disciplinary measures to be imposed in the event of violations of the Rules and Regulations for Showing, these Procedures or other applicable Show Rules and Regulations.

1st Offence - a minimum of one year probation to a maximum of one year suspension for the animal(s), owner(s) and fitter(s), or their representatives either individually and/or a combination thereof from all recognised shows

2nd Offence - minimum one year suspension to a maximum of three years suspension for the animal(s), owner(s) and fitter(s) or their representatives either individually and/or combination thereof from all recognised shows.

14 The decision of the Organisers shall be final.