

Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle ("Showing Rules")

In these Showing Rules:

"Disciplinary Rules" means the Disciplinary Rules and Procedure of the Society in force from time to time.

"Inspector" means a person authorised by the Organiser and/or the Society to carry out inspections and other duties in accordance with these Showing Rules and the Disciplinary Rules.

"Member" means a member of the Society.

"Organisers" means any person organising a Show.

"Participants" means all owners, exhibitors, fitters, agents, and other participants in the Show.

"Show" means any show organised by or for the Society.

"Showing Rules" means the Society's Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle.

"Society" means Holstein UK and any committee appointed under the Disciplinary Rules or otherwise in accordance with the Society's Articles of Association.

1 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- 1.1 All Members and Participants agree to abide by the Showing Rules.
- 1.2 Members and Participants are present at the Show at the invitation of the Organisers and that invitation may be withdrawn at any time at the Organiser's discretion.
- 1.3 The Organisers reserve the right not to extend invitations to future Shows to a Participant who breaches the Showing Rules.
- 1.4 The Showing Rules support good animal husbandry practices at shows and present a positive image to spectators. Failure by a Member or Participant to abide by the Showing Rules and/or to act in the spirit of the Showing Rules will amount to Misconduct under the terms of the Disciplinary Rules entitling the Society to bring disciplinary proceedings against the Participant in accordance with the Disciplinary Rules.
- 1.5 The Organisers and/or the Society reserve the right to decide upon the interpretation of the Showing Rules and any conduct or actions not specifically covered in the Showing Rules will be determined by the Organisers and/or the Society and/or their agents in accordance with the provisions of the Disciplinary Rules.

The Organisers and/or the Society are entitled to disqualify a Member or Participant or animal from that Show if they deem that a breach or potential breach of the Showing Rules has or is likely to take place. The Society shall bear no responsibility for, or liability to, a Member or Participant for so doing. Any further disciplinary action under the Disciplinary Rules shall be at the discretion of the Society.

- 1.6 All Members or Participants must sign a copy of the Showing Rules, either as a separate document or as part of the entry form, to confirm their agreement to be bound by the provisions of the Showing Rules.

2 LEGISLATIVE AND OTHER REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 All Members or Participants shall comply with and abide by all relevant rules, regulations and codes of conduct of 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 (together "Legislative and Regulatory Requirements").
- 2.2 A failure by a Member or Participant to comply with relevant Legislative and Regulatory Requirements shall amount to a breach of the Showing Rules and may constitute Misconduct for the purposes of the Society's Disciplinary Rules.

3 UNACCEPTABLE PRACTICES

- 3.1 The following practices and/or procedures are prohibited when showing registered dairy cattle:
- (a) misrepresenting the age or ownership of an animal;
 - (b) filling an animal's rumen unnaturally with liquid (tubing);
 - (c) balancing the udder by any means other than by leaving naturally produced milk in any or all quarters;
 - (d) treating the udder internally with an irritant, counter-irritant, or any other substance to temporarily improve conformation or produce unnatural animation;
 - (e) 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 the use of external anti-inflammatory substances for the well-being of the animal);
 - (f) causing any unlicensed substance to be entered inside the teat orifice;
 - (g) the setting or sealing of teats with any substance;
 - (h) roping udders and the use of objects to physically improve definition of the suspensory central ligament;
 - (a) administering epidural anaesthesia (blocking tails) and/or applying any irritant either externally or internally to the perineal (rectum and vagina) area;
 - (b) 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);
 - (c) performing surgery of any kind to change the natural contour of appearance of the animal's body, hide or hair. (the removal of warts, teats and horns, clipping and dressing of hair and trimming of hooves is allowed);
 - (d) wrapping hocks or draining fluid from hocks unless authorised by a veterinarian at the show;

- (e) attaching an appliance to an animal other than for milking;
- (f) 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; and
- (g) the wearing of shackles.
- (h) any other practices which in the reasonable opinion of the Society causes unnecessary suffering to an animal, unfairly improves its performance in a Show, or otherwise undermines or interferes with the integrity of the Show, or brings the show or the Society into disrepute.

4 INSPECTION

- 4.1 All Participants at the Show shall provide promptly to the Organisers and/or Inspectors, upon request, whatever information and produce any documents reasonably required for the proper monitoring of compliance with the Showing Rules and shall fully co-operate with any inspections.
- 4.2 All entries to the Show and personal property of the Members or Participants are subject to inspection by the Inspectors. Members or Participants shall co-operate with the Inspectors, provide access to the animal and shall provide all such information as is reasonably required in connection with such inspections.
- 4.3 Members or Participants shall provide to an Inspector, if requested, samples of urine, milk, blood, or any other body fluids suitable for analysis.
- 4.4 Members or 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.
- 4.5 Members or Participants shall remove any udder supports, blankets or other objects limiting the ability of an Inspector to undertake a thorough inspection.
- 4.6 Additionally Inspectors or their agents or representatives shall have the authority to perform on any animal entered in the Show 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; and
 - (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 Showing Rules.
- 4.7 The Organisers and/or Inspectors 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 Organisers/Inspectors decide to carrying out such inspections, they shall make an announcement to this effect before the judging of the milking cow classes.

5 WARNING OF POSSIBLE BREACH OF SHOWING RULES

- 5.1 Where relevant, the Organisers/Inspectors will take reasonable and practical steps to warn a Member or Participant before entering the show ring where:
- (a) a complaint has been received of a possible breach of the Showing Rules concerning an animal to be shown, or
 - (b) they have a reasonable belief that there would be a breach of the Showing Rules if the Participant's animal is shown.
- 5.2 If a Member or Participant decides not to show an animal after receiving a warning of a possible breach of the Showing Rules, such conduct will be taken into account in mitigation should the Society decide to bring disciplinary proceedings against the Participant in accordance with the Disciplinary Rules.

6 JURISDICTION AND GOVERNING LAW.

- 6.1 These Showing Rules shall be governed by English law and subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.

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