



LODI AGRICULTURAL FAIR CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

(adapted from IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics)

Exhibitors at livestock shows shall at all times conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship 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. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example.

The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing.

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 officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered and shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians as required by the Wisconsin Department of Trade and Consumer Protection website.
<https://datcp.wi.gov/Documents/FairRulesAnimals.pdf>
2. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at the fair or livestock shows.
3. Animals and animal pens and animal areas are to be kept clean and free of trash. Bedding is to be disposed of in provided manure spreaders. All pens must be completely cleaned out at the end of the fair.
4. Animals that may enter the food chain will be free of volatile drug residues. 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 regulations and rules.
5. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event even if in accordance with federal and state statutes, regulations and rules.
6. At any time after an animal arrives on the fairgrounds, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian or as prescribed in writing by a licensed veterinarian.
7. An animal's appearance or performance shall not be altered by any means. Altering of an animal's appearance will be considered unethical fitting. Unethical fitting shall include, but not limited to:
 - The use of clenbuterol.
 - Any surgical or unethical insertion of any matter under the skin or into body cavities, performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body (e.g., administration of fluid via stomach tube or other similar apparatus to fill the rumen).
 - Any attempt to change the degree of firmness (e.g., icing of animals).
 - Any attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development.



- Treating the animal, particularly the udder, internally or externally with an irritant or counter-irritant, substances used to artificially enhance or change the conformation of the udder, use of any device to create or enhance the udder crease or plugging of the teat canal.

8. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals causing swelling or use of excessive force to brace or control an animal, using electrical devices, or other similar practices are unacceptable and are prohibited.

9. All exhibitors and their families must be respectful to others. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair board members, superintendents, volunteers, other exhibitors, or fair visitors before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. All judges, fair board members and show superintendents, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

All exhibitors, the immediate family and any other parties involved in the unethical fitting and/or showing of an animal may be subject to penalties as described below:

- forfeiture of award(s) and premium(s)
- forfeiture of auction proceeds
- barred immediately from competition in the department in which the violation has occurred and/or from all departments entered
- dismissal from the fairgrounds
- barred from future competition in the Lodi Agricultural Fair.

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR ENTRY STATEMENT I have read and understand, consent to, and agree to abide by the Lodi Agricultural Fair Code of Show Ring Ethics as stated in the premium list of this event.