

## Tennessee State Junior Dairy Show

### Show Ring "Code of Ethics" September 10, 2002.

The Tennessee State Junior Dairy Show endorses the PDCA Code of Ethics and the show officials will give full support to the judges to keep the show within these guidelines.

The following practices or procedures are considered unacceptable in the showing of dairy cattle at the Tennessee State Junior Dairy Show.

#### **A. Major violations are defined as being fraudulent and/or unethical in the showing of dairy cattle. These include:**

1. Misrepresenting the age and/or milking status of the animal for the class in which it is shown.
2. Treating the animal, particularly the udder, internally or externally, with an irritant or counter-irritant, or using a device to artificially create or enhance the udder crease or other substances as detected by testing that causes changes in the udder to artificially improve the conformation. Administration of an injected or applied anesthetic to alter the carriage of the tail or other body parts.
3. 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 (i.e. administration of fluid via a stomach tube or other similar apparatus to fill the rumen) though not to preclude practices required or involved in normal management.
4. Criticizing or interfering with the judge, show management or other exhibitors while in the show ring or other conduct detrimental to the breed or the show.
5. Challenging, threatening or interfering with show officials appointed to monitor the animals on exhibit on the show grounds.

Any major violation will result in animals, exhibitors, owners and/or representatives being barred from the show.

#### **B. Serious violations are defined as unethical practices that detract from the show ring. These include:**

1. Setting teats or manipulation of a teat to alter its normal position such as to unnaturally hold it plumb or to alter its length is unacceptable.
2. Excessive manipulation of hair, use of artificial hair except false switches, and/or the addition of foreign matter, performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body.

Any serious violation will be given slight to severe discrimination. The judge will lower the animal's class rank for these violations.

#### **C. Minor violations are considered to detract from the image of the show ring when carried to excess. These include:**

1. Unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of showmen.
2. Improper fitting practices, such as over filling and over bagging.
3. Mistreatment of an animal.

These violations will be given slight to moderate discrimination by the judge in placing animals within the class.

## **Enforcement Procedures**

1. Show officials and judges will monitor and enforce the code of ethics. Show officials will serve as the "Ethics Committee" for the Tennessee State Junior Dairy Show.
2. Potential or alleged violations should be made known to the show officials in a confidential manner.
3. Decisions by show officials and judges on any violations will be final. Repeat violations could result in barring future participation at Tennessee State Junior Dairy Shows.

Any technologies for testing body fluids like milk or blood or other examination techniques like ultrasound may be used at anytime while the animals are on the grounds at the discretion of the show officials. Exhibitors consent to the collection of materials, i.e. milk, blood etc., photographic or direct examination of the animal when they enter an animal in the show.

Extra label use of all drugs must be used under the direction of a licensed veterinarian. Evidence of same shall be provided in writing to the show officials if requested.