
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 show organizers. 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.

Procedures at the Show

- 1) The Show Committee will appoint designated persons to act as a Rules and Regulations Committee at the dairy show. The Rules and Regulations Committee of the show shall be responsible for overseeing compliance with the Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle.
- 2) The Rules and Regulations Committee of the show shall ensure that all owners/exhibitors sign the Standard Exhibitors Agreement to abide by the Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle, either as a separate document or as part of the entry form.
- 3) The Rules and Regulations Committee of the show or any agent or representative of the Committee shall act as the Inspector under the Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle, for the purpose of monitoring compliance to the Rules and Regulations of the show. 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 where the possibility of such examination has been announced before any judging in the class in which the animal is entered;
 - 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.
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 - a) All exhibitors, fitters, agents, or other persons acting on behalf of the exhibitor at the show shall, upon request, immediately provide any information or documents requested by the Rules and Regulations Committee of the show to ensure proper monitoring of compliance with the Rules and Regulations and shall fully cooperate with any inspections.
 - b) In the case of an animal sold on a fairground, the buyer becomes the responsible of the animal and it's the responsibility of the seller to make sure the buyer signed the standard exhibitors agreement.
- 6) The Rules and Regulations Committee of the show may, at its discretion, advise an exhibitor or exhibitor's representative before showing 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;
 - (b) The Rules and Regulations Committee of the show has reason to believe that there would be a violation of the Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle if the exhibitor's animal were to be shown.

If the exhibitor 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 exhibitor.
- 7) The Rules and Regulations Committee of the show shall have the option, following the judging of the milking cow classes, to perform an ultrasound examination of 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. In the event that the Rules and Regulations Committee of the show decides to conduct an ultrasound examination of the udders or to take milk samples, the Committee shall make an

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announcement to this effect before the judging of the milking cow classes.

- 8) Tubing is strictly prohibited on show grounds, unless for health reasons following a physical examination and prescription made by the veterinarian present on the fairgrounds. Should tubing be necessary within 12 hours before the start of the show, the animal will no longer be eligible to compete in the show ring.

Role of the Provincial Rules and Regulations Committee

- 9) The Provincial Rules and Regulations Committee shall be mandated by the Show Committee to ensure the follow-up of any violation of the Rules and Regulations and to maintain ethical standards at any show subject to this process.
- 10) The aforementioned Provincial Rules and Regulations Committee shall comprise five (5) voting members, two (2) from the AEAQ, one (1) from the CQRL and two (2) from Holstein Québec, in addition to a nonvoting observer or any other observer that the said Committee may appoint. Secretarial services and technical support for the said Committee shall be provided by any organization that the Committee may engage.
- 11) The Provincial Rules and Regulations Committee shall receive, from the Inspectors or representatives of the Rules and Regulations Committee of the show, all inspection reports, ultrasound results and any other complaints or evidence.
- 12) Where, after the judging of the classes, and within a maximum period of 60 days, the Provincial Rules and Regulations Committee, at a meeting where the presence of at least three (3) members shall constitute the quorum, considers that there has been a violation of the Rules and Regulations for showing dairy cattle, the procedures thereof, or any other show rules and regulations, the accused owner(s) or representative shall be advised of the alleged violation and shall confidentially be provided with information supporting the basis for the allegation as well as the proposed penalty.

- 13) Upon delivery of the aforementioned notice of a violation of the Rules and Regulations, the accused owner or representative shall have the option of:

a) Accepting the penalty put forward by the Provincial Rules and Regulations Committee;

b) Requesting a hearing before the Provincial Review Committee within ten (30) days of delivery of the aforesaid notice. Failure to forward its position, the owner or the offending representative will have to deposit the sums due in the bank account provided for this purpose, ie the administrative costs imposed by the provincial committee and the additional cost of \$ 2,400 to initiate the proceedings for a hearing before the Provincial Review Committee. If the offender is found not guilty by the review panel, the sum deposited will be refunded in full.

- 14) In the case of a minor infringement of the Rules and Regulations, the Provincial Rules and Regulations Committee may, at its discretion, deliver a warning to the accused owner or representative.

Hearing before the Provincial Review Committee

- 15) The Provincial Rules and Regulations Committee shall set up a Provincial Review Committee to consider, at a meeting, any alleged violation of the Rules and Regulations and the Procedures thereof. The Provincial Review Committee shall appoint a President and shall be composed of a minimum of three (3) members and a maximum of five (5) members. The members of the Provincial Review Committee must not have partaken in the decision to transmit the notice of infraction mentioned in sections 12 and 13 of this document.
- 16) A representative or agent of the Provincial Rules and Regulations Committee shall be present at the meeting of the Provincial Review Committee to present the allegations of infraction and supporting evidence. The accused owner, exhibitor or fitter shall be asked to respond to the allegations. An owner, exhibitor or fitter may be assisted by a representative or agent. Any person who is asked to do so shall attend the meeting of the Provincial Review Committee and provide any and all documents that may be required to fully understanding the matters presented.

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- 17) The Provincial Review Committee shall determine if any violation of the Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle has occurred and recommend appropriate disciplinary measures. A finding of a violation and a recommendation of disciplinary measures shall require agreement by a majority of the members of the Provincial Review Committee. The decision shall then be conveyed to the owner(s), or any other concerned party.
- 18) The Provincial Review Committee shall consider the recommendations of the Provincial Rules and Regulations Committee with regard to penalty, and shall determine, for a violation of the Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle, the appropriate disciplinary measures concerning the owner, exhibitor, fitter or representative involved.

Penalties for violation shall be left to the discretion of the Provincial Rules and Regulations Committee or the Provincial Review Committee. Such measures may comprise, without being restrictive, any or all of the following penalties: public censure, disqualification or suspension from the show in question and any future dairy shows that adhere to the Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle (for a period of 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 Provincial Rules and Regulations Committee, the Provincial Review Committee and the concerned Show Committee in relation to the matter. The Provincial Rules and Regulations Committee and the Provincial Review Committee may, in particular, take into account any warning issued in the past when determining appropriate penalties. Without being restrictive, the following guidelines are recommended with respect to appropriate sanctions within the scope of disciplinary measures to be imposed in the event of violations of the Rules and Regulations, Procedures and Penalties, for Showing Dairy Cattle.

1st Offence — a minimum of one year's probation to a maximum of one year's suspension from all shows adhering to the process described herein;

2nd Offence (within the last five years) — a minimum of one year's suspension to a

maximum of three years' suspension from all shows adhering to the process described herein.

- 19) Furthermore, when an exhibitor is subject to disciplinary action, as an exhibitor, direct or indirect owner, trainer, or any other form of participation surrounding the presence of an animal exhibition and is under a violation where disciplinary measures were imposed, the situation shall be reported by the Provincial Rules and Regulations Committee to the show having mandated the Provincial Rules and Regulations Committee and to any other relevant show.
- 20) It is within the sole competence of the Provincial Rules and Regulations Committee (following a guilty plea by the accused owner or representative) and the Provincial Review Committee to pronounce penalties in accordance with these Procedures.

Final Decision

- 21) The ruling of the Provincial Rules and Regulations Committee, following a plea of guilty, and the ruling of the Provincial Review Committee shall be final, without appeal and immediately binding. Except in matters of competence, Article 33 of the Code of Civil Procedure (c. C-25) or any extraordinary recourse shall not apply to show organizers, to the Provincial Rules and Regulations Committee or to the Provincial Review Committee.
- 22) Failure to pay the costs incurred within thirty (30) days of delivery of the ruling of the Provincial Rules and Regulations Committee or of the Provincial Review Committee shall result in the suspension of the accused owner or representative from any show adhering to the process described herein, and this, until payment in full is received.
- 23) Any final decision of the Provincial Review Committee or the Provincial Rules and Regulations Committee finding a violation and imposing disciplinary measures and concerning a suspension hereunder, may apply as an exhibitor, direct or indirect owner, fitter or any other form of participation surrounding the presence of an animal exhibition and is under a disciplinary measures were imposed, shall be reported by the Provincial Rules and Regulations Committee to the show having



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Violators are subject to the disciplinary provisions of the Standard Procedures and Penalties for Enforcing Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle, and/or any other show rules and regulations which can be obtained on request and are accessible, notably on the following websites: www.holsteinquebec.com, www.expoduquebec.com, www.cqrl.org.