
RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SHOWING DAIRY CATTLE

The following rules support good animal husbandry practices at shows, while presenting a positive image to spectators. All exhibitors and their fitters, agents, or other representatives agree to abide by the following rules and regulations.

PART I

The following practices or procedures are prohibited in the context of any registered dairy cattle show.

1. Misrepresenting the age or ownership of an animal. Any animal present on the site must be identifiable at all times
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 or externally with an irritant, counter-irritant, or any other substance to temporarily improve conformation or produce unnatural animation. Allowable practices/substances include sealing and setting teats and the use of external anti-inflammatory substances for the well-being of the animal.
5. Roping udders and the use of solid objects to physically improve definition of the median suspensory ligament. Only crush ice in a moving motion will be permitted.
6. Administering epidural anesthesia (blocking tails) and/or applying any irritant, either externally or internally to the perineal [rectum and vagina] area.
7. Inserting foreign material/articles under the skin, into the topline (including hair not attached to its own hair follicle) or on the feet (false switches and tails is permitted).
8. Performing alterations of any kind to change the visual appearance of the animal is not permitted with the exception of the painting spot smaller than 6 inches in diameter. Not included is the removal of warts, teats and horns, clipping and dressing of hair and trimming of hooves.
9. Criticizing or interfering with the judge, show management or other exhibitors at any point in time on the show grounds, as well as any conduct that violates, directly or indirectly, recognized standard show practices, or any other discreditable conduct that could damage the image of the breed or show. (Such as using the services of a suspended exhibitor, fitter, agent or representative.)
10. Draining fluid from hocks unless authorized by a veterinarian appointed by the show management.
11. Excessive uddering of lactating cows is strongly discouraged and electro stimulators to address the complications of this practice are strictly prohibited.

PART II

All exhibitors and their fitters, agents or other representatives agree to abide by the following procedures.

1. Exhibitors, agents, employees or other person acting on behalf of an exhibitor shall deliver to an inspector, upon request, 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, for the purposes of laboratory analysis.
2. All entries and personal property of the exhibitors, their servants and agents and persons acting on behalf of exhibitors, are subject to inspection by inspectors authorized by a show. All such persons shall cooperate 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. Exhibitors shall remove any udder supports, blankets or other objects limiting the ability of the inspector to undertake a thorough inspection.
4. The exhibitor agrees to act at all times in accordance with the Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle and the Standard Procedures, and shall accept any final decision made thereunder.
5. The exhibitor agrees to wear a white shirt or polo and black pants for the presentation of animals.

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.expoquebec.com, Updated March 2026