

## Dairy Cattle Open Show Handbook

1. All entries must meet the Kansas State Fair General Rules and Health Requirements.
2. Milking parlor closes after morning milking on Sept 20th.
3. Exhibitors MUST claim fresh or treated cows.
4. 4-H and FFA exhibitors are encouraged to enter open and youth competition classes.
5. No exhibitor or farm will win more than one premium in a group class. There must be more than one exhibitor showing in a class to pay more than one placing in premiums.
6. Where a herd is registered in the names of different members of a family, residing on one farm, and where the herd is one unit, all the entries maybe considered a single exhibitor, for Premier Exhibitor Award, Dairy Herd, Junior Three Best Female and Best Three Female classes.
7. Firms and Co-partnerships: Firms and co-partnerships entering animals must be in existence sixty days prior to the date of closing entries and in all cases must be bona fide and affidavits of the age of the firms may be required by show management. Firms and co-partnerships entered for show purposes will not be recognized by the exposition, but cattle bred by a member of the firm or company shall be considered as bred by the company. Should temporary sale or transfer of a show animal be discovered, the exhibitor and proper owner may be barred from any or all future shows.
8. An exhibitor must be the owner, or member of a partnership owning the animal. If a herd is registered in the names of different members of a family and/or employees of the farm owner, these persons may enter the show as individual exhibitors, or they may combine their entries and be considered one exhibitor referred to as a Herd Unit. To be eligible to earn credits for Premier Breeder, all animals in the Herd Unit need only carry the herd owner's prefix. A list of names of all individuals owning animals and desiring to be included in the Herd Unit must be submitted with the entry form and will be considered as one exhibitor throughout the show. This decision is final on the closing date for entries. If the Herd Unit option is elected, an animal owned by any person in the group may be substituted for one owned by any other person in the group. The animals in the 68 Herd Unit may be combined to form a Dairy Herd, the Best Three Females and to earn credits for Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor. When an animal is owned in partnership with two or more different Herd Units, then the partner or Herd Unit which houses and cares for the animal will be designated as the exhibitor.
9. Group Classes: Registration certificates for all animals entered in any group class must be brought into the ring with the animals. Failure to present the registration certificate for any animal entered in a group, if requested by the superintendent, will automatically disqualify the group.
10. No substitutions or changes of any kind will be allowed after check in.
11. Dry Cow Rule: That a cow shown dry must be reported dry on the DHI forms or reported by show management to the appropriate official for testing within the state or province in which the cow is tested, as well as the Holstein Association, and the lactation credits be terminated the day of the show.

13. No smoking, feed, or needles in the milking parlor
14. Premium checks will be mailed after the Fair closes.

#### THE PUREBRED DAIRY CATTLE ASSOCIATION SHOW RING CODE OF ETHICS

The showing of registered dairy cattle is an important part of the promotion, merchandising and breeding program of many breeders. Additionally, it is an important part of the program of the various dairy breed associations to stimulate and sustain interest in breeding registered dairy cattle. This relates to both spectators and exhibitors. The Purebred Dairy Cattle Association believes that it is in the best interest of the breeders of registered dairy cattle to maintain a reputation of integrity and to present a wholesome and progressive image of their cattle in the show ring. It recognizes that there are certain practices in the proper care and management of dairy cattle which are necessary while moving dairy cattle to and between shows that are advisable to keep them in a sound, healthy condition so that they might be presented in the show ring in a natural, normal appearance and condition. Conversely, it recognizes certain practices in the cataloging, handling, and presentation of cattle in the show ring which are unacceptable. The following practices or procedures are considered unacceptable and defined as being fraudulent and/or unethical in the showing of registered dairy cattle.

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1. Misrepresenting the age and/or milk status of the animal for the class in which it is shown. Treating the animal, particularly the udder, internally or externally, with an irritant or counter-irritant, or other substance to artificially improve the conformation.
2. Surgery or insertion of foreign matter under the skin or into body cavities, performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body, though not to preclude practices required or involved in normal management.
3. 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.
4. Challenging, threatening, or interfering with an ethics committee appointed by show management to monitor the animals on exhibit on the show grounds.
5. Excessive manipulation of hair.

The following violation is defined as unethical practices that detract from the show ring and will be given slight to serious discrimination. Exhibitors will be asked to undo or remove the manipulation before they enter the ring, or the judge will give the animal discrimination in class by lowering the animals class rank.

Setting teats or manipulating a teat to alter its normal position such as to unnaturally hold it plumb or to alter its length is an unacceptable practice.

The following minor violations are considered to detract from the image of the show when carried to excess and will be given slight to moderate discrimination by the judge when placing animals:

- Improper fitting practices, such as overfilling and over bagging.
- Use of artificial hair except for false switches.
- Mistreatment of an animal.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of showmen.

Practices which should be encouraged to enhance the image of the show:

- Establish uniform dress code for exhibitors in the show ring.
- Recognize good herdsman ship and exhibits in the barn. In keeping with the basic philosophy of the PDCA, ethics are an individual responsibility of the owner of each animal shown.

Violations of these policies are subject to the disciplinary provisions of the appropriate dairy breed association and/or show management.

**DAIRY HERD:** Consists of four cows that have freshened, all owned by exhibitor.

**PRODUCE OF DAM:** Consist of two animals, any age, either sex, the produce of one cow. Not more than one animal needs be owned by Exhibitor.

**BEST THREE FEMALES:** Consist of three females all to be bred and owned by the exhibitor and at least one must have calved. Holstein and Brown Swiss only need to own one of the females.

**JUNIOR BEST THREE FEMALES:** Consist of three un-freshened females less than two years of age, all bred, with at least one owned by exhibitor.

**PERFORMANCE RECOGNITION AWARDS:** The two cows having the highest actual milk production in 305 days on two time milking as evidenced by a copy of DHI. Record in each of the following classes: Three, Four, Aged and Dry Cow classes will be awarded 1st and 2nd place ribbons in each of the above classes. Include five-year-old cow class in Holstein, Ayrshire and Brown Swiss. Milk records made by 3 x milking will be reduced 15%.

**PREMIER BREEDER AND EXHIBITORS AWARD:** The Kansas State Fair will award a Rosette to the Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor in each of the Dairy Breeds.

**PREMIER EXHIBITOR AWARD:** The Exhibitor winning the most points on actual placing, not to exceed eight animals and not more than one bull, owned and exhibited in the open single classes, shall be designated the Premier Exhibitor. Except the Holstein and Ayrshire awards will be based on not more than six animals.

**PREMIER BREEDER AWARD:** The breeder winning the most points on actual placing, not to exceed eight animals and not more than one bull, in the open single classes, exhibited by the exhibitor and/or other exhibitors, shall be designated the Premier Breeder. Except the Holstein and Ayrshire awards will be based on not more than six animals and not more than one bull.

## **Dairy Cattle Jr. Show**

### **ADDITIONAL RULES**

1. **Open to all youth between the ages of 7 years and 18 years, as of January 1, current year.**
2. Peewee Showmanship is under 7 years old
3. Cattle entered in the junior show will also be entered in the open show in the corresponding class. Please see open dairy cattle. Cattle can also be noted as a Kansas 4-H entry by checking the corresponding box at entry time along with their junior entry.
4. All entries must be registered and recorded by a recognized breed association in the name of the exhibitor and registration papers, recorded by the breed associations in the name of the junior exhibitor, must be presented at the time of the show. Animals registered in the name of a partnership or firm will not be accepted.
5. Exhibitors must have the original registration certificate on each animal available for inspection at the show. Electronically stored registration certificates are NOT accepted – only the original certificates.
6. A junior exhibitor may exhibit no more than two (2) animals in each class.
7. KSF show management retains the right to combine classes based on the number of animals entered for each breed/division.

## **Supreme Drive**

The Open Dairy Cattle and Open Junior Dairy Cattle shows will have a Supreme Drive starting on at 6:00 PM day of show.

1. **Open Junior Dairy Cattle Supreme and Reserve** – The judge will select the winners from the Champion females in each breed of the junior show.
2. **Open Dairy Cattle Supreme and Reserve** - The judge will select the winners from the Champion females in each breed of open show.