

Drug & Fitting Policy Info

All animals that are shown at the TVE shall be drug free at the time the animals are checked in at the TVE grounds, and the animal shall remain drug free during the time such animals are at the TVE livestock show ("show"). Further, no animal may be shown at the TVE that has ever, during its life, been administered any quantity of an unapproved drug. The purpose of this Policy is to protect the food chain and to insure a fair competition among exhibitors. As used in this Policy, the term "drug" shall mean any drug, chemical, medication, or feed additive. The details of the Policy are set forth below:

A: Exhibitor's Responsibility for Any Drug Use

The use by non-veterinarians* of animal drugs, or other substances, in any manner other than in accord with the labeling approved by the FDA is a violation of federal law. Exhibitor, or exhibitor's parent and/or guardian, agree that:

1. They are, absolutely, the persons responsible for the care and custody of the exhibitor's animal;
2. As a condition for participation in the Show, exhibitor agrees to submit his/her animal to any drug test required by the TVE. Animals not tested IMMEDIATELY following the conclusion of the show will be qualified from the Auction and/or Freezer Sale and shall forfeit any/all awards given. The TVE shall be entitled to disqualify any exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any drug – even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents are innocent of any wrongdoing and did not administer the drug and even if the source of the drug is unknown: and
3. The drug test results of the testing laboratory used by TVE shall be final and binding and without recourse by the exhibitor against the TVE, or its Directors, Officers, Managers, Representatives, Agents, or Employees.

*The abuse of extra-label by veterinarians is unethical and is subject to serious consequences such as license revocation.

B: Exhibitor/Animal Disqualification for Drug Use or Unethical Fitting

1. Unapproved Drug Use

An exhibitor is prohibited from showing an animal that has, at any time in its life, been administered any quantity of any unapproved drug, chemical, or medication. Such drugs include, but are not limited to, any diuretic, unapproved growth stimulator, or other unapproved medication. Unapproved means not approved by the FDA and/or USDA for slaughter animals including animals that may be destined for human consumption. All animals shown at the TVE will be subject to random drug testing at check-in as detailed below.

2. Approved Drug Use

All animals that are shown at the TVE shall be drug free at the time the animals are checked in at the TVE grounds ("Grounds"). If prior to check-in, an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA and/or USDA approved for that species, sufficient time must have passed, so that, the animal does not test positive for that drug at check-in at the Grounds. Stated plainly, all animals must be free and clear of all drug and chemical residues at the time the animals are checked in at the Grounds. All animals shown at the TVE will be subject to random drug testing at check-in as detailed below. Please note that elimination time is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal time for most approved drugs. Under this Policy, a drug that is not approved by the FDA and/or USDA for the specific species to which that drug is administered is an unapproved drug. Also, if an approved drug is administered by a route, in a dosage, or for a condition, that is not approved by the FDA and/or USDA, that drug, as so misused, is an unapproved drug.

3. Unethical Fitting

Unethical fitting means any attempt to alter the natural appearance, conformation, musculature, or weight, of an animal by any unnatural means. Unethical fitting includes, but is not limited to, the use of injections, or feeding of any substance not conducive to the health of the animal, or that is detrimental to the safety, or the marketability, of its carcass. Unethical fitting also includes, but is not limited to, artificially filling animals by stomach pumping, injecting the animal with air, bruising, or feeding the animal beer, or other alcoholic beverage. Animals unethically fitted, or showing signs of unethical fitting, will be disqualified.

C. Drug Testing of Animals

1. Random Drug Testing

A Minimum of Ten percent (10%) of the number of animals in each market division will be randomly tested for drugs, immediately following the show. The determination of the ten (10%) percent randoms will be based on a certain class placing of each show. A random placing from each class will be tested, placing announced prior to show. The class placing that will be used for the randoms shall be posted before any show may begin.

2. Drug Testing After Show

Immediately after the Show for a market division, the grand champion, reserve champion, and all randoms of such market division will be tested for drugs.

When an animal is initially drug tested, the test sample will be split into two samples; such that, if the animal tests positive on the initial drug test, the remainder of the split sample will be available for a confirming drug test ("Confirming Test"). An Exhibitor whose animal tests positive on the initial drug test can request a Confirming Test, provided however, that the Confirming Test will be conducted at the Exhibitor's expense and at a laboratory chosen by the TVE. The Exhibitor requesting such

Confirming Test must pay the TVE for the full cost of such Confirming Test, before the TVE will submit the sample to the laboratory.

D. Penalties for Drug Use or Unethical Fitting of Animals

1. Unapproved Drug

Any exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any unapproved drug will be disqualified and shall forfeit all prizes, sale proceeds, and awards. The disqualification of an exhibitor will not alter the placing of the class of animals or the sale order. Further, the disqualified exhibitor, and the immediate family members of the disqualified exhibitor, will be on probation for 1 year for the 1st violation and shall forfeit all prizes, sale proceeds and awards. Should there be a 2nd violation they will not be allowed back to TVE to show and shall forfeit all prizes, sale proceeds and awards.

2. Approved Drug

Any exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any approved drug will be disqualified and shall forfeit all prizes, sale proceeds, and awards. The disqualification of an exhibitor will not alter the placing of the class of animals or the sale order. Further, the Board shall have the discretion as to whether, or not, to forfeit the privilege of the disqualified exhibitor, and the immediate family members of the disqualified exhibitor, will be on probation for 1 year for the 1st violation and shall forfeit all prizes, sale proceeds and awards. Should there be a 2nd violation they will not be allowed back to TVE to show and shall forfeit all prizes, sale proceeds and awards.

3. Unethical Fitting of Animals

Any exhibitor found to have unethically fitted an animal shall forfeit all prizes, sale proceeds, and awards. The disqualification of an exhibitor will not alter the placing of the class of animals or the sale order. Further, the Board shall have the discretion as to whether, or not, to forfeit the privilege of the disqualified exhibitor, and the immediate family members of the disqualified exhibitor, will be on probation for 1 year for 1 year for the 1st violation and shall forfeit all prizes, sale proceeds and awards. Should there be a 2nd violation they will not be allowed back to TVE to show and shall forfeit all prizes, sale proceeds and awards.

4. Emergency Treatment of TVE Grounds

If an animal requires emergency treatment while on the Grounds, the exhibitor shall notify the Livestock Committee Chairman prior to the treatment of the animal, and the Livestock Committee Chairman shall witness such emergency treatment of the animal. Only licensed veterinarian will be allowed to administer any drug, chemical, or feed additive to the animal. If the drug, chemical, or feed

additive is administered by the veterinarian prior to the time the animal is shown and judged at the Show, the animal will be disqualified. If the drug, chemical, or feed additive is administered by the veterinarian after the time the animal has been shown and judged in the Show, the animal will not be disqualified, but the animal must be withheld from slaughter for the full elimination time of any such drug, chemical, or feed additive administered to the animal, so that, the animal is drug and chemical free at the time of its slaughter.

E. No Exceptions May Be Granted To This Policy

No Director, Officer, Manager, Livestock Committee Chairman, or any other agent or representative of the TVE, has the authority to grant an exception to this policy. Such persons, therefore, cannot grant an exception of any kind to this Policy, and no alleged exception – even if granted by such person – will be binding upon, or honored by, the TVE, and any such alleged exception will not, in any manner, effect, or excuse, or prevent, the enforcement of this Policy.

Further, no letter of explanation, note, or excuse, from a veterinarian or a vocational agriculture teacher, to an exhibitor, or to the TVE, as to the administering of any drug, chemical, medication, or feed additive to an animal, shall grant an exception to this Drug Policy. No such letter of explanation, note, or excuse from any such person will be honored by the TVE, and any such alleged exception will not, in any manner, effect, or excuse, or prevent, the enforcement of this Policy.

F. The Administration and Enforcement of This Policy

The Livestock Ethics Committee shall implement and administer this Policy; provided, however, the final decisions as to the interpretation of this Policy, and final decisions as to the resolution of any dispute, or question, with respect to this Policy, including, but not limited to, the disqualification of an exhibitor and an animal, rests solely and exclusively with the Board of Directors of the TVE. The Board's decisions as to this Policy, and its enforcement, including the disqualification of an exhibitor, shall be final.