

## GENERAL RULES

**1. EXHIBITOR COMPLIANCE.** The rules and regulations contained in the Official Big E Premium Book (including IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics and ESE Code of Ethics) are the conditions under which all entries are accepted. Exhibitors are urged to study these rules carefully before making application for entries. A signed entry serves as an agreement to comply with all rules and regulations contained within this book and all other official Big E publications (including changes posted within our website). Incomplete (unsigned) entries will be returned with any accompanying payment.

**2. LOSS OR DAMAGE.** All exhibits will be under the direction of Eastern States Exposition Management, who will exercise every reasonable care in the protection of exhibits. In no case will Eastern States Exposition or Management be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any loss, injury or damage to any animal; or loss, injury or damage done by or arising from any animal exhibited by him/her, and shall indemnify Eastern States Exposition against legal or other proceedings in regard thereto. All consumption of food/beverages in the Mallary Complex by exhibitors and their guests is done at the exhibitor's risk.

**3. ENTRIES.** A separate entry form is required for each exhibitor and/or herd unit for each breed.. **Online Entries:** Access to the Eastern States Exposition online entry system is at [www.TheBigE.com/agriculture](http://www.TheBigE.com/agriculture). Forms are available online from the Agriculture page of [www.TheBigE.com](http://www.TheBigE.com) and may be reproduced for your convenience. Faxed entries will be accepted and will be processed when a credit card number has been charged. **Metered mail postmark will not be accepted as proof of deadline compliance.** In the event the number of entries exceeds the allowed barn space capacity, entries will be accepted in the chronological order they were received. Refunds on cancelled entries are granted in extreme circumstances by the Director of Agriculture.

**4. INITIAL PASSES.** Upon receipt and acceptance of entry, **initial entry passes** will be issued to the exhibitor. Passes are intended to provide initial entry and parking for people working directly with the animals and owners. Additional passes will be available from your superintendent upon arrival.

**5. REDUCED RATE TICKETS are available from the Agriculture Office after July 1 at \$7 per ticket. We invite and encourage you to take advantage of this ticket savings.** Please call (413)205-5011, requesting the Agriculture Office, or email a ticket request to [aginfo@TheBigE.com](mailto:aginfo@TheBigE.com).

**6. RULE VIOLATIONS.** Within the show ring competition the decision of the judge is final in all cases—except where an error or deliberate misrepresentation is discovered. In the case of unintentional error brought to light after placing has been announced but before the end of the breed show, a correction of placing and corresponding premiums will be made by Management. If the error is not discovered until after the completion of the breed show, Management will make an effort to rectify the error but will not be held responsible for exhibitor unintentional error. If, in the opinion of Management, an exhibitor willfully violates any rules governing The Big E, all premiums/prizes won by him/her will be forfeited and he/she may be subject to such other penalties as Management deems appropriate. Other penalties will potentially involve inclusion in the National Show Ring Ethics infraction database.

**7. RULE AND DEADLINE INTERPRETATION.** The Management of Eastern States Exposition reserves the right to interpret all rules and regulations governing the show and to make such decisions as may be necessary for the successful conduct of the show. Such interpretations and decisions will be final. Questions regarding rule interpretations should be directed to Director of Agriculture & Education, Eastern States Exposition, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield MA 01089, telephone (413)205-5011 or [aginfo@TheBigE.com](mailto:aginfo@TheBigE.com). Requests will receive prompt attention. Request for exception to any rule must be made in written form and must accompany the entry form. This request is not grounds for a late entry. All entries must be made in accordance to the listed dates to be accepted.

**8. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE.** An exhibitor wishing to protest or appeal any action, condition or circumstance occurring during the show which he considers detrimental to his interests, the interests of his fellow exhibitors or those of the Exposition, may protest, complain or appeal to the Management at any time prior to the release hour for his exhibits, by plainly stating his appeal or protest in writing and attaching thereto a fee of \$100, such fee to be refunded upon settlement of the claim in his/her favor but forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Protests questioning the competency or fairness of judges will not be entertained or condoned. In all cases of complaint, protest or appeal, the decision of the appropriate committee will be binding and final.

**9. VALID REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES.** The original registration certificate or association's duplicate or computer printouts (NO PHOTOCOPIES) will be considered as proof of ownership, identity, age and breeder of an entry. Electronic registration certificates are accepted and may be used by management as ownership verification. The ownership of an entry must appear on the certificate as it will be exhibited, or if owned in partnership, exhibited by one or more of the owners. In the case of an animal under one year of age, a photocopy or electronic image of the registration application with a registration number assigned by the breed association may be presented if the actual registration paper is not processed by show date. We will not accept registration transfers after the show has started. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to be sure animals are registered properly according to their respective breed association rules. Junior exhibitors should check rules under their specific breed for ownership deadlines. Please make sure papers are with animals.

**10. TATTOOS.** For all breeds requiring tattoos as a means of permanent identification, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to be sure tattoos are clear and easily readable. Animals with questionable tattoos will not be allowed to show. Exception: Llamas and Alpacas must have microchips.

**11. EXHIBITOR AND BREEDER.** An exhibitor must be the owner or member of a partnership or syndicate owning an animal. Animals owned in partnership or syndicate must be entered in an individual class of the show under the partnership or syndicate's name. In the group classes, partnership or syndicate animals may be entered and exhibited under the name of one of the co-owners, but must be entered in all classes in the same manner. For the purpose of meeting the requirements in all group classes, for premier breeder and exhibitor, and defining numbers of an entry, an exhibitor is further defined as those members of an immediate family residing on one farm and where the herd is one unit. **Exhibitors are required to list persons qualifying as family members of one unit or all members of a syndicate on the entry form.**

**12. SUBSTITUTIONS.** An entry may be substituted within or between classes after the entry deadline, providing the owner and/or part owner making the original entry is owner and/or part owner of the entry being substituted. **(See Special Rules in Dairy Goat & Sheep section for exception.)** As described in the definition of exhibitor and breeder, substitutions may be made among different members of the same family on the same farm. There will be no substitutions between breeds. **Use the substitution form located on the website.**

**13. INSPECTION PROCEDURE.** All gates are closed to livestock entrance or exit between 11pm and 6am. Please plan to arrive only during the times listed in each show section, unless otherwise stated.

a. All inspections will be done by official Animal Health Inspectors or Massachusetts State Veterinarians (referred to as AHI). They have the final word of determination and Management will support their decisions.

b. Multiple AHI personnel will be on hand during the pre-determined arrival hours and will remain until all animals have been checked. Specific inspectors will be in charge of specific areas, but all inspectors are qualified to inspect all species of animals and may be called to additional areas as needed.

c. Health papers and official interstate health papers issued from their state of origin, and meeting MDAR Fair Animal Health Requirements must accompany animals! This means the driver or exhibitor must be in possession of the papers and remain with the animals during the entire inspection process.

d. Arrive at Gate 1

1. Show health papers, if requested to do so.

2. If the gate person requests, please wait patiently until directed to proceed to the next point.

e. Proceed to Gate 10

1. Show health papers, if requested to do so.

2. Be prepared for staff to compare the number of animals being transported with the number of animals listed on the papers. **All animals being transported must be accounted for on the health papers or driver will be asked to leave without unloading.**

f. Please make contact with your Superintendent before attempting to unload ANY animals. No animals may unload before Superintendent approval. **Each animal MUST pass inspection before entering the Mallary Complex or tie-out stalls.**

- g. (Bovine, Goat, Camelid) Unload as directed by Superintendent.
1. AHI will inspect each animal as they unload. AHI initials on the health papers prove the animal has passed inspection and may be stalled/penned.
  2. If there is a waiting line, animal safety and welfare is of utmost concern. Weather (heat and humidity) may dictate the animals' need to unload before the inspection process can happen. In this case, the animals will proceed to the nearest wash rack on the perimeter of the Mallary Complex and remain there until inspected. **No animal may enter the Mallary Complex or tie-out stalls before they have passed inspection.**
- h. (Sheep, Swine) Unload as directed by Superintendent.
1. AHI will inspect each animal as they unload. AHI initials on the health papers prove the animal has passed inspection and may be penned.
  2. If there is a waiting line, animal safety and welfare is of utmost concern. Weather (heat and humidity) may dictate the animals' need to unload before the inspection process can happen. In this case the animals will proceed to the holding pens on the east side or east alcove of the Mallary Complex. There, animals may unload and wait in relative safety and comfort until their turn to be inspected. **No animal may enter the Mallary Complex before they have passed inspection.**
- i. Any animal not passing inspection will be asked to leave the grounds. If leaving would induce unfair hardship on the driver or exhibitor, the animals would proceed directly to the quarantine area directly outside Gate 10 and remain in the quarantine area for the duration of their stay. A reasonable amount of bedding will be provided in the quarantine area; water and electricity are available. Animal care is the responsibility of the exhibitor. Said animal may not be exhibited.
- j. Failure to comply with the Arrival and Inspection Procedure will constitute an infraction of the General Rules and Regulations in which case the exhibitor and/or driver and all animals listed within that entry will be asked to leave Eastern States Exposition premises.

**14. ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE WAIVER.** On rare occasions, exemptions to our published Arrival/Departure times are allowed. (Example: in case of family emergency or to accommodate attendance at other livestock expositions.) To request exemption to the published Arrival/Departure times, a request must be made to the Director of Agriculture and Education. The Director of Agriculture and Education will be contacted by gate security and will handle all nighttime emergency arrivals.

**15. RELEASES.** All release documents will be issued from the Superintendent's Office. Exhibitors who remove one or more animals without a release will forfeit all premiums won. For times and dates, please see each specific show. **Premiums will be forfeited by the owner if exhibitor of a show string chooses to leave early.**

**16. STABLING.** Stabling process begins with your accepted entry form; special stabling requests will be entertained if made at the time of entry and space allows. **Final stabling determination** is at the discretion of the Show Superintendent and will be done according to **actual numbers of animals brought to the Fair** (not entered), tack and display of farm signs, banners, etc. **Payment of entry fees does not provide bedding, stabling or display space for animals not brought to the Fair.**

**17. DISPLAY STALLS.** Displays must not interfere with other exhibitors and must comply with the West Springfield Fire Prevention Codes published in this Premium Book. Exhibitors will be required to maintain their respective area in a reasonably clean and orderly condition at all times. No alleyway fans will be allowed!

**18. NIGHT TIE-OUT.** (Beef Animals only) A night tie-out area will be provided for use between 8pm and 8am for beef animals.

**19. SHARPS DISPOSAL.** **Any syringes/needles found in the garbage or manure pits require a biohazard team to be brought in for management and disposal. The cost of this situation management will be deducted from the following year's available premiums for all shows in the barn at the time of infraction. Disposal containers are available in Mallary offices, the milk room and several places throughout the barn. If a container is missing or full, please notify the Agriculture Office immediately! You may also take biohazard waste home with you.**

**20. CAMPER POLICY.** Because limited camper spaces are provided for open show exhibitors and staff:

- a. **A camper request needs to be made and paid for at the time of entry and one unit per firm. Campers not registered at time of entry must pay a \$25 inclusion fee. This will be enforced and deducted from premiums.**

b. Camper spaces may be requested by exhibitors and others working with an Open Livestock show during The Big E by August 15 of each year. If not postmarked or received by August 15, ESE reserves the right to use these spaces for other purposes. The following method of communication is acceptable:

1. US Mail: ESE Agriculture Office, 1305 Memorial Ave, West Springfield MA 01089
2. The camper form can be downloaded at [www.TheBigE.com/agriculture](http://www.TheBigE.com/agriculture)
3. Campers will be accepted via online entry at [www.TheBigE.com/agriculture](http://www.TheBigE.com/agriculture)  
Please Note: Requests will not be accepted via the telephone.

c. Camper spaces in the Mallary Agriculture Complex area are assessed a \$20 per camper per night fee, and **are limited to dates of your entry activity.**

**NO CAMPER IS TO BE PARKED WITHOUT A PERMIT ATTACHED. PERMITS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE CAMPER LOT SUPERINTENDENT UPON ARRIVAL TO GATE 10.**

d. 30 amp electrical service is available. A limited number of 50amp service is available at \$30 per camper per night fee. To upgrade to 50amp service, please see the camper superintendent for availability **AND PAID FOR AT THE TIME OF HOOK UP TO THE CAMPING LOT SUPERINTENDENT.** 50amp service is available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

e. Campers with telescoping sides in use are assessed an additional \$10 fee per side per camper per night.

f. No drop awnings are permitted in the Agriculture Complex area. Only grounded extension cords may be used in the camper lot.

g. All campers need to be equipped with a long sewerline and hose.

h. No cars, trucks or other non-camper vehicles are allowed to be used as overnight accommodations on the grounds of The Big E. Any vehicles used in this manner will be towed.

i. More information is available regarding the availability of camper parking spaces in our public parking lot. For specific information regarding public parking, camping and pricing, please contact **The Big E Admissions Department at (800)639-2908.**

1. Eastern States Exposition does not encourage the use of tents due to their possible placement near moving vehicles in our public parking lot. Persons wishing to use canvas-sided/pop-up/tent campers must tell the parking attendant upon entering the parking area so they may be directed to the designated areas. For specific information, please contact The Big E Admissions Department at **(800)639-2908.**
2. **No tents are allowed in the Mallary Agriculture Complex parking area.**
3. Any persons using canvas-sided/pop-up/tent-type campers will be required to accept all responsibility for any theft, safety and/or personal liability.
4. Management reserves the right to refuse access, and is not responsible for accidents or personal loss, injury or damages to any property.

j. Space is officially requested upon receipt of payment and signed Camper Reservation Form (your check must accompany the reservation form). Your signature is required and by signing the Camper Reservation Form the individual agrees to assume all risks associated with their stay.

**21. PREMIUM PAYMENT.** The Big E will make an effort to have checks available at time of release; occasionally circumstances will not allow this. Checks will then be mailed in a timely fashion to the exhibitor. The Big E assumes no responsibility for premium checks once they are presented to the exhibitor. All checks must be cashed and missing checks reported prior to December 1. After January 1 the show's books are closed and protests are not valid. Any check not cashed within 90 days of date issued will be invalid and deemed a donation to the Agriculture and Education Department of Eastern States Exposition.

**22. ANIMAL WELFARE.** It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to provide proper and humane care and treatment to animals. Show Management reserves the right to disqualify and remove any exhibitor deemed to be in violation of this basic principle of animal husbandry.

**23. EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITIES.**

- a. Animals quarantined by Animal Health Inspector or Veterinarian must leave the grounds or proceed directly to the quarantine area near Gate 10. No quarantined animal is allowed within the Mallary Complex or show area. Failure to comply is grounds for show ejection and loss of all premium money.
- b. Livestock are to be made available for parading and for judging contests as requested or premiums will be forfeited.

- c. Parking of all stock trailers will be at a satellite lot. Maps and directions will be available upon arrival and are available at [www.TheBigE.com](http://www.TheBigE.com). Trailers should be removed from the grounds upon completion of unloading. We ask that exhibitors show consideration to fellow exhibitors who may be waiting to unload. (See additional information in Special Rules for the Dairy Goat show.)
- d. Manure is a recyclable resource. Please assist this process by keeping trash out of the manure pits. **Only ESE approved bedding is allowed. Due to concerns of air quality for livestock and exhibitors, mechanical shredding or distribution of bedding by the exhibitor is not allowed in the Mallary Complex.**
- e. Cattle may be watered in the stall area or washrack.
- f. Walkways and aisles must be kept dry and neat.
- g. An exhibitor meeting will be held for each individual show at The Big E. It is the responsibility of the Show Superintendent, Breed Representative and Director of Agriculture to concur on a meeting time and place. Please listen for announcements and watch the OFFICIAL SHOW ANNOUNCEMENT bulletin board outside the Livestock Office for the time and place. The purposes of this meeting are to:
1. propose new classes or recommend class deletions;
  2. have general input regarding the show;
  3. nominate judges for following year's show;
  4. elect Breed Representative from current year's exhibitors.
- h. Upon signing of entry the exhibitor grants permission to be photographed/interviewed by the Exposition in connection with the activity. All photographs are the property of the Exposition and may be used for their purposes.
- i. Exhibitor consumption of alcohol is at their responsibility and should not impact other exhibitors or guests of the Exposition.
- j. Radios or any media players are acceptable at a decibel level that will not impact your fellow exhibitor's Fair experience. Management reserves the right to request you to lower the volume.

**24. PET POLICY.** The Big E has instituted a **no pet policy**, which is strictly monitored in the Mallary Complex. Exception is made in the following circumstances:

- a. Sheep Dog Trial entries - these dogs are restricted to the agriculture buildings and grounds appropriate for heading directly to and from these buildings (Mallary Complex, Farm-A-Rama and Coliseum), must be under supervision of their owner and on leash when not competing. These dogs must be supervised at all times. No dogs may be left unattended, whether in kennels, out of kennels or in parking lot.
- b. Dogs participating in the 4-H Dog Activity during the Fair - please refer to the Arrival/Departure Schedule for Activity days.
- c. Working Sheep Dog Demonstration dogs and fowl.

**Regarding ALL the above dogs:**

- a. All dogs must comply with Massachusetts Animal Health Regulations. (Please see entire regulations page)
- b. Any dog found wandering or left unattended will be turned over to Hampden County Animal Control, telephone (413)781-1484. Any ensuing fines or fees will be the responsibility of the dog owner.

**25. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM.** Quality assurance testing or a survey may be done at The Big E.

- a. All animals are subject to testing at any time:
  1. to determine whether the animal has been unethically fitted in any way;
  2. to determine whether any false information or representation was made in a competition entry;
  3. to determine whether an animal qualifies for competition in a particular breed classification.
- b. Exhibitor's signature on Entry Form acknowledges they have read, understand and agree to abide by the following rules for specific shows (copies are available in the Director of Agriculture's office):
  1. **HOLSTEIN ASSN OF U.S.A. Show Ring Policy** for the Holstein Show;
  2. **PDCA Show Ring Code of Ethics** for all other Dairy Shows;
  3. **IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics** for all other Livestock Shows.
  4. **Eastern States Exposition Show Policy and Code of Ethics** for all shows.
- c. Use of drugs in animals not in compliance with manufacturer's label as to dosage, time

- of withdrawal limitations, or other manufacturer's limitations and show regulations is **PROHIBITED**. The use of tranquilizers or possession of same after arrival at the Fair will be construed as tampering. Canadian exhibitors must comply with US Drug Restrictions.
- d. In the event of testing, violations will be handled in compliance of the ESE Code of Ethics.

## ENTRY FEES AND PASS INFORMATION

Late entries, when allowed, are double the standard fee (unless otherwise noted). Late entries may not appear in the show catalog. Open show entry fees paid in full, must accompany completed entry forms. PAYMENT MUST BE IN U.S. FUNDS and checks made payable to Eastern States Exposition reflecting the following rates:

	ENTRY FEES	
	REGULAR FEE	LATE FEE (IF APPLICABLE)
<b>BEEF</b>	<b>\$16 PER HEAD</b>	<b>\$32 PER HEAD</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS TREE</b>	<b>NO FEE</b>	
<b>DAIRY**</b>	<b>\$16 PER HEAD</b>	<b>\$32 PER HEAD</b>
<b>DAIRY GOATS</b>	<b>\$5 PER HEAD</b>	<b>\$10 PER HEAD</b>
<b>SHEEP</b>	<b>\$5 PER HEAD</b>	<b>\$10 PER HEAD</b>
<b>LEAD LINE</b>	<b>\$5 PER ENTRY</b>	
<b>SWINE</b>	<b>\$5 PER HEAD</b>	<b>\$10 PER HEAD</b>
<b>MARKET LAMB**</b>	<b>\$5 PER HEAD</b>	<b>\$10 PER HEAD</b>
<b>PRODUCE DISPLAY**</b>	<b>\$5 PER ENTRY</b>	
<b>PUMPKIN AND SQUASH**</b>	<b>\$5 PER ENTRY</b>	
<b>GOURDS**</b>	<b>\$2 PER ENTRY</b>	
<b>PULLING (Oxen and Horses)**</b>	<b>NO FEE</b>	
<b>SHEEP DOG TRIAL</b>	<b>\$25 PER ENTRY</b>	
<b>SHEEP FLEECE**</b>	<b>\$5 PER ENTRY</b>	
<b>SPINNING BEE**</b>	<b>\$5 PER ENTRY</b>	
<b>ALPACA</b>	<b>\$35 PER HEAD</b>	<b>\$70 PER HEAD</b>
<b>Pen Charge</b>	<b>\$15 PER PEN</b>	
<b>Display Stall**</b>	<b>\$25 (limit 1 per exhibiting farm)</b>	
<b>Fleece</b>	<b>\$15 PER FLEECE</b>	
<b>LLAMA</b>	<b>\$35 PER HEAD</b>	<b>\$70 PER HEAD</b>
<b>Pen Charge</b>	<b>\$15 PER PEN</b>	
<b>Llama Fleece</b>	<b>\$20 PER FLEECE</b>	
<b>Llama Novice Jackpot</b>	<b>\$25 PER HEAD</b>	
<b>Llama Master Jackpot</b>	<b>\$50 PER HEAD</b>	
<b>Display Stall**</b>	<b>\$25 (limit 1 per exhibiting farm)</b>	

**\*\*See Specific Department Rules for entry deadlines and procedures.**

**REMEMBER: Entry fees are not required for Group classes.**

**PASSES ARE ISSUED FOR  
INITIAL ENTRY TO GROUNDS.  
ADDITIONAL PASSES ARE AVAILABLE FROM YOUR  
SUPERINTENDENT.  
RECEIPT OF PASSES IS CONFIRMATION OF ENTRY.**

## EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION SHOW RING POLICY AND CODE OF ETHICS

Eastern States Exposition is one of the premier livestock shows in the Northeast. As an elite venue, Eastern States Exposition has a responsibility for maintaining a first-class image of fairness and ethics in its livestock shows. The purpose of regulations concerning ethical practices is to maintain a positive international reputation and to ensure good animal husbandry is on display for all spectators. Eastern States Exposition seeks to promote good animal husbandry, attractive barn exhibits and a high-quality show for exhibitors and spectators.

Eastern States Exposition endorses the PDCA and the IAFE Code of Ethics in all livestock shows and gives full cooperative support to the judges and the respective National Breed Associations. It recognizes that certain practices are necessary in the proper care and management of livestock in the course of moving livestock to and between shows in order to keep them in a sound, healthy condition so they might be presented in the show ring in a natural, normal condition.

To detect any unethical practices, show management, at the discretion of the Ethics Committee, may use technologies for testing body fluids like milk or blood or other new examination techniques like ultrasound at anytime while the animals are on Eastern States Exposition grounds. By making entry in any exhibition, an exhibitor consents to the collection of specimens, e.g. milk, blood, etc., and photographic or direct examination of the animal. Furthermore, by making an entry in any exhibition, the owner and/or exhibitor, as well as any individual handling or fitting their animal, agrees to supply proper animal and personal identification when asked by ethics personnel or show management.

The following are examples of practices or procedures that are violations of the Eastern States Exposition Show Ring Policy and Code of Ethics, which include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Misrepresenting the age, lineage/breed and/or milking status of the animal for the class in which it is entered.
2. Treating an animal without a verifiable veterinary need for that treatment, internally or externally, for the purpose of improving the appearance. Extra label use of all drugs must be used under the direction of a licensed veterinarian. Evidence of same shall be provided in writing if requested.
3. In dairy cattle, using a device to artificially create or enhance the udder crease.
4. Icing of animal for non -medical purposes.
5. Administering an injected or applied anesthetic to alter the carriage of the tail or other body parts.
6. Surgically or unethically inserting any matter under the skin or into any body cavity to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body.
7. Criticizing or interfering with the judge, show management or other exhibitors while in the Show Ring, on show grounds or other conduct detrimental to the breed or the show.
8. Challenging, threatening, criticizing or interfering with an Ethics Committee member or volunteer appointed by show management to monitor the animals on exhibit on the show grounds.
9. Failing to provide proper/accurate animal and/or personal identification when asked by ethics personnel or show management.
10. Adding real or artificial hair or hair-like substances to any part of the animal, except for false switches.
11. Excessively manipulating topline and/or tailhead hair in dairy cattle, beyond 1 1/2 inches from the skin.
12. \*Should a topline violation occur (i.e. adding real or artificial hair or hair-like substances or if topline hair is in excess of 1 1/2 inches): the Director of Agriculture and Education or their appointed agent shall inform the exhibitor that if they choose to enter the Show Ring, after being informed of such a topline violation, an ethics violation will have occurred.
13. Mistreatment of an animal.
14. Unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of owner or their representative(s).
15. Improper fitting practices, such as over filling and over bagging.

16. Any alleged unethical practices or procedures not listed above are subject to review by the Ethics Committee.
17. An observer, will be appointed by Eastern States Exposition Management to be on duty at Eastern States Exposition events.
18. The observer will be responsible for monitoring violations of the Eastern States Exposition Show Ring Policy and Code of Ethics by exhibitors and their representatives.
19. Complaints of alleged violations may be presented to Eastern States Exposition Director of Agriculture and Education.
20. All complaints of alleged violations received by Director of Agriculture will be referred to the Ethics Committee to determine investigative requirements and discipline. To the extent reasonably possible, the identity of the animal, the owner and/or other involved parties will be kept confidential.
21. All findings of the Ethics Committee will be presented to the Director of Agriculture and Education.
22. The Eastern States Exposition staff has the authority to inspect all animals to determine if violations of the Eastern States Exposition Show Ring Policy and Code of Ethics have occurred. In that regard, the Eastern States Exposition has authority to perform the following:
  - pull hair samples;
  - draw blood samples;
  - perform an ultrasound examination of the udder, prior to milk-out;
  - perform a milk-out of any individual cow or cows;
  - collect and test any of the animal's body fluids;
  - use any technology that may be useful in determining if a violation has occurred in any animal based on placement, random selection or suspect characteristics;
23. Require delivery to the Eastern States Exposition Director of Agriculture and Education of hypodermic syringe, needle or other devices, 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, the fitter, agents or persons acting on behalf of the exhibitor for the purpose of laboratory analysis.
24. Following the judging of the milking cow classes, the Eastern States Exposition will ultrasound the udders, prior to milk-out, of at least 3 cows in a class.
25. Following the judging of all milking cow classes, milk samples may be taken from a minimum of three cows in both the open and junior show – the Grand Champion, the Reserve Grand Champion and the Honorable Mention. Random ultrasound and milk samples will be taken in milking cow classes. Exhibitors who are selected to have milk samples taken from their animals will be presented a colored card with directions. Samples are not required to be drawn immediately following the class; however, teat seals may not be removed for milking until an ethics representative is present to take the samples. Animals may also be selected by the Director of Agriculture and Education to have a blood sample drawn.
26. An individual who is not necessarily an owner or exhibitor but who commits a violation of the Eastern States Exposition Show Ring Policy and Code of Ethics, will be subject to the same ethics enforcement procedures and sanctions as the owner or exhibitor. If an ethics violation occurs at the show, the Ethics Coordinator may take the following courses of action, depending on the severity of the violation.
27. Report to the Director of Agriculture and Education who may inform the judge of the violation. The judge may consider the violation in the placing of the class.
28. Following the completion of the Eastern States Exposition events and the evaluation of the hair samples/measurements, ultrasound readings and upon the receipt of the milk sample and blood sample analysis or other lab reports, and reports of eye witnesses or Eastern States Exposition personnel, the Ethics Committee will submit a report to Show Management if any violations have occurred. This reporting will happen as soon as reasonably possible after the end of the show.
29. If evidence suggests that a violation has occurred, the Director of Agriculture and Education will promptly notify the accused individual(s) and/or owner(s) as listed on the entry form of the suspected violation and will provide the accused individual(s) with copies of the supporting evidence to the extent reasonably

- possible. As soon as possible thereafter, an ethics hearing will be scheduled. Eastern States Exposition shall take reasonable steps to maintain the anonymity of the accused individual(s) and/or animal throughout the enforcement process
30. An Eastern States Exposition representative will present the evidence, while maintaining individual confidentiality, at a hearing of the Ethics Committee. Generally, the Ethics Committee will consist of eight people, : seven livestock committee members, including representation of at least three different species, and moderated by the Eastern States Exposition Director of Agriculture and Education. Ethics Committee members will serve as a jury to determine whether the accused individual(s) is/are guilty of a violation and, if so, what penalty is appropriate for the violation. A guilty verdict must be by a 2/3 majority of the Ethics Committee. The hearing will be presided over by the Eastern States Exposition Director of Agriculture and Education. In each case, the accused individual will be invited to defend or explain the allegations, submit evidence, and/or have representation at the hearing.
  31. Promptly after the Ethics Committee renders its decision, the Director of Agriculture and Education will inform the accused individual(s) of the determinations of the Ethics Committee. It is the accused individual(s) responsibility to notify any other owners of the determination by the Ethics Committee.
  32. If found guilty of a violation of the Show Ring Code of Ethics, the penalty for the individual, the exhibitor, the representative and/or the animal may range from a letter of reprimand to being barred for three years from participating at Eastern States Exposition. The identity of the animal(s), exhibitors and/or representatives that are barred will be kept confidential to the extent reasonably possible.
  33. An animal found in violation of the Show Ring Code of Ethics will forfeit any premiums, their placing will be removed and the animal and/or owner/representative must observe any penalty placed upon them.
  34. If the individual, the exhibitor and/or their representatives are guilty of repeated violations at Eastern States Exposition events, they and/or the animal could be barred from participating at Eastern States Exposition for life.
  35. Barring an exhibitor or representative and/or an individual will result in animals owned fully or in partnership by that individual, farm and/or affiliated entity not being allowed to enter, exhibit or sell in Eastern States Exposition shows and/or sales. The barred individual will also be ineligible to be present in the Show Ring, and/or serve any other official capacity for the length of the bar. Any individual barred for an ethics violation at any point of time (regardless of timing or length of bar) must be approved by Eastern States Exposition's Ethics Committee prior to being nominated to serve on any official committee or as an official judge.

## EXHIBITOR SERVICES

**LIVESTOCK FEED, BEDDING AND SUPPLIES.** Eastern States Exposition is the proprietor of the feed and bedding services for the 2020 Big E. While on the grounds orders for feed, hay, straw and shavings should be placed at the Mallary Agriculture office. Pre-orders are encouraged and may be made online at [www.TheBigE.com/agriculture](http://www.TheBigE.com/agriculture). Orders may also be phoned in at (413) 205-5307

Please estimate as close as possible your time of arrival when placing the order. Feed orders will be cash, check or credit card. All feed store bills must be paid before a release will be issued by your Superintendent.

***You may bring your own feed and bedding for your entries only or obtain it from the ESE Feed Store. No other vendors of feed or bedding will be allowed on the grounds.***

Large square or round bales are not allowed in the barn. However, outside storage for small amounts is available during certain shows. Please check with your Superintendent for further information. Unloading requests will be entertained as time allows. A charge of \$10 per bale will be paid to the driver

**LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT.** Twist of Fate is pleased to be available at this year's Big E all 17-days. To provide sharpening and custom rope products to exhibitors. If you wish to pre-order anything please call us at 860-759-9335. Feel free to stop by and visit.

**VETERINARY SERVICES.** Service will be available from Stafford Veterinary Center. Their service will be at the exhibitor's expense and Eastern States Exposition assumes no responsibility. Please call (860) 684-5868 for assistance.

**EXHIBITOR LOUNGE.** A lounge is provided for exhibitors upstairs in the Mallary Complex. Coffee and donuts are available most mornings. There is a milk machine and soda machine in the lounge. The lounge is also available for exhibitor meetings and other gatherings during the Fair. Please check with the livestock office if you want to schedule a meeting.

**EXHIBITOR SHOWER.** Showers for livestock exhibitors are available upstairs in the Mallary Complex.

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