

SHOW RING CODE OF ETHICS

Believing it is in the best interest of all breeders of all livestock to maintain a reputation of integrity and to continue to present a wholesome and progressive image in the show ring, the following list of practices are considered unacceptable in the presentation of livestock. The use of such practices or procedures is, therefore, considered a violation of the Rules and Regulations governing this show.

1. Misrepresenting the age of the animal for the class in which it is shown.
2. Treating or massaging any part of the body internally or externally with an irritant, counter-irritant, or other substance to temporarily straighten a weak back or loin or to produce unnatural animation.
3. Minimizing the effects of crampiness by feeding or injecting drugs, depressants or applying packs or using any artificial contrivance or therapeutic treatment exempting normal exercise.
4. Striking the animal to cause swelling. Blocking the nerves to prevent limping or tail switching.
5. Surgery, injection, administration of any product or material, or any other procedure performed to change the natural process of growth, maturation, contour or appearance of any animal, to include teeth, is prohibited. Not included is removal of teats or horns, clipping and dressing of hair, and trimming hooves.
6. Injection or inserting of foreign material under the skin. The use of diuretics.
7. Any attempt to change natural color of an animal, either purebred or crossbred, by changing the color or adding false hair, fleece or skin at any point, spot or area of the animal's body.
8. The use of alcoholic beverages in the feed or administered as a drench.
9. The practice of artificial filling by pumping or any other device is prohibited.
10. Administration of a drug of any kind or description, internally or externally, prior to entering the show ring, is prohibited. The use of any performance enhancing drug or drug/medication/treatment which gives an animal an unfair competitive advantage is prohibited. For the purpose of these rules, the term "legal drug" shall mean any substance, the sale, possession or use of which is controlled by license under federal, state or local laws or regulations and any substance commonly used by the medical or veterinary professions. The use of any drug, chemical and/or compound that is not approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use in meat producing animals, or which is not labeled by the FDA for use by that specie of animal, or which exceeds the FDA/EPA/USDA established tolerances for any foreign substance and the illegal use of approved chemicals and/or compounds are prohibited. All animals shall be subject to tests, (blood, urine, tissue or other testing), for approved and unapproved substances and for drugs, chemicals, compounds or foreign substances that exceed the acceptable levels established by the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Drug Administration or the Environmental Protection Agency. In addition, any animals that have been previously administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species at the levels accepted by the FDA, are subject to disqualification if the animal tests positive for that drug while on the Tulsa State Fair premises. A positive test will result in disqualification, forfeiture of any premiums and/or awards and will exclude the exhibitor from future competition at the Tulsa State Fair. The opinions, test results and conclusions reached by the testing laboratory used by the Tulsa State Fair for these tests shall be final and binding upon the exhibitor, without protest or recourse against the Tulsa State Fair. The exhibitor understands and agrees that he is not entitled to any independent testing or to submit any blood, urine, tissue or other samples to any other laboratory, and the opinions, test results and conclusions reached by the testing laboratory used by the Tulsa State Fair are final and binding and shall not be contested by exhibitor and this is an express condition to exhibitor's participation at the Tulsa State Fair.
11. Balancing the udder by any abnormal means including the use of a mechanical contrivance or the injection of fluid or drugs. Setting the teats and/or occluding (sealing the ends) with a mechanical contrivance or with the use of a chemical preparation. Treating or massaging the udder or its attachments with an irritant or counter-irritant. The use of common products such as fly spray, ointment or liniment in excess to the extent that it is irritating is included as an irritant unless required to reduce edema at the time of calving.
12. Criticizing or interfering with the judge, other exhibitors, breed representatives or show officials before, during or after the event may result in an individual or group being expelled, placed on probation, declared ineligible and/or barred from exhibiting at the event.
13. The showing of unethically fitted livestock, the showing of livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered, or the misrepresentation of breeding or milking status is prohibited. Unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of changing the normal conformation of any part of the animal's body or using drugs, including over the counter and/or extra label, or mechanical devices to alter the physical makeup and/or performance of the animal.
14. All owners or persons in charge of property or livestock shall care for, guard, protect, and preserve same, as the Tulsa State Fair does not undertake to do so, and it shall not be held responsible for any loss, shrinkage, or damage to said property or livestock or the owners or exhibitors thereof. The Tulsa State Fair is not responsible for the acts of third parties. Any violation of the Rules and Regulations specifically designed for the individual shows or the "Show Ring Code of Ethics" may result in forfeiture of all premiums and awards, disqualification, expulsion or probation of the exhibitor, organized group, and individual or livestock involved. Probation, disqualification, expulsion or other disciplinary action of the Management will be final. Such action will require application for readmission under such terms as the Management may prescribe before the group or individual is allowed to exhibit at future events.

The Tulsa State Fair is a member of the following show support organizations: International Association of Fairs and Expositions and North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association. Violations at this show may affect the eligibility of the individual, group, or sponsoring organization for participation at other shows who are also members of these organizations. The names of anyone in violation will be released to these other Fairs and Expositions.