



# CODE OF ETHICS/BARN SPORTSMANSHIP

(Adapted from IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics)

## ALL EXHIBITORS MUST SIGN THIS PAPER TO BE ELGIBLE TO EXHIBIT AT THE JUNIATA COUNTY FAIR

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums and awards and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the Juniata County Agricultural Society. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners/exhibitors persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Exhibitors are expected to adhere to set pen limits for each specie and exhibitors with animal species other than cattle are expected to clean pens prior to departure from the fairgrounds.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of drugs. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner/exhibitors for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event, which culminates with the animal entering the food chain, shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statues, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.

The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.

5. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair, or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
6. No owner/exhibitor shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
7. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
8. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner/exhibitor to have any disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show against such individuals.
9. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner/exhibitor that he or she has read the Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code.
10. All animals must arrive during the allotted entry time. Exhibitors who arrive late must provide and pay for an on-site veterinary check.

## LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR ENTRY STATEMENT

*I have read and understand, consent to, and agree to abide by the Juniata County Fair Code of Show Ring Ethics as stated in the premium list of this event.*

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Signature of Exhibitor (or owner, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person)      Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Guardian or Parent of the above Signator (if a minor)      Date: \_\_\_\_\_