

SHOW RING CODE OF ETHICS

Believing it is in the best interest of all livestock breeders to maintain a reputation of integrity and continue to present a wholesome and progressive image in the show ring. The use of such practices or procedures is, therefore, considered a violation of the rules and regulations governing the OSF.

The following list of practices are considered unacceptable in the presentation of livestock:

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.
5. Surgery or 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 of hooves.
6. Insertion of foreign material under the skin.
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, except for treating a recognized disease or injury and for tranquilizing bulls that may otherwise be dangerous or females in heat. 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 chemical and/or compound that is not approved by the FDA for use in meat producing animals and the illegal use of approved chemicals and/or compounds are prohibited. All animals shall be subject to tests for foreign substances that exceed the acceptable levels established by the USDA, FDA or EPA. A positive test will result in disqualification, forfeiture of any premiums and/or awards, and will exclude the exhibitor from future competition at the OSF. Licensed veterinarians will administer all medications only.
11. Balancing the udder by any abnormal means including the use of a mechanical contrivance or 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, or 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 or barred from exhibiting at the event.

Any violation of the rules and regulations 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, individual or livestock involved. Probation, disqualification, expulsion or other disciplinary action of OSF management will be final. Such action will require application for readmission under such terms as OSF management may prescribe before the group or individual is allowed to exhibit at future events.

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