

LIVESTOCK DRUG & HEALTH

1. The use of any illegal drugs is prohibited. Legal or illegal substances used to phenol typically alter the appearance of an animal entered in livestock events is prohibited (see rule #4). **Use of illegal drugs is considered a premeditated act!**

2. Any information obtained in the practice of illegal alteration of an animal will be turned over to the proper authorities for criminal prosecution. **THIS IS A ONE STRIKE AND YOU ARE OUT POLICY!** Exhibitor will forfeit any premium, awards, or auction proceeds, and will be prohibited from further competition at shows in the United States, as well as being subject to criminal prosecution if proven guilty.

3. Treating an animal internally or externally, with any irritant, counter-irritant, or other substance used to artificially change the conformation or appearance of an animal for show is considered unethical, inhumane, and is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to the use of graphite, powders, hemp, artificial hair coloring, common products such as fly spray, ointment or liniment used to the point that it is irritating, (unless required to reduce edema at time of calving) or similar type products. The use of dyes, spray paint or other artificial coloring which result in altering an animal's true and natural appearance and/or color is prohibited. Adding false hair or hair-like material, fleece or skin at any point, spot or area of the animal's body is illegal and will result in immediate disqualification. Any liquid or substance not considered part of an accepted and normal diet for livestock is deemed illegal and inhumane. For example: the use of alcoholic or carbonated beverages as a drench or filler, etc.

4. The use of tranquilizers, sedatives, or depressants which alter the physical or physiological state of the animal is illegal. Exceptions to this rule would be a licensed, certified veterinarian's treatment for a recognized disease or injury, or recommendation for tranquilizing breeding animals in heat that might compromise the safety of others. The drugs must be approved by The Food and Drug Administration for use in meat producing animals. **All exhibitors shall advise show management of any drugs and/or medications administered to an animal that might be detected at the time of showing or at meat inspection.** The name of the drug, its purpose, the person who administered the drug, time and date of administration shall be presented to show management prior to the showing and sale of the animal. Failure to report this information to the show management will result in severe penalty and/or disqualification. **Any use of drugs or substances not approved by the Food and Drug Administration is strictly prohibited.** All animals entered into livestock competition shall be subject to testing for foreign substances that exceed acceptable levels established by the FDA, FSIS, USDA, or EPA. During the livestock events, in the case of animals requiring treatment, all medications shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian and the livestock superintendent shall be notified.

5. Surgery, injection or insertion of foreign material or air under the skin and/or into the flesh of an animal to change the natural contour, conformation or appearance of an animal's body is illegal. This includes vegetable oil, silicon or any other substance used to alter the shape of the animal. Acceptable practices of physical preparation which are allowed include, clipping of hair, trimming of hooves, de-horning, or removal of ancillary teats.

6. The balancing of the udder by abnormal means that includes 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 is illegal. Treating or massaging the udder or its attachments with an irritant or counter-irritant is prohibited

7. The Society reserves the right to require animal health certificates. Health inspections and diagnostic tests may be made before or after animals are on the livestock show premises for exhibitor and animal safety, or to regulate disease control procedures which may become necessary in emergencies as determined by animal health officials.

8. Any animal is subject to examination or tests to determine if a substance has been administered to alter its conformation and/or temper.

9. Exhibitors of all market animals must certify their compliance with manufacturer's pre-market withdrawal periods specified for any medication, drug, pesticide, or feed additives administered.

10. All tests will be conducted at the time of show.

11. "The Livestock Drug Testing Authorization" must be read and agreement implied and consented to at the time of entry into the fair.

CONDUCT

1. Exhibitors must fit, show and take care of their own animals at the fair.

2. Exhibitors are expected to feed, water, care for bedding, cleaning and groom their animals while at the fair or livestock show. (Individual consideration will be given in extenuating circumstances.) Adults will not be allowed to physically assist in the preparation of the animal while at the show. Verbal instruction will be allowed, **but no physical assistance is permitted.** Physical assistance may be rendered by other junior aged members in good standing in 4-H and FFA programs. Any violations of this rule may result in immediate disqualification from the show.

3. The use of inhumane fitting, showing and/or handling practices or devices shall not be tolerated. For example, breaking of tails, striking of the animal to cause swelling or for bracing purposes, use of an electrical contrivance, or use of overly severe bits is not acceptable.

4. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited.