

# ***IAFE CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS***

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## **INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS (IAFE) NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS**

*The St. Croix County Fair Adopts this code for our animal shows.*

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport 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. In addition to the "IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

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, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

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, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
- 3) Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
- 4) Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of, consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person 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 statutes, 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.

If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory, to which it is sent, is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.

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

5) 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, confirmation, 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 a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.

6) 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.

7) 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.

8) No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person 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.

9) 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.

10) The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expos and any special notices to members.

11) The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

## ***ANIMAL HEALTH RULES & REGULATIONS SUMMARY***

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*This is a summary of animal health requirements for fairs, shows and exhibitions only. They are not necessarily the same as requirements for importing animals into Wisconsin or moving them within the state for other purposes. They may change if animal diseases occur in Wisconsin or elsewhere, so you should always check our website or contact us for current information.*

### **General requirements for show organizers**

**Fairs or exhibitions lasting more than 24 hours** must appoint a licensed veterinarian to inspect all livestock daily **Fairs or exhibitions lasting less than 24 hours** must have a licensed veterinarian or show chairperson review all required records and test results to check for:

- Exhibitor's name and address
- Animal identification (number, type, description)
- Compliance with disease testing and other health requirements
- Livestock premises number, if any, where animals originated

**Fair management must maintain records** for 5 years of:

- Exhibitors
- Livestock premises numbers, if any
- Animal identification

### **Diseases**

**Animals that show evidence of having contagious or infectious diseases** may be removed immediately, and may be quarantined or slaughtered. **Bovine animals with ringworm, mange or scab** will be removed from the fair or exhibition premises, unless the veterinarian in charge finds they are incapable of transmitting disease.

### **Cattle and Bison**

**Cattle from within Wisconsin** have no requirements for tests or health documents.

**Cattle from outside Wisconsin** must:

- Be accompanied by certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) documenting official animal ID and all required tests and certifications
- Have at least one form of official individual ID (including steers)
- Meet all of Wisconsin's normal requirements for import (see [http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal\\_Movement/Cattle\\_Bison](http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Movement/Cattle_Bison))

**Acceptable animal IDs for all cattle from outside Wisconsin**

- USDA metal ear tag number that is part of the National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) (starts with state 2-digit code, also known as “brite” tag)
- 15-digit “840” tags (visual or RFID)
- Valid only if applied before March 11, 2015:
  - Manufacturer-coded RFID tag - 15-digit number with the first three digits in 900s
  - American ID tag – 8 to 12-digit number prefaced with “USA”

#### **Brucellosis requirements for cattle from outside Wisconsin**

No cattle from outside Wisconsin are currently required to be brucellosis tested or vaccinated to come to fairs and shows in Wisconsin

#### **Tuberculosis requirements for cattle from outside Wisconsin**

- For requirements by state, see: [https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/CattleBison.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/CattleBison.aspx)

**Cattle from Michigan’s Modified Accredited Zone (for cattle from Michigan’s TB Free Zone, see requirements by state above) also need:**

- Import permit
  - To originate from a herd that has a negative whole-herd TB test within 12 months before arrival in Wisconsin that includes all animals 1 year and older
  - Negative individual TB tests within 60 days before entering Wisconsin
  - To return directly to the state of origin after the show, and there must be a statement on the CVI that they will be doing so
- For information on obtaining an import permit:
- Online [https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx)
  - Email [DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov](mailto:DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov)
  - Call 608-224-4872

**Cattle from Canada** must meet current federal requirements to enter the United States. (See <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/downloads/ca-protocol-imp-cattle-bison.pdf>) Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check [https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/CattleBison.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/CattleBison.aspx)

### **Swine**

**Swine from within Wisconsin need a Wisconsin intrastate certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or health certificate):**

- Stating that the entire herd of origin was inspected on the farm within 30 days before the show and showed no signs of disease.
- Non-terminal Exhibitions: All swine must have a PRRS (Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome) and PEDv (Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea virus) test of the herd of origin within 90 days of the exhibition. Include test date, type, and results on the CVI. For swine originating from herds with positive tests, include the herd plan number on the CVI.
- Terminal Exhibitions: No testing requirements.

**Swine from outside Wisconsin** need a certificate of veterinary inspection that includes the following:

- The negative results of the PRRS test from the swine’s herd of origin conducted within 90 days prior to movement into Wisconsin including test date, type, and results.
- The negative results of the PEDv test from the swine’s herd of origin conducted within 90 days prior to movement into Wisconsin including test date, type, and results.
- A statement that the veterinarian has inspected the entire herd of origin within the past 30 days and that no clinical signs of PRRS and PEDv or any other apparent disease was present at the time of inspection
- Official individual identification (ID)
- If the herd of origin tests positive for PRRS and/or PEDv, contact the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection at 608-224-4872 for options

Acceptable methods of ID for swine are:

- USDA silver ear tag
  - USDA 840 button ear tag
  - Breed association tattoo
  - An ear tag with the premises identification number and a unique identifier
  - Ear notch (if the pig is a purebred and the notch is registered)
- Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check [https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/SwineMovement.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/SwineMovement.aspx)

### **Sheep and Goats**

**Sheep and goats from within Wisconsin:**

- If sexually intact, need official individual identification (ID) at any age.
- If not sexually intact, need official individual ID if they are 12 months or older.

- See below for Official ID options.
- Cannot be under restriction for movement to fairs and shows.
- Sheep and goats that go to a market or slaughter establishment after the fair should have an owner hauler statement to move from the fair to the market/slaughter establishment

**Sheep and goats from outside Wisconsin:**

- Certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or health certificate) and official individual ID for all animals.
- See below for Official ID options.
- See below for additional requirements for goats from Michigan’s Tuberculosis Modified Accredited Zone.
- Sheep and goats that go to a market or slaughter establishment after the fair should have an owner hauler statement to move from the fair to the market/slaughter establishment.

**Official Identification includes:**

- Scrapie eartags (including tags on neckstraps for animals with absent/injured ears or with official tattoos – see DATCP Website\*)
- USDA 840 ear tags
- Legible breed tattoos (see DATCP Website\* and NOTE below)
- Legible scrapie tattoos (see DATCP Website\* and NOTE below)
- Approved microchips (Electronic Identification/EID) – There are many requirements that need to be met to use microchips including a requirement for accompanying tattoos.

**Goats from Michigan’s TB Modified Accredited Zone:**

- Need import permits
  - Need negative whole-herd TB tests within 12 months before arrival in Wisconsin
  - Need negative individual TB tests within 60 days before entering Wisconsin
  - Must return directly to the state of origin after the show, and there must be a statement on the CVI that they will be doing so
- For information on obtaining an import permit:
- Online [https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx)
  - Email [DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov](mailto:DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov)
  - Call 608-224-4872

Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check

[https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/SheepGoatMovement.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/SheepGoatMovement.aspx).

**Equine**

**Equine animals from within Wisconsin** need documentation of a negative EIA test done within the previous 12 months, which clearly identifies the animal by complete description, digital photographs, or an approved microchip (if a reader is available). No test is needed for nursing foals accompanying negative dams. Documentation may be:

- Official test report VS 10-11, or
- USDA-approved electronic test form, or
- Global Vet Link EIA electronic form, or
- Certificate of veterinary inspection with the test results listed

**Equine animals from outside Wisconsin need:**

- Certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or health certificate) which clearly identifies the animal by complete description, digital photographs, or an approved microchip
- Negative EIA test done within previous 12 months that is reported on the CVI
- No EIA test is needed for nursing foals accompanying negative dams

**Equines from Minnesota are exempt from the CVI requirement if:**

- Ownership does not change while the animal is in Wisconsin
- The animal remains in Wisconsin no longer than 7 days
- Proof of a negative EIA test in previous 12 months accompanies the animal

Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check

[https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/HorseOtherEquineMvmt.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/HorseOtherEquineMvmt.aspx).

**South American camelids: Llamas, Alpacas, Guanacos, Vicunas**

South American camelids from within Wisconsin have no requirements.

South American camelids from outside Wisconsin must have a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or health certificate) and official individual identification (ID). Official ID may be:

- Approved USDA ear tag number
- Microchip number

- Breed association registration number
- Breed association tattoo

Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check [https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/LlamaAlpacaMovement.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/LlamaAlpacaMovement.aspx).

### **Exotic Ruminants**

**Note:** *Exotic ruminants are ruminants that are not native to Wisconsin, and are not cervids – for example, vicuñas, camels, yaks, water buffalo, pronghorn antelope and giraffes.*

**Exotic ruminants from within Wisconsin** have no requirements.

Exotic ruminants from outside Wisconsin must have:

- Certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or health certificate)
- Official individual identification (ID) as required for tuberculosis and brucellosis testing
- Import permit
- Proof written on the CVI that they meet requirements for:
  - o Tuberculosis (TB) – negative test required within 60 days before entry
  - o Brucellosis – negative test required within 30 days before entry

Please call 608-224-4872 beforehand to determine which TB test to use.

For information on obtaining an import permit:

- Online [https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx)
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Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check [https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/ExoticSpeciesMvmt.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/ExoticSpeciesMvmt.aspx).

### **Poultry and waterfowl (Pigeons are not considered poultry for fairs and shows)**

**Poultry and waterfowl from within Wisconsin** need:

- A NPIP certificate stating that the birds originate from a US. pullorum-typhoid clean or NPIP affiliate flock, *or*
- A DATCP-issued certificate stating they are from a Wisconsin Tested or Associate Flock *or*
- Individually test sexually mature birds within 90 days before arrival at the show. These birds also need wing or leg band ID. All birds must test negative for pullorum-typhoid, and turkeys must test negative for *Mycoplasma gallisepticum*.

**Poultry and waterfowl from outside Wisconsin** need a certificate of veterinary inspection or equivalent (such as form VS 9-3) that states:

- They originate from a flock classified pullorum-typhoid clean under NPIP or an equivalent state program, *or*
- If they are sexually mature, that they have tested negative for pullorum-typhoid (and *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* for turkeys) within 90 days before arrival at the show. These birds also need wing or leg band ID.

**Not required:**

- Import permit number. Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check [https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/PoultryMovement.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/PoultryMovement.aspx)

### **Small animals: Dogs, Domestic Cats, and other household pets**

#### **(ferrets, pet birds, rabbits, gerbils, guinea pigs, hamsters, domestic mice and rats)**

**Note:** *For animals that are part of menageries, see also rules below for menageries. Pot-bellied and miniature pigs fall under rules for swine. Dog hybrids, domestic cat hybrids, or exotic small cat species such as servals fall under rules for Exotic small animals. Native wild animals and birds, including raptors, and captive wild animals such as raccoons, opossums, and skunks fall under rules for wild animals..*

**Dogs from within Wisconsin** that are 5 months or older need proof of current rabies vaccination.

**Cats and other household pets from within Wisconsin** have no requirements.

**Dogs and cats from outside Wisconsin** that are 5 months or older need to be vaccinated for rabies by a licensed veterinarian, and regardless of age, need certificates of veterinary inspection stating the age of the animal and for animals 5 months and older the date of last rabies vaccination and revaccination due date

**Other household pets from outside Wisconsin** need certificates of veterinary inspection (CVIs) but have no testing or vaccination requirements.

**Small animals from other nations need to meet requirements of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (608-662-0600) and Centers for Disease Control (1-800-232-4636).** Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check [https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/PetMovement.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/PetMovement.aspx)

### **Exotic small animals (any species not covered by "small animals" above), exotic large animals, and other wild animals**

**Note:** *Local jurisdictions may have requirements beyond the state requirements listed here.*

**Animals from within Wisconsin** do not have any requirements as long as they are legally possessed in Wisconsin.

**Animals from outside Wisconsin** generally have no testing or vaccination requirements, but do need:

- Certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI)
- Import permit number

**Note: Some animals may not be brought to Wisconsin.** These are North American prairie dogs and the following African species: tree squirrels, rope squirrels, dormice, Gambian giant pouched rats, brush-tailed porcupines and striped mice. Others may require permits from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. See <http://dnr.wi.gov>. For information on obtaining an import permit:

- Online [http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal\\_Movement/Permit\\_Request](http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Movement/Permit_Request)
- Email [DATCPAnimallImports@wi.gov](mailto:DATCPAnimallImports@wi.gov) ☒ Call 608-224-4872

Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check [https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/PetMovement.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/PetMovement.aspx).

### **Circus, rodeo, racing and menagerie animals**

**Note:** Local jurisdictions may have requirements beyond the state requirements listed here.

**Animals from within Wisconsin** must meet vaccination and testing requirements for their species. See these requirements earlier in this document.

**Animals from outside Wisconsin** need certificates of veterinary inspection and vaccinations and tests required for their species. See these requirements earlier in this document. They also need import permit numbers if they are:

- Circuses and individual circus acts
- Rodeo stock other than individual participants' horses
- Multi-species menageries (defined as any animals kept in a collection primarily for purposes of exhibition or competition)
- Petting zoos

They do not need import permit numbers if they are:

- Rodeo horses owned by individual participants
- Single-species groups

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For information on obtaining an import permit:

- Online [https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx)
- Email [DATCPAnimallImports@wi.gov](mailto:DATCPAnimallImports@wi.gov) ☒ Call 608-224-4872

Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check [https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/CircusesRodeosMenageries.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/CircusesRodeosMenageries.aspx).

### **Guidelines for housing and managing animals**

**The State Veterinarian recommends that exhibitors:**

- Vaccinate breeding cattle against bovine viral diarrhea (BVD) at least 30 days before the event
- Test cattle for BVD-PI by immunoperoxidase test, and bring them to shows only if they test negative
- Test cattle for Johne's disease test results by ELISA test, and bring them to shows only if they test negative
- Clean and disinfect vehicles used to transport animals to and from the show, vehicles used at the show, before & after the show
- Isolate exhibited animals returning to their farms or animals purchased at the show for 21 days before mingling with other stock

**The State Veterinarian recommends that show organizers:**

- House cattle separately from llamas, vicuñas, alpacas, guanacos, and other exotic ruminants
- House cattle separately from small ruminants, especially sheep
- House ostriches, emus, rheas and cassowaries separately from domestic poultry
- House swine separately from any other mammals
- Include a space for the premises registration code on livestock entry forms
- Provide hand-washing stations near all livestock facilities
- Provide individual watering and feeding troughs rather than common ones

## ***YOUTH DIVISION – AG 5.06, DAIRY & LIVESTOCK DIVISION***

1. All exhibitors are required to furnish hay, bedding, grain, and watering pails for livestock they exhibit.
2. Open to all youth who have carefully selected and kept accurate records of the calf entered for exhibition.
3. All purebred registered and ID Grade animals must meet breed association requirements and have registration documents or they will be considered as grade animals. All animals that qualify for District, State, or National shows must show as registered.
4. Check Animal Health Rules & Regulations Summary for papers needed.
5. Exhibitors are limited to 4 dairy or 4 beef animals or any combination of dairy/beef not to exceed a total of 4.