

Regular Judging

Animal judging shows will be judged at the following times. Times subject to change.

Cats	Saturday, 3pm	Beef	Friday, 8am	Horse	Sunday, 8am
Dogs	Saturday, 9am	Rabbits	Friday, 9am	Domestic Exotic	Sunday, Noon
Sheep	Thursday, 2pm	Cavies	Friday, 9am	Please double check times.	
Goats	Thursday, 5pm	Dairy	Saturday, 9am		
Swine	Friday, Noon	Poultry	Saturday, 9am		

Foods & Photography

All Foods & Photography exhibits will be Face to Face judged on July 15, 2023 (July 13, 2024). All perishable food will either be sent home following the judging or disposed of. Non-perishable items will also be judged at the Foods Fair, but they will stay at the Fairgrounds in the 4-H Youth Exhibit building and will be displayed at the St. Croix County Fair. The Foods Revue and Cake Decorating will be judged the second Saturday in June location to be determined. Please see Dept. 25 for rules.

JUNIOR FAIR GENERAL RULES

1. All exhibits must be the work of the exhibitor and must be work done since the last St. Croix County Fair. All animals and livestock must be shown by the exhibitor unless special permission is granted by the dept supervisor.
2. Only one exhibit per exhibitor in each lot number is allowed. Participants will exhibit only in one particular division(s) that pertains to the project work they are carrying.
3. An exhibitor may call their Club Leader with changes to their entries until May 31 at Midnight. **No changes will be accepted after May 31.** The only exceptions will be in health-related situations regarding an animal. **You must contact the species department head.**
4. The Junior Exhibit buildings will be closed to the public between 10:00 pm and 9 am.
5. **The decision of the judges is final in all cases.**
6. Each exhibitor of animals must clean their own exhibit area. Exhibitors must bring their cleaning supplies – forks, shovels, and wheelbarrows, and dispose of manure as directed.
7. Exhibits will be released from the buildings on Sunday from 4pm to 7pm and Monday from 9am to 11am. **If exhibits are removed before 4pm exhibitors will forfeit their premium money.** Exhibitors are responsible for arranging to bring and take home their exhibits. All projects must be claimed by 11am on Monday after the fair or they will be disposed of at the discretion of the Fair Board. All animals **MUST** be removed by 7pm on Sunday except those auction animals which will be loaded out on Monday morning.
8. In event of an emergency, refer to the map on the back cover of this Fairbook or ask Fair Personnel.
9. **Cleaning Barns after St. Croix County Fair** – Each Organization is responsible for cleaning their respective animal exhibit area after the St. Croix County Fair. The barns must be cleaned by Monday at 8pm after the St. Croix County Fair. All manure is to be dumped into the manure pits at the end of the barns. Exhibitors must receive approval from the St. Croix County Fair Association Inc., and provide proof of insurance, if they intend to use a skid steer to clean their area. All operators must be over the age of 18. Exhibitors in the barns are to pull back the manure 3 feet from the barn walls or dividers before leaving Sunday night if there have been arrangements made to use skid steers to clean the barns. If an Organization doesn't comply the group will be assessed a \$100.00 clean-up charge to be paid to the St. Croix County Fair Inc as well as a premium loss to exhibitors.
10. **NO PETS are allowed on the Fairgrounds, Service Animals specifically trained to aid a person with a disability are welcome.**
11. **ALL ANIMALS NEED TO STAY IN THE BARNs EXCEPT DURING SHOWS.**
12. Bicycles, skateboards, etc. are not allowed on the St. Croix County Fairgrounds during the Fair.
13. No gators or ATVs are allowed on the St. Croix County Fairgrounds without St. Croix County Fair Inc.'s Permission, during the Fair. No one under the age of 16 will be allowed to drive on the St. Croix County Fairgrounds.

FAIR BEHAVIOR RULES

The general supervision of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds, together with the exhibit area, is vested in the St. Croix County Fair Inc which has the responsibility to see that order is maintained on the St. Croix County Fairgrounds.

1. No one will be allowed to smoke in any of the fair buildings including the barns.
2. No one will be allowed to use or possess alcoholic beverages, tobacco, illicit drugs, other intoxicating substances, or weapons in any Junior Exhibit areas including buildings, barns, and fair campgrounds.
3. Persons throwing water will forfeit their premiums.
4. Anyone who is intoxicated or exhibits 'rowdy' behavior will not be allowed in the Junior Exhibit areas.
5. When violations of the above conditions occur, all violators will:
 - a. Be asked to cease the activity or be asked to leave the St. Croix County Fairgrounds.
 - b. Be prosecuted if such activities are violations of the law.
6. Junior Exhibitors who violate behavior rules will:
 - a. Be asked to cease the activity or leave the St. Croix County Fairgrounds and parents will be called immediately.
 - b. Forfeit all premiums for the current fair and immediately remove all of his/her exhibits.
 - c. Forfeit the opportunity to be a Junior Exhibitor at any county, district, regional, state, or national event for a period of 12 months from the time of the violation.

CODE OF CONDUCT / BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

All youth represent their respective program. It is important to behave in a manner that reflects positively. All Junior Fair Exhibitors participating in the St. Croix County Fair are expected to adhere to this code of conduct:

1. Demonstrate healthy choices. Possession and/or use of alcohol, tobacco, weapons, illicit drugs or medications(s) is forbidden. Adults overseeing the activity need to be informed of medication prescribed to the member and/or over the counter medications approved by the parent(s).
2. Exhibit mutual respect for all participants. Use of language and gestures found to be objectionable to others is not permitted.
3. Use good judgment in dress. Revealing attire is not acceptable, such as extremely low-cut tops, short shorts and thong swimming suits are not allowed. Do not wear t-shirts with obscene language/pictures or with drug, tobacco or alcohol advertising printed on them. Closed toe shoes are to be worn by all exhibitors in the barns.
4. Avoid overt public displays of affection.
5. Be respectful of property and facilities. Do not damage or destroy public or private property.
6. Behave in accordance with applicable federal, state and municipal laws.

Supervising adults will take the following steps for violations of this code of conduct:

1. Counsel with involved youth privately to reach an understanding and stop the inappropriate behavior.
2. Take disciplinary actions at the time of occurrence. This may consist of restriction of privileges, apology to the group, additional duties, etc. Physical punishment is not appropriate.
3. Inform parents and the leader of the appropriate youth organization of misbehavior at time of occurrence if supervising adult feels severity of situation warrants such immediate notification.
4. When the infraction is serious, decide as part of a committee of at least two adults to remove a youth from the activity and send him/her home immediately.
5. Write a letter describing the disruptive behavior to be sent to the youth's parents, along with an incident report to be filed with the Fair Office, within 10 days after the activity/incident.

Consequences of violations will result in the following disciplinary action:

1. Families of youth removed from the activity will be responsible for the youths' transportation home. Youth removed from the activity will wait with the supervising adult until parents arrive.
2. If damage/destruction of property occurred, youth will be assessed for the cost of the damages and repairs.
3. Youth will be subject to the disciplinary actions of the organization they represent at the County Fair.
4. Youth who break public laws will be subject to legal action by law enforcement authorities.

Steps for an appeals process:

1. Youth who wish to appeal the disciplinary action may do so within 5 days of the violation.
2. Youth(s) involved must request a meeting with the disciplinary committee which will consist of at least three members from the appropriate organization(s): St. Croix County Fair Board, 4-H leaders' Council, County Committee Member, UW-Extension, FFA, etc.
3. The meeting to review the disciplinary action will be scheduled within 15 days of the request.

ATCP CHAPTER 160 – COUNTY & DISTRICT FAIR STATE AID

SUBCHAPTER 1 - GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND DEFINITIONS

ATCP 160.01 Definitions. As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Breed class" and "breeding class" mean a specific breed within a class such as holstein in the dairy class.
- (2) "Class" means a grouping in which exhibits may be entered, including an animal breed or age group for animal exhibits; a type of produce, crop or food; or a specific age, age group or educational grade level of exhibitor.
- (2m) "Face to Face judging" means a judging system using a discussion about each exhibit with the entire group.
- (3) "Danish judging system" means a judging system that allows for multiple first, second, third and fourth class selections as provided in s. ATCP 160.91 (4) (b).
- (4) "Department" as it relates to the organizational structure of a fair, means an animal species, production group, or other principal classification of exhibits. As used in any other context, "department" means the state of Wisconsin department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection.
- (5) "Division" means one of 3 exhibitor group classifications for a fair and is limited to junior division, open division and senior citizens division.
- (6) "Entry class" means a class in which the fair allows exhibitors to submit entries.
- (7) "Exotic domestic animal" means an animal that is not a common farm animal.
- (7e) "Face-to-face judging" means a judging system using a semiprivate discussion between the judge and the exhibitor with the following phases:
 - (a) Get acquainted.
 - (b) Learn the background of the exhibit.
 - (c) Self-evaluation.
 - (d) Evaluator comment.
 - (e) Parting.
- (7m) "Fair" means a county or district fair eligible to receive state aid under s. 93.23 (1) (b) or (c), Stats.
- (7s) "Fair board" means the governing entity of a fair.
- (8) "Lot" or "lot number" means the numerical designation assigned by a fair for a specific category of exhibits within a class.
- (9) "Market class" means a class that includes animals of a certain weight for the species that can be sold for slaughter.
- (10) "Premium" means a monetary prize that a fair awards to an exhibitor after judging all competing exhibits in the class to which the premium pertains.
- (11) "Regular judging system" means a judging system that allows for one first, second, third and fourth class selection as provided in s. ATCP 160.91 (4) (c).
- (12) "Self-determined project" means a project that meets all of the following criteria:
 - (a) It is approved by the fair board.
 - (b) Its subject matter is related to any of the junior fair departments 9, 10, 13 to 16, 18, or 20 to 29.
 - (c) It does not fall into a defined entry class within any department.
 - (d) It is carried out by a member of a youth organization.
- (13) "Youth organization" means an organization under adult leadership that has educational programming.

ATCP 160.02 Premium Requirements.

(1) GENERAL.

- (a) The state aid authorized by s. 93.23 (1), Stats., may be paid on net premiums paid by a fair. The department may withhold state premium aid from any fair that does not enforce animal health provisions under ch. ATCP 10 that are applicable to animals exhibited at the fair. State aid will be paid only on premiums actually paid by bank check or draft.
- (b) No deductions may be made from premium money won by an exhibitor. Premiums may, however, be withheld where exhibition rules established by the fair association are violated. A written statement of violation shall be submitted to the department to justify actions taken by a fair.
- (c) Premiums offered shall be definite in amount. No decrease or increase in published premiums may be made because of the financial condition or the organization or for any other reason.
- (e) No fair may receive state aid for a premium awarded to any exhibitor in the open division if that exhibitor entered the same exhibit in the junior division at the same fair. This paragraph does not apply if the exhibit was entered in the junior division only as part of a herd group, carcass class or performance class.
- (f) No state aid will be paid on the cost of ribbons, cups, trophy prizes or entertainment contests.

(2) PREMIUM LISTS.

- (a) Premiums for which state aid is requested by county and district fairs shall conform with the uniform premium list and other requirements set forth in these rules. Fairs requesting state aid for net premiums shall submit to the department a printed copy of the premium list used at the fair, as required under s. ATCP 160.92 (3) (c).
- (b) The officers of each fair shall mail a copy of the premium list to other associations, societies, or boards conducting a fair in Wisconsin upon request.
- (c) Sections ATCP 160.01 through 160.07 and 160.91 shall be published in premium books used by a fair for which state aid is requested.

(3) ENTRY FEES.

- (a) A fair may charge an exhibitor an entry fee or charge stall rents for animals, or both.
- (b) Exhibitors in department 35 shall not be required to purchase an exhibitor's ticket. Any other exhibitor may be required, if no entry fee is charged, to purchase an exhibitor's season ticket at a price not to exceed that charged for a non-exhibitor's season ticket.

(4) SPLIT FAIR DATES.

- (a) For purposes of this subsection, "split fair dates" occur when a fair organization judges exhibits or contests and pays premiums at more than one time or at more than one location during the calendar year.
- (b) Except as provided under par. (c), the department may not pay state aid for a fair having split dates unless the department gives advance written approval for a split fair. The department may approve split dates based on hardship.
- (c) The department may pay state aid for the following exhibits or contests in a fair having split dates with advance notification to the department:
 - 1. Clothing revue.
 - 2. Demonstrations.
 - 3. Favorite foods revue.
 - 4. Dogs.
 - 4m. Cats.
 - 5. Small animals.
 - 6. Rocketry.
 - 7. Shooting sports.
 - 7m. Mechanical projects.
 - 8. Other exhibits and contests that are similar to those identified in subsds. 1. to 7.
- (d) If there are split dates under par. (b) or (c), all blue ribbon winners shall repeat their demonstrations or exhibits at the regular fair dates unless the department grants a hardship exemption. An exhibitor may use audio-visual media, still photography or an educational display to repeat a demonstration or exhibit.

Ag 160.03 Exhibition Requirements. A county or district fair shall meet all of the exhibit requirements of this section to be eligible for state premium aid.

- (1) No fair society or other organization sponsoring a fair may require an exhibitor to become a member of the organization in order to enter an exhibit at the fair, nor may the sponsoring organization make any deduction from an exhibitor's premium as a donation to the fair society, or require an exhibitor in any other way to make a donation to the society.
- (2) State aid may not be approved for out-of-state exhibits or for separate classes of local and non-local exhibitors. Aid may not be approved for payment of premiums to an exhibitor having an out-of-state address but claiming Wisconsin residency unless the fair secretary provides the department with an affidavit that the exhibitor's residence is geographically located within the state.
- (3) State aid may be paid only on articles or animals actually on display in an exhibit building or actually shown in the show ring on regular fair dates unless approval for split fair dates is obtained under s. ATCP 160.02 (4). State aid may not be paid on Dairy Herd Improvement Association records, transportation aid, production contests or other special educational exhibits unless prior approval is obtained under s. ATCP 160.49 (7).
- (4) State aid may not be paid on exhibits removed from the fairgrounds before 4 p.m. on the last day of the fair, or such other later time as may be specified by the fair, without prior approval of the department. Authority for earlier removal may be granted by the department in case of meat animal sales or other special classes, if requested before the beginning of the fair. In other hardship cases, approval may be granted by the fair. Exhibits in dog obedience and small animal pet classes may be judged during the regular fair but are not required to remain present during the entire fair. The fair may prescribe the length of time junior fair exhibitors of horses shall keep their animal on the ground.

ATCP 160.05 Open Division; General Requirements

- (1) The total maximum premiums set forth for all places in any open division livestock class, excluding poultry and rabbits, may be divided into multiple premiums for a greater number of places, but the maximum premium offered for any additional place shall not be higher than the maximum for the last place in the class.
- (2) All animals in any open division class shall be owned by the exhibitor, except as provided in s. ATCP 160.09.
- (3) State aid may be paid on no more than 2 premiums awarded an exhibitor under one premium or lot number in open division individual livestock classes, except poultry and rabbits, and no more than one premium in all other classes, including poultry and rabbits.
- (4) State aid may not be used to award a premium to an exhibitor who exhibits an item or animal that has been exhibited in open class division previously in a state aid funded fair in that calendar year and resulted in a premium being awarded for that item or animal.
- (5) The fair board may establish specific classes by professional and amateur level groupings within classes for open class departments 14 to 28.

ATCP 160.07 Classes; General Requirements

- (1) Classes may be combined if the number of entries in several single classes is insufficient. If any classes are combined, state aid shall be limited to the maximum total premiums listed for a single class of animals, items or articles in that department.
- (2) (a) Except as provided under par. (b), no fair may receive state aid for premiums awarded for sexually intact male dairy cattle, beef cattle, sheep, goats, swine or horses unless those animals are registered. Registered status shall be documented by a certificate of registry from the appropriate breed association or society, or by a copy of the application for registration.
(b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to dairy cattle exhibited at a fair if a national breed association certifies that those dairy cattle are recorded in that breed association's qualified herd book which records the genealogy of that breed.
- (3) Any animal entered as part of a group class may also be exhibited in a class for individual animals.
- (4) Boars may not be entered as an exhibit in the swine department unless their tusks have been removed.
- (5) The age of an animal, for purposes of determining its entry class under this chapter, shall be determined as of the opening day of the fair.

ATCP 160.39 Senior Citizens Division; General Requirements

- (1) The age of exhibitors in the senior citizens division is limited to persons 62 years of age or over.
- (2) Exhibitors in the senior citizens division may not enter identical items or articles in both the senior citizens division and the corresponding classes of the regular open division.
- (3) State aid may not be used to award more than one premium to an exhibitor in a premium or lot number in the senior citizens division.
- (4) State aid may not be used to award a premium to an exhibitor who exhibits an item that has been exhibited in the senior citizens division previously in a state aid funded fair in that calendar year and resulted in a premium being awarded for that item.

ATCP 160.49 Junior Fair Division; General Requirements.

- (1) In the junior fair division, the department may pay state aid on prizes offered to exhibitors who are ages 8 to under 20 years of age on January 1 of the current fair year and exhibitors who are 5 to 9 years of age on January 1 of the current fair year who are exhibiting under s. ATCP 160.65. A fair board may establish specific entry classes within each department. A fair board may establish subgroups within a junior fair entry class based on the exhibitor's age or grade in school. The department may not pay state aid on prizes for club parades, club floats, song contests, or a project which is not an exhibit or demonstration at the fair.
- (2) All exhibitors in the junior fair division shall be members of a youth organization approved by the fair board.
- (3) Exhibits in the junior fair shall be the product of the exhibitor's own labor. An exhibit may include a study project, merit project or other special project, a skill area, or a supervised occupational experience in which the exhibitor is regularly enrolled, provided that the fair board approves the project, skill area, or supervised occupational experience as an exhibit.
- (4) State aid may not be used to award more than one premium to an exhibitor in a premium or lot number in the junior fair division, except for any of the following:
 - (a) A premium may be awarded to each member of a group that collectively owns and enters a livestock exhibit in departments one to 5 of subch. IV.
 - (b) An exhibitor may receive a separate premium for showmanship where authorized under subch. IV.
 - (c) An exhibitor may receive more than one premium in a department for which additional premiums are specifically authorized under subch. IV.
- (5) State aid may not be used to award a premium to an exhibitor who exhibits an item or animal that has been exhibited in the junior division previously in a state aid funded fair in that calendar year and resulted in a premium being awarded for that item or animal.
- (6) Special educational exhibits may be established if the proposal is presented to the department before October 1 of the year preceding its proposed establishment and the exhibit is approved by the department.
- (7) Within any junior fair department, a fair may establish special classes where none are specified under this subchapter. Special classes may include classes for grade and crossbred females in the beef, swine, sheep and horse departments. Premiums for special classes created under this subsection shall be equal to premiums for comparable classes established in the same department under this subchapter.
- (8) The fair board may establish specific classes are age or grade level groupings within classes for each of the junior fair departments 14 to 16, 18, 20 to 29, 31, 33, and 34.
- (9) Judging in the junior fair division may be done using the Regular, Conference, Face to Face or Danish judging system.

ATCP 160.91 Judging Regulations

- (1) Judging shall be done at fairs by individuals who are registered with the department. In no case shall any person who is an officer or director of a fair be eligible to judge exhibits at such fair; nor shall any person interested directly or indirectly in exhibits shown in any department of a fair be eligible to judge articles or animals in that department.
 - (1m) (a) An individual shall register by submitting to the department an application. The department shall register all individuals who qualify to be judges, including having the knowledge, training, or experience in the specific classes to be judged and adhering to ethical judging practices. The registration is valid for five years.

- (b) An individual submitting an application after July 1 may not judge for the current fair year.
- (c) A fair representative may request the department waive par. (b) in cases of unanticipated emergency situations.
- (2) Each judge at a fair shall be provided with a copy of the fair's premium book or list of entry classes at least 7 days prior to the opening date of the fair.
- (3) No animal or article, irrespective of the number of entries in the class in which it is entered, shall be awarded a higher rating than its merit would entitle it to in comparison to the standard of perfection in the class.
- (4) (a) Danish system judging may be used in the junior fair division. State aid may not be paid on premiums awarded under the Danish system in any other division.
 - (b) When classes in the junior fair division are judged according to the Danish system, 4 group placings shall be awarded in any class. When there are less than 8 exhibitors in the class, there shall not be more than 2 in the first group, not more than 4 in the first 2 groups and not more than 6 in the first 3 groups. If there are 8 or more entries in the class, there shall not be more than 25% in the first group, not more than 50% in the first 2 groups, and not more than 75% in the first 3 groups.
 - (c) The number of awards in the last group placing may be increased to the extent necessary to give awards to all exhibitors.
- (4g) When classes in the junior fair division are judged using the Conference judging system, the judge shall use sub. (4) (b) and (c) to award placements in a class.
- (5) If any class of exhibits at a fair is judged according to the regular system, the judges for that class may give only one first-place, one second-place, one third-place and one fourth-place award in that class.

IAFE CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

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.