

## STATE FAIR OF LOUISIANA LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT SHOW RING CODE OF ETHICS

Believing it is in the best interests of all breeders of all livestock to maintain a reputation of integrity and to continue to present a wholesome and progressive image in the show ring the Board of Directors of the State Fair of Louisiana lists herewith those practices which are considered unacceptable in presenting livestock in the show ring. The use of such practices or procedures is, therefore, considered unethical in the showing of livestock at the State Fair of Louisiana.

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 excepting normal exercise.
4. Striking the animal to cause swelling in a depressed area.
5. Surgery of any kind performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body, hide or hair. Not included is the removal of teats and horns, clipping and dressing of hair and trimming of hooves.
6. Insertions of foreign material under the skin.
7. Any attempt to change breed characteristics of an animal by changing the color of hair, fleece or skin at any point, spot or area on the animal's body will not be allowed to show.
8. The use of alcoholic beverages in the feed or administered as a drench.
9. Administration of a drug of any kind or description internally or externally prior to entering the show rings, except for treating a recognized disease or injury and for tranquilizing bulls two years old and over for the purposes of these rules, the term "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 which affect the circulatory, respiratory or central nervous system of an animal.
10. Balancing the udder by an abnormal means including the use of a mechanical contrivance or the injection of fluid or drugs.
11. If an exhibitor's animal is in violation of the Code of Ethics rules and regulations, in the opinion of the livestock show management, the exhibitor will forfeit all awards, premiums and sales for the animal. Furthermore, the exhibitor will be barred from participation in show/exhibiting all livestock and/or poultry in a 4-H or FFA event or program for a period of one (1) year. **Second violation** — If an exhibitor or a family member ( some one who legally reside in the same household and share the same address ) has another violation of the Code of Ethics rules and regulations, the **family** will be barred from participation in show/exhibiting all livestock and/or poultry in a 4-H or FFA event or program for a period of three (3) years.
12. Setting the teats and/or occluding (sealing the ends) with a mechanical contrivance or with the use of a chemical preparation.

13. Treating or massaging the udder or it's attachments with an irritant or counterirritant. 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 time of calving.

14. Criticizing or interfering with the judge or other exhibitors while in the show ring or other conduct detrimental to the breed or show.

15. Any violation of these rules will automatically disqualify the exhibitor and the livestock involved. Further, any premium monies earned will be refunded. Any exhibitor found violating this rule shall be ineligible to exhibit in the future at the State Fair of Louisiana.

16. DRUG TESTING: All Champion Market animals will be drug tested. All other Market Animals are subject to being drug tested upon request from State Fair of Louisiana officials.

17. RE-WEIGHING: Upon completion of each class show management will reweigh the top four market animals. Lambs and swine will be given a weight tolerance of 5% in gain or loss and steers a tolerance of 4% from the weight listed on the official card. Any animal not within this range will be disqualified. All steers competing for Championship honors will be re-weighed upon entering the make up ring. This includes Louisiana Bred Animals. The 4% tolerance will apply.

Note: Weights are not subject to protest.

19. The State Fair of Louisiana adheres to the International Association of Fair and Expositions Show Ring Code of Ethics.