

THE PUREBRED DAIRY CATTLE ASSOCIATION SHOW RING CODE OF ETHICS

The Purebred Dairy Cattle Association endorses this code of ethics in all breed shows and will give full cooperative support to the judges and respective national breed associations to keep show procedures within these guidelines. It is recognized that there are certain practices in the proper care and management of dairy cattle that are necessary in the course of moving dairy cattle to and between shows that are advisable to keep them in a sound, healthy condition so they might be presented in the show ring in a natural, normal condition. Conversely, the following practices or procedures are considered unacceptable in the showing of cattle.

The following practices or procedures are considered fraudulent or unethical and will be reported to the respective breed associations and show management and can result in animals or exhibitors being barred from showing in the respective breed shows:

- (1) Misrepresenting the age and/or milk status of the animal for the class in which it is shown.
- (2) Treating the animal, particularly the udder, internally or externally, with an irritant or counter-irritant, or substance to artificially improve the conformation.
- (3) Surgery or insertion of foreign material under the skin or into the body cavities performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body though not to preclude practices required or involved in normal management.
- (4) Criticizing or interfering with the judge, show management or other exhibitors while in the show ring or other conduct detrimental to the breed of the show.
- (5) Challenging, threatening, or interfering with an ethics committee appointed by show management to monitor the animals on exhibit on the show grounds.

The following violation is defined as an unethical practice that detracts from the show ring and will be given slight to serious discrimination. Exhibitors will be asked to undo or remove the manipulation before entering the show ring or the judge may give the animal discrimination in class by lowering the animal's rank:

- (1) Setting teats or manipulating a teat to alter its normal position as to unnaturally hold it plumb or alter its length is an unacceptable practice.

The following practices and procedures are considered to detract from the image of the show ring when carried to excess and will be give slight to moderate discrimination in placing animals within class:

- (1) Excessive manipulation of hair.
- (2) Use of artificial hair except for false swatches.
- (3) Unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of showmen.
- (4) Improper fitting practices such as over fitting and over bagging.
- (5) Mistreatment of animal.

Violations of these policies are subject to disqualification and/or disciplinary provisions of the appropriate dairy breed association and/or show management.