

2011 PROGRAM – THE BIG E YOUTH WORKING STEER ENTRY APPLICATION

THIS ENTRY IS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THIS PROGRAM.
TELEPHONE 413-205-5011 E-MAIL AGINFO@THEBIGE.COM
PRINT ALL INFORMATION – COMPLETE EVERY LINE

Alternate? YES / NO

Showing Division? JUNIOR / SENIOR

Alternate Attending? YES / NO (without team)

Catalog Number _____

PLEASE DETACH THIS APPLICATION AND SUBMIT IT TO YOUR CLUB LEADER.

PRINT ALL INFORMATION - COMPLETE EVERY LINE

NAME OF EXHIBITOR _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

TOWN _____ STATE ____ ZIP _____ TEL # _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

MEMBER'S AGE ____ SEX ____ BIRTHDATE MO ____ DAY ____ YEAR ____

MEMBER'S SCHOOL _____

NAMES OF ANIMALS _____

BREED _____

(ALL ANIMALS OVER 6 MONTHS MUST BE CASTRATED)

Please note any handicap the youth working steer member has that may require special accommodations to participate in this program.

I have read the rules and certify that the facts contained in the above are true, and that the applicant meets the eligibility qualifications of the rules. The applicant also agrees to participate in all activities and to be present at assemblies of the Youth Working Steer Program. Entrants will be responsible for their animal including any damage occurring to the animal or by the animal while on the grounds. Signatures signify compliance with rules and decisions of the Committee. The signatures below signify that I and my parent/guardian have read, understand and agree to abide by the rules in this document. These signatures also certify the facts contained in the above to be true and the applicant meets the eligibility qualifications of the rules. Entrants will be responsible for their animal including any damage occurring to the animal or by the animal while on the grounds.

SIGNATURE OF CLUB MEMBER

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

SIGNATURE OF STATE OFFICE REP. OR CLUB LEADER

***ALL** Signatures MUST be completed before entry will be accepted. Entries are due August 20 at the appropriate state contact. You may obtain additional entry applications from your state club leader. State contact must send applications to Eastern States Exposition Agriculture office postmarked by AUGUST 25. **This deadline will be enforced.**

Teamster Info Sheet

Name _____

Town & State _____

Your Age _____

Your School _____

Year In School _____

Years In Working Steer Program _____

Years Attending The Big E _____

Steer Names _____

Steer Ages _____ Steer Weights _____

Breeds _____

What I enjoy most about training or showing my cattle is

The most difficult part of training cattle is

2011 RULES FOR THE YOUTH WORKING STEER ACTIVITY

1. **ELIGIBILITY** - This program is open to all qualified Steer Club members over 10 years of age, 12 years of age in New Hampshire, as of January 1. Quotas per state are as follows: Massachusetts 3, Connecticut/Rhode Island -6, Maine 10, New Hampshire 8, and Vermont 4 pair. TOTAL: 31. Each member participating is required to contribute \$30 by either soliciting sponsorships or by direct cash contribution. Sponsors will be listed in the catalog. These funds are used to buy trophies and other items not covered by Eastern States Exposition. All animals over six months of age must be castrated.
2. **ATTENDANCE** - Members and animals must arrive AT THE MALLARY COMPLEX of Eastern States Exposition between 12 noon and 4 p.m. on Friday, September 23 and will be released upon completion of the awards ceremony on Monday, September 26. ALL EXHIBITORS MUST REMAIN ON THE FAIRGROUNDS FROM ARRIVAL ON FRIDAY UNTIL RELEASED ON MONDAY and must vacate the barn as soon as possible after dismissal.
3. **HOUSING AND MEALS** – Eastern States Exposition will provide housing and meals for Youth Working Steer members and authorized chaperones and leaders at the 4-H Dormitory (Horace Moses Building). Adult chaperones must be provided for both boys and girls.
4. **CAMPER POLICY**—Please see 4-H and YWS Camper Policy page
5. **INDIVIDUAL HEALTH CONDITION** - Members must obtain from state or county leaders a health form to be filled out and signed by parents or guardians. This procedure gives permission for doctors to administer medical treatment, if necessary to do so.
6. **UNIFORMS** – Plain white colored shirts, green or khaki pants.
7. **PASSES** - Three personal and two auto passes will be provided to each participant for getting their exhibits and themselves on and off the grounds. Additional passes for family members may be purchased in advance through the Agriculture Office. Please call (413)205-5011.
8. **BEDDING AND HAY** Eastern States Exposition will provide bedding and hay for cattle while at The Big E.
9. **ANIMAL HEALTH** – Please see the Massachusetts Dept of Animal Health regulations page.
10. **DISPLAY/DECORATIONS** - No decorating other than kick boards, utensil holders, or educational exhibits will be allowed.
11. **REQUIREMENTS** - All Steers must have horns to be eligible for this program.
12. **ONLY EXHIBITORS ARE ALLOWED TO WORK ON THEIR OWN ANIMALS WHILE ON THE FAIRGROUNDS.** This is to include feeding animals and cleaning out animals. Exhibitors must perform in all scheduled classes for Youth Working Steers.
13. **Cattle must be hitched with face halters- NO STRAPS OR CHAINS can be used.**
14. Whip and lash, goad sticks, or buggy whips may be used – stick not to be more than 4 ft long and ½ inch diameter on the small end.
15. **PULLING SPECIFICS** - In senior pulling competition, the drag will not be loaded in excess of 60% of the animal's weight with consideration given to size and age of animals. In junior pulling competition, the drag will not be loaded in excess of 50% of the animal's weight with consideration given to size and age of animals.
16. **YOKES** - If a participant uses a certain style yoke for one class, the same style yoke should be used for all three classes. This may include a neck yoke, head yoke or sliding yoke.
17. **SAFETY** - If the judge sees something going wrong, the judge should stop the teamster, but judge them accordingly. If the judge doesn't see it happening due to writing notes, etc. the superintendent should say something to the judge. The safety of the teamsters and cattle are paramount.
18. **LOSS OR DAMAGE** - All exhibits will be under the direction of Eastern States Exposition Management, who will exercise every reasonable care in the protection of exhibits. In no case will Eastern States Exposition or management be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any loss, injury or damage to any animal; or loss, injury or damage done by or arising from any animal exhibited by him/her and shall indemnify Eastern States Exposition against legal or other proceedings in regard thereto.

HERDSMANSHIP SCORING CRITERIA

The following will be taken into consideration -

1. Cleanliness of stalls and animals
2. Promptness in having stalls cleaned by 9 a.m.
3. Neat arrangement of equipment of feed and tack area
4. Personal appearance of herdsman
5. Observance of rules and regulations (fire codes, animal health)
6. Cooperating with officials (within the ring and in the barn)
7. Interaction with the Public (politely and willingly answers all questions asked by public)

2011 YOUTH WORKING STEER SCHEDULE

Friday, September 23

- 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. All Working Steer members arrive via Gate 1 & 10 to be stabled in the Mallary Complex then check into the 4-H Moses Dormitory.
- 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Supper - 4-H Dining Hall
- 8:00 p.m. Orientation/Ice Cream Social
- 10:30 p.m. All members must be in the 4-H Dormitory

Saturday, September 24

- 6:30 - 8:00 a.m. Breakfast - 4-H Dining Hall
- 8:00 a.m. Weigh-in - Scales
- 11:30 - 1:00 P.M. Lunch - 4-H Dining Hall
- 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Junior Fitting and Showing Contest - Mallary Arena 1
- 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Senior Fitting and Showing Contest - Mallary Arena 1
- 10:30 p.m. All members must be in the 4-H Dormitory

Sunday, September 25

- 6:30 - 8:00 a.m. Breakfast - 4-H Dining Hall
- 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Junior Performance on Cart- Mallary Arena 1
- 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch - 4-H Dining Hall
- 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Senior Performance on Cart - Mallary Arena 1
- 10:30 p.m. All members must be in the 4-H Dormitory

Monday, September 26

- 6:30 - 8:00 a.m. Breakfast - 4-H Dining Hall
- 8:00 - 12:00 noon Senior and Junior Pulling Mallary Arena 1
- 11:30 a.m. Youth Working Steer Awards Ceremony – Mallary Arena 1
- 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch - 4-H Dining Hall

Releases will be issued following completion of activities.

4-H CAMPER POLICY:

1. Camper spaces are reserved for those serving in an official capacity with their state 4-H program at The Big E. Each state will provide to ESE no more than 3 names for each activity. The list needs to include the responsibilities of each person they are requesting receive a camper space reservation. This one list from each state will be provided to the Agriculture office by August 15 of each year. If not postmarked or received by August 15, ESE reserves the right to use these spaces for other purposes. The following methods of communication are acceptable:

- a. US Mail ESE Ag Office 1305 Memorial Ave W. Spfld, MA 01089
- b. Email aginfo@thebige.com

Please Note: Lists will not be accepted via the telephone!

2. Camper spaces in the Mallery Agriculture Complex area and the area designated for the 4H Horse Committee in the Horse Show camping area are assessed a \$10 per camper per night fee. Depending on state policy, these fees must be paid by the individual or state prior to the issuing of a sticker.

3. No cars, trucks or other non-camper vehicles are allowed to be used as overnight accommodations on the grounds of The Big E. Any vehicles used in this manner will be towed.

- a. Eastern States Exposition does not encourage the use of tents due to their possible placement near moving vehicles in our public parking lot. Persons wishing to use canvas-sided/pop-up/tent campers must tell the Parking Attendant upon entering the parking area so they may be directed to the designated areas. For specific information, please contact the Admissions Department of The Big E at (800)639-2908.
- b. No tents are allowed in the Mallery Agriculture Complex parking area.
- c. Any persons using canvas-sided/pop-up/tent-type campers will be required to sign a waiver accepting all responsibility for any theft, safety and/or personal liability.
- d. Management reserves the right to refuse access, and is not responsible for accidents or personal loss, injury or damages to any property.
- e. Space is reserved upon receipt of payment and signed Camper Reservation Form. (your check must accompany the registration form) By signing the Camper Reservation Form the individual agrees to assume all risks. (SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED)

4. More information is available regarding the availability of camper parking spaces for parents and non-official personnel in our public parking lot. For specific information regarding public parking camping and pricing, please email us at aginfo@thebige.com.

EMERGENCY PROTOCOL (SEE SPECIFIC LOCATIONS)

Fairgrounds in general

In the case of a major emergency on the fairgrounds, all 4-H members, leaders and chaperones are to report to the front lawn of their respective state buildings along the Avenue of States and remain there until released by the 4-H Dormitory Supervisor.

Mallery Complex and New England Center

In case of emergency on the fairgrounds, all 4-H members, leaders and chaperones participating in activities in the Mallery Complex or New England Center should follow the instruction of Eastern States Exposition personnel or staff given through announcements and stay in a group with their volunteer leaders.

► **Emergency contact telephone numbers**

800-639-2908 or 413-737-2443 and ask for Agriculture Office
413-205-5011 Agriculture Department
413-205-5185 Moses Dormitory Office
413-205-5250 First Aid
413-205-5152 Lost People
413-205-5253 Big E Security—24 Hour

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES &
FAIRS**

In addition to complying with all laws and regulations governing animal health issues (M.G.L.C. 129 §§14D, 14E, 44 and 330 CMR 4.03, 4.07, 16.03), all fairs must adopt and enforce the following rules for governance of the fair:

2011 FAIRS ANIMAL HEALTH RULES

NO ANIMAL WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE FAIRGROUNDS UNLESS IT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS BELOW. NO ANIMAL IS TO BE UNLOADED OR ENTER A BARN OR TIE-OUT STALL UNTIL THE ANIMAL AND ITS PAPERWORK HAVE BEEN INSPECTED AND APPROVED FOR ENTRY.

General Rules for All Animals

1. All animals must be in proper physical condition, be properly identified and free of visual evidence of infectious, contagious or parasitic disease at time of arrival. Specific diseases and conditions which will disqualify an animal for entry are identified for each species in the following sections of the rules. Animals of any species with open or draining wounds will not be approved for entry.
 2. Evidence of infectious, contagious or parasitic disease or failure to produce the necessary documents for health certification, vaccination or testing will result in the animal's rejection for entry. All livestock must have proper ID. For animals identified by microchip, readers must be available to the Inspectors. **THE INSPECTOR'S DECISION IS FINAL.**
- 1. SEE INDIVIDUAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH SPECIES LISTED BELOW.**

Poultry

1. No poultry will be admitted to a fairground until it has been individually inspected.
2. All poultry must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases: infectious bronchitis, coryza, pullorum-typhoid, fowl-pox, external parasites and laryngotracheitis.
3. Each bird must be accompanied by written proof (ID card or test report) that the breeding flock was blood-tested negative for pullorum-typhoid within one year prior to entry date.
4. Birds from quarantined states will not be permitted entry.
5. All birds over 16 weeks of age as of January 1, 2011 shall be individually leg banded with a state leg band. This includes out of state exhibitors.
6. No bird vaccinated for laryngotracheitis within thirty days of the fair will be admitted.

Cattle, Goats and Camelids (Llamas, Alpacas, etc.)

1. All animals entering a Massachusetts fairground from out-of-state or from within Massachusetts must be accompanied by a valid health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian certifying that the animals are clinically free of infectious or contagious disease and exposure to such disease. Cattle and Camelids must be identified by ear tag, tattoo, registration or microchip. **Note that all animals, goats, kids, calves and crias presented, regardless of age, must be individually listed and identified on the health certificate – this includes any new animals born during the fair season.** Documents of health certification for out of state animals must be written on relevant state or federal health forms only. In-state animals may be accompanied by a certificate of examination on a veterinarian's letterhead stationery which clearly identifies the contact information for the veterinarian signing the certification. Certificates written on plain paper are not acceptable. These certificates must be available upon request to fair inspectors. Health Certificates must be dated January 1, 2011 or later. These documents will be accepted for the entire fair season in Massachusetts.
2. All of the above animals must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions: foot rot, mange, pink-eye, ringworm, warts, cow-pox and open or draining wounds.

3. In addition, all Goats must also be free of sore mouth and scrapie exposure. Based on the Federal Scrapie Eradication Program (FSEP), goats of any age or sex brought to a show or exhibition from either out of state or within state must possess a USDA approved individual identification tag, tattoo, or electronic implant consistent with the requirements of the FSEP and Massachusetts Emergency Order 1-AHO-06. Information regarding approved tags, tattoos, and electronic implants is available from the USDA-APHIS office in Sutton, MA at 508-363-2290.
4. Blue Tongue testing is required for Camelids originating from outside the Commonwealth. Exception: Animals from a USDA declared "Low Incident State" are exempt. Note: the six New England states and New York are declared low incident states.
5. While not required, it is strongly recommended that all cattle be currently vaccinated for rabies.

Swine

1. All swine entering a Massachusetts fairground must be accompanied by a valid health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian certifying that the animals are clinically free of infectious or contagious disease and exposure to such disease. Documents of health certification for out-of-state animals must be written on relevant state or federal health forms only. In-state animals may be accompanied by a certificate of examination on a veterinarian's letterhead stationery which clearly identifies the contact information for the veterinarian signing the certification. Certificates written on plain paper are not acceptable. These certificates must be available upon request to fair inspectors. Health certificates must be dated January 1, 2011 or later. These documents will be accepted for the entire fair season in Massachusetts.
2. Swine must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions: erysipelas, atrophic rhinitis, mange and open or draining wounds.
3. All swine must be identified by an official ear tag or registration.
4. No person shall import into Massachusetts from outside the state any swine which have been pseudorabies vaccinated (M.G.L. c. 129 §14E). No person shall import into Massachusetts swine from Stage I or Stage II Pseudorabies states.
5. All swine shall originate from qualified pseudorabies-free herds or monitored herds in qualified pseudorabies-free states only. The pseudorabies status of the exhibitor's state can be obtained from the State Veterinarian's office in each state.

Sheep

1. Sheep entering a Massachusetts fairground must have a valid health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian certifying that the animals are clinically free of infectious or contagious disease and exposure to such disease. Documents of health certification for out of state animals must be written on relevant state or federal health forms only. In-state animals may be accompanied by a certificate of examination on a veterinarian's letterhead stationery which clearly identifies the contact information for the veterinarian signing the certification. Certificates written on plain paper are not acceptable. These certificates must be available upon request to fair inspectors. Health certificates must be dated January 1, 2011 or later. These documents will be acceptable for the entire fair season in Massachusetts.
2. Sheep must be free from visual evidence of foot rot, sore mouth, pink eye, ringworm, and open and draining wounds.
3. No sheep will be allowed entry from flocks in which Scrapie has been diagnosed or in which animals are under surveillance for Scrapie during the previous eighteen months. Based on the Federal Scrapie Eradication Program (FSEP), sheep of any age or sex brought to a show or exhibition from either out of state or within state must possess a USDA approved individual identification tag, tattoo, or electronic implant consistent with the requirements of the FSEP and Massachusetts Emergency Order 1-AHO-06. Information regarding approved tags, tattoos, and electronic implants is available from the USDA-APHIS office in Sutton, MA at 508-363-2290.
4. No sheep will be permitted entry from flocks in which Soremouth has existed or in which Soremouth Vaccine has been administered in the previous sixty days.
5. While not required, it is strongly recommended that sheep be currently vaccinated against rabies.

Equine

1. All equines entering a Massachusetts fairground must have a valid health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian certifying that the animals are clinically free of infectious or contagious disease and exposure to such disease. Documents of health certification for out of state animals must be written on relevant state or federal health forms only. In-state animals may be accompanied by a certificate of examination on a veterinarian's letterhead stationery which clearly identifies the contact information for the veterinarian signing the certification. Certificates written on plain paper are not acceptable. These certificates must be available upon request to fair inspectors. Health certificates must be dated January 1, 2011 or later. These documents will be acceptable for the entire fair season in Massachusetts.
2. All equines must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions: mange, ringworm, soring, strangles, and open or draining wounds.
3. All equines originating from within and outside of the Commonwealth must have a negative USDA-approved EIA test (i.e., Coggins test or ELISA test) dated within twelve months of entry. A detailed description of the horse must appear on the test form, and must match the description that appears on the health certificate.
4. While not required, it is strongly recommended that all equines be vaccinated for rabies, tetanus and EEE within one year of the fair.

Rabbits

1. Rabbits must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases: snuffles, wet tail, skin and ear infections.

Dogs and Cats

1. All dogs and cats must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases: kennel cough, distemper, hepatitis, parvo, ringworm and mange.
2. All dogs and cats over six months of age must have a valid and current vaccination certificate for rabies.

EVACUATION PLAN FOR ANIMALS ON EXHIBITION AT EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION

If an event should occur on the Exposition grounds that would require the evacuation or removal of animals being exhibited or shown under the control of the Agriculture Department of Eastern States Exposition, the following guidelines should be implemented to assist in the timely and orderly evacuation of these animals.

1. The Director of Agriculture and Education of the Exposition will notify the Security Department that a situation exists that would require the evacuation of some or all of the animals on the Exposition grounds.
2. Upon notification from the Exposition Director of Agriculture and Education, a Seasonal Police supervisor will be dispatched to the Agriculture Department office located in the Mallary Complex, or other location as directed, to act as a liaison between the Seasonal Police and the Agriculture Department Director.
3. This supervisor, at the direction of the Agriculture Department will establish a central location where the Agriculture Department exhibitors will stand by to be transported or escorted to off grounds parking so vehicles to be used to transport the animals off grounds may be rapidly returned to the Exposition grounds to be loaded out.
4. If the animals need to be removed immediately from the buildings they are to be housed in the Coliseum. The Security Department will provide officers to secure the route to this location and assist in isolating the Coliseum once the animals are moved. Removal of animals from the building will proceed under the Direction of the West Springfield Fire Department.
5. The Security Department shall provide all available vehicles to transport drivers or escort vehicles to retrieve trailers from off ground locations.
6. A Seasonal Police supervisor shall accompany the vehicles to the off grounds location to assist in assembling a convoy of vehicles to be escorted back to the Exposition grounds for loading.
7. Should the disposal of animal remains be necessary the Director of Agriculture will work with R G Webster Enterprises and the MDAR(Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resources) to assure that this is done in a timely manner.
8. All operations shall continue until directed by the Director of Agriculture to be suspended.

QUARANTINE PLAN FOR ANIMALS ON EXHIBITION AT EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION

Should the MDAR (Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resources) determine that a mass quarantine needs to take place at the Exposition, the Director of Agriculture will follow all directives issued by MDAR, and acting with the assistance of the Seasonal Security secure the quarantine area and proceed to set up care of all quarantined animals.





West Springfield Fire Department
44 Van Deene Avenue
West Springfield, MA 01089-3214
(413) 732-2650



**FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS
FOR
AGRICULTURAL SHOWS**

1. **NO SMOKING ALLOWED IN BARN / COLISEUM / MALLARY COMPLEX**
2. **NO OPEN FLAME(S) ARE ALLOWED IN ANY BUILDING**
3. **ALL FABRICS USED AS BACK DROPS AND/OR DISPLAY MUST BE FLAME RETARDANT**
 - use of spray flame retardants is acceptable
4. **BURLAP MATERIAL IS NOT ALLOWED AS BACK DROP OR DISPLAY MATERIAL**
5. **BARK MULCH AND CORN STALKS ARE NOT ALLOWED FOR DISPLAY MATERIAL**
 - Large wood chips or coarse bark mulch may be used IN BARNs but shall be kept damp at all times
6. **BEDDING MATERIAL NOT ALLOWED ON THE FLOOR OF ANY AISLE FOR DISPLAY PURPOSES**
 - This includes wood shavings, wood sawdust, peat moss, fine ground wood mulch, loose straw, etc.
7. **FEED AND/OR BEDDING MATERIAL IS NOT ALLOWED FOR DISPLAY MATERIAL**
 - This includes CORNSTALKS, green and/or dry
8. **NO MOTORIZED GASOLINE/DIESEL VEHICLES (SCOOTERS/GOLF CARTS) ALLOWED IN THE BUILDING**
9. **NO EXCESSIVE ACCUMULATION OF LITTER OR RUBBISH ALLOWED**
10. **ALL EXITS SHALL REMAIN FREE AND CLEAR AT ALL TIMES**
11. **ALL FIRE LANES SHALL REMAIN FREE AND CLEAR AT ALL TIMES**
12. **ALL FIRE ALARM PULL STATIONS AND ANY OTHER FIRE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT SHALL BE FREE AND CLEAR OF OBSTRUCTIONS AND READILY VISIBLE**
13. **COVERINGS ARE NOT ALLOWED OVER MAIN AND SIDE AISLES**
 - such as banners, farm signs or pop-up tents
14. **ALL AISLES SHALL BE A MINIMUM 10 FEET IN WIDTH AND SHALL REMAIN FREE AND CLEAR AT ALL TIMES**

AISLE DISPLAYS IN BARNs:
Aisle display widths are not to exceed;
Main aisles - 30" from each side
Side aisles - 24" from each side
15. **ALL FIRE EXTINGUISHERS SHALL BE ACCESSIBLE AT ALL TIMES**
16. **NO SIGNS, DECORATIONS OR PRODUCTS SHALL BE ATTACHED TO ANY PART OF ANY SPRINKLER SYSTEM**
17. **NO LARGE ROUND/SQUARE BALES OF HAY/STRAW AND/OR OPEN PILES OF SILAGE/HAYLAGE ARE ALLOWED IN THE BUILDING. FEED/BEDDING MATERIAL MUST BE BAGGED OR BALED IN SMALL SQUARE OR ROUND BALES (LESS THAN 400LBS) FOR SAFE STORAGE**

Revised 3/14/03


DAVID R. BARKMAN, FIRE CHIEF

**SMOKING IS PROHIBITED
IN BARNs!**

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

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 National 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, conformation 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 Expositions* 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 National 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.

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EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION

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- ☎ Telephones
- ♿ Restrooms
- ♿ Handicap accessible
- ☎ TTY Telephone
- 👶 Baby Changing Station
- ★ Unisex Handicap Restrooms

**TO GATE 9
PUBLIC PARKING ENTRANCE**

1 Mile to Springfield and I-91