DIVISION A - DAIRY CATTLE SHOW

Special Dairy Rules

1. All exhibitors are expected to abide by the P.D.C.A. Show Code of Ethics outlined and the Maryland 4-H/FFA Code of Animal Science Ethics. **No washing of cattle in the sheep/swine barn.**

2. **Bedding must be removed from stalls and placed in the assigned area before leaving. NO SHAVINGS/SAWDUST to be used as bedding due to a new manure removal source. Premiums will be forfeited for failure to clean stalls and remove bedding from stalls.**

3. **Fitting and Showing:**
   a. **Show Ring Attire**
      - **4-H & FFA Boys** - WHITE pants with WHITE shirt. Neck pieces optional, but encouraged. (Caps shall **not** be worn in the show ring).
      - **4-H & FFA Girls** - WHITE pants or skirt with WHITE shirt. Neck pieces optional, but encouraged. (Caps shall **not** be worn in the show ring).
      **(PREMIUMS SHALL BE FORFEITED IF DRESS CODE IS VIOLATED!)**
      No farm names or other identification shall appear on the show uniforms. Safe, appropriate attire, including footwear is required at all times.

   b. Fitting and showing classes will begin at 10 a.m. and will be by age of exhibitor and all breeds will compete together in those age classes. Junior, Intermediate, Senior, and Grand Champion Fitting and Showing will be chosen from the appropriate class winners.

   c. Fitting and showing classes will be divided by member's age as of January 1 of the current year:
      - Junior Exhibitor - age 8
      - Junior Exhibitor - age 9
      - Junior Exhibitor - age 10
      - Intermediate Exhibitor - age 11
      - Intermediate Exhibitor - age 12
      - Intermediate Exhibitor - age 13
      - Senior Exhibitor - age 14
      - Senior Exhibitor - age 15
      - Senior Exhibitor - age 16
      - Senior Exhibitor - age 17-18

   d. **4-H and FFA exhibitors are expected to do their own fitting for participation in these classes. Show will begin at 10 a.m. starting with Junior Showmanship Exhibitor-Ages 8 & 9.**
4. Breed Classes

a. The maximum number of animals any exhibitor may receive premiums for is five (5). Additional animals may be entered, but no premiums will be paid. Exhibitors may show only one animal in each class, except the aged cow class where two animals can be shown. The showman of the second animal must be of the same chronological age or younger. The showman must be approved by the show chairman.

b. All dairy animals must be registered in the exhibitor's name. Registration papers will be checked. The exhibitor of any animal for which registration papers have not been received by the day of the show must have proof that an application for the animal's registration has been filed with the Breed Association. This can be accomplished by a fax with time stamp from the Association acknowledging receipt. Animals 2 years of age and over must be owned by the exhibitor before the animal reaches her second birthday. Dairy calves purchased at spring sales can be showed, exhibitor needs to provide the needed information as listed in the sale catalog.

Dairy animals in the Maryland 4-H Dairy Cattle Leasing Program must be assigned to the youth by June 1 of the current year. The individual must comply with the rules stated in the Maryland 4-H Dairy Leasing agreement and present signed lease papers at time of check-in.

c. Exhibitors of dual registered Shorthorn cattle may show in only one category, either as Milking Shorthorn, or Beef Shorthorn, not both.

d. Exhibitors must show their own animal. Illness or emergency will be the only cases considered. If this happens the exhibitor or parent must report to the show chairman prior to the show. If a substitute showman is approved, he or she must be of the same chronological age or younger.

e. Exhibitors will be permitted to substitute one animal for another.

f. Judging will begin with Fitting and Showing. Junior age groups will show first, working up to the older members last.
5. Awards

- Ribbons will be awarded to 10 places in each class.
- An award will be presented the Grand Champion animal of each breed and a rosette to the Reserve Grand Champion of each breed.
  - A rosette will be awarded to the Junior and Senior Champion and Reserve Junior and Reserve Senior Champion of each breed.
  - A rosette will be awarded the first place individual in each fitting and showing age class.
  - An award will be presented to the Junior, Intermediate and Senior fitting and showing champion.
  - Junior champion fitting and showing winner will be chosen from the winners of class 1, 2, 3.
  - Intermediate champion fitting and showing winner will be chosen from the winners of classes 4, 5, 6.
  - Senior champion fitting and showing winner will be chosen from the winners of classes 7, 8, 9, 10.
- An award will be presented to the Grand Champion from the three Fitting and Showing Age Champions.
- A Supreme Champion will be selected from the Breed Grand Champions and an appropriate award presented
- A Junior Supreme Champion will be selected from the Breed Junior Champions and an appropriate award presented.

Classes
Fitting and Showing classes all breeds combined
1. Fitting and Showing - Junior Exhibitors (age 8)
2. Fitting and Showing - Junior Exhibitors (age 9)
3. Fitting and Showing - Junior Exhibitors (age 10)
4. Fitting and Showing - Intermediate Exhibitors (age 11)
5. Fitting and Showing - Intermediate Exhibitors (age 12)
6. Fitting and Showing - Intermediate Exhibitors (age 13)
7. Fitting and Showing - Senior Exhibitors (age 14)
8. Fitting and Showing - Senior Exhibitors (age 15)
9. Fitting and Showing - Senior Exhibitor (age 16)
10. Fitting and Showing - Senior Exhibitor (age 17-18)

- Junior Champion Fitting and Showing - selected from winners of classes 1, 2, 3
- Intermediate Champion Fitting and Showing - selected from winners of classes 4, 5, 6
- Senior Champion Fitting and Showing - selected from winners of classes 7, 8, 9 and 10
- GRAND CHAMPION FITTING AND SHOWING WINNER - selected from Junior, Intermediate and Senior Champion Fitting and Showing winner
HOLSTEIN and JERSEY BREED CLASSES

12. Fall Heifer Calf - Born September 1 through November 30, 2014
13. Summer Yearling Heifer - Born June 1 through August 31, 2014
15. Winter Yearling Heifer - Born December 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014
16. Fall Yearling Heifer - Born September 1 through November 30, 2013

**Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champion**

17. Unfresh Jr. 2 yr old - Born March 1 through August 31, 2013
18. Cow, Jr. 2 yr. old - Born March 1 through August 31, 2013
19. Cow, Sr. 2 yr. old - Born September 1, 2012 through February 28, 2013
20. Cow, Jr.3 yr. old - Born March 1 through August 31, 2012
21. Cow, Sr.3 yr. old - Born September 1, 2011 through February 28, 2012
22. Cow, 4 yr. old - Born September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011
23. Aged Cow 5 yr. old and over - Born prior to September 1, 2010
24. Dry Cow Class (must have freshened at least once)

**Senior Champion and Reserve Senior Champion**

AYRSHIRE, BROWN SWISS, GUERNSEY, MILKING SHORTHORN and RED AND WHITE BREED CLASSES

26. Fall Heifer Calf – Born September 1, through November 30, 2014
27. Summer Yearling Heifer – Born June 1, through August 31, 2014
28. Spring Yearling Heifer – Born March 1, through May 31, 2014
29. Winter Yearling Heifer – Born December 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014
30. Fall Yearling Heifer – Born September 1, through November 30, 2013

**Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champion**

31. Unfresh Jr. 2 yr old- Born March 1 through August 31, 2013
32. Cow, Jr. 2 yr. old - Born March 1, through August 31, 2013
33. Cow, Sr. 2 yr. old - Born September 1, 2012 through February 28, 2013
34. Cow, Jr. 3 yr. old - Born March 1, through August 31, 2012
35. Cow, Sr. 3 yr. old - Born September 1, 2011 through February 28, 2012
36. Aged Cow, 4 yrs. & over - Born prior to September 1, 2011
37. Dry Cow Class (must have freshened at least once)

**Senior Champion and Reserve Senior Champion**
DIVISION B - DAIRY STEER SHOW

Special Rules

1. Steers must be 100% dairy breed. A copy of the State Veterinary Health Certificate must be brought to the Show and available for the State Veterinarian to check.

2. Exhibitor may show a maximum of two animals in the dairy steer show.

3. Steers must be dehorned, castrated and healed before the show.

4. **Dairy steers are to be weighed between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. on the beef scales.** All dairy steers will be weighed and shown in classes as determined by show committee.

5. Dairy Steam Judging will be at 9:30 a.m. preceding the dairy show. **If exhibitor is showing two species, when a class is called, and exhibitor is showing in another species – the class will not be held for that exhibitor. Animal could be shown by younger 4-H’er.**

6. Steers must not have their legs "boned" up or the tails put in artificial balls.

7. Show sticks will not be allowed.

8. Dairy steers need to have a State Market Livestock registration form on file in the County Extension Office and be tagged with an official Md. 4-H Livestock Tag.

9. **Bedding must be removed from stalls and grounds or premiums will be forfeited.**

Awards

- Ribbons will be awarded in each class.
- An award and rosette will be awarded to the Grand Champion Dairy Steam and a rosette to Reserve Champion Dairy Steam.
- An award and rosette will be awarded the Champion exhibitor in Fitting and Showing.

Classes

1. Fitting and Showing - Senior Exhibitors (14-18)
2. Fitting and Showing - Junior Exhibitors (8-13)
3. Champion Fitting and Showing
4. Dairy Feeder Calves (Classes will be divided by weight)
5. Dairy Steers (Lightweight and Heavyweight classes will be divided)
6. Grand Champion Dairy Steam
The Purebred Dairy Cattle Association

Show Ring Code of Ethics

Adopted April 3, 2004

The showing of registered dairy cattle stimulates and sustains interest in the breeding of registered dairy cattle. It is also an important part of the promotion, merchandising and breeding program of many breeders. For these reasons, the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association (PDCA) believes that it is in the best interest of all breeders of registered dairy cattle to maintain a reputation of integrity in dairy cattle shows and to present a wholesome and progressive image of dairy cattle in the show ring.

PDCA endorses this Show Ring Code of Ethics for all dairy breed shows and pledges its full cooperative support for its enforcement to show management, show judges, and the national breed associations.

The application of this Code of Ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal’s condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter 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. Dairy cattle exhibitors shall, at all times, deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship.

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 state so they might be presented in the show ring in a natural, normal condition. At all times, exhibition livestock shall be treated in a humane manner and in accordance with dairy quality assurance practices so as to protect the health, safety and welfare of the livestock and the consuming public. No person shall present for exhibition or exhibit an animal which he or she knows, or has reason to suspect, is affected with or has been exposed to a dangerously contagious or infectious disease, or illegal or non-approved use of drugs, medication and/or prohibited substance, or residue.

The position of the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association is that all animals presented for exhibition shall be in their natural conformation and structure, free of any alteration or modification by injection or internal or external administration of any substance or by any involvement in unethical fitting.

Grooming and Preparation

Dairy cattle exhibitions are conducted under standards for evaluating conformation established by the PDCA Unified Score Card (1994), with specific breed characteristics taken into consideration by the show judge. In this connection, animals will be groomed and prepared for the judge's evaluation in order to display the animal's natural contour, conformation, performance and mobility. Specifically:

1. External applications of cosmetics that affect only appearance may be used, including by way of example hoof polishes and false switches.
2. The maximum allowable length of naturally growing hair anywhere on the topline is not to exceed 1” Exhibitors will be required to comply with this rule before the animal is allowed to enter the ring.
3. Addition of foreign objects, including but not limited to hair or hair substitutes, cloth or fiber, to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body is prohibited.
4. Externally sealing the teat end with a preparation that does not harm the animal's skin is permissible. Natural teat placement will be given preference over artificially positioned teats.

Violations: False, Deceptive or Unacceptable Practices

These practices are violations of the Code of Ethics and will be reported to show management and may be reported to the respective national breed associations:

1. Misrepresenting the age and/or milking status of the animal for the class in which it is shown.
2. Treating the animal, particularly the udder, internally or externally:
   a. with an irritant or counter-irritant,
   b. using a device to artificially create or enhance the udder crease,
   c. using other substances as detected by testing that causes changes in the udder to artificially improve the conformation.
   d. plugging of teat canal with foreign substances.
3. Surgical or unethical insertion of any matter under the skin or into body cavities, performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body (e.g., administration of fluid via a stomach tube or other similar apparatus to fill the rumen), 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 or 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.
Exhibitor Responsibility

The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter and/or absolutely responsible person (hereinafter referred to as "Exhibitor") for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, milk, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Materials may also be collected by ultrasound and photographic methods and by direct examination of animal.

The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter and/or absolutely responsible person (the "Exhibitor") to have disciplinary action for violation of this Show Ring Code of Ethics taken by show management, the state in which the show occurs, and/or the national dairy breed association without recourse.

Show Ethics Committee

Each show should have an Ethics Committee. The make-up of this committee should include official breed representatives, representative(s) of show management (e.g., dairy cattle show superintendent, General Manager), the official show veterinarian, and Extension representative.

The Ethics Committee will be responsible for monitoring violations of the Show Ring Code of Ethics. The Ethics Committee will investigate the report of any violation and determine the accuracy of the allegation. The Ethics Committee will have the authority to inspect animals and related material to determine if violations have occurred.

Violations: Reporting and Investigation

Complaints of alleged violations can be reported to the breed superintendent, the show superintendent, show management, and/or the Ethics Committee.

Before An Animal is Shown

If the Ethics Committee suspects that a violation of the Show Ring Code of Ethics will occur if the animal is shown, and that violation is reasonably well established before the animal is shown, the Ethics Committee will submit a report to show management.

Show management will discuss the violation with the Exhibitor:

1. If, at the Exhibitor's discretion, the animal in question is not shown, no violation will have occurred,
2. If the Exhibitor wishes to challenge that a violation occurred, he/she/they will have opportunity to appeal to the Ethics Committee. If its decision is not changed, the Exhibitor will be denied opportunity to exhibit the animal in question.

During and After An Animal is Shown

All animals are subject to examination during judging. The judge and Ethics Committee are instructed to examine the top five (5) animals in each class closely for violations of the Show Ring Code of Ethics. When a violation may have occurred, a milkout may be called for. This call may be by breed association rule, or by request of an authorized representative of the national breed association, the judge, the Ethics Committee, or show management.

If an animal is exhibited and a violation of the Show Ring Code of Ethics is subsequently suspected, investigated, and determined to have occurred, the violation will be reported to the Ethics Committee and show management for action. The Exhibitor will be notified of the violation and the supporting evidence and invited to defend or explain the allegations.

Violations are subject to the disciplinary provisions of show management, the state in which the show occurs, and the national dairy breed association. Sanctions may include any one, or combination of the following:

- forfeiture or return of awards, prizes, premiums or proceeds,
- written letter of reprimand to the owner, exhibitor, fitter and/or absolutely responsible person (the "Exhibitor") disqualification of the exhibition livestock from an exhibition;
- disqualification of the Exhibitor from the show;
- publication of offense.

Disqualification may include any or all shows and classes and may be for any number of years.

Wills Spring 4-H & FFA Fair
Alpaca, Dairy Goat, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Steer, Meat Goat and Sheep Entry Form

Exhibitor’s Name: ___________________________________________ Phone: __________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________

Street City State Zip

Age (As of January 1, 2015): __________________________ Showmanship Class #: __________________

Exhibitor must do their own preparation for showmanship classes.

4-H County: __________________________

A separate entry form is needed for each breed and/or specie of animal.

Please circle the species this entry form is for:

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Entries must be received on or before April 24, 2015

Entries need to be mailed to: 4-H Department, Carroll County – UME, 700 Agriculture Center, Westminster, MD 21157

The Fair management will not be held responsible for any accident or injury that may occur to any person, exhibit or property.

Maryland 4-H programs are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, or national origin.

I am familiar with the rules and regulations relating to 4-H club and FFA exhibits and exhibitors at this fair.

I am an active member of 4-H ______ FFA _______

Exhibitor’s Signature: ___________________________________________