

DEPARTMENT I – DAIRY

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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 on page 9 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 grounds before leaving. Premiums will be forfeited for failure to clean stalls and remove bedding from grounds.**
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 Exhibitor-Age 8.

- e. Fitting and showing classes will precede the breed classes. The Fitting and Showing Classes will begin at 10 a.m.

4. Breed Classes

- a. The maximum number of animals any exhibitor may receive premiums for is six (6). 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 telegram 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 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 May 1 of the current year. The individual must comply with the rules stated in the Maryland 4-H Dairy Leasing agreement.
- 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 either in the same class or in a different class within the same breed. Substitutions from one breed to another will not be accepted.
- f. Holstein Breed: Breed classes will not be broken into age of exhibitors as done in previous years.

- g. 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.

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 BREED CLASSES

11. Winter Heifer Calf - Born December 1, 2010 through February 29, 2011
12. Fall Heifer Calf - Born September 1, through November 30, 2010
13. Summer Yearling Heifer - Born June 1, through August 31, 2010
14. Spring Yearling Heifer - Born March 1, through May 31, 2010
15. Winter Yearling Heifer - Born December 1, 2009 through February 28, 2010
16. Fall Yearling Heifer - Born September 1, through November 30, 2009
17. Cow, Jr. 2 yr. old - Born March 1, through August 31, 2009
18. Cow, Sr. 2 yr. old - Born September 1, 2008 through February 28, 2009
19. Cow, Jr. 3 yr. old - Born March 1, through August 31, 2008
20. Cow, Sr. 3 yr. old - Born September 1, 2007 through February 28, 2008
21. Cow, 4 yr. old and under 5 - Born September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007
22. Aged Cow 5 yr. old and over - Born prior to September 1, 2006
23. Dry Cow Class (must have freshened at least once)

AYRSHIRE, BROWN SWISS, GUERNSEY, JERSEY, MILKING SHORTHORN BREED CLASSES

24. Winter Heifer Calf - Born December 1, 2010 through February 29, 2011
25. Fall Heifer Calf - Born September 1, through November 30, 2010
26. Summer Yearling Heifer - Born June 1, through August 31, 2010
27. Spring Yearling Heifer - Born March 1, through May 31, 2010
28. Winter Yearling Heifer - Born December 1, 2009 through February 28, 2010
29. Fall Yearling Heifer - Born September 1, through November 30, 2009
30. Cow, Jr. 2 yr. old - Born March 1, through August 31, 2009
31. Cow, Sr. 2 yr. old - Born September 1, 2008 through February 28, 2009
32. Cow, Jr. 3 yr. old - Born March 1, through August 31, 2008
33. Cow, Sr. 3 yr. old - Born September 1, 2007 through February 28, 2008
34. Aged Cow, 4 yrs. & over - Born prior to September 1, 2007
35. Dry Cow Class (must have freshened at least once)

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 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 Steer 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 Steer and a rosette to Reserve Champion Dairy Steer.
- 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 Steer

THE PUREBRED DAIRY CATTLE ASSOCIATION SHOW RING CODE OF ETHICS

(Adopted by PDCA in March 1970; Revised March 1971, Feb. 1977, Feb. 1982, Feb. 1986, Feb. 1988, Feb. 1988, Feb. 1989 and Feb. 1992).

The showing of registered dairy cattle is an important part of the promotion, merchandising and breeding program of many breeders. Additionally, it is an important part of the program of the various dairy breed associations to stimulate and sustain interest in breeding registered dairy cattle. This relates to both spectators and exhibitors. In this connection, The Purebred Dairy Cattle Association believes that it is in the best interest of the breeders of registered dairy cattle to maintain a reputation of integrity and to present a wholesome and progressive image of their cattle in the show ring. It recognizes that there are certain practices in the proper care and management of dairy cattle which 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 that they might be presented in the show ring in a natural, normal appearance and condition. Conversely, it recognizes certain practices in the cataloging, handling and presentation of cattle in the show ring which are unacceptable.

The following practices or procedures are considered unacceptable and defined as being fraudulent and/or unethical in the showing of registered dairy cattle:

- (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 other substance to artificially improve the conformation.
- (3) Surgery or insertion of foreign material under the skin, 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 or the show.

The following is considered a serious violation and defined as an unethical practice that detracts from the show ring:

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

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

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

Practices which should be encouraged to enhance the image of the show:

- (1) Establish uniform dress code for exhibitors in the show ring.
- (2) Recognize good herdsmanhip and exhibits in the barn. In keeping with the basic philosophy of the PDCA, ethics are an individual responsibility of the owner of each animal shown.

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