

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 drugs. 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 chemical 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 or urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the approved 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 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 hearing in regard to the matter conducted by the fair or livestock show. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications 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 irritant substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, 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 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 con-

spire 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 any 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 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.

LIVESTOCK ADDENDUM

OWNER represents to Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition, Inc ("MDCFE") that no animals that are exhibited or otherwise transported onto MDCFE FAIRGROUNDS will in anyway be suffering from any contagious or infectious disease. In addition, OWNER shall defend, indemnify, and hold the MDCFE, the applicable Show Committee and each of their respective officials, officers, directors, employees and agents harmless of and from all losses, damages, claims, expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees at the trial and appellate levels, actions and causes of action arising out of, or in any way connected with, or by reason of this Agreement, the presence of OWNER's livestock at MDCFE FAIRGROUNDS, and/or use of MDCFE FAIRGROUNDS including, but not limited to any claim for the death of, or injury to any person or livestock, or damage to, theft of, or destruction of any property arising out of any act or omission of OWNER, OWNER's officers, agents, employees, trainers, drivers, riders, handlers, contractors and livestock, violation of any Federal, State and Local environmental laws, rules, ordinances and/or regulations, actions for negligence, wrongful death, torts, defects in the real and personal property at MDCFE FAIRGROUNDS and from any alleged liability, cause, litigation or proceeding whatsoever, even if such injury, death, loss or property damage results, in whole or in part, from the negligence of MDCFE, or the applicable Show Committee and their respective officials, officers, directors, employees and agents or otherwise. Neither AUTHORITY nor such applicable Show Committee shall be liable to OWNER, or any officer, agents, employees, trainers, drivers, riders, handlers, or other contractors, invitees or guests of OWNER for any injury or damage to livestock, person or property. MDCFE, its officers or agents, assume no liability for any loss or damage to property (including but not limited to livestock) on account of fire, theft, or any other cause including infectious or contagious diseases. In addition, OWNER acknowledges receiving and agrees to abide by the applicable rules and regulations of the MDCFE titled MIAMI-DADE FAIR & EXPOSITION HANDBOOK and same are incorporated by reference herein.

OPEN BEEF CATTLE SHOW

OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ALL DIVISIONS MARCH 25 - APRIL 11, 2010

Angus, Brahman, Brangus, Limousin, Santa Gertrudis, Simmental, and All Other Breeds

Show Schedule:

Entry Deadline: Postmarked on or before February 25, 2010 (\$10.00)

Late Entry Period: February 26 - March 19, 2010 (Double Entry Fees, \$20.00)

Interpretation of Rules:

The management of the Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition, Inc. (MDCF & E) reserves the right to amend, add to and interpret the following Rules and Regulations; and to arbitrarily settle and determine all questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the Fair.

Eligibility:

1. All animals showing in the Open Beef Cattle Division must be purebred and registered with their respective National Breed Association; and must conform to all special rules of their particular breed association.
2. Registration papers must be presented at check-in. In the case of papers pending, it will be the responsibility of the exhibitor to provide the Fair with a letter from the Breed Association stating that the papers have been applied for, but have not yet been processed.
3. Any exhibitor entering an animal in any name other than the bona fide owner or owners or showing an animal in a class for which it is not eligible may, at the discretion of the Management, be barred from further showing and any or all premiums previously awarded may be forfeited.
4. Any exhibitor from a family with an outstanding balance owed to the Fair will not be eligible to show at the MDCF & E.

Entries:

1. Entry Due Date - All entries must be postmarked on or before February 25, 2010. It is the policy of the MDCF & E to abide by all Rules and Regulations as posted on the MDCF & E website at thefairexhibits.com/openshow.asp. Entry fees will be determined by date entries are postmarked. Hand delivered entries will be accepted in the Exhibits Office up to office closing at 5:00 pm on the day of deadline.
Certified mail or a Certificate of Mailing validated by the Post Office is recommended. A metered postmark will not be considered as a valid postmark for entry deadline purposes.
The Late Entry Period for entries postmarked between February 26 - March 19, 2010 is subject to space availability and will be charged double (\$20.00) entry fees.
2. Entries must be made on Official Open Show Entry Form, which is located on website. Entries will not be accepted unless accompanied by full entry fee made payable to MDCF & E. TO EXPEDITE THE CHECK-IN PROCESS AT THE FAIR, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT COPIES OF REGISTRATION PAPERS BE MAILED IN WITH THE ENTRY FORM. (Original papers must still be presented at check-in).
3. Entries must be made in the name of the owner.
4. Use separate entry form for each owner.
5. Send all entries and fees to: Exhibits Department, Miami-Dade County Fair & exposition, Inc. 10901 Coral Way, Miami, FL 33165.
6. Entry fees are \$10.00 per animal. This amount must be paid before animals are officially entered and space is reserved. Overpayments will not be refunded if \$15.00 or less.
7. Please Note: Space is allocated on the number of animals that are brought to the Fair - not on the number of entry fees paid. Due to the number of animals, extra space cannot be purchased. DO NOT PAY FOR ADDITIONAL TACK SPACE OR ANIMALS YOU DO NOT INTEND TO BRING, SPACE IS LIMITED.
8. The MDCF & E reserves the right to limit entries based on stall/pen availability. Entries will be accepted in chronological order based on the postmark.

9. Group and/or herd classes must be pre-entered on entry form. Be sure to specify classes and/or multiple entries in classes. Animals in these classes must be indicated at check-in time and entry number of each animal and registration # of dam or sire must be submitted at this time. NO WALK-IN ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED IN THE RING. Entries in group and herd classes must have been exhibited previously in individual classes.
10. Animals owned in partnership may be shown in the name of the partnership only, except that at time of entry a determination may be made that such animal will be shown in the name of one (but not both) partners; but, the animals must be shown in the same way in the group classes as they are in the open single classes.
11. All substitutions must be received by the Fair by March 19, 2010. Substitutions can be made by phone. **No substitutions will be allowed upon arrival. Additional animals will be treated as a late entry and will not be allowed.**
12. **Cancellations - Notice of cancellations must be received for the Open Beef Cattle Show by March 19, 2010 in order to qualify for refund of fees. Cancellations may be made by telephone, fax or e-mail. Confirmation must be made by letter and received by the MDCF & E not later than March 24, 2010.**
13. For Entry Verification purposes, the Fair suggests sending a self addressed envelope with your entry.

Health Regulations:

1. All animals must meet health regulations as specified in the Rules for Exhibition as required by the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services.
2. To expedite entry into the Fair, ear tags that correspond to health papers are strongly recommended.

Rules of Exhibition:

As required by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services 5C-4.0015 Definitions. 5C-4.0017 General Requirements, Exemptions and Limitations. 5C-4.002 Cattle or Bison. 5C-4.0015 Definitions. For official rules regarding the Animal Health Requirements for Exhibition see the State of Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Animal Industry documentation located on our website, www.thefairexhibits.com or go directly to:

<http://www.thefairexhibits.com/pdf/animalhealthreg.pdf>

General:

1. Please Note: Due to health and safety issues, no cooking will be allowed in the barns; food and drink should not be consumed in animal areas; and exhibitors should wash hands after handling animals.
2. The MDCF & E provides sawdust for bedding.
3. Feed, care and management of animals will be the responsibility of the exhibitor. Sawdust will be provided for bedding. Exhibitors may also use straw at their own expense. Failure to maintain animals and exhibit to acceptable standards and/or failure to cooperate with Fair Officials may result in premium forfeiture and immediate dismissal from the Fairgrounds.
4. Grooming Chute Permit: There will be a \$5.00 fee for each grooming chute. All grooming chutes must have a MDCF & E permit which must be obtained with entry fee. Grooming chutes must be confined to areas designated by the Exhibits Staff.
5. The MDCF & E recommends that all clipping be done prior to arrival to the Fair.
6. All cattle that are tied in the arena holding area must be attended to at all times.

7. Registration Papers should remain at the MDCF & E with cattle. Registration papers should be brought to the Show Ring on all animals showing in group classes.
8. At the discretion of the Exhibits Staff, exhibitors may be instructed to double tie their animals.
9. The breeder of an animal is the owner of the dam at the time of service; however, the American Angus Association officially accepts for competition herds purchased in entirety as bred and owned by the current owner.
10. NO DOGS ALLOWED IN BARN.
11. Sick animals may be released immediately if a signed statement of a veterinarian is presented to the Exhibits Staff.
12. The MDCF & E will not provide space for nurse cows for beef cattle, both breeding and steers, in Open Shows.
13. Animals are restricted to designated areas of the Fairgrounds and must not be taken from designated area. Violators are liable for any damage incurred by owner or animals.
14. Sharp Practice - Upon request, every exhibitor agrees to submit any animal entered by him to examination by a veterinarian appointed by the MDCF & E to ascertain that there has been no unethical fitting or showing; and, to submit such animal to such tests as may be required by said veterinarian, and to abide by conclusions reached as to whether such animal is unethically fitted or is an over age animal under the rules of the MDCF & E. Conclusions shall be final and binding, without recourse against the MDCF & E, officer(s), director(s) thereof, said veterinarian, or technician(s) employed. Exhibitor releases any or all claims or demands whatsoever in connection with such examination. Any animal found to have had its physical features altered or tampered with by surgical instruments for the purpose of improving its conformation or appearance in the show ring will be disqualified and ruled ineligible to compete for or retain any premiums.
15. Veterinarians - Name and telephone numbers of qualified local veterinarians will be available at the Exhibits's office. Each exhibitor is responsible for any bills incurred.
16. Signs - The MDCF & E Management reserves the right to refuse permission for any individual exhibitor to erect or display any sign of objectionable size or content.
17. NO chairs are allowed in the animal walkways.
18. Any person who violates any of the general rules or special rules as posted in this Premium List will forfeit all privileges and premiums won.
19. The physical condition of an entrant, which the appropriate committee considers to be a problem for that entrant to participate in the show, may result in the committee not accepting an entry or not allowing that entrant to participate in the show.
20. Smoking is not permitted in the barns.
21. The use of alcohol is prohibited in the barns, livestock area and entire fairgrounds.

Liability for Loss or Theft:

1. The owner or custodian of property of any kind brought to the Fairgrounds; either for exhibit or for other purposes, assumes as a condition of its admission to the grounds, all risk and/or responsibility for its loss, damage or theft.
2. The Fair, its officers and employees cannot and will not accept responsibility and liability for any damage or injury resulting from theft, fire, the elements, accidents or other conditions or causes; whether to exhibits, property of exhibitor, vehicles on the grounds and articles left herein.

Arrival:

1. Angus will be Friday April 9, 2010 from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
2. Brahman will be Wednesday March 31, 2010 from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
3. Brangus/Red Brangus will be Friday April 2, 2010 from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
4. Limousin will be Thursday, March 25, 2010 from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
5. Santa Gertrudis will be Monday, April 5, 2010 from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
6. Simmental will be Tuesday, April 6, 2010 from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
7. All Other Breed Show will be Sunday, March 30, 2010 from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
8. EARLY ARRIVALS: Due to the lack of space during the Fair, early arrivals will not be permitted except in cases where the scheduled arrival time pres-

ents a hardship due to travel time, etc. In such situations, a written request must be submitted to the Exhibits Office by March 19, 2010. Exhibitor will be notified by March 24 if the request has been approved. EARLY ARRIVALS MUST BE PRE-APPROVED.

9. Any animals arriving late due to an emergency must call the Exhibits Office at 786-315-5188 or 786-315-5147.
10. Animals may not be unloaded on the Fairgrounds until they have been checked by the Dept. of Agriculture, except in the case of emergency.
11. Registration papers and official health certificates must be available and in the hands of the owner or herdsman in charge of cattle on arrival at the MDCF & E Fairgrounds.
12. All exhibitors must present registration papers to the Exhibits Office by time indicated on arrival day or they will be considered as a "NO SHOW" and will be deleted from the show.
13. All animals are subject to being officially checked by their respective associations.

Gate Passes:

1. There will be 1 truck/trailer pass issued per exhibitor, this will only allow everyone in the vehicle to enter the fair through agricultural gates 2 or 8.
2. Reserved, secured parking is provided by the Exhibits Office, exhibitors must park in this assigned lot. Each trailer will be assigned a parking space and when they arrive, the groups must park in their assigned parking space. Cattle may be unloaded from there, each space will be located directly behind the stall areas.

Open Show Exhibitor Welcome Dinner

provided by

Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition

is a special recognition and thank you dinner
for all our Open Show Series Exhibitors.

*Dinner will be provided on the breeders respective
check-in days at 6:00 pm*

Judging:

1. Judges will not award premiums to any article, product, or animal that is not deserving. It must be judged individually worthy.
2. The decision of the judge shall be final and no appeal will be considered except in cases of written protest (see Protests).
3. Any exhibitor who interferes with the judging will be promptly excluded from competition; if after judging, the premiums awarded will be withheld.
4. All animals must enter the show ring and be evaluated by the judge in order to receive premiums.

Protests:

All protests must be in writing, must state plainly the complaint, be accompanied by a fee of \$50.00, which shall be forfeited to the Fair in case protest is not sustained, and must be delivered to the Exhibits Director within 24 hours after the cause of protest.

Premiums:

1. Individual Breed Association rules will govern where more than 2 premiums are won in a single class.
2. No premium will be paid to any animal in any class that in the opinion of the judge does not deserve an award.
3. In group classes, where premiums are offered, no premiums will be paid unless catalog entry numbers of animals are given at arrival time for the group class that is to be judged.
4. Premiums will be paid on the basis of the judging reports, which must be signed by the judge and by the Exhibits Department Staff or clerk.
5. Upon request, premiums will be mailed to the exhibitor after the Fair to the address given on the entry form. Errors in premium checks, awards, or lost checks will be corrected by the Exhibits Department until May 30, 2010.

Any checks not cashed or deposited by June 30, 2009 will be considered as void and will not be replaced.

6. If a Social Security Number or Federal Id Number is not provided, the Fair will not issue a premium check.

Release per Breed as Specified in the Division:

1. Consideration will be given to Out-of-State exhibitors & the different Zone levels for a Staggered Early Release. All arrangements must be coordinated with Exhibits Staff.
2. **TRAILERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED OUT OF THE LOT UNTIL DESIGNATED RELEASE TIMES.**
3. Any exhibitor removing animals from barn prior to official release time forfeits all prize monies he may have won.

Policies for Beef Cattle Shows at The Miami Dade County Fair and Exposition, Inc.:

The MDCF & E is interested in expanding participation by Breed Associations. All requests for Breed Shows or exhibitions will be considered. Breeders must be endorsed by their Breed Association in order to exhibit.

Continuing a Breed Show:

If a breed drops below 15 head for 2 consecutive years, the show will be canceled. Exception- see exhibition herd clause.

Exhibition Herds:

If a breed drops below 10 head shown by 2 different breeders, they will automatically become an exhibition herd that year and no premiums will be paid.

Establishing a Breed Show:

In order to establish a breed show, the breed must first put on an exhibition of at least 10 head shown by 2 different breeders at the MDCF & E based on availability of space.

The following year, upon request (by June 30) from the Breed Association and approval by the Fair, a show will be established for ribbons only.

There must be at least 15 head shown by three different breeders or they will still be considered an exhibition. After 2 years, the show will be eligible for abbreviated premiums upon approval by the Fair Authority. After 2 more years, they will be eligible for full premiums.

Re-establishing a Breed Show:

A breed that has shown at the MDCF & E, but the show has been discontinued, can re-establish the show by making a request to the MDCF & E by June 30 of each year. Upon approval, there must then be at least 15 head of cattle shown by 3 different breeders or it will be considered an exhibition and no premiums will be paid.

BEEF CATTLE SHOW SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

The MDCF & E sincerely appreciates the cooperation of the Breed Associations that have contributed to the Beef Cattle Shows. See rules for each breed show for listing of participation.

Herdsman Awards:

Special Herdsman Awards are offered to exhibitors at the MDCF & E with the purpose of encouraging exhibitors to present more attractive livestock displays.

1. A minimum of six (6) animals will be required to constitute an exhibit to be considered for Herdsman Awards.
2. **IF EXHIBIT CONSISTS OF ANIMALS FROM DIFFERENT RANCHES THAT ARE BEING MAINTAINED BY ONE HERDSMAN, THIS MUST BE DESIGNATED AT CHECK-IN.**
3. The following factors shall determine this award: orderliness and cleanliness during and upon departure of service area, stall, pens, animals and public walkway; courtesy of herdsman and helpers; cooperation with Show Officials; promptness in getting animals into show ring; and availability of personnel to furnish information about their exhibit.
4. All breeds will compete for the following awards; 1st place - \$100 and Award, 2nd place - \$75 and Award, and 3rd place - \$50 and Award.

Official Photographer:

An official photographer will be designated by the MDCF & E. Any exhibitor wishing to engage the service of this photographer may get in touch with him through the Exhibits Office. Photographs of winners and participants will be taken by the Official Photographer for official use in Public Relations. All owners, exhibitors, and herdsman handling such animals are required to cooperate with the photographer.

Quality Assurance and Livestock Ethics Program:

The MDCF & E believes that every animal participating in activities of the MDCF & E shall at all times be provided proper care and management in the best interest of the animal's welfare.

1. Quality assurance testing or a survey may be done at the MDCF & E.
2. All animals are subject to testing at anytime:
 - A. To determine whether an animal qualifies for competition in a particular breed classification.
 - B. To determine whether the animal has been unethically fitted in any way.
 - C. To determine whether any false information or representation was made in a competition entry.
3. Exhibitor's signature on Entry Form acknowledges that they have read and agree to IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics, (Please note: Rule #4 deals specifically with drugs).
4. Use of drugs, in animals, not in compliance with manufacturer's label as to dosage, time of withdrawal limitations, or other manufacturer's limitations and show regulations are **PROHIBITED**. The use of tranquilizers or possession of same after arrival at the Fair, will be construed as tampering.
5. Violators will be disqualified and will forfeit all premiums and awards, including sale price of animals, if applicable, and future entry of exhibitor and/or family at the MDCF & E.
6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices that are not recognized as acceptable training, restraint, or animal movement techniques are prohibited.