

THE NATIONAL SHOW RING CODE OF ETHICS

It is the intent of the livestock show management to provide each and every exhibitor an atmosphere of competitive spirit that promotes an educational experience, as well as honesty and integrity. As an exhibitor, you have spent countless hours caring for your live animal. Through this project, you have gained knowledge in animal husbandry that includes selection, genetics, nutrition, health, fitting, showing, economics, and marketing. Hopefully, you are also developing life skills such as, communication, leadership, cooperation, discipline, responsibility and financial management. By participating in this competitive event, you are putting your hard work and effort on display before judges who will evaluate your livestock at this show. Your skills and knowledge are also on display and evaluated by the general public.

It should give each and every one of you the utmost satisfaction knowing that you are entering this event with a clear conscience that you did your best, and will walk away with more than you had coming into this competition. Experience is a valuable teacher. It allows each of you as exhibitors to gain knowledge and enables you to improve each time you participate in any type of function, whether it is livestock or non-livestock related. The Livestock Show Management strives to provide each participant an opportunity for a positive educational experience and the potential to enjoy competitive excellence. Remember that the choices you make today will determine what you will have, be and do in the tomorrows of your life.

The management of this livestock show expects each exhibitor to perform their own work and present an honest animal for competition to the best of their ability. There is no place for individuals that incorporate deception, dishonesty, cheating or sacrifice the humane treatment of the animals for the cost of winning at this show. Cheating defeats the purpose of the livestock show to teach animal husbandry and to improve the genetic pool. Those exhibitors who choose not to follow the rules and guidelines of the livestock show will not be allowed to participate.

Remember the creeds of 4-H and FFA organizations, as well as **"The National Show Ring Code Of Ethics"**. You are a representative of over one million young people who are privileged to participate in fairs and livestock shows throughout the United States, and each of you need to uphold the integrity of the youth programs you represent. Above all, be honest with yourself and fellow livestock exhibitors.

Livestock Show Management expresses to each and every one of you best wishes during our show. We hope the experience you gain will be positive, educational, challenge you to continue to improve your skills in animal husbandry, provide you an understanding atmosphere of sportsmanship and help to promote honesty and integrity in everything you do.

Sincerely,

Saline Community Fair

CODE OF CONDUCT – Saline Community Fair Youth Livestock Exhibitor Code of Conduct

The Saline Community Fair expects courteous and orderly conduct by exhibitors and attendants. Harassment, profanity or unsportsmanlike conduct toward officials, judges, show managers, staff, superintendents, other exhibitors or grounds property will not be tolerated.

When satisfactory evidence has been obtained that a Saline Community Fair rule(s) or expectations have been violated and/or fraud and/or deception has occurred in association with exhibiting in the Saline Community Fair, any or all of the following actions may be taken:

The exhibit(s) in question shall be disqualified.

Any and/or all exhibits at the fair of the exhibitor may be disqualified.

All premiums, trophies, awards and/or money won by said exhibitor in any Saline Community Fair department may be withdrawn.

The exhibitor may be asked to perform community service activities or other appropriate actions.

The exhibitor and/or the exhibitor's family may be barred from participation and/or competition at the Saline Community Fair a maximum of three (3) years.

CODE OF CONDUCT – Saline Community Fair Livestock

Code of Ethics Care and Grooming:

Exhibitors are responsible for complete care of their animals.

Livestock must be fed and cared for until they are released.

Keeping the exhibit space assignments clean is the responsibility of the exhibitor. In case of failure to do so the Department Superintendent may issue a warning, and if the situation is not corrected, the fair may ask that the exhibit be removed and premiums will be forfeited.

Unethical and inappropriate or otherwise inhumane treatment of animals for show preparation is not acceptable. The exhibit will be disqualified if a violation is determined.

Any individual that is not directly involved in the Saline Community Fair is prohibited from helping to groom or otherwise prepare the exhibitors livestock project during fair. Leaders, other exhibitors, and/or immediate family are permitted to assist the youth as necessary. Any violation or infraction will cause disqualification of the exhibit.

Any exhibitor who has been implicated or found to have violated show ethics at any other local, county, state or national show may not be allowed to participate in the fair.

Health and Sanitation:

ANY VIOLATION OF THE FOLLOWING RULES WILL AUTOMATICALLY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.

The use of any drug or chemical compound that is not approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use in meat animals is prohibited. The illegal administration of approved drugs and compounds is also prohibited. All animals entered in the fair are subject to blood, urine and tissue tests by the Saline Community Fair Rules Committee, FDA and USDA for illegal substances and substances that exceed the acceptable levels established by the United States Department of Agriculture, the Food and Drug Administration, the Food Animal Residue Avoidance Databank and Environmental Protection Agency. A positive test will result in disqualification. The exhibitor shall assume full responsibility for any violation or regulations related to drugs and medications to include withdrawal times and the condemnation of carcasses due to drug

rule-regulations violations. This includes forfeiture of all premiums and market value of the animal. All premiums will be withheld until tests have been completed.

Any attempt to change natural color of an animal, either purebred or crossbred, by changing the color of hair, fleece or skin at any point, spot or areas of the animal's body. False switches are permitted.

Misrepresenting the age of the animal for the class in which it is shown.

Minimizing the effect of crampiness by feeding or injecting drugs, depressants or applying packs or using any artificial contrivance or therapeutic treatment except normal exercise.

Striking the animal to cause swelling in a depressed area.

Surgery of any kind performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body or hide.

Insertion of foreign material under the skin.

The use of alcoholic beverages in the feed or administered as a drench.

Criticizing or interfering with the judge, exhibitors, superintendents, sale committees and other show officials or other conduct detrimental to the exhibition or show.

Acceptable bedding material will be agreed upon by each club and the whole club will use the same materials, straw or shavings.

Ownership and Possession of Animal Exhibits:

It is the responsibility of the youth exhibitor (family) to follow all prescribed and accepted livestock exhibiting practices as it pertains to when ownership of animals are to occur. Possession means the animal(s) are in the youth exhibitor's name through written proof of ownership by either one of the following: 1) bill of sales 2) lease agreement 3) purchase agreement 4) family owned/raised statement or 5) animal registration papers with exhibitor name and appropriate date acquired and, the youth is providing at least 75% care of the animal project(s). Ownership required for market animals.

The Saline Community Fair or its representative(s) retains the right to inspect on your premises any market livestock after it is tagged and registered as a market sale animal.

RULES AND VIOLATIONS PROCEDURES

Penalties for Misconduct:

When satisfactory evidence has been obtained that a rule(s) or expectation(s) has been violated and/or fraud and/or deception has occurred in association with exhibiting in the fair, any and all of the following actions may be taken.

Should fraud or deception be discovered **PRIOR TO FINAL PLACING BY THE JUDGE**, the exhibit will be declared ineligible to show and the exhibitor will be required to remove the exhibit(s) in question from the Fairgrounds.

Should fraud or deception be discovered **AFTER AN EXHIBIT(S) HAS BEEN JUDGED**, the placing(s) will be voided and the exhibitor required to remove the exhibit(s) in question from the Fairgrounds. In the case of fraud or deception discovered after **MARKET LIVESTOCK** have been judged and prior to sale in the appropriate Market Livestock Sale, the placing(s) will be voided AND the animal(s) in question not permitted to sell in the sale. The exhibitor may be required to remove the market animal(s) in question from the Fairgrounds or be subject to isolation by Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Should fraud or deception be discovered **AFTER A MARKET ANIMAL(S) HAS BEEN SOLD**, in the Market Livestock Sale, the monies associated as a reward (any monies above the market support price), shall be removed from the total sale price of the exhibit and retained by the Saline Community Fair as a penalty for the action. The money provided the member will be that of the day's going market value as determined by a joint decision of the involved sale committee and the Department

Superintendent. Other animals will not be moved up in placing. In case any reward(s) have already been awarded, the Saline Junior Livestock Association and the Saline Community Fair collectively, will require said exhibitor(s) to refund all premiums, trophies, awards, ribbons and/or sale money under the assessed penalty.

Procedure for Complaints:

Exhibitors, leaders and/or parents compelled to bring a rules violation complaint against a given member(s) will be required to complete and sign a Rules Violation Complaint Form stating the reasons and alleged grounds for registering the complaint.

Any member(s) against whom a rules violation complaint has been filed will have the right to read the complaint form. The Saline Community Fair Rules Committee reserve the right to determine whether sufficient evidence exists to merit further action.

Due Process: In questions of a rule(s) violation in association with exhibiting in the fair, the following due process will be used:

1. The exhibitor and/or parties involved will be questioned by the Saline Community Fair Rules Committee, project superintendent(s) and/or Fair Manager, regarding the alleged rule violation(s).
2. If it is felt a rule(s) violation has occurred, the Saline Community Fair Rules Committee will jointly decide if a ruling can be rendered immediately, or if the claim should be brought before the Saline Community Fair Board for a ruling.
3. If, for reasons of further inequity, a decision regarding a rules violation claim cannot be rendered until some future time following the Fair, all parties involved will be notified by certified mail with return receipt from the Saline Community Fair.
4. Youth exhibitors have the right to appeal the levying of a rule(s) violation penalty(ies) associated with exhibition at the fair according to the following process:

- A. The member must request a hearing before the Saline Community Fair Board. Request must be made in writing to the Saline Community Fair Board within 48 hours of notification of the penalty.
- B. All parties involved will be notified within seven (7) business days of receipt of appeal by certified mail with return receipt of the hearing date, time and location.
- C. All parties involved will have the right to present their case as to why he/she/they feel the penalty(ies) should be reconsidered.
- D. All parties involved will be notified in writing within seven (7) business days by certified mail with return receipt of the Saline Community Fair Boards decision regarding the appeal.

Rules Committee:

Committee to be comprised of or their representative:

- 1) President Saline Junior Livestock Association
- 2) President Saline Community Fair
- 3) Exhibit Area/Species Superintendent
- 4) Financial Secretary, Saline Community Fair
- 5) Block Building Chairperson