

National Jersey Show Conduct Rules



JERSEY CANADA

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Administrative Notes

- For the purposes of these National Jersey Show Conduct Rules, all treatments of animals are deemed to have occurred on the fairgrounds or show property. All treatments will be considered illegal unless authorized in writing by a practicing veterinarian located on the fairgrounds or show property. If such authorized or prescribed treatments of an animal will likely change visual appearance, these must be administered at least twelve (12) hours before a showing of an animal.
- The Standard Procedures for Enforcing the National Jersey Show Conduct Rules shall be applied to any violation of these National Jersey Show Conduct Rules. The defined terms in the Standard Procedures for Enforcing the National Jersey Show Conduct Rules apply to these National Jersey Show Conduct Rules, unless otherwise indicated.
- The Animal Owner Group shall have the opportunity to seek clarification on any points or details of these National Jersey Show Conduct Rules from the Show Associates authorized by the show, including interpretation, enforcement and associated penalties.
- Certain methods and equipment will be used to monitor and record unethical practices and procedures, including, but not limited to, cameras and videos.
- Every effort will be made to ensure privacy and professionalism towards all parties involved in any suspected violation of the National Jersey Show Conduct Rules.

Definitions

Owners: All penalties for infractions are levied against the owner(s). Owner(s) are identified as the individual, or each member of a group of individuals listed and identified by Jersey Canada under animal ownership during the show in which the infraction occurred.

Animal Owner Group: refers to all owners, exhibitors, fitters, handlers, agents or other persons acting on behalf of the owners of animals.

Show Organizers: refers to the person(s) or entities that are organizing, endorsing and managing the show and their officials, directors, officers, employees, representatives, agents or volunteers.

Show Associates: refers to the person(s) or group of persons that are monitoring, either through a physical presence or attending the ultrasound booth and assisting in the interpretation and enforcement of the Jersey Show Conduct Rules.

Suspension: means the time period during which animal owners may not have any involvement at a show, including exhibiting, leading, judging, or being an associate judge or ring person.

Probation: means the time period during which any person who commits an additional infraction will be automatically subject to the next level of penalty.

Time period: For the purposes of calculating its full duration, the start of a probation or suspension penalty will begin effective the date on which the payment is made of the required administration cost. In addition, until that payment is made, offending persons remain subject to the conditions of the penalty imposed.

One year: refers to twelve (12) months, including the next edition of the show where the infraction occurred (even if it exceeds twelve [12] months).

Two years: refers to twenty-four (24) months, including the next two editions of the show where the infraction occurred (even if it exceeds twenty-four [24] months).

Three years: refers to thirty-six (36) months, including the next three editions of the show where the infraction occurred (even if it exceeds thirty-six [36] months).

Five years: refers to sixty (60) months, including the next five editions of the show where the infractions occurred (even if it exceeds sixty [60] months).

Standard Procedures

Definitions

Rules Committee: refers to a separate group of individuals that provide a secondary level of review pertaining to any violations that are deemed to have occurred. This committee is composed of the following: Show Associates; Jersey Canada's President and General Manager; Two (2) other persons designated by Jersey Canada Management.

Review Panel: refers to a separate group of individuals that provide a next level of review pertaining to any violations that is deemed to have occurred. This panel shall be composed of the following: Two (2) Jersey Canada Vice-Presidents; An external person named by the Board of Jersey Canada.

Appeals Committee: as defined in the Jersey Canada bylaws (article 24), shall be comprised of the Jersey Canada Executive.

Before the Show

1. The Show Organizers will ensure that all owners/exhibitors sign (by hardcopy or electronic submission) an agreement to abide by the National Jersey Show Conduct Rules, either as a separate document or as part of the entry form.
2. The Show Organizers will appoint designated person(s) to act as Show Associates at a Jersey Show. The Show Associates will be responsible for overseeing compliance with the National Jersey Show Conduct Rules.

During the Show

1. For the purpose of monitoring compliance, Show Associates shall have the authority to perform on any animal entered for showing any test, examination, inspection or analysis, that Show Associates, in their sole discretion, consider useful for assessing compliance with the National Jersey Show Conduct Rules, including without limitation:
 - a. an ultrasound examination of the udder, prior to and after milk-out where the possibility of such examination has been announced before any judging in the class in which the animal is entered;
 - b. a milk-out of any individual cow or cows;
 - c. the collection and testing of any of the animal's body fluids, at any time; and
 - d. at any time, any other technology, and other inspections and/or analysis, including autopsy.
2. At any time, Show Associates may require the delivery of the following items in the possession or control of the Animal Owners Group, for the purpose of laboratory analysis: hypodermic syringes, needles, other devices, swabs, cloths, other materials, samples or any medicines, preparations, or substances, whether in liquid and/or other form.
3. Upon request from Show Associates, the members of the Animal Owner Group shall promptly provide any information and produce any document required by Show Associates for the proper monitoring of compliance with the National Jersey Show Conduct Rules and shall fully cooperate with any inspections.
4. Show Associates will try to warn an exhibitor or their representative before showing that:
 - a. a complaint has been received of a possible violation of the National Jersey Show Conduct Rules concerning the animal to be shown; or
 - b. the Show Associates have a reasonable belief that there would likely be a violation of the National Jersey Show Conduct Rules if the exhibitor's animal is shown.
5. If the exhibitor decides not to show the animal after receiving such a warning, no violation of the Jersey Show Conduct Rules will be considered to have occurred and no disciplinary measures will be taken against the Animal Owner Group. The Show Associates will only give the above-noted warning to an exhibitor or their representative where they, in their sole discretion, consider it reasonable and practical to do so, though not in circumstances of disqualification of entries under the Jersey Show Conduct Rules after showing.
6. Prior to milk-out and following the judging of the milking classes, Show Associates shall have the option either to ultrasound the udders of a representative number of animals in each of the milking classes or to take milk samples from a representative group of animals. If Show Associates plan either to ultrasound the udders or to take milk samples, they will announce this before the judging of the milking classes.

After the Show

1. If within seven (7) days following the judging of the classes, the Show Associates considers that there has been a violation of the Jersey Show Conduct Rules, these Standard Procedures, or other show rules and regulations, Show Associates will meet with the Rules Committee to advise of their findings.
2. If the Rules Committee considers that there is a reasonable basis for a Show Associate's opinion of a possible violation of the Jersey Show Conduct Rules, these Standard Procedures, or other show rules and regulations, applicable members of the Animal Owner Group shall be notified of the alleged violation within forty-five (45) days after the judging of the classes and shall confidentially be provided with the basis for the allegation and the penalty that would apply under these Standard Procedures (Infractions and Penalties section).
3. An Animal Owner Group receiving a written notice of violation and associated penalty (the "Affected Party") will have the following options that must be elected within thirty (30) days of receipt of a notice of violation:
 - a. **Option 1:** Confidentially resolve the matter by accepting the penalty, signing the relevant documents presented, and making payment of the associated Jersey Canada administration costs requested in the notice; or
 - b. **Option 2:** Request a meeting with the Review Panel for the Show in order to receive and discuss information supporting the basis for the alleged violation and the assigned penalty, and to make representations to the panel for its consideration in relation to the alleged violation.
4. If an option is not elected within thirty (30) days, the Affected Party shall be deemed to have acknowledged the violation and accepted the penalty, which shall then be considered final.
5. If a meeting is requested as provided under Option 2 above, the Affected Party (assisted by legal counsel or another representative or agent, if they so choose) shall attend the meeting convened with the Review Panel and shall cooperate with and facilitate the Review Panel's proper determination of matters pending before it by providing any information and producing any documents that may reasonably be requested for the Review Panel's consideration and determination.

After the Show (continued)

6. For the purpose of its determination, the Review Panel shall:
 - a. Receive information and representations from the Show Associates and/or the Rules Committee as to the alleged violation and the basis for the allegation (which information shall be shared with the Affected Party at the meeting);
 - b. Receive information and documents requested from the Affected Party;
 - c. Receive any additional relevant information, documents or representations that the Affected Party wishes to submit;
 - d. Determine if any violation of the Jersey Show Conduct Rules, these Standard Procedures, or any other applicable show rules or regulations has occurred; and
 - e. After due consideration and when it is ready, provide its determination by majority vote in writing to the Rules Committee and Affected Party.
7. If the Review Panel has found a violation of the Jersey Show Conduct Rules, the applicable penalties set out in the “Infractions and Penalties” document portion of these Standard Procedures shall apply.
8. The penalties shall be enforced by Jersey Canada with the support of the Show Organizers.
9. Any determinations of the Review Panel under these Standard Procedures may be appealed through Jersey Canada, using the following processes and requirements:
 - a. The Affected Party may appeal within fifteen (15) days by delivering a written notice of appeal to Jersey Canada setting out the grounds of appeal, and accompanied by a \$7,500 amount representing security for appeal costs (“Security”). The Security will be used to cover Jersey Canada’s administrative costs in the appeal process, but will be refunded if the appeal by the Affected Party is finally determined in its favour.
 - b. The Show Organizers or show management may appeal within fifteen (15) days by following the process for “Appeals” established under the Bylaws of Jersey Canada (specifically article 24 in the July 4, 2017 edition, or as it may be amended).
 - c. The composition of the Appeal Committee and the process for appeals shall be that provided for under the bylaws of Jersey Canada in the sections dealing with “Appeals” (specifically article 24 in the July 4, 2017 edition, or as it may be amended).

Infractions & Penalties

General

Infraction
Misrepresenting the age, calving date, number of lactations, or ownership of an animal.
Failure to submit upon request any samples of urine, milk, blood, or any other bodily fluids of the animal.
Failure to provide upon request any device, material, medicine, or substance, whether in liquid or other form for the purpose of laboratory analysis.
Failure to fulfill any other inspection or cooperation requirements set out in the National Jersey Show Conduct Rules.
Failure to comply with ultrasound procedures.
Penalty
<p>First Offence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) year probation • Removal of the placing of animal • Administration costs between the range of \$500 to \$1,000 • Forfeiture of prize money
<p>Second Offence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) year suspension • Removal of the placing of animal • Administration costs between the range of \$1,000 to \$2,000 • Forfeiture of prize money

Body

Infraction
Unnaturally filling an animal's rumen with liquid (tubing), except for health reasons based on a physical examination and prescription from a veterinarian. Should tubing be necessary within twelve (12) hours before the start of a show, an animal will no longer be eligible to be exhibited.
Administering epidural anaesthesia (blocking tails) and/or applying an irritant externally or internally to the perineal (rectum and vagina) area.
Performing any kind of surgery to alter the natural contour of appearance of an animal's body, hide or hair (not including removal of warts, teats and/or horns; clipping and/or dressing of hair; or trimming hooves).
Inserting foreign material/articles under the skin, into the topline, including hair not attached to its own hair follicle.
Penalty
First Offence: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One (1) year probation• Removal of the placing of animal• Administration costs between the range of \$500 to \$1,000• Forfeiture of prize money
Second Offence: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One (1) year suspension• Removal of the placing of animal• Administration costs between the range of \$1,000 to \$2,000• Forfeiture of prize money

Infraction
Excessive alteration of hair beyond 1 ½ inches from the skin.
Performing alterations of any kind to change the visual appearance of an animal, including changing the natural colour of an animal, except colour touch up of a maximum of 4" on either side of the spine (topline), hoof polishes, or false switches.
Penalty
First Offence: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An official warning• Animal will not be allowed in the show ring
Second Offence: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One (1) year probation• Removal of the placing of animal• Administration costs between the range of \$500 to \$1,000• Forfeiture of prize money
Third Offence: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One (1) year suspension• Removal of the placing of animal• Administration costs between the range of \$1,000 to \$2,000• Forfeiture of prize money

Feet and Legs

Infraction
Applying foreign material/articles on the feet, excluding hoof polishes.
Draining fluid from hocks, unless authorized by a veterinarian appointed by the Show Organizers.
Penalty
First Offence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) year probation • Removal of the placing of animal • Administration costs between the range of \$500 to \$1,000 • Forfeiture of prize money
Second Offence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) year suspension • Removal of the placing of animal • Administration costs between the range of \$1,000 to \$2,000 • Forfeiture of prize money

Udder

Infraction
Balancing the udder by any means other than by leaving naturally produced milk in any or all quarters.
Treating the udder internally with an irritant, counterirritant, or any other substance to temporarily improve conformation or produce unnatural animation.
Treating the udder externally with an irritant, counterirritant, or any other substance to temporarily improve conformation or produce unnatural animation. (It is an allowable practice to seal and set teats, or to use external anti-inflammatory substances for the well-being of the animal).
Roping udders and the use of objects to physically improve definition of the suspensory centre ligament.
Penalty
First Offence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) year probation • Removal of the placing of animal • Administration costs between the range of \$500 to \$1,000 • Forfeiture of prize money
Second Offence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) year suspension • Removal of the placing of animal • Administration costs between the range of \$1,000 to \$2,000 • Forfeiture of prize money

Udder (continued)

Infraction	Penalty
Excessive uddering of lactating cows. (Show Associates decide what degree of uddering is excessive in any particular circumstance).	Will be monitored and subject to a reprimand from Show Associates.
Electro-stimulator machines (Dairy-Cell) will be permitted up to 24 hours before the start of the first class. For shows in Quebec, electro-stimulator machines (Dairy-Cell) are strictly prohibited.	The animal will not be allowed in the show ring.

Conduct

Infraction
Criticizing or interfering with judges, show organizers, show management, show associates or other exhibitors at any time while present within and around fairgrounds or show property.
Any conduct that violates, directly or indirectly, recognized standard show practices.
Any other conduct typically considered discreditable which could damage the image of the breed, show, or Jersey Canada.
Discreditable conduct includes, but is not limited to, acts that include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violence, or threat of violence; • Verbal abuse and/or use of derogatory language; • Harassment of any kind; or • Improper and/or unprofessional behaviours.
Penalty
First Offence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) year suspension • Administration costs of \$2,000
Second Offence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two (2) year suspension • Administration costs of \$2,500
Third Offence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five (5) year suspension • Administration costs of \$5,000

Promoting Sportsmanship

The National Jersey Show Conduct Rules promote good sportsmanship among exhibitors, support good animal husbandry practices, and present a positive image to spectators. These National Jersey Show Conduct Rules apply at all times while present within and around fairground or show property.

For the National Jersey Show, hosted at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, these National Jersey Show Conduct Rules are enforced by Jersey Canada, operating under its bylaws.

Violations of these National Jersey Show Conduct Rules are subject to the disciplinary provisions of the Standard Procedures for enforcing the National Jersey Show Conduct Rules, and/or other applicable show rules or regulations.

Contact Us

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