

Rules & Regulations

1. State show entry fee is \$20. Entries can be completed on FairEntry.com.
2. There will be no reserved stall fee and cattle will be stalled upon arrival.
3. State show entries must be received by May 27, 2025. Entries received after the May 27, 2025 deadline will be assessed a \$50 per animal fee. Entries received after June 13, 2024 will be \$100. Substitutions will be permitted.
4. All identification papers must be presented and identified in the exhibitor's name, except papers presented with a signed transfer and fees attached. Transfers and fees will be collected and sent to the Holstein Association USA. No calls will be made to verify ownership. Animals that are going on to other shows will be verified with Holstein Association USA. If these transfers are not recorded there within 90 days of our state show, the exhibitor(s) will be ineligible to show at a Minnesota Holstein sponsored district or state show for the following calendar year.
5. Copies of identification certificates will not be accepted. Original and association duplicates of identification certificates are permitted and accepted. Email copies of both sides of the identification papers from the Holstein Association USA will be accepted for show. It will be the responsibility of the exhibitor to provide the email. Any %RHA is eligible to show.
6. Syndicate or partnership animals may be shown at the Minnesota district and state shows providing the following requirements are met:
 - Show proof of ownership with a list of all members from Holstein Association USA, if all members are not individually listed on identification certificate.
 - Entry fee paid by exhibitor
 - Paid state membership by each partner.
7. Where a herd is registered in the names of different members of a family residing on one farm and where the herd is one unit, and everyone is using the same prefix, all entries may be considered as exhibits of one breeder.
8. As exhibitor of all dairy animals originating from my farm to be exhibited at the Minnesota State Holstein Show agree that said animals have been vaccinated with either a killed or modified-live vaccine for the following diseases: IBR, BVD and Lepto within six months of the show date. If any outbreak should occur and is linked to our originating farm, Minnesota Holstein Association will not be liable.
9. The best udder in each milking class will be recognized with a rosette ribbon at the state show.

10. Exhibitors who wish to be recognized for production must identify accordingly in FairEntry.com and provide a DHIA herd code and barn ID. From there the records will be officially verified by DHIA. Any records sent in after the entry deadline will not be eligible for receiving production recognition.

11. There are no dry cow classes.

12. Premier Breeders (Bred and Owned) the owner of the dam at the time of service shall be considered the breeder of the animal. Where a herd is registered in the names of different members of a family and where the herd is one unit, all entries may be considered as exhibits of one breeder. Please Note: For non-family partnerships, to qualify for Bred & Owned Awards, one of the original owners must be listed as one of the current owners.

13. Exhibitors at any MN Holstein district or state show must live in Minnesota or South Dakota

14. Any animal exhibited at any MN Holstein district or state show must be shown in only one state.

13. Premier exhibitor and premier breeder points will be based on six animals. Exhibitor must be the owner. Where a herd is registered in the names of different members of a family residing on one farm and where the herd is one unit, and everyone is using the same prefix, all entries may be considered as exhibits of one breeder. However, where the ownership is from two or more herds they will be considered as separate entries as stated owners on the paper with one owner having to be a resident of the state of Minnesota and a member of Minnesota Holstein Association. Senior points, starting at 20 with a 2-point drop between each placing down to 10th place, will be awarded for milking cow classes. Junior points will be awarded to the junior animals and will start at 10 points with a 1- point drop between each place down to 10th place.

14. There will be a pipeline milking facility and bulk tanks available. A bulk tank sample will also be taken to check for antibiotics before the load is picked up. If the tank sample tests positive, the individual cow samples will then be checked to see where the antibiotics originated. The exhibitor whose cow tests positive for antibiotics will then be responsible for the entire tank of milk and will be barred from showing until the tank is paid for.

15. A standard of behavior is expected from exhibitors and their agents. Any violation will result in exhibitors being banned from future shows. The destruction of property will be referred to proper officials.

16. Minnesota state shows will be conducted in compliance with the Show Rules Code of Ethics as established by the PDCA.

17. The Minnesota Holstein Association (MHA) and the Holstein Association USA have each adopted the "Show Ring Code of Ethics", established by the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association, as the basis for rules governing conduct of shows sponsored or endorsed by the associations. Judges will be advised of this adherence to PDCA code. The Show Ring Code of Ethics is attached hereto and is incorporated herein. Because violations of the ethical standard are detrimental to the image and reputation of the breeder members of the Minnesota Holstein Association and the Holstein Association USA and the associations themselves; a. MHA has established penalties for major violations of show rules and procedures for support for judges and enforcement of the Show Ring Code of Ethics. These penalties and procedures are attached hereto and incorporated herein. b. Owners of cattle exhibited at MHA sponsored shows will be required to acknowledge their understanding of the agreement to abide by the Show Ring Code of Ethics of other show rules.

Violations:

False, Deceptive or Unacceptable Practices

These practices are violation 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 substance.
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). Oral tubing of fluids must be performed by a licensed veterinarian only.
4. The animal's hair must be her own growing and attached to the body, with a maximum length of 1-1/2" when showing at the MHA state show. The addition of foreign objects, including but not limited to hair or hair substitutes, cloth or fiber, is prohibited.
5. Animals should be in their show surroundings on their pack, at the wash rack, being exercised in show area, or in show ring. Animals being taken to cattle trailer or secluded area will be a violation.
6. Any person physically or verbally abusing the ultrasound technician or other people shall be in violation.

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Procedure FOR ENFORCEMENT OF SHOW RING CODE TO ETHICS Administration of this procedure will be the purview of an ethics committee, which will advise the Board of Directors of its investigations and recommendations for disciplinary actions for violations.

1. The ethics committee will include the chairman of the show committee MHA board of directors, he will appoint a vice chair or vice chairs and a committee to be approved by the MHA board of directors.

2. The ethics committee will observe activities prior to and including the show and will receive complaints of alleged violations. Ethics people may use devices to detect infractions. Complaints must be received before the conclusion of the show to be considered. Anonymous complaints will not be considered.

3. If the ethics committee suspects a violation has occurred or will occur if an animal is shown, the exhibitor will be informed by the ethics chairman of the suspicion. Ethics committee will have the right to demand the registration paper of animal in question and proof of identification of the person doing the supposed violation. If upon notification the exhibitor decides not to show the animal, no violation will be deemed to exist.

4. If a complaint cannot be investigated before the animal is shown or the show is concluded, alleged violators will be advised within 21 days of the shows' conclusion of the allegation and the results of its investigation.

5. Owners and exhibitors of cattle are deemed responsible for their actions at shows as well as the actions of their employees, agents, contractors and others who assist with the fitting, care and show preparation of their cattle.

6. The ethics committee will have the authority to inspect any animal by its members or by appointed qualified contractors and to review the results of the inspection to determine if violations of MHA show ring policy have occurred. To help in this regard, inspection may include:

- a. Milk-out of a lactating animal
- b. Ultrasound examination of an udder prior to milk-out
- c. Collection and testing of any of the animal's body fluids.
- d. Use of any other non-lethal technology that may be useful in determining a violation based on placement, random selection or suspect characteristics.
- e. Delivery for the purpose of laboratory analysis and inspection, at anytime, of any hypodermic syringe or needle, or other device, swabs, cloths, other material, or samples of any medicine, preparation, or substance, whether in liquid or other form, in the possession of control of the exhibitor, fitter, agents or persons acting on behalf of the exhibitor.
- f. Animals may be checked for false hair and for length over 1-1/2 inches.

7. Following their final judging, the ethics committee will ultrasound in a private setting the udders, prior to milk out, any of the milking cows exhibited at the state Holstein show.

8 Following their final judging, milk samples may be taken from any animal in each milking cow class.

9. Evaluation of the ultrasound tests and any laboratory test of milk and other materials and reports of any eye witnesses will be reviewed by the ethics committee together with unresolved matters from 4) above within 21 days of the shows' conclusion. The ethics committee will then within 3 days advise and review with the MHA president and executive secretary any findings of violations and recommendations for disciplinary action. The MHA president or executive secretary will immediately notify the accused individual(s) that a major violation of the show ring code of ethics has occurred and will share all of the supporting evidence with the individual(s).

10. Within 10 days of notification to an individual of violation, the chairman of the ethics committee will meet with the president and executive committee of MHA to review the finding and recommendation of the ethics committee (collectively the review committee). The alleged violator(s) will be able to participate in the review meeting if they choose, provided they give notice of their intent at least 3 days prior to the meeting. Following the above meeting, the review committee will determine, in private session by agreement of two-thirds vote, whether to accept or modify the ethics committee's findings of violation and recommendations. If violation is determined, the review committee may at its discretion: a) Consider previous violations by the violating owner, exhibitor or other individual b) Pass on to the violator its cost for outside investigator services c) Impose sanction consistent with the penalties listed below but in no circumstances will a violating individual receive premium monies or awards.

11. During this process of review and determination, reasonable effort will be made to maintain confidentiality but no obligation of confidentiality shall exist for the directors, staff or committees of the MHA.

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF SHOW RING CODE OF ETHICS 1. First Offense – a minimum of one-year probation to a maximum of one-year suspension from participation in MHA sponsored shows for exhibitor(s), owner(s), fitter(s) or other representatives and animals(s) either individually or combination thereof.

2. Subsequent Offenses-a minimum of one-year suspension to a maximum of suspension for life from participation in MHA sponsored shows for exhibitor(s), owners(s), fitter(s) or other representative and animal(s) either individually or combination thereof.