

BWCAA Code of Show Ring Ethics

The purpose of the BWCAA National Cattle Show, hereafter called the "Show" is to exhibit the best phenotypes of the American British White breed. Exhibitors shall at all times conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Behavior in the competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of the agricultural profession. This code applies to all class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. 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 impressionable will be influenced by their fine example. Cattle owners or exhibitors who violate the Code of Show Ring Ethics will forfeit any awards.

The following is a list of policies for all owners and exhibitors entering animals in the Show.

1. All exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at the Show and to keep their stalls and premises clean.
2. Once on the Show grounds, any medical procedures or administration of legal health products such as antibiotics must be done under the supervision of a veterinarian.
3. We seriously doubt that any member of BWCAA would do the following as it is not in the culture of our organization. However, it must be stated that:
 - a. Any surgical procedure, addition of hair, or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counter irritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, or appearance, is prohibited, except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal.
 - b. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as sticking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivances, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
4. Owners or exhibitors must at all times show respect for the judge and managers of the Show. Direct criticism or interference with the judge or Show managers during or after the Show is prohibited. All decisions by the judge are final.
5. The application of this Code of Ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner or exhibitor, 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.
6. The act of entering an animal in the Show is the giving of consent by the owner or exhibitor to have disciplinary action taken by the Show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the Show without recourse against the Show.
7. The act of entering an animal in the fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner or exhibitor that he or she has read and understands the BWCAA Code of Show Ring Ethics.