Tennessee Junior Livestock Expo – Beef Expo
Wilson County Fairgrounds, Lebanon, TN – July 8-10, 2027

General Policies

1. **General Policies:** All exhibitors in the TJLE Beef Expo and their parents/guardians are required to read and comply with all policies and procedures contained in the TJLE Beef Expo Handbook.
2. **Interpretation of Rules:** The TJLE Beef Expo is administered, managed and governed by UT Extension. This entity is responsible for the administration of all applicable rules and policies, including enforcement and penalties. Management reserves the final and absolute right to interpret rules and regulations, settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard hereto, or otherwise arising out of the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine.
3. **Eligibility:** Competition is limited to either Tennessee 4-H members who were enrolled in the fourth grade or later and Tennessee FFA members who were enrolled in agriculture education courses on January 1 of current calendar year and who have not reached the end of the calendar year of their high school graduation or the end of the calendar year of their 20th birthday, whichever comes first. The exhibitors must be under the supervision of an Extension Agent or FFA advisor and shall be required to comply with all rules of the shows.
    - Signature of Extension Agent or FFA Advisor of said exhibitor on entry form is required to confirm that: the entry is a bona fide project of their 4-H or FFA program; is a member in good standing; **the animal is owned and in the continuous possession of the exhibitor;** Extension Agent or FFA Advisor has read the TJLE Beef Expo Handbook, and Participant has been advised of these rules as well as The National Show Ring Code of Ethics; been cautioned regarding sabotage, tampering, prohibited substances, unethical fitting and all rules and regulations have been complied with, to the extent of their participation.
    - The exhibitor and parent or legal guardian of the exhibitor **must sign the entry forms** certifying that they have read the TJLE Beef Expo Handbook, and that Participant has been advised of these rules and regulations as well as The National Show Ring Code of Ethics; cautioned regarding sabotage, tampering, prohibited substances, unethical fitting and agrees to observe and abide by all rules and regulations.
4. **Rules Violation:** Any exhibitor, parent or leader, who individually or through other persons, violates any rules, may result in both animal(s) and exhibitor(s) being barred from participation in current or future shows. All premiums, awards received, and sale receipts may be forfeited.
5. **Discourteous Behavior:** Discourteous conduct by exhibitors, parents, leaders, Extension Agents, FFA Advisors or anyone else representing an exhibitor, toward a judge, any member of show management or other exhibitors may result in the exhibitor and/or animal being dismissed from future Tennessee Junior Livestock Events and awards received being forfeited.
6. **Publicity Release:** As indicated by the signatures of the exhibitors, parents or guardians on the entry forms for TJLE Beef Expo, authorizes the University of Tennessee and/or their

representatives to photograph, film, audio/video tape, record and/or televise their image and voice and biographical material, participation in the various events and to publicize, in whole or in part in any medium or developed in the future without any restrictions.

7. **Care and Treatment of Animals:** All animals that are exhibited at the TJLE Beef Expo are to be under the care and management of the 4-H or FFA member. The exhibitor's supervising Extension Agent, or the exhibitor's supervising FFA advisor, or UT Extension staff member has the right, with prior notification, to inspect any animals at a reasonable time during the ownership period. All animals that are exhibited in the TJLE Beef Expo are to be treated in accordance with accepted humane livestock management techniques. Exhibitors are expected to comply with all federal, state and local laws or regulations concerning the treatment and care of animals. Specific areas of concern include but are not limited to:
    - Animals should be provided with feed and water on a regular basis. A special effort should be made to ensure that market animals receive feed and water before the show and sale.
    - Medication given by or under the direction of a veterinarian must adhere to withdrawal times on the product label.
    - Animals which have been accidentally injured must receive appropriate veterinary attention.
8. **Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages:** Consumption of alcoholic beverages at the TJLE Beef Expo is not permitted. Failure to adhere to this policy may result in the person(s) being dismissed, associated exhibitor(s) and/or animal(s) being dismissed, and awards received being forfeited. Additionally, show management reserves the right to alert the appropriate police agency.
9. **Dogs:** No dogs are allowed on the show premises, except proper service dogs.
10. **Safety**: Everything possible will be done to prevent accidents; however, if any should occur, neither the University of Tennessee, nor University of Tennessee personnel, nor other persons, nor any other organizations connected with the management of the show assumes any liability, either legal or otherwise to persons or property.
11. **Grievance Complaints or Protest:** Grievance complaints or protests must be officially made prior to the final drive within a show and must be accompanied by $100.00 cash to show management. Official grievance complaints will be resolved prior to the final drive. No grievances can be made following the final drive of a show.
    - The burden of proof rests with the party filing the grievance. The $100 deposit will be returned if the grievance is upheld. The deposit will be forfeited to the TJLE Beef Expo if the grievance is not sustained.
    - The respective show manager and/or superintendent has the authority to make appropriate decisions based on the TJLE Beef Expo Handbook. If needed, the protest shall be referred to as a "Grievance Committee."
    - The grievance will be reviewed. The grievance may be discussed with parties involved and show officials in reaching a decision. All parties involved will be notified of decisions reached.
    - Protests related to judges' decisions, placings, classifications and/or other situations associated with judges and show management **will not** be accepted.

Show Procedures

Health Requirements: Animals exhibited at the TJLE Beef Expo must meet the following requirements: Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) will be required for every animal exhibited at the TJLE Beef Expo. It is expected that junior exhibitors will bring only healthy animals to the shows. The CVI must be dated within 90 days of the respective show. All animals are subject to being inspected after arrival at the show facilities and any with clinical signs of contagious disease will be quarantined or sent home immediately at the discretion of the show veterinarian.

ALL livestock must have official forms of identification in order to have valid health certificate.

Beef Cattle: all beef cattle must have an 840-RFID tag

Animal ID: All steers, commercial heifers and registered heifers MUST have an 840-RFID tag in order to show. Tags will be sent to the exhibitor's county Extension office. Extension Agents or FFA Advisors **MUST** supervise the tagging of each animal. If an individual animal already has an 840-RFID tag or a non-RFID 840 tag, that tag should be used as the ID tag for that animal. An existing 840-RFID tag or a non-RFID 840 tag should not be cut out and an animal should not have two separate 840-RFID tags/non-RFID 840 tags. Additionally, all steers, commercial heifers and registered heifers must have a legible tattoo that matches the entry form.

If a tag becomes lost or damaged, exhibitors should be instructed to immediately notify their Extension Agent or FFA Advisor. The Extension Agent or FFA Advisor should witness the re-tagging of the animal just like the initial tagging. The Extension Agent should then email the Youth Livestock and Equine Specialist with the updated tag information. Any animal that arrives to the TJLE Beef Expo without original ear tags supplied by UT Department of Animal Science WILL NOT show.

Entries:

1. All animals must be owned, and entries submitted through the local UT Extension office by May 1. This is the procedure for entries by both 4-H and FFA members.
2. Each exhibitor may enter and exhibit a total of 4 commercial heifers and 3 steers at the TJLE Beef Expo. There is no limit to the total number of registered heifers that can be entered/shown, but only 2 per age division can be entered/shown. Each exhibitor may only show 2 leased commercial heifers and 2 leased registered heifers.
3. The 840-RFID tag number and tattoo for each animal must be completely and correctly listed on the entry form. These animal IDs will be verified against what is in the animal's ear at check-in of the show. These numbers must match for the animal to be eligible to be shown.
4. UT Extension staff are to follow the typical online entry procedure for ALL Tennessee Junior Livestock Shows.
5. **Entry fees of $10.00 per head** must be submitted with entry forms. Refunds will not be given for animals not exhibited.
6. Copies of all entry forms are to be submitted by Extension Agents to the appropriate regional

staff and to the UT Animal Science Department.

7. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to be sure that his/her entries meet criteria to qualify for exhibition and to complete all the information requested on the entry form. Incomplete entry forms **will not** be accepted and will be returned to the Extension Agent. Animals will not be entered if entry forms are not completed, and entry fees not submitted. **Extension Agents and FFA Advisors should review all entries to ensure accuracy prior to submission.**
8. The signatures of the exhibitor, his/her parent or guardian and Extension Agent or FFA Advisor will be required before an entry will be accepted. These signatures will confirm that the parties:
    - Have read, understood and agree to the rules and regulations outlined in the TJLE Beef Expo Handbook.
    - Have certified that the animal and exhibitor have complied with the rules and regulations outlined in the TJLE Beef Expo Handbook.
    - Have certified that they understand that exhibitors are completely responsible for the care and custody of their animals at the TJLE Beef Expo.

Ownership, Possession and Registration: All market steers must be individually identified with an 840-RFID tag and a tattoo and be owned and in the continuous possession of (in care of) by the youth exhibitor by February 7 through the show. Additionally, all market steers must attend one of the below regional tagging days.

- Thursday, January 14, 2027 – 9am-12pm (eastern)
    - Sullivan County Extension Office, 140 Spurgeon Lane, Blountville, TN 37167
- Saturday, February 6, 2027 – 10am-12pm (central)
    - Henry County Fairgrounds, 517 Royal Oak Drive, Paris, TN 38242
- Sunday, February 7, 2027 – 2pm-5pm (central)
    - Williamson County Ag Expo Park, 4215 Long Lane, Franklin, TN 37064
- Friday, February 12, 2027 – 4pm-6pm (eastern)
    - Brehm Animal Science Arena, 2506 River Drive, Knoxville, TN 37996

All Registered Heifers, Commercial Heifers, Prospect Steers (steers weighing less than 900 pounds at the show) and dairy feeder steers must be individually identified with an 840-RFID tag (witnessed by Extension Agent or FFA Advisor) and a tattoo and be owned and in the continuous possession of (in care of) by the youth exhibitor by May 1 through the show. Animals cannot be exhibited by anyone other than the owner/lessee from the entry date through the show. Registered heifers must also be registered in the name of the exhibitor by May 1. A copy of the registration paper should accompany the entry form by the entry deadline. Lease agreements for registered heifers and commercial heifers must be in place by May 1.

Animal Lease Program: The objective of the Animal Lease Program is to provide youth who would otherwise not have the opportunity of participating in the beef cattle project without the expense of purchasing animals. Registered heifers and commercial heifers are the only animals eligible to be leased. Only 2 commercial heifers and 2 registered heifers may be entered/shown by each exhibitor. Leased animals must conform to all rules associated with the respective show

(ie. ID requirements, possession dates, exhibition rules, etc.). Completed lease forms and a copy of the animal's registration paper (if applicable) must be submitted along with the entry forms to the County Extension Office by the deadline.

Exhibition: Exhibitors will show their own animal unless they have two animals in the same class. The second animal must be shown by another 4-H or FFA member. Any animal shown by anyone other than the exhibitor who entered the animal may result in forfeiture of all premiums and awards unless prior approval is given by show management. Substitute exhibitors will be granted for those exhibitors with 2 animals in the same class or serious illness/injury at time of the show.

Tennessee Youth Quality Assurance Program (TYQA): Youth must be TYQA certified in order to exhibit at the TJLE Beef Expo. For more information about TYQA, contact your County Extension Office (https://animalscience.tennessee.edu/quality-assurance/).

Showmanship: Showmanship participation is available to all youth that have animals entered in the respective show. Showmanship will be conducted by the grade divisions shown below. Grade refers to the school grade in which the exhibitor was enrolled on January 1, of current year.

- Explorer - (4th grade)
- Junior Level I - (5th & 6th grades)
- Junior Level II - (7th & 8th grades)
- Senior Level I - (9th & 10th grades)
- Senior Level II - (11th & 12th grades)

Exhibitors of steers and heifers will have a single showmanship class. Animals used in showmanship must be from those entered/exhibited by the exhibitor. Exhibitors must show their own animal. Grade divisions may be split at the discretion of show management.

Stalls, Tie-space and Pens: Show management will assign tie space and pens per county based on the number of animals entered. The assignments will be made prior to the show and posted in the barn. No animals are to be tied or penned in the wash areas. Exhibitors are to provide their own pen security.

Fitting and Grooming: Each exhibitor should be working with their animals and in attendance with that animal during the entire fitting process. Breed association guidelines related to grooming are to be followed at the TJLE Beef Expo.

Unruly or Unsound Animals: The show superintendent, manager, show steward, ring person, judge or show management may dismiss animals that, in their judgment, are unruly or unsound.

Drug Testing: Any animal entered in TJLE Beef Expo is subject to tissue, urine, ultra-sound and blood testing at any time at the discretion of the show management. Each exhibitor's cooperation is **REQUIRED**. Any exhibitor who does not submit their animal for drug testing will immediately be disqualified from any and all premiums and awards. If the result of the testing indicates the use of any substance that is not approved for use in that species by the FDA, or

compound or drugs used outside the specified withdrawal requirements of the FDA, these animals will be declared ineligible for competition and awards will be forfeited. Substances tested for may include, **but are not limited** to Antibiotics, Repartitioning Agents, Diuretics, Tranquilizers, Analgesics, Steroids and Local Anesthetics. Exhibitors are completely responsible for the care and custody of their animals at the TJLE Beef Expo.

Special Considerations for Steers and Heifers:

1. The TJLE Beef Expo is a sanctioned show by the Tennessee's Top Tier (TTT) show point program. Information about TTT is available at www.tncattle.org.
2. All commercial heifers must be weaned, polled/dehorned and neither of the second permanent incisors (I2) may have erupted. If either of the second permanent incisors have erupted (broken through the gums), the heifer will be ineligible.
3. All steers must be polled/dehorned (and healed) and castrated.
    a. Any evidence of testicles or testicular residue will disqualify the steer.
4. Steers and commercial heifers will show by weight. After an animal leaves the scales, no reweighs will be made.
    a. There is no minimum weight for steers.
    b. Steers weighing less than 900 pounds will be shown in the Prospect classes. Market classes will be offered for steers at or above 900 pounds.
    c. Dairy feeder steers must be 100% dairy breed, no beef breeds allowed. Steers will be classified at check-in and shown by breed and must weigh between 300-900 pounds. They will not compete against prospect or finished steers in championship classes.
5. Breed divisions will be offered for Market Steers for Angus, Charolais, Chi, Hereford/Polled Hereford, Limousin/Lim-Flex, Maine/Maintainer, Red Angus/Percentage Red Angus, Shorthorn/Shorthorn Plus and Simmental/Percentage Simmental. Market Steers must be registered with their respective breed association.
    a. To be eligible, market steers must be registered in the name of the youth exhibitor and a copy of the registration paper brought to the regional tagging day. All steers without registration papers at the regional tagging day are eligible for the Crossbred Division. Steers entered as a particular breed at a regional tagging day are only eligible for that specific breed division at Beef Expo. Any steer may be moved to the Crossbred Division at any time prior to check-in at Beef Expo but may not be moved from Crossbred to a breed division following the regional tagging day.
    b. Following the regional tagging days, any of the above breeds or any other breed with at least 5 steers entered will be eligible for a breed show at Beef Expo. Breed Associations and other groups will be contacted about sponsorship for the breed shows. Any group that provides a $250 sponsorship for a breed division will be guaranteed a market steer breed show even if that particular breed ends up with less than 5 market steers at Beef Expo. Without such sponsorship, the particular breed must have at least 5 market steers at the show to be eligible for a breed show. This does not include Prospect classes. All steers entered in breeds that do not have their own breed division at Beef Expo will be eligible for the All Other Breeds (AOB) Division.

6. Registered heifers will be shown by age in the following classes:
    a. Junior Heifer Calves (January 1 – February 28/29, year of show)
    b. Late Senior Heifer Calves (November 1 – December 31, preceding year)
    c. Early Senior Heifer Calves (September 1 – October 31, preceding year)
    d. Summer Yearlings (July 1 – August 31, preceding year)
    e. Late Spring Yearlings (May 1 – June 30, preceding year)
    f. Spring Yearlings (March 1 – April 30, preceding year)
    g. Junior Yearlings (January 1 – February 28/29, preceding year)
    h. Late Senior Yearlings (November 1 – December 31, year before preceding year)
    i. Early Senior Yearlings (September 1 – October 31, year before preceding year)
7. Following the ownership/entry deadline, any breed with at least 8 registered heifers entered will be eligible for a breed show. Breed Associations and other groups will be contacted about sponsorship for the breed shows. Any group that provides a $250 sponsorship for a breed division will guarantee a registered heifer breed show even if that particular breed ends up with less than 8 registered heifers at the show. Without such sponsorship, the particular breed must have at least 8 registered heifers at the show to be eligible for a breed show. All registered heifers entered in breeds that do not have their own breed division will be eligible for the All Other Breeds (AOB) Division.
    a. Any registered heifer may be moved to the Crossbred Division at any time prior to check-in at the show but may <u>not</u> be moved from Crossbred to a breed division following the ownership/entry deadline.
8. Classes may be divided based on discretion of show management.
9. There will not be divisions for the commercial heifer show. All class winners will compete in the Grand Drive.
10. Bred By Exhibitor Division is <u>only for Registered Heifers</u> and is defined as an exhibitor being listed as both the sole breeder and sole owner of the heifer on the registration paper.
    a. To be eligible for Bred By Exhibitor competition, it must be indicated on entry form.
11. Farm Bred Division is <u>only for Commercial Heifers</u> and is defined as the heifer being produced by a dam solely owned by the exhibitor, his/her parents/legal guardian or his/her grandparents at the time that the said heifer was conceived.
    a. To be eligible for Farm Bred competition, it must be indicated on entry form.
12. There will be a County Group of Five for registered heifers, commercial heifers and steers. For each, there must be 5 animals from at least 3 different exhibitors, respectively. Exhibitors can only participate in one county group entry per animal type.
13. **TCA Market Steer Purchase:** The Tennessee Cattlemen's Association will purchase steers from the Grand Drive at a premium to donate to a food bank. The number of steers purchased will depend on available sponsorship and will be announced at Beef Expo. Exhibitors who do not participate are still eligible for the Grand Drive but will not receive TCA premiums. Steers are subject to all testing criteria in accordance with the TJLE Beef Expo outlined in the Drug Testing section of this document, which includes substances not approved for use in that species and used outside the specified withdrawal period. Animals that fail to meet these guidelines will forfeit premiums. The UT Department of Animal Science will take immediate possession of all steers purchased and transport them to the

processing facility. At the time of harvest, these steers will be inspected by USDA inspectors, veterinarians and/or their designees for age/maturity as well as any sign of tampering. If the carcasses are determined to be over 30-months of age or any other issue that results in a loss of value, they are subject to a 50% decrease in the premium awarded to the exhibitor. If the carcasses are condemned for any reason or contain significant blemishes/bruises indicating a violation of quality assurance and animal welfare standards, no premium will be awarded to the exhibitor. No premiums will be paid until receipt of all drug testing results.

Premier Exhibitor Recognition Program:
The purpose of the Premier Exhibitor award program is to provide 4-H and FFA members the opportunity to demonstrate the skills and knowledge learned and gained by participating in the junior livestock projects. This recognition program will increase the emphasis on the knowledge and skills attained by the youth and will complement the wholesome competition, social development and fun learning traditionally associated with junior livestock shows.
A Premier Exhibitor for Registered Heifer, Commercial Heifer and Market Steer will be selected at the TJLE Beef Expo in each of the following divisions:

- Explorer - (4th grade)
- Junior Level I - (5th & 6th grades)
- Junior Level II - (7th & 8th grades)
- Senior Level I - (9th & 10th grades)
- Senior Level II - (11th & 12th grades)

To be eligible for the Premier Exhibitor competition, youth must exhibit an animal in the steer or heifer show respectively, participate in showmanship and in the skillathon contest. The Premier Exhibitor will be the individual who earns the most points by participating in these three educational events. A previous Premier Exhibitor winner in a particular division is not eligible to compete in the same division of the same show in future years (ie. cannot win Senior Level I Commercial Heifer Premier Exhibitor more than once). Additionally, youth may not win multiple Premier Exhibitor awards in the same year (ie. cannot win Senior Level I Market Steer and Registered Heifer Premier Exhibitor in the same year).

Skillathon: This event consists of different activities that will evaluate an exhibitor's knowledge gained from participation in the beef cattle project for a total of 100 points. Each exhibitor will participate in the skillathon as an individual. The activities will increase in difficulty as the grade division increases. Examples of skillathon activities include but are not limited to feed, breed and meat identification, health and production practices and record-keeping.

Beef Show: Registered Heifers, Commercial Heifers and all Steers will be evaluated by the judge based on their merit related to breed and industry standards and assigned a Blue, Red or White. The highest possible score for Blue is 100, 90 for Red and 80 for White. The lowest possible score for any animal is 80.

- Points in the Blue group will be given starting at 100 points and decreasing by 2 points for each placing through 10th place. Any Blue past 10th place will receive 80 points.

- Points in the Red group will be given starting at 2 points below the last place Blue in the class, but not higher than 90 points. Points will decrease by 2 points for each placing through the 5th place Red. Any Red past 5th place Red will receive 80 points.
- All animals in the White group will receive 80 points.

Showmanship: Each exhibitor will receive a score for their placing in showmanship, which will count for Premier Exhibitor:

1st place: 100 points	5th place: 96 points	9th place: 92 points
2nd place: 99 points	6th place: 95 points	10th place: 91 points
3rd place: 98 points	7th place: 94 points	All other Blues: 90 points
4th place: 97 points	8th place: 93 points	All Reds: 80 points

Tie Breakers: Ties in Skillathon and Premier Exhibitor will be broken as follows:

Skillathon: Stations 1-5 individually in order, Showmanship score, Animal score

Premier Exhibitor: Skillathon score, Showmanship score, Skillathon stations 1-5 individually in order, Animal score

Show Ring Code of 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.

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 violative drug residue. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, trainer and/or responsible persons 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.

In the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medications, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood or other substance tested by the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to 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 time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animals 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 similar 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 duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management or other show officials 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 conspire 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 the 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 the code of ethics.
10. The act of entering an animal is giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of the 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 of 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 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 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.

    Violations of the Code of Show Ring Ethics: Any violations of the Code of Show Ring Ethics (below) or any other rules and policies associated with the TJLE Beef Expo may result in forfeiture of premiums and awards, disqualification, loss of sale proceeds, probationary status and/or loss of eligibility for future participation. Any illegal substances found at slaughter will result in forfeiture of all premiums and revenues from the sale of the animal. Violations of these rules may result in both animal and exhibitor being disqualified from the show. Examples include, but are not limited to:

    - Treating the animal internally with an irritant or other substance to artificially change the animal's conformation. This would include injection of air, gas, liquid, solid or any foreign material under the skin.
    - Surgery of any kind to change the natural conformation or appearance of the animal's body. (Exceptions include those procedures that are part of a normally accepted management program, such as dehorning, castration and tail docking.)
    - Altering or changing an animal from its natural color to misrepresent the animal.
    - Use of any abnormal procedure or product to change the degree of firmness, muscle tone or mass and/or weight of the animal.
    - Use of any illegal substance or procedure that results in condemnation of the carcass of a market animal.
    - Adding of any foreign material (twine, hair, etc.) to any part of the body in an attempt to disguise or alter the conformation or condition of the animal.
    - The use of graphite.
    - Administration of any substance (internal or external) not used according to label instructions.
    - Excessive force in handling of animals.
    - Physical abuse of an animal, either in the barns, on the grounds or in the show ring by the exhibitor or his/her parents or representatives, Extension Agent or FFA Advisor may result in both animal and exhibitor being dismissed from the show(s).