



Exhibitor Code of Conduct and Expectations

One of the purposes of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society and the Dutchess County Fair is to provide Agricultural Producers, and especially youth, the opportunity to showcase the results of their efforts. In addition, we intend to provide a pleasant and safe experience for all coming to our Fair. With these purposes in mind, all Fair Exhibitors and any person associated with the entry/exhibitor are expected to conduct themselves according to this code of conduct set forth by Fair Management and the Dutchess County Agricultural Society.

Youth/Exhibitors are expected to be sincere, honest, and always act in a sportsmanlike manner. Youth Exhibitors represent the Fair and their behavior reflects on their parents, leaders, club, and the entire youth program. All adults involved with the youth program, leaders as well as parents, are expected to set positive examples and serve as positive role models by what they say and do.

The consequences will be handled at the discretion of Fair Management and the Dutchess County Agricultural Society. Violating this Code of Conduct may include but is not limited to: Verbal warning, removal from Fairgrounds, loss of premiums, loss of future participation privileges and/or the privilege to be on Fairgrounds property.

All Exhibitors will:

- Be courteous and respectful to ALL. Demonstrate good sportsmanship and citizenship.
- Keep barn aisles and stalls clean and neat and orderly. Maintain and care for their animals during the Fair.
- Ensure that your animals are properly restrained while on the Fairgrounds.
- Engage and welcome questions by our Fair patrons.
- Observe all the rules listed in the Exhibitor Guide.
- Obey all local, State and Federal laws.
- Always demonstrate sportsmanlike, ethical, and moral conduct.
- Will not use inappropriate or offensive language.
- Abide by the established curfew (minors must have adult supervision and prior approval to stay in designated areas during Fair)
- Will not be allowed to show an animal that is unruly/dangerous, or not in show condition.
- Will always behave in a manner which is not detrimental to themselves or the Fair's reputation.
- Always represent the Fairgrounds and exhibitors in a positive manner on social media platforms.

Fair Management and the Dutchess County Agricultural Society will have a **zero-tolerance policy** on the following:

- Possession or consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- Possession or consumption of illegal drugs, including the use of tobacco or vaping by a minor.
- Possession or use of weapons or fireworks.
- Possession or use of harmful objects with the intent to harm or intimidate others.
- Destroying or damaging property belonging to the DCF or others (including graffiti).
- Drugs, underage drinking, fighting, bullying, and immoral behavior will not be tolerated.
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All Leaders, Advisors, Parents, Guardians, Herdsman and Helpers:

- Will acknowledge that the exhibitor must demonstrate his or her own ability, knowledge, and skill as an exhibitor of show animals and the assistance of another must be kept at a minimum, only to ensure safety.
- Will acknowledge that the direct criticism or interference with veterinarians, judges, show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives or show officials before, during or after a competitive event is PROHIBITED. All veterinarians, judges, show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives or show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect. I will not allow any person connected with my exhibitor or child's animal project to direct abusive or threatening conduct toward any show official.
- Respectful language will always be used. No foul or abusive language or gestures will be tolerated.
- The possession of any weapons or illegal drugs on the Fairgrounds is prohibited.
- Responsible alcohol use is allowed in designated areas. I will limit my use of alcohol so that a proper example is set for my exhibitor/child, or children of others around us. Any abuse of alcohol or public drunkenness is PROHIBITED. This type of activity is further monitored by law enforcement.
- The use of any kind of open flame and any type of fireworks is prohibited.
- The entire Fairground is a non-smoking facility, smoking or vaping of any kind is prohibited.
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Fair Management and the Dutchess County Agricultural Society consists of a dedicated staff and many volunteers that donate their time and wisdom to put on an educational and rewarding experience for all exhibitors.

SOMEWHERE IN THIS BARN,
THERE IS A LITTLE KID THAT WANTS
TO BE JUST LIKE YOU SOMEDAY.
YOU OWE IT TO THEM TO BE
THE **BEST** THAT YOU CAN BE.

I acknowledge that I have read the Exhibitor Code of Conduct and Expectations and agree to abide by them or will accept consequences from Fair Management and the Dutchess County Agricultural Society. Forfeiture of all premiums and the rights to participate in the Livestock Show and DC Youth Livestock Sale. Moreover, I acknowledge that my actions may result in not being allowed to participate in future Fairs.

Signed: _____ Owner/Exhibitor Signed

_____ Owner/Exhibitor Printed

_____ Parent or Guardian of Junior Exhibitor Signed

_____ Parent or Guardian of Junior Exhibitor Printed

_____ Date Signed

****Email to entries@dutchessfair.com, subject "Code of Conduct" or bring to Check-in. Admission passes will not be released until this is complete. ****