**RULES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2021 FIELD DAY SHOWS   
(Updated and ADOPTED by MD PDCA February 24, 2021)**

**I.** Only animals recorded in the official herd registry of the national breed organizations may be shown at field days sponsored by the state breed organizations in cooperation with the Maryland Purebred Cattle Association. Animals entering the official herd registry through a national genetic recovery or up-grading program must meet the following guidelines to qualify for exhibition at a Field Day:

1. ***Ayrshire*: Minimum 87% Ayrshire ancestry as noted on registration.**

**B. *Brown Swiss*: IE & CIE Prefix animals (RF, ID & IDR prefix animals cannot be shown).**

**C. *Guernsey*: GR and PR Prefix animals. (RF and GT prefix animals cannot be shown).**

**D. *Holstein*: Minimum 87% Holstein ancestry as noted on registration.**

**E. *Jersey*: GR prefix animals (J1, OA PR Prefix animals cannot be shown).**

**F. *Milking Shorthorn*: base hair color red, white, or roan. (No other base color allowed.)**

**G. *Red & White*: Red & White noted on registration paper. Color coded paper or notation on registration paper. Older cows may have separate Red &White registration papers.**

**II. Maryland recognizes the following National Dairy Cattle Breed Organizations:**

**Breed Address Phone Fax E-mail Website**

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| Ayrshire Breeders Association | 1224 Alton Creek Rd, Suite B, Columbus, OH 43228 | 614-335-0020 | 614-335-0023 | [info@usayrshire.com](mailto:info@usayrshire.com) | http://www.usayrshire.com/ |
| Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders Association; | 800 Pleasant St  Beloit, WI 53511-5456 | 608-365-4474 | 608-365-5577 | [info@brownswissusa.com](mailto:info@brownswissusa.com) | http://www.brownswissusa.com/ |
| American Guernsey Association | 1224 Alton Darby Creek Rd. Ste G  Columbus, OH 43228 | 614-864-2409 | 614-864-5614 | ralden@usguernsey.com | http://www.usguernsey.com/ |
| Holstein Association | 1 Holstein Place  Brattleboro, VT 05302 | 800-952-5200 | 802-254-8251 | info@holstein.com | http://www.holsteinusa.com/ |
| American Jersey Cattle Association | 6486 E. Main St., Reynoldsburg, OH  43068 | 614-861-3636 | 614-836-8040 | [webmaster@usjersey.com](mailto:webmaster@usjersey.com) | http://www.usjersey.com/ |
| American Milking Shorthorn Society | 800 Pleasant St  Beloit, WI 53511-5456 | 608-365-3332 | 608-365-6644 | [info@milkingshorthorn.com](mailto:info@milkingshorthorn.com) | http://www.milkingshorthorn.com/ |
| Red and White Cattle Association | 308B Ogden Ave  Clinton, WI 53525 | 608-676-4900 | 608-299-0800 | rwdcare@gmail.com | http://www.redandwhitecattle.com/ |

**Exhibitors should refer to National Breed Organization requirements for national recognition awards and leasing guidelines.**

**III.** Animals can be shown only in classes for which their ages qualify them.

**IV.** Animals must be registered in the name of the exhibitor unless an animal is enrolled in the Maryland 4-H orNational BreedLeasing Program and is exhibited by the lessor. The Leasing Agreement **must** be verified at the show. Registration certificates must be checked prior to the time of the showing of the first class by an official appointed by the show committee.

**V.** Exhibitors shall show in only one district as determined by the respective state breed organizations. Out-of-state exhibitors may participate in Field Day shows, but will not be entitled toreceive premiums paid by the Maryland Ag Fair Board.

**VI.** Exhibitors shall file entries with designated person by specified deadlines as listed at end of thisdocument.

**VII.** A premium will be paid by the state breed organization in cooperation with the Maryland Ag. Fair Board up to a maximum of 6animals per eligible exhibitor (see **Rule VIII** for definition and determination of exhibitor). An Exhibitor shall receive premiums on a maximum of two animals per class.

**VIII.** At the discretion of the local Field Day committee, an exhibitor may be permitted to enter and show more than 6animals. However, the examples listed below will be followed to determine the maximum number of animals eligible to be paid a premium.

**A.** Adults:

**1.** One person with cattle registered in that person's name. (Total of 6 animals).

**2.** Two or more persons with cattle registered jointly in two or more names. (Total of 6 animals)

**3.** Partnership or syndicate-owned animals must be entered and exhibited by the partnership or syndicate, not by the individual members. (Total of 6 animals).

**B** Adults & Youth:

One or more adults, one or more youth who are sons or daughter operating one or more farms together and cattle are registered in each individual’s name. Adults (total of 6animals); Each Youth (total of 6 animals).

**IX.** Family or Herd Unit.

When a herd is registered in the names of the immediate members of a family, these persons may combine entries as a Family or Herd Unit and be considered as one exhibitor or one breeder. In order to qualify as a Family or Herd Unit, all animals must be kept in the same herd.

**X.** The breeder of an animal will be as it is listed on the registration certificate. Family or Herd Unit may be considered as one breeder in the open show.

**XI.** Youth — Special recognition will be awarded to qualifying youth participating in field day shows in **Classes 6-12 and 15-23.**

**A.** Qualifying ages for youth shall bethe same as determined by their respective breed associations as stated below:

**1.** ***Ayrshire*:** 8 – 21 years as of January 1st of the current year.

**2. *Brown Swiss*:** 8 – 21 years as of January 1st of the current year.

**3**. ***Guernsey*:** 8 – 21 years as of January 1st of the current year.

**4**. ***Holstein*:** 8 – 21 years as of January 1st of the current year.

**5**. ***Jersey*:** 8 years as of January 1st of the current year and cannot have passed their 21st birthday on the day of the show.

**6. *Milking Shorthorn*:** 8 – 21 years as of January 1st of the current year.

**7. *Red & White*:** 8 – 21 years as of January 1st of the current year.

**B. All youth exhibitors may be members of 4-H/FFA, but must be members of their respective Maryland breed association from which they are exhibiting animals.**

**C.** All animals exhibited must be the property of the youth exhibitor and must have been owned and registered in the name of the exhibitor on or before the date of the first show or by July 1st of the current year, whichever comes first. Youth enrolled in the Maryland 4-H or NationalBreedDairy Leasing program must meet program qualifications. (Cows exhibited in a Leasing Program must have been leased as a heifer by the “Leasee”). Partnership arrangements are not eligible.

**D.** An animal must have been owned by and registered in the name of the youth exhibitor before the animal becomes 2years of age to be eligible to show in the cow classes **in the youth division.**

**E.** Every junior exhibitor must show their own animals **in showmanship and type classes**. In case of illness, emergency or other circumstances, the exhibitor, parent or guardian must report the situationto the appropriate show chair prior to the show. If a substitute show person is approved, he or she must be the same age or younger than the exhibitor they are replacing.

**F.** Fitting & Showmanship classes for youth may be offered at Field Days. Age breaks may

be adjusted by the show chairman based on entries. The following age breaks are suggested: Junior (8-10); Intermediate (11-15); Senior (16–21)

Novice class may be offered at the discretion of the show committee for first year exhibitors. No premium money is awarded for Showmanship Classes. Ribbons will be provided by PDCA. Prizes may be presented at the discretion of the show committee.

Showmanship guidelines that will be followed can be found within the Holstein Foundation **Show Ring Ready** workbook, pages 22-29. The **Show Ring Ready** workbook is available to download for free by visiting <http://www.holsteinfoundation.org/education/workbooks.html>

1. Ribbons will be awarded tothe 3 high ranking open animals in each class. In youthclasses only, ribbons will be awarded to all youth.

**XIII.** A current and approved Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection (CVI)form must be obtained from the Animal Health Section of the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) and be in the exhibitor's possession at the show. Exhibitors must also comply with all other rules to exhibit cattle in the State of Maryland.  **Check with MDA for current identification and health requirements:** <https://mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/Pages/Fairs-Shows.aspx> from that home page, there is a link to 2021 identification requirements and a Fact Sheet.

<https://mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/Documents/Fair%20and%20Show%20Requirements.pdf>

<https://mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/Documents/rfid-tags-for-md-exhibition-livestock-factsheet.pdf>

<https://mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/Documents/eartag-requirements-fairs-shows.pdf>

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**XIV.** The classification listed below has been officially adopted by the Maryland Purebred Dairy Cattle Association for Field Days sponsored by the state breed organizations in cooperation with the national organizations listed in Rule II. Premiums shall only be paid for animals in Classes 6-12 and 15-23.Any additions or deletions to this classification by local Field Day committees will not make an exhibitor eligible for more premiums.

**Class 1.** Novice Showmanship (no premiums) (1st year allowed by Ntl org – any age)

**Class 2.** Junior Showmanship (no premiums) (8-10 as of Jan 1- per National Jr. ages)

**Class 3.** Intermediate Showmanship (no premiums) (11-15 as of Jan 1)

**Class 4.** Senior Showmanship (no premiums) (16-21 as of Jan 1)

**Class 5.** Champion/Reserve Champion Showmanship (no premiums)

**Class 6.** Spring Heifer Calf (born March 1, 2021 to April 30, 2021).

**Class 7.** Winter Heifer Calf (born December 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021).

**Class 8.** Fall Heifer Calf (born September 1, 2020 to November 30, 2020).

**Class 9.** Summer Yearling Heifer (born June 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020).

**Class 10.** Spring Yearling Heifer (born March 1, 2020 to May 31, 2020).

**Class 11.** Winter Yearling Heifer (born December 1, 2019 to February 29, 2020).

**Class 12.** Fall Yearling Heifer (born September 1, 2019 to November 30, 2019).

**Class 13.** Junior Champion Female; Reserve Junior Champion Female.

**Class 14.** Junior Best Three Females.

**Class 15.** Un-fresh 2 year old (born March 1, 2019 to August 31, 2019)

**Class 16.** Cow, Junior 2 years old (born March 1, 2019 to August 31, 2019).

**Class 17.** Cow, Senior 2 years old (born September 1, 2018 to February 28, 2019).

**Class 18.** Cow, Junior 3 years old (born March 1, 2018 to August 31, 2018).

**Class 19.** Cow, Senior 3 years old (born September 1, 2017 to February 28, 2018).

**Class 20.** Cow, 4 years old (born September 1, 2016 to August 31, 20017).

**Class 21.** Cow, 5 years old (born September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016).

**Class 22.** Cow, 6 years old and over (born before September 1, 2015).

**Class 23.** Production – minimum production of 100,000 lbs of milk (Holsteins -

125,000 lbs of milk or 3,500 lbs of butterfat) - (See Rule XV).

**Class 24.** Senior Champion Female; Reserve Senior Champion Female.

**Class 25.** Grand Champion Female; Reserve Grand Champion Female.

**Class 26.** Best Three Females, Any Age.

**Junior Champion Female** (Winners of Classes, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12).

**Senior Champion Female** (Winners of Classes 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23).

**XV.** Cows exhibited in Class 23 must have DHI production data verified. Cows qualifying for this class may be shown in only one class. The exhibitor must decide which class the cow will be exhibited at the time registration papers are checked prior to the show.

**XVI.** The Maryland PDCA recommends the following two-group classes be held at each show:

**Junior Best Three Females —** Eligible animals must have been shown in classes 6-12.

**Best Three Females, Any Age —** Eligible animals must have been shown in classes 6-12 and 15-23.

All animals in the Best Three Females classes must have been bred and at least one be owned by the exhibitor. **The Maryland PDCA defines a “Breeder & Exhibitor” for the Best Three Female Classes as follows: “**All entries may be considered a single breeder and exhibitor where the herd is registered in the names of different family members, making up one herd unit.”

**XVII.** The dress code for Maryland P.D.C.A. Field Day Shows will be white on white with neck piece optional and no hats for the entire show, including group classes. It is the responsibility of the Show Chairperson or their designee *not* to allow animals to be shown if this dress code is not followed.

**XVIII.** Exhibitors must be a member of the respective Marylandbreed organization with each breed organization responsible for enforcing this rule. All Exhibitors must be listed on show report form and noted if non-Maryland resident.

***HEALTH REGULATIONS FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITED IN MARYLAND*GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

Confirm updates at: <http://mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/Pages/Fairs-Shows.aspx>

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**ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR 2020**

1. **ALL CATTLE AND SWINE ENTERING MARYLAND FAIRS AND SHOWS MUST HAVE FOR OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION A RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFCATION (RFID) TAG.**

<https://mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/Documents/eartag-requirements-fairs-shows.pdf>

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITORS OF ALL ANIMAL SPECIES**

**(COMAR 15.11.14.04-06) Exhibitors** at state, county, and district fairs, along with other livestock exhibitions, expositions, rodeos, shows, and swap meets are required to comply with regulatory provisions of the State of Maryland relating to animal health as noted in COMAR 15.11.14.04-06. **Requirements Apply to All Livestock and Poultry:** Livestock is defined as those species of animals used for human food or fiber or those species of animals used for service to humans. This includes but is not limited to cattle, sheep, new world camelids (llamas & alpacas), goats, bison, privately owned cervids, swine, equine, and rabbits. Livestock does not include dogs, cats and exotic pets. Poultry is defined as any living domestic bird raised for food or other purposes including, but not limited to, chicken, turkeys, ostriches, emus, rheas, cassowaries, other ratites, waterfowl and game birds.

1. **DOCUMENTATION:** Documentation is required for entry of all livestock and poultry and is described below. Examples of forms can be obtained by visiting MDA website: **http://mda.maryland.gov/animalhealth/pages/fairs -shows.aspx**

For out of state animals, see species specific out of state requirements. **Upon request, a person who exhibits livestock shall present for inspection all reports, test charts, and appropriate health certificates required to accompany the livestock and poultry.** 2. **CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION is required for most entries.**

a. **MARYLAND ENTRIES:** All Maryland entries must be accompanied by a Maryland Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for show, except poultry, equine and rabbits. The Maryland CVI **is valid for 120 days for fairs and shows**, providing that the status of the herd or animal(s) does not change. The Maryland CVI is **a legible record**, made on an official Maryland State form, issued by a Maryland accredited veterinarian, issued for animals being shown within the state and not crossing a state line, which shows that the animals listed thereon meet the health requirements of the state of Maryland. The Maryland CVI **must be completed and signed by a Maryland accredited veterinarian** using the proper selected report on the CVI form. Each animal must be properly identified on the CVI. The veterinarian must select if this document is for fair and exhibition season, sale or other (with explanation). The veterinarian is required to send the original (white and canary) copies to MDA Headquarters **within 7 days of completion**, the middle (pink) transport copy is to be retained by the owner and should accompany livestock during travel. The last (goldenrod) copy is for the veterinarian's records.

b. **OUT-OF-STATE ENTRIES:** All out-of-state entries must be accompanied by an **Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection**, except poultry and rabbits, require a CVI. The Interstate CVI **is valid for no more than 30 days** from the date of inspection. An Interstate CVI must be legible, made on an official form of the state of origin, issued by an accredited veterinarian, and issued for animals being imported to this state within 30 days before the entry of the animals, which shows that the animals listed thereon meet the health requirements of the state of Maryland.

3. **SELF CERTIFICATION**: A completed ***Self Certification*** is required for all entries except for equine entering equine only events*.* ***Self-Certification* forms must be filled out within 24 hours prior to loading** and presented upon request to the designated representative. **A *Self Certification*** is an official Maryland document **signed by the owner/caretaker/transporter** stating that the animals presented for exhibition are not showing any signs of, or having recent exposure to (within 21 days) infectious or contagious diseases. ***Self Certification* forms** are species-specific for livestock (ruminants, swine), equine, poultry and rabbits. These forms are available on MDA’s website: **http://mda.maryland.gov/animalhealth/pages/fairs-shows.aspx**

4. **TEST REPORT FORMS.** Testing is required for some species, and if so, a test report form will be required unless otherwise documented on the CVI. See species-specific requirements for details of testing and test report requirements.

Examples of test reports are shown below: Avian Influenza Testing Report Pullorum-Typhoid Testing Report Coggins Test Report (Equine Infectious Anemia) Tuberculosis Test Report

5. **MARYLAND POULTRY PREMISES IDENTIFICATION** – All Maryland premises with poultry are required to be registered with the Maryland Department of Agriculture. The Poultry Premises number must be noted on the Test Report or other documentation of NPIP U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid and U.S. H5/H7 Avian Influenza Clean or State H5/H7 Monitored status.

6. **ANIMAL REJECTION POLICY.** Animals may be rejected from an exhibition, either denied entry or removed from the exhibition, as described below:

a. **FAILURE TO PROVIDE COMPLETED DOCUMENTATION IS GROUNDS FOR REJECTION.**

b. **A SKIN LESION SUSPICIOUS OF RINGWORM TO BE CONSIDERED NO LONGER CONTAGIOUS TO OTHER ANIMALS OR PEOPLE, NEW WOOL OR HAIR MUST COMPLETELY COVER THAT LESION.**

c. Livestock with clinical signs of infectious or contagious diseases or external parasites are not permitted entry or allowed to remain at the exhibition. Clinical signs include but are not limited to: active lesions of ringworm with resulting loss of hair, sore mouth, sore nose, caseous lymphadenitis, prolapse, mange or multiple warts easily visible without close examination.

d. Suspicion of communicable disease is adequate grounds for rejection. Confirmed diagnosis is not required, since timely removal of suspicious animals is required by law to protect the remaining animals.

e. Exposed animals may be rejected: If it is believed that there is a potentially serious communicable disease present, all animals originating with the suspect animal may be rejected. Vesicular diseases are of particular concern.

f. All decisions are final.

g. All parties involved will be notified of all rejections, including exhibit sponsors and supervisors.

h. Animal rejections can be made by MDA Animal Health veterinarians or field inspectors, private veterinarians contracted by the show, Maryland Extension employees or individuals designated by the fair or show as a ‘responsible person.’

**SPECIES SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

In addition to the general requirements above, specific requirements by species are shown for the following species:

Cattle Swine Sheep Goats Horses, Ponies, Mules and other Equidae; Poultry, Rabbits, Camelids

***Fair and Show Requirements: Cattle ALL CATTLE***

**IDENTIFICATION: INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFICATION OF EACH ANIMAL SHALL BE A RFID OFFICIAL EAR TAG. *Maryland Cattle*: Brucellosis**: Maryland is a Bovine Brucellosis Class-Free State. Brucellosis testing is not required for Maryland cattle. **Tuberculosis**: Maryland is an Accredited Tuberculosis-Free State. Tuberculin test is not required for Maryland cattle. **Immunization**: Bovine Respiratory Complex is required on all Maryland cattle to include Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus, Bovine Viral Diarrhea, Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis and Parainfluenza. Leptospirosis vaccination is recommended. ***Out-of-State Cattle* Brucellosis:** 1. Bovine Brucellosis Class Free State, Region or Zone a. No brucellosis test required. 2. Non-Bovine Brucellosis Class Free State, Region or Zone a. Official vaccinates under 24 months old with vaccination dates recorded on the Interstate CVI permitted, or b. Test negative within 30 days before entry. **Tuberculosis:** 1. Accredited Tuberculosis Free States, Region or Zone a. No tuberculin test required. 2. Modified Accredited Advanced or lower Tuberculosis Free Areas or States (Not TB Free) a. All cattle over 6 months of age shall comply with the following: i. Cattle must originate from a herd where a complete herd test was conducted within the past 12 months; progeny from such herds born since that test may be imported without a tuberculin test, or ii. Any individual animal, over 6 months, entering Maryland must have a negative tuberculin test within 60 days before import. b. Status of herd and area must be shown on certificate.

These forms are available on MDA’s website: <http://mda.maryland.gov/animalhealth/pages/fairs-shows.aspx>

**The Purebred Dairy Cattle Association  
Show Ring Code of Ethics***Adopted April 3, 2004 updated May 2015*

For more information, visit the PDCA website at purebreddairycattle.com <http://purebreddairycattle.com./file_open.php?id=7>

**The Purebred Dairy Cattle Association Show Ring Code of Ethics**

*Adopted May 5, 2015*

The showing of registered dairy cattle stimulates and sustains interest in the breeding of registered dairy cattle. It is also an important part of the promotion, merchandising and breeding program of many breeders. For these reasons, the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association (PDCA) believes that it is in the best interest of all breeders of registered dairy cattle to maintain a reputation of integrity in dairy cattle shows and to present a wholesome and progressive image of dairy cattle in the show ring.

PDCA endorses this Show Ring Code of Ethics for all dairy breed shows and pledges its full cooperative support for its enforcement to show management, show judges, and the national breed associations.

The application of this Code of Ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal’s condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter 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 this Code of Ethics. Dairy cattle exhibitors shall, at all times, deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship.

It is recognized that there are certain practices in the proper care and management of dairy cattle that are necessary in the course of moving dairy cattle to and between shows that are advisable to keep them in a sound, healthy state so they might be presented in the show ring in a natural, normal condition. At all times, exhibition livestock shall be treated in a humane manner and in accordance with dairy quality assurance practices so as to protect the health, safety and welfare of the livestock and the consuming public. No person shall present for exhibition or exhibit an animal which he or she knows, or has reason to suspect, is affected with or has been exposed to a dangerously contagious or infectious disease, or illegal or non-approved use of drugs, medication and/or prohibited substance, or residue.

The position of the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association is that all animals presented for exhibition shall be in their natural conformation and structure, free of any alteration or modification by injection or internal or external administration of any substance or by any involvement in unethical fitting.

**Grooming and Preparation**

Dairy cattle exhibitions are conducted under standards for evaluating conformation established by the PDCA *Unified Score Card* (2009), with specific breed characteristics taken into consideration by the show judge. In this connection, animals will be groomed and prepared for the judge’s evaluation in order to display the animal’s natural contour, conformation, performance and mobility. Specifically:

1. Changing the natural color of the animal is prohibited *(effective 6/1/2015)*. However, external applications of cosmetics that affect only appearance may be used, including by way of example hoof polishes and false switches.

2. The maximum allowable length of naturally growing hair anywhere on the topline is not to exceed 1”. Exhibitors will be required to comply with this rule before the animal is allowed to enter the ring.

3. Addition of foreign objects, including but not limited to hair or hair substitutes, cloth or fiber, to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal’s body is prohibited.

4. Externally sealing the teat end with a preparation that does not harm the animal’s skin is permissible. Natural teat placement will be given preference over artificially positioned teats.

**Violations: False, Deceptive or Unacceptable Practices**

These practices are violations 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 substances.

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), though not to preclude practices required or involved in normal management.

4. Criticizing or interfering with the judge, show management or other exhibitors while in the show ring or other conduct detrimental to the breed or the show.

5. Challenging, threatening or interfering with an ethics committee appointed by show management to monitor the animals on exhibit on the show grounds.

**Exhibitor Responsibility**

The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter and/or absolutely responsible person (hereinafter referred to as “Exhibitor”) for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, milk, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Materials may also be collected by ultrasound and photographic methods and by direct examination of animal.

The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter and/or absolutely responsible person (the “Exhibitor”) to have disciplinary action for violation of this Show Ring Code of Ethics taken by show management, the state in which the show occurs, and/or the national dairy breed association without recourse.

**Show Ethics Committee**

Each show should have an Ethics Committee. The make-up of this committee should include official breed representatives, representative(s) of show management (e.g., dairy cattle show superintendent, General Manager), the official show veterinarian, and Extension representative. The Ethics Committee will be responsible for monitoring violations of the Show Ring Code of Ethics. The Ethics Committee will investigate the report of any violation and determine the accuracy of the allegation. The Ethics Committee will have the authority to inspect animals and related material to determine if violations have occurred. **Violations: Reporting and Investigation**

Complaints of alleged violations can be reported to the breed superintendent, the show superintendent, show management, and/or the Ethics Committee.

Before An Animal is Shown

If the Ethics Committee suspects that a violation of the Show Ring Code of Ethics will occur if the animal is shown, and that violation is reasonably well established before the animal is shown, the Ethics Committee will submit a report to show management.

Show management will discuss the violation with the Exhibitor:

1. If, at the Exhibitor’s discretion, the animal in question is not shown, no violation will have occurred.

2. If the Exhibitor wishes to challenge that a violation occurred, he/she/they will have opportunity to appeal to the Ethics Committee. If its decision is not changed, the Exhibitor will be denied opportunity to exhibit the animal in question.

During and After An Animal is Shown

All animals are subject to examination during judging. The judge and Ethics Committee are instructed to examine the top five (5) animals in each class closely for violations of the Show Ring Code of Ethics. When a violation may have occurred, a milkout may be called for. This call may be by breed association rule, or by request of an authorized representative of the national breed association, the judge, the Ethics Committee, or show management.

If an animal is exhibited and a violation of the Show Ring Code of Ethics is subsequently suspected, investigated, and determined to have occurred, the violation will be reported to the Ethics Committee and show management for action. The Exhibitor will be notified of the violation and the supporting evidence and invited to defend or explain the allegations.

Violations are subject to the disciplinary provisions of show management, the state in which the show occurs, and the national dairy breed association. Sanctions may include any one, or combination of the following:

 forfeiture or return of awards, prizes, premiums or proceeds;

 written letter of reprimand to the owner, exhibitor, fitter and/or absolutely responsible person (the “Exhibitor”);

 disqualification of the exhibition livestock from an exhibition;  disqualification of the Exhibitor from the show;  publication of offense.

Disqualification may include any or all shows and classes and may be for any number of years.

*History: Adopted by PDCA in March 1969, revised March 1971, February 1977, February 1981, February 1986, February 1988, February 1989, February 1992, February 1993, November 1995, April 2002; April 2004, May 2015.*

**2021 Purebred Dairy Cattle Field Days**

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| **Breed** | **Date of Show** | **Location** | **Time of Show** | **Entry Deadline & send to** | **More information** |
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| Ayrshire | Sat.  June 19, 2021 | Frederick Fairgrounds | 1 p.m.  Combined F&S  Type classes after F&S | **June 1**  Amanda Dennis  16901 Bollinger School Rd.  Emmitsburg, MD 21727  [ayrshireluvr@gmail.com](mailto:ayrshireluvr@gmail.com) | Mandi Dennis  C:301-788-2254 |
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| Guernsey | Sat.  June 19, 2021 | Frederick Fairgrounds | 11:00 a.m.  Combined F&S  1 p.m. | **June 1**  Kitty McKenzie  7150 Roy Shafer Rd.  Middletown, MD 21769  240-575-4323  [milkfever@aol.com](mailto:milkfever@aol.com) | Brian Schnebly  443-766-3176 |
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| Holstein  ***Open to All Districts***  (formerly called Central MD Dist. Show & Mont./Fred. District Show) | Sat.  June 19, 2021 | Frederick Fairgrounds | 1 p.m.  Combined F&S  Type classes after F&S | **June 1**  Ryan Haines  2810 Blacks Schoolhouse Road  Taneytown, MD 21787  [haines52@vt.edu](mailto:haines52@vt.edu) | Ryan Haines  443-340-9872 |
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| Jersey | Sat.  June 19, 2021 | Frederick Fairgrounds | 9:00 a.m. Jersey only F&S  Followed by type classes | **June 1**  **Abby Fawley**  2555 Lander Rd Jefferson, MD 21755  abbyriggleman@gmail.com | Abby Fawley  240-409-6343 |
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| Milking Shorthorn | Sat.  June 19, 2021 | Frederick Fairgrounds | 11:00 a.m.  Combined F&S  1 p.m. | **June 1**  Katie Albaugh Stevens  kalbaugh09@gmail.com | Katie Albaugh Stevens  240-446-3055 |
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| Brown Swiss  Invitational  Show | Sat. June 5, 2021 | Washington County  Expo Grounds | 8:30 a.m.  F&S  Followed by  Type Classes | **Showman APP**  **May15**  **Marisa Little**  5822 Keysville road  Keymar, MD 240.549.9795  [Mlittle@mdvamilk.com](mailto:Mlittle@mdvamilk.com) | Marissa Little  240.549.9795 |
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| Holstein – Washington | Sat.  July 3, 2021 | Washington County Expo Grounds | 10:00 a.m. | **June 12**  Washington Co. UME  c/o Jeff Semler  7303 Sharpsburg Pike  Boonsboro, MD 21713  [jsemler@umd.edu](mailto:jsemler@umd.edu)  Tel: (301) 791-1304 | Josh Skipton  240-520-0220  jskipton@vt.edu |
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| Holstein – Garrett | Tuesday  July 13, 2021 | Garrett Co. Fairgrounds | 6:30 p.m. | **June 26**  Andrea Steyer-Uphold  2735 Gorman Rd.  Oakland, MD 21550  a\_steyer@hotmail.com | Andrea Steyer-Uphold  240-321-4336 |
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| Eastern Shore  Holstein | Mon  July 12,  2021 | Queen Anne’s Co. Fair Park | 10:30 a.m. | **June 26**  Freddie Schrader  290 Grove Neck Rd  Earleville, MD  21919  [wilomar@baybroadband.net](mailto:wilomar@baybroadband.net) | Freddie Schrader  410-441-0559 (cell) |

***Local show Chairman & committee members are encouraged to alert local emergency first responders with date of show, estimated number of cattle, exhibitors and total attendance prior to the event, so that in case of emergency, local units are staffed to assist.***

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**Entry Form** **Information**: **Email entries are preferred**

Exhibitor Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Youth - Age as of January 1: (required to receive premiums) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I am a member of the Maryland Breed Association for the animals I plan to exhibit and my signature indicates that I understand the "Show Ring Code of Ethics” and agree to abide by them.

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**Youth Showmanship** class number from page 4: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Note: *SIGNED LEASE PAPERS must be presented with REGISTRATION Papers during check-in.*

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