

Code of Conduct for Shows & Exhibitions

INTRODUCTION

NB: The Rules of individual Shows will always take precedence over these Codes

The following Codes govern the showing of dairy cattle and the conduct of exhibitors at cattle Shows or Exhibitions.

The purpose of these Codes is to ensure the fair presentation of animals at Shows or Exhibitions and that no unfair advantage is obtained by any exhibitor of an animal by improper means and to protect the health and welfare of animals presented at Shows and Exhibitions.

The Codes seek to maintain high standards of showmanship of animals with the aim of the promotion of dairy cattle and the interests of the Jersey Cattle Society of the UK and its membership as a whole.

The Codes include certain general principles, and the Codes are to be applied in accordance with their spirit to achieve their underlying purpose.

These Codes shall apply to all animals being shown or exhibited in classes for animals registered with the Society.

These Codes may be varied, extended or replaced from time to time by decision of the Jersey Cattle Society Board, and all such amendments or replacements shall be published by notice in the Society's publication, The UKJT or on www.ukjerseys.com or otherwise by general notice to the members.

Should a judge believe that an animal presented before him / her is being shown in contravention of these Codes, he / she shall refer the matter to the Class steward on the day who will then proceed according to the relevant Show Society's Rules. Whether or not the case is proven, the judge shall file a report to the Society, via the Company Secretary.

DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of these Codes, the following definitions shall apply:-

JOINT OWNERSHIP

Jersey Cattle Society pedigree certificates designate a principal owner for animals which are under 'Joint Ownership,' while recording the fact that the animal is owned by more than one person or business.

A jointly owned animal may only be exhibited at any Show under the name of one of the joint owners, as entered in the Jersey breed classes at the Show. The animal is not eligible for entry in group or team classes or specials under the name of one of its other joint owners. This shall apply to entries made prior to the show or on the day of competition.

At subsequent Shows, it is perfectly acceptable for the animal to be entered by one of its other joint-owners in the Jersey Classes, although the principle of any animal only being entered at any Show by only one Exhibitor remains.

EXHIBITOR-BRED

An animal is defined as exhibitor-bred when it was born to a dam in the ownership of the exhibitor, or in the case of an embryo transfer to the recipient dam, and in the herd with the same herd prefix as registered in the Society's Herdbook in the name of the owner/exhibitor. Where progeny are registered as jointly-owned, coming from a dam that is jointly-owned, they can be exhibited as Exhibitor-Bred by any of the joint owners, subject to the rule above which requires that only one owner in any joint-ownership arrangement, may exhibit the animal in question at a Show.

1. UNIFORM

The Jersey Cattle Society (UK) show uniform consists of a black collared, long sleeved, embroidered shirt with the Society logo and a matching Society tie. These are to be worn with white trousers or white jeans, with dark boots (preferably black). For all showmanship classes (handler classes) the Society tie must be worn with a Society shirt and a pair of white trousers or jeans. For all other Jersey showing classes, the Society shirt and a pair of white trousers or jeans must be worn, with the Society tie as optional.

At outside Shows, in bad weather conditions, a Society jacket or fleece or show jacket may also be worn. Exhibitors are requested to ensure that correct uniform is worn in the show ring. The Society reserves the right to withhold Society awards where handlers are not in uniform.

2. EXHIBITOR CONDUCT

All exhibitors should respect the judge's placings & decisions. Intimidation and verbal abuse of the judge or show officials is not acceptable.

A member of the Society whose animals are being shown shall be held responsible for the conduct of those exhibiting and attending to their cattle.

3. PERMITTED PRACTICES

The following practices are permitted for the purpose of the preparation of an animal for the presentation at a Show or Exhibition:

- ✓ The trimming of feet, clipping of hair, the washing of an animal and the setting of an animal's top line, chalking of udder and oiling of feet.
- ✓ The permitting of an animal's udder to fill naturally with the animal's own milk production for as long as it is deemed necessary to show the udder in its best form.
- ✓ To treat an animal with prescribed medications as may be necessary for its welfare under the supervision of an approved veterinary surgeon or the appointed show steward.

4. PRACTICES THAT ARE NOT ALLOWED

The following practices are not permitted for the purpose of the preparation of an animal for presentation at a Show or Exhibition:

- ✗ The infusion or injection of any drugs or any other substance or the insertion of any object into the teats, udder, blood vessels, muscles or under the skin of an animal or otherwise into an animal.
- ✗ The setting of teats of an animal with any form of glue or other setting substance or any other action which alters the natural teat placement of an animal.
- ✗ The sealing of teats of an animal with any form of glue or other substance which prevents a cow reducing pressure on her udder through natural leakage.
- ✗ Any surgery to the mammary system of an animal at any time during the life of the animal which is designed to alter its physical attributes, except for the removal of supernumerary teats.
- ✗ Roping udders and the use of objects to improve definition of the suspensory centre ligament physically or balancing the udder by any means other than by leaving naturally produced milk in any or all quarters.
- ✗ No appliance, electrical or otherwise, shall be attached to the animal other than for milking.
- ✗ Filling an animal's rumen unnaturally with liquid (tubing).
- ✗ Any other inducement, physical interference or other action which could cause an

animal to be presented in an unnatural condition and, which in the opinion of the Society or its authorised representatives, might give the exhibitor of the animal an unfair or improper advantage or cause the animal unreasonable distress.

- X Misrepresenting the age or ownership of the animal.

5. ENFORCEMENT

The owner or owners or exhibitors (as the case may be) of an animal shall on request allow any authorised representative of the Society to inspect and take samples from the animal at any time prior to, during or following any cattle Show or other Exhibition at which the animal is to be or has been presented.

In particular the Society representatives may require an animal to be submitted to a rigorous inspection following the animal's last appearance in the Show ring or other Exhibition on the particular day. Any animal presented at a Show or Exhibition in contravention of these Codes shall be withdrawn by the exhibitor or owner(s) upon the request of the authorised representatives of the Show Society or the Society.

The owner or owners or exhibitors (as the case may be) of an animal shall be responsible for the way in which the animal is presented in the Show ring or other Exhibition and should ensure that all the owner's or exhibitor's employees and fitters or other assistants prepare the animal in accordance with the practices permitted by these Codes.

Any refusal by an owner or owners or exhibitors (as the case may be) of a request to examine an animal pursuant to the first paragraph above of these Codes shall constitute an infringement of these Codes.

Any evidence of an infringement of these Codes must be reported to the Society Chairman of Shows or Show Steward within two (2) hours of the incident being discovered by direct conversation, answerphone message, text or email. The complaint must be followed-up in writing within 30 days of the incident for consideration as hereafter provided.

If any member is charged with an infringement of these Codes, the Jersey Cattle Society Board, or relevant Committee of the Society, or such authorised representatives of the Society as may be determined by the Board, shall examine the subject of the charge and if the Board or relevant Committee be of the opinion that an infringement of these Codes has been sufficiently established, the same shall constitute misconduct by the owner or owners or exhibitors and the provisions of the Society's Disciplinary Rules shall apply. The Jersey Cattle Society Board or the relevant Committee, (as the case maybe), shall therefore have the power to expel from membership, suspend the membership of or censure any member of the Society guilty of a contravention of these Codes in like manner as provided in the Society's Disciplinary Rules.

The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of: Society Board Chairman, Chairman of Judges and one other Society Board Member.

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