



# Infractions and Penalties

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## A. If the following action is observed, supplemental penalties may be applied.

- Excessive uddering of lactating cows is strongly discouraged.
  - It will be monitored and subject to a reprimand from Show Associates.
- Performing alterations of any kind to change the visual appearance of an animal, except the painting of spots smaller than six (6) inches in dimension on one side;
  - An official warning the first time and an infraction the second time.

## B. If the following action is observed, an animal will not be allowed in the show ring.

- Excessive alteration of hair beyond 1½ inches from the skin.
- Electro-stimulator machines (Dairy-Cell) will be permitted up to 24 hours before the start of the first class.

N.B. For shows in Quebec, electro-stimulator machines (Dairy-Cell) are strictly prohibited.

## C. Practice Infractions

The following category of infractions will be subject to the practice-related penalties described in Part D Practice Penalties:

### General

- Misrepresenting the age, calving date, number of lactations, or ownership of an animal;
- Failure to submit upon request any samples of urine, milk, blood, or any other bodily fluids of the animal.
- Failure to provide upon request any device, material, medicine, or substance, whether in liquid or other form for the purpose of laboratory analysis.
- Failure to fulfill any other inspection cooperation requirements set out in the Holstein Show Conduct Rules or in the Standard Procedures for Enforcing Holstein Show Conduct Rules.
- Failure to comply with ultrasound procedures.

### Body

- Unnaturally filling an animal's rumen with liquid (tubing), except for health reasons related to a physical examination and prescription from a veterinarian. Should tubing be necessary within twelve (12) hours before the start of a show, an animal will no longer be eligible to be exhibited;

- Administering epidural anaesthesia (blocking tails) and/or applying an irritant externally or internally to the perineal (rectum and vagina) area;
- Performing any kind of surgery to alter the natural contour of appearance of an animal's body, hide or hair (not including, removal of warts, teats and/or horns; clipping and/or dressing of hair; or trimming of hooves);
- Inserting foreign material/articles under the skin, into the topline, including hair not attached to its own hair follicle, excluding the dressing of hair;
- Performing alterations of any kind to change the visual appearance of an animal, except the painting of spots smaller than six (6) inches in diameter on one side, which changes natural markings.

### Feet and Legs

- Applying foreign material/articles on the feet;
- Draining fluid from hocks, unless authorized by a veterinarian appointed by the Show Organizers.

### Udder

- Balancing the udder by any means other than by leaving naturally produced milk in any or all quarters;
- Treating the udder internally with an irritant, counterirritant, or any other substance to temporarily improve conformation or produce unnatural animation;
- Treating the udder externally with an irritant, counterirritant, or any other substance to temporarily improve conformation or produce unnatural animation. (It is an allowable practice to seal and set teats, or to use external anti-inflammatory substances for the well-being of the animal); or
- Roping udders and the use of objects to physically improve definition of the median suspensory ligament;
- Electro-stimulator machines (Dairy-Cell) are not permitted during the 24 hours before the start of the first class.

## D. Practice Penalties

### 1st Offence:

- One (1) year probation
- Removal of the placing of animal
- Administration costs between the range of \$500 to \$1,000
- Forfeiture of prize money

### 2nd Offence:

- One (1) year suspension
- Removal of the placing of animal
- Administration costs between the range of \$1,000 to \$2,000
- Forfeiture of prize money

## E. Conduct Infractions

The following category of infractions will be subject to the practice-related penalties described in Part F Conduct Penalties:

### General

- Criticizing or interfering with judges, show organizers, show management, show associates or other exhibitors at any time while present within and around fairgrounds or show property;
- Any conduct that violates, directly or indirectly, recognized standard show practices; or
- Any other conduct typically considered discreditable which could damage the image of the breed, show or Holstein Canada.
- Discreditable conduct includes, but is not limited to, acts that include the following:
  - Violence, or threat of violence;
  - Verbal abuse and/or use of derogatory language;
  - Harassment of any kind; or
  - Improper and/or unprofessional behaviours

## F. Conduct Penalties

1st Offence:	2nd Offence:	3rd Offence:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One (1) year suspension</li><li>• Administration costs of \$2,000</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two (2) year suspension</li><li>• Administration costs of \$2,500</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Five (5) year suspension</li><li>• Administration costs of \$5,000</li></ul>

## G. Penalties at Shows

To support the April 11, 2018 decision from the Holstein Association of Canada's Board of Directors, infractions of the Ethics Program will be expanded from the two (2) national shows and be implemented to all shows supported by Holstein Canada and monitored by the ethics team. This decision is in effect for the 2018 Royal Agricultural Winter Fair and continues thereafter.

This Infractions and Penalties document is to be used in conjunction with the following documents:

- Standard Procedures for Enforcing Holstein Show Conduct Rules;
- Holstein Show Conduct Rules; and
- Standard Exhibitor's Agreement.

## H. Administration Notes

- Suspension:** Means the time period during which animal owners may not have any involvement at a show, including exhibiting, leading, judging, or being an associate judge or ring person.
- Probation:** Means the time period during which any person who commits an additional infraction will be automatically subject to the next level of penalty.
- Time period:** For the purpose of calculating its full duration, the start of a probation or suspension penalty will begin effective the date on which the payment is made of the required administration cost. In addition, until that payment is made, offending persons remain subject to the conditions of penalty imposed.
- Owners:** All penalties for infractions are levied against the owner(s). Owner(s) are identified as the individual, or each member of a group of individuals listed and identified by the breed Association under animal ownership during the show in which the infraction occurred.
- One year:** Refers to twelve (12) months, including the next edition of the show where the infraction occurred (even if it exceeds twelve (12) months)
- Two years:** Refers to twenty-four (24) months, including the next two editions of the show where the infraction occurred (even if it exceeds twenty-four (24) months)
- Three years:** Refers to thirty-six (36) months, including the next three editions of the show where the infraction occurred (even if it exceeds thirty-six (36) months)
- Five years:** Refers to the sixty (60) months, including the next five editions of the show where the infractions occurred (even if it exceeds sixty (60) months)