

**Tennessee State Junior Swine Show Handbook**  
**January 9-11, 2025; Hyder-Burks Pavilion, Cookeville**

**General Policies**

1. **General Policies:** All exhibitors in the Tennessee State Junior Swine Show and their parents/guardians are required to read and comply with all policies and procedures contained in the Tennessee State Junior Swine Show Handbook.
2. **Interpretation of Rules:** The Tennessee State Junior Swine Show 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.
  - The signature of the Extension Agent or FFA Advisor of said exhibitor on the 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 Tennessee State Junior Swine Show 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 Tennessee State Junior Swine Show 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 any other persons 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 Tennessee State Junior Swine Show, 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 Tennessee State Junior Swine Show 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 Tennessee State Junior Swine Show 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 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 Tennessee State Junior Swine Show 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 Tennessee State Junior Swine Show if the grievance is not sustained.
  - The respective show manager and/or superintendent has the authority to make appropriate decisions based on EC979, "Guidelines and Rules for Tennessee Junior Livestock Shows" If needed, the protest shall be referred to 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.

### **Swine Show Procedures**

**Health Requirements:** Animals exhibited at the Tennessee State Junior Swine Show must meet the following requirements: Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) will be required for every animal exhibited at the Tennessee State Junior Swine Show. 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.**

**Swine: all swine must have an 840-RFID tag**

**Animal ID:** All hogs MUST have an 840-RFID tag in order to show. Tags will be sent to the exhibitors' 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 hogs must have a legible ear notch 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 show without original ear tags supplied by UT Dept of Animal Science WILL NOT show.

#### **Entries:**

1. All animals must be owned, and entries submitted through the local UT Extension office by November 1. This is the procedure for entries by both 4-H and FFA members.
2. Each exhibitor may enter twelve (12) hogs but can **ONLY** exhibit six (6) hogs in the Tennessee Junior Swine Show. All animals listed on the entry forms are subject to the entry fee. **Due to space, an exhibitor can only bring 6 hogs to the show.**
3. The 840-RFID tag number and ear notch for each pig must be completely and correctly entered. These tag numbers will be verified against the ID that 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 online entry procedure for ALL Tennessee Junior Livestock Shows. Information on the online entry program can be found under the Swine tab of the Animal Exhibitions page on the UT Animal Science website (<https://animalscience.tennessee.edu/animal-exhibitions/>).
5. **Entry fees of \$10.00 per head** must be submitted with entry forms. Regional entry fees must

- be submitted separately to the appropriate Regional staff. Refunds will not be made 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 agreed to the rules and regulations outlined in the Tennessee State Junior Swine Show Handbook.
    - Have certified that the animal and exhibitor have complied with the rules and regulations outlined in the Tennessee State Junior Swine Show Handbook.
    - Have certified that they understand that exhibitors are completely responsible for the care and custody of their animals at the Tennessee State Junior Swine Show.

**Ownership, Possession and Registration:** All hogs must be individually identified with an 840-RFID tag (witnessed by Extension Agent or FFA Advisor) and an ear notch, owned and in the possession of (in care of) by the youth exhibitor by November 1. Registered gilts and barrows must also be registered in the name of the exhibitor by November 1.

**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 the show manager. Substitute exhibitors will be granted for those exhibitors who either have two animals in the same class or a serious illness and/or injury at the time of the show.

**Tennessee Youth Quality Assurance Program (TYQA):** Youth must be TYQA certified in order to exhibit at the Tennessee State Junior Swine Show. 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 the current year.

- 4th grade
- 5th & 6th grades
- 7th & 8th grades
- 9th & 10th grades
- 11th & 12th grades

Exhibitors of barrows and gilts will have a single showmanship class. Animals used in showmanship must be from those entered by and exhibited by the exhibitor in the show. 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 Tennessee State Junior Swine Show.

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

**Drug Testing:** Any animal entered into Tennessee State Junior Swine Show 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 Tennessee State Junior Swine Show.

#### **Special Considerations for Breeding Gilts and Market Hogs**

1. The following breed classes will be offered for breeding gilts and market hogs: Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Hereford, Landrace, Poland China, Spot, Tamworth, Yorkshire and Crossbred.
2. Gilts are eligible to be shown in the market hog class, but if shown as a market hog are not eligible as a breeding gilt. Hogs entered in the purebred gilt or barrow shows respectively are not eligible for the crossbred class.
3. Breed shows will be provided for any breed with 8 or more head entered by three (3) or more exhibitors. Those breeds with less than 8 entries will be shown in the "All Other Breeds" classes.
4. All purebred breeding gilts must have a farrowing date of June 1 and after as indicated on the animal's registration papers.
5. All purebred breeding gilts and market hogs must be registered and be identified by a permanent ear notch and have valid registration papers.
  - All purebred breeding gilts and market hogs must meet all registration eligibility

requirements of their respective breed associations and are subject to a breed classification/sift by NSR/CPS field staff or qualified association representatives. Association field staff and show management will have final say in animal's eligibility.

- See [Breed Classification/Sift for the Tennessee State Junior Swine Show](#) for breed eligibility requirements.
  - Any purebred gilts or barrows that do not meet breed eligibility requirements may be shown in the respective crossbred class.
6. All gilts must be guaranteed open (not bred).
  7. All barrows must be castrated. Any evidence of testicles or testicular residue will disqualify the animal. Castrated hogs must be completely healed.
  8. Purebred breeding gilt classes will be broken according to farrowing dates, with class size as equal as possible.
  9. Market Hog and Crossbred Gilt classes will be broken according to declared weight, with class size as equal as possible.
  10. Classes may be divided based on discretion of show management.
  11. Market Hog classes will be divided into four divisions. Divisions will be determined after all hogs have been weighed and assigned to classes. Division and Reserve Division Champions will be selected and will eventually compete for Breed Champion and Breed Reserve Champion of their respective breed.
  12. The declared weight system will be used for all market hogs and crossbred gilts. At check-in, exhibitors will have the option of weighing animals on the official scales (weight is for information only). Acceptable declared weight ranges are below:
    - a. Prospect Pigs – 195-229 pounds
    - b. Market Hogs – 230-305 pounds
    - c. Crossbred Breeding Gilts – 230-335 pounds
  13. Exhibitors must turn in a card with the declared weight of all market hogs and crossbred gilts by the specified time. The top three hogs in each class will be weighed in the ring. Hogs must not be more than 15 pounds over or under the declared weight. If a hog weighs more than 15 pounds above or below their declared weight, it will be dismissed from the class.
    - a. See [Declared Weight System at the Tennessee State Junior Swine Show](#) for details.
  14. Prospect classes will be divided into Purebred and Crossbred classes. A Champion and Reserve Champion for each division will be chosen (Purebred and Crossbred), but they are not eligible for the Overall Championship Drive.
  15. Tennessee Bred is an animal whose dam was owned by a Tennessee swine producer at the time the said hog was conceived. The hog must have been born in the state of Tennessee.
    - a. To be eligible for Tennessee Bred competition, it must be indicated on entry form with breeder information included.
    - b. It is the youth's responsibility to address TB issues with show management before the show starts. Once the show starts, no changes will be made.
    - c. There will be a Champion and Reserve Champion Tennessee Bred chosen for Market Hog, Commercial Gilt and Registered Gilt. There will not be an overall champion.
  16. Exhibitors of Breed Champions and Reserve Breed Champions must come to the ring for the overall champion drive. During the Overall Champion Drive, the top 5 breeding gilts and the

top 5 market hogs will be chosen from the 11 breeds.

### **Carcass Show**

Attempts will be made to scan a single hog per exhibitor, on a voluntary basis, for competition in a Carcass Show. Exhibitors are to select the hog to be ultra-sounded. Hogs must weigh a minimum of 230 pounds to participate. Exhibitors who wish to have their hog scanned for the carcass show must be weighed on the official scales and take their weight ticket to the scanning area in order to be scanned. This weight will only be used for the carcass show.

### **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 Market Hog and Breeding Gilt will be selected at the Tennessee State Junior Swine Show 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 breeding gilt or market hog 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 Market Hog 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 Hog and Breeding Gilt 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 swine 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.

**Crossbred Hog Show:** Each exhibitor will receive a score for their highest placing crossbred breeding gilt or market hog respectively as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> place: 100 points	5 <sup>th</sup> place: 92 points	9 <sup>th</sup> place: 84 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> place: 98 points	6 <sup>th</sup> place: 90 points	10 <sup>th</sup> place: 82 points

3<sup>rd</sup> place: 96 points

7<sup>th</sup> place: 88 points

All others: 80 points

4<sup>th</sup> place: 94 points

8<sup>th</sup> place: 86 points

**Purebred Hog Show:** Purebred market hogs and gilts 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 hogs is 100 for Blue group, 90 for Red group and 80 for White group. The lowest possible score for any hog is 80.

- Points in the Blue group will be given starting at 100 points and decreasing by 2 points for each placing through 10<sup>th</sup> place. Any Blue hog past 10<sup>th</sup> place will receive 80 points.
- Points in the Red group will be given starting at 2 points below the last placing Blue hog in the class, but not higher than 90 points. Points will decrease by 2 points for each placing through the 5<sup>th</sup> place Red hog. Any Red hog past the 5<sup>th</sup> place Red hog will receive 80 points.
- All hogs 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:

1<sup>st</sup> place: 100 points

5<sup>th</sup> place: 96 points

9<sup>th</sup> place: 92 points

2<sup>nd</sup> place: 99 points

6<sup>th</sup> place: 95 points

10<sup>th</sup> place: 91 points

3<sup>rd</sup> place: 98 points

7<sup>th</sup> place: 94 points

All other Blues: 90 points

4<sup>th</sup> place: 97 points

8<sup>th</sup> 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 Tennessee State Junior Swine Show 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 agents or agriculture teachers may result in both animal and exhibitor being dismissed from the show(s).