

Royal Agricultural Society

RAS Remit Thirteen - Dairy – Dairy Ethics

Name if Proposing Organisation/Association/District:

Holstein Friesian NZ on behalf of the Royal Agricultural Society Dairy Cattle Show Ethics Committee (RASDCSEC)

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Remit/Rationale:

The RASDCSEC has reviewed the RAS Dairy Cattle Show Code of Ethics and associated documents and have determined that these document need to be updated to ensure that they keep up to date with changes in show practices and in line with the world of showing.

Below are the current Rules followed by the proposed Rules with the changes included:

Current Rules, followed by proposed Rules:

Clause 3.1 (d)

3.1 (d) The use of udder treatments is allowed provided the product is registered for use on cattle in NZ.

That this rule be revoked and replaced as follows:

3.1 (d) The use of udder treatments is allowed provided the product is registered for use on dairy cattle within New Zealand, excluding electrical appliances used for stimulating the teat and udder.

Clause 3.2.1(A):

3.2.1(A) Major violations that will be subject to RASDCSEC testing are as follows:

- (i) Treating an animal externally including the udder, with an irritant or other foreign substance not registered for use on cattle within New Zealand, stimulating device or electrical appliance
- (ii) Surgically or otherwise inserting any prohibited chemical, drug, gas, liquid (including milk), matter or foreign substance into the udder to artificially enhance or change the natural shape or appearance of the udder or achieving such change by any other procedure or means. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - (a) Dextrose
 - (b) Pure alcohol
 - (c) Gas of any sort
 - (d) Foam
 - (e) Silver protein
 - (f) Silver nitrate
 - (g) Transferring milk between quarters
- (iii) Administering an injected or applied anaesthetic to alter the carriage of the tail or other

- body parts or achieving such changes by any other procedure or means.
- (iv) Surgically or otherwise inserting any matter or foreign substance under the skin or into any body cavity to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body or achieving such changes by any other procedure or means. This includes the administration of fluids by stomach tube or other similar device unless performed under the direct supervision of the show veterinarian for medical treatment.
 - (v) Manipulation of the teat by surgically or otherwise inserting or applying any object or foreign substance to alter its normal direction such as to unnaturally hold plumb or to alter its length (i.e. teat setting) or achieving such changes by any other procedure or means. Exhibitors have only one opportunity per show to check-in ringside and the animal will not be allowed in the ring for the duration of the show if any form of manipulation is detected.
 - (vi) Excessively manipulating top line and/or tail head hair beyond 3.80 centimetres (1.5 inches). Exhibitors have only one opportunity per show to check-in ringside and the animal will not be allowed in the ring for the duration of the show should excessive manipulation of the top line or tail head hair occur.
 - (vii) Use of the following drugs or other drugs or chemical combinations that have substantially the same or materially similar effects are NOT permitted under any circumstances before or during a show:
 - (a) Any drug not registered for use on cattle in NZ
 - (b) Anabolic steroids
 - (c) Growth or milk promoting hormones other than those in 3.1.f (ii) A
 - (d) Diuretics and sedatives other than those in 3.1.f (ii) A
 - (e) Amphetamines
 - (f) Prescribed drugs without a veterinarians label attached
 - (g) Prescribed drugs with a veterinarians label attached but used outside the normal time frame allowed for the use of that drug or drugs not used in accordance with the label instructions
 - (h) Drugs used from an unmarked bottle, tube or container
 - (i) Any drug that is illicit or illegal in NZ

That this rule be revoked and replaced as follows:

3.2.1 (A) Major violations that will be subject to RASDCSEC testing are as follows:

- (i) Treating an animal externally including the udder, with an irritant or other foreign substance not registered for use on cattle within New Zealand.
- (ii) The use and attachment of a stimulating device and/or electrical appliance to massage or modify the teat or udder is not permitted.
- (iii) Surgically or otherwise inserting any prohibited chemical drug, gas, liquid (including milk), matter or foreign substance into the udder to artificially enhance or change the natural shape or appearance of the udder or achieving such change by any other procedure or means, This includes but is not limited to:
 - (a) Dextrose
 - (b) Pure alcohol
 - (c) Gas of any sort
 - (d) Foam
 - (e) Silver protein
 - (f) Silver nitrate
 - (g) Transferring milk between quarters

- (iv) Improper fitting practices, such as over filling and over bagging that causes an animal pain, discomfort or walking difficulty and is validated by ultra sound scanning detecting unacceptable levels of oedema in the udder according the following scores.
 - a. Oedema Score:
 - i. 1 to 2: low to moderate – little or no oedema – acceptable
 - ii. 2 to 3: moderate to high – oedema apparent – unacceptable
 - iii. 3 to 4: high to extreme – oedema obvious - unacceptable
 - (v) Administering an injected or applied anaesthetic to alter the carriage of the tail or other body parts or achieving such changes by any other procedure or means.
 - (vi) Surgically or otherwise inserting any matter or foreign substance under the skin or into any body cavity to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body or achieving such changes by any other procedure or means. This includes the administration of fluids by stomach tube or other similar device unless performed under the direct supervision of the show veterinarian for medical treatment.
 - (vii) Manipulation of the teat by surgically or otherwise inserting or applying any object or foreign substance, liquid or glue to alter its normal direction such as to unnaturally hold plumb or to alter its length (i.e. teat setting) or achieving such changes by any other procedure or means. Exhibitors have only one opportunity per show to check-in ringside and the animal will not be allowed in the ring for the duration of the show if any form of manipulation is detected.
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 - f. Prescribed drugs without a veterinarians label attached
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 - h. Drugs used from an unmarked bottle, tube or container
 - i. Any drug that is illicit or illegal in New Zealand
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Clause 3.2.2:

3.2.2 Minor Violations

Minor Violations include but are not limited to:

- (i) Unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of show Handlers, Exhibitors or Fitters while in the show ring, shed, stalls or show and event grounds. All Exhibitors entering the ring must display a high and respectable standard of dress appropriate for the showing cattle.
- (ii) Improper fitting practices, such as over filling and over bagging that causes animal pain, discomfort or walking difficulty.

- (iii) Misrepresenting the number of lactations and/or milking status of the animal for the class in which it is entered.
- (iv) Using a device or product to artificially create or enhance the udder crease.
- (v) Animals 12 months of age or over which are not dehorned
- (vi) Female animals 12 months of age or over who are exhibited with a ring in their nose

Penalty: Minor violations will be considered by the RASDCSEC and awarded a penalty in line with the offence.

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- (ii) Excessively manipulating top line and/or tail head hair beyond 3.80 centimetres (1.5 inches). Exhibitors have only one opportunity per show to check-in ringside and the animal will not be allowed in the ring for the duration of the show should excessive manipulation of the top line or tail head hair occur.
- (iii) The top line or tail head shall only consist of naturally growing hair. The use of foreign material, imitation or artificial hair including attaching or fastening natural hair to the top line or tail head is not permitted.
- (iv) Misrepresenting the number of lactations and/or milking status of the animal for the class in which it is entered.
- (v) Using a device or product to artificially create or enhance the udder crease.
- (vi) Animals 12 months of age or over which are not dehorned
- (vii) Female animals 12 months of age or over who are exhibited with a ring in their nose.

Penalty: Minor violations will be reported to the RASDCSEC and can result in animals being barred from participation in the class.

Clause 3.4:

3.4 Penalties

If a violation of the RASDCSCOE has been proven to have occurred and the proper enforcement procedure has been followed, penalties against the Exhibitor can be enforced and may include any one, or combination, of the following:

- (i) Forfeiture or return of awards, prizes, premiums or proceeds;
- (ii) Written letter of reprimand to the principle, Owner or Lessee, Exhibitor, Fitter and/or Responsible Person;
- (iii) Disqualification of the exhibiting livestock from further competition;
- (iv) Disqualification of the Exhibitor from the show;
- (v) Disqualification of the Fitter from the show;
- (vi) Disqualification of the Exhibitor and/or Fitter from future shows and competitions
- (vii) A breed society may impose penalties on its members in accordance with their own relevant rules and regulations.

NOTE: Disqualification may include any or all shows and classes and may be for any number of years in accordance with provisions of the RASDCSEC and the relevant Breed Society.

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- A. Minor Violations:
 - (i) 1st and 2nd violation: written letter of reprimand to the Owner or Lessee, Exhibitor, Fitter and/or Responsible Person;
 - (ii) 3rd violation: disqualification of the owner or lessee, Exhibitor, Fitter and/or Responsible Person from exhibiting livestock at future show and competitions throughout New Zealand for 12 months from the date of the 3rd violation.
- B. Major Violations:
 - (i) Forfeiture or return of awards, prizes, premiums or proceeds;
 - (ii) Disqualification of the exhibiting livestock from further competition;
 - (iii) Disqualification of the Exhibitor from the show;
 - (iv) Disqualification of the Fitter from the show;
 - (v) Disqualification of the Owner or Lessee, Exhibitor and/or Fitter from exhibiting livestock from future shows and competitions throughout New Zealand for a minimum 12 months to a maximum 24 months from date of violation.
- C. A breed society may impose penalties on its members in accordance with their own relevant rules and regulations.

NOTE: Disqualification may include any or all shows/competitions and classes, and may be in accordance with provisions of show management and the relevant Breed Society.
