



# Policies and Guidelines for Tennessee Junior Dairy Shows

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[http://animalscience.ag.utk.edu/dairy/dairy\\_4-H.htm](http://animalscience.ag.utk.edu/dairy/dairy_4-H.htm).

## Introduction

This publication contains policies and guidelines governing Tennessee Junior Dairy Shows. It is intended to be a guide for Extension agents, vocational agriculture teachers, adult leaders, parents and youth involved in youth dairy shows.

These rules are important to the success of Tennessee Junior Dairy Shows. All people involved in these shows should be completely familiar with these policies and guidelines, accept the responsibility to follow these regulations, agree to abide by the rules and regulations set forth in this document (upon signature and submission of entry forms), and certify that the animals and exhibitor(s) have complied with these regulations and meet eligibility for participation.

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### Purposes of the Tennessee Junior Dairy Program

1. To help youth develop into responsible citizens and leaders by
  - Teaching responsibility and self discipline through working with animals that depend on the member to provide proper nutrition and care
  - Teaching effective communication, leadership, decision making and other life skills
  - Teaching cooperation through working with others
  - Teaching sportsmanship through participation in shows
  - Teaching the value, use and management of money through an investment in animals, feed, etc. and the use of a record keeping system to determine a profit or loss
  - Developing self-confidence and self-esteem through participation in shows that display achievements
2. To help youth gain skills in
  - Selecting an animal with sound conformation and the potential to be a productive and profitable cow
  - Feeding animals for optimum growth, proper development and optimum production
  - Fitting and showing heifers and cows
  - Providing humane treatment and care to animals
  - Developing a health program
  - Setting goals and evaluating progress through record keeping

3. To help youth gain an appreciation for
  - The role of the dairy industry in agriculture, including its contribution to the local, state, national and global economy, as well as its contribution to society
  - The complexity of the digestive, reproductive and mammary systems of a dairy cow and how the interactions of these systems with management influence production
  - The role of a breeding program in developing a productive herd
4. To provide youth the opportunity
  - To compete against other project members at county, region, state and national shows
  - To develop their own herd of registered dairy cattle
  - To make a profit from their animals' performance
  - To receive recognition for their efforts, knowledge, skills and accomplishments

### General Rules

#### *Exhibitor Eligibility*

Exhibition is limited to 4-H members who were enrolled in the 4th grade or higher and FFA members who were enrolled in vocational agriculture on January 1 of the current year. 4-H and FFA members are ineligible at the end of the calendar year following graduation from high school or upon their 20th birthday, whichever comes first.

#### *Ownership and Registration of Animals*

1. All animals must be either individually owned or leased by the exhibitor.
2. An animal must be registered with its respective breed association in the exhibitor's name before **July 1** of the current year.

## **Tennessee 4-H Dairy Cattle Leasing Program**

The objective of the leasing program is to provide all youth the opportunity and the educational experience of participating in the Tennessee Junior Dairy Show Program.

1. The leasing program pertains to registered breeding stock of all dairy breeds (Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey and Milking Shorthorn).
2. The program is available to youth, hereafter referred to as lessee, who are in good standing as a member in a county 4-H or dairy club. The lessee must attend at least 50 percent of the regular club meetings during the calendar year and will be encouraged to attend dairy educational meetings.
3. The program is available to youth regardless of the number of dairy animals owned.
4. The program is available to any 4-H member who was enrolled in the 4th grade on January 1 of the current calendar year and who has not reached the end of the calendar year of his or her high school graduation or the end of the calendar year of his or her 20th birthday, whichever comes first.
5. 4-H members may participate in this program for consecutive years.
6. The lessee will be required to keep a project record on each dairy animal. The record must be submitted to his or her local club leader by the end of the calendar year.
7. This lease is not limited to heifers. A youth may also lease lactating or dry cows.
8. A 4-H member may lease an unlimited number of animals of single or multiple breeds from more than one farm.
9. The owner, hereafter referred to as the sponsor, will determine jointly with the lessee specific responsibilities to be carried out by the lessee. These responsibilities will be recorded on the lease agreement and will include such things as
  - Duties and responsibilities while working with the animal(s) at the farm
  - Working schedule for carrying out the specified duties

- Assistance provided to lessee by sponsor
  - Other items as written
10. Leased animals must be exhibited in the appropriate heifer or cow classes.
  11. The sponsor will retain the title of ownership as stated on the registration certificate of the leased animal.
  12. The sponsor of the leased animal agrees not to hold the lessee liable for any financial loss from injury to or death of the leased animal.
  13. The lessee and his/her legal guardian(s) agree not to hold the sponsor liable for any injury sustained by the lessee while working with the leased animal(s) and/or performing duties set forth in this lease agreement.
  14. The sponsor will make the animal(s) available to the lessee during the period of the lease agreement.
  15. The lease agreement (available on the state 4-H Dairy Program Web site) must be signed and filed in the county Extension office and a copy must be in the UT Animal Science-Dairy Extension office by **July 1**.
  16. The lease agreement will remain in effect for a 12-month period and must be renewed annually.
  17. The lease agreement will remain in force unless terminated by either party. It may be terminated for reasons such as
    - failure of lessee to carry out responsibilities as outlined
    - changes in the sponsor's farming operation

The date and reason(s) for termination prior to the end of the project year must be given in writing and placed on file in the county Extension office and the UT Animal Science-Dairy Extension office.

### **Entries**

1. Entries for regional shows and the State Junior-Dairy Show are to be made on official entry forms that are available from the UT Animal Science Dairy Extension office and the state 4-H Dairy Program Web site at the following URL: [http://animalscience.ag.utk.edu/dairy/dairy\\_4-H.htm](http://animalscience.ag.utk.edu/dairy/dairy_4-H.htm). (Watch for announcement of online entry capabilities on this Web site.)

2. ALL entries for regional shows and the State Junior Dairy Show must be submitted through the local Extension office. This is the procedure for both 4-H and FFA members.
3. Legible copies of registration papers, copies of application for registration or transfer or related identification information (i.e., pedigrees) must be attached to entries.
4. Complete entry forms must be received by the UT Animal Science-Dairy Extension office by **August 1** for all regional shows and the State Junior Dairy Show. **Late entries will not be accepted.** Animals should be entered if there is any possibility they will be shown. Animals can easily be scratched before the show, so be sure to enter all possible show animals.
5. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to be sure that his/her entries meet the criteria to qualify for exhibition.
6. All entries must be signed by the exhibitor, a parent or legal guardian, and a local Extension agent or FFA advisor.
7. Incomplete or illegible forms will not be accepted and will be returned to the Extension agent. Animals will not be entered if entry forms are not complete. Extension agents and vocational agriculture teachers should review all entries prior to submission.

### **Entries for Fairs and Open Shows**

All three Tennessee regional shows (Eastern, Central and Western) are held in conjunction with a fair. Completing an entry form for a Tennessee regional or State Junior Dairy Show **DOES NOT** automatically enter an exhibitor/animals into fair records. You **must** check with the fair that hosts your show for deadlines, barn space, fees, etc. Procedures might be different for each Tennessee regional show.

To be eligible to show in open shows or other junior shows (i.e., Appalachian Fair in Gray, Tennessee), you must adhere to the requirements and deadlines set forth by that particular show or fair. The UT Animal Science-Dairy Extension office **WILL NOT** enter any junior into any open show or into any junior show other than the three regional shows and the State Junior Dairy Show.

### **Bred by Exhibitor**

To be eligible for BBE awards and recognition, the exhibitor must be listed as both the sole breeder and owner of the animal on the registration paper. If eligible, this must be indicated on the entry form. Animals bred and owned by the exhibitor but not so indicated on the entry form **will not** be eligible for recognition.

At the State Junior Dairy Show (and some regional shows), the Champion and Reserve Champion of the heifer classes and cow classes will be selected; and then, if needed, the Champion BBE animal will be selected from the highest-placing BBE animals in the classes.

There is no restriction on the number of non-BBE animals a youth may show.

### **Production Awards**

All cows with official proof of production will be eligible to receive an award at the State Junior Dairy Show. Current lactation production records will be used if official records with projected 305d ME will be available by Oct. 1. Previous lactation records (on 305d ME basis) will be used if cows are dry or have not been milking long enough (by October 1) to have a 305D ME projected for their current lactation. Previous lactation must have started after May 1 of the previous year to be eligible. The exhibitor must have owned the animal for its entire lactation to be eligible.

The animal within each breed with the highest record on an ECM 2x 305d ME basis will receive an award of merit. To be eligible for production awards, the DHI cow index number and/or barn number, the DHI herd code and RAC number must be indicated on the official entry form. The UT Animal Science-Dairy Extension office will compute ECM 2x 305d ME from DART cow pages prior to the State Junior Dairy Show. Any entries lacking complete DHIA information will be ineligible for production awards.

### **Substitute Exhibitors**

Youth should focus on youth development and the purposes outlined earlier in this document. Therefore, exhibitors will show their own animals. Any animal shown by anyone other than the exhibitor during standard show classes will result in forfeiture of all premiums and awards unless the show manager has given prior approval.

Substitute exhibitors will be granted for those exhibitors who have a serious illness, disability

under the ADA and/or injury at the time of the show. Substitute exhibitors at regional shows and the State Junior Dairy Show may be granted for youth participating in school or school related activities **by prior approval of the UT Animal Science-Dairy Extension office** and will be considered on an individual basis.

Forms for the approval of substitute exhibitors may be obtained from the state 4-H Dairy Program Web site or show management. These forms are to be completely filled out. Show management must approve substitute exhibitors before the show.

Substitute exhibitors will not be granted for unruly or uncontrollable animals (See “Unruly Animals” on page 6). All participants must understand that providing a learning experience in a safe environment is a priority. Allowing another person to show an unruly animal does not provide a learning experience for the exhibitor.

In instances where an exhibitor owns/leases more than one animal in the Junior Champion, Senior Champion or Grand Champion classes, substitute exhibitors will be allowed in these classes, but the exhibitor must show one of his/her own animals. Substitute exhibitors in these cases will not need prior approval by show management. Substitute exhibitors for Champion classes should be other 4-H/FFA exhibitors but not subject to other preferences.

Substitute exhibitors may also be necessary during standard show classes when an exhibitor has two animals of different breeds showing at the same time. In these instances, prior approval will not be needed. However, they are subject to preferences for substitute exhibitors (see below).

*Order of preference for substitute exhibitors (except for Champion classes)*

1. Younger or same age 4-H/FFA member from the same household

2. Older 4-H/FFA member from the same household
3. Same age or younger 4-H/FFA member from exhibitor’s home county or dairy club
4. Same age or younger 4-H/FFA member from exhibitor’s home region

## **Youth Showmanship**

Awards will be presented to winners in five divisions, as follows:

(Grade as of January 1 of the current year)

- a. 4th grade (Junior Level 1)
- b. 5th & 6th grade (Junior Level 2)
- c. 7th & 8th grade (Junior High)
- d. 9th & 10th grade (Senior Level 1)
- e. 11th & 12th grade (Senior Level 2)

Showmanship events at regional and state shows are available to all youth who have animals entered in the respective shows. Youth must show an animal they have entered. Exhibitors may be asked to bring registration papers or copies of a lease agreement to the ringside prior to showmanship classes. Once an exhibitor wins his/her respective division at the State Junior Dairy Show, he/she will advance to the next division regardless of current grade.

Regional and county shows have the option of combining divisions if participation in some divisions is not large enough to warrant all five divisions.

Show management should try to schedule only one showmanship division at a time and avoid concurrent showing of divisions. If any state showmanship division has more than 20 entries, show management will make an effort to split the division into two classes based on grade.

## **Standard Junior Show Classes**

Youth (both owners and lessees) may show only one animal in each of the standard show classes with the exception of Champion classes.

<b>Classes</b>	<b>Birthdate of Animal</b>
1. Showmanship classes (3 divisions)	
2. Spring Heifer Calf (Junior Heifer Calf)	March 1 or later this year
3. Winter Heifer Calf (Intermediate Heifer Calf)	December 1 last year to February 28 this year
4. Fall Heifer Calf (Senior Heifer Calf)	September 1 last year to November 30 last year

5. Summer Yearling Heifer (Summer Heifer Calf)
6. Spring Yearling Heifer (Junior Yearling Heifer)
7. Winter Yearling Heifer (Intermediate Yearling Heifer)
8. Fall Yearling Heifer (Senior Yearling Heifer)
9. Junior Champion
10. Reserve Junior Champion
11. BBE Junior Champion
12. Fall Yearling Heifer (Senior Yearling) in Milk
13. Junior Two-Year-Old Cow
14. Senior Two-Year-Old Cow
15. Three-Year-Old Cow
16. Four-Year-Old Cow
17. Aged Cows (5+ years)
18. Senior Champion
19. Reserve Senior Champion
20. BBE Senior Champion
21. Grand Champion
22. Reserve Grand Champion
23. BBE Grand Champion

June 1 last year to August 31 last year  
 March 1 last year to May 31 last year  
 December 1 two years ago to February 28 last year  
 September 1 two years ago to November 30 two years ago

after September 1 two years ago and milking  
 March 1 two years ago to August 31 two years ago  
 September 1 three years ago to February 28 two years ago  
 September 1 four years ago to August 31 three years ago  
 September 1 five years ago to August 31 four years ago  
 before September 1 five years ago

## Health Requirements

All exhibitors must adhere to the Tennessee Department of Agriculture Division of Animal Industries Livestock Health Requirements for Fairs & Exhibitions. See appropriate fair catalog for specific information.

## Unruly Animals

The show superintendent, management, ring person or show judge has the right to dismiss animals that, in their judgment, are unruly or uncontrollable and pose a safety risk to other exhibitors, animals and spectators.

## Discourteous Conduct

Discourteous conduct by exhibitors, parents, leaders, Extension agents, vocational agriculture teachers 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 the Tennessee Junior Dairy Shows and all awards received being forfeited.

## Protests

Protests must be submitted to the show manager prior to the selection of the division champion (Junior, Senior or Grand Champion classes). Protests must be made on the official protest form available from show management or the state 4-H Dairy Program Web site.

All protests must be submitted in writing, signed and accompanied by a \$50 cash deposit. The written protest must include

1. Name(s) of exhibitor(s) involved
2. Date and time of incident
3. Entry number(s) of livestock involved
4. Action or activity that is being protested
5. Specific rules that are alleged to have been violated
6. Names and signatures of two other parties who will verify and support the grievance.

The burden of proof rests with the party filing the grievance. The \$50 deposit will be returned if the grievance is upheld. The deposit will be forfeited to

the Tennessee Junior Dairy Show if the grievance is not sustained. The show management has the authority to make appropriate decisions based on this document ("Policies and Guidelines for Tennessee Junior Dairy Shows"). If needed, the protest shall be referred to a grievance committee for review. The grievance may be discussed with parties involved and show officials in reaching a decision. At no time should a grievance be discussed with parties not involved with the protest. All parties involved will be notified of decisions reached. Protests related to judges' decisions, placings and/or other situations associated with judges and/or show management will not be accepted.

## **Rule Violation**

The actions of any exhibitor, parent or leader who, individually or through other persons, violates any of the rules contained in these guidelines may result in both animal(s) and exhibitor(s) being barred from participation in current or future shows. All premiums and awards received may be forfeited.

## **Show Ring Code of Ethics Tennessee State Junior Dairy Show**

Adopted September 10, 2002

The Tennessee State Junior Dairy Show endorses the PDCA Code of Ethics, and the show officials will give full support to the judges to keep the show within these guidelines.

The following practices or procedures are considered unacceptable in the showing of dairy cattle at the Tennessee State Junior Dairy Show.

### **A. Major violations are defined as being fraudulent and/or unethical in the showing of dairy cattle. These include**

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, with an irritant or counter-irritant, or using a device to artificially create or enhance the udder crease or other substances as detected by testing that cause changes in the udder to artificially improve the conformation. Administration of an injected or applied anesthetic to alter the carriage of the tail or other body parts.
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 (i.e., 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 show officials appointed to monitor the animals on exhibit on the show grounds.

Any major violation will result in animals, exhibitors, owners and/or representatives being barred from the show.

### **B. Serious violations are defined as unethical practices that detract from the show ring. These include**

1. Setting teats or manipulation of a teat to alter its normal position such as to unnaturally hold it plumb or to alter its length is unacceptable.
2. Excessive manipulation of hair, use of artificial hair except false switches and/or the addition of foreign matter performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body.

Any serious violation will be given slight to severe discrimination. The judge will lower the animal's class rank for these violations.

**C. Minor violations are considered to detract from the image of the show ring when carried to excess. These include**

1. Unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of showmen.
2. Improper fitting practices, such as over filling and over bagging.
3. Mistreatment of an animal.

These violations will be given slight to moderate discrimination by the judge in placing animals within the class.

**Enforcement Procedures**

1. Show officials will monitor and enforce the code of ethics. Show officials will serve as the Ethics Committee for the Tennessee State Junior Dairy Show.
2. Potential or alleged violations should be made known to the show officials in a confidential manner.
3. Decisions by show officials and judges on any violations will be final. Repeat violations could result in barring future participation at Tennessee State Junior Dairy Shows.

Any technologies for testing bodily fluids like milk or blood or other examination techniques like ultrasound may be used at any time while the animals are on the grounds at the discretion of the show officials. Exhibitors consent to the collection of materials, i.e., milk, blood, etc., photographic or direct examination of the animal when they enter an animal in the show.

Extra label use of all drugs must be used under the direction of a licensed veterinarian. Evidence of same shall be provided in writing to the show officials if requested.

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