



**Holstein Canada**

## STANDARD PROCEDURES AND PENALTIES FOR ENFORCING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SHOWING HOLSTEIN CATTLE



**The purpose of these procedures is to put into effect the *Rules and Regulations for Showing Holstein Cattle* as published by show organizers. Where there is any conflict between the *Rules and Regulations* and these procedures, the *Rules and Regulations* shall prevail to the extent of the conflict.**

1. The show organizers will ensure all owners/exhibitors sign an agreement to abide by the Rules and Regulations for Showing Holstein Cattle— either as a separate document or as part of the entry form.
2. The show organizers will appoint designated persons to act as a Rules Committee at the Holstein Show. The Rules Committee for the Show will be responsible for overseeing compliance with the *Rules and Regulations for Showing Holstein Cattle*.
3. The Rules Committee for the show, or any agent or representative of the Rules Committee, shall act as the Inspector under the Rules and Regulations for Showing Holstein Cattle, for the purpose of monitoring compliance. To help in this regard, such person(s), their agents or representatives shall have the authority to perform on any animal entered any of the following:
  - (a) an ultrasound examination of the udder, prior to and after milk-out where the possibility of such examination has been announced before any judging in the class in which the animal is entered;
  - (b) a milk-out of any individual cow or cows;
  - (c) the collection and testing of any of the animal's body fluids, at any time;
  - (d) the use at any time of any other technology, and other inspections and/or analysis—including autopsy—that the Inspector considers may be useful for assessing compliance with the Rules and Regulations.
4. The Inspector may, at any time, require the delivery of any hypodermic syringe, needle, or other device, swabs, cloths, or other material, or samples or any medicine, preparation, or substance, whether in liquid or other form, in the possession or control of the exhibitor, his fitter, agents or persons acting on behalf of the exhibitor for the purpose of laboratory analysis.
5. All exhibitors, fitters, agents, or other persons acting on behalf of the exhibitor at the show shall provide promptly to the Rules Committee, upon request, whatever information and produce any documents required by the Rules Committee for the proper monitoring of compliance with the Rules and Regulations and shall fully cooperate with any inspections.
6. The Rules Committee will try to warn an exhibitor or exhibitor's representative before showing that:
  - (a) a complaint has been received of a possible violation of the Rules and Regulations for Showing Holstein Cattle concerning the animal to be shown; or
  - (b) the Rules Committee has a reasonable belief that there would be a violation of the Rules and Regulations for Showing Holstein Cattle if the exhibitor's animal is shown.

If the exhibitor decides not to show the animal after receiving such a warning, no violation of the Rules and Regulations will be considered to have occurred and no disciplinary measures will be taken against the exhibitor. The Rules Committee will only give the above warning to an exhibitor or exhibitor's representative where the committee considers it reasonable and practical to do so and not in circumstances of disqualification of entries under the Rules and Regulations.
7. The Rules Committee shall have the option, following the judging of the milking classes, to ultrasound the udders, prior to milk-out, of a representative number of animals in each of the milking classes, or to take milk samples from a representative group of animals. If the Rules Committee undertakes the option to ultrasound the udders or to take milk samples, it shall make an announcement to this effect before the judging of the milking classes.

8. Where, after the judging of the classes, the Rules Committee considers that there has been a violation of the Rules and Regulations for Showing, these procedures, or other show rules and regulations, the accused owner(s) or representative shall be notified of the alleged violation and shall confidentially be provided with information supporting the basis for the allegation and the penalty assigned to the violation.
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9. The Show Organizers shall appoint a Review Subcommittee to consider at a meeting any alleged violation of the Rules and Regulations, these Procedures, or other applicable Show Rules and Regulations relating to any animal which has been shown. A representative of the Show Organizers shall be a member of the Review Subcommittee and shall preside over these meetings.
10. A representative of or agent for the Rules Committee shall attend the rules review meeting to present the allegation and supporting evidence to the Review Subcommittee. An accused owner/exhibitor/fitter shall be asked to respond to the allegations. An accused owner/exhibitor/fitter may be assisted by a representative or agent. It is the obligation of every person, whenever requested, to attend a rules review meeting and to give whatever information and produce whatever documents may be required for the proper determination of matters pending before the Review Subcommittee. The Review Subcommittee will determine if any violation of the Rules and Regulations for Showing has occurred and will apply appropriate disciplinary measures. A finding of a violation requires agreement by a majority of the Review Subcommittee. The determinations will be reported in writing to the Show Organizers, with a copy to the affected owner(s) or other parties.