

Barron County Junior Livestock Code of Ethics & Exhibitor Expectations

Youth are expected to be sincere, honest, and act in sportsmanlike ways at all times. Youth represent the entire program and their behavior reflects on their parents, leaders, club, and the entire youth program. **All adults involved with the youth program, leaders as well as parents, are expected to set positive examples and serve as positive role models by what they say and do.**

Any youth who breaks the code of ethics or allows another person (adult or peer) to talk them into violating the code of ethics agrees to forfeit all prizes, awards, and premiums. The youth may also be prohibited from exhibiting at this and future exhibitions including the Wisconsin State Fair and other county, state or regional exhibitions.

Consequences for violating the Code of Ethics and Exhibitor Expectations may include the following:

(Consequences will be determined by the Executive Committee.)

1. Verbal Warning
2. Written Warning
3. Loss of sale participation value
Required Community Service, withholding of partial or entire sale check above market
4. Disqualification for the current year's fair
5. Exclusion from following years fair

***If a significant violation occurs after ownership has transferred, the partial or entire value above market price may be withheld by the Livestock Committee. This would be determined by the Livestock Executive Committee. Money withheld would be donated to a community non-profit organization.

I will represent the Livestock Project in a safe and positive manner for my animals and myself. Failure to do will be considered conduct unbecoming of a Livestock Project Member and will be subject to the consequences of violating the Code of Ethics Exhibitor Expectation Statement.

1. I will do my own work, appropriate for my age, physical, and mental development. This includes research and writing of exhibit explanations, preparing exhibits, care and grooming of animals, etc. Adult assistance should help guide and support me, not do it for me.

- Fitting is limited to the exhibitor (Barron County FFA member, 4-H member, Project Leader), his or her father, mother, sister, brother, step brother, step sister, step parent, legal guardian, or other Junior Exhibitors participating in the Barron County Fair. Exhibitor **MUST** be there. When fitting any animal, it must be in the barn or in plain sight visible from the barn or in designated fitting and grooming area.
- No animal will be force drenched (by bottle feeding, syringe, stomach pumps, and/or other methods)
- Any kind of icing is prohibited.

2. All exhibits will be a true representation of my work. Any attempt to take credit for other's work, alter the conformation of animals, or alter their performance is prohibited. Copyright violation or allowing others to complete your exhibit is considered misrepresentation and is prohibited.

3. I will treat all people and animals with respect. I will provide appropriate care for animals.

4. Buyers are essential part of the Junior Livestock Market Animal Sale and are to be treated with the utmost respect by participants and their families. **There will be zero tolerance of any badgering, harassment, etc. of buyers by either participants or their family members.** Violation of this rule will be brought to the attention of the Barron County Junior Livestock Committee. The Junior Livestock Committee will determine the appropriate consequences for violation of this rule.
5. I will present exhibits that are safe for consumption. Exhibits will be safe for judges to evaluate and for exhibition. Animal restraints will not be tolerated. (halters, neck-ties or straps are not considered restraints)
6. All food animals that may be harvested immediately following the show shall be safe for consumers, and shall have met all withdrawal times for all medications, and be free of violative drug residue.
7. If any animal requires medical treatment while at the fair or exhibition, only a licensed veterinarian may administer the treatment. All medications that are administered shall be done according to the label instructions of the medication used.
8. My animal's appearance or performance shall not be altered by any means, including medications, external applications, or surgical procedures. Any animal that is found to have an altered or a changed appearance or performance shall be disqualified from the show and have penalties assessed against the exhibitor, parent, and/or guardian by the management of the fair or exhibition.
9. I will follow all ownership and possession rules and, if requested, I will provide the necessary documentation.
10. I will follow all livestock health requirements for this fair or exhibition, according to the state health requirements as printed in the premium book of the fair or exhibition. I will provide animal health certificates from a licensed veterinarian upon request from the management of the fair or exhibition.
11. By my entering an animal in this fair or exhibition, I am giving consent to the management of the fair or exhibition to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. If the laboratory report on the analysis of any sample indicates a presence of forbidden drugs, this shall be evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved, and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to 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 exhibitor, parent, and/or guardian to prove otherwise.
12. I am responsible for my exhibit, and I will not allow others to violate this code on my behalf. By my entering an exhibit in this fair, I will accept any disciplinary action taken by the management of this fair or exhibition for any violation of this code of ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or exhibition without recourse against the fair or exhibition.
13. My exhibits will be an example of how to accept what life has to offer, both good and not so good, and how to live with and learn from the outcome.
14. I will not be involved in any illegal activities while participating in 4-H and FFA or other youth organization events, including, but not limited to alcohol, tobacco, or drug use.

15. Animals sold in the auction are the property of the buyer; however, the exhibitor has the responsibility of caring for that animal until it leaves the fairgrounds or when projects are released.

I agree to conduct myself in an honest, ethical, and upstanding manner, and I understand that disciplinary actions will result if these rules are violated. I understand that I am expected to represent the program in a positive manner. **I have read, understand, and agree to follow this code of ethics & exhibitor expectation statement, AND any other rules of competition of the fair as printed in the Barron County Fair Premium Book and Barron County Junior Livestock Project Guidelines.**

Exhibitor Signature (required)

Exhibitor Name (print)

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature (required)

Parent/Guardian Signature (print)

Date