

# DAIRY CATTLE

**Superintendent: Jay Farrell**

**Division Rules and Regulations:**

BEST OF SHOW \$250.00

In addition to general rules for all Livestock the following will be observed by those exhibiting dairy cattle at SMILE:

The Purebred Dairy Cattle Association Show Ring Code of Ethics revised in 2004 will be followed. A complete copy can be found at:

[http://www.mass4h.org/programs/animal\\_science/pdf\\_ppt/pdca\\_showring\\_ethics.pdf](http://www.mass4h.org/programs/animal_science/pdf_ppt/pdca_showring_ethics.pdf)

The following practices or procedures are considered unacceptable and defined as being: “False, Deceptive and Unacceptable Practices” in the showing of registered dairy cattle:

1. Misrepresenting the age and/or milk status 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 other substance to artificially improve the conformation; plugging of teat canal with foreign substances.
3. Surgery or insertion of foreign material under the skin, performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal’s body 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. The decision of the judge is final at the time of the show.
5. Challenging, threatening or interfering with an ethics committee appointed by show management to monitor the animals on exhibit on the show grounds.
6. Excessive manipulation of hair. The maximum allowable length of naturally growing hair anywhere on the topline is not to exceed 1”.
7. Addition of foreign objects, including, but not limited to hair or hair substitutes, cloth or fiber, to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal’s body is prohibited.
8. Recognize good herdsmanship and exhibits in the barn. In keeping with the basic philosophy of the PDCA, ethics are an individual responsibility of the owner of each animal shown.

Entry & Show Guidelines & Procedures:

1. Number of exhibits: Exhibitors may show only 1 animal per breed in Class 1 – 7  
Exhibitors may show 2 animals per breed in Class 8 – 10
2. Registration papers and Lease agreements will be checked.
3. Fitting and Showmanship will be judged first followed immediately by breed conformation/type classes.
4. Breed will alternate during individual classes

5. Dress code: white on white – neckpiece optional
6. Classes may be combined at the discretion of the superintendent.

The following breeds will be recognized and evaluated:

Division A = Ayrshire	Division BS = Brown Swiss
Division G = Guernsey	Division H = Holstein
Division J = Jersey	Division MS = Milking Shorthorn
Division X = all other – historic & non registered	

Classes:

Dairy Cattle Fitting and Showmanship

L. Novice Showmanship (6-7)

25. Fitting and Showing – Novice (1<sup>st</sup> time showing any age)
26. Fitting and Showing – Juniors (8-11)
27. Fitting and Showing – Intermediates (12-15)
28. Fitting and Showing – Seniors (16-21)

Showmanship classes may be re-distributed based on number of entries & specific ages to balance number of participants in classes

29. Heifer, Spring Calf  
Born March 1, 2024 – May 31, 2024
30. Heifer, Winter Calf  
Born December 1, 2023 – February 28, 2024
31. Heifer, Fall Calf  
Born September 1, 2023 – November 30, 2023
32. Heifer, Summer Yearling  
Born June 1, 2023 – August 31, 2023
33. Heifer, Spring Yearling  
Born March 1, 2023 – May 31, 2023
34. Heifer Winter Yearling  
Born December 1, 2022 – February 28, 2023
35. Heifer Fall Yearling – not in milk  
Born September 1, 2022 – November 30, 2022  
  
Junior Champion – no premium – Rosette only
36. Cow over 2 years old not in milk  
Born March 1, 2022 – September 1, 2022
37. Cow over 2 years old in milk  
Born before March 1, 2022
38. Dry cow – must have calved once  
  
Senior Champion – no premium – Rosette only

**Best in Show**