

# 2012 Midwest National Spring Show Rules

## RULES FOR 2012 WISCONSIN HOLSTEIN SPONSORED SHOWS

### ANIMAL HEALTH RULES AND REGULATIONS/DAIRY CATTLE

**ALL CATTLE** - Health requirements for the Midwest National Spring Show are the same as the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture's requirements for intrastate movement of cattle.

Please visit the DATCP website for the most recent rules - <http://datcp.wi.gov/uploads/Animals/pdf/FairRulesAnimalHealth2012.pdf>

It is **highly recommended** that all animals shown at the Midwest National Spring Show be vaccinated for BVD according to your Veterinarian's recommendations. It is also **highly recommended** that animals be tested for Persistently Infected (PI) BVD animals. This is a once in a lifetime test to insure that the animal is not a PI or shedder animal carrying the BVD Virus.

Cattle infected with ringworm, warts, or mange may not be exhibited unless the veterinarian in charge determines the ringworm lesions or warts are inactive and incapable of transmitting the disease. Any cattle found with ringworm, warts, mange or scab shall be removed from the premises of the show.

Show management is responsible for maintaining records of persons who have exhibited at the show and the identification of animals shown for 2 years. Acceptable forms of animal identification for breeding animals are (1) an official metal ear tag, (2) a breed registration number, or (3) a breed registration tattoo.

**Junior Ownership:** Junior exhibitors shall be in competition with Open Class Cattle. To compete for junior awards the exhibitor shall not have passed his or her 21st birthday before January 1 of the year of the show. **TO COMPETE FOR JUNIOR RIBBONS AND TROPHIES, ALL JUNIOR EXHIBITORS MUST HAVE THE ANIMAL'S OWNERSHIP REGISTERED OR TRANSFERRED BY THE HOLSTEIN ASSOCIATION INTO THE INDIVIDUAL NAME OF THE JUNIOR EXHIBITOR ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1. TRANSFER APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE SHOW. Holstein USA's Junior Leasing rules will be in affect at the Midwest National Spring Show.** (For complete Junior Leasing rules, please see the Holstein USA website at [www.holsteinusa.com](http://www.holsteinusa.com))

- More than one Junior exhibitor may own an animal in partnership if the animal is exhibited by the partnership throughout the entire show season and the names of all Junior partners are listed on the registration certificate. Adult-Junior and family or farm partnerships are not acceptable.
- To be eligible to compete, entries must be shown by the Junior owner in all cases, except by prior written approval. Alternate leadsperson forms must be submitted to the Holstein Association representative by 5:00 p.m. the day before the show. If approved, another National Junior Holstein member the same age or younger must show the animal. Adults are not allowed to show, in any case. A leased animal may only be shown by the Junior lessee.
- Managerial projects may be exhibited in Open Class competition. However, they are not eligible for Junior awards.
- To be considered for Junior Awards, exhibitors must identify themselves as a qualified junior member upon check-in to show management.
- It is the responsibility of the Junior owner to prove ownership of animal by hard copy (on paper).
- According to Holstein Association USA's National Junior Show Ring Policy, exhibitors must be a minimum of nine years old to participate.**

**Bred and Owned:** An award will be given in all the female classes for the highest placing animal bred and solely owned by exhibitor. To be considered for Bred & Owned awards, one of the original owners must be listed as one of the current owners. Where a herd is registered in the names of different members of a family and where the herd is one unit, all entries may be considered as exhibits of one breeder.

**Junior Bred and Owned:** An award will be presented in all the female classes for the highest placing animal bred and solely owned by a junior exhibitor; the junior exhibitor must be leading the animal during the class as stated in the rules of Junior Ownership. To be eligible for Junior Bred & Owned, the name(s) listed as breeder and owner on the registration certificate must be the same. Adult-Junior partnerships are not acceptable. Family unit or farm partnerships will not qualify for Bred & Owned awards unless all partners are Junior members and listed on the certificate under breeder and owner.

**Production Awards:** In all cow classes, except the Junior & Senior 2 Year Olds, the cow with the highest 305 day milk production record will be recognized. The recognition will be based solely on total milk production without regard to the milking frequency or the testing program. Records should be entered on the entry form and verified at the time of check-in with an official machine printed test sheet or an official pedigree.

**Best Udder:** A Best Udder ribbon will be awarded in all milking cow classes. The Best Udder cow in each of the milking classes will compete to select the Best Udder Cow of the Show.

**Premier Breeder Award:** The breeder winning the most points on six (6) animals, all exhibited in the single classes, shall be designated Premier Breeder. No entry is required, and the winner of this award need not be an exhibitor at the Show, or need not be the current owner of any of the point winning animals. In classes with ten or less animals, no more than two head per breeder will be counted toward premier points. In case of a tie, additional animals will be counted, one at a time, until the tie is broken. **Breeder Defined:** The owner of the dam at the time of service shall be considered the breeder of the animal. Where a herd is registered in the names of different members of a family, and where the herd is one unit, all entries may be considered as exhibits of one breeder. Otherwise, when animals are bred in partnership, each unique partnership is considered a unique breeder.

**Premier Exhibitor Award:** The exhibitor winning the most points on six (6) animals, all owned and exhibited in the single classes, shall be designated the Premier Exhibitor. All exhibitors will be eligible for this award, and no entry is required. In classes with ten or less animals, no more than two head per breeder will be counted toward premier points. In case of a tie, additional animals will be counted, one at a time, until the tie is broken. **Exhibitor**

**Defined:** The exhibitor must be the owner. In case a herd is registered or bred in the names of different members of a family, residing on one farm or breeding establishment, and where the herd is one unit, all entries may be considered as a single exhibitor for all group classes and Premier Exhibitor. However, members of one family, where cattle are not housed as one unit, will not be considered as a single exhibitor. When animals are owned in partnership, each unique partnership is considered a unique exhibitor.

**The point system for determining Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor Awards:**

#### Milking Females:

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
40	38	36	34	32	30	28	26	24	22
11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th
20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2

#### Junior Females:

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11
11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th
10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

## GENERAL RULES

- All animals exhibited at the Midwest National Spring Show must be accompanied by the registration certificate, email confirmation or fax copy from the Holstein Association of America; no photocopies will be accepted. **If an animal is identified with Holstein Association USA eartags, two official eartags must be in the animal's ears for entry to be accepted and allowed in showing. All animals exhibited must be Holstein Registered or Qualified by the Holstein Association USA, Inc. or registered with the Holstein Association of Canada with 87% or greater purity.**
- Ownership shall be established by the name listed on the registration certificate; or the presentation of the certificate of registration along with a completed transfer and the appropriate fee, which will be retained by a Holstein USA representative and forwarded to the Holstein Association USA, Inc.

The Spring Show Committee and the Wisconsin Holstein Association Board of Directors reserve the final and absolute right to interpret the rules and regulations of the Shows and will settle and determine all matters, questions, or differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of, or in connection with the Shows. In the event a question arises concerning an animal's age, the Spring Show Committee Chairperson may request that an individual registration certificate be checked at ringside.

**HOLSTEIN ASSOCIATION USA, INC. SHOW RING POLICY** Showing cattle is an important part of promoting, merchandising and breeding Registered Holsteins for breeders and Holstein Association USA, Inc. It is also in the best interest of Registered Holstein breeders to maintain integrity and present a positive and progressive image of themselves and their cattle in the showing.

Holstein Association USA works cooperatively with the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association (PDCA), show management, exhibitors and judges to give encouragement, direction and uniformity to the National Holstein Show program

### I. ETHICS

At all times, Registered Holsteins shall be treated in a humane manner and in accordance with dairy quality assurance practices so as to protect the health, safety and welfare of the livestock and the consuming public. No person shall present for exhibition or exhibit an animal which he or she knows, or has reason to suspect, is affected with or has been exposed to a dangerously contagious or infectious disease, illness or illegal or non-approved use of drugs, medication and/or prohibited substance or residue. The position of Holstein Association USA is that all animals presented for exhibition shall be in their natural conformation and structure, free of any alteration or modification caused by unethical fitting.

**A.** The following practices or procedures are considered unacceptable and defined as being fraudulent and/or unethical in the showing of Registered Holstein Cattle:

- Misrepresenting the age and/or milking status of the animal for the class in which it is shown.
- Treating the animal, particularly the udder, internally or externally:
  - with an irritant or counter-irritant,
  - using a device to artificially create or enhance the udder crease,
  - using other substances as detected by testing that cause changes in the udder to artificially improve the conformation.
- Surgery 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, though not to preclude practices required or involved in normal management.
- Criticizing or interfering with the judge, show management, or other exhibitors while in the showing, or other conduct detrimental to the breed or the show.

**B.** The following practices and procedures are considered to detract from the image of the showing when carried to excess and will be taken into consideration by the show judge in placing animals within a class:

- The maximum allowable length of naturally growing hair anywhere on the topline is not to exceed 1½ inches. Exhibitors will be required to comply with this rule before the animal is allowed to enter the ring.
- Addition of foreign objects, including but not limited to hair or hair substitutes (except for false switches), cloth or fiber, to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body is prohibited.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct by exhibitors.
- Improper fitting practices such as overfilling and over-bagging.

5. Externally sealing the teat end with a preparation that does not harm the animal's skin is permissible. Natural teat placement will be given preference over artificially positioned teats.

C. In keeping with the basic philosophy of Holstein Association USA, ethics are an individual responsibility of the owner of each animal shown. Violations of these policies are subject to the disciplinary provisions of the Association Bylaws.

1. The act of entering an animal in a National Holstein Show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter and/or absolutely responsible person (hereinafter referred to as "Exhibitor") for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, milk or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Materials may also be collected by ultrasound and photographic methods and by direct examination of animal.

2. The act of entering an animal in a National Holstein Show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter and/or absolutely responsible person (the "Exhibitor") to have disciplinary action for violation of this Showing Policy taken by show management, the state in which the show occurs, and/or Holstein Association USA without recourse.

#### **WISCONSIN HOLSTEIN ASSOCIATION SHOW RING POLICY**

The following practices or procedures are unacceptable in the showing of Registered dairy cattle:

1. criticizing or interfering with the judge, show management or other exhibitors, or other conduct detrimental to the breed or show;
2. misrepresenting the age or ownership of an animal or the number of calvings and/or stage of lactation;
3. filling an animal's rumen unnaturally with liquid (tubing);
4. balancing the udder by any means other than by leaving naturally produced milk in any or all quarters;
5. treating the udder internally with an irritant, counter-irritant, or any other substance to temporarily improve conformation;
6. overfilling or overbagging of udders;
7. treating the udder externally with an irritant, counterirritant, or any other substance to temporarily improve conformation (allowable practices/substances include sealing and setting teats, but not shrinking/shortening of teats);
8. Treating the animal, particularly the udder, internally or externally, with an irritant or counter-irritant, or other substance to artificially improve the confirmation (this is to include any external pressure applied to the udder crease to artificially enhance it, i.e. roping).
9. administering epidural anesthesia (blocking tails) and/or applying any irritant either externally or internally to the perineal (rectum and vagina) area;
10. inserting foreign material/articles under the skin, into the topline or on the feet (Administration of acceptable medications is permitted.);
11. performing surgery of any kind to change the natural contour of appearance of the animal's body, hide or hair. Not included is the removal of warts, teats and horns, clipping and dressing of hair and trimming of hooves;
12. draining fluid from hocks unless authorized by a veterinarian at the show.
13. Excessive manipulation of hair and/or the use of any hair not naturally attached to the animal or the use of any substance or material which is intended to resemble or imitate hair. We will follow the rules and guidelines set forth by World Dairy Expo.
14. mistreatment of animals;
15. any un-sportsmanship like conduct during the event.

#### **MONITORING PROCEDURES**

The Ethics Committee, as defined below, shall have the authority to inspect all animals to determine if violations of Wisconsin Holstein Association Show Ring Policy have occurred. To help in this regard, the Ethics Committee has the authority to perform and review results of the following:

1. An ultrasound examination of the udder of selected animals immediately upon completion of respective milking class competition. It shall be the exhibitor's responsibility to deliver selected cow to the designated testing area. Within a reasonable time following said testing, the ultrasound official shall submit his/her report to the WI Holstein Association. **If an animal fails to show up for ultrasounding with a full udder at the Midwest National Spring Show, show placings will be revoked and reported to Holstein USA and Holstein World.**
2. a milk out of any individual cow and/or
3. the collection and testing of any of the animal's body fluids and/or
4. the use of any other technology that may be useful in determining if a violation in any animal based on placement, random selection, or suspect characteristics.
5. The Ethics Committee or Show Chairman may, at any time, require the delivery to them of any hair samples or 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 exhibitor, fitters, agents or person acting on behalf of the exhibitor for laboratory analysis.

#### **ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES**

1. The Wisconsin Holstein Association Board of Directors shall appoint an Ethics Committee to monitor violations at all state sponsored shows. The Ethics Committee shall consist of 2 WHA Board members and one non-board member; this committee will be anonymous.
2. Complaints of alleged violations must be presented to the Show Chairman or a member of the show management of the respective show immediately, except ultrasound results as noted above.
3. If it is suspected that a violation will occur if an animal is shown the exhibitor will be informed by the Show Chairman that the showing of that animal may result in a violation of the Wisconsin Holstein Association Show Ring Policy. If the exhibitor decides not to show that animal, no violation will have occurred.

4. All complaints of alleged violations (as is designated in Enforcement Procedure point #2) received by the Show Chairman or a member of the show management must be presented to the Wisconsin Holstein Association for review by the Ethics Committee within five (5) days of receiving notice of alleged violations, with the Ethics Committee to make a decision on the violations within ten (10) days of receiving such notice.

5. The Wisconsin Holstein Association Director of Operations will notify the accused exhibitor immediately of the Ethics Committee decision that a violation has occurred and all the supportive evidence will be shared with the exhibitor. Within thirty (30) days Wisconsin Holstein Association Show Committee shall review the findings from the Ethics Committee and make a recommendation to the Wisconsin Holstein Association Board of Directors of the disciplinary action. The exhibitor will be able to participate in the Show Committee meeting. The Wisconsin Holstein Association Board of Directors shall meet on the same day to review the findings from the Ethics Committee, recommendations from the Show Committee and hear any presentation the exhibitor wishes to present.

6. The accused exhibitor must notify Wisconsin Holstein Association within seven (7) days of receiving the violation notice of their intent to participate in the Show Committee meeting and/or the Wisconsin Holstein Association Board of Directors meeting, which is set for reviewing the evidence of the alleged violation(s) and the disciplinary action to be taken.

7. If the alleged violator is found in violation of the Wisconsin Holstein Association Show Ring Policy, the Wisconsin Holstein Association Board of Directors, at its discretion may pass onto the violator(s) its costs associated with the violations, enforcement and review of violation(s).

Cost associated with the review and/or appeals process must be paid in full; if this assessment is not paid in full the violator(s) will not be in "good standing" with the Wisconsin Holstein Association and therefore be denied any and all membership benefits of the association (voting, showing, etc.).

8. Wisconsin Holstein Association Board of Directors &/or the Show Committee may consider previous violations by an exhibitor in their decision of disciplinary action. (see\*)

9. An animal found in violation of the Wisconsin Holstein Association Show Ring Policy will receive no premium monies or awards or placing(s).

10. During this entire process the Directors of the Wisconsin Holstein Association Board, the Ethics Committee, the Show Committee, its staff and members will not be obligated to maintain confidentiality.

#### **Violations Penalties**

(Penalties for violations at the Wisconsin Holstein Association sponsored shows.)

i. **1st Offense** - a minimum of one year probation to a maximum of one year suspension for the animal(s), owner(s), and/or fitter(s) or their representatives either individually and/or a combination thereof from all Wisconsin Holstein Assoc. state sponsored shows.

ii. **2nd Offense** - minimum one year suspension to a maximum of three years suspension for the animal(s), owner(s), and/or fitter(s) or their representatives either individually and/or combination thereof from all Wisconsin Holstein Assoc. state sponsored shows.

iii. **3rd Offense** - minimum of five years suspension to a maximum of barred for life for the animal(s), owner(s), and/or fitter(s) or their representatives either individually and/or combination thereof from all Wisconsin Holstein Assoc. state sponsored shows.

\*Violations prior to 1/1/2004 shall not apply; any violations after 1/1/2004 shall be cumulative.

#### **CLASSES**

1. Winter Heifer Calf - born December 1, 2011 - February 29, 2012
2. Fall Heifer Calf - born September 1 - November 30, 2011
3. Summer Yearling Heifer - born June 1 - August 31, 2011
4. Spring Yearling Heifer - born March 1 - May 31, 2011
5. Winter Yearling Heifer - born December 1, 2010 - February 28, 2011
6. Fall Yearling Heifer - born September 1 - November 30, 2010
7. Junior Champion Bred & Owned of the Junior Show
8. Junior & Reserve Junior Champion (Junior Show)
9. Junior & Reserve Junior Champion (Open Show)
10. Junior Best Three Females (Fall Yearling & under, animals must be shown in their individual classes. All must be bred by the exhibitor & at least one owned, solely or in partnership, by exhibitor. Each exhibitor limited to one entry.)
11. Unfreshened Two Year Old - born March 1 - August 31, 2010
12. Junior Two Year Old Cow - born March 1 - August 31, 2010 (Must be fresh)
13. Senior Two Year Old Cow - born September 1, 2009 - February 28, 2010
14. Junior Three Year Old Cow - born March 1 - August 31, 2009
15. Senior Three Year Old Cow - born September 1, 2008 - February 28, 2009
16. Intermediate & Reserve Intermediate Champion Female (Open Show)
17. Four Year Old Cow - born September 1, 2007 - August 31, 2008
18. Five Year Old Cow - born September 1, 2006 - August 31, 2007
19. Six Year Old and Older Cow - born before September 1, 2006
20. 125,000 lb. Cow Class (Must bring proof of production to check-in; cows may only be switched from another milking cow class to the 125,000 lb. class with additional paid entry fee)
21. Senior Champion Bred & Owned of the Junior Show
22. Champion Bred & Owned of the Junior Show
23. Senior & Reserve Senior Champion Female (Junior Show)
24. Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Female (Junior Show)
25. Best Udder of Show
26. Champion Bred & Owned of the Show
27. Senior & Reserve Senior Champion Female (Open Show)
28. Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Female (Open Show)
29. Best Three Females
30. Produce of Dam
31. Dam & Offspring
32. Premier Breeder
33. Premier Exhibitor
34. State Herd (6 animals earning points as in Premier Breeder/Exhibitor)