

## **CODE OF ETHICS**

Exhibitors shall at all times conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. This code applies to Junior as well as Open class exhibitors who compete at the Sheboygan County Fair. This code will be enforced at all events held at the Sheboygan County Fair Park and during the Sheboygan County Fair.

1. Criticizing or interfering with the judge, show management or other exhibitors will not be allowed and could result in penalties as listed in number (4) below.
2. Tampering, and/or inhumane treatment; and/or misrepresentation as to breeding, age, ownership and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception.
3. To maintain a high degree of confidence and integrity in the livestock shows, the Sheboygan County Fair reserves the right to disqualify any animal fitted in an unethical manner and disqualify the exhibitor. Unethical fitting shall include, but not limited to, any 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 (e.g., 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. It shall also include attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development, dyeing or coloring hair, adding artificial tail heads, switches, polls, hair and heels. The use of clenbuterol is prohibited. 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 will be in violation of the ethics code. Along with that using of other substances as detected by testing that causes changes in the udder to artificially improve the conformation. Plugging of teat canal with foreign substances will not be allowed.
4. All exhibitors, their immediate family and any other parties involved in the unethical fitting and showing of an animal will be subject to award(s) and premium(s) forfeiture, which may include the forfeiture of auction proceeds; and/or dismissal from the fairgrounds; and/or being barred from competition immediately in the department in which the violation has occurred and/or from all departments entered; and/or in future competition in the Sheboygan County Fair.

**Sheboygan County Fair Board**