

CATTLE

ENTRIES

1. CLOSING DATE FOR ALL LIVESTOCK ENTRIES - Sunday 26th May 2024

2. ENTRY FEES

All classes will be charged the following entry fees except where listed:

Members: £10.00

Non-members: £20.00

Pairs and Group classes - one entry fee per pair or group of animals.

PRIZE MONEY

1st £40, 2nd £30, 3rd £20,

(unless otherwise listed)

All cash prizes to be collected from the show office

3. SUBSTITUTION

Substitution of animals in the cattle section will be allowed after the closing date, substitutions should be made in writing (by post or by email) to the Show Office to Sally Higgins, sally@kentshowground.co.uk. If the entry is to be substituted on arrival at the Showground, the appropriate form should be downloaded from the website and handed to the officer at bio-security.

4. REGISTRATION IN HERD BOOK

All cattle (except commercial cattle) must be named and the number given if entered in the Herd Book.

Every animal entered for competition shall be entered or accepted for entry in the Herd Book proper of its breed unless otherwise stated. Where an animal is entered by the exhibitor as accepted for entry in the Herd Book proper of its breed, proof of such acceptance shall be furnished to the Society at the time of entry.

VETERINARY

5. BRUCELLOSIS ERADICATION

Cattle which calve or show evidence of calving whilst at the Kent County Show must be placed in the approved isolation immediately pending their possible early removal from the Showground.

Where an animal calves prematurely or aborts, the Society's Veterinary Offices must be informed immediately. The animal must be placed in the approved isolation accommodation pending sampling by a DEFRA authorised Veterinary Surgeon. If the animal calves or aborts before it can be isolated, full precautions must be taken to isolate and disinfect any possible contaminated standings, bedding, utensils, clothing and vehicles. The animal cannot take part in the Show and once fit to travel can be returned home. The suspect animal must be isolated during transit.

Dams may suckle their own calves. All other calves must be fed reconstituted dried milk

6. MEDICATION

Participants shall not deliver any medication, preparation or substance to their animals, by any method whilst on site, except that administered by the Show veterinarian. The only exception being that participants can deliver medication which has been disclosed at Bio-Security, upon entry to the Showground, so that the duty vet is aware of the substance and why it is being used.

7. CATTLE HEALTH SCHEME

There will be no separate accommodation provided for cattle health scheme animals at the Show. Exhibitors wishing to exhibit health scheme cattle must undergo the appropriate tests to regain their scheme status on their return home.

8. BOVINE VIRAL DIARRHOEA (BVD)

It is advisable to vaccinate all cattle coming to the Show against Bovine Viral Diarrhoea

9. TB TESTING

Exhibitors travelling from a high-risk TB area will require a pre-movement TB test certificate valid for 60 days to be presented on arrival at the Show or submitted in advance. A pre-movement TB certificate must be valid until Monday 10th July to exhibit at the Kent County Show. For further information on pre and post movement testing, please see the DEFRA website: www.defra.gov.uk. The Kent Showground is located in a low risk area (LRA) and post movement testing therefore does not apply.

10. EXHIBITS FROM ATTESTED HERDS

At the date of entry, cattle must be from herds which are free from movement restrictions imposed under the Tuberculosis (Area Eradication Order, 1950, as amended). An animal accepted for entry cannot be exhibited, if after entry, the herd to which it belongs is subject to such restriction.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

11. PROHIBITION OF THE MOVEMENT OF LIVESTOCK

The Schedule is issued conditionally on the Show being held and is subject to the current Rules, Orders and Regulations of the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, or of any Special Resolution of the Council of the Society.

In event of an order by the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs prohibiting the movement of stock, half entry fees will be returned on request.

12. SECURITY

All bulls 12 months old and over must by law have a ring attached to the nose and be led by Participants.

BEEF SPECIFIC

13. UNACCEPTABLE PRACTICES - BEEF CATTLE

Should any contrivance or device of any description (such as injection) be found or proved to have been used on any animal for any purpose, or if any other practice considered improper is performed on any animal at any time while the animal is on the Showground, the Council or its nominated representative, at its absolute discretion, shall have the power to disqualify the animal to an appropriate level. The Council reserves the right to have all animals inspected by persons nominated by them, either prior to, during, or after judging.

DAIRY SPECIFIC

14. MILKING

No animals are to be left unattended in the dairy at any time.

The mobile show dairy will be available for the use of exhibitors from 5pm on Thursday 4 July, will remain open for the duration of the Show and will close at 10am on Monday 8 July.

Exhibitors must ensure that the milking of cows and disposal of the milk is carried out under hygienic conditions at the Show Dairy. The following regulations are therefore designed for the benefit of exhibitors and the public.

- Udders and hind quarters must be in a clean condition before milking.
- All milking must be done in the Show Dairy. In order to be of assistance to exhibitors and herdsman the following arrangements have been made
- All exhibitors are required to bring their own milking buckets, a vacuum line will be provided
- Please note the milk will be disposed of and no longer made in cheese

15.UNACCEPTABLE PRACTICES - DAIRY CATTLE

The following practices and/or procedures are prohibited when showing registered dairy cattle:

- a. Misrepresenting the age or ownership of an animal;
- b. Filling an animal's rumen unnaturally with liquid (tubing);
- c. Balancing the udder by any means other than by leaving naturally produced milk in any or all quarters;
- d. Treating the udder internally with an irritant, counter-irritant, or any other substance to temporarily improve conformation or produce unnatural animation;
- e. Treating the udder externally with an irritant, counter-irritant, or any other substance to temporarily improve conformation or produce unnatural animation. (Allowable practices / substances include the use of external anti-inflammatory substances for the well-being of the animal);
- f. Causing any unlicensed substance to be entered inside the teat orifice;
- g. The setting or sealing of teats with any substance;
- h. Administering epidural anaesthesia (blocking tails) and/or applying any irritant either externally or internally to the perineal (rectum and vagina) area;
- i. Wrapping hocks or draining fluid from hocks unless authorised by a veterinarian at the Show;
- j. Attaching an appliance to an animal other than for milking;
- k. Criticising or interfering with any or all of the individuals involved in the organisation and judging of the Show (including the judge, show management or other exhibitors) or any other conduct detrimental to the breed or Show; and
- l. Any other practices which in the reasonable opinion of the Society or its

nominated representatives, causes unnecessary suffering to an animal, unfairly improves its performance in a Show, or otherwise undermines or interferes with the integrity of the Show, or brings the Show or the Society into disrepute.

16. INSPECTION

Participants shall report promptly to the Cattle Office, upon request, whatever information and documents reasonably required for the proper monitoring of compliance with the Show rules and shall fully co-operate with stewards and inspectors. If requested, participants will provide samples of urine, milk, blood, or any other body fluids suitable for analysis.

Inspectors or their nominated representatives shall have the authority to perform on any animal entered any of the following:

- a. A milkout, collection and testing of any of the animal's body fluids of any individual cow or cows, after the milking classes have completed;
- b. The use at any time of any other technology and other inspections and/or analysis, which the Inspector considers may be useful for assessing compliance with the Showing rules.

Following completion of milking classes, the Organisers and/or Inspectors shall have the option to take milk samples from a representative group of cows, prior to milkout, from a representative number of the milking cow classes. If inspections are to be carried out, an announcement will be made prior to the judging of the milking cow classes.

GENERAL

17. CATTLE MOVEMENT DOCUMENTS

All exhibitors transporting cattle to and from the Show must comply with the requirements of current legislation and all cattle passports must be brought with animals in the correct vehicle

18. LIVESTOCK ACCOMMODATION

All cattle will be housed in a marquee and stalls. There will be no additional charge for this.

Please ensure you read the general rules and regulations that are listed at the start of the schedule.