FFA GOOD CONDUCT POLICY AND CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

GOOD CONDUCT POLICY

All FFA exhibitors are expected to conduct themselves in a cooperative and courteous manner while participating in FFA events at the Iowa State Fair. FFA members who wish to have the privilege of participating in FFA activities at the Iowa State Fair must conduct themselves in accordance with the Good Conduct Policy. Use or possession of alcoholic beverages, tobacco or illegal drugs by any FFA member, regardless of age, on the Iowa State Fairgrounds (barns, exhibiting facilities, dormitories, campgrounds, etc.) will result in the following:

A. If the violation occurs before or during exhibiting, the member is ineligible to participate in FFA activities at the Iowa State Fair and must remove his/her exhibit(s) from the Fairgrounds.
B. If the violation occurs after exhibiting, the member forfeits his/her premium money, prize money, trophies/banners and/or sale of champions money, and must remove his/her exhibit(s) from the Fairgrounds.
C. The violation will be reported to the exhibitor's school for further action under the school district's good conduct policy.
D. A meeting of the member, parent and advisor with FFA and Iowa State Fair officials will be held to determine future member eligibility.

CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

FFA members participating in the FFA division of the Iowa State Fair will be obligated to understand and abide by the Code of Ethics described as follows: 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, school 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 Iowa State Fair and other county, state or regional exhibitions.

Youth agree to follow these guidelines:

A. I will do my own work, appropriate for my age and physical and mental development. This includes research and writing of exhibit explanations, preparing exhibits (building, refinishing, etc.) care and grooming of animals, etc. Adult assistance should help guide and support me, not do it for me.
B. All exhibits will be true representations 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 my exhibit is considered misrepresentation and is prohibited.
C. I will treat all people and animals with respect. I will provide appropriate care for animals.
D. I will present exhibits that are safe for consumption. All exhibits will be safe for judges to evaluate and for exhibition.
E. 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.
F. If any animal requires medical treatment while at the Fair, only an official Iowa State Fair Veterinarian may administer the treatment. All medications that are administered shall be done according to the label instructions of the medication used.
G. My animal's appearance or performance shall not be altered by any means, including medications, external applications and surgical procedures. Any animal that is found to have changed its appearance or its performance shall be disqualified from the show, and have penalties assessed against me, my parent(s) and/or guardian by the Management of the Iowa State Fair.
H. I will follow all ownership and possession rules and, if requested, will provide the necessary documentation.
I. I will follow all livestock health requirements for the Iowa State Fair, according to the state health requirements as printed in the Premium Book. I will provide animal health certificates from a licensed veterinarian upon request from the Management of the Iowa State Fair.
J. By my entering an animal in this Fair, I am giving consent to the Management of the Iowa State Fair 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(s) 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 me, my parent(s) and/or guardian to prove otherwise.
K. 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 the Iowa State Fair for any violation of this Code of Ethics and any other rules of competition of the Fair without recourse against the Iowa State Fair.
L. I want my exhibit to 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.
M. I will not be involved in any illegal activities while participating in FFA events, including but not limited to alcohol, tobacco or drug use.

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 and any other rules of competition of the Iowa State Fair as printed in its Premium Book and other exhibitor material.

Chapter Name_____ Chapter Town_____

I certify that these entries are from my SAE Program and I maintain records on them. While participating in FFA events at the Iowa State Fair, I will conduct myself in a cooperative and courteous manner. I have reviewed the Good Conduct Policy and the Code of Show Ring Ethics and agree to abide by them. I am responsible to maintain insurance to cover any loss to person or property that may occur as a result of this competition.

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Exhibitor's Printed Name	Exhibitor's Signature	Date

I hereby certify that all exhibitors are active FFA members and eligible to compete in Iowa State Fair classes as entered. High school members were enrolled in at least one agricultural education course during the school year. I have reviewed the Good Conduct Policy and the Code of Show Ring Ethics with members. Throughout the Fair, I or a school designated chaperone(s) will be present to assist and supervise chapter members.

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Advisor's Printed Name	Advisor's Signature	Date