

VAN BUREN YOUTH FAIR HARTFORD, MI.

CODE OF CONDUCT – 2014

Anyone attending the Van Buren Youth Fair either as an exhibitor, parent, spectator, superintendent / asst. superintendent, judge or fair official must conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the following IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and the Van Buren Fair code listed below. These codes of conduct are not limited to the show ring, but are applicable to all departments, activities and events associated with the Van Buren Youth Fair. Physical, Sexual or Verbal Harassment will not be tolerated. Consequences to violation this code of conduct may include, but are not limited to:

- Verbal warning documented.
- Written warning with acknowledgement of receipt.
- Removal from fair grounds.
- Suspension, reduction and/or loss of premiums.
- Suspension, reduction and / or loss of auction proceeds.
- Loss of future show privileges.
- Notification to local fairs as to disciplinary actions taken.

IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS)

CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agriculture education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered n any event at a livestock show. In addition to the “IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics.” Fairs and livestock may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state and provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more that avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards, and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada

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Direct criticism or interference with a judge, fair or livestock show superintendent / asst. superintendent, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show superintendents / asst. superintendents, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

Parents have a special responsibility to set positive examples and serve as a positive role model for youth by what they do and say. This includes, but is not limited to conduction themselves in a manner that demonstrates the utmost respect for other parents, exhibitors, superintendents / asst. superintendents, judges and fair officials. They are to follow instructions with regard to show and judging procedures as outlined in the fair book by judges, superintendents / asst. superintendents and fair officials.