

All Dairy Breeds Show Ring Committee

24-36 Camberwell Rd Hawthorn East VIC 3122

AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL CODE OF ETHICS

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Note: amendments are highlighted

1. ADBSRC members added

Refer page 2

2. The use of electronic devices on the teat or udder

Refer page 4

Amend 3.1 (d) to be exclusive of such devices:

To add:

The use of udder treatments is allowed provided the product is registered for use on cattle within the Commonwealth of Australia **excluding electrical appliances used for stimulating the teat and udder.**

Refer page 5

Amend 3.2 A (i) (a):

To remove

Treating an animal externally including the udder, with an irritant or other foreign substance not registered for use on cattle within the Commonwealth of Australia, **stimulating device or electrical appliance**

To add 3.2 A (i) (b):

The use and attachment of a stimulating device and/or electrical appliance to massage or modify the teat or udder is not permitted.

3. Oedema monitoring, oedema scores and warning process

Refer page 6

Amend 3.2 A (i) (d)

To add:

(d) Improper fitting practices, such as over filling and over bagging that causes pain, discomfort or walking difficulty and is validated by ultra sound scanning detecting **unacceptable levels of oedema in the udder according the following scores.**

(i) Oedema score:

a. 1 to 2 : low to moderate – little or no oedema - acceptable

b. 2 to 3: moderate to high – oedema apparent - unacceptable

c. 3 to 4: high to extreme – oedema obvious - unacceptable

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4. Re-introduction of teat setting as a prohibited practice

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Amend 3.2 A (i) (h):

To add:

(h) Manipulation of the teat by surgically or unethically inserting or applying any object, foreign substance, liquid or glue to alter its normal direction such as to unnaturally hold plumb or to alter its length (i.e. teat setting). Exhibitors have only one opportunity per show to check-in ringside and the animal will not be allowed in the ring for the duration of the show.

5. Top line infringements

Refer page 7

3.2 B (b) becomes a Minor violation so reference and penalties relating to an animals top line including length of hair and imitation or artificial hair are made in parallel.

(b) Excessively manipulating top line and/or tail head hair beyond 3.80 centimetres (1.5 inches). Exhibitors have only one opportunity per show to check-in ringside and the animal will not be allowed in the ring for the duration of the show.

6. Minor violations

Refer page 7

Amend clause 3.2 B Minor violations.

To remove:

Penalty: Minor violations will be given slight to moderate discrimination by the judge in placing animals within the class.

To add:

Penalty: Minor violations will be reported to the SEC and/or Show Management and can result in animals being barred from participation in the class.

7. Setting a violation penalty scale

Refer page 8

Amend clause 3.4 Penalties:

To add:

3.4 Penalties

If a violation of the COE has been proven to have occurred and the proper enforcement procedure has been followed, penalties against the exhibitor can be enforced and may include any one, or combination, of the following:

(a) Minor violations:

- (i) 1st and 2nd violation: written letter of reprimand to the principal, owner or lessee, exhibitor, fitter and/or absolutely responsible person;
- (ii) 3rd violation: disqualification of the exhibitor and/or fitter from exhibiting livestock from future local, state and national shows and competitions for 12 months from date of 3rd violation

(b) Major violations:

- (i) forfeiture or return of awards, prizes, premiums or proceeds;
- (ii) disqualification of the exhibiting livestock from further competition;
- (iii) disqualification of the exhibitor from the show;

- (iv) disqualification of the fitter from the show;
- (v) disqualification of the exhibitor and/or fitter from exhibiting livestock from future local, state and national shows and competitions for a minimum 12 months to a maximum 24 months from date of violation.

(c) A breed society may impose penalties on its members in accordance with their own relevant rules and regulations.

To remove:

NOTE: Disqualification may include any or all shows and classes and may be for any number of years in accordance with provisions of show management and the relevant Breed Society.