

CLS Market Division Animal Drug Testing & Fitting Policy

1. All market animals that are shown at the Cleveland Livestock Show shall be drug free at the time the animals are checked in at the CLS Grounds, and the animal shall remain drug free during the time such animals are at the show. Market animal may not be shown at the CLS Show that has ever been administered any quantity of any drug not FDA labeled as approved for use in said specific animal species. The purpose of this Policy is to protect the food chain, as required by THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WHOLESALE MEAT ACT, and to insure a fair competition among exhibitors. The term “drug” shall mean any drug, chemical, medication, or feed additive. The details of the Policy are set forth below:
 - A. Exhibitor and/or Exhibitor’s Parent/Guardian Responsibility for Any Drug Use
 1. The use by non-veterinarians* of animal drugs, or other substances, in any manner other than in accord with the labeling approved by the FDA is a violation of federal law. Exhibitor and/or exhibitor’s parent/guardian, agree that:
 - a. They are the persons responsible for the care and custody of the exhibitor’s animal.
 - b. A condition for participation in the CLS Show, exhibitor and/or exhibitor’s parent/guardian agrees to submit his/her animal to any drug test required by the CLS Show. The Cleveland Livestock Show shall be entitled to disqualify any exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any drug –even if the exhibitor and/or exhibitor’s parents/guardian are innocent of any wrongdoing and did not administer the drug and/or even if the source of the drug is unknown.
 - c. The drug test results of the testing laboratory used by CLS Show shall be final and binding and without recourse by the exhibitor against the CLS Show, or its Officers, Board Members, Committee Chairs, or committee members.
 2. The abuse of extra-label by veterinarians is unethical and is subject to serious consequences such as license revocation.
- B. Exhibitor/Animal Disqualification for Drug Use or Unethical Fitting
 1. An exhibitor is prohibited from showing an animal that has, at any time in its life, been administered any quantity of any unapproved drug, chemical, or medication. Such drugs include, but are not limited to, any diuretic, unapproved growth stimulator, or other unapproved medication. Unapproved means not approved by the FDA and/or USDA for slaughter animals including animals that may be destined for human consumption. All animals shown at the CLS Show will be subject to drug testing at check-in as detailed below.
 2. If prior to check-in, a market animal has been administered a drug that is FDA and/or USDA approved for that species, sufficient time must have passed, so that, the animal does not test positive for that drug at CLS Show. Stated plainly, all market animals must be free and clear of all drug and chemical residues at the time the animals are checked in at the CLS Show. Please note that elimination time is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal time for most approved drugs. Under this Policy, a drug that is not approved by the FDA and/or USDA for the specific species to which that drug is administered is an unapproved drug. Also, if an approved drug is administered by a route, in a dosage, or for a condition, that is not approved by the FDA and/or USDA, that drug, as so misused, is an unapproved drug.

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3. Unethical fitting means any attempt to alter the natural appearance, conformation, musculature, or weight, of an animal by any unnatural means. Unethical fitting includes, but is not limited to, the use of injections, or feeding of any substance not conducive to the health of the animal, or that is detrimental to the safety, or the marketability, of its carcass. Unethical fitting also includes, but is not limited to, artificially filling animals by stomach pumping, injecting the animal with air, bruising, or feeding the animal beer, or other alcoholic beverage. Animals unethically fitted, or showing signs of unethical fitting, will be disqualified.

C. Drug Testing of Market Animals

1. Immediately after the show for the steer, commercial heifer, swine, lamb, goat, **broiler, and rabbit** market divisions, the grand champion and reserve champion, of all market division shows will be tested for drugs. **(For broilers and rabbits, CLS will have the discretion to choose which animal from the pen is tested.)**
2. When a market division grand champion and reserve champion animal is initially drug tested, the test sample will be split into two samples. If the animal tests positive on the initial drug test, the remainder of the split sample will be available for a confirming drug test. An Exhibitor whose market animal tests positive on the initial drug test can request a confirming drug test. The confirming drug test will be conducted at the Exhibitor's expense and at a laboratory chosen by the CLS Show. The Exhibitor requesting such confirming drug test must pay the CLS Show for the full cost of such confirming drug test, before the CLS Show will submit the sample to the laboratory.

CI. Penalties for Drug Use or Unethical Fitting of Market Animals

1. Any exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any drug will be disqualified and shall forfeit all prizes, sale proceeds, and awards. The disqualification of an exhibitor and market animal will not alter the placing of the class of animals or the sale order. Further, the disqualified exhibitor, and the immediate family members of the disqualified exhibitor, will be on probation for 1 year following the first offense. Should there be a second offense they will not be allowed back to CLS Show to in the market division of any species.
2. Any exhibitor and/or exhibitor's parent/guardian found to have unethically fitted a market animal shall forfeit all prizes, sale proceeds, and awards. The disqualification of an exhibitor and market animal will not alter the placing of the class of animals or the sale order. Further, the Board shall have the discretion as to whether, or not, to forfeit the privilege of the disqualified exhibitor, and the immediate family members of the disqualified exhibitor, will be on probation for 1 year following the first offense. Should there be a second offense they will not be allowed back to CLS Show to in the market division of any species.

CII. No Exceptions May Be Granted To This Policy

1. No CLS Show Officer, Board Member, Committee Chair or Committee Member has the authority to grant an exception to this policy. Such persons, therefore, cannot grant an exception of any kind to this CLS Market Division Animal Drug Testing & Fitting Policy, and no alleged exception – even if granted by such person – will be binding upon, or honored by, the CLS Show, and any such alleged exception will not, in any manner, effect, or excuse, or prevent, the enforcement of this CLS Market Division Animal Drug Testing & Fitting Policy. Further, no letter of explanation, note, or excuse, from a veterinarian or a vocational agriculture teacher, to an exhibitor, or to the CLS Show, as to the administering of any drug, chemical, medication, or feed additive to an animal, shall grant an exception to this CLS Market Division Animal Drug Testing & Fitting Policy. No such letter of explanation, note, or excuse from any such person will be honored by the CLS Show, and any such alleged exception will not, in any manner, effect, or excuse, or prevent, the enforcement of this Policy.

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F. The Administration and Enforcement of CLS Market Division Animal Drug Testing & Fitting Policy

1. The CLS Show Board shall implement and administer this Policy; provided, however, the final decisions as to the interpretation of this Policy, and final decisions as to the resolution of any dispute, or question, with respect to this Policy, including, but not limited to, the disqualification of an exhibitor and an animal, rests solely and exclusively with the CLS Show Executive Board. The CLS Show Executive Board's decisions as to this Policy, and its enforcement, including the disqualification of an exhibitor, shall be final.