



**Acknowledgment of Participation, Declaration, Waiver and Release (“this Agreement”)**

**THIS AGREEMENT MUST BE SIGNED BY THE OWNER AND ACCOMPANY THE ANIMALS ON ARRIVAL - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH ENTRY FORM**

**STANDARD EXHIBITOR’S AGREEMENT**

Name of the Exhibitor..... (“the Exhibitor”)  
Herd Prefix.....  
Address .....  
..... Eircode.....  
Telephone Number ..... Email .....

**AGREEMENT, DECLARATION AND WAIVER**

THE UNDERSIGNED, ON BEHALF OF THE EXHIBITOR AND ALL PRINCIPALS, REPRESENTATIVES AND AGENTS OF THE EXHIBITOR/OWNER, DECLARES THAT HE/SHE HAS READ, FULLY UNDERSTANDS AND WILL COMPLY WITH THE IHFA RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SHOWING AND ANY OTHER APPLICABLE RULES FOR EVENTS.

Whilst all reasonable care will be taken by the Irish Holstein Frisian Association (“IHFA”) to ensure that these events are organised and conducted according to IHFA Rules and Regulations for showing, the responsibility lies solely with each Exhibitor to satisfy themselves as to their participation in this event. The activity to which this form relates is referred to herein as the “Show”)

Participation in this Show is AT ALL TIMES undertaken on a voluntary basis and at the discretion of the individual Exhibitor.

**If entry is accepted by the Show organisers or IHFA Show Organisers, the undersigned on his or her own behalf and the exhibitor and the principals and agents of the exhibitor acknowledge and agree that they and each of them:**

1. Adopt and adhere to all applicable IHFA Rules and Regulations for Showing which are governed by EHRC Showing Rules.
2. Are bound by, and will act at all times in accordance with the Rules and Regulations for showing dairy cattle, and standard procedures and penalties for enforcing rules and regulations for showing dairy cattle, and will accept the final decision made thereunder.
3. Accepts that any action which may be taken under the above may be reported to any association registering purebred livestock.
4. In connection with participating in the Show, you, on behalf of yourself and your heirs, assigns and personal representatives, hereby RELEASE, WAIVE AND DISCHARGE IHFA, the show and its official and its affiliates, and their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, volunteers and representatives (“Show Organisers”), from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, causes of action or losses that you or your heirs, assigns and personal representatives might have for injuries, loss or damages arising out of your participation in the Show, whether or not such injury, damage or loss resulted from or was contributed to directly or indirectly by the acts or omission of the Show Organisers, and any action taken under this Agreement, the rules for showing dairy cattle, the standard procedures and penalties for enforcing rules and regulations for showing dairy cattle or any other show rules and regulations. Additionally, you agree that you, on your own behalf or on the behalf of your heirs, assigns or personal representatives, will NOT SUE OR MAKE ANY CLAIM against the Show Organisers for damages or other losses sustained as a result of your participation in the Show. Furthermore, you, on your own behalf and on behalf of your heirs, assigns and personal representatives, agree to INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD HARMLESS the Show Organisers from all losses, liabilities, claims and causes of action, including costs and legal fees, arising out of or related to your participation in the Show.

**I declare by signing this entry that:**

1. The entry information provided to the Show Organisers is true and correct;
2. I have the authority to make this Agreement, and to bind all persons and enterprises with any interest in the entered animal(s) to the terms of this Agreement.
3. I and all other persons and enterprises with an interest in the entered animal(s) accept full responsibility for my actions, and for those of anyone else, including but not limited to fitters and others, who are involved in the care of, show preparation and/or showing of the entered animals.
4. I declare that animals that I am responsible for as per this signed exhibitor agreement, have not been treated with any pharmaceutical agent that would affect its normal activity, behaviour and/or well-being, or been subjected to any procedure that would compromise the animal’s welfare
5. I have read and understand this Agreement and agree to the extract of actions forming part of this Agreement.
6. All personal data collected by the IHFA will be processed, stored and securely destroyed in accordance with our Data Protection Notice which is available at [www.ihfa.ie](http://www.ihfa.ie). Data is used in order to carry out the show competitions, publicise results and in promotions.

**I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE ABOVE**

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**Signature, owner or authorised agent/representative**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Print, owner or authorised agent/representative**

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**Date:**

## **EXTRACT OF IHFA RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SHOWING DAIRY CATTLE UPDATED IN 2023**

**Applies to all shows that adopt IHFA showing rules on their entry forms & catalogue!**

**The guiding principle is that the animal is presented as naturally as possible.**

In order to present the animal as naturally as possible all procedures and/or practices, both cosmetic and technical, are prohibited, with the exception of:

- Washing/clipping the animal
- Straightening the top line with hair that is naturally attached to its own hair follicle and does not exceed 4 cm in length;
- The use of a false tail or switch;
- Treating the animal, excluding the udder, with a non-irritating substance, in order to enhance the colour or shine of the coat
- The natural filling of an animals' udder with the animals own milk production for as long as it is deemed necessary for its welfare;
- Treating the teats in order to avoid milk leaking

**Note:** Shaving or cutting the hairs on the ribs is forbidden

**Note:** The use of glue or any instrument outside and inside the teats to change the teats positioning, is not permitted.

**The core principle is that healthy animals should not be treated and sick animals should not be shown.**

**The IHFA vet / show vet is the only person who can administer treatment to animals.**

**The deadline to treat (sick) animals by the Official Veterinarian is to be 9.00 a.m. on show days. Animals treated later will be excluded from the show. Treatment is to be carried out in the designated area.**

- After the animals have arrived in the stalls, they are not permitted to leave the stalling area. Except under the supervision of the Steward for washing, clipping and training
- The IHFA vet / show vet to adjudicate on Rumen fill, udder fill, udder odema, teat setting, scanning the udder if necessary, the taking of samples of milk, blood, urine or any other bodily fluids in the cattle lines.
- Refusal to take part in an inspection will result in the immediate disqualification of the participant and all his/her animals.

### **PENALTIES:**

The show organizers will determine penalties in relation to infringement of the IHFA showing rules and/or show society rules.

- If a violation or breach of the rules and regulations is deemed to have taken place, the animal and/or the participant can be immediately disqualified from competing by the organisers. Disqualification can take place up to a maximum of two months, depending upon the lab tests required, after the show. Whereby the animal in question will be removed from the list of results, and the prizes and any titles awarded will be forfeited.
- These Rules apply to the conduct of all participants as well as to how the animal is prepared/groomed. Any misconduct by a participant, owner or exhibitor such as in the form of intimidation or insulting members of the organisation, the jury and fellow participants, will be sanctioned by the organisation.
- Any dispute will be referred to a member of the Show Organising Committee. The decision of the Show Organising Committee is binding and each participant must accept and respect this decision.
- This decision will be taken by a disciplinary committee appointed by the show organisers. There will be a right of appeal under the show society's rules.

**The Full IHFA RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SHOWING DAIRY CATTLE are available on [www.ihfa.ie](http://www.ihfa.ie)**