

SHOW REGULATIONS ETHICAL CODE

The following regulations foster good animal husbandry practices and the well-being of animals that may be used in shows, in compliance with the laws in force. Breeders are required to respect these regulations and comply with them in full, adopting behaviour consonant with the aims of the National Association of Italian Friesian Breeders.

Art. 1 - GENERAL ORDERS

- a. The orders in this Ethical Code are subject to updates by the ANAFI Executive Committee.
- b. The text will be issued to the organising bodies, which will apply it in co-ordination with the show officers.
- c. Application of the Ethical Code supplements and completes the Official Regulations of the shows, in which the areas of competence, responsibilities and checking methods are specified.
- d. The Ethical Code takes effect from the moment that the breeder signs the registration form for the animals.
- e. Any behaviour:
 - that interferes with, threatens or offends the show organizers and members of the control commission during the show
 - that impedes the control commission, in any manner, to do their job and/or having an attitude that is not appropriate
 - refusing to have the animals undergo the checks as foreseen by the present Ethical Code
 - refusing to have a sample of the animals milk withdrawn or refusing an ultrasound check on the animal;will be punished as per art. 5 letter g)

Art. 2 - Control Commission activities:

- a. The control commission as described in art. 8 of the official Regulation of the Show will have a minimum of 3 and a maximum 5 components. It will be appointed by the executive committee of the organizing body together with the coordinator of the Commission. The coordinator will be responsible for the activity of the Commission including the application of penalties during the show (e.g. prohibiting the entrance in the ring). The coordinator's decisions are final.
- b. The control commission will carry out checks to prevent improper behaviour and mishandling of the animals.
- c. The checks will continue for the whole duration of the show, starting from the unloading of the animals in the trade fair area until the end of the show.

Art.3 – Checks during the Exhibition.

The commission may check:

- a. the addition of fake hair and the hair measurement on the rump line, which must be prepared using only the natural hair on the rump line, not exceeding 5cm's (only the tail can be fake)
- b. the use of glue or substances or instruments outside and inside the teats and in general on the mammary system (only the closing of the teat sphincters is allowed)
- c. the animal's identity against the register and the pectoral number against the catalogue number

If the stewards find any infractions, the animal will not be allowed into the ring.

The control commission may use all available technical means of detecting and recording infractions, and may appoint personnel of its choice.

While the animals are being prepared checks will be conducted regarding the following:

- 1) operations on the legs (bandaging or other)
- 2) administration of liquids in the rumen in an unnatural manner
- 3) administration of products orally or parenterally without the authorization of the Fair veterinary or the Commission's veterinary
- 4) insertion of unnatural substances in the vagina
- 5) forcing the shape of the central ligament
- 6) therapeutic measures on the udders of the show animals without having previously notified to the Commission's veterinary

If any such tampering is detected the animals will not be allowed into the ring.

Post ring checks

The remaining controls involve the ultrasound check and the milk check (looking for substances extraneous to milk). For practical reasons these are carried out on the top placings and may also be conducted on a sample basis.

The modality of these checks will be communicated to the breeders on the day of the evaluations. The animals subject to these checks mustn't be milked before the ultrasound check nor before the withdrawal of a milk sample. The inability to carry out the ultrasound check or the withdrawal of a milk sample as a result of the milking or due to the refusal of the breeder constitutes inappropriate behaviour and will be punished as per art. 5 letter g)

Art.4 - General orders regarding checks

- a) Any infractions detected in these checks will result in subsequent penalties in addition to the not allowance into the ring for the animals in question.
- b) Any exemptions in applying the Ethical Code must be approved by the chief veterinary appointed by the organising body.
- c) Publication of the placings for every show is regarded as provisional until the activities required under the Ethical Code are complete. Once the final report for each show has been drawn up and written, the placings will be official and will be entered in the ANAFI database.
- d) At each show the approved perimeter for the movement of the animals must be declared. Penalties may be imposed on animals that move outside the permitted area.
- e) Penalties may be imposed where improper treatment is detected during pre-ring preparation checks even if the animals do not enter the ring to be judged.

Art.5 - Penalties

Apart from immediate disqualification and the cancellation of the provisionally allocated result, the animal will be banned from official shows as follows:

- a) For infractions detected in the ultrasound check: from 12 months to 2 years
- b) Forced administration of liquids: from 6 months to 1 year
- c) Administration of products orally or parenterally without authorization: from 6 months to 1 year
- d) For external changes to the ligament and the direction of the teats: from 6 months to 1 year
- e) For operations on the legs and insertion of unnatural substances in the vagina: from 6 months to 1 year
- f) For artificially attached hair or natural hair exceeding the proper length: from 3 to 6 months
- g) For behaviour described in art.1 letter e) and art. 4 letter d): from 6 months to 2 years

In the event of a relapse in regards to an infraction imposed in previous shows each penalty will be increased, ranging from the suspension of half the herd to the whole herd for two years.

The penalties imposed will be published in the Association's journal (Bianconero) as follows:

For the animals (only registration details)

For the breeding farms, including the improper behaviour set out in art.1 letter e) (name of the breeding farm)

All provincial breeders' associations in Italy will be notified, in order to ensure that the shows are properly conducted.

Where the disqualified animal is jointly owned, the penalty is applied to the animal.

Where penalties are imposed on breeding farms with jointly owned animals, the disqualification will apply to the farm that presented the animals.

Disqualification of a breeding farm also means the disqualification of all the animals that were present at that farm on the date when the infraction was detected.

DATE

Legal Representative of the herd
Signature
