

WARNING ALL JUNIOR MARKET LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

*** IF YOU CHEAT YOU WILL BE CAUGHT ***

The National Western Stock Show has and will continue to take a hard stance in penalizing exhibitors when rules are broken. Punishable offenses include violation of the rules and ethics code practices described in the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) Premium Book. Use of non-approved medications and feed additives, or improper withdrawal periods on approved medications have also resulted in penalties. Exhibitors should leave their needles and syringes at home. Artificial enhancements, surgeries or injections that alter or enhance an animal's phenotype are also prohibited.

Penalties for violations include any or all of the following:

- Expulsion from entry at any future NWSS;
- Suspension from entry for a period of years;
- Surrender of all premiums, awards and/or sale proceeds;
- Reimbursement of all associated costs incurred by the NWSS
- Referral to law enforcement for violations of the U.S.D.A. Meat Inspection Act and/or the Colorado Tampering and Drugging of Livestock Law, C.R.S.18-9-207; and

Other penalties as determined by the NWSS:

It is the exhibitor's responsibility to read and understand all the requirements of the NWSS Premium Book, no exceptions! Be aware that penalties may also be assessed against family members of the violating exhibitor. Violators of the U.S.D.A. Meat Inspection Act or the Colorado Tampering and Drugging Law are subject to significant fines and/or prison sentences if convicted in a court of law. Violations of these laws are not taken lightly by state or federal officials or by the National Western Stock Show!

Substance Testing:

The NWSS tests all livestock that become eligible for the Junior Livestock Auction of Champions. Additionally, random tests are conducted on other junior market livestock. The tests are conducted by a federally approved laboratory. If a positive initial test is found, a confirmation test is performed to confirm the results. The testing procedures are very sensitive and can identify substances of less than one nanogram. The laboratory can and does test for a wide range of legal and illegal substances.

No Self Medication of Livestock on Premises:

While on NWSS premises, do not administer any medication or calf calming agents without disclosing it to NWSS officials! The NWSS veterinarians are here to help when you have a health issue with your livestock. They charge a minimal fee for Junior Exhibitors to consult with and/or treat the livestock. Exhibitors are required to use the services of the NWSS veterinarians and should not take chances by self administering medications of any sort.

Here are a few tips to help prevent the risk of a rules violation:

1. Know what is in your feed. Certain products approved for one species may not be approved for all species. Check all labels before use of any product. For example, Beta Agonist products like Optiflex are approved for cattle and Paylean is approved for hogs; however, none of these products are approved for lambs or goats. Be certain that your show feeds and show feed supplements do not contain violation-causing ingredients for the species you are showing.
2. Be sure that all family and others assisting with care of your animals are aware of the rules you as an exhibitor are subject to. Remember you are responsible for what is in the animal and not someone else! The legal responsibility rests on your shoulders!

3. Follow all withdrawal requirements of any additive to the full extent of the label on the product. Improper withdrawal may result in penalties being assessed on the exhibitor.
4. Special Notice: Zilmax is not accepted by the beef packers that harvest the Junior Market Steers for the NWSS. Our testing will include a test for Zilmax and if found in Market Beef these exhibitors are subject to penalties identified in this document.

Maintaining the integrity and safety of the meat derived from the livestock exhibited at the NWSS is the primary reason for the policies and procedures referred to above. We cannot lose sight of the fact that we have a moral and ethical responsibility to produce meat that will be totally safe for the consuming public. Those who disrespect these responsibilities can and will suffer the consequences.