



**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.
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, who are involved in the care of, show preparation and/or showing of the entered animals(s).
4. I have read and understand this Agreement and agree to the extract of actions forming part of this Agreement.
5. 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). In signing this Agreement, you consent to the sharing of relevant data with any association registering purebred livestock.

**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 actions agreed by show committees 5th/6th March 2019**

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

- Standard Entry Form- Owner/Exhibitor Signature required in order to show!
- Owner is responsible for actions of Fitter, Handler or any other Agent involved with his stock.
- All animal treatments, if required, to be carried out in a secluded separate area, by the appointed IHFA Vet / SHOW Vet & Documented. (See point 5 of Procedures at Shows - Part II IHFA Rules & Regulations)
- The decision of the IHFA Vet / SHOW Vet is final as regards the animal further competing.
- The IHFA Vet / SHOW Vet to adjudicate on Udder Fill in the cattle lines before Class adjudication.
- Teat sealing allowed.
- Glue not allowed for teat sealing: Use of cyanoacrylate (commonly known as super-glue) is prohibited to close the teat ends.
- Cows may be scanned on entering the Ring.
- Welfare Officer appointed at each show.
- The decision of the IHFA Vet / Show Vet on all animal welfare issues is final. This will include assessment of 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.
- Meeting with the exhibitors on the previous evening of the show.
- Two IHFA appointed stewards to assist the IHFA appointed VET.
- Lactation length to be considered in relation to each Class.
- A cow / heifer in a milking class must have calved within 12 months (effective January 2020)
- Shaving or cutting the hair on the ribs, is forbidden. Hair on the ribs should have the same length as the rest of the body of the animal (effective January 2020)

### **PENALTIES:**

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

- The penalty imposed may include banning the owner, the animal involved, the fitter or any agent of the owner for a period of time from showing at any show where IHFA rules are adopted.
- This decision will be taken by a disciplinary committee appointed by the show organizers. There will be a right of appeal under the show societies' rules.
- If a complaint is lodged, under Part 3 of the Exhibitors Agreement, the IHFA Disciplinary Rules will apply.

### **Showing Rules encompass:**

- a) Animal Welfare
- b) Fair Competition
- c) Integrity of Show Societies & Breed Associations

**These rules provide for the animal to be shown in its natural state!**

**WE EARNESTLY SEEK YOUR COOPERATION IN ALL MATTERS OF SHOWING TO PROMOTE  
A POSITIVE IMAGE OF OUR INDUSTRY AND OUR EXCELLENT FOOD PRODUCT !**

**SEE REVERSE ►**