

Exhibitor Policies & Code of Conduct

RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE:

The Dawson Creek Exhibition Association and the Livestock Committee will not be held responsible for any loss, theft, injury, illness, damage, or death involving livestock, equipment, personal property, or individuals participating in or attending the Exhibition, regardless of cause.

By submitting an entry, each Exhibitor acknowledges and accepts all risks associated with participating in the Exhibition, including the handling, transportation, housing, and exhibition of livestock.

Exhibitors agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Dawson Creek Exhibition Association, its directors, officers, employees, volunteers, committee members, and representatives from and against any claims, damages, losses, liabilities, or expenses arising from the actions of the exhibitor, their animals, or any person under their care or supervision.

Exhibitors are fully responsible for the care, custody, control, and conduct of their animals and personal property at all times.

POSITION STATEMENT ON ANIMAL RIGHTS & WELFARE:

The Dawson Creek Exhibition Association proudly produces and manages the Annual Dawson Creek Exhibition and Stampede in Dawson Creek, British Columbia. This volunteer-driven event celebrates our western heritage, country traditions, and agricultural community, and has become one of the largest community-based events in Northern B.C.

The Dawson Creek Exhibition Association supports the responsible and humane use of animals and believes that all animals involved in entertainment, agriculture, industry, and sport deserve proper care, treatment, and management.

We believe that all rodeo events and agricultural fair activities sanctioned or approved by professional rodeo associations and exhibition organizations should be evaluated on an individual animal basis, with animal welfare remaining the highest priority.

The Dawson Creek Exhibition Association does not support animal rights philosophies that oppose all human interaction or partnership with animals. We believe animals can responsibly and ethically serve as partners in agriculture, sport, education, and entertainment when treated with appropriate care, respect, and welfare standards.

CODE OF CONDUCT:

1.1 All DCEA Participants Will:

- a) Demonstrate good sportsmanship, leadership, and ethical conduct at all times, with consideration for the safety of all participants and animals, and in support of the integrity of the DCEA Exhibition and competitions.
- b) Ensure that their participation, and the participation of anyone associated with their exhibit, complies with all DCEA Rules and Regulations and this Code of Conduct.
- c) Promote a safe and respectful environment by avoiding any behaviour before, during, or after the competition that could compromise the safety or well-being of other participants, spectators, or animals.
- d) Provide responsible care in the handling, treatment, and transportation of their animals, including any animals placed in their care.
- e) Support the ongoing health and well-being of animals by encouraging regular inspections and consultation with health care professionals and competition officials to maintain high standards of nutrition, health, comfort, sanitation, and safety.
- f) Treat all participants, exhibitors, judges, officials, staff, volunteers, sponsors, and spectators with respect and dignity, and refrain from behaviour that is threatening, intimidating, or inappropriate.
- g) Maintain professional behaviour that promotes public confidence in the DCEA and the integrity of the sport and competition.
- h) Refrain from publicly criticizing judges, exhibition officials, or exhibition staff regarding the handling of duties, disputes, or disciplinary matters related to the DCEA Rules and Regulations or this Code of Conduct.
- i) Cooperate with the enforcement of all DCEA Rules and Regulations and this Code of Conduct, and accept the authority and decisions of judges, exhibition officials, and the Exhibition Safety Commission.

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Exhibitors who are found to have violated the Code of Conduct may be subject to sanctions imposed by the DCEA Exhibition Safety Commission.