



2017 TD CANADIAN 4-H DAIRY CLASSIC

Open to 4-H dairy calf club members **over 12 years of age to 21 years of age**, as of January 1, 2017 with a 2017 dairy calf project.

1. To be eligible to show at the 2017 TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic, the 4-H member must have pre-registered the project calf by June 1, 2017. Only one (1) calf project per 4-H member may be pre-registered. The local 4-H dairy calf club leader must verify that the member's project is completed at the time of entry.
2. The TD Canadian 4-H Classic Committee suggests that the following guidelines be used in the team selection:
 - a) There is no limitation on the number of times that an individual member can compete in the TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic.
 - b) Such a limitation may disqualify the county/district or province from attending.
 - c) The 4-H'er must complete their 4-H project for the year.
 - d) Selection should be based on more than the results from one show.
 - e) The selection committee is encouraged to enlist assistance from recognized judges that may have seen the 4-H member and their project calf on numerous occasions throughout the year.
 - f) Each county / district / province will select a team that includes the five (5) best conformation calves, followed by the best three (3) showpersons who are not involved with the five (5) best conformation calves. A scoring system to calculate the Premier County Award has been adopted by the Classic committee. This scoring system will reflect the committee's guidelines and desire that team are selected for both conformation and showmanship.
3. **The number of entries that will be accepted is as follows:**
 - Ontario: A maximum of eight (8) calves per county/district
 - Quebec: A maximum of eight (8) calves from each of the six designated areas
 - Other provinces: A maximum of eight (8) calves per province
4. **Contestants age classifications for showmanship are as follows:**
 - Junior: 12-14 as of January 1, 2017
 - Intermediate 15-17 as of January 1, 2017
 - Senior 18-21 as of January 1, 2017

In the case when the Grand Champion Showperson from a previous year wishes to return to the Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic, that person will be allowed to show in the conformation class only. That county/district or province will be eligible to send an extra calf to compete in the Showmanship class. They must be so designated at the time of entry.

5. **Conformation Classes:**

▪ Junior Heifer	March 1, 2017 to May 31, 2017
▪ Intermediate Heifer	December 1, 2016 to the last day of February, 2017
▪ Senior Heifer	September 1, 2016 to November 30, 2016
▪ Summer Yearling	June 1, 2016 to August 31, 2016
▪ Junior Yearling	March 1, 2016 to May 31, 2016

Note:

- a) All breeds must be tagged with an NLID RFID panel and button tags to show at the TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic.
 - b) **All calves must be registered with the breed association with a minimum 75% purity level.**
 - c) Registration papers must be brought to the show and be presented at the time of registration or no later than 12:00 noon on Monday, Nov. 6th. Penalties will be given for counties that have papers handed in late.
6. All breeds with at least 10 participants will show on their own. At the discretion of the organizing committee, breeds may be grouped or divided within breed by age.

7. Group of Three Calves:

Counties/provincial groups are invited to enter a group of three calves. A county/provincial group may enter ONLY one group of three (3) calves this year. Any assistance required to set up groups of three in the show ring must be performed by 4-H members in whites only.

8. Registration:

At the time of registration on Monday, the following information is required:

- (a) Registration papers of all the calves in the group (see Rule 5.b).
- (b) For out-of-province members that are eligible for out-of-province travel assistance, a photocopy of the airline ticket or photocopy of the purchase receipt is required.

9. Sickness of Calves:

If the 4-H calf project that is pre-registered by June 1, 2017 becomes ill or dies, the 4-H member will not be eligible to participate at the 2017 TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic. Infectious Diseases: Calves having an infectious or contagious disease while participating in the Classic will be dealt with in accordance with the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair rules. All calves will be inspected for ringworm and warts upon entry on Sunday and Monday. Calves will be sent home if they provide risks to other calves. The participant will be eliminated and an alternate may be used. Vet notes will not be accepted. The health protocol distributed will be used by the acting vet who will be responsible for inspection of the Classic calves at the Royal. Please be proactive and leave calves at home if they are a health concern.

11. Professionalism:

Only 4-H members registered with the show committee will be allowed to prepare or clip calves for the TD Canadian 4-H Classic Show (Counties, districts, or provinces that include a herdsman must register that 4-H member at the time of registration on Monday.) All clipping, conditioning, or grooming, must be done by a 4-H member (showing in the Classic or registered as a county herdsman) in the designated TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic stall area.

If a third party person is involved in fitting a calf at the TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic that is not involved in the show, the county will lose 10 points and the calf that is currently being worked on by that person is ineligible and will be eliminated from the show. Any further action against the third party person and member will be under the responsibility of the associated team.

To manage congestion in the wash racks the Royal asks that all TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic participants respect times assigned for the dairy calves.



The following practices or procedures are unacceptable in the show ring of registered dairy cattle:

- ***Misrepresenting the age or ownership of an animal***
- ***Filling an animal's rumen unnaturally with liquid (tubing)***
- ***Administering epidural anaesthesia (blocking tails) and/or applying any irritant either externally or internally to the perineal (rectum and vagina) area***
- ***Inserting foreign material/articles under the skin, into the topline (including hair not attached to its own hair follicle) or on the feet. (Administration of acceptable medications, and false switches and tails is permitted.)***
- ***Performing surgery of any kind to change the natural contour of appearance of the animal's body, hide or hair. Not included is the removal of warts, teats and horns, clipping and dressing of hair and trimming of hooves.***
- ***Criticizing or interfering with the judge, show management or other exhibitors, or other conduct detrimental to the breed or show.***
- ***Wrapping hocks or draining fluid from hocks unless authorized by a veterinarian at the show.***

The TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic Committee will enforce the above Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle. Violators may be suspended for up to one year.

12. Penalty Points

The TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic committee would like full cooperation of all participants, chaperones, leaders and parents during the duration of the show. If a violation is viewed by a TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic committee member then penalty points will be issued to the county/region/province that the participant is representing. Listed below are the penalty points that may be issued;

- **Late Pedigree – 1 point per pedigree**
- **Late Marshalling – 1 point per participant**
- **Use of Cattle Chutes – 10 points per chute**
- **Misconduct of participant – 2 points per participant**
- **Section #11 of Rules and Regulations – 2 points per participant**
- **Hair measurement warning on Tuesday and Wednesday am – 1 point per calf *see Rule #13 below**
- **Using a third party fitter that is not involved with the Classic – 10 points for county**


The use of cattle chutes are prohibited based on the safety of moving cattle and people through the pack areas and the aisles as they become very congested during peak visitor times. Designated clipping areas are assigned for clipping.

13. Measurement of Hair

Toplines will be measured on Tuesday morning prior to the showmanship preliminaries. If a calf is above the 1½ inch criteria, it is able to show in the showmanship classes, but it will be rechecked prior to the conformation classes the next day. However, the warned competitor will have one point taken off their team's total. If the calf's topline remains above the 1 ½ inch criteria on Wednesday morning, then the competitor will be able to have an opportunity to trim the calf and still show in the conformation classes (must remain in the same heat), however another point will be deducted from their team's total. The Classic Committee decision is final.

14. Alternates and Herdsperson:

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 **The Classic committee recommends that each team enter one (1) alternate**, who will have their name printed in the catalogue. That alternate must be identified on the entry form. If a team requires additional alternates to compete in order to have a full team, additional alternates can be named at the time of registration, provided they were pre-registered by June 1. The herdsperson may be the alternate or another 4-H dairy member from the county/region/province that has completed their 4-H Dairy project in 2017. **Each team is allowed a maximum of one (1) herdsperson.** This herdsperson must be registered with the Classic committee and must be a 4-H dairy calf club member of the county that they have been registered with for the Classic. **This rule will be strictly enforced.**

15. Needles

Sharpie containers are to be used for disposal of any needles. We ask that you not remove any Sharpie containers that have been installed by the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair and that you contact a TD Canadian 4-H Classic committee member if you have any concerns with the container.

16. Best Exhibit Competition:

The guidelines are attached but always under review to ensure they reflect the competition. Starting in 2017, there will be no leaf blowers permitted due to the amount of dust they create.

17. Travel Assistance:

British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland:

- The Royal has agreed to reimburse 50% of the airfare cost for up to ten (10) competitors and one leader per province to a maximum of \$150.00/person.
- Each province is to make their own travel arrangements and purchase their tickets.
- Each competitor is to bring a photocopy of their ticket or the actual airline ticket to the registration desk. The airfare reimbursement will be based on the ticket cost information being presented at the registration desk. No payment will be made without ticket cost information being presented at the time of registration.
- The reimbursement cheque will be mailed to the Contact Person after the show by the Royal Winter Agricultural Winter Fair.

Ontario and Quebec:

- No travel assistance. Competitors are responsible for transportation to Toronto and return.

18. Accommodation Assistance:

Accommodation assistance will be provided in the amount of \$25.00 per contestant showing at the Classic plus one (1) chaperone per group will be mailed after the show.

19. Hotels:

Groups are responsible for making their own hotel reservations. A listing will be sent out as soon as they are confirmed. Bus service for competitors and chaperones will be provided by the RAWF for the three specified hotels when known.

20. Passes:

- RAWF passes will be mailed out to group chaperones before the Royal for initial entry to the grounds. Additional passes will be distributed at the time of registration on Monday. Passes will be limited to one (1) pass per competitor to a maximum of eight (8) passes per county/district /province plus one (1) pass for the team chaperone and (1) for the herdsman. Additional passes may be purchased directly from the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.
- Parking passes are not available. Alternate Truck and Trailer parking is available off premises.

21. Meals:

- Breakfast will be provided on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.
- Supper will be provided on Monday night.
- A meal voucher will be provided at registration, for use at any time during the show.

22. Pre-Registration:

Pre-registration for Ontario must have been completed by June 1st, 2017 and sent to 4-H Ontario. Only one (1) calf project per 4-H member may be pre-registered. Other provinces must send in their forms by June 15, 2017 to the Ontario Holstein Branch office.

23. Entry Forms:

The 4-H members that are selected to compete at the RAWF must complete the 2017 TD Canadian 4-H Classic Entry Form. The entry form will be sent to the 2017 Contact Person once that information is received by the committee. This entry form must reach the Ontario Holstein Branch by Tuesday, October 10th, 2017 to be entered officially into the show. Everyone is to register online at <http://www.assistexpo.ca/>

24. Photo:

You will note on the entry form the clause to give the TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic Committee permission to use photographs taken at the show.

25. Competition:

A 4-H member may compete in only one Junior Livestock (Bovine) Show at the 2017 RAWF. **Only provided TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic Shirts may be worn.** No additional emblem or logos on the shirt.

26. Hay/Shavings/Feed:

Hay/Shavings/Feed: Exhibitors are responsible for their own hay and feed requirements. All TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic calves will bed on bark and shavings for the 2017 show. Bark will be provided as a base for the pack and shavings will continue to be given to competitors by the show committee (1 bag per competitor). A back board will be allowed to keep the shavings neat and even but the height of the board cannot exceed six inches. Exhibitors are also responsible for their own grooming and clean up supplies. Due to safety concerns, there will be no overhead storage in the stalling area. There will be no bars available and no bars will be allowed into the barn for overhead use.

NOTE

No calves shall be tied to electrical device or conduit and/or water pipes, etc. No electric fans or leaf blowers of any configuration will be allowed in the stabling area of the TD Classic 4-H Dairy Classic.

27. County/District/Provincial Contact Person

The TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic Committee will correspond with complete show details to these people.

28. Improvements:

The TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic offers many exciting opportunities and challenges to 4-H competitors, parents, 4-H staff, provincial Classic coordinators, and show organizers. You are invited to forward suggestions for improvements to the succeeding show by December 1st, 2017 to the Ontario Holstein Branch.

29. Appreciation:

The TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic Committee takes this opportunity to express appreciation to each of you for your assistance in distributing show information to your 4-H clubs and helping make arrangements for your members to travel to and participate at the RAWF. We are hoping that the show will be well attended with 4-H contestants from coast to coast.

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