

## **Dairy Cattle Handler's**

Cheryl Vest, Chair (Middletown High School)

### **REGISTRATION INFORMATION:**

\*Registration is to be completed with your fair registration. This is normally due the around the end of June.

\*\*All participants must have a completed waiver form and certification forms for National FFA and The Big E. The forms can be found on the [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org) and [www.thebige.com](http://www.thebige.com).

### **RULES & REGULATIONS:**

1. Participants must wear proper dairy cattle show clothing. A white shirt and pants, work boots along with an FFA tie or scarf. NO SNEAKERS!
2. Each chapter shall be eligible to nominate two members to serve as participants in the dairy cattle handler's activity.
3. The top individual will represent Delaware at the National Dairy Handler's Activity. The top 4 individuals will represent Delaware at the Big E in Springfield, MA.
4. Handlers should have had previous experience in showing dairy cattle.
5. Handlers will not participate in either preparation or fitting of the animals assigned.
6. Handlers should report to the Schabinger Pavilion after registering at The Centre for further instructions and number and class assignments.
7. If a dairy handler cannot control his/her animal, this animal may have to be displayed by an alternate holder. The original holder SHALL NOT be given a different animal to display.

### **EVENT FORMAT:**

\*Contestants will lead dairy cattle during the Dairy Cattle Evaluation contest. It is important that each participant properly show cattle for this contest. Contestants must follow instructions given such as turn cattle side by side; line the cows/heifer up head to tail. Cattle must be set up to her most advantageous pose. Contestants may be given more than one animal to show during the competition. They may also be asked to switch animals during a class. It is at the discretion of the judge. If a contestant is removed from an animal because they cannot handle the animal, they will not necessarily be given another animal to show. It is very important that animal's heads are held up correctly and they are presented correctly during the competition.

### **EQUIPMENT:**

Provided by Chair: Cattle with show halters, show harness to wear during competition and participant numbers will be provided for the contestants.

### **OFFICIAL DRESS:**

Students must wear white pants and shirt, work boots, and an FFA tie or scarf. NO SNEAKERS!

**AWARDS:**

\*Results will be posted after the completion of the contest. It will be posted in The Centre in the FFA Display Case. Top 10 Individuals are recognized; Top 3 receive a Bronze, Silver or Gold CDE pin. The high individual goes to National competition and the top 4 individuals go to The Big E.

**SCORECARDS:**

See National FFA CDE rules: Scorecard is on page 123.