



2023 TD CANADIAN 4-H

DAIRY CLASSIC

November 5 – 7, 2023



Open to 4-H dairy calf club members **12 years of age to 21 years of age**, as of January 1, 2023 with a 2023 dairy calf project.

1. To be eligible to show at the TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic, the 4-H member must have pre-registered the project calf by June 1, 2023 (Ontario) as part of the 4-H project registration, and Out-of-Province via assist expo at the RAWF. 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 Dairy 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 TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic committee. This scoring system will reflect the committee's guidelines and desire that teams are selected for both conformation and showmanship.
3. **The number of entries that will be accepted are 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, 2023
 - Intermediate 15-17 as of January 1, 2023
 - Senior 18-21 as of January 1, 2023

In the case when the Grand Champion Showperson from a previous year wishes to return to the TD 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:**
 - Spring Heifer March 1, 2023 to May 31, 2023
 - Winter Heifer December 1, 2022 to the last day of February, 2023
 - Fall Heifer September 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022
 - Summer Yearling June 1, 2022 to August 31, 2022
 - Spring Yearling March 1, 2022 to May 31, 2022

Note:

- (a) All breeds must be tagged with NLID panel and button tags to show at the TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic.
- (b) **All calves must be registered with their respective breed association and meet purity level requirements.** Holsteins, Guernsey, Ayrshire, Milking Shorthorn and Brown Swiss must be a minimum of 75% purity on their official registration, Jersey calves must be registered at a minimum of 87.5% breed purity.
- (c) 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.

6. 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**. Any assistance required to set up groups of three in the show ring must be performed **by 4-H members in whites only**.

7. Move In/Move Out:

- (a) TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic participants may move into the Northeast Extension of the Industry building no earlier than 6:00 a.m., Sunday, November 5th, 2023. Absolutely no display set-up, competitors, chaperones, or volunteers are allowed in the Northeast Extension prior to 6:00 a.m. due to persons and animal safety concerns while barn setup occurs.
- (b) No calves shall be tied to an electrical device or conduit and/or water pipes, etc.
- (c) **1 MOUNTED FAN per exhibit will be allowed.** All fans will be required to have airflow in the same direction - West to East. **NO FLOOR FANS WILL BE ALLOWED**
- (d) No leaf blowers will be allowed in the stabling area of the TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic.
- (e) TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic participants must remove all displays and cattle by 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 7th, 2023. **All teams MUST leave their exhibit space clean and tidy** at the end of the competition. All garbage is to be deposited in bags/containers provided. **Feed aisles must be free of any debris, unwanted bedding, feed bags, hay, silage, etc.** DO NOT DUMP OR LEAVE ANYTHING ON THE BEDDING PACKS. The above items are to be disposed of in the Manure Dumpsters provided by The Royal.

8. Pre-Registration:

For Ontario 4-H members, registration of project animals must have been completed by June 1st, 2023 via 4-H Ontario on Assist-Expo. **Other provinces must pre-register online via the RAWF on assist expo by June 1, 2023** at <https://www.assistexpo.ca/rawf>

Only one (1) calf project per participant may be pre-registered.

9. Online Registration:

- (a) All participants must register online via assist expo <https://www.assistexpo.ca/td-canadian-classic>
The Entry deadline is Tuesday, October 10, 2023
- (b) All chaperones must register online via assist expo by Tuesday, October 10, 2023
<https://www.assistexpo.ca/rawf> (find the "Chaperone for TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic" in the dropdown menu)

- 10. All participants and Chaperones must consent to abide by the 4-H Canada Code of Conduct upon registration via assist expo in order to participate.

11. Chaperones:

Two Chaperones per team are required - in compliance with the guidelines of 4-H Canada, all county/regional/provincial teams at the 2023 TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic must have two (2) screened chaperones present during the show.

12. Sickness of Calves:

Participants must adhere to 4-H Canada / Provincial 4-H policies.

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. 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 TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic calves at the Royal. Please be proactive and leave calves at home if they are a health concern.

13. Professionalism:

Only participants registered with the show committee will be allowed to prepare or clip calves for the TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic Show. All clipping, conditioning, or grooming, must be done by a registered participant (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 disqualified from the show. Any further action against the third-party person and member will be 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.
- Excessive Use of Paint – Committee is strictly adhering to the guidelines of each Breed Association. Holstein Canada rules state the performing alteration of any kind to change the visual appearance of an animal is not permitted with the exception of the painting of spots smaller than 6 inches in diameter. Jersey Canada rules state 6" from the centre of the topline on either side.

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.

14. Penalty Points: **UPDATED FOR 2023**

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 Marshalling – 1 point per participant*
- *Use of Cattle Chutes – 10 points per chute*
- *Misconduct of participant – 10 points per participant*
- *Section #13 of Rules and Regulations – 5 points per participant*
- *Hair measurement warning on Monday and Tuesday – 1 point per calf *see Rule #13 below*
- *Using a third party fitter that is not involved with the Classic – 10 points per county*

The use of cattle chutes is 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.

The TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic committee reserves the right to adjust penalty points at their discretion, depending on the severity of the violation. Their decision is final.

Violation of the Code of Conduct by participants, parents or chaperones may/will result in the entire “team” being eliminated from any team awards.

15. Measurement of Hair:

Toplines will be measured on Monday afternoon 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 Tuesday 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. **Only the leadsperson and their calf are allowed beyond the hair measurement station to the marshalling area.**

16. Alternates and Herdsperson

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Each team is allowed a maximum of eight calves and nine participants. Participant can be designated as an alternate and/or herdsperson. If **only** registered as a herdsperson, they cannot step in as an alternate. This herdsperson must be registered with the TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic committee and must be a 4-H dairy calf club member of the county that they have been registered with for the TD Canadian Dairy Classic. If registered as an alternate, they and their calf can participate in the competition, should one participant/calf be unable to attend. The alternate can also be registered as the herdsperson. **This rule will be strictly enforced.**

17. Needles:

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

18. Best Exhibit Competition:

The guidelines are attached but always under review to ensure they reflect the competition. There will be no leaf blowers permitted due to the amount of dust they create. **Scorecard updated for 2023.**

19. Travel: No travel assistance will be offered this year. Competitors are responsible for transportation to/from Toronto.

20. Hotels:

Groups are responsible for making their own hotel reservations. All participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from the Royal. NO BUS SHUTTLE SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED.

21. Passes:

- QR codes will once again be emailed to participants directly from the Royal. Wrist bands and shavings tickets will be handed out when calves arrive. Teams will be provided with two chaperone passes and maximum of nine participant passes. Additional chaperone passes can be purchased from the Royal Show office.
- One trailer per exhibit will be provided with a Parking pass at the first check point, provided trailer information is provided at registration. All trailers need to be registered prior to arrival to receive a pass.

22. Meals:

- Breakfast will be provided on Monday and Tuesday mornings.
- A pizza meal coupon will be provided at registration, for use at any time during the show.

23. Photos:

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.

24. Competition:

Only provided TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic Shirts may be worn. No additional emblem or logos on the shirt. Again in 2023, the The Royal is allowing 4-H members to show in both the TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic and the Masterfeeds National Junior Beef Heifer Show.

25. 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 2023 show. Bark will be provided as a base for the pack and shavings will continue to be given to competitors by the Royal (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.

26. County/District/Provincial Contact Person:

The TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic Committee will correspond with complete show details to those people registered as chaperones or contact person.

27. 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, 2023 to Holstein Ontario branch@ontario.holstein.ca.

28. 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 Royal. We are hoping that the show will be well attended with 4-H contestants from coast to coast.

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