

## General Show Rules

**No individual of any age is allowed on a horse anywhere on the grounds without wearing an ASTM/SEI approved riding helmet properly secured and appropriate flat soled footwear with a heel. SAFETY is of Paramount Importance!!!!**

**Riders may not cross enter between divisions.** Please carefully select the division that best fits your riding skill. SAFETY is of Paramount Importance!!! Any rider who is overmounted or is clearly having difficulty controlling their horse at the level selected will be asked to leave the ring.

Walk Divisions are limited to our most beginning riders. It is not a lead line division! However an adult may be in the ring to provide ground support as necessary to ensure safety. Riders in the walk division may not cross enter into any other division-level classes. In timed events, the rider will be disqualified if they exceed the walk.

Walk/Trot Divisions are limited to beginning riders of any age who are only comfortable riding at a walk and trot. In timed events, the rider will be disqualified if they exceed the trot. Note that there is no designated walk/trot division for pairs classes. Walk/trot pairs or walk/trot-junior or open rider pairs are fine, but any walk/trot partners may not exceed the trot or the team will be disqualified.

Junior Divisions are for all riders 14 and under who are comfortable at a walk, trot, and canter.

Open Divisions are for riders over 14 who are comfortable at a walk, trot, and canter.

Pairs Divisions Any rider may enter pairs classes with a partner from any division. However, individuals previously designated as walk or walk/trot riders, may not exceed those gaits respectively or they will be disqualified.

**Only Positive and Friendly Cheering is allowed.** No coaching! Trainers should limit themselves to encouragement once their rider has entered the ring. Any unsportsmanship-like conduct will result in being asked to leave the show. Remember a fun show should be fun.

**Be considerate of your horse.** Make sure he gets rest and water between rides. This is a long day. If you are sharing a horse with another rider, please limit the number of classes your horse is expected to compete in.

**English or western tack is acceptable in all classes.** The 4-H rule book rules will apply regarding acceptable tack. While, riders are encouraged to dress appropriate for the “show divisions,” casual dress appropriate for riding is allowed for all classes.

**The decision of the judge is final.** Classes may be split/combined as needed.

**No alcoholic drinks will be allowed on the grounds.**

**Dogs must be kept leashed and under control at all times.**

**Proof of current negative Coggins and a Self-Certification of Equine Health From is required at registration.**

**Clean up after your horse and yourself.** The groundskeepers get very grumpy when they run a lawnmower into a pile of manure. Likewise, littering is not an acceptable 4-H activity.

**Be safe.** Please make sure your horse is “OK” with any potentially scary situations involved in an event before entering. For example, if you know your horse will “freak out” when you pick up the flag—do not enter the flag race. We don’t want our fun show to become “Not Fun” for anyone.

Please pay attention to what class is in the ring so that you are ready and waiting at the gate when your classes are called. In order to get through all the classes before dark, we cannot wait for riders who are not ready to go. Likewise we will not repeatedly call a class. Once the gate is closed, the class is closed. In the event that two riders are sharing a horse, please have adequate ground support to make changes as quickly and efficiently as possible. For timed events, let the announcer's stand know that a horse is being shared when you register and we will make sure the two riders are not back to back in the ride sequence.

Trail course must be completed before the lunch break. Many riders do not stay for the whole day and final placings are needed before we can announce the division winners. The trail course will be set up behind the announcers stand.