

4-H HORSE MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

Good sportsmanship is to be displayed at all times by all exhibitors, their families and spectators. Good sportsmanship is defined as respectful treatment of judges, show management, other competitors and their families, leaders, and all horses and other animals involved. All fair rules, put forth in this Code of Conduct, are to be followed at all times.

Any exhibitor and or family member that displays poor sportsmanship, and /or disobeys our fair rules will have to meet with the Rules Committee to discuss the issue and determine what the consequences will be.

Horse Area Fair Rules

1. There is to be **no riding outside of the makeup arena**, (this includes in the barn and driveway) you must mount and dismount your horse inside the gate of the makeup arena, at all times! **There is to be no riding from arena to picture area, you must dismount and lead your horse to that area.**
2. Only **2 classes** ahead in the make-up arena, listen for the announcer's call to know when to be in the make-up arena for your next class.
3. **Members must wear a riding boot with heels and approved ASTM/SEI Helmet when riding.** The only exception is on show days when western hats may be worn when appropriate. The Horse Leaders encourage the use of helmets even in western classes.
4. 4-H members should always wear boots designed for horseback riding when handling or riding horses. Tennis shoes, sandals and flip-flops are not acceptable.
5. Coaching from outside the arena will be penalized at the judge's discretion.
6. **If your horse poops in the wash rack, isle way, common area, you must clean it up. There is a wheelbarrow in the wash rack area for your use. Absolutely**

no flip-flops in wash rack area, only boots designed for riding to be worn in wash rack.

7. Project horse must be present during the entire week of fair or will be subject to loss of premium and forfeiture of attending fair the following year, with the exception of Project horse used only for Speed day. Exceptions may be made for attendance at the State 4-H Horse Show or situations approved by the hardship committee and or the President. ALL horses must be checked out by an officer of the Horse Leaders, Kelly, Jennie, Aftin, or Shannon, and stalls MUST be cleaned prior to leaving. Failure to do so will result in loss of Premiums or a \$40.00 fine.
8. Horses must be well-mannered—unruly/unsafe horses may/will be sent home. This will be determined by the President and Safety Committee.
9. All stall doors must remain closed at all times and be secured with the clasp attached to the door. Lead ropes may not be hooked across open doorways.
10. Isles are to be kept clear of standing horses. Horses are not to be tied to stall bars at any time, grooming must be completed in the horses designated stall.
11. **It is the 4-H member's responsibility to feed, water, and clean stalls.** Stalls must be cleaned by 10 AM and 6 PM. If the member is showing another animal species, arrangements may be made for someone else to clean the stall. Do not just pile new shavings on top of manure, manure must be picked out of stalls and disposed of properly.
12. Manure Pit-Dump the manure back as far as you can get it.
13. All clubs must keep their areas clean during fair; this includes the isle ways, stalls, tack/feed stalls. No manure buckets left in isle ways, for an extended period of time, after stalls have been cleaned.
14. Only the registered 4-H member will be allowed to ride their 4-H project horse during fair week. An exception will only be made for safety reasons and must be pre-approved by a member of the rules and safety committee or executive board of the 4-H horse leaders association. Then only a parent or registered horse leader will be allowed to ride said horse. The only exception will be for cloverbuds, PEP riders and Drill. **No friends or trainers riding your horse!**
15. No hay bags or halters on overnight. Halter and lead rope should be easily available outside the stall door.

- 16.No locks on stall doors, except for tack stalls.
- 17.Lunging only in the center of the show arena or round pen. No lunging in the makeup arena. Lunging must be limited to 15 minutes so others may also lunge their horse.
- 18.Horses must be on a lead line when out of stall, no leading by holding on to the halter.
- 19.NO DOGS AND NO BIKES IN OR AROUND THE HORSE BARN.**
- 20.NO SMOKING!!!! STATE LAW SAYS WITHIN 100 FEET OF WHERE CHILDREN ARE. THIS INCLUDES THE BLEECHER AREA.**
- 21. Action will be taken with the Fairboard if any of the following are found in your possession: knives, alcohol, drugs, fireworks, tobacco etc. Alcohol can only be consumed in campers by legal adults over the age of 21.**

PLEASE READ THESE RULES WITH YOUR 4-H MEMBER, IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE CODE OF CONDUCT AND FAIR RULES PLEASE CONTACT THE PRESIDENT/SUPERINTENDIENT OR A MEMBER OF THE RULES COMMITTEE.

PLEASE SIGN THIS AND HAVE YOUR 4-H MEMBER SIGN ALSO. THIS SIGNED COPY MUST BE TURNED INTO PRESIDENT/SUPERINTENDIENT OR VICE PRESIDENT BY 7PM SUNDAY (THE FIRST DAY OF FAIR)

PARENT SIGNATURE _____

4-H MEMBER SIGNATURE _____

Thank you for your cooperation in following this Code of Conduct and Fair Rules.

Isabella County Horse Leaders