

# 4-H Equine Rules

**4-H HORSE SHOW:** Monday, August 9th, Tuesday, August 10th, and Wednesday August 11th, 2010.

**ENTRIES:** Registration must be submitted to the 4-H Office by 5:00 p.m., July 9, 2010. The show is operated under the rules and regulations found in the “**Alaska 4-H Horse Show Rule Book**”. See Division 4 – Livestock- for General Livestock Rules and Division 5 – Equine – for rules pertaining to horses at the Fair. All 4-Hers must have an Annual 4-H Horse Certification form on record with the Extension Office.

**STALL RESERVATIONS:** All exhibitors wanting to reserve stall must have a copy of a current (2010), negative EIA (Coggins Test) turned into the 4-H Office by July 9, 2010. Stall reservations and cards will be filled out at the mandatory meeting on July 23 or July 26, 2010.

**HEALTH:** Proof of negative EIA (Coggins Test) is required for all equine animals on the Fairgrounds. Read the General Rules and Regulations carefully, paying special attention to those dealing with livestock exhibits.

## **DRESS CODE:**

**Fitting and showing:** All exhibitors are required to wear black pants, white, long-sleeved shirt (tucked in), belt, appropriate riding boots, and either a western hat or an ASTM/SEI Approved riding helmet.

**Western and English Classes:** Refer to “**4-H Performance Horse Manual**” for attire appropriate for discipline. Chaps are prohibited in bareback equitation. Western Chaps are optional in Stock Seat Equitation, Trail, Reining, Gymkhana, and Western Games. English half chaps and paddock boots are allowed; however, boots must match chaps in black or brown.

**Gymkhana and Western Games:** Mandatory that a long-sleeved, tucked in shirt with buttons or snaps be worn. No slinkies. See pages 63 and 64 of the “**4-H Performance Horse Manual**”. Western Chaps are optional in Gymkhana and Western Games. The only exception is for appropriate English attire when riding English type saddle.

**HELMETS:** An ASTM and SEI approved riding helmet is required anytime a rider is mounted on a horse.

**ELIGIBILITY:** All lots will be divided by rider ability: advanced, intermediate, beginner, and novice beginner. Novice Beginner is a walk/trot class only and may not cross enter into any class requiring a canter/lope. Ability levels to be jointly determined by 4-H member, parent, and 4-H leader based on “**Alaska 4-H Horse Show Rule Book**”. Riders showing over fences class must enter and be riding at the intermediate hunt seat equitation level on the flat. Please see your 4-H leader or show manager for more information.

**RULES:** Read the General Rules and Regulations carefully, paying special attention to those dealing with livestock exhibits and equine barn rules.

**PARKING:** Vehicle entry for the purpose of caring for or exhibiting horses will be made only through the Green Gate (see Fairground map). This area is for Livestock and Equine exhibitors only. Livestock/Equine Parking will be as follows: \$3 per day for day parking only (no overnight), \$5 per day for a 20' x 40' space, and \$7 per day for a 20' x 60' space. **Purchase of parking passes for exhibitors participating in Fair Halter can be arranged through the Superintendents. No parking passes will be sold through the Fair Office or at the gates.** Superintendents and Show Managers have reserved spaces. Failure to honor parking regulations will result in having your vehicle towed.

**ETHICS POLICY FOR ANIMALS:** Every person with a live animal has a moral obligation to conduct him or herself with the highest standards of honor and dignity toward said animal and all people involved. Those ethics are to be used as guidelines for fair treatment of animals while on the property of the Tanana Valley State Fair Association. Exhibitors, owners, or responsible persons in possession of animals on the Tanana Valley State Fair Association property shall at all time conduct themselves honestly and display good sportsmanship. TVSFA requires all exhibitors, owners, trainers, or responsible persons to be responsible for the care and management of their animals and to keep them healthy, clean, and safe.

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### **SAFETY RULES:**

1. Use of arenas is to end at 10:00 p.m.
2. Proper headgear and footgear is required.
3. No riding double.
4. Handle horse in a safe manner.
5. Safety and courtesy required.
6. Animals must have proper care.
7. Stallions over six months old cannot be handled in 4-H.
8. Lead your horse outside arena areas.
9. A midnight curfew will apply to the livestock buildings, barns, and parking areas.
10. Quiet hours of 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. must be observed.

### **BARN AND STALL RULES:**

1. No unauthorized motor vehicles in arenas or barns.
  2. No smoking in barn or stall areas.
  3. No advertising posted on stalls.
  4. No personal padlocks on stalls.
  5. No storage or feed outside of stalls.
  6. Do not leave horse in stall with tack on.
  7. No dogs allowed in barns or stall areas.
  8. Horses and equipment must be stalled in appropriate areas.
  9. **STALLS ARE TO BE CLEANED EACH DAY**, and left clean when the horse goes home. Cleaning means picking out manure and wet shavings. Bedding does not have to be taken down to rock or sand, except when a horse is checked out of the Fairgrounds.
  10. Manure must be deposited in designated area only.
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