

2019 RACINE COUNTY FAIR HORSE & PONY PROJECT

RULES & REGULATIONS

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These rules and regulations are in addition to all rules, regulations and requirements listed in the Racine County Fair's current Fair Book.

A. Racine County Fair Rules

1. Livestock exhibitors are required to comply with all of the statutory and regulatory provisions of the State of Wisconsin relating to animal health. See the current animal health regulations in the front of this fair book.
2. For base dates and class definitions see Section ATCP 160.56 of the State of Wisconsin Regulations.
3. **A MANDATORY Pre-Fair meeting will be held Tuesday of Fair at 6:30 in the main arena.** Attendance is required by the exhibitor. Attendance will be taken, and members absent will be disqualified for the remainder of the current year's fair.
4. Rules to determine if an exhibitor qualifies to show their horse at fair will be determined by the Superintendent. Participation qualifications may include but are not limited to: participation in exhibitor's club activities, meetings, and clinics. These requirements must be completed prior to June 1.
5. Champion classes are open to the winners of the champion ribbons (first blue) in their divisions. Example: All the champion winners from all the Western Showmanship divisions of all ages can enter the champion class for Western Showmanship. These classes do not count for State Expo or affect your regular classes.
6. At the discretion of, judge, and/or Superintendent, any class with less than three (3) horses/ponies, may be combined into one class, but will be judged separately by their age group.
7. Any unforeseen circumstances will go for review before the judge, show committee, and Superintendent. The decision is final.
8. It is a privilege to participate in the Racine County Fair. This privilege can be revoked for conduct unbecoming an exhibitor, parent, or leader.
9. Class entries must be completed by June 15th, at www.racinecountyfair.com

B. Fair Check In & Keeping Your Horse at Fair.

1. Horses must check in on the Tuesday of Fair between 12:00 pm and 5:45pm.
2. You must present a current negative coggins and sign a health agreement form before horse is allowed into the barn. **No horses will be allowed in without proper paperwork.**
3. Only horses listed on the current ID form will be allowed to enter the barn.
4. Horses are required to stay until Superintendent approved release time on Sunday.
5. Horses unable to stay for the required time due to illness, injury, temperament, or safety reasons should not be brought to the fair.
6. Horses that become sick, injured or dangerous while at the fair will be examined by the Racine County Fair Veterinarian who will decide if the horse should be taken home. Only the Racine County Fair Veterinarian and Superintendent are allowed to excuse a horse from the fair. _
7. Any exhibitor who keeps an animal at the Fair and does not show their animal in any class on Wednesday, Thursday, or Saturday will not be allowed to participate in the Fun Show. The superintendent reserves the right to review the exhibitor's participation, and qualification to show at the following year's fair.
8. Stall assignments are done by the Superintendent. In the event that there are not enough stalls for all exhibitors to keep their horse at the fairgrounds for the duration of the Racine County Fair, the Superintendent will determine the method used for deciding who will get use of the stalls. Stall assignments will be final on Sunday prior to fair.

C. General Horse Project Show Rules

1. Exhibitors must be at least ten years old as of January 1 of the current year to exhibit/handle a horse at Fair, and exhibitors must enter only the classes specified for their age as of January 1 of the current Fair year.
2. There will be no veterinarian on the grounds. Any injury/illnesses your horse may have is your responsibility. Contact your veterinarian. If your horse is required to leave, you must contact the Superintendent prior to the horse leaving the fair grounds. If a horse leaves without Superintendent, and/or Superintendent's selected Veterinarian approval you will forfeit any ribbons earned, and you may lose the privilege to participate in the following year's fair.
3. First year members are allowed only one horse/pony at the Fair.
4. No exhibitor may exhibit more than two horses/ponies.
5. No stallions.
6. Walk Trot class participants may not enter canter classes with the same horse.
7. Horseless Horse Classes are for members enrolled in the Horseless Horse Project.
8. Therapeutic will be judged in separate lead line divisions, with accommodations to insure the safety of the rider and horse. Each exhibitor shall provide, at the time ID form is submitted, the following: a physician's signature stating the rider is allowed to participate in equine activities, and a statement from the therapeutic riding instructor or physical therapist that the rider has worked with indicating the lead length and/or the number of side walkers required. Exhibitor cannot enter any other Division. Lead person/persons must be 18 years or older. Walk/Trot only.
9. Ponies may enter only divisions designated as pony divisions. Ponies are defined as having a height of 56 inches at the withers. Any equine over 56 inches will be considered a horse. All ponies will be measured Tuesday evening to conform with State rules.
10. Any non-therapeutic substance used as a stimulant, depressant, tranquilizer or sedative for the purpose of altering a horse or pony's show ring performance is prohibited. Failure to comply will result in disqualification and forfeiture of the current year's fair classes & ribbons. Removal of the horse from the fairgrounds will be decided by the superintendent and horse project leaders
11. Only identified horses ridden in the Gymkhana show qualify for the Wisconsin State Gymkhana Show. You may not change horses

D. ID Forms

1. Horse Identification forms (ID forms), copy of a current negative coggins, and current proof of vaccinations are required documents to be submitted by May 1 to the Racine County Fair Office. These documents must be submitted per exhibitor, per animal. Failure to submit these required documents will result in disqualification to show at the Racine County Fair. ID Forms and instructions are available through your club leader, the Superintendent, www.racinecountyfair.com, and also included in this packet.
2. Vaccinations required are Tetanus, Influenza, Encephalomyelitis (eastern & western) and Rhino.

E. Trailer Parking

1. No trailers will be allowed to remain overnight on the Fairgrounds, unless they are parked in the designated area and are identified by and registered with the Superintendent.
2. **Trailer Registration forms must be submitted by May 1st to the Racine County Fair Office.** Trailer registration forms are available through your club leader, the Superintendent, and included in this packet.
3. Trailers remaining on the ground must be shared by a minimum of three (3) horse project exhibitors.
4. Trailers cannot be occupied after 10:00p.m.
5. Trailer parking is determined by the superintendent, and the Racine County Agricultural Society.
6. In the event there are not enough parking places the superintendent will utilize a lottery system to determine which trailers will be allowed to park at the fair.
7. No trailers will be allowed to park outside the fence, and any trailers that have not received Superintendent approval are subject to towing and or removal from the fair grounds.

F. Around the Barn

1. An adult must be in the barn if any youth are in the barn.
2. Horses must be in their assigned stalls by 9:00 p.m. each night for the duration of the Fair.
3. The horse barn closes at 10:00 p.m.
4. Horses must have emergency contact information posted on their stall.
5. A halter and lead rope should be readily available for each horse.
6. While the show is in progress, the barn is closed to the general public.
7. Exhibitors must furnish their own feed and bedding.
8. Stalls must be cleaned daily by 9:00a.m. Stalls should be cleaned throughout the day.
9. Horses must have access to clean, potable water at all times while in their assigned stall.
10. The use of staples, screws, nails or tack to hold any decoration or sign in the barn is prohibited. Any decorations deemed unsafe by a Fire Department Inspection must be removed.
11. No decorations may be removed from the barn and no stalls may be stripped prior to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday. Stalls must be cleaned prior to barn inspection on Monday after the fair, 7:00 P.M. Failure to comply will result in forfeiting ribbons.
12. Horses *must* enter and leave only by the doors at the south end of the barn (wash rack end).
13. No mounting of horses will be allowed in the barn.
14. Do not groom horses in the aisle.
15. Do NOT apply hoof black/dressing on any cemented areas inside or outside the barn. Apply hoof black/dressing *only* on non-concrete surfaces.
16. The rider is responsible for cleaning up after his/her horse or pony. This includes barn aisles, wash rack, arenas, lunge areas, and barn and gate areas.
17. When the horse is in the stall, even if tied, the door must be closed. If you are not in the stall with your horse, the door must be latched.

18. Do not tie the horse in the stall unattended.
19. Dump all water buckets at least 25 feet away from the barn, walk areas, riding areas, and storage areas.
20. During the week, put manure in the manure spreader. On Sunday after 9:00 p.m. if the manure spreader is full, manure can be dumped in the concrete corner.
21. Horses may be washed at the fair in the designated wash area (wash rack). No more than four horses are allowed in the wash area at one time. A partner must hold the horse at all times. Do not tie your horse to anything in the wash area.
22. Keep all equipment, feed, hay, and bedding in designated areas. Keep the aisles and ends of the barn neat.

G. Staying in the Horse Barn Overnight

1. Staying in the barn overnight is a privilege, not a right.
2. Any exhibitors planning on staying overnight for any night of the fair must have an overnight form, for each night, completed and turned into the superintendent by 6:00 p.m. Tuesday night of fair week. Every child must have a chaperone. Overnight forms are included in your exhibitor packet, and will also be available at the County Office Building, or Superintendent. Wristbands for each night will be handed out, and any person in the barn after 10:00 p.m. without a wristband will be asked to leave the barn immediately.
3. All exhibitors staying in the barn need parental/guardian signature, even if exhibitor is 18 or older.
4. You are to maintain sleeping and quiet hours as designated by the chaperone.
5. Each adult chaperone may be responsible for no more than five (5) children.
6. Front barn doors (north) must be closed at 10:00p.m.

H. Riding Rules

1. A horse must wear a halter with a lead or lunge line or an approved bridle with reins attached at all times when out of the stall. Horses must be ridden with an approved bridle, hackamore, or bosal.
2. Do not ride double
3. Do not ride bareback.
4. No trainers, leaders, or parents are allowed to work or handle your horse at the Fair. Only members in the horseless horse classes will be allowed assistance from their club leader.
5. No grooms or trainers are to be in the ring or on the rail during the show (except headers in the harness classes).
6. No coaching from the rail or viewing area will be permitted.
7. A junior (five years and under) horse/pony shown with a snaffle bit (no shanks) or bosal must be ridden with both hands on the reins. The horse and rider may enter the appropriate Western Horsemanship, Western Pleasure, and/or Trail class.
8. No hitting of horses in front of the saddle. This is cause for disqualification.

I. Lunging Rules

1. No horses will be lunged anywhere but the designated areas. Lunging areas are for lunging only; no turnout will be allowed.
2. All horses in the lunging area will wear either a halter with lead rope/lunge line or bridle with lunge line attached. Only one horse will be allowed in the area at a time. The exhibitor must remain in the

lunge area with horse and hold the lead rope/lunge line. A 15-minute time limit will be strictly enforced if other exhibitors want to use the area.

J. Exhibitors

1. You are intelligent, responsible, and sufficiently mature to conduct yourselves in an appropriate manner at all times. You are expected to respect the rights of others.
2. Exhibitors are responsible for having read and abiding to the fair rules and regulations contained in this exhibitor packet.
3. Make sure you and your horse are eligible for the classes you participate in.
4. Since this is a Youth Show, horses must be prepared for show by the exhibitor (this includes but is not limited to bathing, clipping, grooming, and braiding or banding the mane). Only 4-H members, FFA members, other Racine County Fair youth exhibitors or family may assist in preparation at the fair.
5. While handling horses in the stalls, no bare feet or sandals are allowed. Enclosed toe shoes must be worn at all times.
6. While riding horses, heeled and enclosed-toe shoes or boots must be worn.
7. SEI approved helmets, with a properly *fastened* chinstrap, must be worn by all exhibitors while mounted or driving.
8. All Gymkhana riders must wear a long sleeve, button down shirt with collar fully buttoned. Jeans with rips or holes will not be permitted.
9. When exhibiting a horse, the exhibitor must have the "back number" displayed on his/her back. At the exhibitor's discretion, a secondary "back number" may be placed elsewhere.
10. Tobacco, alcohol, vaping, or drugs are prohibited for any exhibitor at the Racine County Fair. Failure to comply will result in disqualification and/or being asked to leave by the Superintendent. Adults are strongly encouraged to set a good example for our youth.

K. Discipline/Protest Procedure.

1. If you observe a rule being broken, please make the exhibitor and/or spectator aware of the rules and report any further problems/incidents to a Leader. If you feel further action is necessary, please come to the Superintendent's office stall and complete a written complaint form. The protest or charge must be signed by the person(s) observing the incident and contain a clear and definite statement of the violation. Any form received without name and signature will not be reviewed. The Superintendent and Horse & Pony Project Committee will begin any necessary action as soon as possible.
2. Depending on the complaint, the Superintendent will take appropriate action, up to and including expulsion from the Racine County Fair.
3. The decision of the Superintendent & Horse & Pony Project Committee is final.