

## MN State 4-H Horse Show Code of Conduct

Welcome to the Minnesota 4-H State Horse Show. The State 4-H Horse Show Committee congratulates you on qualifying to compete in one of the nation's most outstanding all youth events. Please help us make this an enjoyable, educational experience for you by adhering to the following code of conduct.

1. **It is the responsibility of the 4-H member and their parent or guardian to be aware of and abide by all rules as stated in the current MN 4-H Horse Rule Book and Show Handbook and any appropriate supplement(s). These rules will be in effect for the State 4-H Horse Show.**
2. **Ethical, sportsmanlike conduct is expected of all exhibitors, parents, coaches and spectators.** When an exhibitor, parent, guardian, 4-H leader, coach, educator, or representative acting in behalf of an exhibitor is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct, the 4-H Horse Show Committee may require the 4-H member and the horse or pony involved for such a period as judged appropriate from participating. Persons deemed guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct may be expelled from the show grounds at the direction of the Show Committee.
3. **Humane treatment of horses is expected by all participants.** Cruelty or rough handling of horses will not be allowed. The show committee, show steward & judges may disqualify anyone mistreating an animal.
4. **Adults are prohibited from riding exhibitor's horses during the show.**
5. Riding shoes or boots with heels is required for all exhibitors when mounted on the show grounds, also must be wearing an ASTM/SEI approved helmet.
6. Please exercise caution when riding horses around the Horse Show Complex. No riding horses on the grounds.
7. The exercise periods are to be considered a time of arena familiarization. The outdoor exercise area is provided and available for use throughout the show.
8. No unmounted persons are permitted in the arena during exercise periods except for emergencies.
9. Horses should not be cross-tied in the aisles so that the passage of other horses and/or people is impaired.
10. Emergency phone #'s must be posted on your stall card.
11. **NO DISMANTLING of any stall or part of a stall is allowed.** There must be no damage of any type to stalls. Stall decorations must be completely removed at end of show. Exhibitors will pay for any and all damage to their assigned stall.
12. There must be no damage of any type to State Fair Complex, facilities or property. Exhibitors will pay for any and all damages to State Fair Complex, if responsible.
13. Place manure in designated areas only.
14. No unleashed dogs are permitted.
15. **No roller blades, skateboards, scooters or bikes** allowed in buildings or show grounds. **No Skateboards** will not be allowed on the fair grounds.
16. Barn Stewards, not to be confused with Show Stewards, will assist the Show Committee in implementing this code of conduct and general activities in the stable area.
17. All exhibitors are expected to be prompt and on time for your class(es). It is your responsibility to be aware of show timing and get to your class. The Show Committee is not responsible for missed classes.

