

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY 4-H & YOUTH FAIR**  
**HORSE PROJECT GROUND RULES**

1. Leaders and parents are responsible for their members obeying these rules.
2. Authority of the Fair Superintendents is to be respected at all times.
3. Stall cards with member's name, emergency contact number, and club must be visible on the stall of the project animal.
4. No riding or sitting on horses in or around the barns. **NOTE: Members may ride in show/practice ring, or other designated areas assigned by superintendents and the Fair Board only.**
5. Boots must be worn for stable work. No bare feet in the barns.
6. Aisle ways must be kept clear at all times.
7. Please watch for fire hazards. **NO SMOKING ON THE FAIR GROUNDS!!! This is a park rule.**
8. Animals are to be bathed in the designated wash area only.
9. **NO** riding of horses up or down hill. This is a park rule.
10. Members are to lead their horses to and from rings by the proper routes. Stay within fenced areas.
11. No animal is to be taken into parking, camping, or spectator areas at any time. The exception is for those who are showing out of trailers, but they must follow the proper routes to and from show and practice rings.
12. One rider on a horse. **NO DOUBLE RIDING.**
13. All riders **MUST** wear boots. Barefoot, sandals, tennis shoes, etc are not permissible while riding, handling or caring for your horse(s).
14. Use courtesy in the practice ring. Travel in the direction which personnel designate, or direction majority are traveling. Faster moving animals keep to the inside; those at slower speeds keep to the rail. Ring personnel will be obeyed, or you will not be allowed in the practice ring. Keep the gate closed.
15. When you have finished exercising your horse, leave the ring and dismount. If you must adjust your tack, do it outside the ring. **NOTE: Your horse must be properly tacked in the practice ring. No riding in halters. It's mandatory that all participants wear protective helmets in the practice ring.**
16. Absolutely **NO** rough riding or racing is permitted.
17. There will be designated times for practicing bareback. During these designated times, only bareback riding will be allowed in the designated practice ring. **NO BAREBACK RIDING IS TO EVER TAKE PLACE IN THE SOUTH PRACTICE RING NEAR THE RIVERSIDE PAVILLION.**
18. Members must enter classes with proper attire and tack per discipline. Check your state rule book for further details.
19. There will be no grooming or hoof blackening on the blacktop, or on the hill in front of the barns. Grooming may only be done on the grass between, or in back of the barns.
20. No lunging of horses other than in designated areas.
21. **ALL PARTICIPANTS IN HUNTER (BOTH OVER FENCES, AND ON THE FLAT), DRESSAGE, BAREBACK, SADDLE SEAT AND GYMKHANA CLASSES ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR PROPERLY FITTING PROTECTIVE RIDING HELMETS, WITH THE GUARD SECURED. THE HELMETS MUST MEET THE SPECIFICATIONS OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING AND MATERIALS (ASTM) MUST BE MANUFACTURED AND DISTRIBUTED BY A PARTICIPANT IN THE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM OF THE SAFETY EQUIPMENT INSTITUTE (SEI) AND MUST BEAR THE SEIT CERTIFICATION LABEL.**
22. Application for early releases must be on file with the fair board per their deadline. Emergency releases must be cleared by the Fair Board.
23. No coffee makers/pots, microwaves, crock pots or electric kitchen appliances are to be plugged in or maintained in any barns or area surrounding barns.

**First rule infraction will result in a verbal warning.**

**Second infraction of same rule, you are done showing for the day.**

**Third infraction of same rule, you are done showing for the week. Your project animal will remain on the grounds for the remainder of fair and you are responsible for its care.**