

DOUGLAS COUNTY 4-H CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Douglas County 4-H members/exhibitors are expected to conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship at all times. As these are public displays of not only husbandry and handling skills but also personal character and discipline, the behavior of members/exhibitors, as well as that of parents and leaders, is expected to reflect the highest standards of integrity and professionalism at all times.

Members/exhibitors who violate the guidelines below may forfeit premiums and/or awards and may be prohibited from participation in future 4-H activities.

The following is a list of guidelines for all members/exhibitors showing in competitive events:

1. All judges, show officials and staff shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening language or conduct toward any show official. Persons failing to show proper courtesy to judges or officials may be removed from the show area, and if an exhibitor, may be immediately disqualified from the show.
2. All members/exhibitors must be prepared to present, upon request of show officials, proof of ownership/lease, length of ownership/lease and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of any facts requested by show officials is prohibited.
3. Members/exhibitors must be prepared to provide animal health certificates from a licensed veterinarian if requested in advance by show officials or if an exhibitor's animal is found to be in questionable health upon arrival at the show.
4. Members/exhibitors are expected to care for, groom and prepare their animals themselves while at 4-H events and shows. 4-H leaders, immediate family members, and Douglas County 4-H members/exhibitors participating in the show may help members/exhibitors needing assistance, but must not do the primary work.
5. Horses shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal and state regulation label and/or by the direct instruction of a supervising veterinarian. Horses shall not be allowed to be exhibited if the drug(s) administered affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.
6. No member/exhibitor shall conspire to intentionally violate this Code of Show Ring Ethics or knowingly cooperate with another party intending to violate this Code of Show Ring Ethics, either by supportive action or by deliberate refusal to intervene.
7. By entering in a Douglas County 4-H event the member/exhibitor verifies that he or she has read the Douglas County 4-H Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of actions prohibited by the code. The member/exhibitor furthermore gives consent to have disciplinary action taken by show officials for violation of the Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the show without recourse against the show, show officials, Colorado State University, CSU Extension or the 4-H Program in Douglas County.

These rules and policies adapted from the International Association of Fairs and Expositions Code of Show Ring Ethics. 1998 Revised 8/22/2016

2018 Douglas County Competition Rules Junior Horse Department

Douglas County 4-H Horse Project Guide/Rules

Douglas County 4-H Code of Show Ring Ethics

and Colorado 4-H State Horse Show Rules

Name: _____

Club: _____

I have read and understand the 2018 Douglas County Competition Rules Junior Livestock Horse Department, Douglas County 4-H Horse Project Guide/Rules, Douglas County 4-H Code of Show Ring Ethics and Colorado 4-H State Horse Show Rules and in consideration for entering this event I agree and consent to abide by these rules of competition. I understand that if I do not sign this form I will not be eligible to exhibit at the Douglas County Fair.

Member's Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

This form must be signed and returned to the Extension office by **April 30th.**

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