

ISABELLA COUNTY FAIR HORSE RULES and CODE OF CONDUCT

Good sportsmanship is to be displayed by all exhibitors, their families and spectators. Good sportsmanship is defined as respectful treatment of judges, show management, other competitors and their families, leaders, and all horses and other animals involved. All fair rules and this Code of Conduct are to be followed at all times. ICYFF has zero tolerance to bullying, this includes physical or verbal abuse. If determined by the board any form of bullying has occurred, you will be asked to leave. Any exhibitor and/or family member who displays poor sportsmanship, including inappropriate language, and/or disobeys the fair rules will meet with the Rules Committee and/or Fairboard. All dates, deadlines and rules must be observed without exception. Failure to comply may result in one or more of the following: a) Dismissal from Fair and/or individual Classes b) Restrictions on participation in 4-H horse programs the following year c) Forfeiture of Fair awards and/or premiums or a fee up to \$50.

Horse Fair Rules

1. All members are subject to the rules and regulations as defined by the Michigan Department of Agriculture (michigan.gov/mdard), the MSU 4-H Extension, the Isabella County Fair Board, the Isabella County 4-H Horse Leaders Association and the 4-H Horse and Pony Show Rules and Regulations (https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_horse_pony_project_show_rules_regulations).
2. Registrations are DUE by June 9th. Classes must be submitted online at www.isabellacountyfair.com. Horse Registrations Must include one Registration form per horse, Current Year Negative Coggins, \$15 per member enrollment fee (Cloverbuds DO NOT pay enrollment fee) and Signed Rules & Code of Conduct. Forms will be submitted by CLUB, with ONE check made payable to ICHL. If the due date falls on a Saturday or Sunday registrations will be accepted the following Monday. Members finding the enrollment fee or vaccinations/coggins difficult may apply to the Hardship Committee for assistance.
3. Four horses may be registered per exhibitor-equitation/pleasure horse, gymkhana horse, jumping horse and a backup horse may be signed up in the event one of the project horses become unfit to compete.
4. A project horse may be shared with a sibling (must be in a different age group), Cloverbud and/or PEP Rider.
5. Horse and Exhibitor age is determined as of January 1st.
6. Haul-in Sunday 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Haul-out Sunday after 6:00 am, released by Superintendent. Hardship horse haul-in Wednesday 8:00 am – 9:00am. Cloverbud horses may be hauled in Saturday, no stall, or can be present all week but MUST have a stall. Trailers to be parked on the south end of the Fairgrounds or taken home. Trailers cannot be pulled up to the horse barn until 6 am or after on the second Sunday of the fair.
7. Before being placed in a stall, all horses and ponies shall be inspected by a licensed veterinarian. \$1 fee to be paid by rider per horse.
8. No Changes in horse registrations may be made after June 9th without the approval by the Hardship Committee.
9. Project horse must be present the entire week (Sunday-Sunday) of fair or will forfeit attendance at fair the following year. Exceptions may be made for situations approved by the Hardship Committee. If permission is granted, stalls MUST be cleaned prior to leaving.
10. Helmets (ASTM/SEI) are required for English, Novice W/T, Bareback and Gymkhana classes. It is highly recommended and encouraged that all 4-H members wear a helmet while riding and no discrimination against protective headgear will be made, even if the style does not match the style of riding. All Cloverbud riders will be required to wear an approved ASTM/SEI Helmet for all classes.
11. While riding a bridle MUST be used, absolutely no riding with a halter and lead rope
12. When riding in arena during non-show time, a leader, parent, or responsible adult must be present.
13. Novice Classes are walk/trot only intended for Novice riders or horses. A Novice may NOT show in lope/canter classes. All Novice riders are required to wear a helmet (ASTM/SEI) whenever mounted. Maximum participation in Novice classes is two years, unless an exception is approved by the Hardship Committee.
14. All Gymkhana Classes are to be ridden in speed attire and tack.
15. High Point awards will be given to the top Senior, Intermediate, Junior and Walk/Trot riders in the following divisions: "Pleasure" Riders - English Pleasure, English Equitation, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, English

Bareback, and Western Bareback; “Speed” Riders – Pole Bending, Speed & Action, Keyhole, Barrel Bending, Cloverleaf, Indiana Flag

16. Classes may be split or combined based on class size.
17. No riding outside of the horse show arena. You may dismount and lead your horse to the photo area and then remount for a picture.
18. No double riding except for designated classes.
19. Only registered 4-H members are allowed to mount their registered 4-H horses during fair week, unless otherwise approved by the Hardship Committee.
20. Unsportsman-like conduct (including inappropriate language), mistreatment, or neglect of an animal will not be tolerated.
21. If there is a question of a horses’ eligibility, this should be addressed with the Superintendent to be taken to the appropriate committee.
22. Removal of ANY decorations prior to 10:00 pm on Saturday will result in a consequence determined by the Rules Committee.
23. All exhibitors are required to keep their stall and exhibit area clean. Animals must be checked, fed and watered twice daily by 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. minimum. Accumulation of manure is NOT acceptable. If the member is showing another animal species, arrangements must be made for someone else to clean the stall. Otherwise, the member is ultimately responsible for all of the care
24. Barn lights will be turned off at 11:00pm every night.
25. All stall doors MUST remain closed at all times and be secured with the clasp attached to the door. Halter and lead line must be accessible at all times.
26. Unruly horses will be sent home if other accommodations can’t be made.
27. All clubs are to keep their areas clean and aisle ways open for visitors to walk through safely.
28. Stalls and isle ways cleaned, and decorations removed by 1:00 p.m. Sunday at the conclusion of fair week and must be checked by your Horse Leader.

By Signing this form, you and your child acknowledge you have read the Isabella County Youth and Farm Fair Horse Rules and Guidelines and General Fair Rules and agree to follow them as stated.

EXHIBITOR SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____

PARENT or GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____