

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

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1. **REGISTRATION:** We encourage each exhibitor to pre-register in all classes. ONLY pre-registered entries will qualify for RPD (Random Prize Distributions). All pre-entries must be postmarked two weeks from show date. Everyone qualifies for high points(Champion and Reserve).
2. A Negative Coggins test within one year of the show date is required. All Coggins will be checked at the gate. No horse will be allowed to stay on the grounds without proof of Negative Coggins.
3. Approved hard hat (ASTM/SEI) with harness in place must be worn at all times when mounted, regardless of discipline. Adults Included.
4. **No one under the age of 5 may participate at this show.**
5. **Cloverbud/PeeWee Classes (youth 5-8). In accordance with 4-H rules, Exhibitors 5-8 years old** are non-competitive. 5-8 exhibitors will not be ranked, but will receive participation ribbons. 5-8 year olds are required to show in PeeWee/Cloverbud classes. Please see requirements manual for more information.
6. This is not an official 4-H show, but classes will be governed in accordance with the NC 4-H rules. Current rules are located on the web at:  
[http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an\\_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU\\_EHH\\_4-H\\_Homepage.html](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU_EHH_4-H_Homepage.html)
7. Divisions:
  - \***PeeWee/Cloverbuds:** Open to anyone ages 5-8. Non-competitive and receive only a participation ribbon. PeeWees/Cloverbuds are only required to walk unless otherwise specified.
  - \***Novice Rider:** Open to any age of rider over 9 in their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year of showing. Novice riders are only required to walk/trot or jog unless otherwise specified. Prefer experienced horses in this class.
  - \***Novice Horse:** Open to any age rider over 9 and to any horse within their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year of showing. Novice horses are only required to walk/trot or jog unless otherwise specified.
  - Youth/4-H:** Open to any rider ages 9-18.
  - Open:** Open to any age rider 9 and up.
  - \*indicates non-pointed division*
8. For those choosing to cross-enter between divisions, be aware of the judge's ability to withdraw, advance to the next level or not place participants who are not eligible for that division.
9. **Stallions** may not be shown in 4-H shows except as yearlings in-hand or yearlings at halter.
10. **PROTESTS:** Any protest must be verbalized to the steward within 30 minutes of the close of the class.
11. Each participant and parent/ guardian must accept responsibility for the safety of themselves, their animal and their equipment. NC 4-H, its administrators, agents, volunteers, and/or members will not assume responsibility for accidents or losses. Each individual has the right to withdraw from any class or situation he/she deems unsafe.
12. Show Management reserves the right to: A) split large classes, B) scratch or add

classes or C) dismiss from the ring any exhibitor for safety concerns, exhibiting unsportsmanlike conduct or abuses his/her horse.

13. Abuse of any animal or any act of discourtesy to show officials will not be tolerated and will result in immediate disqualification of youth participant.
14. Please keep dogs on a leash.
15. Exhibitors are prohibited from riding faster than a walk outside the arenas.
16. Exhibitors must maintain control of their horses at all times. Unruly and unmanageable horses will be excused from the show ring at the judge or ringmaster's discretion
17. Although the show is open to all breeds, horses must be able to perform the required gait for the classes entered.
18. Exhibitors are responsible for all their own equipment.
19. Spectators and exhibitors assume all liabilities for themselves, their stock, and belongings.
20. APPROPRIATE CLOSED TOED FOOTWEAR REQUIRED FOR ALL COSTUME CLASS PARTICIPANTS.
21. Dress and Tack:  
See "Requirements Manual".

**Adaptive Rider (Leadline & Walk Only):** Please call Karee Mackey for more information. (828) 264-3061.