

2011 Summit Count 4-H Saddle Horse Association, Inc., Rules
All rules are subject to change by the association

Current Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows will be in effect. The following are in addition to the Uniform Rules.

G-1 All members must follow all safety rules as outlined in project books or current Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows.

G-1A In the event of lightning and/or thunder is seen or heard, classes will be suspended for a 20-minute period. This applies from the last lightning and/or thunder witnessed.

G=1B Condition of the show rings. The overall condition of the show rings shall be determined by a quorum of the executive committee/committee chairs with consultation if required by other parties. i.e., steward/judge. The show judge shall have final decision over the condition of the show rings. The final decision on participation lies in the hands of the participant and his/her guardian.

G-2 A protest must be filed to request a drug test on any animal. See the General Rules section of the most current Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows. A positive result will be at the expense of the exhibitor, while a negative result will be at the expense of the protester. Any medication given to a horse must be reported to the SC4-HSHA with a veterinarian's order prior to administration of the medication. Failure to comply or a positive test result will result in forfeiture of all winnings and disqualification from the show, including ribbons, trophies, and points.

G-3 It is the responsibility of the exhibitor, advisors and parents to read and understand all of the current Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows, Performance Against Standards rules and association rules. Acknowledgment form must be signed and returned to SC4-HSHA committee by June 1st.

G=4 Unsportsmanlike conduct as defined under current Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows under General Rules will not be tolerated by parent, advisor or any 4-H member and will be grounds for dismissal from the fairgrounds.

G-5 All 4-H members and other minors attending association events at the fairgrounds must have adult supervision (parent/guardian or 4-H advisor).

G-6 Points will be kept on a horse/rider combination.

2011 Rules Pertaining to the Summit County Fair

F-1 All 4-H saddle horse members attending the Summit County Fair will be bound by the General Rules and Regulations of the Summit County Agricultural Society (SCAS) and the regulations outlined under the Horse Division. Violations will be dealt with by the SC4-HSHA executive committee.

F-2 All 4-H member and other minors on the fairgrounds will honor a curfew between 11:00 p.m. (or one hour after the end of the show) and 6:00 a.m.

F-3 Each 4-H participant or his/her representative must volunteer a minimum of four (4) hours before the current year's fair. Hours may be earned at all scheduled fairgrounds workdays beginning the day after the previous year's fair; working unassigned shows (both open and state qualifier) if approved by the maintenance committee; security gates at horse camp, competitive trail. Other hours must be approved by the maintenance committee. Failure to meet the minimum volunteer hours required will result in disqualification from high point and versatility. Notification of disqualification will be given at the July association meeting.

F-4 To compete in a 4-H saddle horse event, the 4-Her must complete a saddle horse project for the current year. Project verification is subject to OSU Extension Office review. To complete a project includes having the project book judged and completing the volunteer hours.

F-5 One horse per child is one project. Non-siblings may not lease another 4-Her's horse. If two (2) siblings share a horse, only one child is using the horse as a project; the other is participating at fair with the horse. If a horse is leased, it is the 4-Her's project until the project animal is dismissed from fair.

F-6 A fee of \$100.00 per participant and \$75.00 for each sibling will be charged to attend the 4-H horse program at the Summit County Fair. Stall reservations and fees must be turned in by the club advisor only by June 1st. A late fee of \$25.00 will be assessed beginning June 10th to each 4-Her who does not meet the June 1st deadline. The outstanding fees and late fee must be paid in full by cash or money order only by July 1st, or the 4-Her is not eligible for fair that year.

Check and money orders are to be made payable to the SC4-HSHA. No stalls may be reserved or used for anything other than the project animal. Stall assignments will be made by the fair committee chairperson with the cooperation of the fair committee. Each 4-Her participating at the fair with a horse project must sell the appropriate amount of ads for the Ad Book or pay the appropriate fee.

F-7 Proof of inoculations for rhinopneumonitis, influenza, tetanus, eastern and western encephalomyelitis are required before the project animal is brought to the fair. This is to be turned in by June 1st and be dated between February 1st and June 1st of the current year. Failure to comply by the June 1st date will result in disqualification from fair. Self-administered vaccinations require paid proof of purchase. Additional shots recommended by the association veterinarian may be required at a later date. Any questions of animal health will be determined by the Summit County Fair's equine veterinarian. The veterinarian's decision is final.

F-8 A) The following list of deadlines must be met:

February meeting	Preliminary fair classes
March 15 th	Enrollment forms to the 4-H Extension Office
March meeting	Final fair classes
	Ads sold to be turned in to chairperson
April meeting	Approval of fair classes by organization
June 1 st	Rules Agreement form
	State Qualifier entry
	Responsibility Form for State Qualifier
	Competitive Trail Entry to chairperson
	Scholarship application
	Project Award application
	Fair fee
	4-H Health Form (new/first-year members only)
	Fair Responsibility form
	Project Registration form
	Lease forms
	All project inoculation records

B) All rotating trophies must be returned in good condition and on time to the rotating trophy committee by the July association meeting. Trophies not returned in good condition and on time will result in the 4-H member's exhibitor number being held until the trophy is returned.

F-9 All horse projects must be stalled in the barns. All tack and equipment must be in assigned tack stalls or horse trailers. No hay or feed may be stored in the barns. No hay bags or nets are allowed in stalled unless need is documented by a veterinarian's order.

f-10 All fans and temporary lights (those not wired directly into the building's wiring) used in stalls must be out of horses' reach by hanging them outside the stalls or hanging them at least nine (9) feet off the ground. All temporary lights must be turned off by 11:00 p.m. or one hour after the last class.

F-11 All horses are to remain in designated areas. No horses are allowed in the camping area, park or pavilion areas. No horses are allowed past the bathroom or on the driveway.

F-12 All horse project members are required to clean their stalls of all bedding, etc., before taking horses off the fairgrounds. No release slips will be issued before stalls are inspected and approved.

F-13 All 4-H members and adults must wear proper close-toed shoes whenever they are handling a horse. Long pants and boots must be worn whenever mounted. Heels-Down™ riding shoes may be substituted for boots. Absolutely no sandals in the barns or when handling horses. No tube tops, spaghetti strap tops, and midriffs must be covered. All apparel must be appropriately worn in style and modesty. Advisors are to monitor their club members and families. No bareback riding at any time.

F-14 In case of illness or other emergency, projects affected must obtain release from the SC4-HSHA president or the president's designee. The president will obtain approval from Fair Board and notify the Extension Office. SC4-HSHA reserves the right to obtain verification of the excuse. The party leaving is still responsible for cleaning and stripping the stall. Failure to obtain this release will result in ineligibility to show at fair and State Qualifier the following year and will forfeit all awards, trophies, and ribbons awarded during the week of fair.

F-15 For removal of a project for competition at State Fair, the project must receive written approval by the SC4-HSHA president prior to release. The project may be removed during the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. any day during Fair.

Any project leaving the fair must have a stall release slip prior to leaving. The project may return to Fair with the pre-approval of the SC4-HSHA president. The project may return as allowed by Fair Board. Failure to obtain the required paperwork will result in ineligibility to show at Fair and the State Qualifier the following year and will forfeit all awards, trophies, and ribbons awarded during the week of Fair.

F-16 Trailers can only enter and leave at Gate B. Horses must be loaded in the loading area north of Barn 10. Any trailer parked adjacent to Barn 6 must be moved to Barn 10 prior to loading the horse via the dirt road east of the main ring. No vehicles are allowed in the midway. Horses returning must follow the same procedure. Failure to follow this procedure will result in ineligibility to show at Fair and State Qualifier the following year and will forfeit all awards, trophies, and ribbons awarded during the week of Fair.

F-17 Leaving Fair at Fair completion: No project can leave Fair before 8:00 p.m. the last day of Fair unless excused as in Rules F-14 and F-15. The project must have a signed stall release from the barn superintendent prior to leaving. Stall decorations can only be removed during the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. the last day of Fair or after 8:00 p.m. the last day of Fair, and must be removed by the entire club completely, including all staples, etc. Any stall decorations not removed during this time must stay up all day. Failure to follow this procedure will result in ineligibility to show at Fair and the State Qualifier the following year and will forfeit all awards, trophies, and ribbons awarded during the week of Fair.

F-18 Up to eight (8) ribbons will be awarded in each class. Points will be awarded in the point classes on the basis of eight (8) points for first place, seven (7) points for second place, etc., as long as there are at least eight (8) entries in the class. For class sizes smaller than eight (8), the points awarded to first place will equal the number of entries in that class, second place will be awarded one (1) point less than the number of entries, etc. Any classes that have splits will receive the number of points awarded in the largest split. In the event of error, a duplicate award will be presented but appropriate points will be awarded based on corrected results.

F-19 Versatility Class (See current Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows)

- 1) Riders eligible for participation in Versatility include the Advanced Division riders having earned highest points in versatility classes held between Tuesday and Friday, plus the Grand and Reserve high point Intermediate Division riders only. If the Grand or Reserve Intermediate Division high point champions decline, there will be no more invitations extended to either Advance or Intermediate riders.
- 2) The exhibitor must have a minimum of four (4) points to be eligible for Versatility.
- 3) There will be a minimum of fifteen (15) and a maximum of twenty-four (24) exhibitors. The ratio of riders included per seat will be based on the number of entries in each seat.
- 4) Selected participants or parent with proper identification and back number must sign to confirm their participation within two (2) hours after eligibility is posted – failure to do so will result in forfeiture of eligibility. Alternate participants will only be selected until two (2) hours after acceptance by selected participants (four (4) hours after original posting). At 12 midnight, time limits for signups will stop and resume at 7:00 a.m. Additionally, no invitations will be extended after 10 a.m. Those being extended an invitation up to 10 a.m. still have the full two (2) hours to accept or decline. If any Advanced member declines to participate, a replace will be selected in the following order:
 - a) The participant in any seat that tied but was eliminated because of lower placings;
 - b) The next highest point exhibitor in the same seat as the declining participant;
 - c) If there is no other eligible exhibitor in the same seat as the declining participant, the next participant selected will be based on the highest points earned without regard to seat.
- 5) Each rider is allowed two (2) grooms. All changes of tack and appointments must be made in the designated area. No rider or groom is allowed to leave the designated area during the tack change. No one is allowed to accept anything across the barrier into the designated area at any time. No change of tack or exchanges of any kind is allowed between participants. No groom is allowed to enter or exit the designated area after the 10-minute interval.
- 6) All Versatility participants and grooms must attend a meeting prior to the class. This will be scheduled for a specific time on the day of the class. All Versatility participants and grooms will be required to sign an acknowledgment of the versatility rules. Failure of the entrant or the grooms to attend the meeting and sign the rules acknowledgment results in loss of eligibility from the Versatility class.
- 7) Appropriate dress is required of the grooms (long pants, boots, long sleeve shirts or club or “team” shirts) or the entrant will be disqualified from the entire Versatility class.
- 8) The versatility rider will be dressed for each class as specified in the current Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows. One exception: Riders may wear English riding pants under western chaps but western boots must be worn.
- 9) All grooms and wheelbarrows must enter the make-up area at the same time and must remain there until after the last tack change.
- 10) Ten (10) places will be awarded. The exhibitor must compete in all classes to be eligible for awards.

- 11) A supervised water table will be provided for all participants in the versatility class. No other refreshments of any kind will be allowed. Any violation of this rule will result in immediate dismissal from the entire versatility class. One exception: Doctor-documented medical condition.

F-20 Stall Decoration and Clean Stall awards will be given. Stall decorations were optional but, if a club chooses to participate in stall decorating, then the entire club must participate and all club stalls must be decorated. Stall decoration guidelines are as follows:

- 1) Decorations must be made by 4-H members.
- 2) No nails or tape may be used.
- 3) Banners must be at least nine (9) feet above the ground.
- 4) All stalls assigned to a participating club must be decorated. All stall decorations must be removed in accordance with Rule #F17.
- 5) Stall decorations are to be judged by a committee of three (3) non-association people and be accompanied by an association member with no club affiliation.
- 6) The 4-H motto and pledge must be displayed.
- 7) Stall decorations must be completed during the time specified by the fair chairperson. The club advisors are responsible for all stall decorations to be completed by the deadline.
- 8) All guidelines must be followed in order to be eligible for awards.

F-21 All horses stalled on 4-H grounds must have emergency information adhered to the front of the stall in a clear manner. This information shall consist of a contact person's name, club name, advisors' names and camping lot numbers or emergency phone number. The contact person must be 18-years-old, staying on the grounds and have a local phone number. Copies of the club rosters will be kept in the Saddle Horse office, the Fair Board office and with the barn superintendents.

F-22 Explanations of Fair Divisions: Once an exhibitor has shown in a particular division, she/he may not regress to a lower division.

Walk/Trot

- 1) Not allowed to show in any canter classes at the Summit County Fair.
- 2) May elect to show in Walk/Trot for a maximum of two (2) years.
- 3) No age limit.
- 4) Walk/Trot riders are not eligible for Versatility class or to be State Fair representatives except for Competitive Trail.

Novice

- 1) May elect to show in Novice for a maximum of three (3) years.
- 2) Novice riders are not eligible for Versatility class or to be State Fair representatives except for Dressage and Competitive Trail.

Intermediate

- 1) Intermediate riders are eligible to be a State Fair representative.
- 2) Entrants are ineligible for Intermediate if they previously qualified to be a Senior State Fair representative (14-18 years of age).
- 3) Entrants are eligible for Intermediate if they previously qualified to be a Junior State Fair representative (age 13 or under).
- 4) Only Grand or Reserve Champion Intermediate riders are eligible for Versatility Class.

Advanced

- 1) Advanced riders are eligible for Versatility Class and to be State Fair representatives.

F-22A Split for Walk/Trot and Novice

- 1) Classes will be split at 17 exhibitors.
- 2) Splits will be done by age based on average age.

F-22B Number of Participants Required to Determine a Class: It is recommended that a minimum number of four (4) participants be required for a class. This applies to both horse and pony classes. Final decision on class size will be determined by vote of the SC4-H SHA. Divisions may not be combined within a seat to create a class.

F-23 Explanation of Divisions and High Point Awards: Members may ride only classes in their declared seat and division. Points will be accumulated in their declared seat. Fair high point awards will be given in the following division based on the most percentage points in each division/seat accumulated during the fair:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Seats</u>
Advanced	Western, English Pleasure, Saddle Seat, Contest, Gaited
Intermediate	Western, English Pleasure, Saddle Seat, Contest, Gaited
Novice	Western, English Pleasure, Contest, Gaited

Walk/Trot Western, English Pleasure, Gaited
Age groups will be divided by seat and division when necessary.

All Summit County non-gymkhana classes between Tuesday and Friday and any other structured and/or state-approved classes may be used to calculate high point as suggested by Fair Committee and APPROVED BY THE ORGANIZATION. First-year classes that are added will not be included in high point or Versatility computations.

Awards

- 1st Champion Award
- 2nd Reserve Champion Award
- 3rd-8th Awards

Walk/Trot, novice, and intermediate division high point champions and reserve champions (1st and 2nd place) must move up regardless of seat or project. In case of a tie, the rider with the highest placings will be first. A first-year walk/trot champion or reserve champion may elect to show walk/trot a second year but will be required to forfeit high point for their second year.

F-24 If any person other than the 4-H member is riding their project animal at the Summit county Fair, the 4-H member and all other 4-H members involved will forfeit all points for versatility and high point awards and will be ineligible to show the remainder of the fair, with the exception of parents/advisors during designated times.

F-25 Any parent/advisor witnessing any type of misconduct may report such misconduct to an executive committee member. Misconduct or violation of any rule will be dealt with by the association's executive committee and may result in dismissal from the fairgrounds. The person reporting the misconduct must have some form of proof to present with the report. It must be promptly reported to an association executive committee member. Misconduct must be reported by the person witnessing it. The report must include the rule which was violated, the member's name who violated the rule, the project horse's name, and, if anyone else was involved (i.e., trainer, other 4-Her, etc.), that person's name. This information will be kept confidential. Upon receipt of this information, an executive committee meeting will be called to determine the plan of action. The executive committee will investigate the allegation. Upon completion of the investigation, the 4-Her in question, his/her parent/guardian and the 4-H club advisor will meet with the executive committee, a representative of the 4-H office, a representative of the fair board, and the person making the allegation to hear the final decision and sanctions, if deemed necessary by the executive committee. If the 4-Her's parent/guardian is not satisfied with the decision, they may file a protest following the current Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows and association By-Laws (see Article XV).

F-26 Games Classes (gymkhana)

- 1) Officials for gymkhana classes will include one association member and one adult from the club whose duty it is to oversee the ring operation.
- 2) Each rider may only ride in the division listed on his/her Fair registration.
- 3) The division for gymkhana at Fair will be determined by the number of entries and voted on by the association annually.
- 4) In case of an odd number of entries, a rider from the same division may ride in the class a second time to complete a team but the points won will only go to the first-time entrant.
- 5) Riders must wear a club shirt of conservative style or a long-sleeved, western-style shirt, breeches or jeans, and riding boots.
- 6) Shirts must be tucked in and, if a long-sleeved shirt is worn the long sleeves must be rolled down and fastened at the wrists. All apparel must be appropriately worn in style and modesty.
- 7) Walk/trot games riders must only walk or trot. Any canter stride will receive no time.
- 8) In all games classes, no time will be given to an entry who stops forward motion at any time after the timer is activated. Stopping of forward motion includes pausing, spinning, backing, turning circles outside the pattern, etc.

F-27 State Representatives

- 1) All State Fair representatives/State Fair qualifiers will receive an award. This includes PAS, Competitive Trail, Groom & Clean, Dressage.
 - 1a) Awards will only be issued to 1st place in the Junior/Senior divisions for Groom & Clean and Competitive Trail.
- 2) All State Fair qualifiers must attend the state level competitions in order to receive a State Fair representative award.
- 3) Awards will be awarded to any individual qualifier and/or representative only every other year.