Skamania County Fair Horse Barn Contract

This is intended to support overall goals and mission of 4-H – preparing our youth to be adults and our adults setting positive role models for our youth. Part of being an adult is representing oneself professionally when conducting business. Once contract is read fully by you, your parent/guardian and leader; all three must sign and turn in at haul in. You will not be able to show if you do not have a signed contract.

General Rules:

- No profane language
- No smoking/vaping or use of tobacco products
- No drugs
- No alcohol – For adults this must stay at the campgrounds

Dress Code: Non-compliance with dress code may result in being asked to leave the area/event. *Project/Club dress codes may be more restrictive than what's listed below but not less. Parents are encouraged to set a good example for youth by adhering to dress code as well.

- Clothing should be neat, reasonably clean and in good repair and appearance.
- Clothing may not display profanity, gang symbols or products/slogans and that promote alcohol, tobacco, drugs, violence or sex.
- Clothing may not be low cut, expose bare midriffs, have open backs or be transparent/see through.
- Shirts are required, no bare chests
- Tank tops must have straps 1" or wider – no halter or tube tops.
- No sagging pants or visible underwear
- Shorts, skirts and dress hem lengths must be no higher than 2" above the knee (approximately even with fingertips when arms extended down.)
- Footwear: Closed toe shoes/boots with heel strap or enclosed heel are required in and around ALL animal areas.
    - Boots are required when on or around the horses
    - No riding in Fat Babies or Romeos. Romeos are allowed on the ground.
    - No tennis shoes, hey dudes, Ariat shoes or anything alike, sandals, ect allowed in the barn.

Leaders:

- The fair is a busy time for Superintendents. New leaders should seek help from other leaders at the fair and are encouraged to attend Horse Advisory/Leaders Council to receive information and have questions answered prior.
- Leaders must make sure their members are aware of what will be expected of them and their horse at the fair. If safety concerns arise the horse may be sent home.
- Fair is not the place to make changes to the program. Please bring concerns and ideas for improvements to Horse Advisory or Leaders Council.
- Leaders are responsible to make sure there are enough volunteers for the events your group is assigned to.

Horse Barn Rules:

- All exhibitors must stay for the duration of the fair.
- No riding of horses outside of the arena. Dismount before exiting the gate and mount when you are in the arena.
- Exhibitors must politely accept stalls as assigned by the Superintendents. Please be respectful as assigning stalls is a tough job.
- All horses in the barn must be available for groom squad and judging. Exception made only by Superintendents.
- Horses displaying aggression in the stall will need to be muzzled or taken home.
- Horses who kick must wear a red ribbon in their tail. Horses who bite must wear a red ribbon in their forelock.

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- No abuse or harsh treatment of animals
- Arena:
    - Horses must have a bridal or halter and lead on in the arena at all times.
    - All exhibitors must wear a properly fitted AST-SEI equestrian approved helmet when riding.
    - No riding double or in halters, horse blankets or sleazies.
    - No riding other exhibitors horses unless during a judging class.
    - During free ride a leader or adult assistant must be present in the arena/grandstands to supervise
    - No ear buds or phones while in the arena
- Stalls:
    - Only exhibitors allowed in the stalls
    - Horses may be left saddled between events if the exhibitor is present at the stalls. DO NOT LEAVE SADDLED HORSES UNATTENDED.
    - Tack rooms are off limits to everyone except club members, leaders, parents and adult assistants.
    - Tack and groom only in the stall – not in the aisle
    - Do not tie horses to stall panels, gates or fences
    - A halter with attached lead rope must be on the front of the stall at all times.
- Barn:
    - Do not block walkways in or in front of the barn. Keep aisles open and free of clutter
    - LOUDLY announce “HORSE COMING THROUGH” WHENEVER MOVING A HORSE THROUGHT HE BARN. Be considerate and conscientious of the public who are at the fair to enjoy your hospitality.
    - No ear buds or phones while on herdsmanship
- All classes will be conducted according to the most recent version of the **WSU 4-H Equine Program Rule Book**.
- **WSU 4-H Equine Program Rule Book** rules will apply unless stated otherwise in our county rules.
- The decisions of all judges are final. No exceptions.
- Exhibitors must be able to control the horse on the ground before entering any class.

Parent Rules:

- No coaching of exhibitors will be allowed during classes. This includes gaming events. You may encourage but not yell advice.
- Show ring is off limits to everyone except working show personnel.
- Only exhibitors will participate in Herdsmanship.
- Stalls are off limits to parents unless approved by the Superintendent.

4-H Code of Conduct:

- As a 4-H member or volunteer you are expected to conduct yourself in a manner that reflects well on 4-H, your club, and yourself.
- Members and volunteers will dress appropriately
- Members and volunteers will demonstrate respect, consideration and courtesy to each other, all adults, all animals and the public.
- Members and volunteers will respect the property, displays and equipment of others.
- Members and volunteers will abide by 4-H National, State and Skamania County 4-H rules and policies.
- Language must be appropriate, swearing is not considered appropriate.
- Possession or use of alcohol, drugs or any controlled substance (other than medical prescription) is strictly prohibited.
- 4-H members may not use tobacco products at any time while representing 4-H.

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Any 4-H exhibitor and/or parent found in violation of the horse barn rules or engaging in behavior unethical or unfavorable to the 4-H program will be penalized by forfeiture of all premiums, prizes, ribbons, awards, and/or any privileges deemed appropriate to the circumstances. This can include dismissal from the Fair Grounds.

By signing below you have read, understood and agree to all above and 4-H Rule Book.

4-H Exhibitor: _____Date:_____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Leader: _____ Date: _____