

SAFETY

- ▶ If your horse is a kicker or might kick, tie a red ribbon to its tail. That will not affect the judging but may save a person or horse from injury.
- ▶ Always be conscious of the horses around you. Some horses don't mind crowding and others do. If your horse becomes anxious and doesn't want to stand still, take it a little way away from the crowd.
- ▶ IN THE HALTER CLASSES If the child showing the horse is young/small and the horse is not nice and quiet, plan on an adult going into the arena with the child for safety. The only reason the adult is in the class is for added safety in case of emergency. We will also have designated staff in the arena to help maintain a safe show environment.
- ▶ IN THE HALTER CLASSES In the lineup leave plenty of room between your horse and the one you set up next to or behind. Plenty of room = 8 to 10 feet at least.
- ▶ Questions – show management - need to be presented to the Horseshow Superintendent, Dan Toombs.
- ▶ Personal safety – check your tack before each class to be sure the saddle is properly tightened and nothing has broken or come apart.
- ▶ Question about a class – Before the class enters the arena, signal the ring steward who will either ask the judge for you and bring the answer or will bring the judge over to talk to you.

2015 SAFETY GREEN BADGE WORKERS

In 2014 there were problems with riders causing hazardous conditions for the workers. We have given certain horseshow staff GREEN BADGE AUTHORITY described below.

AUTHORITY This person is responsible for keeping eyes on horses and riders and assuring that conditions remain as safe as possible for both riders and people on foot. He/she has the authority to speak to the person involved, point out the situation and ask that they change to bring things under control. If the exhibitor is not responsive to suggestion or deemed unable to handle the horse so other exhibitors and people on foot will be safe, the GREEN BADGE will ask the exhibitor to dismount to wait for their classes and tell them that remains in effect through the remainder of the show.

Experience for this authority will be determined by the Superintendent and reflected by the staffers with a **green badge**.

2015 WALK ONLY AREAS From the announcer stand to the North end of the grounds it is designated WALK ONLY. This is for the safety of the people on foot as well as mounted riders. Those who violate the 'speed limit' in the designated walk areas will only be allowed in there on foot for the remainder of the day.

IF YOUR HORSE KICKS OR MAY KICK it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to keep space between your horse and other horses or people.

SAFETY – PADDOCK The paddock is the place that exhibitors and horses wait to go into the arena. Each person in this area needs to be aware of safety for themselves and others. We do have family members milling around and even kids in strollers. Although show management feels this is not appropriate we can't stop it so we ask that exhibitors assume safety for those around them. Any horse that doesn't stand well or accept crowding should be waiting in a spacious spot at the edge of the area.

- ▶ We plan to have a designated staff member in this area helping with safety. He/she has the authority to deal with any unsafe conditions immediately.
- ▶ Exhibitors – pay attention to people in the area that are on foot.
- ▶ Keep horses under control at all times. If you need help doing this, ask for it.
- ▶ Respect space between your horse and other horses.
- ▶ People on foot – this is not a good area to be hanging out. Show management strongly recommends that small children without an adult attached and children in strollers not be in this area for your safety.

- ▶ DO NOT TIE HORSES on the arena fence. You may use the pens in the back if you need a place to leave the horse for a while.

HORSES WILL NOT BE RIDDEN/TAKEN ONTO MAIN FAIR GROUNDS FOR ANY REASON If a person does this he/she will forfeit any awards and premiums won to that point and will not be allowed to compete in any more classes. This includes family members and friends of the exhibitor. ONLY EXCEPTION – HALTER CHAMPIONS WITH GROUNDS PASS. Pick up your pass from show manager.