

WC4HHA Etiquette Rules

(Rev.2009)

Developed & Created by WC4HHA Youth Board
Approved & Supported by WC4HHA Adult & Youth Board

General Etiquette

- ♣ Whenever in the ring, wear a helmet.
- ♣ When in doubt, wear a helmet.
- ♣ When someone falls off their horse, dismount & pull the reins over the head.
- ♣ Pass left shoulder to left shoulder in warm up.
- ♣ Remain alert when handling livestock at all times – “no sitting while grazing”.
- ♣ Boots around all horse activities.
- ♣ Horses don't go to office – don't ride to office overhang.

Riding Etiquette

- ♣ No stopping to talk in the warm up ring.
- ♣ Wait until the horse in front of you enters the ring and gets to the corner.
- ♣ Horse length in between and all around you while riding.
- ♣ Keep entrance to area by gate clear (we are putting up cones to make an alley).
- ♣ “Elevator rule” – yield to exiting horses while entering.

Spectator Etiquette

- ♣ Spectators/Fair Goers – stay off the rail.
- ♣ No Coaching from the rail.

Attire Etiquette

- ♣ One must present themselves and their horse with appropriate attire at all times.
- ♣ While using rings, you are considered to be presenting and representing Waukesha County. Please Respect the following guidelines:
 - Capped Sleeves (no spaghetti straps, tank tops but show wear is acceptable)
 - Helmet
 - Boots with a heel (riding boots)
 - Pants while in the ring

WC4HHA Safety Rules Update – 6/1/10

One major goal of the WC4HHA is to maintain a safe horse show environment while also supporting the development of 4-H member skills with riding and horse/pony care and management. In order to balance the needs of all 4-H'ers and their families, the following rules have been revised and added:

1. A parent or responsible adult can come to the immediate aid of any 4-H'er who is in an unsafe situation with their horse/pony that may potentially harm themselves or others around them.
2. A parent or responsible adult can **assist** with lounging a horse/pony at their discretion while the 4-H'er is within the immediate area.
3. If any horse/pony is determined to be unsafe to ride, the 4-H'er **and** parent **must** approach 2 WC4HHA Board members to request permission for an adult to ride/school horse/pony on the grounds. When the adult begins to ride, the 4-H'er then forfeits the right to compete the rest of that day.
4. Any horse/pony acting in an unsafe manner may be excused from the ring and from showing the rest of that day.
5. During the show, please do not bring horse trailers through the gravel area between Rings 1 and 2 , or load horses next to the Barn during the show. Please lead horses to parked trailers to load, until the end of the show.