

Adult's Code of Conduct

While at El Dorado County Fairgrounds

As the parent, guardian, leader or advisor of an animal exhibitor in the El Dorado County Fair Open Schooling Horse Show, or as an adult participant:

My child and/or myself should demonstrate his or her ability, knowledge, and skill as a feeder, fitter, rider and show person of a show animal

I will ensure that I and/or my child follow the competition rules, and do not use abusive, questionable, or unethical techniques in the feeding, caring, fitting, or showing of any animals. I will ensure that I and/or my child do not resort to fraudulent, illegal, or deceptive practices while fitting, preparing, or participating in the animal for show and will follow withdrawal protocol.

I realize that myself and/or my child are responsible for:

- The proper care and humane treatment of animals before, during, and after the show.

I will conduct myself at all times to be a credit to myself and/or my child's organization, chapter, club, school, community, and family. I will **follow proper procedures and the chain of command if there is a conflict.**

I will not post negative comments or conflict on social media.

I am aware that **responsible alcohol use** is allowed on the fairgrounds and I will limit my use of alcohol so that I set a proper example for my child and the children of others around me. I shall ensure that other adults are equally responsible in the use of alcohol around my child. I shall not use any drugs that are considered illegal at the federal, state, or local level while on the fairgrounds.

I understand that direct criticism or **interference with the judge, fair or show management, other exhibitors**, breed representatives, or **show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited**. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, show management or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect. I will not allow any person connected with my and/or my child's project to direct abusive or threatening conduct toward any show official.

I understand and agree that **if I**, my child, my child's supervisor, trainer, leader, or any other adult or minor connected with my child's project or animal(s) **break the rules**, and/or violate the Adult Code of Conduct, I will accept the final decision of the Fair Management regarding the disqualification of my child and or the animal, the loss of prizes, forfeiture of accumulated points, loss of future eligibility, and forfeiture of any award(s).

In the event I (adult, trainer, parent, or guardian) feel in any way that their child/student/exhibitor has been unfairly treated or judged, or that others are not following the rules or this code of conduct, a written complaint may be filed with the CEO of El Dorado County Fair Association within 10 days of the show, with specific instances of abuse/unfairness or unprofessional treatment. Independent, professional opinions by the judge do not constitute unfair treatment. Show management enforcing the rules does not constitute unfair treatment. Any complaint filed will be investigated.

I accept that **these entries are subject to the rules** and regulations as published by the American Quarter Horse Association. I further declare that all statements made in connection with my child's entries are true.

Exhibitor's Name (Printed) _____

Signature of Parents, Guardians, Trainers

_____ Date: _____

_____ Date: _____

_____ Date: _____

_____ Date: _____

_____ Date: _____

This document must be signed by:

*All parents, guardians, and trainers, of any child or adult entering an animal in the El Dorado County Open Schooling Shows.