

## **DOUGLAS COUNTY 4-H CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS**

Douglas County 4-H members/exhibitors are expected to conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship at all times. As these are public displays of not only husbandry and handling skills but also personal character and discipline, the behavior of members/exhibitors, as well as that of parents and leaders, is expected to reflect the highest standards of integrity and professionalism at all times.

Members/exhibitors who violate the Code of Show Ring Ethics may forfeit premiums and/or awards and may be prohibited from participation in future 4-H activities.

Members/exhibitor will, at a minimum, adhere to the following:

1. All judges, show officials and staff shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening language or conduct toward any show official. Persons failing to show proper courtesy to judges or officials may be removed from the show area, and if an exhibitor, may be immediately disqualified from the show.
2. All members/exhibitors must be prepared to present, upon request of show officials, proof of ownership/lease, length of ownership/lease and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of any facts requested by show officials is prohibited.
3. Members/exhibitors must be prepared to provide animal health certificates from a licensed veterinarian if requested in advance by show officials or if an exhibitor's animal is found to be in questionable health upon arrival at the show.
4. Members/exhibitors are expected to care for, groom and prepare their animals themselves while at 4-H events and shows. 4-H leaders, immediate family members, and Douglas County 4-H members/exhibitors participating in the show may help members/exhibitors needing assistance but must not do the primary work.
  - a. Please note during Junior Exhibitor Shows at the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo, the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo rules shall apply and reads as follows: "Junior Division Exhibitors may receive assistance from immediate family members or other Junior Division Exhibitors in good standing in Douglas County. An immediate family member is defined as the Junior Exhibitor's siblings, parents and/or legal guardian. Or other persons approved 24 hours prior to the show by three members minimum of the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Management." For the full Competition Rules for the Douglas County Fair and Rodeo please click here: [www.FairAndRodeoFun.com](http://www.FairAndRodeoFun.com)
5. Animals shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal and state regulation label and/or by the direct instruction of a supervising veterinarian. Animals shall not be allowed to be exhibited if the drug(s) administered affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.
6. No member/exhibitor shall conspire to intentionally violate this Code of Show Ring Ethics or knowingly cooperate with another party intending to violate this Code of Show Ring Ethics, either by supportive action or by deliberate refusal to intervene.
7. By entering in a Douglas County 4-H event the member/exhibitor verifies that he or she has read the Douglas County 4-H Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of actions prohibited by the code. The member/exhibitor furthermore gives consent to have disciplinary action taken by show officials for violation of the Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the show without recourse against the show, show officials, Colorado State University, CSU Extension or the 4-H Program in Douglas County.

# Douglas County 4-H Code of Show Ring Ethics 2022-2023

Douglas County 4-H Horse Project Guide/Rules

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Colorado 4-H State Horse Show Rules

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the Douglas County 4-H Horse Project Guide/Rules, Douglas County 4-H Code of Show Ring Ethics, and the Colorado 4-H State Horse Show Rules. Additionally, I understand I will also be held to the rules outlined in the Douglas County Fair and Rodeo Junior Exhibitor Competition Rules during the Douglas County Fair and Rodeo. I understand I will be held to these rules and standards prior to entering the event. I agree and consent to abide by these rules of competition. I understand that if I do not sign this form, I will not be eligible to participate at Douglas County 4-H events, competitions, and community events at Douglas County Fair & Rodeo.

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Member's Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date Signed

This form must be signed and returned to the Extension office by **May 15<sup>th</sup>**

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