

## DEPARTMENT K – JUNIOR LIVESTOCK 4-H & FFA HORSE RULES AND REGULATIONS 2020

ALL GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS AS SPECIFIED BY THE GILA COUNTY FAIR APPLY. Please read them carefully.

**Dog and Horse Entries are due at the regular entry time, September 16, 2020.**

### 1. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Only Gila County 4-H and FFA members in good standing may enter this division. Members may enter only those animals which have been used as their 4-H or FFA project for the current year. Dog and horse Exhibitors are encouraged but not required to take the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) class.

### 2. RESPONSIBILITY

Horses must be entered under owner's name. Exhibitor if different should be noted. There will be no riding double in the horse show or fairgrounds. No running horses around the livestock and barn area. Any horse or Exhibitor causing a disturbance will be excused from performing. The Judge's decision is final. Western tack is required in western classes. The Fair Committee and/or Horse Superintendent reserves the right to combine or cancel classes with less than three entries. Exhibitors must enter one division only. Spotters will be in arena for walk trot. Lots may be combined when entries are less than three for competition at the discretion of the Judge or Superintendent. No premium monies are paid for the Showmanship classes.

Official Dress for the respective organizations will be required for all shows.

- Official 4-H Dress - A buttoned up, collared long sleeve shirt, of the appropriate 4-H colors of solid green, solid white, or a mix of green and white. No third color mix or additional colors are allowed. Long pants or knee length to longer skirt (dark color - blue or black jeans), belt, boots or closed toed shoes and green neckwear (tie, ribbon or scarf).
- Official FFA Field Dress- Official FFA Jacket, white collared button-down shirt, black or dark blue jeans, belt, closed toed shoes or boots, official tie or scarf.

### 3. PROTECTIVE GEAR

As of January 1, 2015, Arizona 4-H requires that an industry approved ASTM/SEI equestrian helmet be worn by all Arizona 4- H members when they are mounted on a horse and participating in an Arizona 4- H horse event/activity/ project meeting. The harness must be secured and properly fitted. Any rider violating this rule at any time will be immediately prohibited from further riding until such headgear with a three-point harness is properly in place. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian of the youth exhibitor to see to it that the headgear worn complies with the appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, is properly fitted, and in good condition. An approved helmet is one that carries the approval stamp of the United States Pony Club (USPC) Safety Committee or any other recognized authority that establishes standards of safety for protective headgear. An approved helmet must be worn by Exhibitors while in the show ring, staging areas or

practice arenas or whenever they are **mounted** on a horse. Gatekeepers will check before allowing competitors to enter the arena. Refusal to wear a helmet is an automatic disqualification from an event.

Other causes for disqualification of exhibitors are:

- a) Whipping, batting or spurring in front of the cinch, except for proper use of English crops or bats.
- b) Unnecessary roughness or abuse of animals.
- c) Unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of exhibitor, parent or leader.
- d) Disrespectful behavior or abusive language on part of the exhibitor, the exhibitor's parents, or leader.
  - First Offense: Disqualification from the Class
  - Second Offense: Disqualification from the Show

The Gila County Fair will follow the rules and regulations of the State Arizona 4-H Horse Show Rules.

Please read and visit the website to see the complete rules and regulations at:

[https://extension.arizona.edu/sites/extension.arizona.edu/files/attachment/ARIZONA%20HORSE%20PROJECT%20STATE%20RULEBOOK%20Final\\_2.pdf](https://extension.arizona.edu/sites/extension.arizona.edu/files/attachment/ARIZONA%20HORSE%20PROJECT%20STATE%20RULEBOOK%20Final_2.pdf)