



BC Agricultural Expo

September 24-27, 2021
North Thompson Agriplex
Barriere, BC



RULES AND REGULATIONS – HORSE DIVISION

1. All 4-H Horse Club Members participating in BC Ag Expo must have their horses in the barn before 8:00 PM on the Thursday evening of the fair.
2. Each exhibitor is responsible for cleaning his/her stall at the end of the show.
3. There will be an entry fee per member for the 4-H Events and additional entry fees for the Horse Show. **GST# 77836 2723**
4. After the Closing Date of Entries, a horse entered that is not exhibited for whatever reason the refund policy requires a veterinarian certificate to be received 2 days prior to the start of the competition to receive a refund as follows; 50% of all class fees and stabling paid on entry will be refunded by check and mailed to the competitor. No refunds will be issued without receipt of a veterinarian or medical doctor certificate after the closing date and prior to the start of the competition.
5. All 4-H Horse Club members must use their achievement project in order to participate in the BC Ag Expo.
6. In order to qualify for Club Aggregate at BC Ag Expo, each horse clubs should have club members:
 - a. Participate in Horse Judging
 - b. Participate in Horse Showmanship
 - c. Participate in Equitation
 - d. Participate in his/her level Assessments.
 - e. Round Robin
 - f. Showing and Fitting

****Amendments can be made at the discretion of the Horse Rep, to be considered with regards to safety of members****

7. Each exhibitor shall be responsible for having his or her animal ready when a class is called. Times listed are tentative and can change with the discretion of the Horse Rep.
8. ***All animals entered at BC Ag Expo may be used for judging classes and for Round Robin Competition. This is a condition of entry. NO EXCEPTIONS, unless authorized by the Horse Rep*** – If the owner, leader or club representative is not present at the stall area, the Division Rep/Round Robin Committee has the right to safely remove the animal from its stall for the purpose of Round Robin or Judging Competitions.

9. *A Reminder that the horses used for Round Robin will be the **top 4 placings** from the Showmanship finals in each age division: Junior, Intermediate, & Senior. Any substitutions must go through the Horse Rep and one other "A" leader.*
10. No exhibitor may talk to the Judge during the judging of a class, unless asked a specific question by the Judge.
11. All decisions on these rules shall be made by the BC Ag Expo Grievance Committee and shall be considered final.
12. All Dress, Tack & Equipment requirements will be as per the most current HCBC rule book.
13. It is mandatory for every club entered in BC Ag Expo to enter one team in their division's Show & Fitting provided they have an eligible member, (Senior over 13 yrs. of age regardless of JR. Proficiency) and these Show & Fitting points will count towards Club Aggregate points.
14. Each horse club entered must provide two volunteers (parents) to help as needed, with the events at BC Ag Expo. Names to be submitted with entries.
15. The 4-H & Youth Open Schooling Horse Show will follow BC 4-H rules. Where rules don't exist please refer to the Horse Council British Columbia Rule Book. Any rules that may be unclear can be brought to the attention of the BC Ag Expo Horse Rep. Where there is a discrepancy the BC Ag Expo Horse Rep and show committee's, decision is final.
16. ***Level Assessments (Publication number 1011 & 1012)**

The Horsemanship Assessment Books- Levels 1-3 & 4-7 are to give you a better idea of where you need to work with your horse for the project year. Regardless of your age and experience, you should work through these tools from the start. New members and experienced riders alike should make certain that all of the listed skills have been mastered.

The levels have been set up to ensure safety for the horse and rider and to build a strong foundation for your future in riding, wherever it may take you.

All members should be prepared to do a pattern based on the elements set out by BC 4-H Horse Project - Horsemanship Assessments -Mounted Skills (Levels 1-7). When you register, you will circle the level that best suites horse and rider. Pattern may be different from the pattern in the assessment manual but will include all skills related to the level you chose.

Level 6- will be evaluated on a pattern created by the BC Ag Expo Horse rep. This pattern will include all elements of levels 1-6. Members may enter this level once they have been evaluated and signed off from levels 1-5 at club level.

Level 7 - member will be evaluated as a Coach. Assisting a younger member through a 20-30 min riding lesson. The lesson must be instructed from the foundation set out by the Horsemanship Assessment Books- Levels 1-5. A short pattern will be given to the rider from the coach in the last 5 min of the evaluation. ** This level can ONLY be entered if you have passed level 6 with an 80% or greater at previous years BC Ag Expo.

17. No dismantling of stalls prior to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. If stalls are dismantled, the offending club will be fined \$100.00.

Please make sure you share these rules with all club members and families!