

## Navajo County Horse Achievement Committee (HAC) General Rules

In addition to the Navajo County Fair, 4-H, and Arizona State 4-H Horse Show Rules 2009-2011, the following specific rules shall apply to all HAC members as approved on April 14, 2011.

1. Each exhibitor must be an active, bona fide member of 4-H. (State rule pg. 3, #2). They must reside in Navajo County, or be a member in good standing of a Navajo County 4H club. The Navajo County HAC will be responsible for administering this rule. All current HAC members must be enrolled through 4-H office before the 4-H January deadline. Any new 4H members or clubs must be enrolled by April 1.
2. (State rule pg. 3, #6) To show a Horse, an exhibitor must be 9 years old by January 1<sup>st</sup>, of the project year.
3. All exhibitors must have a horse identification page (to be provided), turned in by June 1<sup>st</sup>. This page must be filled out, including attached pictures of the horse showing the front, left side, and right side of the horse. Any possible horse must be turned in as a project horse. These pages will not be returned, but will be kept on file by HAC and the fair board. In the event that a horse cannot participate in the fair, it is the participant's responsibility to bring this to HAC's attention within 48 hours of the complication. At this time HAC will determine possible solutions.
4. The exhibitor must have owned, purchased, or signed a lease agreement 90 days prior to the county fair. This lease agreement must be included with the horse ID page turned in by June 1st. The exhibitor must be able to exercise reasonable control over all project animals. Any exhibitor/horse not meeting these standards will be removed from the event and will be unable to compete.
5. Sharing of horses will only be allowed by members of the same family as stated in the State Rule #8 of the Arizona State 4-H Rulebook. Any sharing of horses must be included in the registration of horses and riders within the Horse ID page.
6. Other requirements for participating in the Navajo County Fair:
  - a. Participants must attend nine (9) project meetings
  - b. Participants must present a 4-H Demonstration on any 4-H project.
  - c. Participants must have their record book up to date and turn the record book in by a date determined by HAC at least 2 weeks prior to the first date of the Navajo County Fair. If the record book is incomplete and not made current, the participant will be excluded from exhibiting at the Navajo County Fair.
  - d. The Code of Conduct must be signed by each leader and youth participating in the fair by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

7. The Fair Board Committee member and/or the superintendant of the show will contact and discuss any issues or questions prior to or during the fair that come up with the judge.
8. All exhibitors are required to show in the Showmanship (halter) class in order to compete in any other class or classes.
9. All members, leaders, and parents will sign an agreement indicating they have received a copy of the HAC General Rule and agree to abide by them. The parent is responsible for knowing the AZ State Fair 4H Horse Show Rulebook 2009-2011. The Club Leaders are responsible to have a signed copy of this agreement for every exhibitor in their club to HAC by June 1<sup>st</sup>.
10. All Horse exhibitors will be given three numbers to be worn when exhibiting. One must be worn on the exhibitors back; the second number must be worn on the Left side of the horse and the third number must be worn on the Right side of the horse during all classes.
11. Exhibitors with horses that are known to kick will need to tie a red ribbon on the horse's tail as a warning to other exhibitors, to prevent injury to horses and/or riders.
12. All exhibitors are to conduct themselves consistent with the standards of 4-H. This includes proper manner and dress in all classes. English Attire (State Rule pg 9, #3) Western Attire (State Rule pg. 15, #2) all exhibitors, parents, and others having contact with horse must wear close-toed shoes at all times when around horses. (State rule pg. 4, #31) The purpose of the dress code is to provide safety for those coming into contact with the horse. Any gross violations of this standard, as interpreted by the HAC chairman may be grounds for expulsion of the exhibitor and forfeiture of all awards and premiums.
13. Inappropriate language or conduct by exhibitors or parents is prohibited, and may be grounds for disqualification or expulsion.
14. Exhibitors can only participate in the events they signed up for on their entry forms. Exhibitors may not add classes on the day of the fair.
15. The order of classes will be posted at least one (1) hour prior to show.
16. (State rule pg. 3, #17) Each class will be called at least one time prior to entering the show ring and then the gate will be closed after the 2 minute call, unless the gateman has been notified of a tack, equipment, or clothing change.
17. Separate High Point awards will be given in Western Judged Events, English Judged Events, Roping/Ranch Activities, and Timed Events for Pee Wee, Junior, and Senior Exhibitors.

18. Points will be awarded according to class size and place in class.
  - a. For example:
    1. Classes with 4 or more competitors will be awarded 4 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place, 3 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 2 points for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, and 1 point for 4<sup>th</sup> place.
    2. Classes with 3 competitors will be awarded 3 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place, 2 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and 1 point for 3<sup>rd</sup> place and so on.
    3. In the case of a tie, the judge will determine the tie-breaker.
19. (State rule pg. 4, #19) Exhibitors must prepare their own animals without assistance, except in holding, leading, loading, or where there is a question of safety, i.e., small children cannot reach.
20. Two separate gates will be designated as entrance and exit gates to speed up entering and leaving classes and timed events.
21. (State rule pg. 4, #20) From the time the horse enters the grounds, no trainer or person other than the 4-h exhibitor may ride the horse and/or assist the exhibitor. This rule does not apply to co-contestant in team roping.
22. Coaching from the rail is prohibited during judged classes. The person coaching will be given one warning. After that, removal from the arena area will be mandatory, either to the grandstands or the parking lot as determined by the Fair committee member.
23. All decisions of the judges are final. (State rule pg. 5, #4) Judges will render no award when, in their opinion, an exhibitor or an animal is not worthy of such award. Any protest must be made upon completion of the class competition to the HAC chair and followed-up in writing within one hour. The written protest must be submitted to the HAC chair. The protest determination must be completed on the day of the show while the judge is present. A \$10 fee must accompany the written protest.
24. NO ONE, other the owner of the horse is to touch or feed animals that do not belong to them without permission of the owner.
25. (State rule pg. 4, #29) The use of drugs in horses participating in the State 4-H Horse Show is prohibited unless the drugs are prescribed, for therapeutic reasons, by a licensed veterinarian and do not pose a safety hazard. Violations of this rule may result in disqualification from the show or the revocation of awards and placings.
26. Consumption of alcohol or the use of tobacco and/or illegal drugs on the premises will result in automatic disqualification of the exhibitor.

27. Willful violation of the rules will be subject to disciplinary action, including the refusal of entries or the removal of entries at this and subsequent fairs.

The state rulebook can be downloaded at  
[http://cals.arizona.edu/4-h/pdf/az\\_horse\\_show.pdf](http://cals.arizona.edu/4-h/pdf/az_horse_show.pdf)

[www.navajocountyfair.org](http://www.navajocountyfair.org)

Participant Agreement Form

Please return this sheet to your 4-H leader or a member of HAC.

I \_\_\_\_\_ have read and agree to abide by the HAC general  
(Participant's Name)

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Due to HAC by June 1<sup>st</sup>

Parent Agreement Form

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Leader Agreement Form

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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