

WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL 4-H LIGHT HORSE SHOW

June 1, 2 & 3, 2012

What do I need to know?

WELCOME to the Annual West Central Regional 4-H Light Horse Show. This is a fun show that allows you another opportunity to compete with your 4-H project. We hope you will take the time to meet new friends and get reacquainted with old ones. Good sportsmanship, horsemanship, honesty, and having fun is what you need for a great show! *This is just a summary of the rules related to the running of the show, but please make sure you read them so you are informed of changes and of the existing rules. See your Leader for a complete set of the show rules.*

This year's show committee consists of:

Chairman: Lori Sierpinski - Crestemere Multi Club

Vice-Chairman:

Secretary: Christina Robinson, Ponoka Renegade Riders

Treasurer: Vicki Lattery – Bits and Spurs

Show Secretary: Lori Stuart – Noble Riders

4-H Regional Specialist: Janet Kerr – Stettler

Before You Come to the Show:

1. The facility we are using is a multi-purpose facility and we are not the only event happening. This is not a training show. There will be many distractions around the areas where your horse will be, such as tractors, vehicles, golf carts, ATV's, large crowds and other horses. Your horse should be familiar with the show atmosphere and all these things. For yours and others safety, **do not** bring a horse that is not familiar with this kind of atmosphere.
2. Please make sure you have checked with your club Leader regarding the classes you are entering and if your tack is legal. The classes you enter must all be at the same level and must be the one you are working on or the one you just passed. ***You cannot go down in levels from the previous year even if you have switched horses..***
3. You should be familiar with our rulebook before you come to the show. We have made many revisions this year, so, please ask your leader for a copy of the complete rules if you do not have one. **Bring your patience, understanding and cooperation. Be prepared to volunteer for any needed jobs. Above all:** Remember the show is run by volunteers who have put in many, many hours to make this show run smoothly and to make it a memorable experience for all the members competing.
4. If you do happen to have any legitimate concerns or grievances please bring them, in writing, to the show office with a \$50 deposit that will be returned if the grievance committee is in agreement with your concern.
5. You are welcome and encouraged to come to the show and cheer on and support your fellow members if you are not competing.

Facilities:

Other than the stalling, these wonderful facilities are provided to us by the Westerner at no charge. It is our responsibility to take care of them and treat them as if they were our own. Please make sure the Westerner staff knows we appreciate them. Pick up any garbage you see and make sure you use the bins provided.

1. **Do not arrive before 6 pm on Thursday.** Stalls will only be available **after 6 p.m.** on May 31st and only if you have paid for the extra day. Stalls will be available for all other competitors on Friday morning. Stall assignments will be drawn up and will be posted in each barn and at the show office. Do not use stalls unless they are assigned to you. We are charged for all used stalls including tack stalls. The Westerner counts them every night. If you bring a horse for the day only, please stable or tie your horse to your trailer.
2. **Riding or use of any of the rings on Thursday is strictly forbidden. No riding or lunging on the track at any time. There is no supervision or radios and the Westerner and show committee are trying to get the rings ready.**
3. **Warm-up Rings: Absolutely no riding outside of designated times. This is for your safety and for liability.**

There will be two warm-up rings available, one will be for levels 1-3 and the other for level 4-7. Do not expect to be able to ride in the warm-up rings if you do not have a class coming up within the

next hour. For the safety of all riders, the amount of riders in the ring at one time will be limited to a reasonable number and only those in upcoming classes will be allowed. You must wear your number at all times in the ring and have an adult present who is responsible for you. No adults may ride a member's horse without written permission from the show executive.

4. Please bring an old halter and lead rope to hang on your stall door. In case of an emergency someone can quickly catch your horse. Also fill in the Emergency Info Sheet given out with your numbers at the show and post on your stall door.
5. **Limited Shavings** will be provided. Please be reasonable on the amount of shavings you use, there needs to be enough for everyone. (6" is acceptable, a foot deep is not) You may bring your own bedding (straw or shavings acceptable) if you require extra.
6. **Stalls and Tack stalls** may be provided for each club for a fee of \$15.00 each. **Do not request individual tack stalls. Due to some previous problems, it is highly recommended that you find a way to secure these stalls when no one is around. (i.e. Chains and locks)** Even though there is security, they cannot be everywhere at once and leaving your tack unattended is at your own risk.

It is each club's responsibility to make sure that all the stalls they were assigned are cleaned out into the center of the alley after the show is over. **As we are charged extra by the Westerner for stalls not properly cleaned, Clubs will be fined for any dirty stalls left behind.** If you are leaving early, please haul your manure and shavings into the back bins. When filling the bin, please haul the manure to the very back of the bin!!

Each club is to bring their own forks, brooms and wheelbarrows. It is a good idea to have your name on everything you bring.

7. **Wash racks** available after 6 p.m. on Thursday for those competing on Friday. Please bring your own hose and appropriate grooming supplies. **An adult must be present at the wash racks in case of problems.** NO WATER FIGHTS WHILE WASHING YOUR HORSE!!! No open toed shoes in the wash racks. Proper footwear must be worn at all times around the horses.
8. NO setting up of tents or trailers on the grass. **Horses must be kept off the grass!**
9. Any areas other than the arenas (at designated times), barns and public areas are out of bounds. (ie. Dirt sheds). For their safety, please keep your children out of Westerner storage areas.

Parking:

1. As the show is becoming larger each year please try to park as close as possible to allow enough space for everyone. **Park in designated spaces only. Do not park in fire lanes or long trailers where others cannot get by or where it is too crowded. Space is limited around some barns and we need to cooperate with each other. Cooperation with the person(s) in charge of parking is essential as parking in the wrong places will result in the Fire Marshall shutting our show down.**
2. The Westerner has implemented a parking fee for most events at the Westerner. They will be providing us with passes for the weekend if they have a paid parking policy in effect for that weekend. Make sure you apply for the number you need on your forms. A \$3.00/day or \$5.00/weekend fee will be charged for any vehicles without a pass.

Trade Fair:

1. A professional photographer will be available to take group, individual or action shots.
2. Please try to support the vendors who have taken the time to come to our show and support us

Duties:

1. Every club will be required to take a turn working at the hitching ring, trail ring, warm-up rings, ribbon presentations and show office. Please check at show office or your program for times. As well, a schedule will be sent to your club ahead of time and will be included in your club package. Please wear the name tags included in your packages with your times on it, so that we know who the volunteer is.
2. **Each club will be fined \$100.00 for non-show of assigned show duties and stall clean-out. Any club that misses two or more jobs will be charged. This must be paid before participation in any subsequent regional 4-H shows. It is your responsibility to find a replacement if for some reason your club is unable to fulfill a duty.** Some clubs have hired or found volunteers to do their duties. It does not matter who does them as long as a responsible adult does.

Safety issues:

1. We know there is a big distance between camping and the venues, but roller blades, skateboards, bikes or wheeled toys of any kind, as well as motorized bikes (ATV's etc) are not allowed, unless prior permission is obtained from the show committee. There will be ATVs, utility vehicles, tractors and golf carts around the areas where the horses are. These are necessary vehicles to run the show and your horses need to be used to them. **For your safety and others, do not bring a horse that has never been around these things.**
2. If your horse has ever kicked or there is a possibility that it may, it must have a red ribbon tied in their tail at all times. This is for your safety as well as others.

Judging:

The Judges' decision is final. The only way the committee will overrule the judge is if he/she is clearly judging against our rules. i.e. disqualifying members for wearing a breast collar in a western class when it is perfectly legal. It doesn't matter if you don't agree with the judge or if you see things happen that should mark someone down, or disqualify them, it is totally up to the judge and what they see. Disagreeing with them is not a legitimate grievance. We work very hard to find judges who are good and fair. If you strongly disagree with the way a judge is performing, please put it into writing with your reasons and we will keep it in mind when booking judges for a future year.

Classes:

1. Please see the updated RULEBOOK for specific information on class rules and guidelines.
2. Trail classes: Entries may be limited due to scheduling and limited spaces. Previous Trail experience is recommended. You may wear western or English attire to do trail class, but preference will be given to western.
3. We will have each group do the Horsemanship and Pleasure classes back to back to eliminate congestion in the hitching ring and to move the show along quicker. (see class lists) Patterns will be included in your club packages at the show and will also be posted. If there is a conflict with your trail and reining classes and the horsemanship class, priority should be given to the group classes. We can hold your place at the trail and reining patterns but not at the horsemanship/pleasure classes.
4. Delsey derby and matched pairs may be partnered junior-senior but your partner must be from a different club. It may be ridden western or English but please wear only one back number per pair. Post entries accepted. Remember, this is a fun class to get to know different kids and horses. For matched pairs, try to find a horse similar to yours. Good Luck!!!
5. ASTM or SEI approved hard hats must be worn for **all** classes as well as in the warm up ring. It is your responsibility to bring your own helmet.
6. There will be a tack steward at the hitching rings to check for proper attire and tack. Please do not argue with this tack steward. Remember they are a volunteer and they are not only there to check for proper tack according to our rules but are trying to help you be safe. If you don't agree with what they are trying to tell you, ask them to show you the requirement in the rulebook or get the General Show Steward to help with the problem.
7. Some classes may be combined or split depending on number of entries.
8. If you have a team entered in the Drill Competition make sure your riders ride at the level of the lowest riders. Teams loping with Level 1 riders will be disqualified. Penalties are given for time over the 5 minute limit.
9. The show committee will do its best to run the show in the order given. However it may be necessary to make some changes and it is your responsibility to keep track of the order of the show and what class we are on. Announcements will be made regularly to the barns.
10. Parade of Clubs will be on Saturday following the lunch break. Please have your clubs information sheet sent in with their entry. Everyone is to wear club uniforms and bring club banner.
11. Remember to vote for the CLUB SPIRIT AWARD. Information will be in your packages at the show.

Attire:

1. Showmanship and Lunge line may be shown in English or Western attire. Braiding optional
2. Members must wear their club uniforms for all classes on Saturday.

3. Club uniforms are optional for Sunday but recommended. **Western dress and tack is required for Sunday for all classes except Drill. Level 1-3 riders may ride in either English or Western tack for the games, command or trail classes.**

Finally: At the end of the show

1. Back numbers are to be returned to the show office at the end of the show. If numbers are not returned a fine of \$5.00 per number will be charged to your club. It would be very helpful if the numbers could be returned all together as a club.
2. Make sure you have not forgotten anything and your stalls are cleaned out.
3. Have a safe trip home.