

4-H on Parade Guidelines

4-H on Parade is the second largest youth livestock show in North America. The opportunity for our 4-H members to attend this annual show event is made possible by the sponsorship of the Calgary Stampede as well as many other corporate sponsors.

Every year, there are people who attend 4-H on Parade who are not aware of exactly what goes on there and what rules have been set out by the Calgary Stampede for us to adhere to, either for safety or for preservation of the facilities. Following are a few pointers and/or rules for anyone who is planning on taking a horse to 4-H on Parade.

1. 4-H on Parade is a very busy, noisy three days with lots of commotion involving approximately 750 animals and their owners, so your horse must be quiet and well behaved to handle this. We will be stabled with cattle, sheep, rabbits, roosters, llamas, dogs, draft horses and miniature horses, many of these together in one building. As well, there will be many people wandering around and looking at the animals and exhibits so we don't want anyone to get hurt.
2. Anyone who brings a horse must plan to be there to look after his/her horse all weekend. **Horses move in on Friday between 12:00 noon and 6:00 pm** and are not allowed to leave until release time on Sunday afternoon (usually between 4:00 and 5:00).
3. **Stall decorations can be put up as early as Thursday after 12:00 noon and must be completed by 8:00 pm Thursday evening.** They are not to be dismantled until release time on Sunday afternoon (usually between 4:00 and 5:00). The cattle sales and the Horse Show continue on Sunday and we have many sponsors and the general public still touring the barns that day. The Calgary Exhibition & Stampede has requested that this be strictly enforced.
4. Anyone bringing a horse (especially the juniors) should be accompanied by a parent or adult who will be responsible for that child & their horse during the weekend.
5. Every club is assigned a job at 4-H on Parade so find out what your club's responsibility is, and take a turn at helping out sometime during the weekend.
6. The Horse Show is held in the Corral both Saturday & Sunday which means the members have to travel on the pavement and from the barn area (the Agricultural Pavilion or tent) to the Show Ring (Corral). There will be traffic control people stopping the traffic for the horses as they cross over to the Corral and back but everyone has to be sensible and careful. This is another reason for having an adult there with each child.
7. **Only one designated person from each club is allowed in the hitching ring to help their club members before their class. This person will be given a ribbon or some other form of identification in their club package. This must be worn at all times in order to enter the hitching ring.** Please make this clear to all of your parents and members, as well as the fact that no one, except the hitching ring personnel, are allowed in the alleyway leading into the arena.
8. There are only two places that you are allowed to ride your horse - in the Show Ring or in the Warm-up ring. However, you will only be allowed in either of these areas at designated times. You are not allowed to ride your horse anywhere else - you must get off and lead your horse to and from the Corral, to and from the warm-up ring and inside the barns.

9. Warm-up Areas

- There will be a limited number of horses and riders allowed in the warm-up areas, and this will be monitored by a designated co-ordinator.
- Whenever a club has a member or members in the warm-up area, **they must be accompanied by an adult from their club.**
- For safety reasons, considering the size of the warm up areas & the number of horses & riders involved, there will be no lungeing of horses allowed.
- The Corral will be open for warm-up:
 - Friday from 3:00 pm to 8:30 pm.
 - Saturday from 5:30 am to 7:30 am
 - Sunday from 5:30 am to 7:30 am (7:00 – 7:30 for Level 1 riders only)
- The Warm-up Ring will be open:
 - Saturday from 9:00 am till end of the show, classes waiting to go on deck will have use of the ring (Heavy Horse Decorating class will be in the ring at 8:00 am.)
 - Sunday from 8:00 am till end of the show, classes waiting to go on deck will have use of the ring.

10. When riding your horse in any of the designated areas, you must have **full tack** on your horse and you must have **appropriate footwear & clothing (and helmets if riding English)**. In other words, no riding in halters, bareback or in running shoes.

11. There are certain areas on Stampede Park where you are not allowed to take your horse at **ANY** time for **ANY** reason. These include:

- **DO NOT TAKE YOUR HORSE ON, OR ALLOW THEM TO EAT ON, ANY GRASSED AREA OF STAMPEDE PARK.** This includes the grassy areas around the Saddledome, the grassy areas near the river and any and all other grassy areas at Stampede Park.
- **DO NOT TAKE YOUR HORSE ON THE STEPS OF THE SADDLEDOME OR ON THE COBBLESTONE AREA DIRECTLY AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SADDLEDOME STEPS.**
- **DO NOT WALK YOUR HORSE THROUGH THE PATHWAYS IN FRONT OF THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE AGRICULTURAL BUILDING.**
- **HORSES MUST EXIT THE BARN THROUGH DOORS DESIGNATED FOR HORSE TRAFFIC ONLY.**

12. Each club is allowed only one **small** horse trailer in the parking lot near the barn for feed (this may be reviewed each year). The other trailers have to be parked in the designated parking lots.

13. **PLEASE NOTE:**

- a. **It is suggested that you bring a hay bag or hay net for you horse's hay.** Your horse could pick up parasites from eating off the floor or develop indigestion if they eat shavings with their hay.
- b. **Hay nets or hay bags must be hung from the top rail of the stalls so that they are at your horse's head height.** If they are hung any lower, they cause a great danger to your horse as he may get a foot caught in it. Also, it is much easier for your horse to get the hay out of it at that height.
- c. **Feed and water buckets should be hung from an upright bar just above the center rail in the front corners of the stall.** Use an extra bucket to fill the water bucket so you don't have to take it down and hang it up again. A large snap on the feed bucket, which can be attached to a circle of baler twine tied to the bar, makes for easy removal after your horse has finished his grain.

- d. **Feed buckets and hay bags/nets should be removed from the stall as soon as the horse is finished with them. DO NOT leave them in the stall overnight.** Feed early enough so that they can be removed before you go to bed. This is to avoid having your horse get caught up in either. The water bucket should be the only one to remain in the stall.
 - e. **Make sure your horse has sufficient water** before you go to bed for the night.
14. Your horse should have a bath before the show. There are wash racks in the main barn area, but the stalls are very narrow and the racks have to be shared with the cattle and the sheep. So if you think your horse might be skittish alongside these animals with water spraying every which way, you may want to bath at home before you come. If you do plan on bathing in the barns, it may be a good idea to bring a short hose for the wash racks as not all stations have a hose. Also, don't forget your rubber boots and a change of clothes.
 15. Stalls are bedded with shavings which are provided by the Calgary Stampede. Bring a shovel to move these shavings from the alleyway into your stalls and a wheelbarrow in case you need more shavings.
 16. Stalls must be cleaned and the dirty shavings and manure pushed into the main alleyways in the barn prior to 7:30 am Saturday and Sunday. Stalls in the tent are to be cleaned and hauled to the manure bins located outside of the tent. You will need manure forks &/or rakes to clean the stalls and a wheelbarrow or muck bucket to haul the cleanings away.
 17. **DO NOT THROW GARBAGE IN THE MANURE BINS.** The manure is recycled as fertilizer. There will be separate receptacles for garbage.

Please make sure that a set of these Guidelines and a copy of the Calgary Region 4-H Horse Show Rules are distributed to each member of your club along with their entry form to ensure that everyone knows what to expect and to help make our stay at 4-H on Parade a pleasant one for everyone involved. Leaders, please go over these Guidelines and Rules with your club members and parents.