

# JEFFERSON COUNTY TRAIL RIDERS

## HORSE SHOW ETIQUETTE / GUIDELINES



### **Mission Statement:**

We are a non-profit organization that aims our **goals at teaching horsemanship, providing safe and enjoyable organized horse shows**, trail rides, parade participation, as well as keeping our members and any other horse enthusiast informed of ways to promote horsemanship in our community. We currently hold six fun horse shows a year, our shows provide fun for spectators and exhibitors alike.

We provide a chance for riders of all ages to show off their skills. **Good sportsmanship and the welfare and safety of all is the chief concern of every member.** The club activities will be geared to include in some way all members: adults and children.

**Following are the guidelines being implemented to align with our mission statement:**

### **GENERAL GUIDELINES:**

- Show respect and be considerate of spectators, exhibitors and their equine partners.
- Keep the gate clear to allow exhibitors to safely enter and leave the arena.
- Do NOT run on the roads outside of the arena. This is a safety issue.
- Spectators who sit around the arena perimeter need to be aware what they do could spook, distract, etc., competitors (human and equine) in the arena. Please be mindful of the activities of you and your children and consider the potential impact.

### **ALL CLASSES:**

- **Be at the gate on time and ready to enter the arena when your class is called.** Once the gates are closed, they will not be re-opened. You will be scratched from the class.
  - A good rule of thumb is to be ready at the gate while the previous class is being judged.
- **Tack Changes** need to be noted on the class sheet in advance. A place at the bottom on the sheet has been added to identify the need for a tack change and for which participant.
- **Sportsmanship:** This means respecting fellow riders and taking wins and losses graciously.
  - Show enthusiasm and happiness for exhibitors that do well.
  - Poor sportsmanship behavior will result in you being asked not to come back to our shows.

### **SPEED AND SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES:**

- **Exhibitors will be called into the area based on the order they were signed up on the class sheet.**
  - Exhibitors will be called (up next, on deck, in the hole).
  - It is your responsibility to know about where you are on the list.
  - **If you are not at the gate and ready to enter the arena when called, you will be bypassed and scratched from the class.**