

HORSE AND PONY DRILL TEAM RULES AND GUIDELINES

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1. To be eligible to participate on the drill team you **MUST** have a minimum of one year experience competing at the 4-H fair. **NO FIRST YEAR MEMBERS.**
2. Helmets **MUST** be worn **AT ALL TIMES** when mounted.
3. Practice will start on the first Monday of April without horses, ON FOOT. For mounted practices, arrive at 6:30 and be ready to ride by 7:00. Lights **MUST** be out by 9:00 PM.
4. Spring weather will make practice questionable on some nights. PLEASE be sure we have a correct contact number to get info to you. If you are unsure as to practice, please call.
5. You are required to attend 75% of the practices to be eligible to perform during the fair. Be sure you are able to make a commitment to the Drill Team. This is a synchronized performance that depends on each and every rider.
6. Most nights are hot and dusty. PLEASE remember your horse will need water, bring a bucket.
7. Members are required to provide their own transportation to and from drill team practices for themselves and their horse. Unless it is extremely muddy, parking is allowed only in designated areas.
8. Safety is a priority. Signing up does not guarantee a spot on the team. Coaches and leaders have the right to determine the safety of horse and rider and dismiss if necessary.
9. "Horseplay" will **NOT** be tolerated before, during or after practices.
10. Official tack and dress is western saddle, contesting reins (Split reins are NOT allowed), black jeans and helmet. You will be issued a saddle pad, breast collar, brow band, shirt, hat band and contesting reins for performances, but you must use your own pad under the performance pad to protect it. Make sure you properly fit the pad and breast collar prior to dress rehearsal
11. All equipment and clothing issued will be turned in immediately following the final performance. **ABSOLUTELY NO COMPETING IN DRILL TEAM GEAR.**
12. **ONLY** members and approved adult volunteers are allowed to ride during practice.
 - a. Adult volunteers (ghost riders) **MUST** be approved through the Extension Office prior to the start of the season.
 - b. A maximum of 5 ghost riders are allowed.
13. All members participating on the drill team must sign a participation agreement.
14. Only animals enrolled on the Horse and Pony enrollment forms maybe used for drill team practice or performance. These animals must also participate in at least one other event at the fair.