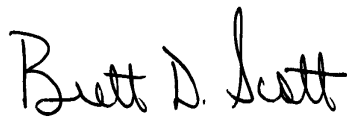


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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Contestants - Texas State 4-H Horse Show

FROM: State 4-H Horse Show Management Team



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SUBJECT: 2008 State 4-H Horse Show Information

Congratulations and welcome to the 46th Texas State 4-H Horse Show. The week of July 19th – 26th is intended to be an educational and fun experience for you and your family. Please read the following letter carefully. Understanding show philosophy and procedures will add greatly to your enjoyment of the show.

SHOW MANAGEMENT

The Texas State 4-H Horse Show is not just another horse show. Many hours of work go into putting together a State Finals that is consistent with the quality of the Texas 4-H Horse program. Qualified judges, based on their knowledge, arena mechanics, objectivity and attitude regarding youth programs, will judge. Judges will make decisions based upon relevant criteria, not tricks and biases. Contestants will compete within a show environment set by a State Show Management Team (50 County Extension Agents and over 50 support persons and 4-H leaders). Class procedures will be used to help each contestant make the best run possible in each class. Scores and times will be called in many classes, immediately after each run. All judges' sheets will be posted when possible. **The goal of the horse show management team is to manage and run the Texas State 4-H Horse Show as objectively, educationally sound and efficiently as possible. Every adult at the State show is on the team to help achieve that goal.**

SPECIAL GROUND RULES

Please refrain from allowing your horse to be ridden by any other person.

Obviously, many of you have family members who will want to help you hold, groom, saddle and bridle your horse in preparation for the show. This is encouraged as family involvement is one of the many benefits of the 4-H horse project. (See Rule Book page 11)

Pay Close Attention

Motorcycles, scooter, bicycles, skateboards, skates, golf carts, any motorized vehicle (excluding automobiles driven by licensed drivers) and other rolling vehicles are prohibited on the grounds of the Taylor County Exposition Center during the State 4-H Horse Show. Taylor County Exposition Center prohibits their use during the State 4-H Show. Due to safety concerns, the State 4-H Horse Committee also unanimously supported the decision to prohibit their use at the State 4-H Horse Show. Exhibitors found to be in violation of this ruling will be disqualified from the State 4-H Horse Show. It is the responsibility of all exhibitors, family members and friends to make sure that such equipment is not used. The only golf carts that will be allowed on the grounds will be those used by the staff of the Taylor County Exposition Center, the Official State Show Veterinarian, and the State Show Management Team. Any persons requesting the use of golf carts of other motorized apparatus due to handicap or disability must be able to provide documentation that such transportation is required, and this must be approved prior to use of the equipment on the grounds.

Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on the show grounds. Violators are subject to dismissal from the show.

Dogs may be kept in trailers, but dogs will not be allowed in facilities where horses are being exhibited.

Trainers, instructors and other adults are asked not to give lessons and/or instructions in arenas where other contestants are riding.

SAFETY

Safety is a high priority at the State Show. Contestants are asked to review all safety information in the Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations - 2008. Understand the exhibitor's responsibility in the Hold Harmless Agreement you signed. **FOLLOW SAFETY PROCEDURES THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE SHOW.** In case of an accident, call 911. An EMT unit is on standby and can be at the Expo Center within minutes. Someone should go to the main gate to direct the EMT unit to the accident site. Come to the Show Office to pick up an insurance form. Persons taking contestants directly to the hospital should go to Hendrick Health System @ 1242 North 19th Street in Abilene (325-670-2000). Report all accidents to the Show Office.

JUDGES/OFFICIALS

Jim Heird	Colorado – Qualifying, Open & Futurities
Dan Wall	Oklahoma– Qualifying
Chele Murrell	Louisiana – English, Futurities & Stock Horse Trail
Allan Walton	Texas – Cutting
Dennis Sigler	Texas – Cutting, Cow Horse & Open
John & Kenda Pipkin	Texas – Trail Prelims
Ronnie Ray	Texas – Roping
Tom Stokes	Texas – Team Penning
J.D. Russell	Texas – Team Penning

TAYLOR COUNTY EXPOSITION CENTER AND HOST COMMITTEE

The Taylor County Exposition Center is a 3-arena facility with up to 800 stalls under permanent cover. The coliseum is air conditioned and very comfortable. The horse barns are sufficiently wired to handle a fan on each stall. The Coliseum is located at the intersection of State Highway 36 and Loop 322 in Abilene. Extension District 7 and Taylor County are the hosts for the State 4-H Horse Show. Below are names and telephone numbers of key host committee persons.

Taylor County Extension Agent	Kit Horne	325-672-6048
District 7 Extension Director	Scott Durham	325-653-4576
Taylor County Exposition Center Manager	Tony McMillan	325-677-4376
Abilene Conv. & Visitors Bureau	Hester Woods	800-727-7704

MOTELS

Rooms are blocked in Abilene for the State 4-H Horse Show. Attached (attachment 9 and on the web) is motel information. **Please make reservations well in advance.** To get discount rates, identify yourself as a contestant with the State 4-H Horse Show.

MOTOR HOME - TRAVEL TRAILER HOOKUPS

There are hookups at the Taylor County Exposition Center. Fifty amp hookups are \$ **25.00/night**, and 20 or 30 amp hookups are at \$ **18.00/night**. Hookups are in several locations on the grounds. **Reservations are not taken and hookups are on a first-come, first-serve basis on the grounds. Check with grounds personnel in the Horse Barn office to secure your hookup.** No hookups will be allowed on the south side of the Livestock Barn between the Livestock Barn and the permanent food booths, due to electrical system overloads. Please honor this request as a courtesy to all exhibitors. Violators will be moved.

NEGATIVE EIA DOCUMENTATION

In accordance with current Texas Animal Health Commission guidelines, EIA papers or Texas Equine Passports will be checked on each horse when packets are picked up at the show office. **Health certificates are not required. EIA Documentation papers will be stamped.**

Also, due to the large number of respiratory problems at shows, Dr. Mike Martin, Official Show Veterinarian, strongly recommends that all horses be current (60 days) on equine influenza and equine rhinopneumonitis vaccinations.

ARRIVAL TIME, PARKING AND STALLING

Your earliest arrival time is 12:00 noon on Saturday, July 19th, 2008. Only 4-H'ers with 1st stalling period or all-week stalls paid for, can arrive at this time. Enter the grounds at the East entrance (Gate H) where the greeting committee will provide stalling information. The gates will not be unlocked until 12:00 noon. Horses can be stalled before contestants register. Parking is not restricted, except for marked fire lanes. Please do not park in these "tow away zone" areas.

This earliest arrival time of **12:00 noon on Saturday, July 19th**, is only for those who paid for an All-Week Stall (Saturday (12 noon to Sunday) or for a 1st Stalling Period stall (Saturday 12 noon to Wednesday 3 p.m.). Please do not try and arrive prior to this time because stall preparations and facilities adjustments will likely not be completed.

There will be **NO TACK STALLS ALLOWED AT THE STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW.** This includes stalls that were reserved for other horses that were not able to attend the show. These stall **cannot** be utilized as tack stalls.

Due to the size of this show, no stalls will be available for extra horses that are not entered in the show. Youth cutters bringing turn back horses should call the Horse Specialists' office (979) 845-1562 by July 10th, so we can arrange for stalling for turn-back horses. **Open show contestants have the option of showing out of the trailer (but will be required to pay a haul-in fee, or purchase a stall); qualifying show contestants must purchase a stall.** Grounds insurance policies forbid horses to be tied to trailers overnight. Stalling periods are shown on the entry form. Each District must stall in their assigned area, without exception.

<p>Any willful damage done to a stall by a 4-H'er, parent, spectator or participant can be cause for disqualification from the show accompanied by a minimum fine of \$500 by the Taylor County Expo Center.</p>
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Get stall location information and your stall card at the entrance gate. Stalls are assigned by districts within district blocks posted. You must stall in your assigned stall. **1st Stalling Period Contestants must vacate stalls no later than 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday.** District Representatives (CEAs) will coordinate stalling assignments and transitions within districts. **Period II stalling contestants will move in Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.** Most of the stalls are bedded with sand, while others are set up on concrete. Shavings are available for purchase, or you may bring your own shavings. Contact grounds personnel in the Horse Barn Office under the announcer's stand. Please bring rakes and shovels. Manure from all stalls must be cleaned before contestants leave. During the show, please place manure in manure dumpsters or barrels. **Please do not wash horses in the aisles of the barns.** There are wash racks adjacent to stalling areas. Decorate stalls as you desire. Please take down decorations before leaving. Write where you are staying on your stall card.

REGISTRATION

The Horse Show Office is located in the Southwest end of the Coliseum. **Please check the Schedule of Events for REGISTRATION OPENINGS.** Contestants do not need to register before stalling. At registration, contestants will receive a packet containing: 1) official show program, 2) contestant numbers, and 3) other last minute information. **Contestants should check the Official Show Program at registration; to be sure they are listed in all classes they entered at District. A 4-H'er who is already entered in the State Show by the July 1 deadline may make a class change or may add a class at the State Show for a \$ 50 fee. These class changes or class additions should be handled in person at the show in the Horse Show Office. Bring current Coggins papers for horses entered as this negative EIA documentation is required before packet pickup.**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

A State 4-H Horse Show Schedule of Events is attached. The schedule is a little different than in past years. Three arenas are being used. Class locations, arena practice times, and starting times have changed in some classes. **Please be familiar with the times, order, and location of activities.** No class will begin before the time listed on the schedule. The Show Management Team anticipates the show to run close to the printed schedule. Awards will be given at the conclusion of each class with champion awards given at the conclusion of appropriate divisions.

There will be schooling over fences for contestants entered in the Working Hunter, Equitation Over Fences, Open Jumping and Hunter Hack. This schooling opportunity will be held Sunday morning July 20th, beginning at approximately 8:00 a.m. Exhibitors will need to sign up in the Horse Show Office on Sunday. This is a change as the over fences classes have been moved to the Covered Outdoor Arena (CODA) and are being held one day earlier than years past.

CLASS INFORMATION - DESIGNATED AREAS

All State Show classes will be held in arenas either in the **Coliseum, Horse Barn** or the **New Covered Outdoor Arena (CODA)**. Outside each arena, an area will be designated where the Horse Show Management Team will post class information. Class patterns and/or class mechanics will be posted in the designated areas at least one (1) hour prior to the classes' scheduled starting time. **IT IS THE EXHIBITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO BE KNOWLEDGEABLE OF THIS POSTED INFORMATION AND CLASS STARTING TIMES.** Sometimes classes move much quicker than anticipated. There is no guarantee that all announcements will reach every stalling or warm-up area.

RULE CHANGES

There are several rule changes in effect in 2008. All contestants are responsible for being knowledgeable regarding **2008 Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations**. Remember: **long sleeve shirts are REQUIRED in all western classes, as are western boots.**

WORKING ORDERS

The working orders for performance classes are drawn randomly by computer and printed in the official show program. Events are scheduled in the most logical sequence considering contestants showing a horse in more than one event. **CONTESTANTS (AND CONTESTANTS' PARENTS) ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING TRACK OF WORKING ORDERS AND BEING IN LINE OR IN THE MAKEUP ARENA WHEN THEIR RUN OR HEAT TIME ARRIVES. CONTESTANTS**

WHO MISS THEIR HEAT OR RUN WILL FORFEIT THEIR RUN IN THE CLASS MISSED, UNLESS THEY NOTIFY THE CLASS SUPERINTENDENT OF AN UNPREVENTABLE EMERGENCY BEFORE THEIR TIME TO WORK HAS PASSED. Show Management has attempted to catch all schedule conflicts that will impose a hardship but it is difficult to foresee all scheduling problems. Contestants should carefully look at the show class order and if a problem is anticipated with a contestant's showing schedule, contact show officials. If warranted, officials will make a working order change at the Horse Show Office. **REQUEST FOR CHANGES NEED TO BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND USUALLY AT LEAST THREE (3) HOURS BEFORE THE CLASS.** If a class scratch is necessary, please let us know ASAP. Note: Sometimes classes move much quicker than anticipated. It is easy to miss announcements in the barns due to the noise and **there is no guarantee that all announcements will reach every stalling area.** Take this into account in preparing.

PATTERNS AND COURSES

Showmanship, Horsemanship, Equitation and Trail - Patterns will be posted well in advance.

Western Riding, Reining and 3-Year-Old Stock Horse - Patterns are printed in the Texas 4-H Horse Show Rule Book. Patterns will be announced and also posted for exhibitor review.

Working Hunter, Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences and Open Jumping Courses. Courses will be posted well in advance of class.

SCORING SYSTEMS

Scored Classes - The 0-20 point scoring system will be used in Showmanship, Horsemanship, and Hunt Seat Equitation classes; 0-100 system in Western Riding, Reining and Working Cowhorse and the 60-80 point system will be used in cutting. In all classes where 2 judges are used, scores will be added together. Where semi-finals and finals are held, scores will be cumulative, meaning that both judges' scores will be added and carried forward to the semi-finals, and also to the finals. (Example: Showmanship will consist of a prelims, semi-finals and finals. Those 4-H'ers who advance to the finals will have a total possible score of 120 points).

Cutting - All riders will make a first go. Those scoring above 121 or higher will advance to the finals and awards will be based on cumulative scores. So, the cutting finals will consist of those riders who scored above 121 or higher in the first go.

Timed Events - Times will be carried forward to the semi-finals and/or finals.

Western Pleasure - Where horses work in heats, any horse listed on either judge's card will advance to the semi-finals or finals. Finalists will be placed by each judge independently and points assigned to the placing (1st = 10 points, 2nd = 9 points 10th 1 pt.). Placing points will be added together over both judges to determine final placing.

Futurities - In halter and 2-year-old pleasure futurities, there will be 3 full go-rounds, each placed by a different judge and announced. Points will be assigned to placing as mentioned above. In the pleasure futurity, finalists will be identified from each heat to immediately come back for go-round finals. All three go-rounds of the halter futurity will be held simultaneously. Overall futurity class placings will be determined by adding points together from all three go-round placings. In the 3-year-old stock horse futurity, there are two full go's and 2 judges will score each pattern. Scores will be added together.

Tie breaker judges will be designated before a class begins.

FUTURITY HORSE CHECK-IN

Yearlings - See check-in time. Horses will be toothed by veterinarian.

2-Year-Old Western Pleasure - See schedule for check-in time. Horses will be toothed by a veterinarian. **Snaffle bits and bosals should be brought to the check-in to assure all equipment is legal, prior to the actual class.**

3-Year-old Stock Horse Futurity - See check-in time. **Bring snaffle bridles to be sure your bit is legal.**

Pre-Class Re-check - Equipment will be checked again pre-class. Any intentional or unintentional evidence of abuse (raw noses, chins) will be noted and reported to the judge of that go-round.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Tuesday night prior to the drill team competition a 10 minute special recognition ceremony will be held.

FIRST, SECOND, THIRD PLACE, AND OVERALL CHAMPIONS PICTURES

Immediately after each class finals, and after High Points and Reserve High Points are awarded, pictures will be taken at the backdrop in the coliseum. Pictures are needed of 1st, 2nd and 3rd place class winners. News release information will be discussed when your picture is taken. First place and high point pictures are needed for the next year's show program. If class winners desire an action picture be shown in next year's official show program, indicate this (with a proof number) to the official show photographer before leaving the State Show.

DRILL/PRECISION RIDING TEAMS PRACTICES

Times are blocked for individual teams to practice by themselves in the Coliseum as shown on the schedule. **The practice time for Sunday, July 20th is in the morning, this is consistent with last year's schedule.** Practice times will be announced at the scheduled Drill/Precision Riding Leader's Meeting

SPECIALIZED HELP

Photographer – Mr. Jay Hardy, will serve as the official show photographer. This professional photographer will be taking pictures of winners for next year's official show program and post show publicity. **If contestants would like a picture taken in a particular class or during a run, for purchase, please give the class, contestant number and working order information to the photographer.** Photographers will process pictures so contestants can take their pictures home with them

from the show. (Note: Exhibitors and parents should refrain from taking personal pictures at the Hardy backdrop. It is their backdrop and does not belong to the State Show).

Veterinarian - Dr. Mike Martin and a crew of students from the TAMU Veterinary Medical Center - Large Animal Clinic are the official show veterinarians. The vet crew will be on site during the entire show to handle minor problems. Contact the show office or a Horse Show Management Team member who can radio directly to them. Phone numbers of several local veterinarians may be posted on arena bulletin boards at the Taylor County Exposition Center.

Farrier - Local farriers will be in and out daily at the grounds during the show. Phone numbers are usually posted in all 3 arenas.

IF FURTHER QUESTIONS

If further questions, please contact your local CEA, DEA or this office at (979) 845-1562. See you in Abilene!

2008 Texas State 4-H Horse Show - Schedule of Events

New Covered Arena

Arena Horse Barn

Coliseum

SATURDAY, JULY 19

12:00 P.M. 1ST STALLING PERIOD BEGINS

		<p>3:00 p.m. Registration Opens for Packet Pickup in Show Office</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Arena Open for Futurity Horses Only</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Drill/Precision Riding Leader Meeting</p>
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SUNDAY, JULY 20

<p>8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Warm-Up for Jumping Classes</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences Working Hunter Open Jumping Hunter Hack Awards Presentation - Champion and Reserve Hunter Fences Horseman</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Arena Open for Drill/Precision Practice</p> <p>9:00 p.m. Drill/Precision Practice Ends. Arena Open for Monitored Individual Riding</p>	<p>1:00 p.m. Yearling Futurity Horses Check-In (in the Arena)</p> <p>2:00 p.m. 2-Year-Old Futurity Horse Check-In (West End Overhang Area of Arena) Arena Open for Yearling Futurity Longe Line Horses</p> <p>3:30 p.m. Arena Closed</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Yearling Longe Line Futurity</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Arena Open for Individual Riding</p>	<p>6:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Drill (Practice Session)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Management Team Meeting (TCEC Office)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Church Service (Pavilion)</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Registration Opens for Packet Pickup in Show Office</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Cutting</p> <p>8:00 p.m. Arena Open for Hunter Under Saddle and Hunt Seat Equitation Riders Only</p>
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MONDAY, JULY 21

<p>9:00 a.m. Breakaway Roping Prelims Breakaway Roping Finals Team Roping Prelims Team Roping Finals Calf Roping Prelims Calf Roping Finals - Awards Presentation Champion and Reserve Roper</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Precision Teams (Practice Session)</p>	<p>8:00 a.m. Working Cow Horse (Cattle Work)</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Arena Open for riding</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Arena Open for Yearling Halter Horses Only</p> <p>3:30 p.m. Arena Closed</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Yearling Filly Futurity (concurrent 1st, 2nd and 3rd Go)</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Yearling Gelding Futurity (concurrent 1st, 2nd and 3rd Go)</p>	<p>8:00 a.m. Hunter Showmanship</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Hunter Under Saddle Hunt Seat Equitation</p> <p>Awards Presentation - Champion and Reserve Hunter Flat Horseman</p> <p>1:30 p.m. Coliseum Open for Futurity Pleasure Horses Only</p> <p>2:30 p.m. Coliseum Closed</p> <p>3:00 p.m. Western Pleasure Futurity (1st Go)</p> <p>4:15 p.m. Coliseum Open for Reining Horses Only</p> <p>10:00 p.m. Coliseum Closed</p>
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8:00 p.m. Party for Exhibitors

2008 Texas State 4-H Horse Show - Schedule of Events

New Covered Arena

Arena Horse Barn

Coliseum

THURSDAY, JULY 24


<p>2:00 p.m. Walk-Up until Trail 6:00 p.m. Preliminaries</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Arena Closed for preparation 12:00 p.m. Halter Mares - Mares 5 & Over - Mares 4 & Under - Grade Mares - Grand & Reserve 2:00 p.m. Pole Bending Prelims</p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Showmanship at Halter Prelims 12:00 p.m. Halter Geldings - Geldings 5 & Over - Geldings 4 & Under - Grade Geldings - Grand and Reserve 2:00 p.m. Arena Open for Western Pleasure Horses Only 3:00 p.m. Western Pleasure Prelims</p>
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8:00 p.m. Party for Exhibitors

FRIDAY, JULY 25

	<p>8:00 a.m. Barrel Racing Prelims 1:30 p.m. Stake Racing Prelims</p>	<p>8:00 a.m. Showmanship at Halter Semi-Finals & Finals Minimum 1 hour Break Western Horsemanship Prelims 1:30 p.m. Western Riding Prelims 4:30 p.m. Trail Finals (Top 20)</p>
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SATURDAY, JULY 26

	<p>8:00 a.m. Finals Performance Pole Bending (Top 20) Barrel Racing (Top 20) Stake Racing (Top 20) Awards Presentation - Champion and Reserve Timed Horseman</p> 	<p>9:00 a.m. Western Pleasure Semi-Finals Western Pleasure Finals 30 minute Break Western Horsemanship Semi-Finals Western Horsemanship Finals Western Riding Finals Awards Presentation - Champion and Reserve Judged Horseman</p>
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