

2025 Horse Show Rule Book Addendum

On off years when a full revision of the State 4-H Horse Show Rule Book is NOT taking place the rule book sub-committee reviews the rule book and submissions from outside of the committee to make necessary edits and correct or adjust to changes in the industry that can not be held off until the next full revision. This addendum is to be used in conjunction with the rule book and these edits or corrections supersede what is in the rule book.

Page 4, rule 20

ADD the sentence highlighted:

Exhibitors, parents, and leaders need to request permission from show management to approach a judge to ask questions or ask for critique. Under no circumstances may an exhibitor, parent, leader or spectator badger, insult or be argumentative with a judge, show secretary, ring steward or show management. **All judge's decisions are final** Any flagrant display of poor sportsmanship or affront to the judge, ring steward, or show officials/staff by or on behalf of the exhibitor, may result in exclusion of the exhibitor from competition and forfeiture of awards and/ or expulsion from the show grounds for the person and/or exhibitor. Refer to the 4-H code of conduct.

Page 21, rule 90.B

Appropriate western attire is required which includes pants (slacks, trousers, jeans, etc.) shirt with long sleeves and collar (band, standup, tuxedo, etc. with chest and midriff covered), western hat or approved helmet , belt and cowboy boots. Special exception because of religious reasons or physical handicap must be requested by filing a written request to the show manager and obtaining written approval prior to participation. Any exhibitor may wear certified equestrian protective headgear in any division or class without penalty. A certified equestrian helmet with safety harness fastened in place is required in gymkhana events, activities and practice sessions.

Page 68 and 69 - Rope Gate Issues

218.B.4. adjust to "This EXCLUDES dropping the rope gate. (see C8)

218.C.8. Each complete loss of a fixed gate. See 218.b.4 page 64

218.C.8.rope gate Leave as is. Remove 'reference' at the end

Page 90 Rule 276.C. Breakaway roping

A contestant may use only one loop. Contestants may not build a loop in the arena.
(remainder of rule remains the same)

Page 117 Rule 340.C

Ranch Cow Work - Update wording from "will" to "must"

- Rec for next rulebook: level 1 boxing only / Level 2 box drive box / level 3 and 4 as is.

Page 159 Rule 474.C2. **DELETE**

English Control - Delete 5 point diagonal penalty.