



## OPFHA CODE OF ETHICS/CONDUCT

The success of our region is not only dependent on financial growth and a well thought out marketing plan. We will gain credibility and respect throughout the equine industry by displaying honesty, integrity and professionalism. We can only reach our goals through honorable conduct and positive work ethics. The proof of who we are is in our actions.

It is the policy of the OPFHA Board of Directors to provide a Code of Ethics which will serve as a guide to proper conduct at all of our horse shows and equine events. We expect all trainers, owners, grooms and farm personnel in general to observe the highest standards of ethics and integrity in their conduct. This means following a basic code of ethical behavior that includes the following:

1. **OBSERVANCE OF QUIET TIME FOR THE HORSES.** Music will be allowed in the barn areas from 9:00 AM to 12:00 AM (midnight). No loud music will be permitted during those hours. We want the horses, spectators and everyone around us to feel comfortable. No music will be permitted after 12:00 AM (midnight). We would like for the horses to rest in a peaceful atmosphere.
2. **NO USE OF ILLICIT DRUGS.** Absolutely no illegal substances anywhere, at any time.
3. **NO PUBLIC INTOXICATION OF ALCOHOL.** Any person that appears to be under the influence of alcohol to the degree that he endangers him or herself or another person or property, or becomes boisterous and offensive annoying other people in the vicinity.
4. **NO FIGHTING OR DISRESPECTFUL LANGUAGE.** Crude behavior, profanity or fighting will not be tolerated. Absolutely no disrespectful, abusive or threatening language towards show officials, staff, other exhibitors or horses will be tolerated.
5. **CRUELTY AND/OR ABUSE OF HORSES.** Cruelty, abuse or mistreatment of any horse will not be tolerated.
6. **CLEANLINESS IN THE BARN AREAS/SHOW GROUNDS.** We ask that you keep areas clean at all times. Any person caught littering will be fined. Upon departure you must make sure all garbage (cans, bottles, empty feed bags, hay strings etc) has been placed in garbage receptacles. **DO NOT PLACE ANY GARBAGE IN THE DESIGNATED MANURE DUMPSTERS, AS THESE ARE FOR MANURE ONLY.** A clean up fee will be charged to any person and/or farm who does not comply.
7. **GOLF CARTS.** No golf carts shall be driven by anyone under 16 years of age or without a valid drivers license. All golf carts shall be driven in a safe manner.

8. HORSES MUST WALK. There can be no fining, cortioing, or larging outside the show ring, prepista and warmup or practice arenas. Horses are only allowed to walk on the concrete and pavers.

9. FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT. We ask that your use of all facilities and equipment be as respectful and responsible as possible. Turn off water faucets and leave wash racks free of manure after you are done. Dogs must be leashed at all times on show grounds.

10. VIOLATIONS. Show management reserves the right to ask anyone violating these rules, or WEC rules, to leave. Violators may also be fined or subject to arrest, depending on the severity of the violation.

Compliance with these principles is essential for the regions success. Provision has been made for individuals to be able to report in confidence. From time to time, trainers, owners, grooms and/or farm personnel will likely have questions as to how this Code of Ethics/Conduct applies in particular situations. We expect all persons with such questions to discuss the exact circumstances with one of the directors on the OPFHA board.

Let's all work together to set an example.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that it is my responsibility to relay this Code of Ethics/Conduct to ALL owners, trainers, grooms, family members and/or farm personnel involved with the horses I have just entered at this OPFHA event

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Signature. Date.