

Black Forest Saddle Club Code of Conduct

1. **Ethical, sportsman-like conduct is expected of all exhibitors, parents, coaches and spectators.** When an exhibitor, parent, guardian, coach, agent, or representative acting on behalf of an exhibitor is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct, the Black Forest Saddle Club Board may require the exhibitor to return all earned awards and points accrued for that day, forfeit the remainder of the season, and may suspend the exhibitor from being allowed to participate in future shows and events. A parent, guardian, coach, agent, or representative acting in behalf of an exhibitor, deemed guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct may also be prohibited for such a period as judged appropriate from participation in qualifying Black Forest Saddle Club horse shows. Person deemed guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct may be expelled from the show grounds at the direction of the Black Forest Saddle Club Board Members.
2. **Humane treatment of horses is expected by all participants.** Cruelty or rough handling of horses will not be allowed. No *overnight* tying of horses to trailers. Horses tied to trailers *during the day* should be monitored frequently and not be left unattended for long periods. Mistreatment or abuse of animals will result in disqualification.
3. **ASTM/SEI approved protective headgear is required for all exhibitors under the age of 18 (unless a helmet waiver is signed by a parent or legal guardian) when mounted or driving anywhere on the show grounds.** Riding shoes/boots with heels, and appropriate safety equipment is recommended for all exhibitors at all times when working with horses at the show.
4. Please exercise caution when riding horses around the Black Forest Saddle Club. **No riding or driving of horses on the driveway**, except when immediately entering or leaving the arena.
5. Scheduled exercise periods are time for arena familiarization. Riders should use caution in all exercise areas according to arena conditions. Riders under the age of 18 should be supervised by their parents, guardians, chaperones, or coaches during exercise.
6. No unmounted persons are permitted in the arena during exercise periods *except* for trainers.
7. Horses should not be tied or held in front of the snack shack or any of its borders so that the passage of other horses and/or people is impaired.
8. **No dismantling of any Black Forest Saddle Club Property is allowed. Exhibitors whose horse or guest damages property, will be required to pay for any and all damage to Black Forest Saddle Club.**
9. Place manure in designated areas **only. You will be required to clean up after your horse.**
10. All participants are expected to help keep Black Forest Saddle Club and its grounds clean.
11. **Dogs** are permitted at Black Forest Saddle Club if they are on a leash. No dog will be allowed to be left in the car. If a dog becomes aggressive, the dog's owner will be asked to leave promptly regardless of remaining equestrian competition.
12. **No roller blades, skateboards, bikes or scooters** are allowed near arena.
13. **ALL EXHIBITORS AND GUESTS WILL OBEY THE SPEED LIMIT WHILE ON BLACK FOREST SADDLE CLUB PROPERTY! Anyone found in violation will be given one warning. If a second occurrence happens, you will be asked to leave.**
14. All exhibitors are expected to be prompt and on time for your class(es).

Print _____ Signature _____