

July 1, 2014



Good Housekeeping Awards **Pennsylvania State 4-H Horse Show**

We encourage all counties to keep their stall area neat, clean, and safe and participate for Good Housekeeping Awards. There will be two separate judging periods for awards: one for Friday, October 24, and one for Saturday, October 25. Judging will be from noon to 5:00 PM on Friday. Judging on Saturday will be from 10 am to 3 pm. Judging will be done by the volunteer barn stewards. Barn stewards WILL NOT judge their own district.

Districts should appoint one or two (if they wish to work as a team) volunteers to help monitor the barn areas and judge the Good Housekeeping competition. Stewards that are volunteering to judge Good Housekeeping are asked to report to the show office between 9-11 AM on Friday and 8-10 AM on Saturday. Stewards/judges will be required to return judging score sheets to the offices on the DAY OF judging, by the end of the judging period.

Awards for each day will be presented during Saturday evening's Recognition Ceremony. One county per district will be named as an award winner for each day. An overall champion for each day will be selected from the district winners for that day, and an overall grand champion, reserve champion, and third place winner for the two days will be selected and recognized on Saturday.

A score sheet for the good housekeeping awards program is included in the current *Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Show Rule Book*. Please refer to it if you have any questions.

Decorations will NOT be included in the judging for good housekeeping. There is *no* specific theme for stall decorations this year. ***We encourage counties to plan decorations around a theme of your choice.*** All show rules/policies regarding decorations and barn areas will apply.

Please note the following rules governing decorations, preparations for good housekeeping, or general barn behavior:

1. Do not use anything in your decorations/hospitality area that requires electricity. ***Counties may be charged for unauthorized electrical use.*** No lights may be used in decorating; do not use Christmas lights, etc. as part of your county's decorations (safety, cost considerations). *No crock pots, coffee pots, heated elements, or electrical items of any kind are allowed. Do not plug in any electrical item at a main junction box or outlet. No items that use an electrical plug in are permitted.*
2. Do not plan your decorations with the assumption that your stalls will be across the aisle from each other—stalls are assigned based on available space, etc., with little or no attention given to decorating convenience. Plan your decorations for a variety of possible sizes; we do not guarantee the size of any stalls.
3. No helium-filled balloons are permitted as part of the decorations. Helium balloons are not permitted in the Farm Show Complex and are specifically excluded in our contract with the Farm Show Commission.

4. Do not plan to cover the aisle-way with any sort of drape, creating a ceiling, or tunnel-effect. These low ceiling, darkened areas can create a safety hazard for horses; **No overhead decorations (including banners or items between aisles, or strung between stalls crossing the aisle way).**
5. Decorations may not protrude into the aisles in a manner that will obstruct the flow of horse or animal traffic or cause a safety problem. **Show management reserves the right to remove stall decorations if there is a safety or traffic flow concern.**
6. **No adhesive-backed labels or similar items (i.e. bumper stickers, etc.) may be used in decorating. These are specifically excluded in our Farm Show contract.**
7. No holes may be drilled in the ceilings, floors, or in the stall walls.
8. NO DECORATIONS MAY BE NAILED OR STAPLED INTO THE BOXSTALLS! Plan to fasten your decorations with tape or on some other surface that can be attached properly to the stalls.
9. No gasoline, propane, bottled gas or flammable material is permitted in the complex.
10. ALL DECORATIONS MUST BE REMOVED IN THEIR ENTIRETY AS EXHIBITORS LEAVE THE SHOW!
11. FIRE REGULATIONS require that we keep all exits and emergency exits clear, no partial blocking will be permitted. In addition, all fire alarm pull stations must be kept clear, and fire extinguishers may not be covered over by any drapes or hidden by any type of display. Living trees or shrubs are acceptable as part of the decorations as long as the shrubbery is individually bagged or bailed; artificial trees and shrubs must be treated with a flame proofing material, and certification of flame proofing may be requested by the fire officials.
12. Smoking is prohibited in the State Farm Show Complex. No open flames, fires, burning of any kind will be permitted within the complex. No exterior burning is allowed unless permission is granted by the Department of Environmental Protection and the Bureau of Fire.
13. **There must be no damage of any type to Farm Show Complex facilities or property. Exhibitors may not post advertisements or signs on complex walls, facilities or structures. Exhibitors will pay for any and all damages to Farm Show Complex property, if responsible.**

No hoof black marks may be left on the Farm Show Complex floors.
Exhibitors should bring a board or mat to use for blacking feet.

14. **BEDDING POLICY:** NO foam board, carpet, etc. allowed in stalls. If bedding containing debris such as foam board, carpet, padding, etc. is found in stalls again this year, *all* exhibitors will lose the option of using shavings in future years. The bedding removal hauler will not continue to accept bedding with debris. **Exhibitors may be disqualified and fined \$100 if found violating this policy.**

Sufficient shavings or straw should be added to stalls to provide adequate cushion/protection for horses. No other padding is needed if sufficient amounts of bedding are used in the stall.

15. A \$200.00 FINE WILL BE ASSESSED ANY COUNTY AND/OR INDIVIDUAL WHO DISMANTLES A STALL AT THE STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW.
16. PLEASE NOTE: Many of the stalls are being rented from an outside vendor again this year, rather than from the Farm Show Complex itself. Stalls will be either approximately 9' x 9' or 10' x 10'. We cannot predict which size stall will be assigned to your county. Please remember that NO DAMAGE OF ANY KIND (nail holes, staples, glue, etc.) may be done to the stalls!

Additional information about the show will be posted on the 4-H Horse Program website as it becomes available. For additional information contact your county extension educator or see the website at: animalscience.psu.edu/ go to 4-H Animal Programs, Horses and Events.

Lisa Witmer, Penn State Extension Educator in York County is coordinating Good Housekeeping and volunteers to serve as barn stewards.

Please send names and contact information of volunteers to Lisa before October 17.

For more information or questions about Good Housekeeping:

Lisa Witmer at 717-840-7408 or lhj5007@psu.edu

Please include State 4-H Horse Show or Good Housekeeping in the subject line of your e-mail.

All other questions regarding the State Show should be directed to the Show Manager, Patty Kelly.

Thank you for your cooperation!



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