

Washington County Fair Horse Exhibitors,

We have loved working with many of you weekly at horse workouts and know that as fair gets closer and closer, it is important to go over more details. I heard you had an excellent clinician coaching and teaching this week. I'm so thankful for those additional resources and guidance to help you continue to get better.

Please review this letter closely for procedures, fair tips, and important information regarding the horse department to help make for a smooth fair. Please note this will not include every detail of the department but serve as a preparation tool and guide to answer some questions ahead of time!

Without a doubt and like all departments, you need to read the fair book regarding the horse department, general livestock rules and herdsmanship. ALL of those areas apply to you as a horse exhibitor. You all should have a copy from your June club meetings or it is available online at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/washington/county-fair> with all other fair forms. Horse show rules also follow the "Rules and Regulations for Equine Shows in Iowa (4-H 511C). Free to download at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/430>

Fair tickets will be collected at all gates Sunday afternoon – Friday. Please make sure exhibitors wear their wrist bands. All other fair goers should have a season pass, daily ticket, or wristband. Those without tickets will be asked to pay gate admission.

Please be in touch with questions. We all want you to have a good fair week and most importantly **HAVE FUN!**

Required Workout Attendance to Exhibit

- Each equine project must attend and participate in at least 2 project workouts to be eligible to show. Workout attendance will be taken with equine name. If workouts are limited due to rain or uncontrollable circumstances, leaders will work with project members to achieve this requirement or appropriate committees will make adjustments.

Communication during the fair

- Printed notices will be posted in south end of barn
- Check for new information at 8 a.m and 8 p.m.

Check in

- Follow the trailer route fair board set (included here)
- Horses may arrive between 8:30am – Noon on Monday
- All horses must be in barn, in stall, by NOON Monday
- Superintendent will be in the barn Monday until noon if you have questions.

Leave Time & Responsibilities

- Animals and tack may be loaded **Friday between 6 am – 8 a.m.** and then start again after the auction is over approximately at noon. No animals can leave the fairgrounds before Friday morning at 6 a.m.
- Stalls should be scooped free of all manure and bedding before leaving. No trash should be in your pens or tack stall. Be respectful not to just scoop everything to the alleyways or other stalls, but completely remove them to the large pile outside the horse barn. No wire or trash should be placed in the manure pile.
- Make sure all wires, ribbons, fans, signs are removed and returned as needed.

- ALL families are strongly encouraged to contribute to the fairgrounds clean up on Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. Check in at the Extension Office or a fair board member for assignments that morning. This is part of contributing to the fair that is put on for you.
- We strongly recommended families practice strict and safe biosecurity measures as you come and go from the fairgrounds and barns at home. Have clean boots to wear here and different boots there so you are not tracking back and forth.

Vet check

- Horses must be in stall by NOON Monday morning.
- A vet will walk around the barn at this time and check each equine project.
- The vet is looking for any signs of illness or injuries.
- Project members or family must be available (on fair grounds) if the vet has questions.

Stalls

- Will be assigned with clubs grouped together.
- Assigned by Superintendent

Tack stalls

- Will be assigned by Superintendent
- Tack stalls will be shared by multiple members/families
- Please keep organized and clean as it is also a part of Herdsmanship scoring.
- Tack stalls can be used for horse tack, feed ,etc but please be courteous that all exhibitors have equal space.
- Extension, fair association, or 4-H volunteers are not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- Tack boxes that lock are allowed.
- When bringing tack to fair remember you will be sharing a tack stall with someone else. Be mindful of how much space you are taking up. Bring what you need for daily care.

Herdsmanship (stall and barn care)

- Exhibitors will be responsible for cleaning their pens and alleyway each day. This is called Herdsmanship. Bring the appropriate tools to do that such as rakes, shovels, brooms. Talk with your club members who also have horses to share this equipment.
- Sawdust will be offered when we are setting up the barn, (The Horse and Pony Club purchase this out of their club funds for everyone to use.)
- Make sure you put plenty of bedding in the stall. Ask someone who has had horses stalled before to help with this.
- Try to do your best to keep stalls manure and urine free.
- Check them often, if you are showing another species have someone your horse will trust check your stall while you are away. It is recommend checking at least 4 times a day if not more during hot conditions.
- Make sure you have enough clean bedding for the week of fair. This may need to be stored in your vehicle/trailer if tack space does not allow.

Watering and feeding

- Provide clean fresh water to your projects regularly
- May need to water more often when hot
- Your equine project is in a different environment than they are used to, please make sure they are drinking the water and eating their food. If they are not, please tell a club leader to help brainstorm how to help.

- Hay bags and hanging buckets can cause problems for some animals, know what your animal is used to and do what is necessary to keep them safe. It is best to use items they are familiar with when possible.

P.M stall watch

- Someone will be staying in the barn Monday thru Thursday night.
- This person will be keeping an eye on the barn and everything in it.
- They cannot prevent some things that happen but can get help if a horse is in trouble in the night.

Wash rack

- Be considerate to others
- Know your horse's habits. You may want to bring them for a test bath before the fair
- Stop and clean horse manure immediately so it doesn't clog the drains.
- A club wheel barrel and scoop will be at the wash rack at all times. This is a community effort to keep these supplies here and ready for all to use. Share the duties of dumping the barrel throughout the week.
- This is a new facility to the fairgrounds as of 2019. We want to keep it in the best condition possible. We are thankful for those donors that made it possible.
- Bring hose and other wash supplies.

Trailer parking

- Any trailers staying on the fairgrounds during the week must be parked on the farthest south fence row (south of grandstand). This is the only long-term trailer parking available for any species. No trailers will be allowed to park during the week around the horse barn or wash rack.
- Tack/feed/hay can still be stored safely in your trailer along the fence line if needed. Families are also welcome to use the northwest livestock entrance to drive up next to barn and drop off supplies at the barn daily as needed.

Trailers on Show Day

- There are very strict expectations regarding trailer day parking to make it possible to get in AND to get out AND to accommodate for the night entertainment.
- Exhibitors bringing in trailers on show day **MUST be parked by 8 a.m.** A superintendent will be there to help following the parking plan.
- Keep in mind if trailers have not left before the rodeo starts, you **MUST** exit through the northwest livestock gate. No vehicles will be allowed through the rodeo holding area/pits.
- ***This is subject to change as the club leaders work with Fairboard to find the most feasible options for all. Thank you for being patient as we work to accommodate all.***

Show

- Time 11:00 am
- Dress attire maybe changed the day of show if we have extreme weather conditions
- Helmets are required to ride.
- 4-H Arm bands are required. These can be purchased from Deb for \$3, first year members will get one for free.
- Exhibitor numbers are required. Pick yours up at the extension office front counter the week of fair. This number is unique to you and will be used in showing all livestock during fair week. One number is prepared for each exhibitor for all species. Keep this safe if you are showing in another species. The Extension Office is open 7am-8pm during the county fair.

- Patterns will be posted as soon as the judge arrives on the east side the horse arena announcers stand.

After the Show

- The area media sources have been invited to take pictures at the backdrop on the south side of the horse barn of exhibitors and any champions approximately 5 p.m. Tuesday after the show. Watch for them and bring your horse for a chance to be in the fair results newspaper.
- Champion signs will be attached to stall fronts by the horse department.

Fair Clean Up

- It takes a village of volunteers putting in time to make a county fair happen well and be a place we are proud to belong. It is important that all families take care of this space together.
- It is expected that exhibitors assist with fair clean up on Friday afternoon and/or Saturday, July 22, 8:30am-noon.
- Please play your part as a thank you and respect to our fair board to be a part of clean up too. Thank you.

Important Numbers

- Extension Office 319-653-4811
- Deb Kleese 319-461-4834
- Jessica Read 319-777-6277
- Suzanne Black 319-461-6440
- Jim Hotchkiss 319-461-2465

We strongly recommended families practice strict and safe biosecurity measures as you come and go from the fairgrounds and barns at home. We encourage animals returning home are put in isolation/close watch until you know they are free from any sickness. Use hand washing stations frequently while on the fairgrounds. We want all exhibitors and animals healthy!

HAVE FUN! You have worked hard and deserve to enjoy this week!



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TRAILER TRAFFIC

ALL enter the grounds using the North West Livestock Entrance.

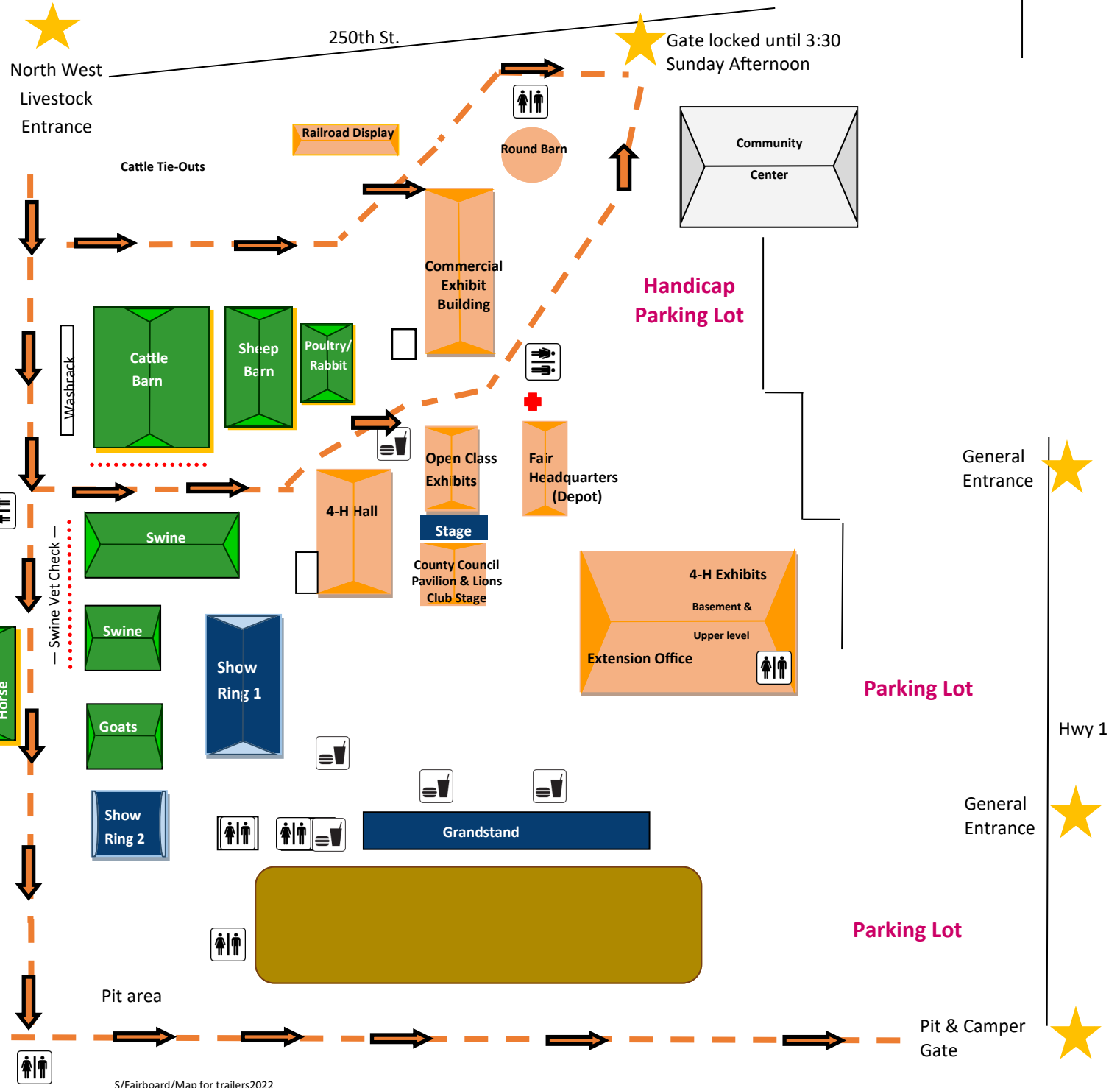
Community Center Gate is for exit only.

Horse/Swine/Goats EXIT with pit/camper gate

Unload Zones: Park closest to the barn, so trailers can continue to go around. Do not block the Orange arrow paths.

Long-term Trailer Parking: ***Trailers can stay on the grounds all week and park by the bean and hay field on the south side of the grounds next to the fence, past the grandstands and past the pits. These can not come and go during the week, but can be moved again Friday 6 a.m. for livestock release

Please remember: Please be patient as we all work together to get traffic in and out quickly and safely.



Gate locked until 3:30 Sunday Afternoon

Handicap Parking Lot

Parking Lot

Parking Lot

General Entrance

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Pit & Camper Gate



Hwy 1

Campgrounds

