

**DISTRICT (5) 4-H HORSE COUNCIL**  
**2009 State Horse Council Recommendations/Suggestions**  
**Final Draft ~ October 27, 2009**

1. **Contest Division: Flag Race** for all divisions currently reads “Riders that pickup the flag, but fail to permanently place the flag in the receiving bucket will receive a five (5) second penalty in addition to their final time. Riders that miss picking up the flag, drop the flag once it has been picked up, run off pattern and/or knock over any barrel or bucket will receive a “no time”.  

**Change to:** 10 second penalty for riders that miss picking up the flag, drop the flag once it has been picked up, run off pattern and/or knock over any barrel or bucket.  
5 second penalty for riders that pick up the flag without dropping it, running off pattern, and/or knocking over any barrel or bucket and fail to stick it in opposite bucket.  
Anything knocked over is a no time. Flag must be stuck through the top of the bucket and no hitting the horse with the flag.
2. On page G-4 of General Rules it states: *Stallions (uncastrated males) will not be permitted to show at either the district or the State 4-H Horse Show. County shows may provide a class for weanlings or yearlings to encourage a breeding project.* **In the event that 4-H members in the youth livestock shows are allowed to show bulls up to 2 years of age and it is unfair not to compensate for the same in the 4-H horse program. THEREFORE would like to change it to read:** *Stallions over 1year of age (uncastrated males) will not be permitted to show at either the district or State 4-H Horse Show. Stallions (Colts and Fillies) less than 1 year of age will be allowed to show in the OI yearling class at the State 4-H Horse Show. County shows may provide a class for weanlings or yearlings to encourage a breeding project.*
3. Due to the increase in participation in the walking racking division, with (3) classes this year having greater than 40 participants, it would behoove the state 4-H horse program to have a Junior and Senior age division for all W/R Division classes. According to the National Walking Horse Association they currently split all youth classes 12-17 as Seniors and 11 and under as Juniors. **THEREFORE** the following option is proposed:
  - a) *Make all of the eligible W/R Division Classes Junior and Senior Age Divisions with a maximum of 24 horses per class (in the ring) at one time.*
4. In addition to the large numbers during the Walking Racking Division we would also like to see included in the general rules “*Only (1) class in the show ring at any time.*” This would apply to all division.
5. I would like to request that all the barrel race classes be changed to **3D barrels**. The reason for the change is because more children would be able to place and be recognized. The 3D barrels has 3 divisions- **Division I:** consists of the first 10 fastest times; **Division II:** is 1 second off of the fastest time (Example if fastest time is 15:00, 16:00 ...) from the first division-you can have a top 10 as well; **Division III:** is 2 seconds off the first fastest time (17:00 ....) -you can also have a top 10 in this division as well.

6. According to the American Mini Horse Registry (Part 17, page 64) they allow for Physically & Mentally Challenged Classes. These classes are recommended to be included in all shows to encourage physically and mentally challenged individuals to expand their enjoyment of ponies and miniature horses by offering the opportunity to participate at pointed shows. They also state that in order to participate in (PMC Classes) exhibitors must have a doctor diagnosed/permanent disability. They also go on to list the different conditions. (such as autism, down syndrome etc) **THEREFORE** *we recommend that the State 4-H Horse Program consider adding such a class to the state 4-H horse program maybe starting with the MINI Division or creating special PMC walk/trot classes among the judged (non contest) events. Or possibly allowing for some way to let a judge know when a handicapped child is in a class so that they judge them based on their own ability and not compared with the ability of non-handicapped youth.*
7. It seems that there is never a convenient time to make a picture in front of the current state fair horse show sign without someone wanting to run you out of the arena. **THEREFORE: We need to put the “4-H” back into the state fair horse show sign and place it outside** so that it is easily accessible throughout the duration of the state 4-H horse show. That way everyone would have equal opportunity to take pictures of their child during the state show.
8. In 2009 Contest horses were never allowed in the ring (Broadbent or Outside Ring). It appears that the state show is turning into drill team show during those days which are designated for the Contest Division. **THEREFORE: Would also like to see contest (timed event) horses have a set time in practice in the arena and not as time allows.**