

Kent County Gymkhana Rules

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In accordance with the 4-H Horse & Pony Project Show Rules and Regulations: Gymkhana Division General Rules #7: Horses must be mounted when entering the ring. No assistance to either horse or rider is permitted past the arena gate.

The following rules are in addition to the Michigan State 4-H Rules & Regulations. The Kent County Contesting Committee has carefully determined these rules to be necessary to enhance the safety of the riders in the Kent County 4-H Horse Leader program.

APPOINTMENTS OF HORSE (WESTERN) - A breast collar is **required**.

APPOINTMENTS OF HORSE (ENGLISH) - A breast plate is **required**.

APPOINTMENTS OF RIDER - A Western tie or scarf/hunt seat choker-pin/saddle seat tie and belts are optional. Shirts, Western vests or jackets **must be tucked in. No club jackets.**

Indiana Flag Race - The length of the flag sticks should be **8 inches to 14 inches** above the edge of the bucket.

Speed and Action - Definition of stop to be **no further forward motion**. A flat-footed stand is **not required once "no further forward motion" has been met.**

Gymkhana Equitation -

This is the equitation class for the dedicated contesting rider and horse.

- Anyone placing 1st or 2nd in any western equitation/hunt seat equitation/saddle seat equitation class during the current year fair is NOT eligible for this class except Horsemaster Division.
- Exhibitors must have been rated for and shown in a minimum of three contesting events.
- Appropriate and correct contesting appointments according to the Michigan 4-H Rules and Regulation and the Kent County Contesting Qualifications (see above) will be required.
- Exhibitor's equitation will be judged according to the correct position and aids for contesting.
- Horses are to be under control at **all times. Bucking, rearing, racing, swapping leads and refusing to go forward or stand will be severely penalized.**

For additional 4-H Gymkhana Division guidelines and rules; go to the State 4-H Website:

http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/resources/mi_4h_horse_show_rules