

BY LAWS OF
FLYING LEAD SADDLE CLUB, INC.

ARTICLE 1: NAME

Section 1: the name of this association shall be the Flying Saddle Club, Inc.

Section 2: The club colors are turquoise and black.

ARTICLE II: CLUB OBJECTIVES

Section 1: To promote the welfare of children and adults in their desire to spend their recreational hours in the company of each other and with their animal friends- their horses.

Section 2: To help them learn to ride and care for their horses, as well as to groom, feed, shovel and do all else that pertains to their up-keep.

Section 3: To promote good sportsmanship among club members.

Section 4: To promote horse riding as a family activity for all family members to enjoy.

ARTICLE III: POLICIES

Section 1: The program of this Saddle Club shall be educational and recreational, and shall be developed through regular meetings and riding activities.

Section 2: It will be the policy of this Saddle club to follow all township rules and regulations set forth by the township supervisor governing the township community center and horse arena.

Section 3: It will be the policy of all members to respect the rules set forth by this saddle club.

Section 4: It will be the policy of this club to not allow use of alcoholic beverages.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1: DELETED

Section 2: Any person willing to promote the objects as set forth in Article II may become a member of this club at **ANY TIME OF THE YEAR**. Memberships submitted after May 31 will not be recorded with the WSCA.

Section 3: Persons under 18 years of age in order to become a member of this club must have one parent or legal guardian or sponsor who is a member. The sponsor's name will be stated on the membership list. The sponsor will assume all responsibility for the said minor.

Section 4: The number of members shall be unlimited.

Section 5: The annual dues shall be \$15.00 for a single, \$25.00 for a couple, and \$35.00 for a family membership **WHICH INCLUDES THE HIGH POINT FEE. NON-MEMBERS MAY PAY A DAILY HIGH POINT FEE TO BE DETERMINED BY THE CLUB TO QUALIFY FOR THE DAY OF INDIVIDUAL PLAYDAYS BUT ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE YEARLY HIGH POINT AWARDS. MEMBERSHIP MONEYS WILL NOT BE REFUNDED FOR ANY REASON.**

Section 6: Membership runs from January 1 to January 1.

Section 8: No individual member shall have any rights to any club property. **NO CLUB PROPERTY SHALL LEAVE THE GROUNDS WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF OFFICERS.**

Section 9: Only paid members have voting rights.

Section 10: **VIOLATION OF THESE BY-LAWS WILL BE A TIERED SYSTEM WITH THE THIRD OFFENSE REQUIRING A SPECIAL MEETING. ALL MEMBERS WILL BE PROVIDED NOTIFICATION OF SAID MEETING AND THE TIERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

FIRST OFFENSE: ORAL WARNING

SECOND OFFENSE: WRITTEN WARNING

THIRD OFFENSE: TERMINATION OF MEMBER BENEFITS (voting rights, ride fees, stripped of yearly high point eligibility, etc.) RE-INSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP FOR THE

FOLLOWING YEAR WILL BE VOTED ON BY MAJORITY VOTE TO TAKE PLACE AT SPECIAL MEETING.

Said member must be notified BY MAIL of such pending action in advance of said meeting. FAILURE TO APPEAR BY SAID MEMBER TO STATE WHY THEIR MEMBERSHIP SHOULD NOT BE REVOKED WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC TERMINATION.

Section 11: For a member to qualify for the \$15 ride all day fee, they must attend two meetings per year and work one show during the season.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

Section 1: The officers of this corporation shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, & Safety Leader.

Section 2: The officers shall be nominated from the floor AT THE LAST REGULAR MEETING OF THE YEAR

SECTION 3 VOTING FOR NOMINATED OFFICERS SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE FIRST MEETING AFTER THE JANUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR. VOTES SHALL BE CAST BY BALLOT.

Section 4: Officers shall serve a term of one year beginning January 1. Officers may be re-elected.

Section 5: All officers shall be a member in good standing.

Section 6: All members 12 years of age and older shall have equal voting rights.

ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND APPOINTED MEMBERS

Section 1: The President shall preside at all meetings and shall be a member ex-officio of all committees.

Section 2: A list of all major club assets will be recorded and updated by the club President each year and issued to the club at the April or May meeting. This list will become a part of the Secretary's minutes for the month they are completed.

Section 3: The Vice President shall assist the President and perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer.

Section 4: The Secretary is responsible for keeping a correct record of meetings.

Section 5: An up to date calendar of events will be kept by the Secretary and posted at each monthly meeting.

Section 6: The Treasurer is responsible for keeping a correct record and receipts of all monies and recording receipts and expenditures.

SECTION 7: INABILITY TO FULLFIL OFFICER DUTIES NEEDS TO BE PRESENTED AND A REPLACEMENT PERSON SHALL BE APPOINTED BY OFFICERS. SAID PERSON SHALL HOLD NEWLY VACANT POSITION UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR VOTING MEETING.

SECTION 8: ALL OFFICERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WORK TOGETHER IN THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES AS THEY PERTAIN TO THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CLUB.

SECTION 9: ANY VACANCIES SHALL BE FILLED BY APPOINTMENT BY THE REMAINING OFFICERS.

SECTION 10: ALL OFFICERS MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE FOR A MINIMUM OF 90% OF ALL CLUB FUNCTIONS.

SECTION 11: TEMPORARY OFFICERS MAY BE APPOINTED ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

Section 1: Regular meetings will be held the third Wednesday of every month. Additional meetings will be called by the President as needed and all club members notified in advance WITHIN 72 HOURS.

Section 2: A MAJORITY VOTE OF ATTENDING MEMBERS AND/OR OFFICERS AT ANY MEETING IS ENOUGH TO CONDUCT BUSINESS.

ARTICLE VIII: BY LAW REVISIONS

Section 1: Amendments to the Club by laws shall be proposed to the members at the regular club meeting prior to the regular meeting at which they are voted upon.

Section 2: These by laws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members present.

ARTICLE IX: RULES AND REGULATIONS

Section 1: All members shall be ENCOURAGED TO REVIEW THESE BY-LAWS available in the clubhouse AS WELL AS ONLINE VIA THE CLUB WEBSITE AT flyingleadsaddleclub.com.

Section 2: Rules and regulations governing all playdays, trail rides and other scheduled events for that year will be discussed and/ or amended at the regularly scheduled meeting and voted upon at the regular January meeting.

Section 3: Renting of the Flying Lead Saddle Club arena to any other parties, organizations, trainers, etc must have approval from the Clinton Township with final approval from the Flying Lead Saddle Club itself. Rental fees and costs will be determined specifically for each event and monies made will be that of the Flying Lead Saddle Club. Person's or Organization's renting the arena must provide verification of insurance coverage. Person's or organization's renting the arena shall abide by the arena rules set forth by the Flying Lead Saddle Club.

Rules and Regulations Basic Rules

1. All riders ride at their own risk.
2. All tack and equipment must be in good operating condition.
3. No dogs are allowed for health and safety reasons.
4. All riders must respect spectators when riding and give them the right of way.
5. To prevent accidents, riders should stay away from the highway area.
6. Please cleanup manure from around trailers and parking lot.
7. Horses are not allowed in spectators fenced off areas.
8. Gates should be closed on arena at all times.
9. Horses must stay in the designated "horse" area.
10. Safety helmets must be worn for all events by PeeWee's (aged 10 and under).
11. Do not try to outride your ability.
12. All riders and spectators are responsible for their refuse and dispose of it in the proper containers.

Sportsmanship Rules

1. In the arena the decision of the judge and/or officiating officer is final.
2. Listen to and respect your ringmaster and/or officiating officer.
3. Foul language by anyone, is not allowed.
4. Continual use of foul language by a rider will be grounds for expulsion from the entire show that day.

5. Members of the audience who continue to use foul language after being warned of the problem will be asked to leave the Clinton Township grounds.
6. Good competition between members is fun, but respect for fellow riders is far more important.

Dress Code

1. For performance classes, a rider must wear a western shirt, hat/helmet, and boots. 10 and under must wear helmet.
2. All English riders must wear appropriate English clothes and boots.
3. Riders may wear a short sleeve shirt with a collar, but no T-Shirts, tank tops, or spaghetti strap shirts. All riders must wear western riding boots.

Class Entry Rules

“An EVENT is the name of the general term used in defining the procedure (ex, poles, barrels, etc.) A CLASS is the age grouping of each event (ex, pole weaving 10 & under, barrels 18 & over, etc.)”

1. Each rider must pay an entry fee for every horse he/she rides.
2. **AN OFFICE FEE SHALL BE CHARGED TO EACH HORSE AND RIDER COMBINATION.**
2. Entries are closed at the start of the class prior to the class called.
3. Age as of January 1st of the current year will determine age group.
4. **Age groupings include: leadline, 10 and under class(peewee), 11 to 13 class (junior), 14 to 17 class (intermediate), 18 to 34 class (senior), 35 to 49 (classics) and +50 (weezers & geezers) class. Groups can be combined if there are less than 3 registered in a class, at the discretion of officiating officer or judge.**
5. A stallion can be shown only in the 18 and over class.
6. No horse can be run more than once in a class with the exception of lead line classes.
7. Entry fees – are per horse/rider combination as follows: 15\$/members ride all day; \$3 per event + \$3 office fee and \$3 daily high point/non-member.
8. All participants in club events must sign a liability disclaimer. Those under 18 must have a parent or guardian sign for them.
9. For a member to qualify for the \$15 ride all day fee, they must attend two meetings per year.
10. **ALL ENTRANTS WILL BE ENTERED INTO A DRAWING UPON REGISTERING FOR RING CREW ON DAY OF REGISTRATION. DRAWINGS WILL BE HELD FOR EACH GAMING EVENT FOR A MAXIMUM OF FOUR (4) PERSONS PER EVENT.**

General Rules for Show days

1. "Running the gate" is not allowed. The gate must be completely closed before rider begins the course and must remain closed until the completion of the course and horse has come to a complete stop.
2. Keep horses away from the concession stand.
3. All persons should stay out of the concession stand or judges stand unless you are working there.
4. Riders please be ready when called. After two calls you will be disqualified for that event.
5. All horses and riders should stay away from the gate.
6. All riders should stay in the designated Horse area.
7. Please don't litter (pick up your own trash).
8. Do not climb on arena panels.
9. Stay out of arena area unless you are a designated helper.
10. Don't swing on gates.
11. Shut all gates when the arena is not in use.
12. Excessive punishment of a horse is forbidden.
13. No drinking of alcoholic beverages is allowed.
14. Spurs may be used.
15. The club president or designated official has the right to expel any rider or spectator from the Clinton Community Center Grounds if there is a consistent breakage of above rules.
16. On matters not covered in these rules, the decision of the club president or designated official is final.

Event Rules

1. Flat bats or open hand only may be used behind the cinch (no slapping with the reins).
2. Hitting the horse in front of the cinch means immediate disqualification for that ride.
3. No re-rides because of breakage or faulty equipment.
4. A re-ride will be given only when there is trouble with the timer or to break a tie.
5. Any barrel or pole tipped over or held up by the rider's hand or foot means disqualification.
6. In rescue: for each entry fee a rider can (ride once and be rescued once) or (be rescued twice).

7. Tie downs and running martingales are allowed.

8. Twisted curb chains are prohibited.

Arena Rules

1. All riders ride at their own risk, and assume responsibility for damage done by their horse.

2. Any organization wishing to use the arena must be approved through the Clinton Township Office, with final approval from the Flying Lead Saddle Club.

3. At the discretion of the Flying Lead Saddle Club, a fee will be charged for the use of the horse arena.

4. Clubs or organizations outside of Clinton must provide verification of insurance coverage when applying for approval at the Township Office.

5. Gates must be closed when the horse arena is not in use.

6. You must be a member in good standing to use the arena for open riding. A member wishing to use the arena for practice shall notify an officer of day and time of use. Use of club property such as poles, timer, P.A. system, etc. for practice shall not be allowed unless special permission is given by officers. Helmets shall be worn by children under the age of 10 at all times during open riding or practice.

Judges/officiating officer Duties

1. The Judge shall:

a. Judge each class to the best of his/her ability without bias or prejudice.

b. Try to keep all classes moving without delays.

c. Stop a class temporarily for safety reasons.

d. Disqualify a rider because of unsportsmanlike conduct.

e. Ask a rider to leave the arena because of unsafe tack or equipment.

f. Ask a rider to leave the arena because his or her horse is creating an unsafe environment to the rider and other participants.

2. The Judge shall use his/her Ring Steward wisely. (Check Ring Steward Duties)

3. We encourage all Judges to help our riders improve their riding ability.

Ring Steward Duties

1. The ring steward should try to make the judges duties easier by:

- a. Assembling the class promptly and eliminating long delays between classes.
 - b. Trying to keep the judging program on schedule.
 - c. Will notify the Judge when all horses are present for each class and call his attention to those horses which are absent.
 - d. Will explain to each rider as they come into the ring what pattern is expected of them by the Judge.
 - e. Shall not take part in the judging of the class.
 - f. Shall stand in a position as to not interfere with the judging of the class.
 - g. Shall not allow the exhibitors to crowd up in the ring.
 - h. Shall keep the possibilities of an accident at a minimum.
3. The Judge can request the Ring Steward to move and place horses as he advises.
4. The Ring Steward:
- a. Has the authority to ask an exhibitor to remove their horse from the ring for safety reasons.
 - b. Has the authority to remove unsportsmanlike exhibitors from the arena.
 - c. Shall make sure the arena gate is closed during all judged classes.
 - d. Has the right to stop the judging of a class temporarily to eliminate any safety problems.

Announcer Duties

1. It will be the duty of the Announcer to:
 - a. Announce all numbers and names of the riders entered in a class, previous to that class for the sake of grouping said riders for a quick and orderly class change.
 - b. Announce all placings for each class.
 - c. Transfer to the riders instructions from the Judge.
 - d. Announce after each timed ride the rider's exact time.
 - e. Keep a record of placings in each class (record on entry sheet).
 - f. Announce in advance which rider or riders will be riding next in the class.
2. The Announcer has the right to temporarily stop the class because of safety reasons.
3. The Announcer should have an assistant to help with record keeping.

4. The Announcer has the right to expel anyone from the announcing stand.

5. The Announcer has the right to give a no-time to any rider in a timed event for a broken pattern or for breakage of a club rule.