

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: All members of the Flying Lead Saddle Club in good standing on the date of incorporation of this association are automatically charter members of the Flying Lead Saddle Club.

Section 2: Any person willing to promote the objects as set forth in Article II may become a member of this club at the regular meeting from January through the April meeting and upon payment of dues. All members 12 years of age and older shall have equal voting rights.

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.

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

Section 7: If dues are not paid by the April meeting a penalty of \$5.00 will be added to the cost of the membership. This does not apply to new members.

Section 8: No individual member shall have any rights to any club property.

Section 9: Only paid members have voting rights.

Section 10: Membership can be terminated by a 1/2 majority vote of members at any regular meeting. Said member must be notified of such pending action in advance of said meeting.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

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

Section 2: The officers shall be nominated from the floor and elected at the annual meeting.

Section 3: Officers shall serve a term of one year beginning January 1. Officers may be re-elected.

Section 4: The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be a member in good standing.

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: It shall be the duty of the President to head the Executive Committee which will meet before the regular March meeting to set tentative dates for club activities for the upcoming year.

Section 3: 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 4: The Vice President shall assist the President and perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer.

Section 5: The Secretary is responsible for keeping a correct record of meetings.

Section 6: An up to date calendar of events will be kept by the Secretary and posted at each monthly meeting.

Section 7: The Treasure is responsible for keeping a correct record and receipts of all monies and recording receipts and expenditures.

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.

Section 2: Seven voting members present shall constitute a quorum.

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: This association shall follow the "Robert's Rules of Order"

Section 2: All members shall be issued a set of Flying Lead Saddle Club by laws.

Section 3: 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 April meeting. All rules and regulations will be issued to each member at the regularly scheduled events until they are revised.

Section 4: 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 fee's 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 unless on a leash. (please, no loud barkers)
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. Each rider is responsible for his/her horse and the cleanup of manure from said horse.
7. Horses are not allowed in spectators fenced off areas.
8. Gates should be closed on arena when possible.
9. Horses must stay in the designated "horse" area.
10. Safety helmets must be worn for all games 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.
13. Please cleanup manure from around trailers and parking lot.

Sportsmanship Rules

1. In the arena the decision of the judge is final.
2. Listen to and respect your ringmaster.
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, and boots.
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. 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. 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: 10 and under class, 11 to 13 class, 14 to 17 class, 18 to 34 class, and 35 and over class. Groups can be combined if there are less than 3 registered in a class, at the discretion of the president 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.
7. Entry fees - to be added.
8. All participants in club events must sign a liability disclaimer. Those under 18 must have a parent or guardian sign for them.

General Rules for Show days

1. Horses or foals must not be left to wander unattended.
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
5. All horses and riders should stay away from the run-out-chute.
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. To be added.....
2. All riders ride at their own risk, and assume responsibility for damage done by their horse.
3. Any organization wishing to use the arena must be approved through the Clinton Township Office, with final approval from the Flying Lead Saddle Club.
4. At the discretion of the Flying Lead Saddle Club, a fee will be charged for the use of the horse arena.
5. Clubs or organizations outside of Clinton must provide verification of insurance coverage when applying for approval at the Township Office.
6. Gates must be closed when the horse arena is not in use.

7. 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. Helmets shall be worn by children under the age of 10 at all times during open riding or practice.

Judges 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.