

NCHA

LOPING PEN RULES

(TO BE POSTED AT EVERY ENTRANCE TO A LOPING AREA)

- ❖ **PRESERVE A LOPING TRACK IN THE LOPING PEN AT ALL TIMES**
 - Stay to the inside of the group if you wish to go slow, stay to the outside if you wish to go fast.
- ❖ **LOPING PEN IS RESTRICTED TO HORSES ENTERED IN THE CURRENT CLASS**
 - Horses not entered in the current cutting class are prohibited from the enclosed loping pen or area where horses enter into the competition ring. No more than 17 horses can be in the loping pen at one time. (This does not apply to help horses).
- ❖ **DRY WORK SHOULD ONLY BE DONE IN AN AREA WHERE THERE IS NO TRAFFIC**
- ❖ **ENTERING AND LEAVING THE PEN**
 - When entering the loping pen yield to all horses in motion.
 - Enter the stream of horse traffic from the outside in the same direction as the group and look around before leaving the group to avoid contact with another horse.
 - Never stop in traffic.
 - Do not weave in and out of traffic and avoid contact with other horses. Maintain a constant speed in your position.
 - Change directions and maintain the flow in one direction when asked. Always ask when you wish to change direction.
 - Yield to all vehicles, pedestrians or horses wishing to enter or exit the loping area.
- ❖ **RIDERS MUST BE IN CONTROL OF THEIR HORSE AT ALL TIMES**
 - No horse can carry two or more persons at any time in the loping pen or competition arena.
 - Horses can not be led from another horse in the loping area.
 - If you must tie your horse, tie them to a secure fence, not panels, in areas with no traffic. Do not tie stallions, kicking or biting horses in the loping pen.
 - Do not ride under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
 - Adjust stirrup lengths to suit the person riding the horse
- ❖ **ALL LOPERS MUST FOLLOW NCHA ATTIRE RULES WHILE IN THE LOPING PEN**
 - Helmets must be worn by persons under the age of 18 if they are not a member of the NCHA or competing at the show.
 - All horses must be ridden in approved NCHA equipment while in the loping area. No training devices allowed.
 - Apply boots and groom in areas with no traffic.
- ❖ **MAINTAIN NCHA ANIMAL WELFARE RULES WHILE IN THE LOPING AREA**
- ❖ **BE COURTEOUS AND MAINTAIN A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOUR**