



May 13, 2009

TO: Beaugard Horse Exhibitors and Parents
RE: Bi-Parish Horse Show, SW District Horse Show and State Horse Show

Dear Exhibitors and Parents,

It is time for us to start thinking about the summer fun for all of our horse show contestants. We have some exciting things for you and your horse to come and be a part of this year. Our Bi-Parish Horse Show is set for Friday, June 19, 2009. It will be held at the Covered Arena in DeRidder beginning with registration at 4:00 p.m. The Southwest District Horse Show is set for Monday –Tuesday, June 29-30th at the West Cal Arena in Sulphur. The State Horse Show is set for July 7-11, 2009 at the Ike Hamilton in Monroe. I have included in this letter information to enter the 2009 Bi-Parish Show, and the Southwest District Horse Show. The SW District Horse Show is a qualifying for to attend the State Horse Show. The following pages will include the bi-Parish Schedule and entry form, the SW District Horse Show Schedule and the District/State horse Show entry form. Please follow the information and directions below to properly enter you horses in the upcoming Summer horse events.

I will need a copy of your registration papers or the Grade Horse Certificate in my office by **Friday, June 12, 2009**. **Please make sure the date recorded on the grade horse forms and any letter related to possession is prior to or on April 1, 2009**. Entry forms and copies of registration papers must be given to me prior to the Bi-Parish Horse show. This year our SW District Entries are due in Lake Charles the day of our Bi-Parish Show; therefore, I will need all horse entries and paperwork prior to our Bi-Parish Show. SW District Horse Show entries along with \$10.00 per roping class fees are due in the Beaugard 4-H Office by Friday, June 12, 2009. If a horse is registered it must be registered in the exhibitors name or in an immediate family members name (father, mother, stepparent, brother, sister, legal guardian, stepbrother, stepsister, or grandparents). If the horse is owned by an immediate family member, a written statement signed by the owner and exhibitor must accompany the copy of registration or grade papers stating that the exhibitor cares for and shows the horse with the owners' permission for the exhibitor to show the horse. The location of the horse during the show season (April 1 – August 1) must be specified on the written statement. I need a copy of your grade horse or registration papers for each horse you will enter this year.

The Bi-Parish Horse Show will be held in DeRidder this year at the Beaugard Civic center Covered Arena located on Hwy 190 West of DeRidder. The event will take place on Friday, June 19, 2009. The registration will start at 4:00 p.m. with the show starting promptly at 6:00p.m. Please get to the show early and get signed up. Entry fee will be \$5.00 for non cattle classes and \$10.00 for cattle classes. **Helmets must be worn in all speed event classes.**

The District Horse Show will be held at the West Cal Arena in Sulphur, La. on June 29th -30th. Enclosed you will find an entry form and schedule for the District Show. **I will need the entry forms and entry /roping fees back in my office or handed to me by Friday, June 12, 2009. At the Bi-Parish Horse Show.** At the District Show, the only fees will be a \$10.00 entry fee for the roping events entered for each horse. This is due along with your entry form. If you are staying in Sulphur you will need to contact the West Cal Arena by Friday June 19, 2009 to make stall and camper reservations. The number is (337)528-9378. There will be a fee charged for both stalls and camper fee.

The State Horse Show is set for July 7-11, 2009 at the Ike Hamilton Expo Center in Monroe. The State Horse Show Schedule and rules may be obtained by visiting <http://www.agctr.lsu.edu/Inst/Extension/livestockshow/catalogues.html> web site. State Horse Show Rules will apply to the district show. The District show is a qualifying show just like the Spring District Livestock Show. Your horse must place in the upper 75% of its class in order to qualify to attend the State

Horse Show. At District and State Horse Show you must bring proof of a negative coggins test within 12 months and if you are going to stay overnight you must also bring a current set of health papers. There will also be an entry fee for the State show as well. Additional Entry fees will be assessed upon arrival at the State Horse Show. These fees will need to be paid at the Show Office when exhibitors pick up their show numbers. **Entry fees for the State show are as follows:** Entry fee (per class) \$10.00, Stall fee (horse and tack) \$15.00 per day, Cattle charge (roping and team penning classes) \$15.00. Bedding will not be furnished at the state horse show. Exhibitors should bring their own bedding materials to the show.

A copy of the 2009 Beauregard/Vernon Bi-Parish Horse Show schedule is included along with a copy of the grade Horse paper and Entry forms and show schedule for the 2009 SW District Horse Show in Sulphur. One LSU entry form per horse entered must be completed. I will not be able to attend the State Horse Show this year. The State Horse Show is set the same time as our 4-H Camp week. I have asked Mr. Chad Hagan and Mr. Trent Guidry to assist you with anything you may need during the State Horse Show.

Please pay attention to the Louisiana Horse Health requirements. It is the parent and exhibitors responsibility for follow these health requirements. All horses attending show and events must follow these criteria. Each horse participating in the event must meet federal and state quarantine and interstate regulations.

Each horse participating in the event must have a Health Certificate. Each horse must have the **original** official health certificate signed by a USDA accredited veterinarian. Identification on the Health Certificate should include the following.

- 1.a. an accurate, clearly stated description of horse
 - b. clearly written brand, tattoo or microchip number
 - c. **Original** EIA Test Paper
2. Each horse must be accompanied by an **original** negative official test for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) (Coggins Test, Swamp Fever Test). The horse must have tested negative within the past year (12 months).
- a. The original EIA test result paper should contain
 - i. an accurate, clearly stated description of horse
 - ii. clearly written brand, tattoo or microchip number
 - b. This health certificate is good for 60 days from the date of issue to cover the period of the show season for Louisiana FFA/4H animals.
 - c. This health certificate is good for 30 days from the date of issue for all out of state animals
 - c. Foals **of any age** must be tested for EIA if traveling to a show.
 - d. It is strongly recommended that the horse be vaccinated for EEE, WEE and West Nile Virus (WNV).
 - e. Each horse brought to the show must indicate on the health certificate or EIA test the physical location of origin and return destination for 30 days prior to and after the show.

Please pay close attention to the following 2009 Horse Show Rule Changes/Possession Date/Entry Requirements:

- All horses an exhibitor plans to show must be in their possession by April 1, 2009
- All grade horses must have a completed Grade Horse Certificate along with a picture of the horse by the possession date. Possession date must be on or prior to April 1, 2009.
- Papers on registered horses can be in the exhibitors name or the name of an immediate family member by April 1st
- An explanation of who is considered an immediate family member is explained in the Horse Show rule book
- Any horse that is shown and is registered in the name of an immediate family member must be documented on the State Horse Show entry form
- Exhibitors are allowed to enter multiple horses and scratch before the district horse show
- If exhibitors do choose to enter multiple horses, exhibitor must provide all required entry information for each horse entered. At the district show only one horse per class may be shown by an exhibitor.
- A hardship process is listed in the rule book for exhibitors who may need to replace their horse due to death or injury.

Rule Changes for 2009

- Start a pilot project with speed event horses (poles, barrels and stakes). If a horse qualifies in two classes at district and has previously entered and competed in the third class, but did not qualify they would be allowed to compete in the third class at the state show. The exhibitor would be required to indicate their desire at the district show to be allowed at the state show.
- Dressage will be split into two classes in 2009 , 13 & under and 14 & over
- New maneuvers will be added to the rules for the showmanship class, they include: push turn to left, turn on hind quarters, and sending the horse around you in either direction.
- A new Ground Work Class will be added to the show. Rules and a description of the class will be listed in the show catalog.
- Recommend that a clause be added to page 13 with the possession rules that "The location of the horse during the show season (April 1 – August 1) must be specified to the 4-H agent by April 1 of the show year.
- A Quiz Bowl committee was formed to revise the questions with assistance from Master Horsemen. The Jr. Master Horsemen book from AQHA is recommended as a reference source.
- Jr and Sr. Dressage and Equitation (All Ages) over fences will be added as qualifying classes for the Southern Regional Horse Show.
- Dressage will be added to the high point judged calculations. Team penning will be added to the speed events high point calculations.

I would like to wish all of you the best of luck at all to the Horse Shows this summer. Remember that all entry forms and appropriate entry fees are due to the Beauregard 4-H office on or by Friday, June 12, 2009. Remember that each horse entered must have its own entry form. **Remember that the possession date for all horses shown must be on or prior to April 1, 2009. Exhibitors must also provide a written statement by the owner of the horse if it is an immediate family member stating that the exhibitor has permission to use and exhibit the horse in question and indicate the location of the horse during the show season (April 1-August 1). Any dated possession information must be dated April 1 or before.** Bi-Parish Horse Show entries will be taken during registration at the Show. You may pre-enter for the Bi-Parish Horse Show by filling out the enclosed Bi-Parish Entry sheet and return it to the 4-H office by June 12th. You may add or delete classes for the Bi-Parish Show and pay entry fees at the 2009 Bi-Parish Horse Show. Entry fees there are \$5.00 per class. If I can assist you in any way you can call me at (337)463-7006 or e-mail at mlavergne@agcenter.lsu.edu .

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: