



# Alachua County Agriculture and Equestrian Center Pre-Approved Activities List

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners ("Board") has declared the following activities to be pre-approved activities that do not require further Board approval prior to the event/activity at the Agriculture and Equestrian Center ("Center") and the Licensee entering into a *License Agreement for the Use of Alachua County Agriculture and Equestrian Center* ("License Agreement"). The pre-approved activities were reviewed by the Alachua County Animal Welfare board on August 9, 2023.

A proposed activity or event that involve animals and that is not on this Pre-approved Activities List, shall be submitted to the Board for consideration by placing the activity/event description and the proposed License Agreement on the Board's consent agenda at least 30 calendar days prior to the date of the proposed Event.

In addition to the terms of the License Agreement, the Alachua County Agriculture and Equestrian Center Rules and Regulations and County Policies on County Facilities shall apply and be enforced. The Rules and Regulations are attached to and incorporated into the License Agreement. The County reserves the right to deny, revoke, or terminate any License Agreement and use of the Center, regardless of whether it involves a pre-approved activity.

## **Pre-Approved Activities:**

**Barrel Racing** - A rodeo event in which each competitor in turn rides their horse in a set pattern around three barrels in the fastest possible time.

**Breed Shows** - A broad term for exhibitions designed to showcase a single animal breed. In most cases, only purebred animals recorded with a breed registry are eligible to enter and compete. Horses and riders compete for ribbons and points in a variety of English and western classes which are based on the breed.

**Carriage Driving** - A form of competitive horse driving in harness in which larger two or four wheeled carriages (often restored antiques) are pulled by a single horse, a pair, tandem or a four-in-hand team. Drivers perform tests of patterns for scores.

**Clinics** - An educational conference or short course where riders and their horses receive instruction from a professional instructor.

**Colt Starting** - The early education process of training a young horse to accept a rider, usually practiced on a two- or three-year-old horse.

**Cutting** - A western-style equestrian competition in which a horse and rider work together before a judge or panel of judges to demonstrate the horse's athleticism and ability to handle cattle.

# Definition of Agriculture & Equestrian Activities

**Dog Shows** - A competitive event in which dogs are exhibited and judged by an established standard or set of ideals prescribed for each breed.

**Dressage** - The art of riding and training a horse in a manner that develops obedience, flexibility, and balance. Riders and horse compete against each other in classes based on difficulty, type and skill level of horse/rider.

**Drill Teams** - A group of horse and riders performing in a synchronized pattern for competition (to be judged against each other) and exhibitions.

**Equestrian Theatrical Shows / Performance Events** – A play or performance on horseback. This does not include circus-type events.

**Hunter/Jumper** - Hunters is where the horse and rider jump a course and the judging is based on accuracy, grace, and elegance. Jumpers is where the horse and rider memorize a course of about 10 jumps. They compete against each for ribbons in classes based on fence height and skill level of rider and horse.

**Intercollegiate** - Equestrian teams from different colleges and universities compete against each other in English and western horse events.

**Livestock Shows** - An event where livestock are exhibited and judged on certain phenotypical breed traits as specified by their respective breed standard. Species of livestock that may be shown include pigs, cattle, sheep, goats, horses, llamas, alpacas, poultry, and rabbits.

**Mounted Games** – A fast-paced team competition that showcases the rider's athletic ability, agility, and precision of riding and general horsemanship. Riders must navigate their way through a number of obstacle races, which can include bending poles, stepping stones and a stacking race.

**Open Pleasure Shows** - A number of different English riding classes seen at horse shows in the United States, where the horse is ridden in either hunt seat or saddle seat tack. Horses are also shown in halter classes and in hand classes. Riders and horse compete against each other in classes based on difficulty, type, and skill level of horse/rider.

**Petting Zoo** – A zoo at which visitors, especially children, may handle and feed the animals. Petting Zoos must provide space available for the animals to take breaks and follow published guidance for petting zoos from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), including hand washing stations and no human food or beverages in the petting zoo areas.

**Western Dressage** - An equestrian sport that combines the principles of dressage riding and the use of western tack. Riders typically wear western attire, such as button-up shirts, cowboy boots and jeans. All horse breeds are permitted to compete in western dressage. Riders and horse compete against each other in classes based on difficulty and skill level of horse/rider.

