

Definition of Agriculture & Equestrian Activities

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners ("Board") has declared the following activities to be pre-approved Agriculture and Equestrian activities that do not require further Board approval prior to the County and Licensee entering into a *License Agreement for the Use of Alachua County Agriculture and Equestrian Center* ("License Agreement"). For Events that include only pre-approved activities, the County's Equestrian/Agriculture Event Rules and Regulations shall apply, and they shall be attached to and incorporated into the License Agreement.

All other proposed activities that include animals (*i.e.*, activities that are not on the pre-approved list) shall be submitted to the Board for pre-approval by placing the proposed License Agreement on the Board's consent agenda at least 30 calendar days prior to the date of the proposed Event. The County's Non-Equestrian/Agriculture Event Rules and Regulations shall apply to all such Events, and shall be attached to and incorporated into any such License Agreement.

The Board reserves the right to revoke or terminate any License Agreement, regardless of whether it involves a pre-approved activity, where the Board determines, in its sole discretion, the proposed activities would violate the County's Animal Exploitation ordinance, as may be amended by the County.

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.

~~Bull and Bronc Riding- a rodeo event in which a rider attempts to remain mounted on a bull or bronc while the animal bucks. The riders that stay on the longest and receive the highest score from the judge win the class.~~

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.

~~Cattle Sorting - riding on horseback and sorting cows. Each team of riders is faced with a herd of 10 calves, with each calf numbered zero to nine. A judge then calls out a number. Say the judge calls out "three." The riders will then begin sorting the cattle, moving them from one pen to another, beginning with the number three calf and moving on sequentially.~~

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.

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 and alpacas, etc.

Mounted Games- Mounted games is a fast-paced team competition that showcases the rider's athletic ability, agility, 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.

~~Mounted Shooting -- Mounted shooting requires skill in both horsemanship and shooting that is measured in the form of competitive events and is one of the fastest growing equestrian sports in the nation. The object of the sport is to shoot ten balloon targets while riding through a variety of challenging courses using specially loaded blank cartridges fired from Old West-style single-action revolvers. It is a high-speed, timed spectator sport in which the competitor who rides the fastest with the least amount of missed targets wins.~~

~~The typical event requires two single-action revolvers, each loaded with five blank cartridges. Ten targets are arranged in a horseback riding arena. When the competitor is given a go-signal, indicating the arena is clear of people and hazards, the rider guides his horse across a timer line and engages the ten targets. When all ten targets are engaged, the rider returns across the timer line and his score is determined and recorded. The raw time of the rider is computed and penalties are added for missed targets or failure to follow the specified course or procedure, or knocking over barrels or target stands. The sport is regulated by several governing bodies, including the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association, Cowboy Sports Association, Single Action Shooting Society, and Mounted Shooters of America.~~

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.

~~Team Penning-- a western equestrian sport that evolved from the common ranch work of separating cattle into pens. Riders and horses separate a chosen cow from the herd to demonstrate this skill.~~

~~Team Roping-- a rodeo event in which horseback riders compete in pairs to rope the horns and legs of a steer in the fastest possible time.~~

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.