

*Farmersville Riding Club*  
*Play Day Rules And Regulations*  
**As Revised February 2012**

<b>COST:</b>	•	
	<b>CLOSED PLAY DAY events:</b>	<b>\$3.00 per run</b>
	<b>OPEN PLAY DAY events:</b>	<b>\$3.00 per run</b>
	<b>PLAY DAY event exhibitions:</b>	<b>\$3.00 per run</b>

There shall be **NO REFUNDS** issued and **NO TRANSFER** of fees made after sign up is completed.

**AGE DIVISIONS:** Determined by birth date as of January 1 of the current year.

**0 through 8 Assisted**  
**0 through 8 Unassisted**  
**9 through 13**  
**14 through 20**  
**21 through 35 Women**  
**21 through 35 Men**  
**36 and over Women**  
**36 and over Men**

Assisted riders are helped by a person either on horseback or foot that also crosses the timer without penalty.

**SPECIAL EVENT AGE DIVISIONS:**

<b>Junior</b>	<b>0 through 20</b>
<b>Senior</b>	<b>21 and over</b>

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- a. All CLOSED PLAY DAY riders must be members in good standing having paid current year's dues of the Farmersville Riding Club. Non-Club members may ride EXHIBITION ONLY.
- b. All members under the age of 18 MUST have a parent, sponsor or designated responsible adult present when riding.
- c. All horses entering the entrance gate will be required to have in the possession of the owner/rider proof of testing negative for EIA in the previous 12 months. NO EXCEPTIONS will be made.
- d. There must a minimum of three (3) riders per age division for OPEN PLAY DAY except unassisted division. Combining of any age division for the OPEN PLAY DAY shall continue through all regular events. The manner in which age divisions are combined shall be determined by the OPEN PLAY DAY Captain.
- e. Riders must compete in a minimum of (4) CLOSED PLAY DAYS in order to receive year-end awards.
- f. All riders must be signed up and paid BEFORE the age division begins the event Riders arriving after the Play day has begun may ride the first event if they sign up prior to the completion of the last age group of the first event EXCEPTION: Riders may sign up for the OPEN PLAY DAY SPECIAL EVENT ONLY as the event progresses and pay as soon as the event is completed, but before their next ride.
- g. The ride must be a qualified ride as determined by the Arena Judge. Arena judges 9-16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult judge in the arena
- h. All ties will be broken by a ride off. In OPEN PLAY DAYS, it will occur before the next event begins. In CLOSED PLAYDAYS, if the riders end the year tied in points, the ride off will occur at the last CLOSED PLAY DAY with the event being determined by random drawing.
- i. Under no circumstances, is any participant, family of a participant or observer allowed to pass from the gate under the announcer's booth stairs to pass in front of the alleyway to exit another gate in the arena.

**PENALTIES AND DISQUALIFICATIONS:**

- a. If a second person crosses the timer during the ride of an assisted rider with the intent to assist the rider, the ride will be disqualified.
- b. A rider will be called 3 times. If the rider does not enter the arena, the rider will be dropped to the end of the roster for that event and then allowed to ride. If the rider does not enter the arena at that time, the rider will be disqualified for that event.

- c. Judges within the arena for each event will determine broken patterns and penalties. All members are encouraged to offer arena assistance.
- d. All protests shall be made directly to the PLAY DAY CAPTAIN. The arena judges, playday captains, officers and directors decisions shall be final.
- e. Each PLAY DAY event will have its own set of penalties and disqualifications that govern rulings by Arena Judges. Event diagrams and rules shall be posted for each PLAY DAY.

**PRIZES AND POINTS:**

- a. Prizes are determined by the amount of funds received from PLAY DAY activities.
- b. Awards in OPEN PLAY DAY shall be awarded based on the number of riders in the event and shall be awarded as follows:

3 riders:	FIRST place only
5 riders:	FIRST, SECOND places
7 riders:	FIRST, SECOND, THIRD places
9 riders:	FIRST, SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH places
11 riders:	FIRST, SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH, FIFTH places

FIRST PLACE prize in all regular events: \$6.00

All other prizes shall be determined by the OPEN PLAY DAY Captain as funds permit with cash being given for no prize other than FIRST. Cost of prizes shall not exceed funds generated by any event.

- c. OPEN SPECIAL PLAY DAY event award will be \$10.00.
- d. Awards for High Point Junior (0-20) and High Point Senior (21+) may be awarded in OPEN PLAY DAYS at the discretion of the OPEN PLAYDAY CAPTAIN.
- e. All events where points are used to determine places or prizes shall be awarded as follows:
 

FIRST PLACE	5 points
SECOND PLACE	4 points
THIRD PLACE	3 points
FOURTH PLACE	2 points
FIFTH PLACE	1 point
- f. Year-end awards for CLOSED PLAY DAYS shall be awarded to the top five (5) places per age division. Awards shall be determined by the CLOSED PLAY DAY Captains and as funds permit.
- g. Club members will receive one point toward year-end awards for each event they ride in at both Farmersville OPEN and Farmersville CLOSED PLAY DAYS, regardless of placing.
- h. To be eligible for year end awards: a member from each membership must work in the arena or where help is deemed necessary, a minimum of one event per PLAY DAY, for each rider in attendance.
- i. All contestants, times, placing and disqualifications will be recorded on PLAY DAY forms. At the end of each playday, a copy will be retained by the play day Captain, one will be given to the Secretary and one will be given to the President for point verification.
- j. Points will be posted on the PLAY DAY bulletin board and on the Farmersville Riding Club website after each playday. Challenges or changes must be made known to the PLAY DAY Captain within thirty (30) days; otherwise they will stand as recorded.
- k. Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult or under adult supervision, while in the arena.

**RAIN OUTS:**

- a. CLOSED PLAY DAY make-ups will be rescheduled for the following week. If the rain out date is canceled, notice shall be given via newsletter a minimum of 15 days prior to the make-up date. All efforts will be made to make-up CLOSED PLAY DAYS on the same day of the week as the original CLOSED PLAY DAY.
- b. OPEN PLAY DAYS will not be made up.
- c. The Arena Captains shall be responsible for determining if the arena is suitable for riding as well as the parking areas.
- d. Decisions regarding the cancellation of any PLAY DAY shall be made 2 hours prior to the start of the scheduled start, of the PLAY DAY.