

The CGHC Code of Conduct

The California Gypsy Horse Club (CGHC) members and non-members who have paid a fee to participate in CGHC shows and events, including riders, coaches, officials, and volunteers must conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner, and are responsible for their actions in competitions, going to and from competitions, and while at areas hosting competitions. In all equestrian sports the well-being of the horse shall be above the demands of trainers, riders, owners, organizers, sponsors or officials. In the interests of the horse, the fitness and competence of the rider is essential. All riding and training methods must demonstrate respect for the horse as a living entity and may not include any techniques considered to be abusive or overtaxing of the horse's ability or fitness. Members and non-members who have paid a fee to participate are responsible for adherence to the CGHC competition rules and procedures.

- Be respectful of officials, even if you do not agree with them.
- Encourage riders and show your appreciation for their efforts.
- Do not openly ridicule and criticize participants and/or their horses.
- Do not encourage unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Do not use inappropriate language to either riders, officials or other spectators.
- Do not use or threaten physical violence to anyone.
- Abide by rules and reasonable directions given by show officials.
- You will be cautioned, reported and/or asked to leave any CGHC and/or affiliate show premises without reimbursement of shows fees paid if you violate any terms of this Code of Conduct.
- Making adverse comments directly to the media, either in written or verbal form, about the CGHC, and its affiliates may result in disqualification from an event, loss of points earned at the event and possibly prevent participation at future CGHC events at the discretion of the CGHC Board.

NOTE: Anyone may respectfully approach the steward or show management to report violation(s) to the CGHC Code of Conduct. Unsportsmanlike conduct may result in disqualification from an event, loss of points earned at the event and possibly prevent participation at future CGHC events at the discretion of show management, show steward and/or CGHC Board. The CGHC reserves the right to refuse admission and/or participation of CGHC events or functions to anyone.

The CGHC Code of Conduct for Spectators

California Gypsy Horse Shows welcome spectators; your support encourages and supports the participants. Your actions can have a positive or negative effect on the show.

Therefore:

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- Making adverse comments directly to the media, in written or verbal form, about the CGHC, and its affiliates may result in participation at future CGHC events at the discretion of the CGHC Board.

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