

KERSHAW COUNTY CHRISTMAS PARADE

Equine Entries

*Horses should maintain the gait of walk.

*Horse and riders should maintain a formation and proceed down the parade route together. No one should be turning around and riding up and down the route.

*Any unsafe actions such as (but not limited to) bucking or rearing is prohibited.

*Horses should not physically interact with the crowd of spectators during the parade. We have seen people take horses into the crowds so pictures can be taken, so people can pet the horses, or even take on additional riders. One wrong step and injuries can occur. This type of action also leads to delays and gaps in the parade.

*Any registration for horseback riders should include – by name – each person on horseback. Each horse will be assigned an individual number for identification purposes.

*Any violation will result in the rider/horse being asked to leave the parade. In the event the horse and rider cannot be immediately & safely removed from the parade route, they will be required to dismount and walk their horse.

In pursuant to South Carolina code of laws SECTION 47-13-1370, all horse entry forms must be accompanied by the official certificate showing each horse has had The Coggins Test (negative results) within the last 12 months.

SECTION 47-13-1370. Proof of tests required for public assembly of horses.

(A) All horses must be accompanied by written proof of an approved negative test for equine infectious anemia when entering any public assembly of horses. These public assemblies include, but are not limited to, shows, fairs, organized trail rides, rodeos and other exhibitions, as well as organized sales. Animals moving directly to a slaughter plant or assembly point for slaughter which has been specifically approved by the state veterinarian are not subject to the negative test requirement. The owner, operator, or person in charge of these shows, fairs, organized trail rides, rodeos and other exhibitions, organized sales, and other public places where horses are assembled shall require that each animal be accompanied by an official certificate showing that it has been negative to an approved test for equine infectious anemia within the last twelve months.

(B) Horses which are permanently maintained at a public stable or other public facility must be tested for equine infectious anemia each twelve months.

(C) The Coggins Test or other test for equine infectious anemia, whether administered within or without this State, is required to be administered only once each twelve months to a horse or an animal regardless of the number of times the animal is shown, sold, exhibited, or housed in a public stable or place in this State during that period. The state veterinarian and the Livestock-Poultry Health Service of Clemson University may require proof of annual test administrations as they consider necessary.

You will not be able to participate in the parade without proof of Coggins for each horse. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Chamber at 803-432-2525.