

Real County Junior Livestock Association Board

Official Notice – Horse Show Guidelines

Show Date: January 9th, 2026

Dear Exhibitors and Parents,

The Real County Junior Livestock Association Board looks forward to welcoming you to the Horse Show on **January 9th, 2026**. Out of an abundance of caution, and in acknowledgment of recent equine-related cases reported in Texas, we are implementing the following precautionary guidelines for all participants showing at RCJLSA.

These guidelines follow recommendations provided by local veterinarians and are intended to protect the health of all exhibitors and animals on the grounds:

1. **Equine Event Exposure:**
Exhibitors must verify that their horse has **not attended any major equine event** or been **exposed to any horse that has attended a major equine event within the past 30 days**.
2. **On-Site Equine Distancing:**
Please practice appropriate distancing of all horses while on the livestock grounds.
3. **No Contact Between Horses:**
Avoid nose-to-nose contact between horses at all times.
4. **No Cross-Handling of Animals:**
 - Do not pet other exhibitors' horses.
 - Do not allow anyone to pet your horse.
5. **Equipment & Supplies:**
 - Bring your **own buckets** and necessary equipment.
 - **Do not share** any tack, brushes, buckets, or other gear with other exhibitors.

These measures are designed to help minimize risk; however, participation in the event remains **at your own risk**. By attending and showing, exhibitors and parents acknowledge awareness of the recent equine health concerns and agree to follow all guidelines set by RCJLSA.

We appreciate your cooperation and commitment to keeping our youth, families, and animals safe. If you have any questions, please contact the RCJLSA Board.

Sincerely,

Real County Junior Livestock Association Board