

Diamond D Dazzlers Code of Conduct and Guidelines for Members, Leaders, and Parents

LEADERS:

1. Carry through on commitments.
2. Be positive, easy to approach, friendly, agreeable.
3. Be fair and impartial.
4. Be strict, but not unreasonably so.
5. Communicate with all involved in group.
6. Have consistent meeting times, be on time, and avoid cancellations.
7. Have needed information and materials.
8. Have members enrolled by deadline dates for Fair participation.
 - a. Current deadlines:
 - i. Member – January 15
 - ii. Horse – April 1
9. Be responsible for determining if horse and/or rider are safe to participate in Fair. No unsafe horses or riders who cannot control their horses will be allowed to show at Fair.

MEMBERS:

1. Show positive interest in and commitment to project horse.
2. Show respect at all times to leaders and parents.
3. Be cooperative and show good sportsmanship.
4. Participate in activities, meetings and events.
5. Be on time – saddled and ready to ride by 6:30 on riding nights.
6. Keep parents informed.
7. Keep records up to date – ask for help if needed.
8. Maintain safe and kind handling of horses at all times.
9. Helmets, boots and long pants must be worn at all times when working with horse.
10. No “goofing off,” uncontrolled riding, double riding, or bareback riding during 4-H meetings.
11. Be responsible!
 - a. Do your buddy responsibilities or re-designate them to someone else.
 - b. Be willing to help in stressful or emergency situations.
12. **AT FAIR**
 - a. Have a parent or legal guardian (in writing prior to fair) at Fair with you.
 - b. Be helpful with herdsmanship even if you are not showing. Take problems to the herdsmanship captains.
 - c. Be responsible with buddy system.

- d. Be on time for events – you are responsible to know your times and to let buddies, leaders and parents know your times.
- e. Take responsibility to know your patterns.
- f. No siblings or nonmembers will do herdsmanship.
- g. Always show good sportsmanship.

PARENTS

- 1. Support child in project – be positive.
 - a. On time to meetings, events, activities.
 - b. Supply needed tack and supplies.
 - c. Supply needed transportation.
- 2. Show same respect to members and leaders that you expect from them.
- 3. Let youth do their project themselves.
- 4. Be willing to volunteer time to help with activities or special tasks, fundraisers, etc.
 - a. Current volunteers:
 - i. Kathi – Records
 - ii. Lori – Community Project
 - iii. Jeanne – Organize Pre-Fair Packets.
- 5. Be present at or have designated guardian at meetings.
- 6. Be willing to attend occasional advisory meetings (if Linda cannot).
- 7. Help set up and take down equipment at riding meetings.
- 8. Disciplinary actions to your child must be done away from 4-H activity.
- 9. **FAIR:**
 - a. Be there or have a designated (in writing) legal guardian (21 years old or older).
 - b. Be willing to help with meals and other necessary tasks.
 - c. Be willing to help with set-up, decorations, and clean up.
 - d. No member siblings are to be at fair without parent or appointed guardian.
 - e. No siblings will do hersmanship or will be at horse barn without their parent.

CONSEQUENCES:

Failure to abide by the Code of Conduct and Guidelines will result first in a meeting between leaders, parents, and/or member involved. If a resolution cannot be reached, Wendy Hein (County 4-H Agent) will be contacted and a meeting will be set up with her. If a resolution still cannot be reached, the involved person and/or persons will be asked to leave the group.

AGREEMENT:

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the Diamond D Dazzlers Code of Conduct and Guidelines.

Signature: _____

IDEAS FOR A BETTER 4-H CLUB

1. Limit enrollment to current members (11).
2. Use buddy system, rotating each week.
3. Use more specialty trainers.
4. Put more emphasis on community service.
5. More emphasis on record keeping
 - a. Non-riding meeting go over records – 1 per quarter?
6. Encourage participation in Presentations Program.