

## Williston M-T Saddle Club Policies and Procedures

*(Revised and Adopted April 2016)*

The Williston M-T Saddle Club in keeping with the purpose of promoting horsemanship in the Williston area has established the following policies and procedures:

**GENERAL:** All members will complete and sign an enrollment/release of liability form upon application for membership. Members renewing memberships will sign a new enrollment form each year. All participating family members will be listed on this form and parents or guardians will sign the enrollment/release of liability form on behalf of all members under the age of 18.

Annual dues for membership in the M-T Saddle Club will be \$50.00 for individual and family memberships. Members must have paid their dues before they can participate in M-T Saddle Club events.

There will be NO TOLERANCE for any disrespect of any sort to any member, board member, and/or the arena grounds.

**SAFETY:** No horses will be allowed within the area around the Snack Shack. Also, horses being ridden or warmed up whether in the arena or in the parking area should be kept under control and courtesy to other riders should be observed at all times.

Likewise, no small children will be allowed outside this area unless closely supervised. These children should NOT be standing or hanging on the arena fence or left alone in the bleachers. If small children are observed outside the Snack Shack area or on the arena fence or the bleachers without proper supervision they will be removed for their own safety. PARENTS – IF YOU ARE RIDING OR OTHERWISE OCCUPIED YOU NEED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR CHILD TO BE PROPERLY SUPERVISED. No children in the alley way during events for the safety of the child and horse and rider. Children should not play in the roping boxes or in chutes at any time.

**EVENTS:** The Williston M-T Saddle Club will sponsor:

- Six (6) or Seven (7) Fun Frolics with a Play Day optional
- Other clinics, practices, demonstrations, etc. will be held as approved by the Board of Directors.

All events will be pre-approved by the Board of Directors. Expenses for events sponsored by the Williston M-T Saddle Club will be pre-approved by the Board of Directors and checks for expenses involved with these events such as judges or clinician fees will be cut in advance. All other expenses will be pre-approved by the Board of Directors such as the purchase of arena equipment, awards, postage, etc. Expenses for the normal operation of the Snack Shack will be at the discretion of the Snack Shack committee.

**KEYS:** Keys for the Snack Shack will be held by responsible individuals and a list of the persons holding the keys will be updated on a regular basis. KEYS MAY NOT BE DUPLICATED except by the approval of the Board of Directors. Keys will not be loaned or given to individuals not designated for such responsibility unless approved by the Board of directors. Use of the Snack Shack for other than

normally scheduled events will be pre-approved by the Snack Shack Committee. 2 Distribution of the keys for the Arena lights will be in a like manner as the Snack Shack keys. Arena lights will not be used by any individual or organization without prior approval by the Board of Directors except for regular events such as the High School Rodeo or regular practices of the High School Rodeo Team or late running shows or Fun Frolics.

The High School Rodeo Director will receive the new arena code each year for practice.

**FUN FROLICS:** Fun Frolics will be held approximately every 2 weeks on Thursdays at 7:00 pm during the summer months. Scheduling will be subject to other events such as the Upper Missouri Valley Fair and holidays. 6 or 7 pointed Fun Frolics will be held each season.

Events will be: trail, Keyhole Race, Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, and 1 optional event. Other events may be held from time to time at the discretion of the Board of Directors. No exhibition runs permitted in any event at a fun frolic. Members are welcome to offer ideas or suggestions to the Board if there are other events they wish to have as part of the Fun Frolics.

5 age groups have been established. There will be a lead-line class for barrels and keyhole. There is no age limit. Horse and rider may not break a trot to qualify for a time. The horse is allowed one leader and the rider is allowed up to two side walkers. Members will participate in the appropriate age group according to their age as of January 1st of the current year. Age groups: Children – 9 years & under, Youth – 10 years to 13 years, Teens – 14 years to 17 years, Adults – 18 years and over.

Fun Frolics will begin promptly at 7:00 pm. Sign-up for events should be done in advance. Late entries will be allowed until 1 event prior to the event an individual wishes to enter. It will be the responsibility of the Announcer to start the Fun Frolic on time.

A sign-up station will be set up and a \$2.00 per event fee will be paid at this station at the time of sign-up.

Year end points will be tallied for each Fun Frolic as follows: 1st – 5 points, 2nd – 4 points, 3rd – 3 points, 4th – 2 points, and 5th – 1 point. Year-end total points will be determine the placing for each age group for each event. The prize committee for each year will meet to determine the placings and prizes for each age division. Awards will be given at the annual meeting in the fall of each year by the prize committee.