**BY-LAWS FOR THE TRUE GRIT SADDLE CLUB**

***2021- 2022- 2023***

**CLUB GOAL**

Our goal is to educate, promote and assist young people interested in agriculture through our scholarship program.

**ARTICLE I- NAME**

The name of this organization is the True Grit Saddle Club

**ARTICLE II- PURPOSES**

The purposes of this Organization are as followed

Section 1. To promote good sportsmanship.

Section 2. To introduce and build knowledge of horsemanship.

Section 3. To support our FFA members through our scholarship program.

Section 4. To give back to our community through service projects.

Section 5. To represent the qualities of true grit.

**ARTICLE III- MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1.

Membership is open to all individuals and families. Individual memberships are open to anyone eighteen (18) years and over. Family memberships consist of parents/ legal guardians and dependent children under eighteen (18) years old. Anyone under eighteen (18) years old must be part of a family membership.

Section 2.

Membership application processes will be to submit form and fee to our P.O. Box. Our address is Grand Rapids FFA Alumni P.O. Box 147 Grand Rapids, MN 55744. Membership forms must be submitted by May 1st each year to qualify for membership for that show season.

Section 3.

A member in good standing is one who has paid their dues on an annual basis, follows the rules of the Organization, and respects everyone involved in the Organization.

Section 4.

Membership forms must be submitted by May 1st of each year to qualify for membership that year. Returning members must fill out a membership form and submit it every year.

Section 5.

Any member who is twelve (12) years or older and in good standing, is eligible to vote.

Section 6.

The dress code of the Organization shall be determined by the officers for each event. Please see rules and regulations at the bottom of this document for more information.

**ARTICLE IV- DUES**

Section 1.

The annual dues of membership shall be determined by the officers. Annual dues shall begin January first (1) of each year. Any who does not renew their membership by submitting a new membership form by May 1st will be unable to vote.

Section 2. The fiscal year shall follow the calendar year.

**ARTICLE V- MEETINGS**

Section 1.

The members of the Organization shall meet on the second Tuesday of each month unless otherwise designated by the officers. All meeting locations are to be decided by the officers. Meetings are open to all members and guests.

Section 2.

The Organizations meetings will be held in correspondence with the Grand Rapids FFA Alumni and Supporters meetings.

Section 3.

The annual meeting shall be held in the month of December each year.

Section 4.

Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the Organization in all its proceedings and actions of its officers.

**ARTICLE VI- OFFICERS**

Section 1.

The elective officers in the Organization shall be president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and four (4) delegates.

Section 2.

All officers shall be elected at the annual meeting and shall serve for one (1) year. Officers serve January first (1) to the following January first (1).

Section 3.

Only members in good standing may be elected for offices. Members must also have attended at least three (3) meetings in the previous twelve (12) months.

**ARTICLE VII- DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Section 1.

The general supervision and direction of the affairs of the Organization shall be vested in the officers.

Section 2.

The President shall preside over all meetings. The President shall be ex-officio member of all committees. The President shall have the power to appoint such committees as he/she deems necessary from time to time.

Section 3.

The Vice-President shall act for the President in his/her absence. The Vice-President shall work closely alongside the President.

Section 4.

The duty of the Secretary shall be to keep a record of all meeting and attendance of this Organization. The Secretary shall keep minutes of meetings to be sent out to members. The Secretary shall report at the annual meeting the activities of the Organization.

Section 5.

The duty of the Treasurer shall be to keep a record and have charge and custody of all funds. The Treasurer shall give a report at each meeting and submit an annual report at the annual meeting.

Section 6.

Delegates shall work closely alongside all other officers in the direction of the Organization.

Section 7.

The chairperson or designated representative of each committee shall be responsible for giving a report to the members at each monthly meeting.

**ARTICLE VIII- ELECTIONS**

Section 1.

All officers shall be elected at the annual meeting each year.

Section 2.

All voting, for officers if the Organization shall be done by secret ballot.

Section 3.

Only members in good standing whose dues are paid in accordance with these by-laws shall be eligible to vote in any election.

**ARTICLE IX- RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**(See further rules and regulations at the end of this document)**

Section 1.

Any member not obeying the rules and regulations of the Organization, may be brought before the officers, which may result in suspension as determined by the officers.

Section 2.

Each person, member, or nonmember shall be held liable for him/herself and his/her animals on the premises at events.

**ARTICLE X- AMENDMENTS**

Section 1.

The by-laws and rules and regulations shall be reviewed every three (3) years and revised as necessary, with the exception of after the first year (2021), the by-laws may be reviewed and revised at the annual meeting.

**ARTICLE XI- DISCRIMINATION**

Section 1.

The True Grit Saddle Club is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, or sexual orientation.

**TRUE GRIT SADDLE CLUB RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Rule 1.

At the fairgrounds respect the parking and camping areas. No horses will be allowed on the tar paved sections. Horses should avoid the concession area and no riding in the barn.

Rule 2.

All persons riding in True Grit Saddle Club events must wear long pants and Western or English riding boots with a heel.

Rule 3.

All persons volunteering for the True Grit Horse Shows who will be in the arena must wear long pants, closed toed shoes (boots preferred), and an appropriate shirt. This includes but is not limited to ring steward, gate person and arena help/setup, Other dress code may be specified for events if deemed appropriate.

Rule 4.

Exhibitions will be allowed at the True Grit Horse Shows under these specific regulations as followed:

Barrel Races:

* All exhibitions will be done before the race starts.
* Exhibitions are PAID not free. Exhibition riders are also required to pay the rider fee.

Horse Shows:

* Exhibitions will only be allowed in Pole Weaving, Key Hole, Barrels, Jumping Figure 8, Speed Dash, and Pennant. No exhibitions in Pleasure Classes or any additional game classes.
* One (1) rider per horse may ride for points and one (1) rider per horse may exhibition. No more than two (2) riders per horse per show.
* Exhibitions are PAID not free. Exhibition riders are also required to pay the rider fee.
* Exhibition runs do not count toward high point, will not be placed, and will not receive ribbons.
* Example: Rider A (PeeWee) can exhibition a horse, Rider B (Intermediate) can ride the same horse for points. Rider B will count for points or placings and will not receive ribbons. A will not count for points or placings and will not receive ribbons.
* All exhibitions will be run after all riders riding for points. (bottom of the class)
* The True Grit Saddle Club has the right to refuse any rider exhibitions for any reason.

Rule 5.

Any classes scratched after signup and payment are non-refundable. With the exception of an injured horse or rider.

Rule 6.

At shows, if a person cannot present a current negative coggins test that can be copied, the owner will be asked to remove the horse from the property.

Rule 7. At WSCA shows for safety purposes, no person may run the gate in games.

Rule 8.

Stallions may be brought but may never be unattended at events unless secured in a trailer or stall. Anyone handling or riding a stallion must be over the age of eighteen (18) years old. Stallions must be secure and the safety of others must be considered.

Rule 9.

All minors under the age of eighteen (18) years old must have signed parent/legal guardian consent to participate in any True Grit Saddle Club event.

Rule 10.

Parades: Anyone riding in a parade must be eighteen (18) years or older. All minors under eighteen (18) years old must have a parent/guardian or designated adult walking the parade route or riding with you. Horses must be kept only on designated parade route areas. Attire for parades shall be a button down long sleeve shirt, jeans, boots, and a hat or helmet.

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