



## **Zero Tolerance Policy**

In an effort to uphold the integrity of the sport as well as promote a professional and family oriented environment, the following Rules and Regulations are being implemented to operate in conjunction with the Union County Recreation Department's Zero Tolerance Policy implemented 3/1/01, amended on 10/16/03.

- Any contestant competing at any Union County Saddle Club event must have signed a waiver statement releasing the Union County Saddle Club and county from any liabilities associated with equestrian sports. The waiver is part of the event sign-up sheet.
- **NEGATIVE COGGINS REQUIRED AT ALL U.C.S.C. EVENTS!!**
- All membership fees must be paid prior to competing for points to count toward year end awards.
- Decisions made by judges are final, in all aspects of judgment.
- U.C.S.C. staff may ask anyone to leave the premises if they observe any poor sportsmanship, and/or destruction of club equipment or arena properties. These behaviors are not acceptable and will not be tolerated. Refunds WILL NOT be offered.
- When competing at a U.C.S.C. event, you are representing the club as well as the sport and NO excessive abuse of the horses or any other animal will be tolerated. The interpretation of abuse will be at the discretion of the judge and/or any elected officer of the club. An immediate conference will be called between the judge, club officers and Board Members in attendance to make a final ruling. The contestant may be disqualified from the remainder of the event.
- Riders and observers at U.C.S.C. events understand that they ride and/or observe at their own risk, and do not hold Union County Saddle Club or Union County, its staff or members liable for any accidents that may occur. This is pursuant to Georgia Equine Liability Law, Chapter 12 of Title to the Official Code of Georgia Annotated which outlines the limits of liability for equestrian events, and the companies or associations that operate the events and facilities.
- Any member of the U.C.S.C. suing, attempting to sue or seek monetary damages for any expense or injury while participating, or as a spectator, at any U.C.S.C. function, shall be barred from the Union County Saddle Club in perpetuity.
- No alcoholic beverages are allowed on the U.C.S.C. grounds. The Union County Saddle Club reserves the right to refuse participation to any person for actions including, but not limited to abuse of alcohol, drugs, the use of profane language, or fighting at an event.
- Any situation that arises for which the U.C.S.C. does not have a rule, the Board Members in attendance will make a decision on the situation.