

# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PARKING AND ACCESS TO EQUINE AFFAIRE FOR BREED PAVILION EXHIBITORS AND HORSE OWNERS**

The Ohio Expo Center grounds on the south side of 17th Ave. will be “secured” during the four days of Equine Affaire. Please read the following instructions and consult the enclosed map to understand how you should access the barns at Equine Affaire, where you may park, and how/where you will pay admission.

## **ACCESSING THE OHIO EXPO CENTER DURING MOVE IN ON WEDNESDAY:**

Throughout the day and evening on Wednesday, traffic on 17th Ave. (which runs east-west through the middle of the Ohio Expo Center) will be maintained in both directions and the main gates into the south half of the Ohio Expo Center will be open for exhibitors arriving to set up. Breed Pavilion, Horse & Farm Exhibits, “For Sale” stall exhibitors, and individuals arriving with horses should access the grounds at Gate 1 (the entrance at the north end of the Gilligan Complex...at the west side of the Ohio Expo Center) and proceed to the Barn office to check in.

**All Breed Pavilion, Horse & Farm, and “For Sale” Stall Exhibitors will check in at the Barn Office.**

**Please access the grounds only at Gate 1 near the Gilligan Complex. Do not attempt to enter at the “main entrance” (Gate 3) because it will be used by hundreds of trade show exhibitors.**

## **ACCESSING THE OHIO EXPO CENTER ON SHOW DAYS (THURSDAY–SUNDAY):**

**If you are traveling northbound or southbound on I-71** get off at Exit 111 at 17th Ave. and proceed west on 17th Ave. All traffic coming westbound on 17th Ave. will be routed to the north half of the Ohio Expo Center to the Ohio Expo Center’s parking booths to pay a parking fee. After passing through the parking booths, ***individuals arriving with horse trailers must go straight (west), following signs for Gate 1.*** Continue driving west across the “North Lot” until you come to Korbelt Ave. Turn left on Korbelt and follow Korbelt Ave. south to 17th Ave. where you will enter the event at Gate 1 at the north end of the Gilligan Complex. ***Please follow the route indicated on the site map included in the materials provided to you.***

**Please do not attempt to access the grounds via any gate except Gate 1. This will be the only way to get to the Gilligan Complex.**

## **PARKING FEES & INSTRUCTIONS:**

Parking at the Ohio Expo Center is managed by Standard Parking which will charge \$7/entry or \$20 for a four-day parking pass. Four-day parking passes will permit unlimited access during the four days of the event. The Ohio Expo Center will not charge to park on Wednesday.

When you pay to park, you will receive either a four-day show pass to hang on your rearview mirror or a single-entry parking receipt.

**If you pay for single-entry parking, be sure to obtain a receipt from the parking attendant. Ask the parking attendant to mark the receipt so that you will be able to show the receipt to re-enter the Ohio Expo Center at Gate 1 after you unload your horse(s).**

Just before you get to Gate 1 on Korbek Ave. you will have to show the parking booth attendant either your four-day parking pass or your marked single-day parking receipt to enter the south half of the Ohio Expo Center. After entering at Gate 1, turn right around the north end of the Gilligan Complex and then left to drive south along the west side of the Complex. Find a place to park temporarily between the elevated train viaduct on your right and the west wall of the complex on your left.

## **CHECKING IN & RECEIVING STALL ASSIGNMENTS**

**Participants bringing horses to the event must check in with the Show Veterinarian in the Barn Office and present health papers for their horse(s) for review and approval prior to checking in with the Barn Office Manager or Breed Coordinator for stall assignments.**

Breed Pavilion, Horse & Farm Exhibits, Breed demo, VHRC, clinic participants and those bringing horses for the "For Sale" stalls must check in at the Barn Office (along the green wall in the Gilligan Complex) to receive their stall information and exhibitor/participant materials.

## **PARKING YOUR TRUCK & TRAILER:**

**It is important for you to unload your horses and belongings as quickly as possible and move your truck and trailer in order to make room for other horse owners arriving after you.**

After you unload your horse(s) and belongings, please take your trailer to the Horse Trailer Parking area located to the north of the Korbek West Campground and shown on the attached map. **No trailers may be parked under the train viaduct, and trailers left anywhere on the south side of 17th Ave. will be towed at the owner's expense by the Ohio Expo Center staff.**

To reach the horse trailer parking lot, follow the route indicated on the attached map. You will drive south along the viaduct past the Voinovich Center, turn left (east) around the south end of the Voinovich and proceed back up to Gate 4 to exit the grounds at 17th Ave. Proceed straight across 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. to enter the north half of the Ohio Expo Center grounds.

**You will need to show either your four-day parking pass or your marked single-entry parking receipt to re-enter here without paying again.**

After dropping your trailer at the horse trailer parking lot, you may return south again on Korbek Ave. and re-enter the south half of the Ohio Expo Center at Gate 1 to get back to the barn area. Once again, you will have to show your four-day parking pass or single-entry parking receipt to enter at Gate 1.

**Please note that duallies are not permitted on top of the Gilligan Complex. Also, in the unlikely event of snow, the parking lot on top of the Gilligan Complex may be closed; you will have to park in the general parking lot near the Voinovich Center.**

## **GATE HOURS & TRAFFIC FLOW PATTERNS:**

Beginning at 6:00am on Thursday morning 17th Ave. will be closed between the “main entrance” (Gate 3) and the Gilligan entrance (Gate 1) until after the event closes on Sunday.

The road that runs east-west between the exhibitor parking lot and the north end of the Celeste Center and between the Bricker Building and Bricker Annex towards the Gilligan Complex will be closed from early Thursday morning through Sunday at 6:00pm. ***There will be NO WAY to enter at Gate 3 and get to the Gilligan Complex during the event because of road closures and one-way traffic patterns.*** You will have to follow the route indicated on the attached map and use Gate 1 to access the Gilligan Complex.

During Equine Affaire, the gates to the Ohio Expo Center on 11th Ave. will be closed to admission. However, Gate 9 on 11th Ave. (at the southwest corner of the Ohio Expo Center) will be open for exit only to allow exhibitors and attendees to exit the grounds.

## **ADMISSION TO THE GROUNDS:**

In order to gain access to the grounds at Gate 1 (or any other event gate) on event days each person entering Equine Affaire will have to present a single or four-day ticket or purchase daily admission.

Breed Pavilion badges will not give access to the event. Four single-day exhibitor tickets will be issued with each badge. Please check with the coordinator of your association's Breed Pavilion exhibit to obtain the admission tickets associated with exhibitor badges provided to the association.

Breed demo, clinic and VHRC participants will receive single-day admission tickets by mail in advance of the event and will turn in these tickets for admission during the event. Horse & Farm Exhibitors will receive their four-day admission ticket at check-in from the Breed Coordinator.

Anyone without a ticket will be required to purchase daily admission or a four-day ticket. Anyone who needs to leave the grounds and return to the event on the same day must have their hand stamped before leaving the grounds in order to re-enter the event.

**Gate 1** will be open from 6:30am to midnight each day of the event.