

WASHINGTON COUNTY 4-H HORSE PROGRAM GUIDELINES & REQUIREMENTS

Washington County 4 H members are eligible to register two riding project animals for the 4 H year by June 1 of that year. Only one horse project is permitted to attend a Performance Against The Standards (PAS) and State Fair shows. Two (2) riding animals and one (1) production are permitted to attend the Washington County Fair. The State's rules for the Performance Against The Standards (PAS) Show will be followed. Find them at: <http://horse.osu.edu> Horse projects are not permitted in more than one county at a time.

The county committee will allow an animal to be used by more than one member within the same immediate family. However, only one member may attempt to qualify for State Fair. Both members may compete on one horse at County Fair. In the event of both members qualifying for a championship class, the family will decide who competes.

4-H project horses may be leased by exhibitors. Leased projects must follow regulations outlined in the Ohio 4-H Lease Agreement. A completed lease agreement MUST be on file at the Extension Office by June 1 for eligibility. Lease agreements are available at the Extension Office and on line at: www.washington.osu.edu

Mandatory Requirements for 4-H Horse Project Members:

- a. Each family must purchase project 191R Horses, Safety, and You and view two (2) videos (Every Time...Every Ride and Horses, Kids, & Ethics). The videos are available at the Extension Office. Call 376-7431 to reserve them. After reading and viewing, must also sign a copy of the form in the back of project 191R. This form can be copied, and only has to be completed once during a 4 H member's career.
- b. County Skillathon is required for ALL 4-H members to remain in good standing and to exhibit and/or show at any of our three fairs.
 - All horse project members will be required to participate in Skillathon. Please see 4-H Calendar and/or Junior Fair Activities Guide for date, location and make-up dates/times.
 - All members taking a horse project must participate in the Horse Skillathon on August 6 (Horseless Horse project members will participate in non-livestock project judging on July 14 at the Junior fair Building times will be announced later) at the Washington County Fair Multi-purpose building 5:30pm.
 - Make-up date is August 8, 6:00pm – youth must call to reserve an appointment time with a \$20 fee.
- c. Lessons, instruction, and advice for the member are encouraged. As long as the member is present in a learning situation, such assistance can include occasional riding or handling of the horse by another person, but cannot include regular training and care of the horse within 30 days of the completion of the Junior Fair Horse Shows at the Washington County Fair. Showing a 4-H member's project animal in a class at a show is not considered training. However, if a project animal is shown by someone other than the 4-H member in an open or breed from 30 days prior through the completion of the Junior Fair Horse Shows at the Washington County Fair, the 4-H member must be present and must show the project horse in at least one class at that same show.
- d. Helmet Policy for the Ohio 4-H Horse Program: "All youth age 19 and under, participating in any 4-H equestrian activity, are required to wear properly fitted protective headgear which meets or exceeds current ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards with the chin harness securely fastened at all times while riding or driving an equine.
- e. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian of the youth participant, to make sure that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, and is properly fitted and in good condition. The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance.
- f. The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders make no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear, as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries in equestrian activities.
- g. The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders may, at his/her discretion, check a participant's protective headgear for proper standards. If the youth is found to be wearing unapproved, defective, or improperly fitted headgear, he/she will not be permitted to participate in riding or driving activities until proper headgear is acquired."

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1. Fill out in duplicate a Horse Project Animal Declaration Form. Two are enclosed. Complete one form for each project animal— A copy may be obtained at the Extension Office by June 1, 4:00 pm. Forms received between June 2-8 will be assessed a \$20 late fee. No forms will be accepted after June 8, 2022, no exceptions.
2. All 4-H horse project members are required to attend one Equine Educational Riding Sessions in order to participate in the shows and events at the Washington County Fair. However, members are welcome to attend as many sessions as they wish. Members may bring their own horses to designated sessions but are not required to. Exhibitors do not need to bring project horses to attend. We strongly encourage parents to stay at the sessions so they are better equipped to help their child to better prepare for the fair and other competitions. See horse packet for current year session topics, dates, times and locations.
 - YOUTH planning on participating in any PAS to qualify for State Fair MUST complete their required attendance at least ONE Equine Riding Session BEFORE trying out at ANY PAS show.
3. Performance Against The Standards Qualifier show(s) will be held to accommodate the membership. Members are limited to four (4) pre-selected classes (minimum of two). Classes offered will be determined by member pre-registration. **YOUTH planning on participating in any PAS to qualify for State Fair MUST complete their required attendance at at least ONE Equine Riding Session BEFORE trying out at ANY PAS show.
4. At all 4-H horse shows, only Show Officials are permitted in the arena when judging is occurring.
5. In case of inclement weather, parents are asked to check with their club's Organizational Advisor and/or the Extension Office on the day of the scheduled shows to verify that the show is still scheduled.
6. **Hardship Clause** - If one member has registered two (2) riding animals exclusively, that individual will use the remaining project animal. The exception shall be when two or more family members register the same horses then the following Hardship Clause shall apply. If one (1) riding project animal is registered, then follow the Hardship Clause as outlined.
 - a. If a project horse dies you may declare a new project.
 - b. If a horse is seriously ill or injured and a vet examines the horse and submits a signed statement that this horse will be unable to finish the year as a project horse, you may declare a new project.
 - c. The committee reserves the right to inspect the original project and may speak to the vet that did the exam.
 - d. If a horse is ill or injured and the vet says he will be able to show at the fair, this is not considered to be a horse that is unable to finish the year as a project and the 4-H'er will not be permitted to adopt another project.
 - e. 4-H member will not be permitted to switch back to the original project after member has adopted a new project for that year.
 - f. The above stated reasons to claim a new project will not be altered in any way and are to be the only reasons for a project switch.
 - g. Hardship animals are not eligible for State Fair.
 - h. Abuse of this clause may result in it being dropped for future years. Member cooperation is required for the good of this program.
 - i. All other situations may be presented to the Saddle Horse Committee and decisions will be made on a case by case basis.

At County Fair Horse Shows:

1. There are to be NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES brought to a 4-H function by any parent, guest or 4-H member. THIS WILL BE POSTED AND ENFORCED.
2. There is to be NO SMOKING in any of the barns by anyone at any 4-H function.
3. There will be three approved Stewards with one/two alternates. There must be a vote of three on any decision.
4. Horses are required to be stalled on the fairgrounds. All horses need to be in place by 7pm Friday September 2, 2022 and may not leave the fairgrounds until Tuesday September 6, 2022 at 4pm.

Safety Rules for Shows

- Grooming is not permitted in the aisles due to safety reasons.
- No riding in barns.
- No horses standing in spectator area.
- NO HORSEPLAY.
- NO HORSES OR LIVESTOCK ARE ALLOWED ON BALL FIELDS.
- Horses are to be kept in horse related areas.
- Only project animals may be shown at County Fair Shows.
- No riding on fairgrounds except in the warm-up area and arena. Horses are to be led to and from the arena or paddock area.
- Only one rider per horse- No riding double.
- No mistreatment of horses.
- All exhibitors are requested to strip stalls before leaving grounds.

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Rules (continued)

- Participants in Walk-Trot Equitation & Walk-Trot Pleasure classes are not eligible to canter in Gymkhana classes.
- High Point Individual - A trophy will be awarded in two divisions, Junior and Senior, to the horse and rider combination with the highest number of points in regular classes throughout the fair. A rider may not receive both Grand and Reserve Champion in the High Point Competition.
- High Point Ranch Division - A trophy will be awarded to the horse and rider combination with the highest number of points in classes 25,26,34, and 35, Showmanship Classes class 6 and 7.
- 2 & 3 Year Olds Production Division – Rosette ribbons will be awarded to the horse and rider combinations with the highest number of points in classes 9,10 and 11.
- Miniature Lead In Trail Class will be awarded rosette ribbons.
- Awards will be awarded to Grand Champions in Grand Champion Classes.
- Premium Awards paid as follows: 1st place \$5.00; 2nd place \$4.00; 3rd place \$3.00; 4th place \$2.00; and 5th place \$1.00. There will be no placing premiums in Grand Champion classes.
- Premium Award: \$7.00 per animal. (Limit 4 per exhibitor)
- Horses must be stalled at the fair grounds and be in place by 7:00pm Friday. Horses will be released on Tuesday at 4:00pm.

Horse Judging – Horse Arena, Monday, 10:00 am

1. Any horse project participant is eligible to participate in the Horse Judging Exhibition. All classes will be held on Monday. Participants will be given the opportunity to try out their judging skills in all three classes and see how their judging decisions match up against experienced judges and/or committee members.
2. Participants will become the judge in the ring! Horses will be ridden by adults and placed in first through fourth order by the youth participants based on normal judging criteria. The adult judge for the day will provide the key to the placings. Youth participants also will be asked one to five questions by the adult judge which will be included in the total score for the contest.

Educational Equine Sessions

All horse project members must attend one educational equine session in order to participate at County Fair Horse Show. A horse project member who wishes to participate in a PAS show must attend a session prior to the PAS show. Please refer to the 4-H calendar for dates.

Required Forms

- All required paperwork (Permission to participate and project animal declaration) MUST be completed, signed and turned in by 4:00PM June 1 of current project year. If a member misses the deadline they may turn in required paperwork by June 8, 2022 with a \$20 late fee. NO paperwork will be taken after June 8, 2022 at 4:00pm.
- Immunization Forms- Complete this required form, if you are taking your horse(s) to the Equine Education Riding Sessions, Washington County Fair, PAS Shows, or Barlow Fair. This form is due to the Extension Office by June 1.
- County Fair: Members must complete forms and return them to the Extension Office by August 6 so that preparations can be made for the Junior Fair Horse Shows at the County Fair. If these forms are not received by the due date, you will not be eligible to show or exhibit your horse(s) at the Washington County Fair.
 1. Required immunization form (shot record) Please make sure your horse has all the required shots as per the enclosed immunization form.
 2. 4-H Stall Reservations- Washington County Fair
 3. Pre-registration form, Washington County Fair 4-H Horse Shows- Please complete one pre-registration form for each horse you plan to show.

Sunday Activities

Cowboy Church Services (9:00am)

Monday 4-H Horse Activities

Horse Judging (beginning at 10:00 am)

Family Cookout—Join your 4-H friends and advisors for a cookout, games, activities (4:00 pm)

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2022 Saturday Horse Show

Pre-entries confirmed at 11am, show starts at 12:00noon
Breaks will be taken for ring set up, tack changes, etc.
throughout show as needed.

2022 Sunday Horse Show

Pre-entries confirmed at 10am, show starts at 11:00am
Breaks will be taken for ring set up, tack changes, etc.
throughout show as needed.

Class	4-H Age of Member
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1	English Showmanship	8-18
2	Draft Showmanship	8-18
3	Western Showmanship	14-18
4	Western Showmanship	8-13
5	Grand Champion Showmanship*	
6	Ranch Division Showmanship	14-18
7	Ranch Division Showmanship	8-13
8	Grand Champion Ranch Division Showmanship	
9	Production – Weaning Foal	14-18
10	Production Yearling at Halter	14-18
11	Production 2 & 3 Year Old at Halter	14-18
12	Walk Trot English Equitation (cannot canter, not permitted to ride in 3 or 5 gaited classes)	8-18
13	English Equitation	14-18
14	English Equitation	8-13
15	Grand Champion English Equitation*	
16	Walk Trot English Pleasure (exhibitor only cannot canter, not Permitted in 3 or 5 gaited classes)	8-18
17	English Pleasure	14-18
18	English Pleasure	8-13
19	Grand Champion English Pleasure*	
Break for Lunch		
20	Pleasure Driving – All ages; All sizes	8-18
21	Walk Trot Western Horsemanship- (non-cantering exhibitor only)	8-18
22	Western Horsemanship	14-18
23	Western Horsemanship	8-13
24	Grand Champion Western Horsemanship*	
25	Ranch Division Western Horsemanship	14-18
26	Ranch Division Western Horsemanship	8-13
27	Grand Champion Ranch Division Western Horsemanship*	
28	Easy Gaited Equitation	8-18
29	Walk Trot Western Pleasure (non-cantering exhibitor only)	8-18
30	2 & 3 Year Old Production Under Saddle	14-18
31	Western Pleasure Horses & Ponies	14-18
32	Western Pleasure Horses & Ponies	8-13
33	Grand Champion Western Pleasure*	
34	Ranch Division Western Pleasure	14-18
35	Ranch Division Western Pleasure	8-13
36	Grand Champion Ranch Division Western Pleasure*	
37	Easy Gaited Pleasure	8-18
38	Ground Roping	14-18
39	Ground Roping	8-13
40	Grand Champion Ground Roping*	

Class	4-H Age of Member
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101	Walk Trot Over Cross Rail – for beginner jumpers, horse & rider combo, not eligible for any other over fences classes)	8-18
102	Working Hunter Over Fences	14-18
103	Working Hunter Over Fences	8-13
104	Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences	8-18
105	Small Equine Hunter in Hand	8-18
106	Small Equine Jumper in Hand	8-18
107	Trail Horses and Ponies	14-18
108	Trail Horses and Ponies	8-13
109	Grand Champion Trail*	
110	Small Equine Lead in Trail	8-18
111	Reining (Canter- Basic Pattern A)	8-18
Break for Lunch		
112	Poles	14-18
113	Poles	8-13
114	Grand Champion Poles*	
115	Keyhole Race	14-18
116	Keyhole Race	8-13
117	Grand Champion Keyhole Race*	
118	Stake Races	14-18
119	Stake Races	8-13
120	Grand Champion Stakes*	
121	Barrels	14-18
122	Barrels	8-13
123	Grand Champion Barrels*	
124	Cones & Barrels	14-18
125	Cones & Barrels	8-13
126	Grand Champion Cones & Barrels*	
127	Speed & Control	14-18
128	Speed & Control	8-13
129	Grand Champion Speed & Control*	

*Only first & second place winners will return for all Grand Champion Classes.

**All Walk Trot Classes are excluded from High Point and Grand Champion Classes.

***Exhibitor cannot enter ranch and non-ranch classes with the same horse.

****Participants in Walk Trot Equitation & Walk Trot Pleasure classes are not eligible to canter in Gymkhana classes.