

APPENDIX G

HORSE PROGRAM **PAPERWORK AND** **SUPPLEMENTAL** **MATERIALS**

PLEASE NOTE: This appendix is a supplement to the Hamilton County Community Fair Rulebook. You are responsible for knowing and following the rules presented in the main Rulebook also, especially those under Livestock Projects and the Horse section of Individual Species.

Pages 5 - 11 of this document contain the mandatory paperwork for a horse project.

Please complete these pages and turn them in by May 7th each year you take a horse project. LATE OR MISSING PAPERWORK WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE HORSE SHOWS AT THE HAMILTON COUNTY COMMUNITY FAIR.

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EXPLANATION OF WALK/TROT (NOVICE) DIVISION

The Walk/Trot division is for beginner riders or green horses where the rider/horse team are not yet comfortable cantering. Horses may be shown in either Western or English tack. At the state level, there is no walk/trot division. Hamilton County uses this division to allow more riders a chance to participate in the Horse Show at the Hamilton County Community Fair.

The Showmanship class in the Walk/Trot division serves as the Novice Showmanship class. First year youth who choose to participate in the Walk/Trot/Canter English or Western divisions must show in either Junior or Senior showmanship depending on their age.

Youth participating in the Walk/Trot division are not eligible for the Showman of Showmen competition or Top Exhibitor Awards.

Youth showing in the Walk/Trot division in the Junior Fair Horse Show must also show in the Walk/Trot division for the Fun Show.

EXPLANATION OF THE HORSE SHOW CLASSES

Note: All patterns for the Showmanship, Horsemanship, Equitation, and Trail classes will be posted the day of the show at the arena.

HORSE SHOW DIVISIONS

There are 4 basic divisions in the horse show - **Walk/Trot, Western, English, and Driving/In-Hand.**

Walk/Trot classes are for beginner riders or rider/horse combinations who are not yet cantering. Horses may be shown in either Western or English tack. Participants in the Walk/Trot classes are not eligible for the Showman of Showmen or Top Exhibitor competitions. Participants must choose to either do walk/trot classes or canter classes; a participant may not do both.

Western classes are for those participants who want to show in Western tack and can ride at a walk, trot, and canter.

English classes are for those participants who want to show in English tack and can ride at a walk, trot, and canter.

Driving/In-Hand classes are for those participants who have a mini or small pony that is too small to ride.

JUNIOR FAIR HORSE SHOW CLASSES

For a class to be held in the horse show, there must be a minimum of 3 participants. This includes showmanship classes. The goal is to hold Western and English classes separately but if the 3-participant minimum cannot be met in either division, classes may include participants showing in Western and English tack, as well as Junior and Senior participants. Classes may be combined in any way the Species Superintendent deems appropriate.

Showmanship focuses on the exhibitor's ability to fit and show a horse at halter or bridle depending on discipline. Judges evaluate the grooming and fitting of the horse and the expertise of the exhibitor in presenting the horse to the best of his or her ability. Contestants must work a pattern (posted the day of the show) consisting of maneuvers such as walking, trotting, pivoting, backing and setting up.

Western Pleasure horses should be as the name implies - a pleasure to ride. Contestants compete simultaneously, traveling around the perimeter of the arena (on the rail). Horses are judged on functional correctness, quality of movement including consistency of their gaits, and attitude.

Western Horsemanship is judged on the horsemanship abilities of the rider using western tack. Individually, riders must first follow a prescribed pattern consisting of maneuvers such as walking, jogging or loping in a straight or curved line, pivoting, and stopping or changing leads. Exhibitors will also show their horses around the perimeter of the arena, or "on the rail." Judges pay close attention to the riders' body positions, how they sit a saddle and their ability to control the horse.

Ranch riding measures a horse's ability to be a pleasure to ride while being used as a conveyance from performing one ranch task to another. The horse and rider are asked to perform a pattern that includes changes of gait, extension of gait, crossing logs and lead changes.

Ranch Pleasure is a pattern class that includes extended gaits, stops, a back-up, turns, and walking and/or side passing over logs. All three of the horse's gaits should have more forward movement and the horse should hold a more natural head-set.

Trail Trail horses must be accomplished in numerous obstacles including, but not limited to, passing through gates and crossing bridges. Trail judges focus on the skill of the horse to handle certain situations that might occur on an outdoor trail ride. Scoring is based on the horse's willingness, ease and grace in negotiating the course. Although horses and riders are competing against each other, the class is completed by one horse and rider combination at a time, and horses and riders are judged against a common standard, rather than having their performance scored relative to the other competitors.

Hunter Under Saddle is the preliminary class for English riding disciplines, and judges evaluate the way of going of a hunter-type horse on the flat, at a walk, trot and canter. Horses circle the perimeter of the arena, performing each gait called at the judge's discretion.

Hunt Seat Equitation evaluates the rider, not the performance of the horse. Individually, contestants must work a predetermined pattern consisting of maneuvers such as changing gaits

(walk, trot, canter), traveling in a figure-8 pattern and backing up. Riders will also be judged on the rail, performing gait changes at the judge's discretion. Emphasis is placed on the rider's ability to sit in the saddle correctly, hold the correct riding posture and control the horse.

Dressage For this class, horse and rider are expected to perform from memory a series of predetermined movements or "tests". Dressage tests are the formalized sequence of a number of dressage movements used in competition. Judges evaluate each movement on the basis of an objective standard appropriate to the level of the test and assign each movement a score from zero to ten – zero being "not executed" and 10 being "excellent". Although horses and riders are competing against each other, tests are completed by one horse and rider combination at a time, and horses and riders are judged against a common standard, rather than having their performance scored relative to the other competitors. You can find the dressage tests at USEF.org.

Hunters Over Fences is a class where horses and riders navigate a course of jumps, primarily judged on the horse's jumping form, style of movement, temperament, and overall presentation, aiming to showcase a smooth, balanced, and elegant jumping style over fences, with emphasis on good manners and a consistent pace throughout the course

CLASSES FOR MINI HORSES

Showmanship – See above for a description of Showmanship.

Trail-in-Hand is a Trail class that is performed by leading the horse through the course. See above for a description of a Trail Class.

Mini Jumping is the same as Show Jumping except the horse is led around the course instead of ridden through the course. See above for a description of Show Jumping.

Pleasure Driving Ring classes evaluate various criteria such as overall impression, performance, manners and way of going of the horse(s), neatness of attire, as well as the skill of the driver. Participants are asked to perform at the walk and two trotting gaits, the collected trot and the extended (or working) trot.

Reinsmanship is judged on the ability and skill of the driver. Maneuvers will either be given by the judge in the ring or a pattern will be provided prior to the show.

JUNIOR FAIR HORSE FUN SHOW CLASSES

Participants showing both a riding horse and a mini, must declare one or the other for the Fun Show. Minis can be shown in all speed classes but will be in their own division. Minis cannot participate in Apple Under Chin, Egg and Spoon, and Red Light/Green Light.

Costume Contest Exhibitor and horse enter the arena in a costume. May be riding or leading. Minis can be shown in harness with a header or without a cart.

Apple Under Chin All riders enter the arena and are given an apple. Rider must hold the apple under his/her chin without using his/her hands while riding around the rail at a walk, trot, or canter as directed by the announcer. Last rider to drop the apple is the winner. If needed, riders may be asked to perform more maneuvers such as halt, back, side pass, etc. until a winner is found. Once the class has started, no part of the rider's hands may touch the apple or the rider is disqualified.

Catalog Race Riders are given a page number at the start line. Rider must then ride to the barrel at the opposite end of the arena, dismount, and find that page in the catalog. Rider must tear the page out and run with his/her horse back to the starting line. This is a timed event.

Egg and Spoon All riders enter the arena and are given an egg and a spoon. Rider must balance the egg on the spoon while riding around the rail at a walk, trot, or canter as directed by the announcer. Last rider left with the egg on the spoon is the winner. If needed, exhibitors may be asked to perform more maneuvers such as halt, back, side pass, etc. until a winner is found. Once the class has started, no part of the rider's hand may touch the egg or the rider is disqualified.

Keyhole Race Rider crosses the start line, rides to the opposite end of the arena where poles have been placed in a U shape. Rider goes into the U, turns around without the horse hitting any of the poles, and rides back to the start line. This is a timed event.

Red Light, Green Light This game is a horseback version of the classic Red Light/Green Light game. Riders follow the instruction of the judge. Red Light means Walk On, Green Light means Stop.

Stakes Two barrels are placed in the arena, one near the start line and the other at the opposite end of the arena. Riders cross the start/finish line, ride to the opposite end of the arena, then do a figure 8 around the two barrels, and finish by riding back across the start/finish line.

Down & Back A pole is placed at the far end of the arena. Riders start at the Start/Finish line, ride down and around the pole, then back to the Start/Finish line.

Barrel Racing is a timed event. Exhibitors race against the clock, following a course consisting of three barrels in a triangular "cloverleaf" pattern. Contestants must choose either the right or left barrel, circle it, and go on to the next barrel, completing the course after circling the third barrel and running home. Barrels are permitted to be touched, but if one is knocked down during the course of the run, a five-second penalty per downed barrel is added. Only offered during the Fun Show but will count towards Top Exhibitor.

Pole Bending is a timed event. Just as a skier would compete in a slalom course, pole bending puts a horse through a similarly designed course. The course consists of a series of six poles spaced 21 feet apart, which horses and riders weave through. Horses run to the far end of the series of poles, turn, and weave in and out as they work their way back to the front. Horses then complete a turn around the front pole and maneuver through the series again. At the last pole, they complete that turn and race toward the finish line at full speed. A five-second penalty is added for each pole knocked down. Only offered during the Fun Show but will count towards Top Exhibitor.

Flags Barrels will be set in a U shape. The rider approaches the first barrel and pulls a flag out of a bucket on top of the barrel. The rider continues around the U to the third barrel where the flag is placed into another bucket on top of the barrel. This is a timed event.

The following pages (pages 5 - 11) contain the mandatory paperwork for a horse project.

The following information must be submitted by May 7th each year you take a horse project. The Species Superintendent will provide information on how to submit the forms.

Cover Sheet for Horse Show Entry Forms

Please complete this cover sheet and return it with all the required items by May 7th.

Name _____ 4-H Age _____
 Home Phone _____ Please circle Jr. Sr. Walk/Trot
 Child's Cell Phone _____ Email _____
 Parent's Email _____
 Parent's Names _____ Parent's Cell Phone _____
 Horse's Name _____ Club Name _____

Check Each Box When the Form is Attached to This Page!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Horse Show Entry Form |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Fun Show Entry Form (Optional, if not entering, write NO in the box) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Horse Identification Form w/ current photos – front view and side view |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Copy of the Horse Lease form* (If you own your horse, write OWN in the box) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Receipt or letter from vet proving vaccinations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Permission to Participate Form (Disclosure and release of claims) |

* If the horse belongs to someone not in your family, you are leasing. You must write your own lease or use a commercially prepared form.

PROJECT COMMITMENT FORM

Circle Project Book you are taking:

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|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Horseless Horse | Basic Horse Mgmt 1 | Basic Horse Mgmt 2 | Basic Horse Mgmt 1&2 |
| Light Horse Selection | Horse Training | Horse Nutrition | Other _____ |

I WILL or WILL NOT attend the county Project Judging event.

I WILL or WILL NOT attend the county Skillathon event.

I would like a stall at fair Yes No Those who do not take a stall at fair may haul in for the horse show and the fun show, if desired. **Taking a stall means that you are committed to arriving during the designated times on Animal Move In Day and leaving no earlier than the scheduled Animal Release time.**

I would like to participate in the Groom to Win Contest Yes No

I would like to participate in Groom & Clean Yes No

Groom & Clean Team Members: _____

Please try to find your own team members. If you cannot find a team just list your name and we will try to put a team together.

JUNIOR FAIR HORSE SHOW ENTRY FORM

Name _____

Age as of Jan. 1st _____

To choose the appropriate classes, read the statement at the top of each box and find the one that best describes you, then choose from the classes listed in the box.

Everyone participating in the horse show MUST choose a showmanship class. All other classes are optional. **Each rider may sign up for a maximum of 8 classes including showmanship.**

PLEASE SEE PAGES 3 - 4 OF THIS APPENDIX FOR AN EXPLANATION OF THE HORSE SHOW CLASSES.

I am a beginning rider and am only riding my horse at a walk or trot. **I do not want to canter in the horse show.** Circle the classes below in which you would like to participate.

WALK/TROT CLASSES

Showmanship

Horsemanship/Equitation

Trail in Hand

Pleasure/Hunter Under Saddle

Walk/Trot Trail

☐ Check here if
you have a gaited
horse.

I am a western rider. I can ride my horse at a walk, trot, and, canter. Circle the classes below in which you would like to participate.

WESTERN CLASSES

Showmanship

Western Horsemanship

Trail - Western

Western Pleasure

Ranch Riding

Ranch Pleasure

☐ Check here if
you have a gaited
horse.

I am an English rider. I can ride my horse at a walk, trot, and canter and want to participate in flat (non-jumping) classes. Circle the classes in which you would like to participate. (You may add dressage and jumping classes below.)

HUNTER CLASSES

Showmanship

Hunt Seat Equitation

Hunter Under Saddle

Trail - English

☐ Check here if
you have a gaited
horse.

Dressage classes can be completed by both Walk/Trot and Walk/Trot/Canter participants and by those riding in English or Western tack. Introductory Level will be the only test offered. Choose the tack you will be riding in. *Please note: If there are not enough riders to have separate Walk/Trot and Walk/Trot/Canter classes, the classes will be combined into one and will not count toward Top Exhibitor awards.*

DRESSAGE CLASSES – Introductory Level Only

English

Western

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Name _____

I am showing a miniature horse or small pony that is too small for riding. Circle the classes below in which you would like to participate.

MINI IN HAND OR CART CLASSES

Showmanship

Trail in Hand

Pleasure Driving

Reinsmanship

In-Hand Jumping

I am an advanced English rider who can walk/trot/canter. I can ride my horse over fences and stay in control. Circle the classes below in which you would like to participate.

JUMP CLASSES

Cross Rails

JUNIOR FAIR HORSE FUN SHOW ENTRY FORM

Only open to 4-H/FFA members registered with a 4-H project horse who have completed the appropriate registration paperwork and who compete in their showmanship class in the Junior Fair Horse Show.

Name_____

PLEASE SEE PAGE 4 OF THIS APPENDIX FOR AN EXPLANATION OF THE FUN SHOW CLASSES.

Please circle the appropriate division below (walk/trot or canter). You may only do one division and all classes must be performed in that division. If you are doing walk/trot in the Junior Fair Horse Show, you must choose walk/trot for the Fun Show. If you are cantering in the Junior Fair Horse Show you must canter in the Fun Show.

DIVISION:

Walk/Trot

Canter

Mini

Please circle the classes you want to take.

CLASSES:

Costume Contest

Apple Under Chin

Catalog Race

Egg and Spoon

Keyhole Race

Red Light/Green Light

Stakes

Down & Back

Barrels

Pole Bending

Flags

HORSE'S IDENTIFICATION FORM

4-Her's Name _____ County _____

Horse's Name _____ 4-H Club Name _____

Horse _____ Pony _____ Height _____ Sex _____ Age _____

Breed or Type (saddle, hunter, stock) _____

Basic Color _____ Face and Leg Markings _____

On Diagram Below, OUTLINE with Dark Solid Lines
ALL White Markings.
Show ALL SCARS and BRANDS.

Check if leased horse ☐

Right Side View

Left Side View

Rear View

Front View

Head View

Labels: R, L, Hind Legs, Fore Legs, MOCK, KNEE, ANKLE, PASTER

Instructions: DRAW IN HEAD MARKINGS, DRAW IN EVERY WHITE AREA, INDICATE ALL DARK SPOTS WITHIN WHITE AREAS

VACCINATION RECEIPT

This receipt must be submitted with all other paperwork by May 7th or you will be disqualified from showing in the horse show at the fair.

Below is a list of vaccinations that each horse must have before showing at the current year's Hamilton County Community Fair. **All vaccinations must be given by a licensed veterinarian.** Please provide a copy of the receipt or a letter from the veterinarian stating that all vaccines have been given. **Vet Receipt MUST have Horse's name (must be the same name as what is on all other Fair paperwork), Owner's name, Date of Vaccinations, and what Vaccinations were given.**

1. Tetanus
2. Influenza;
3. Encephalomyelitis (Eastern & Western)
4. Rhinophneumonitis
5. Rabies
6. Coggins

These requirements are to protect your horse as well as other horses at the fair from these contagious diseases.

There are other vaccines that might be advisable. Please ask your vet for their recommendation. There is information on vaccinations, diseases, and worming in the Basic Horse Management project book.

Date of Last Deworming

PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN 4-H HORSE ACTIVITIES DISCLOSURE AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS

I, _____, have chosen to participate in the Ohio 4-H Horse Program and its related horse activities. I understand that this participation will involve contact with horses and may give rise to a risk of physical injury.

I am aware that:

- A. Horses have a tendency to behave in ways which may result in injury, death, or loss to riders, or other persons in the immediate vicinity;
- B. Horses may react in an unpredictable way to sounds, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals;
- C. Riding a horse may give rise to a risk of injury from hazards arising from the surface or subsurface of the ground in which these riding activities occur;
- D. While in the vicinity of a horse or while riding a horse, I may be involved in a collision with another horse, another animal, a person, or an object;
- E. Other participants in the program may fail to maintain control over a horse or fail to act within their abilities, thus causing harm to me or other participants; and
- F. Other participants in the program may act in a negligent manner, which could result in harm to me.

As parent or guardian I have discussed with my child the need to behave in a safe manner. I will make sure that my child wears appropriate clothing and footwear during horse activities. I further agree that my child shall be subject to the helmet policy.

In consideration for the opportunity to participate in club, county, district and state 4-H horse activities and the use of services and facilities made available through these 4-H horse activities, I do release and forever discharge for myself and my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, the Ohio 4-H Horse Program professional and volunteer leaders, agents, The Ohio State University and its Board of Trustees, its administrators, faculty and staff, from all claims, demands, and causes of action for personal injury or any other damage which may arise out of or be in any way related to my participation in this activity or program.

I understand that my child is not required to participate in any horse activity, but grant permission for him/her to do so, despite the possible risks. I recognize that by participating in these activities, as with any physical activity, my child may risk personal injury. I hereby attest and verify that I have been advised of the potential risks, that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in these activities, and that I assume any expense that may be incurred in the event of an accident, illness, or other incapacity, regardless of whether I have authorized such expenses. As a parent/guardian, I assume the same risk for myself, and other family members and friends present at these horse activities.

**Return to your local OSU Extension, 4-H Program Office
By:**

Signed: _____
(4-H Member)

Date _____

Signed: _____
(Parent or Guardian)

Date _____

This form needs to be signed and on file for each youth participant in any 4-H horse program activity. The form needs to be signed each year and before a youth participates in the Ohio 4-H Horse Program Activities.

Under Ohio law, Section 2305.321 of the Revised Code, an equine activity sponsor, professional, volunteer, participant or other person is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in the equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

4-H Equine Mandatory Helmet Use Policy

All youth 19 years 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. 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.

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.

The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Judges, 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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STATE GROOM AND CLEAN CONTEST RULES

Please note: Everyone competing in the Groom & Clean Contest must take a test that will be given at the Skillathon location during Livestock Project Judging. A study guide will be provided prior to the test. See the Summary of Important Dates page in the Hamilton County 4-H Rulebook for the date and time of Livestock Project Judging.

GENERAL:

1. Any registered alternate can sub in for any team in need with Species Superintendent approval the day of the contest.
2. Every team must have at least two participants who have completed a horse project within the past two years and may have one participant who has not completed a horse project if needed to complete a team and with approval from the Species Superintendent.

HANDLERS:

1. Handlers must be declared at Animal Move-in and approved by the Species Superintendent.
2. Handlers must be 18 years of age or older and should have some horse experience.

EQUIPMENT:

1. Placed well behind horses/ponies on ground cloth
2. Three sets are desirable, only one bottle of water, fly spray, and chain lead.
3. Tools need not be new but should not be ratty, dirty, or wet.
4. Tools should be placed on ground cloth with bristles facing up. If hats are worn, they should be removed and placed with tools before grooming begins.

TEAMWORK:

1. Teams should work smoothly together.
2. Members should look like they know what they are doing.
3. Members should not stop grooming until time is called – unless there is a question of safety.

SAFETY:

1. 4-H rules of safety handling should be observed.
2. Do not kneel or squat.
3. Do not crawl under horse/pony.
4. Do not reach across to other side.
5. Do not go under neck.
6. Do not put head or face where it can be kicked.
7. Do not put tools on ground, under or on horse/pony. If tool can't fit in pocket, it should be returned to the ground cloth.
8. If tool is dropped, use foot to move it a safe distance from horse before picking it up.
9. Someone should stay near the head.
10. If horse/pony is upset, calm it before continuing grooming.
11. If it becomes obvious that a certain procedure cannot be completed safely, such as handling the rear legs, notify the judges.
12. Never get into a position you can't get out of immediately.
13. Don't all bunch up on one end or one side of the horse/pony.

14. When feet are being cleaned, all should be aware. Unless there is a problem, it is not necessary to stop grooming.

METHOD:

1. Do not rush at horse/pony.
2. Groom from front to back and top to bottom.
3. Use tools in proper order – curry first, then body and/or bristle, then dandy and rag.
4. Do not tear at mane or tail.
5. Use one tool at a time – free hand can steady horse/pony.
6. Curry – do not use on head, or below knees and hocks, or on tender parts, or on mane or tail.
7. Body brush – do not use on head.
8. Stiff bristle brush – do not use on head, may be used on lower legs, mane, and tail.
9. Dandy brush – may be used on entire horse except hooves.
10. Hoof pick – may use edge to scrape mud from outside of hooves. Carefully pick feet in order starting with near front, then near rear, off rear, and off front.
11. Water - use on cloth only. Do not spray or apply directly to the horse/pony.
12. Fly spray – use with care. If it is absolutely necessary to use while grooming, all grooming should stop. Try to wait to fly spray horse until the 10-minute practice time.
13. Cloth – may use on entire horse/pony. Try not to shake cloth near horse/pony.
14. NO TRIMMING ALLOWED – Hair will not be clipped or cut.
15. Halter cleaning will be part of the finished animal condition score.

TIMING:

Total time for grooming is 30 minutes for state. Time for Hamilton County will be 20 minutes. Teams are told by the announcer when 10, 5, and 2 minutes remain. Then STOP. Equipment is placed back on the ground cloth and teams return to their starting positions away from the horse/pony.

SCORING:

Judges then inspect the groomed horse/pony. Scoring is based on the following:

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| Equipment = | 5 points |
| Safety = | 40 points |
| Teamwork and Methods = | 35 points |
| Finished Animal Condition = | 10 points |
| Test = | 30 points |
| <u>Showmanship =</u> | <u>15 points</u> |
| Total = | 135 points |

WRITTEN TEST:

Everyone competing in the Groom & Clean Contest must take a test that will be given at the Skillathon location during Livestock Project Judging. A study guide will be provided prior to the test. See the Summary of Important Dates page in the Hamilton County 4-H Rulebook for the date and time of Livestock Project Judging.

SHOWMANSHIP:

1. Teams are given 5 minutes for work with their groomed horse/pony to prepare for showmanship.

2. No attire change will be allowed. You must start and finish the contest in the same outfit. Hats are optional during showmanship; however they may not be worn during the grooming portion. 4-H rules will apply for showmanship.
3. The only equipment change allowed for showing will be a chain or leather lead strap to replace the tie rope used while grooming. No halter change will be allowed.
4. All three members will be judged on their ability to show the horse/pony. Each member will show the horse/pony as instructed by the judge. The team members will decide who will do each part of the pattern.
5. The showmanship pattern will be determined by the judge and will be posted prior to the contest.
6. Scoring = 15 points, 5 points per team member. There is no time limit for this section of the contest.

OHIO 4-H HORSE PROGRAM GUIDELINES FOR LEASING A 4-H HORSE

INTRODUCTION

One purpose of the 4-H horse program is to teach young people how to feed, fit, show, and care for their animal(s). The more important purpose is to provide an opportunity for personal growth and development of the young person. Ohio 4-H realizes that some youth are unable to have an actual horse for their 4-H horse project. Options available to these youth include:

1. Lease a horse from another individual.
2. Take the Horseless Horse project or a self-determined project.

What is the purpose of leasing a horse as a 4-H project?

A lease program is appropriate in the 4-H program when one or more of the following conditions exist.

1. The youth does not have the financial ability to purchase a horse.
2. The youth has a horse, but it is unable to be used (i.e. lameness, pregnancy, too young, etc.)
3. The youth has a horse, but it is of the wrong type for the educational experience the youth wishes to obtain.

What are the expectations of the horse's owner?

An individual (lessor) who leases a horse must be willing to:

1. Relinquish all rights to train, handle, give riding lessons on the horse, and to provide care for the horse so that the youth can complete the requirements of a 4-H project. Owners should not lease horses they plan to ride or show on a regular basis during the term of the lease.
2. Not take the horse back prior to the end of the lease unless the youth agrees to return the horse.
3. Have the youth (or parent/legal guardian) sign whatever agreements they decide upon in regard to care of the animal under the lease.
4. Allow the youth to transport and show the horse in 4-H, Open, or Breed shows.

What are the expectations of the 4-H participant?

An individual (youth) who leases a horse as a 4-H project:

1. To be responsible for the care of the animal in whatever manner that is mutually agreeable to both the owner (lessor) and the youth (lessee).

2. To complete a horse identification form as required by local county to identify the horse as a 4-H project.
3. As part of the educational experience of leasing a horse, to work in consultation with the owner (lessor) to develop a lease agreement on the horse selection for the Ohio 4-H program (see below for suggestions for developing a lease agreement).
4. Prior to any deadline date established by your local County Extension Office, to submit to that office a completed copy for the horse identification form and lease agreement for verification purposes only.

What should be included in a lease?

Every lease is unique in the items that must be covered to protect both the owner (lessor) and the youth (lessee). A lease should be drawn and signed by the owner and the youth to insure adequate care of the animal, protect the investment of the lessor and to detail the responsibility of the youth in regard to caring for the animal. It is wise to have a written lease agreement any time you are using someone else's horse even if the owner is a family member. A lease can assist in preventing misunderstandings and unhappiness between the horse's owner and the youth leasing the horse.

We suggest the following issues, but not limited to, be addressed in a lease:

1. Identification of the horse (name, registration number if registered); the name, address, and phone number of the youth leasing the horse, name of parent or guardian if the youth is under 18 years of age; and the name, address, and phone number of the owner (lessor).
2. Who is responsible in case of injury or death of the horse. Who pays veterinarian bills and what would be the maximum amount you are expected to pay in veterinarian costs if injury costs are your (lessee's) responsibility? In addition, if the animal is injured and unusable who has to nurse the animal back to health. An owner (lessor) may require you to take out an insurance policy on the horse with the owner as the beneficiary to cover possible loss due to the death of the animal.
3. Where the horse will be housed and who is responsible for the daily care of the horse, any feed, health care (i.e., deworming, vaccination, etc.), foot care and/or special stabling requirement made by the owner.
4. The purpose(s) for which the horse will be used and that it can be transported at the youth's discretion to horse shows.
5. Any limitation that would be placed on the owner's use of the horse. Refer to the current Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows (circ. 179) for limitation caused by the animal being a 4-H project and include them in the lease or reference them in a statement and make a copy of the rules available to the owner of the horse.
6. A statement on the time period covered by the lease and under what conditions and time frame the lease can be discontinued.
7. The owner should have a statement included relieving them of liability in cases of property damage, injury to the youth or injury to a third party while the horse is under the lessee's supervision.
8. A place for signatures for the owner (lessor) and the youth (lessee) with a line for a parent or guardian to sign for a youth under 18 years of age.
9. The above-mentioned issues are only suggestions and we cannot advise you as to specific terms or wording for a lease agreement. You may even want to consult an attorney.