

DEPARTMENT 14 - HORSES and PONIES

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2020 FAYETTE COUNTY HORSE PROGRAM GUIDELINES

1. The “Uniform Rules For Horse Shows in Ohio” (4-H 179) will govern 4-H horse shows. All members (or families) taking a horse project need to purchase a rule book and be familiar with it.
2. Mandatory for all members to follow the 4-H Equine Mandatory Helmet Use Policy in “Uniform Rules For Horse Shows in Ohio” (4-H 179).
3. All members and their parent/guardian must sign a new “Permission to Participate” form each year. New members are required to get the 191R Horses, Safety and You manual, and with a parent/guardian to view required links, *Every Ride, Every Time* and *Horses, Kids & Ethics*. After reading the manual and viewing the required links, the member and parent(s) sign the form on the inside back cover of the manual, Advisors will keep on file a copy of this signed form and each year’s new permission forms. When additional family members join, they can sign the original forms after they have seen the films and read the manual. Members who are not in a horse club should turn permission form and a copy of the 191R form in to the Junior Fair Board Coordinator and the Senior Fair Board Horse Representatives no later than May 15.
4. Competition at the county fair show and participation in the horse activities, (ex. Fun Day) is limited to those enrolled in a Fayette County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter with a horse project.
5. An ID sheet is to be completed for each horse, with a maximum of 3 (three) animals per members. Members of an immediate family may use the same horse with the exclusion of leased horses, but each member must complete an ID sheet for the animal. ID sheets are to be turned in by May 15 to Junior Fair Board Coordinator and the Senior Fair Board Horse Representative/advisor. The primary horse of a member stays at the fair all week. An additional horse may be brought in for show day (Tuesday) for contest classes – barrels and flags – and taken back home that day, and/or Fun Day on Friday. Standardbreds that are currently being raced may be taken from the fairgrounds as needed to race.
6. If an animal is leased, a contract to lease must be reviewed and accepted by the Junior Fair Board Coordinator and the Senior Fair Board Horse Representatives. A signed copy of the contract must be filed by May 15.
7. All members must attend a minimum of two (2) outdoor practices with their project horse and be evaluated by an advisor as to their safety before going to the fair. Those in a non-horse club need to make arrangements to attend two (2) of one of the horse club’s practices for this purpose. The horse clubs have the right to require more than the minimum two (2) practices. Each club will honor other club members and shall be counted as a minimum meeting.
8. Horses are over 58”. Ponies will measure under 58”.
9. Age of the exhibitor is determined as of January 1, 2020.

10. Stallions may not be shown unless they are part of a production project, and then only during their first calendar year.
11. The horse committee will deal with hardship case decisions.
12. The 4-H horse shows must have a steward who will interpret and clarify rules. The steward will be the President of the Fayette County Horse Committee. Any exhibitor or family member with a grievance is to contact the steward first, not the judge. Judges' decisions about the placings are final. Poor sportsmanship on the part of the exhibitors, parents, or family members will not be tolerated.
13. Safe and legal tack is to be used at all times. Refer to the rule book for specific examples.
14. Each member is to complete a project book and, if applicable, participate in the skillathon/interview to complete their project.
15. Stall assignments will be made by the Junior Fair Board Horse Representatives.
16. Entries are due June 22. Entries submitted after June 22 must include a \$25 late fee for each exhibitor. No entries will be accepted after June 26. **Showmanship is mandatory.** After all entries are received, class determinations will be made according to number of entries per class. Age divisions may be added or deleted as needed.
17. All Exhibitors with a horse at the fair will be required to have emergency contact information on file. Each club will be responsible for making sure their members cards are complete and turned into the Horse Committee Secretary who will make sure appropriate copies are available for Senior Fair Board Members.
18. Exhibitors must be aware of and comply with body condition score requirements in the "Uniform Rules For Horse Shows in Ohio" (4-H 179). If your horse/pony has a body condition score of less than 4, you will not be permitted to exhibit or show your animal at the fair.
19. A mandatory meeting for all horse exhibitors will be held on Monday of the fair at noon. This is a required meeting. A member can only be excused if they make prior arrangements with an advisor or Junior Fair Board Member. Pertinent information and show numbers will be discussed and dispersed at this meeting.
20. If a member chooses to bring two (2) horses, each horse/rider combo will be assigned a show number that they will use all week for all shows. Horse/rider pairs cannot show in both Western Pleasure and Ranch Pleasure. Members will need to designate which horse/rider combination they will use for Hi-Point Awards by 8 AM Tuesday, show day.
21. It is the expectation of all 4-H Horse Club advisors to help with all activities related to the 4-H Horse Program/Show: Mock Show, Move-in Day, setting up for classes, working entry and exit gates and making sure all shows run smoothly.

Classes:

(Classes may be added or changed, depending on entries received.)

Tuesday, July 21 (class order to be determined after entries are compiled)

265. English Showmanship, Horse and Pony - all ages
- 266A. Western Showmanship, Pony-all ages
- 266B. Western Showmanship, Horse-16 & over
- 266C. Western Showmanship, Horse-13-15
- 266D. Western Showmanship, Horse-12 & under
- 266E. Western/English Showmanship, Horse or Pony-Beginner, 2nd year*

266F. Western/English Showmanship, Horse or Pony-Beginner, 1st year*

266G. Easy-Gaited Showmanship—all ages

Overall Showmanship Class-1st and 2nd place winners of classes 265 through 266D only. Winner represents the horse department in Showman of Showmen Contest.

267. Horse & Pony Production-mare and current year foal

267A. Horse & Pony Production- Yearling

268. Easy-Gaited Horsemanship—all ages

269. Walk-Trot Horsemanship/Equitation, Horse or Pony. Beginner, 2nd Year*. Exhibitor may ride only in 2-gaited classes

270. Walk-Trot Horsemanship/Equitation, Horse or Pony. Beginner, 1st Year*. Exhibitor may ride only in 2-gaited classes

271. English Equitation, Horse or Pony-14 & over

272. English Equitation, Horse or Pony-13 & under

273A. English Pleasure (HUS), Horse or Pony-14 & over

273B. English Pleasure (HUS), Horse or Pony-13 & under

274A. Walk-Trot Pleasure, Western/HUS, Horse or Pony. Beginner, 2nd Year*. Exhibitor may ride only in 2-gaited classes

274B. Walk-Trot Pleasure, Western/HUS, Horse or Pony. Beginner, 1st Year*. Exhibitor may ride only in 2-gaited classes.

275. Western Pleasure, Pony-all ages

276. Western Pleasure, Horse-16 & over

277. Western Pleasure, Horse-13-15

278. Western Pleasure, Horse-12 & under

279A. Western Pleasure/HUS, Horse or Pony. 3-gaited class. Beginner, 2nd year*

279B. Western Pleasure/HUS, Horse or Pony. 3-gaited class. Beginner, 1st year*

279C. Easy-Gaited Pleasure—all ages

280. Western Horsemanship, Pony-all ages

281. Western Horsemanship, Horse-16 & over

282. Western Horsemanship, Horse-13-15

283. Western Horsemanship, Horse-12 & under

284A. Horsemanship/Equitation, Horse or Pony. 3-gaited class. Beginner, 2nd year

284B. Horsemanship/Equitation, Horse or Pony. 3-gaited class. Beginner, 1st year

285. Pleasure Driving, Horse & Pony, all ages

286. Ranch Pleasure

286A. Ranch Riding – Pattern B

287. Reining

288. Barrels—all ages

289. Flags—all ages

290. Trail—all ages

291. Trail—Walk Trot

292. Trail—Easy-Gaited

*Beginning exhibitors are 1st and 2nd year members, any age. They may show only in beginner classes on Tuesday. Beginners may choose either walk-trot or 3-gaited classes, but not both.

Classes may be combined or split based on number of entries, if necessary to provide safety.

Hi-Point awards will be given for Tuesday's show to individuals in 4 divisions: Beginner, Easy-Gaited, Junior Division and Senior Division. The awards are given for one horse – one exhibitor.

Horse Activity Schedule during Fair Week:

Monday 7 AM – All horses must be in place

	12 PM – Barn meeting
Tuesday	8 AM – Junior Fair Horse Show
Wednesday	10 AM – Demonstrations
	6 PM – Costume Contest
	TBA -- Standardbred
Thursday	10 AM – Versatility Classes
Friday	10 AM – Contest Fun Show * (subject to change based on weather)
	4 PM – Fun Day

Horses are released after the last sale on Friday unless you are a state fair participant and you can be released after the last class on Tuesday.