

2021 LAKE COUNTY 4-H HORSE & PONY RULE BOOK

Table of Contents:

EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS.....	2
GENERAL HORSE & PONY RULES.....	2
REQUIREMENTS FOR DEMONSTRATION DISPLAY.....	4
REQUIREMENTS FOR H&P EDUCATIONAL POSTER.....	5
REQUIREMENTS FOR SHOWMANSHIP.....	6
REQUIREMENTS FOR EQUITATION OPTIONS.....	6
COMPETITIVE DAY CLASSES.....	8
FAIR RULES AND INFORMATION.....	8
MINI 4-H HORSE & PONY.....	9

Note

Information and rules for the following activities can be obtained from the activity's coach:

Horse and Pony Judging Team
Horse Bowl & Hippology

Color Guard & Drill Team
Mini 4-H Horse & Pony

The Lake County Horse and Pony Leader's Organization revised this rule book for 2021.

It is the policy of the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service that all persons have equal opportunity and access to its educational programs, services, activities, and facilities without regard to race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, disability or status as a veteran. Purdue University is an Affirmative Action institution. This material may be available in alternative formats.

EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS

1. Members grade in school for the current year is based on the January 15 4-H Online Enrollment.
2. Members must be enrolled as a 4-H member in the Lake County 4-H program.
3. Members must **complete three (3) activities** in the Horse & Pony Activity Manual and/or three (3) completed Horse & Pony Activity Worksheets printed from the Lake County 4-H website to be turned in prior to or by **July 1st** to the Lake County 4-H Extension Office in order to exhibit at the Fair (*Poster, Showmanship, Equitation and Competitive Day*), receive premiums, and advance to the next year. H&P Activity Manuals and/or Horse & Pony Activity Worksheets turned in after July 1st but prior to Horse & Pony check-in at Fair will be accepted. The 4-Her will complete the year, but will not be allowed to show at Fair (*Poster, Showmanship, Equitation and Competitive Day*); will not be allowed to receive premiums; and will not be allowed to receive any awards.

H&P Activity Manual Completion and/or Horse & Pony Activity Worksheet

- The three (3) activities completed for the current year must have the “date completed” and the “helper’s initials” filled in on the appropriate page of the H&P Activity Manual and/or the completed Horse & Pony Activity Worksheet with the appropriate dates and signatures to be counted as completed activities.
 - Members are required to show all work done in the H&P Activity Manual and/or must answer all the questions on the Horse & Pony Activity Worksheet.
 - Members with ***incomplete*** manuals or activity worksheets will be notified and given 3 days to complete said manuals and activity worksheets. If manuals are not completed within the designated time the member will not be allowed to show at fair (Poster, Showmanship, Equitation and Competitive Day), will not be allowed to receive premiums; and will not be allowed to receive any awards but can turn in the H&P Activity Manual and/or Horse & Pony Activity Worksheet after the stated CHECK-IN time at fair to complete their year in 4-H.
4. Immunizations:
- **VACCINATIONS for all LAKE COUNTY 4-H HORSE & PONY animals MUST be given by a licensed veterinarian. The Lake County 4-H Horse & Pony Veterinarian Signature Sheet supersedes the State Form 4-H-1031-W**
 - All 4-H horses of record must have received the Eastern & Western Equine Encephalomyelitis, Rhino/EHV type 1 and 4, Equine Influenza, Tetanus and Rabies² between January and June 30th of the current year.
 - Completed “Lake County 4-H Horse & Pony Veterinarian Signature Sheet” will be due prior to or on **July 1st** to the Lake County 4-H Extension Office. If the form is not turned in by appropriate deadline the 4-Her will not be permitted to participate in Showmanship, any Equitation Options or Competitive Day Classes.
 - A current State Form 4-H-1031-W "Certificate of Completion of Indiana 4-H Requirements for Exhibition of 4H Horse and Pony" is required. Please keep the ORIGINAL with you for all 4-H H&P events. A COPY of this form is due prior to or on **July 1st** to the Lake County 4-H Extension Office. If the form is not turned in by appropriate deadline the 4-Her will not be permitted to participate in Showmanship, any Equitation Options or Competitive Day Classes.
5. **STATE FAIR:** Members wishing to exhibit horses at the Indiana State Fair should see instructions on the Indiana State Fair website: <http://www.in.gov/statefair/fair>

GENERAL HORSE & PONY RULES

1. Two (2) 4-H Horse & Pony members (grades 3 to 12) in the same level per grade will be allowed to share a horse for all in-hand classes (showmanship and in-hand trail). The members must choose which one will exhibit the horse/pony in any given mounted class for project and/or competitive day classes.
1. No stallions or mares with foals may be shown or exhibited by 4-H members.
2. Members are to assume as many of the following responsibilities for their animal as possible: Feed and water daily; daily grooming; cleaning and bedding the stall; care of tack and equipment and overall health and wellness of the horse.

3. A Wellness Committee will be created each year consisting of a licensed Veterinarian, the H&P Superintendent, H&P Assistant Superintendent and two (2) H&P Leaders of record from different clubs. The committee is responsible for addressing any issues reported to the Superintendent concerning the soundness and/or the overall health of a horse. A decision will be made if the horse can be shown or not. Concerns regarding a horse's soundness or overall health should be reported to the Superintendent as soon as possible. The committee will evaluate the horse using Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service publication "Introduction to Body Condition Scoring Horses". A horse with a score of less than 4 will not be allowed to be shown at Fair. Members are required to supply any requested information as well as access to observe the horse. Members must comply with the final decision of the committee as to if the horse can or cannot be shown.
4. Only the Lake County enrolled 4-H H&P member may ride or drive their enrolled 4-H horse at the 4-H shows, events or activities (with the exception of the double bareback competitive day class). It is acceptable for an adult (over 18 years of age) to lunge the horse at 4-H events.
5. All 4-H members are required to wear a properly fitted ASTM or SEI standard F1163 (or above) certified helmet whenever mounted, or driving, at a 4-H horse and pony county and club event, show, or activity. The **4-H member** is responsible to see that this specified headgear is properly fitted with the approved harness fastened in place whenever mounted. **Original tags must be present in all approved helmets.**
6. Judges must initial any scoring changes and placing changes on the scorecard. The judge may excuse an exhibitor from a specific class or classes if they feel there is a safety concern. **Judges decision is final.**
7. Members should notify the ring master/steward if they have a question or clarification to address to the judge prior to the start of a class. Anyone needing to address the judge during or after a class should come to the show office and their request will be addressed as necessary. No one is permitted to approach the judge directly. Inappropriate conduct on behalf of a member or their parent/guardian will result in being excused from the class and from showing for the remainder of the day.
8. A comment sheet stating task requirements per level without points for showmanship and equitation will be used.
9. The Lake County 4-H Horse & Pony Rule Book consists of rules not covered in the "Lake County 4-H Handbook" and the "Indiana 4-H Horse & Pony Handbook", current edition. For these additional rulebooks contact the administrative leader in your club.
10. **Drill Team:** A horse, other than the project horse, may be used for Drill Team. Stalls provided, if available. If the Drill Team horse is not their Showmanship or Equitation Options project horse, members must identify the Drill Team horse in the 4HOnline system by May 15. Members that fail to meet the online May 15 horse identification deadline to participate in the Horse & Pony program will not be allowed to participate in the Drill Team for the current year. Members are permitted to change their Drill Team horse at any time as long as the replacement horse was identified in the 4H Online system by the May 15 deadline. Members must notify the Superintendent of any change in writing. The member must be able to supply a copy of current year "Certificate of Completion of Indiana 4-H Requirements for Exhibition of 4-H Horse and Pony" and completed "Lake County 4-H Horse & Pony Veterinarian Signature Sheet" signed by a licensed veterinarian in order to have the horse stalled at the fair.
11. Once the Lake County 4-H Horse & Pony Rule Book has been printed, any rule changes will be noted for forthcoming revisions.
12. A member must be accompanied by a parent/guardian and/or their club leader to voice a complaint to the Superintendent.
14. Horse Changes:
 - Members may change their horse only one time during the current enrollment year. Horse changes can be made up to 48 hours prior to 4-H Horse & Pony check-in at fair as long as the replacement horse was identified in the 4H Online system by the May 15 deadline. Members must notify the Superintendent of any horse change in writing.
Note: The equitation options entry cannot be changed after July 1.
15. All winners of awards must sign a "THANK YOU" to the Sponsor prior to receiving the award. Our 4-H awards depend on the generosity of the community, and they deserve the courtesy of a "Thank You".
16. All grades will be given at the time of the event, including who received Champion and Reserve Champion.
17. Classes may be combined and/or cancelled if enrollment does not warrant splits.

REQUIREMENTS FOR DEMONSTRATION DISPLAY

The Horse & Pony Demonstration is not necessarily a “how to” do something, but rather a demonstration of knowledge in some area of horses or horsemanship. Visual aids are a necessity and among those that can be used are posters, models, charts, diagrams, pictures, etc. You are not limited to these specifically but are encouraged to be creative. Speakers should remember that trying to cover TOO MUCH information is as bad as covering TOO LITTLE.

- Members may choose to do “Individual Demonstration”, “Team Demonstration”, or “Public Speaking”.
- Entry breakdown for individual demonstration:
Grade 3; Grade 4; Grade 5, Grade 6; Grade 7; Grade 8; Grade 9/10; Grade 11/12
- Team demonstration option will be open to any year members and will be an option to the Demonstration part of the H&P program. One class will run to include all Levels together. A team demonstration consists of 2 enrolled H&P members. Team demonstrations will be judged on the same criteria as individual demonstrations. Demonstrators must participate equally in the demonstration.
- Public Speaking option will be open to any year members and will be an option to the Demonstration part of the H&P program. One class will run to include all levels together. Public speaking consists of 1 enrolled H&P member. NO visual or audio aids are allowed. Use of these aids qualifies the speech as an illustrated talk and will disqualify the participation in public speaking. (Visual/audio aids include but are not limited to: posters, tape player/recorder, VCRs, etc.). Public speaking will be judged on the same criteria as demonstrations with the exception of “visual effect” will become “stage presence”.
- All grades, team demonstration, and public speaking will receive a “Champion and Reserve Champion” as long as an “A Honor” is given.
- The time limits for individual demonstration are as follows:
 - **Level 1 (Grade 3 – 5) - at least 4 minutes and no longer than 6 minutes**
 - **Level 2 (Grade 6 – 8) - at least 5 minutes and no longer than 7 minutes**
 - **Level 3 (Grade 9 – 12_ - at least 9 minutes and no longer than 12 minutes**
 - **Team Demonstration - at least 10 minutes and no longer than 15 minutes**
 - **Public Speaking – at least 5 minutes and no longer than 9 minutes**
- A time penalty will be assessed. A 30-second grace period +/- is allowed. After the 30 seconds, 1 point per 10 seconds will be deducted from the score.

Please remember that your age as well as the number of years in the horse and pony project should be considered when choosing a topic. You should be able to fully understand what you are talking about rather than picking a subject so difficult that all you accomplish is memorizing words. If you wish, you may use note cards to help you remember... However, you should practice beforehand so that you do not READ your entire demonstration from the cards. Look the judge in the eye and talk to him/her. He/she is interested in what you are saying.

During the time that the demonstrations are given and THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE DAY, common courtesy and good manners are expected from 4-Hers and parents alike. Dress neatly, professionally, in clean well-fitting clothes. Remember your impression on the judge counts!

“GENERAL DRESS CODE” 4-H youth and adults at all 4-H events and activities should have a neat and clean appearance both in clothing and footwear that is appropriate to the specific 4-H activity. Clothing/footwear deemed inappropriate would include (depending upon 4-H activity) tank style top/dress, top showing midriff or bare back, spaghetti strap top/dress, top with bare shoulders, i.e. halter tops, tube tops, clothing with significant tears/frays/holes, shirt/top with inappropriate message/graphic (incl. alcohol/tobacco/firearms), short shorts, flip flop sandals, tight fitting clothing, excessively short dress/skirt, and shear clothing. Clothing/footwear that is appropriate for most 4-H events/activities include dresses and skirts of modest length, dress pants, Capri pants, clean/heat cargo pants, sleeveless tops/dresses, sweaters/turtlenecks, polo/dress shirts, 4-H t-shirts, t-shirts with appropriate messages, denim jeans/skirts & sports jerseys/sweatshirts that are clean/not frayed/free of holes. 4-H leaders, staff, superintendents, and 4-H activity/event coordinators may determine that particular clothing or footwear is inappropriate and therefore may ask the 4-H member to change clothing or footwear in order to participate in the particular 4-H event.

The visual effect will be rated according to the visual aids effectiveness in illustrating the subject being discussed by the speaker. Demonstrations will be scored on Knowledge (25 points), Verbal Presentation (50 points), Visual Effect (20 points), and Personal Appearance (5 points). Public Speaking will be scored on Knowledge (25 points), Verbal Presentation (50 points), Stage Presence (20 points), and Personal Appearance (5 points)

The scale for scoring the demonstration display will be as follows:

- 95% and higher . . . A Honor
 - 90% - 94% A
 - 80% -89% B
 - 79% and lowerC
- No live animals may be used in demonstration as props, visual aids, etc.
 - Once the March 1st deadline has passed, members cannot change their demonstration selection. Members signed up for team demonstration cannot switch to individual demonstration and vice-a-versa.
 - Demonstration make ups will be allowed at the County Demonstration day. Members will receive a participation ribbon, be eligible for the 4 part award and will have completed the education requirement to compete in the 4-H Horse & Pony Competitive Day classes at fair. There will be no letter grade, Champion or Reserve Champion given for demonstration make-up.

REQUIREMENTS FOR H&P EDUCATIONAL POSTER

This portion of the Horse and Pony Program is designed to enhance the 4-H member’s basic horse industry knowledge.

- Entry breakdown for H&P Educational Poster:
Grade 3; Grade 4; Grade 5, Grade 6; Grade 7; Grade 8; Grade 9/10; Grade 11/12
- All “grades” will receive a “Champion and Reserve Champion” as long as an “A Honor” is given.
- Judging for H&P Educational Poster will be an open judging option.

Members are to exhibit a poster that will educate the reader on a horse industry topic .All posters must be 22”x28” and must be exhibited horizontally. The poster exhibit must be mounted on stiff, corrugated cardboard backing or foam-core board backing, the same size as the poster, no paneling, plywood, or masonite please. All posters are required to be covered with clear plastic or similar transparent material such as window covering or plastic .3mm from fabric store, no cellophane, saran wrap or dry cleaning bags. You can purchase poster board backing and sleeve (slip in cover) from the Extension Office. **Posters not meeting these requirements will receive a green participation ribbon.**

- Any color of poster board is acceptable for all projects.
- The current Lake County 4-H exhibit label including 4-H members name, grade, club, project and division or level (provided by the Extension Office) must be placed in the lower right hand corner, under the plastic.
- Neatness and cleanliness are important.
- **Check the “Lake County 4-H Handbook” for H&P Educational poster due date.** Judging for the poster will be an open judging option. No make ups will be offered. Posters will be displayed in the 4-H Building during Fair.
- The following criteria will be used for H&P Educational Poster judging:

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING	COMMENT
<p><i>Meets General Requirements For Exhibit Type</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Size (poster 22"x28"), exhibited horizontally • Mounted on stiff, corrugated cardboard or foam-core board backing, same size as poster (no paneling, plywood, or masonite) • Covered with clear plastic or similar transparent material (no cellophane, saran wrap, or dry cleaning bags) • Current Lake County 4-H exhibit label in lower right hand corner, under the plastic • Posters not meeting general requirements will receive a green participation ribbon 	

<p>Descriptive Title</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draws reader into poster and/or • Identifies the project 	
<p>Eye Appeal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Originality-attracts interest • Creativeness-encourages thought • Overall appearance/appealing • Neatness • Arrangement • Background • Workmanship • Attention to detail 	
<p>Educational Value</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conveys message • Accomplishes purpose • Content-accurate and complete • Will the viewer learn something from the exhibit? • Is the amount of information appropriate? 	

REQUIREMENTS FOR SHOWMANSHIP

This aspect of the Horse and Pony Program is designed to progressively develop the showmanship skills of the 4-H member and to progressively develop the animal’s level of performance. Judges decision is final. Starting July 1 patterns will be posted on the Lake County 4H website: <https://extension.purdue.edu/lake>

Showmanship:

- Entry breakdown for showmanship: Grade 3; Grade 4; Grade 5, Grade 6; Grade 7; Grade 8; Grade 9/10; Grade 11/12
- All “grades” will receive a “Champion and Reserve Champion” as long as an “A Honor” is given.

In addition to the pattern tasks, judging will also be based on:

- The 4-H member’s ability to show and follow instructions.
- The appearance of the show person.
- The appearance and condition of the horse/pony.
- The judge is not allowed to ask questions to the members.
- When showing English at showmanship it is an option to use a flat leather halter or a bridle.
- Make up for showmanship will be held at fair at a time that works in the fair schedule. Members will receive a participation ribbon, be eligible for the 4 part award and will have completed the horse requirement to compete in the 4-H Horse & Pony Competitive Day classes at fair. A comment sheet will be given but there will be no letter grade, Champion or Reserve Champion given for showmanship make-up.

REQUIREMENTS FOR EQUITATION OPTIONS

Stock Seat, English, and Walk/Trot Equitation:

This aspect of the Horse and Pony Program is designed to progressively develop the horsemanship skills of the 4-H member and to progressively develop the animal’s level of performance. Judge’s decision is final. Starting July 1 patterns will be posted on Lake County 4H website: <https://extension.purdue.edu/lake>

- Entry breakdown for Stock Seat Equitation, English Equitation, Walk/Trot Equitation: Level 1 (Grades 3-5); Level 2 (Grades 6/8); Level 3 (Grades 9-12)
- Members may choose one of the following Equitation options, but all Levels will compete together: Reinsmanship, Gymkhana, Trail and In-Hand Trail.
- All Equitation classes will receive a “Champion and Reserve Champion” as long as an “A Honor” is given.

NOTE: All walk/trot riders will **only be allowed** to participate in the “WTP” designated classes on Competitive Days. **They will absolutely not be allowed to participate in any canter classes on “Competitive Days” at the Fair for the current year.**

In addition to the pattern tasks, judging will also be based on:

- The 4-H member's ability to show and follow instructions.
- The appearance of the show person.
- The appearance and condition of the horse/pony.

For complete list of acceptable Western tack and attire and all types of English tack and attire, please refer to: **Indiana 4-H Horse and Pony Handbook, current edition**. In order to show your horse to the best of your ability, it is necessary to read all sections of this Lake County 4-H Horse & Pony Rule Book and the Indiana 4-H Horse and Pony Handbook, current edition so you are familiar with the requirements. It is to your benefit to attend countywide clinics, club clinics, other horse shows, etc. and to ask questions of your leader and other knowledgeable horse people to further prepare yourself and your horse for showing.

Styles of riding that are acceptable in this program are Western and all types of English.

The horse's conformation and breed type are not judged in this class. However, the horse's ability to perform the tasks required by level should be considered when selecting an animal. Riders should be satisfied that the animal they have chosen is or can be trained to perform the maneuvers indicated.

Riders will be required to perform individual workouts. All riders will perform identical workouts in a given class.

Gymkhana Requirements:

Gymkhana will be open to any level/grade and will be an option to Equitation. The required patterns will be run as three separate events: Barrels, Pole Bending, and Speed and Action. Each rider will perform individually. This class is designed to show responsiveness in the gymkhana horse as well as the proper use of hands, seat, and legs of the rider. The rider is expected to demonstrate speed, smoothness, maneuverability, and control as well as accuracy of the completed pattern according to the Indiana 4-H Horse & Pony Handbook.

The **Speed and Action** class/event will follow all the state guidelines with the exception of stopping in the box. For Lake County 4-H Horse & Pony, members will only be required to stop in the box and remain in the box for 3 seconds. The 3 second count begins once all 4 feet enter the box. The horse does not have to be standing still on all fours. Members are permitted to turn their horse as necessary to keep it in the box until dismissed. **If the horse steps out of the box before dismissed, a seven second penalty will be added.** If the horse runs through the box at a canter/lope or trot, then a "no time" will be issued.

Gymkhana Grading System:

- Rider receives a time score for each of the three events. Those scores are added together into an overall score.
- Broken pattern will result in a "no time" for that event.
- Members receiving a "no time" for any one (1) of the 3 events will not be able to receive any grade higher than a "B" project grade; members receiving a "no time" for any two (2) of the 3 events will not be able to receive any grade higher than a "C" project grade.
- "No time" scores will be recorded at the slowest run time in that event plus 5 seconds for scoring purposes to calculate project grades.
- A champion and reserve champion will be awarded based on the lowest overall score (fastest time). The rider with the lowest overall score is champion. The rider with the second lowest overall score is reserve champion. An "A Honor" must be achieved in order for a Champion and Reserve Champion to be given out.

AH, A, B, and C grades will be assigned based on the following scale:

AH = 100 to 110% off a combined average of the two highest overall scores

A = 111 to 125% off a combined average of the two highest overall scores

B = 126 to 140% off a combined average of the two highest overall scores

C = 141% and up off a combined average of the two highest overall scores

Reinsmanship Requirements:

Reinsmanship will be open to any level/grade and will be an option for Equitation entries. Drivers would be allowed a header and a passenger. Reinsmanship class will include rail work and a pattern. Starting July 1 pattern will be posted on the Lake County 4H website, <https://extension.purdue.edu/lake>. Judge's decision is final. Basic driving skills will be judged. Reinsmanship will use the Pleasure Driving section of the **Indiana 4-H Horse and Pony Handbook, current edition**.

Trail Requirements:

Trail will be open to any level/grade and will be an option to Equitation. Trail will use the Trail section of the most current edition of the **Indiana 4-H Horse and Pony Handbook, current edition**. Judge's decision is final. Starting July 1 pattern will be posted on the Lake County 4H website: <https://extension.purdue.edu/lake>

In Hand Trail Requirements:

In Hand Trail will be an option open to any level/grade and will be an option to Equitation. In Hand Trail will use the In Hand Trail section of the most current edition of the Indiana 4-H Horse and Pony Handbook, current edition. Judge's decision is final. Starting July 1 pattern will be posted on the Lake County 4H website:
<https://extension.purdue.edu/lake>.

COMPETITIVE DAY CLASSES

Competitive Day is basically a fun show that is held at the fair each year. If Competitive Day Classes need to be split they will be JR Riders (Grade 3,4,5,6,7) and SR Riders (Grade 8, 9,10,11,12). Members are encouraged to enter as many classes as they wish. Usually an award is given to 1st place in each class and ten placing ribbons are also awarded. Proper attire is required. **Boots are required in all classes. Helmets are required whenever mounted, riding or driving. THIS INCLUDES COSTUME CLASS.**

Winners of awards must sign a "THANK YOU" card to the sponsor. The whole purpose of Competitive Day is to give our 4- Hers another chance to show in a wide variety of classes for fun. Competitive class offerings for the current year will be proposed and approved at one of the regularly scheduled Horse & Pony Leaders Meetings.

VERSATILITY CLASS:

The Versatility Class will consist of four (4) classes: Showmanship, English Pleasure, Western Pleasure and Barrels. Classes will be worked in the order listed. Members must participate in all four classes.

Showmanship pattern at judge's discretion, members will exit arena and saddle for English Pleasure. Members will change into western attire inside the ring after the English Pleasure class has completed. Each member is allowed up to two helpers. The barrel class will enter one at a time using the run time for the placing.

Scoring:

The judge will place each class up to ten placings. The barrel class will also be placed up to ten but the clock will determine the placing. A point value will be given for each placing (see below). Upon completion of all four classes, the points will be totaled. Lowest accumulation of points will be the class winner (see below). In the event of a tie, the placing from an individual class will be used. The tie breaker class is: Even years – Showmanship, Odd years - Barrels

Points:

1st - 0	6th - 6 points
2nd - 2 points	7th - 7 points
3rd – 3 points	8th - 8 points
4th - 4 points	9th - 9 points
5th - 5 points	10th - 10 points
	11th & Up – 11 points

FAIR RULES AND INFORMATION

1. Members are to use their own enrolled project horse for Competitive Day Classes.
2. Members **that have completed either Demonstration or H&P Educational Poster may** participate in Competitive Day classes on Monday night prior to the Showmanship and Equitation Options classes. **To be eligible to show on "Competitive Day" on Tuesday and Wednesday** a member must complete (2) project classes. **One** of the two project classes must have been either Demonstration or / H&P Educational Poster. The **Second** project class must have been either Showmanship or Equitation Option project class. Except in the case of illness of horse or child after check-in at the Fair. The Superintendent will make the decision with a required vet release or doctor release. Any 4- Hers that have not completed Demonstration or H&P Educational Poster **will be allowed** to participate in the Showmanship and Equitation Options project classes. However, they will **NOT** be able to compete in **any** Competitive Day classes at Fair.
3. Clubs may decorate their stalls.
4. For the safety of the general public and 4-H members, all horses and ponies must be lead in hand to and from the barn and arena(s) by a parent or 4-H Horse & Pony member. Violators of this rule will be required to put their horse and pony away for the rest of that day.

5. Project horses must stay at the Fair through the specified checkout time. In cases of emergency or special circumstance, the Superintendent must be contacted. Check out time is Wednesday morning 8 AM to noon. Members leaving prior to the posted check out time will forfeit all premiums and/or awards associated with the classes they participated in at fair including but not limited to competitive day, equitation, showmanship, 4-Part, team tournament, etc. An early release form will need to be on file with the horse & pony I&R committee by July 1st. A copy of the form will be returned to you at fair check-in.
6. One stall will be assigned per member. It is the member's responsibility to clean the stall upon check-out time at Fair. If your stall is not cleaned and your horse removed by 12:00 noon on Wednesday of the fair, your club will be fined \$10 per stall not cleaned. If the club does not pay the fine by the parents meeting after the fair, your club will not be given stalls for the next fair. Money collected will be paid to whoever cleaned the stalls. ALL stalls assigned to the club must be cleaned by 12:00 noon on Wednesday of the fair.
7. A club may move their horses into the stalls they have been assigned first to help alleviate congestion in the barn areas. Then ALL extra stalls the club has been assigned must be cleaned immediately.
8. Clubs are responsible to have ALL stalls that were assigned to their club cleaned by Wednesday at noon, whether they used them or not. No exceptions!

MINI 4-H HORSE & PONY

Mini 4-H Horse & Pony is being offered to give grades K-2 the opportunity to explore the Horse & Pony project in an educational and non-competitive environment. The member does not need a live animal to participate. There are educational experiences that will need to be met in order to participate with a live animal at fair. Please carefully read the following guidelines established for the Mini 4-H Horse & Pony project:

According to Indiana 4-H policy, Mini 4-H members may independently show, work with, or care for animals that weigh 300 pounds or less. Mini 4-H members may only show, work with or care for animals over 300 pounds when they are assisted by a parent, legal guardian, or another adult designated in writing by parent or legal guardian. "Assisted" means a parent, legal guardian, or designated adult is with the child at **all times**.

The "Mini 4-H Liability Release Form" will need to be completed and signed by a parent/legal guardian for any activity that Mini 4-H member will be in contact with a live animal.

In order to exhibit a live animal at the Lake County 4-H Fair and participate in Team Tournament during the 4-H Horse & Pony days at fair the mini members will be *REQUIRED TO participate in in one (1) of the demonstration days offered:*

- A. DEMO DAY: Mini 4-H Horse & Pony Demonstration will be a 3 minute or under show and tell; bring your favorite horse item to talk about (held in conjunction with regular Horse & Pony demonstration day or at county demonstration activity); ribbons to all
 - B. DEMO MAKE-UP Mini 4-H County Demonstration (make up day for Mini 4-H Horse & Pony Demonstration) ribbons to all
- All Mini 4-H Horse & Pony members are required to wear a properly fitted ASTM or SEI standard F1163 (or above) certified helmet whenever mounted or driving and/or at all times in the arena. The Mini 4-H Horse & Pony member and parents are responsible to see that this specified headgear is properly fitted with the approved harness fastened in place whenever mounted. Original tags must be present in all approved helmets.
 - All Mini 4-H Horse & Pony exhibitors must wear the proper English or western attire and footwear of western, hunt or Jodhpur boots. Approved footwear must be worn whenever handling or riding animals.
 - The Mini 4-H Horse & Pony member may bring in their own horse to exhibit in the Mini 4-H H&P Competitive Day classes as long as the vaccination form/requirements have been completed and the horse is registered by July 1st through fairentry.com. Vaccination requirements: copy of the "Certificate of Completion of Indiana 4-H Requirements for Exhibition of 4-H Horse and Pony"; and original "Lake County 4-H Horse & Pony Veterinarian Signature Sheet" to be turned in to the Lake County 4-H Extension Office by JULY 1st.

- The Mini 4-H Horse & Pony member may use a regular 4-H member's horse that is already being exhibited at the fair for Mini 4-H H&P Competitive Day classes, as long as the horse is also registered with the Mini 4-H member by July 1st through fairentry.com and all vaccination requirements have been met by the regular 4-H member.

There will be a 4 *PART AWARD* for all Mini 4-H members that complete at least four (4) requirements listed below: You may participate in ALL of the activities BUT only one (1) activity from each line 1 through 4 will count towards your 4-Part Award (i.e.: 1. Demo Make-up, 2. Poster, 3. Lead line, 4. Lead line Showmanship; OR 1. Demo Day, 2. Poster, 3. Stick Horse, 4. Stick Horse Costume) The 4 Part Award can be completed with or without a live animal.

1. *Mini 4-H Horse & Pony Demonstration* (DEMO DAY or DEMO MAKE-UP)
2. *Mini 4-H Horse & Pony Poster* (turned in during Mini check-in for the fair) with ribbons to all. Make sure to check the Mini 4-H poster requirements.
3. *Lead line* (side walkers are encouraged but not mandatory) with ribbons to all (designated adult mandatory) *or Mini 4-H Stick Horse* (no adult supervision required) with ribbons to all
4. *Lead line Showmanship* with ribbons to all (designated adult mandatory) *or Stick Horse Costume Class* (no adult supervision required) with ribbons to all