

Club Rules:

Meetings are held on the second Monday of January- July, September, November and December. We will not have any events if EVSC school is canceled for that day. You need to make sure you sign in at every meeting.

You must attend 2/3's of the meetings January thru July and 2/3's of the workdays to qualify for the achievement award. If you cannot attend a meeting you can make up 1 meeting by doing a demonstration. You will need to contact the president of the club to schedule the time to do this. If you cannot make it to a work day due to an emergency or a previous engagement you can make up 1 work day. You will need to submit a letter to the advisory committee before the workday saying why you can't make it to the workday. The advisory committee will assign you a time to make up the one work day. This time will most likely be at the fair unless another time can be agreed upon.

Workdays will be a minimum of 2 hours. Before the work day, tasks will be assigned to everyone. You will be responsible for bringing the correct equipment and supplies to complete the task. The club will work together to get everything completed in a timely manner. You will also be responsible for signing the sign in sheet at every workday you attend.

For all 4H Horse and Pony events appropriate attire is required. For workdays we require closed toe shoes.

If you bring your horse to the fairgrounds without there being a scheduled event, you will need to call Liz Letterman (812)867-2870 in advance and tell her exactly when you are coming. If you plan on coming during the weekend you need to call her by Thursday. This is only for 4H members. Sometimes they rent out the whole fairground and you might not be able to come. If you get any equipment out make sure you put it back away.

Fair Rules:

All rules listed in the Indiana 4H Horse and Pony Handbook will be enforced. This can be found by searching " Indiana 4H Horse and Pony Handbook" online. If you cannot look this up online, you can purchase this handbook through the extension office. The first few pages are polices and guidelines, the rest of the book are rules for each individual class. It also lists correct tack and attire. There are also patterns that will be used for fair for classes such as reining, western riding, and jumping. These patterns may not be posted the day of the show, so knowing these patterns is important.

All important dates for turning in important paperwork for fair are located in the Vanderburgh County 4H handbook. You must obtain one at a horse and pony meeting or at the extension office. Also in this book, the check in times and check out times are listed.

In order to get your pass for the fair, you must turn in your achievement record. You will be given your achievement record in the June or July meeting. We recommend you fill out as much as you can. You can turn your achievement record in at the workday before fair or when you check in your horse.

To check in your horse, you must have your emergency contact information and the completed vaccinated form. When you turn those things in, you will receive your show number for the show. You will need to keep this safe until you show. You will only receive one. You can scratch classes at this time.

You can leave your horse trailer on the grounds for the fair. It has to be 20 feet from the building and it cannot be between two barns. You cannot hook your trailer to electricity. You can only do that if you are camping in a designated camping area.

All exhibitors, parents, and spectators will conduct themselves as ladies and gentleman. They are expected to conduct themselves in such a manner as to set a good example. Impolite behavior, poor sportsmanship, disruptive actions, may cause disqualification and cause for removal from the fair grounds. This rule applies on the day of the show as well as other activities during the 4H season.

Golf carts, 4 wheelers, etc. are not allowed unless approved and permitted by the 4H Fair Board. Permit must be displayed. No operators under the age of 16.

We highly recommend children are supervised at all times while at the fair.

There will be an award given out for Stall Decorations. No painting or marking on wood. No staples unless you remove and dispose of properly. We recommend you cut a board to the size of stall and decorate that. You can attach the board with zip ties or wire.

There will be no riding north of the road that is next to the indoor arena and the outdoor arena. There will be no running of horses outside of the arena. You can only walk your horse outside of the arenas. There will be no horses in the campgrounds.

Only one person will ride a horse at a given time, no "doubles".

You can only ride the horse that is enrolled as yours through the Indiana 4H system.

Only Vanderburgh County 4H Horse and Pony members can ride horses. If you and your sibling both enroll the same horse you can both ride that horse.

Adults listed as Leader with the extension office may ride a horse they own Thursday through the end of fair after the show.

When a horse is in a stall the door must be shut and latched. When you take your horse out of the stall make sure the door is closed so it is not open in the aisle way. Lead ropes across stall doors are not allowed.

There needs to be a designated aisle way for spectators to walk. Make sure saddles, grooming supplies and feed supplies are not tripping hazards. Roping off sections of aisle ways is strictly prohibited. Make sure you clean up after your horse if a mess is made in the aisle way.

After using the wash rack, make sure you clean up your mess. Manure should be scooped up and bathing supplies packed away.

No other animals other than 4H horses and ponies will be allowed in the horse barn.

No smoking in the barn. If you see someone smoking ask them to stop.

Any horse that is deemed by the 4H, parent or leader as a “kicker” must be designated with a visible red ribbon in the tail. It is the 4H member’s responsibility to make sure each time the animal is brought to the fairgrounds it is designated by a prominent red ribbon in the tail.

One animal may be substituted by another provided that 1) a licensed veterinarian certifies that the original animal is unfit for showing and 2) approval of the substitute by the 4H Horse and Pony Advisory Committee and 4H council.

High Point:

To qualify for high point you must attend 2/3 January through July of the meetings and 2/3 of the workdays.

High point is given for junior and senior divisions for Western, Hunt Seat, Saddle Type and Gaming. A total of 8 awards are given out.

When you place in a class you will receive points. The person with the most points will win the high point.

The number of points given will depend on how many horses are in the class.

If there are 6 horses in the class 1st place will get 6 points, 2nd gets 5, 3rd gets 4, 4th gets 3, 5th gets 2, 6th gets 1.

If there is 3 horses in the class 1st gets 3 points, 2nd gets 2, 3rd gets 1.

If the person with the highest points did not qualify, the award will go to the person with the next highest amount of points.

You must complete your project in order to qualify for the high point award.

The high point award will be given out at the year-end party.