

## HORSE & PONY

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### MANUALS

- Horse 1: Giddy Up & Go (Grades 3&4)
- Horse 2: Head, Heart & Hooves (Grades 5&6)
- Horse 3: Stable Relationships (Grades 7-9)
- Horse 4: Riding the Range (Grades 10-12)

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 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. This policy will be in effect beginning with the 2003 program year and applies to all county, area and state 4-H horse and pony events, shows and activities.

### EXHIBIT OPTIONS

Members may choose to exhibit any combination of live animals, a poster, and/or present a Project Interact detailing some aspect of the Horse & Pony project. The poster and Project Interact options may be in place of or in addition to the live animal exhibit. Posters must meet poster guidelines described in 4-H Fair Exhibit Information section of this handbook and relate to some area of the manual the member is currently using. Project Interact guidelines are also found in this section. Posters must be entered on Thursday morning before the 4-H Fair begins with most of the other non-animal 4-H projects. Members wishing to give a Project Interact are to set up a suitable time with the project superintendent(s).

**All 4-H HORSE AND PONY FORMS WILL BE COMPLETED ONLINE. This includes 4H online enrollment, Horse & Pony enrollment and Project /Fair entry (Show bill) completed ONLINE through [www.in.4honline.com](http://www.in.4honline.com) Online will include enrollment form and photographs. LEASE FORMS, LIABILITY WAIVERS AND ANIMAL LOCATION FORMS will be turned into the club leaders. ALL ARE DUE MAY 15.** All 4-H H&P members must submit a location form each year. A copy of the registration papers must accompany the forms if the horse/pony is registered.

### MEASURING

- A. Any horse (over 56 inches) that has previously been measured by the Tippecanoe County Horse and Pony Board does not require remeasurement in the current year unless the owner requests the animal to be re-measured.
- B. Any horse or pony five years of age or older that was officially measured by the County Horse and Pony Board does not require remeasurement unless the owner requests a new measurement.
- C. Any horse or pony that was officially measured unshod by the County Horse and Pony Board and the animal is to be shown shod in the current year will have one-fourth (1/4) inch added to the measurement of the animal unless the owner requests a new measurement of the shod animal.
- D. The Horse and Pony Board reserves the right to measure any animal in question.

### COUNTY HORSE & PONY RULES

1. A club member must do his/her own work – emphasize the "learn- by-doing" concept. 4-H Members must enroll in the Horse & Pony Project before January 15. The 4-H member must also complete three activities from the grade-appropriate Horse & Pony Manual before the fair. At least two of these must be from the "Required Activities" section. This manual **MUST** be turned in when the animals are checked in at the 4-H Fair. If not turned in, you **WILL NOT** show. The Horse & Pony record sheet must be in your green folder with your other record sheets and turned in by Thursday of the fair.
2. The County Horse and Pony Board follows the guidelines as stated in the Indiana 4-H Horse and Pony Handbook, except in cases where the County Horse and Pony Board has made specific county requirements.
3. Health inspection will be done by the Horse and Pony Board when the animal arrives at exhibit. An animal will not be allowed to enter the barn until health inspection is completed. (Any questionable animal may be removed by a licensed veterinarian.) REGULATION 77-1 AS AMENDED: (Horses and ponies only)
4. A 4-H Horse and Pony member must attend **three** regular Horse and Pony meetings, **or two** regular Horse and Pony meetings **and one** Horse and Pony clinic to be eligible for Horse and Pony special awards (Ex.: clean stall, stall decorations, buckles-except the All-Around Award). Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, January through June. Workshops must be put on by Tippecanoe County Horse & Pony club. Workshops include: practice nights, clinics and special presentations. Credit for clinic attendance is with or without horse. The All Around Award is given to one 4-H Horse and Pony member that has the highest accumulative point total during fair for all classes shown, with any one horse-one rider combination. The 4-H member must show in Western, English and contesting classes. The 4-H member must have a minimum of 30 Tippecanoe County Horse and Pony Club points accumulated by the July club meeting and meet the three meeting requirement for meetings or clinics. Points will be accumulated from September to July. In case of a tie, the winner will be determined by the rider with the highest point average based on the points divided by the number of classes entered.
5. No stallions, except those born the same calendar year are eligible to show.
6. Animals 56 inches and under will be considered ponies. Animals over 56 inches will be considered horses.
7. A member may enter and show only two animals and not show more than one in a single class (a mare and foal are considered one animal). Whether a foal is weaned or not, a mare and foal count as one animal, but the member will still be allotted only two stalls. In case of injury or death of the animal, the 4-H member will be allowed to complete the project by completing and submitting a poster on any horse related topic to the Club Leader by Thursday of the County Fair Week deadline.
8. Any animal exhibited must be owned by the contestant showing the animal or in partnership with the contestants father, mother, sister, brother, aunt, uncle, grandparents, or guardian. Leased animals will be accepted if 4-Her meets conditions and terms stated in item 18 of this section.
9. Registration papers for registered horses should be available to Horse and Pony Board members upon request. No registered animals will be allowed to show in Grade Halter Classes.
10. The Horse and Pony Board reserves the right to combine and delete classes.

11. Animals must be in 4-Her's possession by May 15. Two (2) pictures must accompany ownership forms for a mare and foal, one of the mare and foal and one of the foal alone, if born before April 15. If born April 15 or later, the pictures must be turned in to the superintendent before they are eligible to show in the county fair.
12. Entrants who choose to show in Roadster, Colors Up or Open Class Harness Driving may enter one of these classes only.
13. In performance classes, 4-H members are not restricted to show English or Western – they may choose to show either or both. **Showmanship is restricted to show either English or Western.**
14. Although the Show Bill is now completed online, a printed copy **for county fair must be turned in to the club leader by the June 4-H meeting. Very minor changes may be made to the show bill prior to the July club meeting. This will allow the board to accurately know if anyone will participate in each class listed on the show bill and prevent the purchase of trophies for classes that have no participants.**
15. An animal can only be enrolled by one person and shown only by that person. The exception is that an animal can be enrolled by more than one immediate family member, but the same rider/animal combination must show at the area show, county and state fair. Two members from different families cannot enroll the same animal whether owned or leased. The animal may only be ridden by the exhibitor who has entered the animal while on the fairgrounds.
16. In Senior Division, the show judge has the right to ask for a dismount and mount in horsemanship and equitation classes.
17. The following rules will also be added to the rules section concerning gaming classes:
  - a. Gaming horses may be led into the show ring by the rider, and then mounted inside the ring, with or without assistance from an adult. Also, gaming horses may be dismounted inside the show ring and led out by the rider.
  - b. Contestants must wear western boots, a long sleeved shirt, and approved protective headgear.
  - c. Any animal or rider judged unruly by the Advisory Committee will be dismissed from the show.
  - d. Bats or whips are optional.
  - e. Further information on dress or patterns, see Indiana 4-H Horse and Pony Handbook.
  - f. Gaming horses must enter the ring in a controlled manner. Trotting or running toward the pattern is not allowed.
18. Leased animals may be shown upon approval by the superintendent. The lease form, and the Animal Location form must be signed and submitted by May 15 to the Horse and Pony club leader or superintendent.
19. In any class where the 4-Her needs the assistance of another person in the ring (such as mare and foal), the additional person must be a 4-H member, or with the approval of the superintendent, an adult due to safety concerns. The assistance described in Rule 17 A for gaming horses may be an adult.
20. 4-H entrants must wear approved protective headgear during any 4-H practice or show when mounted. ONLY the ASTM F1163 standard certified helmets will be allowed and it is the responsibility of the 4-Her to make sure their headgear meets this standard.
21. Showmanship, Horsemanship and Equitation eligibility.
  - Junior** – Grades 3, 4, 5. May win more than once.
  - Intermediate- Grades 6, 7, 8. May win more than once**
  - Senior** – Grades 9 and above. May win more than once.
22. Grand Champion eligibility.
  - Junior** – Grades 3, 4, 5. Past and present Junior winners. **(Does not have to be the same horse and same rider combination). May win more than once.**
  - Intermediate- Grades 6, 7, 8. Past and present Intermediate winners (Does not have to be the same horse and same rider combination). May win more than once.**
  - Senior** – Grades 8 and above. Past and present Senior winners **(Does not have to be the same horse and same rider combination). May win more than once.**
23. **All online enrollment, horse enrollment, fair entry online MUST be completed before the child is eligible to bring an animal to fair. The completed activity manuals (503, 504, or 505), completed medication affidavit, and stall fees MUST be turned in prior to your horse/pony being unloaded at the fair.**
24. Classes for fair will be enrolled in via the Fair Entry online by June 15<sup>th</sup>. However, a printed copy of the Tippecanoe County Horse & Pony County Fair Showbill is required to be turned in at the June 4 H Horse& Pony Club meeting to the leader.
25. Any 4-H or family member not following the rules will be issued a verbal warning by the superintendent, assistant superintendent, Exhibit Association or Extension Educator. On the second offense they will be issued a written warning. On the third offense the 4-H member will be ineligible for champion/reserve champion or belt buckle awards.
26. **Sportsmanship Award-** Awarded to the 4-H member who best displays the following qualities: sportsmanship, positive attitude, encouraging, respectful and who represents the club in a positive manner. The 4-H Horse and Pony Board will nominate this award recipient and give out this award at the annual awards banquet. The 4-H member must have completed the three meeting minimum to be eligible.
27. Pregnant mares will NOT be allowed to show/be exhibited within the last 30 days of pregnancy. Exhibitor must provide last breeding date or evidence of a veterinary examination. A waiver of liability/hold harmless should be signed to ensure night watch-people and the 4H will not be held liable if a problem occurs. All mares must be current on vaccinations with boosters being administered at least 2 weeks prior to fair.
28. Foals 2 weeks of age or younger will not be allowed to exhibit at fair. Exhibitors bringing foals that are 4-6 months of age must have vaccination records showing that their mare was vaccinated within 4-6 weeks of foaling. If the mare is unvaccinated, then the foal will not be allowed to be exhibited unless the exhibitor can show proof of two series of boosters for the foal.
29. A pen fee will be charged at check in, as set forth by the Exhibit Association. The amount will be announced prior to check in.

#### **Point Distribution for 4 H members working at Open Shows (starting 2019)**

30. Each 4H Horse & Pony member will be **required to work at the minimum of 1 shift during the open shows held in May, June and July.** September show points will go toward shows the following calendar year. Only the 4H member may work the shifts to earn these points.
31. Top 10 (Stall Assignments) - Points earned from the open show will go toward Stall Assignments during the week of County Fair. The 4H members earning the Top 10 Highest Points from working during the open shows of May, June and July (and September of the previous calendar year) will be awarded the opportunity to request their stall location for the County Fair that calendar year. The Top 10 will also receive special recognition for their points, and their stall fees for their horse will be waived during the week of County Fair for the Horse & Pony Club.
32. Top 20-30 Points earned from the open show will follow the Top 10 in stall location selection.
33. 4H Horse& Pony Board members will make all reasonable efforts place friends and barn mates next to each other based on points earned during the Open Shows.

#### **4-H HORSE AND PONY MEDICATION RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The following rules have been put in place for the protection of the horse/pony being shown, the 4-H member, the owner of the animal, leaser and the person leasing the horse. The Tippecanoe County 4-H Horse and Pony Club has established these guidelines to ensure the fairness of competition amongst 4-H members and to help the promotion of 4-H values. All 4-H members, family members, trainers, leasers are to in good faith follow these rules and to show good sportsmanship within the club. The 4H member and their parent or guardian is responsible for completing and signing this form. If the animal is being leased, the owner of the horse is responsible for providing all medication and supplement information to the 4H member and parent or guardian prior to the week of County Fair.

Any medication/supplements given to an animal on a regimented schedule shall be listed on an ANIMAL AFFIDAVIT available from 4-H Horse and Pony Board or the Extension website. **This form will be turned in before unloading of animal at fair.** This form must list any medications that are given daily prior to fair, or any medication that may be given on an "as needed" basis during the week of the Tippecanoe County 4-H fair. Any and all medications must be listed with dosage amounts, reason for use and the prescribing veterinarian. If an animal is given a medication from the "banned or forbidden substance list" the animal will be disqualified from showing. Refer to the [www.USEF.org](http://www.USEF.org) website for list.

If one of the medications is given from the permitted medications list, it is recommended that the participant use dosages that will not prevent the animal from being shown. If the animal is given a higher dosage than listed; it is now forbidden to show until the "latest administration hour" prior to competition time frame for showing is met. This time line will be strictly adhered to.

Any medication given for illness/injury that occurs at fair will require notification of the superintendent, or their designee, if off the grounds, immediately **and must be given by a veterinarian.** The veterinarian will be provided a list of the forbidden and allowed medications with dosing at the fair in order to make an informed decision. The medication rules will be taken from the United States Equestrian Federation, Equine Drug and Medication program. Refer to the [www.USEF.org](http://www.USEF.org) website for list. An illness/injury that occurs during the fair, and requires treatment, the 4-H member, parents/guardians, leaser and trainers, all shall be made known of the treatment and the results of the treatment prior to giving the medications. This is to ensure that no unnecessary treatment is given that may disqualify the 4-H participant from showing without their knowledge. Anyone not following the medication rules will be immediately dismissed from the county fair and will not be allowed to show horses the following year in the Tippecanoe 4-H program. **This includes youth, trainers and leasers, whoever the involved party is.**

All 4-H members and parents or guardians will sign a form stating that they have read the Tippecanoe County 4-H Horse and Pony rules prior to participating in any activity.

#### 4-H HORSE AND PONY STATE FAIR ELIGIBILITY

1. The Indiana State Fair Board has determined that qualification will no longer be required for the Indiana State Fair 4-H Horse and Pony show.
2. All state fair 4-H Horse and Pony entries will be due July 1. Entries may be made electronically (preferred) or on paper directly by the participant to the Indiana State Fair.
3. 4-H members in good standing and in grades 3-12 are eligible to show their enrolled horse at state fair.
4. 4-H members may enter only one horse and show in a total of three classes in only one of the three shows (English Show, Western Show or Contesting).
5. It is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** that 4-H members have successfully completed the skills in the class they wish to enter at a county show.

#### Horse Bowl, Hippology & Judging teams

**Horse Bowl**-The objective of Horse Bowl events is to provide an opportunity for 4-H youth to demonstrate their knowledge of equine related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. The event also provides an educational experience for both the participants and spectators. Any 4-H member may participate in Horse Bowl.

**Hippology**-The objectives of Hippology are to provide an opportunity for youth to learn and demonstrate their breadth of knowledge and understanding of horse management and to learn life-skills such as acquiring knowledge, communicating, solving problems, relating to others and applying leadership skills. Any 4-H member may participate in Hippology

**Horse Judging**- is an art where a person expresses his/ her opinion of a class, by his/her order of placement. The ability of a judge to express his/her opinion orally reinforces his/her order of placement. For the judge to give a convincing set of oral reasons, she/he must compare the horses in the class while keeping in mind the "ideal" accepted model of that breed and/or type of performance. Any 4-H member may participate in judging.

There are three levels: Novice (3<sup>rd</sup>& 4<sup>th</sup> grades), Junior (5&6<sup>th</sup> grades) Intermediate (7<sup>th</sup>& 8<sup>th</sup>) and Senior (9<sup>th</sup> grade and above).

#### HORSE AND PONY DRILL TEAM RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. To be eligible to participate on the drill team you **MUST** have a minimum of one year experience competing at the 4-H fair. **NO FIRST YEAR MEMBERS.**
2. Helmets **MUST** be worn **AT ALL TIMES** when mounted.
3. Practice will begin in April(date to be determined) without horses, to develop and learn new routines Non-riding practice will be from 7-9 PM. Riding practices will begin in mid-May (date TBD). For mounted practices, arrive at 6:30 and be ready to ride by 7:00. Lights **MUST** be out by 9:00 PM.
4. You are required to attend 75% of the on foot practices and 75% of the riding practices to be eligible to perform during the fair. Be sure you are able to make a commitment to the Drill Team. This is a synchronized performance that depends on each and every rider.
5. All members participating on the drill team must sign a participation agreement.
6. "Horseplay" will **NOT** be tolerated before, during or after practices.
7. No form of harassment will be tolerated. Harassment is defined as unwelcome or offensive treatment, behavior or conduct (whether verbal, physical, psychological, or visual) that denigrates or shows hostility or aversion toward an individual based on that individual's protected status, and that a reasonable person would consider intimidating, hostile or abusive. Offensive conduct includes, but is not limited to: bullying, offensive jokes, epithets, slurs, swearing, name-calling, physical assault or threats, intimidation, insults, ridicule, mockery, manipulation of the individual's reputation by rumor, or gossip.
8. Spring weather will make practice questionable on some nights. PLEASE be sure we have a correct contact number to get info to you. If you are unsure as to practice, please call. The emergency contact. Information sheets that will be distributed and should be returned within the first 2 weeks of practice!
9. Most nights are hot and dusty. PLEASE remember your horse will need water, bring a bucket.
10. Members are required to provide their own transportation to and from drill team practices for themselves and their horse. Unless it is extremely muddy, parking is allowed only in designated areas.
11. Safety is a priority. Signing up does not guarantee a spot on the team. Coaches and leaders have the right to determine the safety of horse and rider and dismiss if necessary.
12. Official tack and dress is western saddle, contesting reins (Split reins are NOT allowed), black jeans, white shirt and ASTM helmet. You will be issued a saddle pad, breast collar, brow band, hat band and contesting reins for performances, **but you must use your own pad under the performance pad to protect it.** Make sure you properly fit the pad and breast collar **prior** to dress rehearsal.
13. All equipment and clothing issued will be turned in immediately following the final performance. **ABSOLUTELY NO COMPETING IN DRILL TEAM GEAR.**

14. **ONLY** members and approved adult volunteers are allowed to ride during practice.
  - a. Adult volunteers (ghost riders) **MUST** be approved through the Extension Office prior to the start of the season.
  - b. A maximum of 5 ghost riders are allowed.
15. Only animals enrolled on the Horse and Pony enrollment forms may be used for drill team practice or performance. These animals must also participate in at least one other event at the fair.