

***2025***  
***Morrow County***  
***4-H/FFA Youth***  
***Horse***  
***Handbook***

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# **Introduction**

- \*\* Rules governing Morrow County 4-H/FFA Horse & Pony program are from the Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse and Pony Shows Ohio State University Extension, Morrow County Junior Fair, and/or the Senior Fair rules where applicable.**
- \*\* The Horse and Pony 4-H/FFA Advisors, Clubs, Members, and Parents may be governed by Junior Fair rules during an activity pertaining to Junior Fair. The 4-H Horse and Pony Committee may add to those rules but will not supersede them.**

County Rules will be approved by the Morrow County 4-H Horse and Pony Committee. Changes, deletions, and new requirements will be discussed and voted on by the committee.

All county rules will be typed, printed, put into booklet form, have the appropriate cover with the current year, and be distributed **one per** Horse and Pony member/**family**.

This county rule handbook will be revised yearly by the March meeting and will be distributed by the April meeting.

All rules passed by the 4-H Horse & Pony Committee must be included in the handbook prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. Changes can be instituted after May 1<sup>st</sup> if the Horse & Pony Advisory committee properly passes an amendment after the publication of this handbook. Amendments must be distributed to members within the same month that the amendment was instituted. **Exception: State 4-H, PAS Rules & Regulations.**

- \*\* All Morrow County 4H/FFA Horse & Pony members, parents and advisors will comply with the state and county rules as set forth in the Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse and Pony Horse Shows, Morrow County 4-H/FFA Horse and Pony Handbook, Junior Fair and Senior Fair Books.**

The term Youth for this handbook guideline encompasses 4H/FFA members. Youth eligibility beings when the child is at least age 8 and enrolled in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade as of January 1 of the current year or FFA members completing the 12<sup>th</sup> grade of the current year and belonging to FFA. 4H membership ends December 31 of the year in which an individual attains the age of 19.

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# Morrow County Horse and Pony Clubs/Advisors

\*\*LIST SUBJECT TO CHANGE

<u>Club</u>	<u>Advisors</u>	<u>Phone #</u>
Bibs N' Boots	Mel Franklin Cheri Smith Jamie Kintz	740-251-8277 419-560-9503 740-272-1215
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# Constitution of the Morrow County 4-H Horse & Pony Advisory Committee

This constitution is in addition to the general Ohio 4-H Constitution that can be found at [ohio4h.org](http://ohio4h.org) for clubs and affiliations.

- The name of this Organization shall be the Morrow County 4-H Horse & Pony Advisory Committee. The Committee will make recommendations to the State 4-H Horse & Pony Committee for State Fair selection procedures plus any other activities relevant to the perpetuation of 4-H Horse & Pony projects in Morrow County.
- Membership shall be made up of all Horse & Pony Advisors, Middle Managers, and each Club's 4-H Members.
- Each 4-H Club will be allowed as many votes (per club) as the club with the least number of advisors. If an advisor is not present, a Parent or 4-H Member may substitute for that vote. (Example: the group with the least number of Advisors will determine the number of votes per club)
- The committee will meet on the third Thursday of the month and the Extension Office will make a notification through the 4-H Newsletter. Regular meetings will start at 8:00 P.M. in June, July, and August and at 7:30 P.M. from September through May (excluding December). Meetings will not exceed two hours in length unless the Committee approves a time extension to the session.
- There must be at least three of the enrolled clubs present to transact business at regular meetings.
- If a club is not represented at two consecutive meetings, that club will lose one voting privilege until they attend two consecutive meetings again. If a club is not represented at six total meetings during the year, they lose both votes until they attend two consecutive meetings again for each voting privilege. A new 4-H club must attend two consecutive meetings before they have voting privileges for non-executive positions. For executive positions, new clubs cannot vote until after May 31, and they have attended two consecutive meetings; with the exception of advisors already having been an advisor the previous year in a horse and pony club. New advisors may not hold an executive position for one year.
- It is **mandatory** that all horse and pony clubs have representation at a minimum of six advisory meetings. All members with horse and pony projects entered in Junior Fair and not belonging to an acknowledged 4H horse and pony club must attend **no less** than the 4-H Horse and Pony Advisors meetings in April, May, July, and August to receive paperwork & necessary information.
- The President may only vote to break ties.
- The fiscal year term will be October 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30th.
- The election of Officers will be at the first meeting of the fiscal year, the third Thursday of October.

- Officers of the council and their duties will be:
  - President – Chairs meeting, votes to break ties, appoint committees as appropriate.
  - Vice President – Acts as a President in his/her absence and chairs all committees.
  - Secretary – Must take minutes and submit to each club at scheduled meetings, take attendance at regular meetings and workdays and publish the same.
  - Treasurer – Keeps financial records, report monthly to council and make disbursements as approved.
  - Assistant Treasurer – To carry out Treasurer duties in the absence of the Treasurer.
  - News Reporter – Report newsworthy items to the press.
  - Trustees – To resolve issues that the committee cannot agree upon, that must be decided in a timely manner.
  - Advertiser – In charge of advertising for all events and fundraisers.
  - Historian – In charge of keeping a scrapbook of past and current year(s).
- Emergency matters are to be decided by the 4-H Extension Educator and the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is composed of all elected officers of the committee and the trustees.
- A secret ballot may be called for on any motion put before this committee.
- The 4-H Horse & Pony Committee retains the right to act on money matters concerning this committee.
- To amend the Constitution and By-Laws, a motion must be submitted in writing and read at one meeting. It must be read at the next regular meeting and passed by half of all enrolled horse and pony clubs.
- All meetings will abide by accepted rules of parliamentary procedure as described in Roberts Rules of Order.
- If any officer of this organization misses two consecutive regular meetings, they may be subject to recall by the committee.
- All 4-H/FFA members, advisors and parents shall be expected to abide by all Rules and Regulations as set forth in this handbook and the Ohio State Uniform Rules for the 4-H Horse & Pony Shows. Horse & Pony Advisory Committee may add to those rules, but cannot supersede.
- The wording of “members” in this handbook thus forward is defined as 4-H members and FFA members of Morrow County.
- The Trustees, Extension Educator, and last year’s Treasurer will audit the financial records of the previous year of this committee, by the February committee meeting.

## **By-Laws of the Morrow County 4-H Horse & Pony Advisory Committee**

**By-Laws:** Standing rules not in the Constitution, serving to assist or supplement the functioning of the Committee.

1. There will be up to two PAS Qualifying Shows to determine state fair representatives based on the current year’s PAS Guidelines.

2. The Extension Educator will be responsible for getting PAS and fair judges, with the recommendations from this committee.
3. Deadline for members to have possession of their project is **JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>** of the current year **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**. All Horse & Pony Project Identification forms must be on file(FFA) at the Extension Office/uploaded(4H) to 4-H Online by **JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>** as well as written lease agreements. If a 4-H Horse/Pony project is not housed at member's residence, the location of the animal must also be on file with the Morrow County 4-H Extension and on the Jr. Fair Entry under animal living arrangements (current year).
4. Lease Agreements shall be uploaded to 4-H Online/ FFA turned into the Extension Office no later than **JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>** (current year). The Lease Agreement shall be drawn up to meet Lessee and Lessor requirements and must include handling and care requirements. Starting Lease date must be no later than **JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>** of 4-H year and cannot end before 3:00 P.M. on the last day of fair. It must also include that the owner (Lessor) will not be handling the animal during the week of fair.
5. Each member may exhibit a maximum of two horse/pony projects. The exception to this will be if you have a mare nursing a foal, this will be counted as one animal.
6. To be eligible to show or participate in any Horse/Pony classes during the Fair, the member must follow all requirements of the Morrow County Fair.
7. All members are required to participate/attend EquiSTEP education or equivalent Ohio 4-H required horse safety and ethics program each year by **June 1<sup>st</sup>** deadline.
8. It is required that each member participating at the fair with a horse or pony project have one \$25 sponsor turned in at the Skill-A-Thon in August of the current year. A member will be allowed to show one horse/pony project free during fair for every \$100 in sponsorship. Other sponsorships may be collected through fair.
9. Alcoholic beverages or drugs will not be permitted at any 4-H horse and pony function. Any 4-H member, advisor or parent conducting themselves in an unruly manner or doing anything illegal shall come before the Executive Board.
10. The Committee shall make the State Fair Qualifying Showbill and the fair Showbill revisions.
11. The Advisory Committee will meet during the fair each morning at 8:30am at the entry booth to check on responsibilities and work assignments for that day.
12. Pleasure Versatility class will follow Ohio State Uniform Rules for the 4-H Horse Shows.
13. An exhibitor who enters the **Walk Trot** class must be a first- or second-year horse member or experienced rider with a novice horse. If a horse is injured and cannot lope, a member may enter in the Walk-Trot class if they provide a veterinarian's note. Certain exceptions may be approved by the 4-H Horse & Pony Committee.
14. **Dress Code shall be proper Western/English attire according to Ohio State Uniform Rules for the 4-H Horse Shows** (i.e.: Western Shirt (long sleeve), Jeans, Cowboy Boots & proper Safety Helmet



15. The Executive 4-H Horse & Pony Committee may ask an exhibitor to tie an unruly animal (to be determined by the Executive Board & Trustees). Their decision is final and will not be questioned.
16. There shall be no sleeping in the 4-H Horse & Pony barns or storage trailer(s).
17. Any 4-H/FFA exhibitor that is not directly involved with a 4-H Horse & Pony club shall be required to follow this publication. They must also fulfill the requirements of any other 4-H club member.
18. It is the responsibility of each 4-H Club's advisors to see that each project at the fair is properly taken care of. Other members of the family can be contacted and if necessary, the advisor can ask that the project be removed from the fair. Small equine and draft horse project members can decide which barn they will be stalled in during fair.
19. A formal presentation of all Awards (exception: King & Queen will be during Grand Entry) will be held at the Awards Ceremony on Saturday of the fair.
20. High Point Awards will be tabulated using the following criteria in the eligible high point classes: 1<sup>st</sup> place = 5 pts, 2<sup>nd</sup> place = 4 pts, 3<sup>rd</sup> place = 3 pts, 4th place = 2 pts, 5th place = 1 pt. Classes used are listed on showbills.

21. Each Club shall be allowed to decorate their stalls according to the guidelines below.

#### Stall Doors

- Decorations should be hung in a manner so that the horse in the stall cannot eat/chew the decorations or be harmful to the horse in any way.
- All decorations should be hung securely to the stall doors so that they cannot be easily pulled or knocked off by people walking by or other horses.
- Curtains, streamers, or pennants are not to exceed 12" in hanging length and be hung from the provided eye hooks at each end of the door top. Wire or string is the preferred method of hanging from the eye hooks.
- Bottom of the stall doors may be decorated with material, posters, ready-made signs and may cover the entire bottom of the stall door (area below the window bars). Decorations should be kept to less than 2" in depth and have no sharp edges or points so as not to cause injury to any person or horse and must be secured.
- Ready-made signs can be wood, metal, plastic, or photo frames.
- King and Queen candidates may add additional posters, photos or garland to adjacent stall wall or door.

#### Tack or Lounge Stall

- Curtains may be hung on the inside of the tack stall, if curtains are full length they must be kept tied back. If tack stall is being used as a changing room, only the person changing may be in the stall with the curtains closed with a parent or advisor standing outside. Anyone else found inside the tack stall while the curtains are closed will have their parent(s) notified.
- Club signs, banners, tables and chairs or trophies are acceptable to be placed in the tack or lounge stall.

## Aisle

- Club signs or banners may be hung over the aisle, as long as they are not interfering with horses walking down the aisle. **\*\*If the Fire Marshal deems the decorations to not be within their standards, you will be asked to remove the decorations and they must be removed immediately.**

## Morrow County Fair Conduct Rules

1. No feed or bedding in the barn or fenced-off area, with the exception of the donated bedding pile.
2. Horse/Pony projects must be fed by 10:00am each morning of the fair.
3. **Pop-up tents shall not be set up before 1pm on the Sunday prior to move-in day. If setup prior to 1pm, Sr Fair may remove them.**
4. **TRAILERS ARE NOT TO BE PARKED ON GROUNDS BEFORE 9:00 A.M. ON THE SUNDAY PRIOR TO MOVE IN DAY OF FAIR. VIOLATORS WILL BE TOWED AT OWNER'S EXPENSE.**
5. NO SMOKING within 50 feet of barn.
6. **Riding in main show arena and practice arena ONLY. All animals must be led to arena.**
7. No parking of vehicles inside of the fenced-off area.
8. **4-H/FFA horse and ponies are not permitted outside of the fenced-off area (including horse trailers to tack up).**
9. The arena will be closed one hour prior to the day's events. Open riding is permitted 30 minutes after the conclusion of the day's events.
  - English Practice with Jumps – course available the day before the English show
10. All stalls shall be cleaned by 10:00 am each day and kept clean at all times. Manure is to be deposited in the appropriate designated place. Barn and stalls will be inspected daily by Jr. Fair Board/Youth Committee Members and Advisors.
11. **Horses and ponies are to be ridden by 4-H/FFA Horse & Pony project members only (you can only ride your own project).**
12. Exhibitor cannot ride any equine project bareback.
13. Cloverbud members shall not participate in any form (riding, sitting, or handling) with a horse and pony member's project at any time during the Fair.
14. 4-H/FFA horse and pony member(s) and their project shall be the only thing allowed in the arenas at any given time (Exception: Judge or Show Steward during shows and advisors and parents when needed).

15. All 4-H/FFA participants, including spectators, parents and advisors will show proper respect to one another. Complaints will be brought before the trustees.
16. Any abusive language used by a member, advisor or parent during Fair is subject to penalties of immediate expulsion from the grounds for the remainder of the fair.
17. Penalties for infraction of any of the above rules or rules listed in the Jr. Fair book shall be handled by the Morrow County 4-H Horse & Pony Advisors and Trustees, Morrow County Jr. Fair Board, Morrow County Agriculture Society and 4-H Extension Educator or FFA Advisor. Not abiding by these rules may call for immediate expulsion within the 24-hour period of any activity.
18. Any person using excessive force at any time during the fair shall be subject to immediate expulsion from the fairgrounds. It should be reported to an advisor if any person is seen using excessive force within the horse and pony complex. (Example: beating to the horse's head, overusing whip/bat).
19. **Curfew to be enforced by the Morrow County Law Enforcement & Morrow County Senior Fair Board.**
  - 11:00 pm during the week
  - 12:00 am during the weekend or 30 minutes after the main attraction ends
20. Not abiding by this handbook could result in dismissal from the fair and or banned from the 4-H program. Members and Parents are also expected to follow the Morrow County fair "CODE OF CONDUCT" as written on the Junior Fair/Senior Fair Entry Form.
  - Violation shall result in:**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> OFFENSE: VERBAL WARNING**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> OFFENSE: WRITTEN WARNING**
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> OFFENSE: IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL FROM FAIR and FORFEITURE OF ALL TROPHIES, RIBBONS, PAYBACK AND PREMIUMS**

## Equestrian King & Queen Contest

Eligibility – Contestants must belong to a designated 4-H Horse & Pony Club or have an FFA Horse Project and complete a horse/pony project. Contestants can only win age group once in each division (1-time Jr. Division & 1-time Sr. Division). **ALL AGES ARE AS OF JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.**

**Deadline** for all applications is **JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>** of the current year. No Exceptions!!!!

- A. Ages – Junior Division - 8 years old and in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade (or 9/any grade to 13 years of age current year)  
Ages – Senior Division - 14 years of age to 18 years of age (current year)
- B. The Oral **Interview** will be held on the **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in August** of the current year at 2:00 PM at the Extension Office.

### **ORAL INTERVIEW** will be judged on the following:

Personal Appearance	15 Points
Poise and Personality	20 Points
Activities	15 Points
Knowledge	50 Points

### **POINT SYSTEM**

#### **Senior Division**

Interview

Skill-A-Thon

**POSSIBLE** 100 Points

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**Tiebreaker: SKILL-A-THON Score**

#### **Junior Division**

Interview

Skill-A-Thon

- C. King and Queen will be crowned Tuesday of fair week during Grand Entry.
- D. There will be one Senior King with two Attendants, one Junior King with two Attendants, one Senior Queen with two Attendants, and one Junior Queen with two Attendants.
- E. All contestants entered will be stalled with their own club in the 4-H Horse and Pony barn for the entire week of the fair. Each club will be allowed to decorate candidates' stalls.
- F. All contestants will be expected to perform assigned duties (passing out trophies and ribbons) during the week of fair. Sign-up sheets and schedule will be posted in the entry booth during fair week.
- G. Interviewers have the right to disqualify any contestant whom they feel isn't following the above rules.
- H. Contestants not abiding by these rules shall lose their Titles, Crowns, etc. and the Runner-Up shall then assume the title of King or Queen.

#### **Fair Guidelines:**

1. To be present at shows as much as possible.
2. Sign up for times to present trophies and ribbons. Must be in proper attire with Crown, Banner, Medallion, etc.
3. When showing in classes **DO NOT WEAR CROWNS, BANNERS, OR MEDALLIONS.**

# Morrow County Show and Fair Schedule

**ALL CLUBS ARE TO WORK THE ENTRY BOOTH and SHOW RING AT THEIR DESIGNATED TIMES**

Saturday – June 21, 2025		1 <sup>st</sup> PAS Horse Show - Contest first followed by Pleasure
Sunday – June 29th, 2025		2 <sup>nd</sup> PAS Horse Show – Contest first followed by Pleasure
Monday	9:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.	Body Scoring Judging and Contest Showmanship at 7:00 PM
Monday	7:00 P.M.	All Projects must be on the Fairgrounds.
Tuesday	9:30 A.M.	Grand Entry Equestrian King and Queen Presentation Junior Fair English Show
	3:00 PM	(Tentative)Kaydence McKenzie Memorial Team Tournament
Wednesday	9:30 A.M.	Junior Fair Contest Show
	9:30 A.M.	Mini/Draft Show (Draft Arena)
Thursday	9:30 A.M.	Junior Fair Western Pleasure Show
Friday	9:30 A.M.	Junior Fair Contest Show
Saturday	9:30 A.M.	Junior Fair Pleasure Versatility
	Following Pleasure Versatility	Ground Roping
	Not before 1:00 P.M.	Junior Fair Contest Versatility
	5:00 P.M.	Junior Fair Horse Awards Ceremony
Sunday	2:00 P.M.	Junior Fair Showman of Showmen (Horses)
	5:00 P.M.	Junior Fair Costume Class
	6:00 P.M.	Junior Fair Free Style Reining
	Following Junior Fair Free Style Reining	Open Free Style Reining
Monday	11:00 A.M.	Stick Horse Show – In Memory of Linda Hoffman
	3:00 P.M.	Junior Fair Horses & Ponies Released

**STALLS MUST BE CLEANED BY 4-H MEMBER/FAMILY and CLEARED BY AN ADVISOR BEFORE YOU LEAVE**

## **Monday**

- Horse and Pony projects can arrive at the Fairgrounds beginning at 9:00 A.M. and must be in place by 7:00 P.M.
- 4-H/FFA Horse and Pony members must have Body Scoring completed prior to putting Horse/Pony in a stall. Body Scoring Judge will be located at the southwest corner of the 4-H Horse Complex beside the bleachers.
- Vet check will be performed after Harness Racing is complete. Exhibitor does not need to be present.

### **Contest Showmanship**

**7:00 PM**

Rules for classes 1-4: Horse nor Rider can not go in any other showmanship if they compete in these classes.

1. **Contest Horse/Pony Showmanship (16-18) NO POINTS** See rules above \***Class Winner Eligible for Showman of Showmen**
2. **Contest Horse/Pony Showmanship (14-15) NO POINTS** – See rules above
3. **Contest Horse/Pony Showmanship (11-13) NO POINTS** – See rules above
4. **Contest Horse/Pony Showmanship (8-10) NO POINTS** – See rules above

**All types of horse showmanship class placings during the fair will count toward the Horse Champion Project Awards. These awards are calculated using the member's skillathon score and showmanship placing.**

**Tuesday**  
**Grand Entry Parade**  
**9:30 A.M.**

8:30 A.M. Advisor Meeting

**Jr Fair English Horse Show**  
**Following Grand Entry**

Tie Breaker for English will be Highest Placing in: 1. Showmanship 2. Equitation 3. English Pleasure

Fee \$1.00 Entry

**Age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> (current year)**

5. Hunter Showmanship (16-18) \*\* Class Winner Eligible for Showman of Showmen
6. Hunter Showmanship (14-15)
7. Hunter Showmanship (11-13)
8. Hunter Showmanship (8-10)
9. Walk Trot Hunter Showmanship (8-18) \*\*See Walk Trot Rules\*\*
10. Hunt Seat Egg and Spoon (14-18) - Contestants will hold a spoon (according to Judge's discretion) with the egg in it and respond immediately to the announcer's instructions. Failure to comply will be immediate disqualification by the Judge. **NO POINTS**
11. Hunt Seat Egg and Spoon (8-13) - Rules same as previous class **NO POINTS**
12. Hunt Seat Equitation on Flat (14-18)
13. Hunt Seat Equitation on Flat (8-13)
14. Walk Trot Hunt Seat Equitation on Flat (8-18) \*\*See Walk Trot Rules\*\*
15. Hunter Under Saddle (14-18) - Hunt or Saddle Seat
16. Hunter Under Saddle (8-13) - Hunt or Saddle Seat
17. Walk Trot Hunter Under Saddle (8-18) \*\*See Walk Trot Rules\*\*
18. Hunt Seat Pairs Class (8-18) - Walk, trot, canter in groups of two. **NO POINTS** Double-entry fee and payback
19. Novice Hunt Seat Equitation (8-18) – Exhibitor must have shown but could not have placed in any riding class on this day. Walk Trot exhibitors not eligible to show in this class. **NO POINTS**

**\*\*\*OVER FENCES CLASSES RULES (For Classes 20 – 35) Each horse/rider combination may enter in Only one (1) division: Ground Poles OR Cross-rails OR 2 ft.**

20. Warm Up Ground Poles (not judged, warm up class for all ground pole classes) **NO POINTS No entry fee**
21. Walk Trot Equitation Over Ground Poles (8-18) \*\*See Walk Trot Rules\*\*
22. Jr Ground Pole Equitation (8-13) \*\*\* Ground poles are shown at a walk trot. Open to riders/horses of any age who have never shown over fences of cross rails or higher
23. Sr Ground Pole Equitation (14-18) \*\*\* Rules same as previous class
24. Jr Hunter Over Fences- ground poles (8-13) \*\*\* Rules same as previous class
25. Sr Hunter Over Fences- ground poles (14-18) \*\*\* Rules same as previous class
26. Cross-Rails Warm Up (not judged, warm up for all cross-rail classes) \*\*\* **NO POINTS No entry fee**
27. Jr Equitation Over Fences- cross rails (8-13)\*\*\*Open to horses/riders who have never shown at a canter over a course of fences 18" or higher
28. Sr Equitation Over Fences - cross rails (14-18)\*\*\* Rules same as previous class

- 29. **Jr Working Hunter Over Fences - cross rails (8-13)\*\*\*** Rules same as previous class
- 30. **Sr Working Hunter Over Fences - cross rails (14-18)\*\*\*** Rules same as previous class
- 31. **Two Foot Warm Up (not judged, warm up for all 2-foot classes) NO POINTS No entry fee**
- 32. **Jr Equitation Over Fences – 2 Foot (8-13)\*\*\*** Open to horse/rider combination that have previously had experience showing 18" or above.
- 33. **Sr Equitation Over Fences – 2 Foot (14-18)\*\*\*** Rules same as previous class
- 34. **Jr Working Hunter Over Fences- 2 foot (8-13)\*\*\*** Rules same as previous class
- 35. **Sr Working Hunter Over Fences- 2 foot (14-18)\*\*\*** Rules same as previous class
- 36. **PRACTICE Hunter Hack Warm-Up (Height 18") Exhibitor allowed ONE RUN THROUGH PER ENTRY. No entry fee or placings NO POINTS**
- 37. **Hunter Hack (14-18)**
- 38. **Hunter Hack (8-13)**

**\*\*WALK TROT RULES:** An exhibitor who enters the **Walk-Trot** class must be a first- or second-year horse member or experienced rider with a novice horse. If a horse is injured and cannot lope, a member may enter in the Walk-Trot class if they provide a veterinarian's note. Certain exceptions may be approved by the 4-H Horse & Pony Committee. Not eligible to show in any Novice classes during the fair. Tie Breaker for Walk Trot will be Highest Placing in: 1. Showmanship 2. Barrels



**Wednesday**  
**Jr Fair Contest Horse Show**  
**8:30 A.M. Advisor Meeting**                      **9:30 A.M.**

**\$1.00 Entry Fee**

**Age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> (current year)**

Tie Breaker for Contest will be Highest Placing in: 1. Barrels 2. Poles 3. Stakes (STATE)

- 39. **Pole Bending (14-18)**
- 40. **Pole Bending (8-13)**
- 41. **Walk Trot Pole Bending (8-18)**    **\*\*See Walk Trot Rules\*\***
- 42. **Stake Bend (STATE) (14-18)**
- 43. **Stake Bend (STATE) (8-13)**
- 44. **Key Hole (STATE) (14-18)**
- 45. **Key Hole (STATE) (8-13)**
- 46. **Barrel Race (14-18)**
- 47. **Barrel Race (8-13)**
- 48. **Walk Trot Barrels (8-18)**    **\*\*See Walk Trot Rules\*\***
- 49. **Flag Race (14-18)** - Rider must declare which side they prefer the flag to be placed. Rider picks up the flag then goes around the end barrel and places the flag in the opposite bucket and runs past the timer. Run must be completed outside of all barrels. A **5-second** penalty will be added if not picked up/dropped or not stuck. A total of **10-seconds** will be added if not picked up or stuck) and runs past timer.
- 50. **Flag Race (8-13)** - Rules same as previous class
- 51. **Ride and Label (14-18)** - Rider rides to the bowl, dismount, draw a part from bowl, put the part on the correct part of the horse, remount and ride past the timer. **NO TIME** if incorrect part is labeled.
- 52. **Ride and Label (8-13)** - Rules same as previous class
- 53. **Ring Race (14-18)** Right-handed.  
Ring Race Rules for all classes: Rider is given a handle as they enter the ring; they then try to get the 3 rings on one side of the arena then go down the other side of the arena to get the other 3 rings. The rings collected will be counted after the timer is stopped. There is a 5-second penalty per ring missed. **The order of classes will be right-handed horse members, left-handed horse members, left handed ponies and lastly right-handed ponies. Placings will be given at the end of class #58 after all runs.**
- 54. **Ring Race (8-13)** Right-handed. Rules same as older age class/previous class.
- 55. **Ring Race (14-18)** Left-Handed. Rules same as older age class.
- 56. **Ring Race (8-13)** Left-Handed. Rules same as older age class.
- 57. **Ring Race Ponies (8-18)** Left-Handed. Rules same as older age class.
- 58. **Ring Race Ponies (8-18)** Right-Handed. Rules same as older age class.
- 59. **Ball Race (14-18)** - Ride down, place the ball in barrel, and run out (must go around the barrel). Failure to put the ball in the barrel or knocking over the barrel is a **NO TIME**.
- 60. **Ball Race (8-13)** - Rules same as previous class

**\*\*WALK TROT RULES:** An exhibitor who enters the **Walk-Trot** class must be a first- or second-year horse member or experienced rider with a novice horse. If a horse is injured and cannot lope, a member may enter in the Walk-Trot class if they provide a veterinarian's note. Certain exceptions may be approved by the 4-H Horse & Pony Committee. Not eligible to show in any Novice classes during the fair. Tie Breaker for Walk Trot will be Highest Placing in: 1. Showmanship 2. Barrels

**Wednesday**  
**Jr Fair Small Equine Horse Show**  
**Draft Horse Arena**  
**8:30 A.M. Advisor Meeting**                      **9:30 A.M.**

**\$1.00 Entry Fee**

**Age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> (current year)**

Tie Breaker for Small Equine will be Highest Placing in: 1. Showmanship 2. Hunter

1. **Showmanship (14-18)**
2. **Showmanship (8-13)**
3. **Trail In Hand (14-18)**
4. **Trail In Hand (8-13)**
5. **Jumper (14-18)**
6. **Jumper (8-13)**
7. **Hunter (14-18)**
8. **Hunter (8-13)**
9. **Ground Driven Trail (14-18)**
10. **Ground Driven Trail (8-13)**
11. **Ground Driven Reinsmanship (14-18)**
12. **Ground Driven Reinsmanship (8-13)**
13. **Pleasure Driving (14-18)**
14. **Pleasure Driving (8-13)**
15. **Driven Reinsmanship (14-18)**
16. **Driven Reinsmanship (8-13)**
17. **Driven Trail (14-18)**
18. **Driven Trail (8-13)**
19. **Freestyle Driving (14-18)    \*\*See rules below\*\***
20. **Freestyle Driving (8-13)    \*\*See rules below\*\***
21. **Horse Smarts (14-18) NO POINTS**
22. **Horse Smarts (8-13) NO POINTS**
23. **Simon Says (14-18) NO POINTS**
24. **Simon Says (8-13) NO POINTS**
- 118. Costume Class (8-18) - to be shown in the 4-H arena on Sunday. NO POINTS**

**\*\*FREESTYLE DRIVING RULES** - requires a 3–4-minute song. Bring music to the announcer stand before the show.

➤ **Required maneuvers:**

1. One large circle
2. One small circle
3. Large figure 8
4. Small figure 8
5. Back of at least 3 steps
6. Fan to the left or right

**Thursday**  
**Jr Fair Western Show**  
**9:30 A.M**

8:30 A.M. Advisor Meeting

\$1.00 Entry Fee

Age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> (current year)

**Exhibitor must show in declared division – CANNOT show same horse/pony in both Pleasure and Ranch classes**

Tie Breaker:	Pleasure Division	Ranch Division
	1. Showmanship	1. Ranch Showmanship
	2. Horsemanship	2. Ranch Horsemanship
	3. Western Pleasure	3. Ranch Pleasure

61. Western Showmanship (16-18) Horse/Pony    **\*\* Class Winner Eligible for Showman of Showmen**
62. Western Showmanship (14-15) Horse/Pony
63. Western Showmanship (11-13) Horse/Pony
64. Western Showmanship (8-10) Horse/Pony
65. Ranch Showmanship (16-18) Horse/Pony    **\*\* Class Winner Eligible for Showman of Showmen**
66. Ranch Showmanship (14-15) Horse/Pony
67. Ranch Showmanship (11-13) Horse/Pony
68. Ranch Showmanship (8-10) Horse/Pony
69. Walk Trot Western/Ranch Showmanship (9-18) Horse/Pony    **\*\*See Walk Trot Rules \*\*\***
70. Western/Ranch Novice Western Showmanship (8-18) - Must have shown in a Showmanship class but could not have placed. **NO POINTS**
71. Western Horsemanship (16-18) Horse/Pony
72. Western Horsemanship (14-15) Horse/Pony
73. Western Horsemanship (11-13) Horse/Pony
74. Western Horsemanship (8-10) Horse/Pony
75. Walk Trot Horsemanship (8-18) Horse/Pony    **\*\*See Walk Trot Rules\*\***
76. Egg & Spoon (14-18) - Contestants will hold a spoon (according to Judge's discretion) with the egg in it and respond immediately to the announcer's instructions. Failure to comply will be immediate disqualification by the Judge (contest tack permitted). **NO POINTS**
77. Egg & Spoon (8-13) - Rules same as previous class **NO POINTS**
78. Walk Trot Western/Ranch/English Egg & Spoon (ages 8-18) - Contestants will hold a spoon (according to Judge's discretion) with the egg in it and respond immediately to the announcer's instructions. Failure to comply will be immediate disqualification by the Judge. **\*\*See Walk Trot Rules\*\***
79. Western Pleasure Horse (14-18)
80. Western Pleasure Horse (8-13)
81. Western Pleasure Pony (14-18)
82. Western Pleasure Pony (8-13)
83. Walk Trot Pleasure (8-18) Horse/Pony    **\*\*See Walk Trot Rules\*\***
84. First Year Member Western Pleasure Class (8-18) - Western tack **NO POINTS**
85. Western Pairs Class (14-18) - Walk, trot, canter in groups of two. **NO POINTS** Double-entry fee and payback

**Thursday**  
**Jr Fair Western Show continued**

**\$1.00 Entry Fee**

**Age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> (current year)**

**Exhibitor to show in declared division – cannot show same horse/pony in both Pleasure and Ranch classes**

- 86. **Western Pairs Class (8-13)** – Rules same as previous class **NO POINTS**
- 87. **Reining (14-18) Pattern A** in the Uniform Rules of 4-H Rule Book.
- 88. **Reining (8-13) Pattern A** in the Uniform Rules of 4-H Rule Book.
- 89. **Ranch Pleasure (14-18)**
- 90. **Ranch Pleasure (8-13)**
- 91. **Ranch Riding (14-18)**
- 92. **Ranch Riding (8-13)**
- 93. **Ranch Horsemanship (14-18)**
- 94. **Ranch Horsemanship (8-13)**
- 95. **Ranch Trail (14-18) CANNOT SHOW IN TRAIL IN HAND**
- 96. **Ranch Trail (8-13) CANNOT SHOW IN TRAIL IN HAND**
- 97. **Trail Class (14-18) English/Western - CANNOT SHOW IN TRAIL IN HAND**
- 98. **Trail Class (8-13) English/Western - CANNOT SHOW IN TRAIL IN HAND**
- 99. **Trail In-Hand (14-18) - CANNOT HAVE SHOWN IN EITHER TRAIL and POINTS GO TOWARDS RIDER'S DECLARED HIGH POINT DIVISION.**
- 100. **Trail In-Hand (8-13) - CANNOT HAVE SHOWN IN EITHER TRAIL and POINTS GO TOWARDS RIDER'S DECLARED HIGH POINT DIVISION.**
- 101. **Novice Western Pleasure Class (8-18) Horse/Pony** - Exhibitor must have shown but could not have placed in any riding class on this day. Walk Trot exhibitors not eligible to show in Novice.

**\*\*WALK TROT RULES:** An exhibitor who enters the **Walk-Trot** class must be a first- or second-year horse member or experienced rider with a novice horse. If a horse is injured and cannot lope, a member may enter in the Walk-Trot class if they provide a veterinarian's note. Certain exceptions may be approved by the 4-H Horse & Pony Committee. Not eligible to show in any Novice classes during the fair. Tie Breaker for Walk Trot will be Highest Placing in: 1. Showmanship 2. Barrels

**Friday**  
**Jr Fair Contest Horse Show**

**8:30 A.M. Advisor Meeting**

**9:30 AM**

Tie Breaker for Contest will be Highest Placing in: 1. Barrels 2. Poles 3. Stakes (STATE)

**\$1.00 Entry Fee**

**Age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> (current year)**

102. **Mail Box Race (14-18)** - Mailbox will be placed in the middle of the arena. Rider must ride down and open the mailbox, get the mail out, close the mailbox and ride out (with mail) past the timer. The Rider may dismount if they want to, if they do they must be straddling the horse by the time they reach the designated spot. If the rider slaps the door closed and it comes back open, time will still be given. They do not have to go around the mailbox.
103. **Mail Box Race (8-13)** - Rule same as previous class
104. **Shoot the Barrel (14-18)** - Rider will ride in, dismount, go through the straw, mount, and ride out. There will be no holder. Ropes or lead ropes will be allowed. The rider must be straddling the horse by the time they reach the designated spot. They do not have to go around the object.
105. **Shoot the Barrel (8-13)** - Rules same as previous class
106. **Stake Bend with Cones (14-18)** - Rider rides down weaving the cones, turns end cone and weaves back out. The rider may start on either side of the cones. Must maintain forward motion.
107. **Stake Bend with Cones (8-13)** - Rules same as previous class
108. **Walk Trot Stake Bend with Cones (8-18)** \*\*See Walk Trot Rules\*\*
109. **Run and Ride (14-18)** - Rider will lead their horse down past a cone in the arena, mount, and ride back out for a time. Must be straddling the horse by the time they reach the designated spot. Do not have to go around the cone. Lead ropes are allowed (10' max).
110. **Ride and Run (8-13)** - Rider will ride in, dismount behind the cone, and lead the horse out. If the horse crosses the timer line first, time will be given as long as the rider still has a hold of the horse. You do not have to go around the cone. Lead ropes are allowed (10' max).
111. **Egg and Spoon (14-18)** - Contestants will hold a spoon (according to Judge's discretion) with the egg in it and respond immediately to the announcer's instructions. Failure to comply will be immediate disqualification by the Judge. NO POINTS
112. **Egg and Spoon (8-13)** - Rules same as previous class **NO POINTS**
113. **Key Hole Race (14-18)** - The keyhole pattern will be set up with chalk. The rider will run through the neck of the keyhole (**MUST GO PAST THE NECK**) and turn and ride past the timer. Touching or going outside the Key Hole Pattern will be a no time.
114. **Key Hole Race (8-13)** - Rules same as previous class
115. **Walk Trot Key Hole (8-18)** \*\*See Walk Trot Rules\*\*
116. **Novice Thread the Needle (8-18)** - **Cannot have placed Wednesday or Friday in any class on any Project.**  
The rider must ride down between 2 cones (must go past cones), turn around, and then go back out between the 2 cones. Walk Trot exhibitor not eligible to show in Novice. NO POINTS

**\*\*WALK TROT RULES:** An exhibitor who enters the **Walk-Trot** class must be a first- or second-year horse member or experienced rider with a novice horse. If a horse is injured and cannot lope, a member may enter in the Walk-Trot class if they provide a veterinarian's note. Certain exceptions may be approved by the 4-H Horse & Pony Committee. Not eligible to show in any Novice classes during the fair. Tie Breaker for Walk Trot will be Highest Placing in: 1. Showmanship 2. Barrels

## **Saturday**

### **Jr Fair Pleasure Versatility Horse Show**

8:30 A.M. Advisor Meeting

9:30 AM

#### **No Entry Fee**

Pleasure Versatility Class will be governed and run according to **Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse and Pony Shows** and the Morrow County 4-H Horse & Pony Rules.

#### **Class Schedule:**

- 1. Hunter Under Saddle**
- 2. Western Pleasure**
- 3. Reining Pattern A**
- 4. Barrels**

MUST be a 4-H Horse and Pony Club or FFA Member in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year with a Horse and Pony Project to be eligible to participate and must have placed in at least one of the above four classes during current year Morrow County Fair. **Excludes:** Horseless Horse Projects, Walk Trot and Novice classes. **Horse & Rider may not leave the designated area once classes have started.** Helpers may leave the area.

***ALL TACK CHANGES MUST BE COMPLETE WITHIN 8 MINUTE TIME LIMIT.***

Tiebreaker: Western Pleasure

#### **RULES:**

1. Exhibitors will have 8 minutes between classes to prepare for the next class to show. If a change to tack or riding apparel is necessary, the change must be completed within the 8 minutes.
2. Only two helpers per exhibitor, with one assisting in the arena and the other assisting outside the arena. NO EXCEPTIONS!
3. For Reining and Barrels, there will be a coned-off area in the practice arena. Exhibitors are NOT permitted to leave the coned-off area until their number has been called as on deck or in the hole.
4. There will be a 5-second penalty for each barrel knocked over or a 40-second penalty if off pattern.
5. Helpers are permitted to provide water to the exhibitor and horse between classes as needed.

**The practice arena will be CLOSED TO PLEASURE VERSATILITY CONTESTANTS and HANDLERS ONLY while these classes are being shown.**

**Saturday**  
**Ground Roping**

**Following the Pleasure Versatility Show**

**117. Ground Roping (8-18) NO POINTS** – Only 4-H members taking the Ground Roping Project can enter this class.

**Jr Fair Contest Versatility Horse Show**  
**Not before 1:00 P.M.**

**No Entry Fee**

The Contest Versatility Class will be governed and run according to **Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse and Pony Shows** and the Morrow County 4-H Horse & Pony Rules, with the exception of rules listed below.

**Class Schedule:**

- 1. Pole Bending**
- 2. Flags**
- 3. Barrels**
- 4. Stake Bend with Cones**

MUST be a 4-H Horse and Pony Club or FFA Member in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year with a Horse and Pony Project to be eligible to participate and must have placed in at least one of the above four classes during current year Morrow County Fair. **Excludes:** Horseless Horse Projects, Walk Trot and Novice classes. **Horse & Rider may not leave the designated area once classes have started.** Helpers may leave the area.

***ALL TACK CHANGES MUST BE COMPLETE WITHIN 8 MINUTE TIME LIMIT.***

Tiebreaker: Barrels

**RULES:**

1. Exhibitors will have time between classes to prepare for the next class to show. If a change to tack or riding apparel is necessary, the change must be complete before the 1<sup>st</sup> horse is called to run for the next class.
2. Only two helpers per exhibitor. NO EXCEPTIONS!
3. Exhibitors will not be permitted to leave the practice arena until all classes are complete.
4. There will be a 5-second penalty for each obstacle knocked over and a 40-second penalty if off-pattern or breaking the timer.
5. The lowest combined time of the four classes wins.
6. Helpers are permitted to provide water to the exhibitor and horse between classes as needed.

**Practice arena will be CLOSED TO CONTEST VERSATILITY CONTESTANTS and HANDLERS ONLY while these classes are being shown.**

## Sunday

### Showman of Showmen (Horse Class)

**2:00 P.M.**

This event is open to any member that has won ANY Senior Showmanship (16 – 18 age) division in the present or previous year and cannot have won a Showman of Showmen Contest. There will be a need for Horses for the annual Showman of Showmen competition. If you would like to have your horse used in this competition, please sign up at the Entry Booth during fair week or contact a Jr. Fair Board Horse Department member. **NOTE:** This starts prior to the start of the Junior Fair Costume Class & Junior Fair Free Style Reining. **TO SHOW IN THIS CLASS YOU MUST ENTER AT THE LARGE SHOW ARENA BY SIGNING UP ON THE POSTER ON THE NORTH END OF THE BUILDING BY 10:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY PRIOR TO THE SHOW ON SUNDAY**

**5:00 P.M.**

### Costume Class

**118. Costume Class (8-18) Horse/Pony/Mini NO POINTS** – All costumes will follow the Morrow County Agricultural Society/Jr. Fair Code of Conduct. Inappropriate costumes and dress are cause for disqualification and other consequences as listed in the code of conduct.

**6:00 P.M.**

### Jr Fair Freestyle Reining

Open to Morrow County 4-H/FFA Horse & Pony Project members. Contact any Trailblazers 4-H Club Advisor for more information. Music and Entry Form must be turned in at the Horse and Pony Entry Booth before 12:00 P.M. Sunday of Fair week. The same horse may not be ridden by more than one person in a class. A member may ride two horses if they have two Junior Fair Horse/Pony projects entered at the fair. **See Free Style Reining Rules & Guidelines for requirements.**

### Following Jr Fair Freestyle Reining

#### Open Freestyle Reining

Open to anyone. A horse may not be ridden by more than one person in a class and may show two horses. Parents or siblings may ride 4-H Members Project for this class only, with prior permission from Junior Fair Board & 4-H Horse and Pony Advisors. Music and Entry Form must be turned in at the Entry Booth prior to the start of this class. Contact any Trailblazers 4-H Club Advisor for more information. **See Freestyle Reining Rules & Guidelines for requirements.**

## Monday

**11:00 A.M.**

### Stick Horse Show – In Memory of Linda Hoffman

This show is open to any kids that are not 4H age. Please bring your own stick horse if you have one.

**3:00 P.M.**

### 4-H HORSE/PONY PROJECTS RELEASED

**STALLS MUST BE CLEANED BY 4-H MEMBER/FAMILY and CLEARED BY AN ADVISOR BEFORE YOU LEAVE**



## **Freestyle Reining Requirements and Rules**

### **1. To be judged on the basis of the 4-H Reining Rules with the following exceptions**

- May use two (2) hands-on the reins
- May change hands used to rein
- May use Contesting noseband/tie-down (**CONTEST EQUIPMENT - NO WIRE OF ANY TYPE**)
- Juniors may do a simple lead change (**Points awarded accordingly**)

### **2. Required Maneuvers**

- Two (2) spins in each direction (not required to be consecutive. May do four (4) 360's but must be two (2) to the left and two (2) to the right)
- Two (2) large fast circles in each direction
- One (1) small circle in each direction
- Two (2) Lead changes (One (1) in each direction, left to right and right to left) **Juniors** may do a simple lead change (points awarded accordingly), **Seniors** must do a flying lead change.
- One (1) Rollback in each direction
- One (1) Stop (**Sliding Stop Optional, but completion to be credited**)
- One (1) Backing of at least 10 feet
- Inspection of equipment to be held **PRIOR** to performance. Judge reserves the right to inspect costumes for appropriateness related to 4-H.

### **3. Costume**

- Scoring will be based on creativity and the relationship between music, costume, and maneuvers. Creativity in costume to be credited, but costume design must not impede the animal or create an unsafe situation (**Judge's Discretion**). Freedom of horse's movement is required and inspection of costumes and equipment (**for safety and appropriateness reasons**) to be held prior to the performance.

**\*An inappropriate costume is defined as: EXCESSIVE AMOUNT OF HUMAN ANATOMY REVEALED TO THE PUBLIC. THIS WILL BE JUDGE'S DISCRETION AT TIME OF INSPECTION.**

## **Freestyle Reining Requirements & Rules (Continued)**

### **4. Music**

- Three (3) minutes in length but not more the four (4) minutes in length. If Music is less than three (3) minutes or more than four (4) minutes in length, **it must be added to or shortened prior to turning in on (last) Sunday of the current year Fair by 12:00 NOON to the Entry Booth (Horse & Pony).**
- A copy of your musical selection along with Entry Form and a paragraph about yourself must be submitted by (last) **Sunday of the current year Fair by 12:00 NOON at the Entry Booth (Horse & Pony).**

**The MUSIC will not be listened to prior to the show. It will be at the JUDGES DISCRETION during your performance on appropriateness for 4-H. The Judge has the right to dismiss/disqualify you for inappropriateness. Morrow County Agriculture Society/Jr. Fair Code of Conduct will also be enforced.**

### **5. Deadlines**

- ***Can be turned in anytime during the week but due by Sunday of current year Fair.***
- ***Entry Form, Music and Paragraph must be turned in to the Entry Booth (Horse & Pony) by 12:00 NOON. NO EXCEPTIONS***

***Questions may be directed to any Trailblazers 4-H Club Advisor***

**THE JUDGE'S DECISION IS FINAL!**

## **Ohio 4-H Protective Headgear Rule**

All youth age 19 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, 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.

## **Ohio 4-H Horse Program Protective Headgear Policy**

### **Frequently Asked Questions\***

1. Is protective headgear required to be worn at mounted meetings, trail rides, or other 4-H equestrian events?

Yes. Properly fitted ASTM/SEI approved protective headgear intended for equestrian use is required to be worn by all youth ages 19 and under while riding or driving an equine at any 4-H sponsored activity.

2. Many open horse shows that are NOT sponsored by 4-H have classes for 4-H members only. Are helmets required to be worn by 4-H members if they participate in such classes? The Ohio 4-H Protective Headgear Rule is in effect for 4-H sponsored shows and activities only.

3. Does protective headgear have to be worn in showmanship classes?

No. Properly fitted ASTM/SEI approved protective headgear intended for equestrian use is required when a youth is riding or driving an equine during any 4-H activity, not when exhibiting an equine in-hand. However, the use of protective headgear intended for equestrian use is encouraged in all classes, and any exhibitor may wear protective headgear in any class without judging discrimination.

4. What style protective headgear should be used for western or driving classes?

Any style of ASTM/SEI approved protective headgear intended for equestrian use is allowed in western or driving classes, including western, english, or schooling helmets. 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, is in good condition, and is properly fitted with the chin harness fastened at all times while riding or driving.

5. Are helmets required when riding outside the show ring?

All youth age 19 and under, participating in any 4-H equestrian activity, are required to wear properly fitted ASTM/SEI helmet intended for equestrian use with the chin harness securely fastened at all times while riding or driving an equine anywhere on the competition grounds. Any exhibitor found in violation of this rule at any time will be prohibited from participating until proper safety headgear is in place.

6. Are bicycle or other helmets with a harness allowed?

No, bicycle helmets or hunt caps with a single chin strap are NOT acceptable. Only

ASTM/SEI approved protective headgear intended for equestrian use is allowed.

7. May protective headgear be modified in any manner?

No, other than to adjust the fit with pads supplied by the manufacturer.

8. May helmet covers be used?

Covers may be used provided they can be removed for inspection of the helmet if necessary.

9. How should show committees or officials enforce the rule?

The Ohio 4-H protective headgear policy should be included in the show/event program or in the event rules. The show committee or officials are not required to inspect protective headgear unless the appropriateness of such headgear is questioned. In such cases, the show committee or officials have the authority to inspect the headgear and enforce the rule as stated in the current Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows (4-H 179). Any exhibitor found to be in violation of the rule will be prohibited from further participation until appropriate headgear is properly in place.

10. If it is determined during a show class that an exhibitor is using inappropriate headgear, how should the show committee or officials respond?

If the show committee or officials determine that the headgear is inappropriate and the exhibitor is in violation of the protective headgear rule, the exhibitor will be disqualified from that class. The exhibitor should be prohibited from further participation until appropriate headgear is properly in place.

11. How should a show committee or official respond if it is questioned that an exhibitor is riding with headgear that is not in compliance with current rules (i.e. currently riding in a class or riding on the show grounds)?

If it is brought to the show committee's or show official's attention that a youth's headgear is questionable, the show committee must immediately investigate and determine the accuracy of the report. If the headgear is not in compliance with the protective headgear rule, the show committee or official must prohibit the exhibitor from further riding/driving until properly fitted ASTM/SEI approved headgear is in place. The show committee or officials may investigate the appropriateness of headgear without a formal protest.

12. Should counties or 4-H clubs buy helmets for use by 4-H members at 4-H sponsored events?

No. Protective headgear should only be purchased or owned by the 4-H member or their parent(s) or guardian(s). 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.

For more information on ASTM/SEI approved headgear:

American Medical Equestrian Association

[www.emsaonline.net/Equestrian\\_Safety\\_Program.html](http://www.emsaonline.net/Equestrian_Safety_Program.html)

Identification of ASTM/SEI approved headgear and proper headgear fit:

US Equestrian Federation website at: [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org) - Go to Rules or Safety

Suppliers of ASTM/SEI approved headgear

[www.seinet.org](http://www.seinet.org)

Helmet replacement program for damaged helmets

[www.horsehelmets.com](http://www.horsehelmets.com)

University of Connecticut Helmet Safety Program

[www.canr.uconn.edu/ansci/equine/helmet\\_safety](http://www.canr.uconn.edu/ansci/equine/helmet_safety)

\* This information was adapted from the Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Program Protective Headgear Policy – Questions and Answers

# Miscellaneous Information

## Calendar of Events for Current Year

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
April 15	Enrollment Forms Due
April	Equine Affair
April 30	Deadline to Add/Drop Projects/New member
April 30	Deadline for Cross Over County Forms
June 1	Deadline for All 4-H Horse Forms due on 4honline
June 1	Equestrian King and Queen Applications Due
June 1	Horse & Pony Measurements & Photo ID's
June 1	EquiSTEP completed
June 15	Morrow County Jr. Fair Entries Due
June 21	1 <sup>st</sup> Morrow Co. 4-H Horse & Pony P.A.S. Show
June 29	2 <sup>nd</sup> Morrow Co. 4-H Horse & Pony P.A.S. Show
June 9-13	Morrow County 4-H Camp
July 1	Ohio State Fair Entry Deadline w/ Coggins test
July 14-18	Ohio State Fair 4-H Horse & Pony Show
July 11	Livestock Quality Assurance Deadline
August 3	Equestrian King/Queen Interviews
August 4-5	All Species Skill-A-Thons
August 4-5	Deadline for Fair Sponsor (\$25 per Member)
August 25 – Sept 1	Morrow County Fair
August 25	Fair Move-In Day – Horses By 7:00 P.M.
August 25	Body Scoring Judging/Contest Showmanship
August 26	Grand Entry and English Show
August 27	Contest Show
August 27	Mini/Draft Show (draft arena)
August 28	Western Show
August 29	Contest Show
August 30	Pleasure Versatility and Contest Versatility
August 30	Horse Project Awards (evening)
August 31	Freestyle Show
September 1	Stick Horse Show and Projects Released
September 30 <sup>th</sup>	County Medal, Honor Club Forms Due
November 3-9	National 4-H Week
October	Quarter Horse Congress

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