

# **2010 STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW RULEBOOK**

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## FOREWORD

The objectives of the KENTUCKY 4-H HORSE PROGRAM are to provide a means for 4-H members to:

1. Develop leadership, initiative, self-reliance, sportsmanship and other desirable traits of character.
2. Experience the pride of owning a horse, pony or mule and being responsible for its management.
3. Develop an appreciation for horseback riding as a healthy and wholesome form of recreation.
4. Enhance their horsemanship skills and knowledge as well as understanding the business of breeding, raising and training horses, ponies and/or mules.
5. Increase their knowledge of basic safety precautions in order to prevent injury to themselves, their mount and others.
6. Promote a greater love for animals and a humane attitude toward them.
7. Be better prepared for citizenship responsibilities through working in groups and supporting horse projects and activities.

The 4-H horse program is one of the largest and fastest growing 4-H programs in Kentucky and the nation. Each year over 5,000 4-H horse youth in Kentucky and over 275,000 4-H horse youth throughout the nation have fun and learn by their association with horses.

This handbook provides a uniform set of rules and regulations which are intended to generate positive youth development as well as standardize the shows which are qualifying events for the State 4-H Horse Show. It is suggested that these rules be used as a guide for county programs. However, if certain rules prohibit the involvement of a young person in a local program, then they will not apply at the local level. Youth should be reminded that these rules apply at all district and state 4-H horse events.

## STATE 4-H HORSE ADVISORY COUNCIL

The State 4-H Horse Advisory Council is composed of three individuals from each of Kentucky's 7 Extension districts: 2 adults and 1 youth representative. A president, vice president secretary and youth representative are elected each year at the annual meeting in a central location, to serve not more than **four** consecutive years. In addition, the council will appoint a treasurer. The appointed treasurer must be approved by the Animal Sciences 4-H Review Committee.

The functions of the committee are: (1) to delegate assignments for the current year; (2) review committee reports; and (3) consider proposals submitted by individual district 4-H horse management teams. Proposals should be submitted only if they help to further the goals and objectives of the Kentucky 4-H Horse Program. In order to be considered, a copy of the proposal(s) must be in the office of the State Horse Extension Associate and Specialist by the

date announced the year the meeting is being held. An Animal Sciences 4-H Review Committee considers proposals and takes appropriate action. All changes in the rules governing the Kentucky 4-H Horse Program must be considered by the State 4-H Horse Advisory Council and the Animal Sciences 4-H Review Committee.

## **HORSE SHOW GENERAL SHOW AND CLASS RULES**

1. The State 4-H Horse Show will be divided into the following five (5) divisions:

WALKING/RACKING/MOUNTAIN HORSE DIVISION

SADDLESEAT (TROTting) HORSE DIVISION

MINIATURE HORSE DIVISION

HUNTER HORSE DIVISION

WESTERN/CONTEST HORSE DIVISION

2. Each youth can enter only one horse or pony (designated project horse) and that horse/pony must be ridden by only that youth. Two 4-H members may exhibit the same horse/pony under the following conditions: 4-Her's must be siblings, both 4-Her's must have a current eligibility form indicating the horse/pony to be shown and 4-H members must show in different divisions and/or age groups.

A youth may enter an additional horse(s) or pony; however that horse(s) or pony must be shown in an open invitational class. Open invitational class horses/ponies can be owned (see page 3, no. 3) by the 4-H member/immediate family or leased. Horses/ponies only being shown in Open Invitational classes are not required to complete the Eligibility Form or the Lease/Loan Declaration. Each open invitational horse/pony shall only be allowed to enter into one division at the State 4-H Horse Show (excluding the State 4-H Horse Special Event classes).

Only county shows may allow members to enter more than one horse/pony and/or more than two riders to compete on the same horse/pony. Under no circumstances will an exhibitor and horse/pony be permitted to enter the same class twice.

The State 4-H Horse program endorses the philosophy that attending the State 4-H Horse Show is a privilege, not a right. The big picture of the Kentucky 4-H Horse Program needs to remain focused on the educational needs of the youth. Participating at the state level should be for those who have demonstrated certain proficiencies and capabilities, as determined by the qualifying system in place. The privilege of competing at state should be extended to those who have challenged themselves to perform at a high level, not just show up.

3. Youth must meet membership requirements established by the 4-H program.
4. Youth can manage at least one (1) horse, pony or mule of any age or breed as their 4-H horse project. The horse, pony or mule must be owned by the 4-H member or the member's parent(s), brother(s), sister(s) and/or legal guardian. A Lease/Loan Program for 4-H Project Horses is available for 4-Hers not having a suitable project horse, pony or mule that meets the aforementioned requirements. Mules are recognized in the Kentucky 4-H Horse Program when referencing the horse.
5. The horse or pony must be owned and certified (completed Eligibility Form) as the 4-H member's 4-H project horse as of MAY 1 of the current year. Counties may establish lesser ownership time requirements for local participation. However, under no circumstances shall a 4-H member be permitted to compete at a district and/or the State 4-H Horse Show without meeting the MAY 1 deadline. In cases where more than one horse or pony is owned by the 4-H member, the member must designate one horse or pony only by the MAY 1 date as the project horse to be shown. Youth must have in their possession a current, properly validated Eligibility Form at the district and the State 4-H Horse Shows.

Once the Eligibility Form has been properly completed, 4-H'ers should retain a copy of the form for use at local and county shows. The completed Eligibility Form will be used in lieu of the eligibility card.

When a suitable project horse or pony is not owned by the 4-H'ers' family, then leasing a horse is an option. 4-Hers leasing a horse or pony must complete the Lease/Loan Declaration and the Eligibility Form, and submit these forms to their County Extension Office by MAY 1 (or an earlier deadline designated by individual counties). Please find both documents on the 4-H Horse Program web page ([www.uky.edu/ag/4hhorse](http://www.uky.edu/ag/4hhorse)) under 4-H Rules and Resources. Leased horses may be used by one family only per year.

6. Both the county extension agent and the 4-H club leader must certify by signature of the 4-H horse show class entry form the eligibility of the 4-H member for competition in the district and State 4-H Horse Show. Falsification of any information will result in the suspension of the 4-H member from further competition for a period as determined appropriate.
7. A 4-H member and his or her horse/pony are considered as an entry together. Therefore, any 4-H member qualifying to compete at the State 4-H Horse Show must ride the same horse/pony that the member qualified on at the district show.
8. Stallions (any uncastrated male) will not be permitted to show at either the district or the State 4-H Horse Show. County shows may provide a class for weanlings and yearlings to encourage breeding projects.
9. The age of all horses/ponies will be computed based on January 1 of the current year. Therefore, on January 1 of the year following foaling, the horse/pony will automatically become

one (1) year of age. The horse/pony will become one (1) year older on January 1 of subsequent years. For example, a horse foaled anytime during 1975 is one (1) year of age on January 1, 1976, two (2) years old on January 1, 1977, etc.

**10.** The 4-H age of all contestants is the age as of January 1 of the current year. A 4-H youth must be 9-18 years of age on January 1 to be a member of the current year.

Age groups for all divisions are defined as:

Showmanship I	9 - 11 years-old
Showmanship II	12 - 14 years-old
Showmanship III	15 - 18 years-old
Juniors	9 - 13 years-old
Seniors	14 - 18 years-old

**11.** In order to enter any classes at a District or State 4-H Horse Show, youth must provide the following information, unless notified otherwise: **(1)** the horse/pony's negative Coggins Test Certificate taken within the past twelve (12) months & Certified Veterinary Inspection of Health; and **(2)** the youth's current, properly validated 4-H Horse Show Eligibility Form and Lease/Loan Declaration if appropriate. Each horse/pony's negative Coggins Test and health papers must be presented when the horse/pony arrives on the grounds at a District or the State 4-H Horse Show Office in order for the contestant to receive their entry packet. If a valid Coggins Test and/or health papers are not produced, the horse/pony will not be allowed to show under any circumstances and will be sent home immediately. If the horses/ponies do not leave the grounds immediately, show management is **REQUIRED** to call the Kentucky Department of Agriculture Animal Health inspector and inform them of the presence of a horse/pony at the show without a valid Coggins Test and or health papers. ***No entries will be taken and no refunds will be made after the designated deadline for entries.***

**12.** District and State Show Exhibitors may enter a maximum of **four (4)** classes in addition to as many open invitational classes as they wish. The **four (4)** classes are to include one (1) showmanship class and up to three (3) performance classes. Youth must show in exactly the same classes at the State 4-H Horse Show that the youth showed in at the District Show, with the exception of open invitational classes that do not require qualification at the District Show.

**13.** The number of youth competing in a county or district 4-H horse show is determined by the respective county or district 4-H horse management teams. However, each district 4-H horse show must use the following qualification system to qualify a 4-H member for the State 4-H Horse Show:

- All qualifications will be based on the Danish Ribbon System.
- All youth must show in showmanship at the District 4-H Horse Show.
- To qualify for the State show in all classes entered in at the District show (max. = 4 classes, 1 showmanship and 3 performance), the youth must receive > 50% blue or red Danish Ribbons in all classes.
- If the youth receives < 50% blue or red Danish Ribbons in all classes, then the youth can

only qualify for the State show in the classes they did receive a blue or red Danish Ribbon.

- If any youth qualified to attend the State 4-H Horse Show do not plan to or for some reason cannot show at the State 4-H Horse Show, they can not be replaced by an alternate.
- See “The Danish Ribbon System of Qualification” guide for more information.

**14.** Once an exhibitor has shown in a canter class, that same exhibitor may not go back to a walk/trot class in any division at the State 4-H Horse Show.

**15.** Horses/ponies/mules suspected of being under the influence of any performance altering drug, chemical, caustic agent, or foreign substance which would alter their natural performance will be disqualified from the show and any future 4-H shows for the rest of that year. Examples of performance altering drugs include stimulants, tranquilizers, painkillers, etc. All prizes and money will also be forfeited if a horse/pony/mule is suspected of being illegally drugged.

Any horse/pony is subject to drug-testing, and the exhibitor will be responsible for any drug testing fees.

Horses/Ponies declared lame by the judge will be disqualified from the respective class.

Horses/ponies/mules having granulated tissue, raw or bleeding sores from old or new scars due to prior mistreatment will be disqualified. All exhibitors will comply with the guidelines stated in the Horse Protection Act of 1970 and any modifications or revisions of the Act since December 9, 1970.

**16.** Because of animal welfare concerns and the image that 4-H wants to present to the public, horses, ponies and/or mules with a body condition score of less than a 4 (ribs easily discernible, tops of spinous process easily discernible, tailhead prominent with hook bones easily discernible, withers accentuated, and neck obviously thin) should not be allowed at 4-H horse shows at any 4-H horse program activities, including Horse Camps, and District and State shows. The show manager and/or the judge can dismiss a horse from any 4-H Horse sponsored activities for these reasons.

**17.** Unruly horses/ponies will be excused from the show arena at any time show officials consider the safety of the youth, or other youth and/or horses are in danger.

**18.** A State 4-H Horse Show Appeals Committee will consist of the State Horse Extension Specialist, President of the State 4-H Horse Advisory Committee and the Superintendent for the show in which the protest is involved. In the event there is a reason the president or the superintendent should not be on the committee, then the next officer in line and the assistant superintendent of the show involved will automatically become members of the committee. Any protest(s) arising from a violation(s) of the rules must be filed in writing at the Show Office and accompanied by a one hundred (\$100.00) dollar cash fee. There will be no "blind" protests. All parties involved will meet with the appeals committee to present their cases. Thereafter they will

be excused and the committee will render a decision. If the Appeals Committee upholds the protest, the \$100.00 cash fee will be returned and the proper action taken. If the Appeals Committee overrules the protest, the \$100.00 cash fee will be deposited in the State 4-H Horse Show account and no action will be taken. No protest of a judge's decision shall be considered.

**19.** County, district and state 4-H horse shows are events established for participation of individual 4-H members and their horses/ponies. Only 4-H members can ride their project horses/ponies during the show and on show grounds. This means that parents, trainers, and any other adults or other 4-Her's are NOT allowed to school (riding or driving) horses at the District and/or State 4-H Horse Show. Only 4-H'er's should be riding and/or schooling their own project horse. If the 4-H'er's horse is seen being schooled or ridden by anyone but the 4-H'er, show management should be informed immediately and the **4-H'er will be at risk for disqualification.**

There will be no coaching or assistance to the 4-H member and his or her horse/pony while the 4-H member is competing in the ring, under penalty of elimination at the discretion of the judge and/or 4-H Horse Show Management.

**20.** The decision of the judge(s) will be final in all cases. When a youth, parent, legal guardian, leader and/or agent are guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct, the show superintendent may suspend the youth's rights to participate in future classes and/or 4-H horse shows.

**21. A.** Measurement of Miniature Horses: All Miniature horses exhibited at the State 4-H Horse Show must be measured by the Official Measuring Committee prior to showing in any classes. Ample time will be allowed on or the day before and the day of classes are scheduled for measuring to take place. Youth will have their back numbers stamped following the measurement of their Miniature horse. It is the responsibility of the youth and/or the youth's leader, parent(s) or agent to provide any necessary restraint during the measurement process. The following procedures will be followed during measurements:

- An approved measurement stick is a straight, stiff, unbendable stick that is equipped with a plumb bob or spirit level to make sure the standard is perpendicular to the ground and that the cross-piece or arm is parallel with the ground surface.
- The measurement surface must be level and under no circumstances should measuring take place on dirt or gravel.
- Miniature horses should stand squarely on all four feet in such a position that the front legs are vertical to the ground and the back of the hocks are in a vertical line with the point of the quarters. The poll must be in the same horizontal plane as the withers and not lower, and the head should be in a normal position.
- A maximum of two handlers may present Miniature horses for measurement.
- Handlers must not interfere in any way that will prevent the Miniature horse from standing in the correct position.
- Handlers may not have any direct physical contact with the Miniature horse in a way that could influence the measurement, except that a handler may cover the eye.

- Miniature horses may be presented with or without shoes.
- Miniature horses are measured from the ground to the last hair of the mane.

**B. Measurement of Ponies:** All ponies that compete in only-for-pony classes at the State 4-H Horse Show must be measured by the Official Measuring Committee prior to showing. Ample time will be allowed on or the day before and the day of classes are scheduled for measuring to take place. Youth will have their back numbers stamped following the measurement of their ponies. It is the responsibility of the youth and/or the youth's leader, parent(s) or agent to provide any necessary restraint during the measurement process. The following procedures will be followed during measurements:

- An approved measurement stick is a straight, stiff, unbendable stick that is equipped with a plumb bob or spirit level to make sure the standard is perpendicular to the ground and that the cross-piece or arm is parallel with the ground surface.
- The measurement surface must be level and under no circumstances should measuring take place on dirt or gravel.
- Ponies should stand squarely on all four feet in such a position that the front legs are vertical to the ground and the back of the hocks are in a vertical line with the point of the quarters. The poll must be in the same horizontal plane as the withers and not lower, and the head should be in a normal position.
- A maximum of two handlers may present ponies for measurement.
- Handlers must not interfere in any way that will prevent the pony from standing in the correct position.
- Handlers may not have any direct physical contact with the pony in a way that could influence the measurement, except that a handler may cover the eye.
- Ponies may be presented with or without shoes.
- Ponies are measured from the ground to the highest point of the withers.

**22.** A fault-out system shall not be used in the scoring of any class. The top ten (10) horses/ponies in each class will be placed in order. The show superintendent has the right to determine the number of horses/ponies that qualify for the finals in any class having a preliminary-finals system scheduled. However, if the number brought back from a preliminary to a final is more than 10, then there should be 12 or more, never 11. Excuse those not in the top ten before placings are announced.

**23.** Patterns for any showmanship, horsemanship or equitation classes will be posted at least one (1) hour prior to the start of the class near the arena in which the class is to be held. Patterns for any jump classes may be posted after the practice session near the arena which the class is to be held, but at least one hour before the start of class.

#### **24. RIDING SAFETY HELMET POLICY**

**The Kentucky 4-H Horse Program REQUIRES all 4-H'ers to wear protective headgear passing or surpassing current applicable ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards with harness securely fastened and helmet properly fitted on top of the head while riding or driving during County, District and State 4-H Horse Program events and activities. This includes, but is not limited to: 4-H Horse Shows, 4-H Horsemanship Camps, 4-H Trail Rides, 4-H Horse Drill Teams, etc.**

**Any rider violating this rule at any time (no helmet, helmet flies off rider's head and hits the ground or hangs on the neck) will be immediately prohibited from further riding or driving until such headgear is properly in place.**

**It is the responsibility of the youth, or the parent or guardian of the youth participant to see to it that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, and is properly fitted and in good condition; and the Kentucky 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Judges, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance.**

**The Kentucky 4-H Horse Program makes 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 all equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous risk and as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries.**

**The Kentucky 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Judges, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders will bar 4-Hers from participation in events and activities when riding or driving without protective headgear and may bar any 4-Her or person from participating if not suitably attired.**

**25.** Ample schooling time for jumping will be permitted either the night before or the day that their classes are to be held. Youth will need to sign up for a jumping practice time when they register, and all youth who do not sign up for a time will not be allowed to school over fences.

**26.** If a horse/pony casts a shoe during a class, the youth will have seven (7) minutes from the time the farrier enters the arena to have that shoe replaced. If at the end of the seven (7) minute period the youth is not ready to resume the class, the youth will be excused from the arena.

**27.** A fall by the rider in any equitation class from his or her horse will result in disqualification from that class.

**28.** Points leading to the high point youth award, county award and/or for qualification to compete in the State 4-H Horse Show will be accumulated in showmanship and performance

classes only. No points will be awarded in open invitational classes. The following point system is used at the State 4-H Horse Show:

NO. CONTESTANTS IN THE CLASS	POINTS FOR PLACINGS									
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10 <sup>th</sup>
1-2	½									
3-5	1									
6-10	2	1								
11-15	3	2	1							
16-20	4	3	2	1						
21-25	5	4	3	2	1					
26-30	6	5	4	3	2	1				
31-35	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
36-40	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
41-45	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
46 & OVER	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

**29.** If a district, county or local 4-H horse show does not have enough entries in its classes for the aforementioned point system to be appropriate, then the following two (2) alternate point systems may be used. However, other point systems may be devised in order to best suit the local conditions provided the point system to be used is announced prior to the start of the first class of the show.

ALTERNATE POINT SYSTEM I. Each of the first ten (10) horses/ponies in a class shall be given one (1) point for each horse/pony placing below it plus one (1) point. Therefore, in a class of ten (10) horses/ponies, the first place horse receives ten (10) points, the second place horse/pony receives nine (9) points, and the sixth place horse/pony receives five (5) points and so on. In a class of four (4), the first place horse/pony receives four (4) points and the fourth place horse/pony receives one (1) point.

ALTERNATE POINT SYSTEM II. Each of the first six (6) horses/ponies in a class shall be given one (1) point for each horse placing below it plus one (1) point with the exception that points are not to exceed six (6) points for first place, five (5) points for second place, etc., regardless of the number of horses/ponies in the class. Therefore, in a class of ten (10) horses/ponies, the first place horse/pony will receive six (6) points, the second place horse/pony receives five (5) points and the sixth place horse/pony receives one (1) point. In a class of two (2) horses/ponies, the first place horse/pony receives two (2) points and the second place horse/pony receives one (1) point.

**30.** Points are awarded according to the number of youth actually showing in the class. However, if a youth is disqualified from a class, that youth will receive no points and/or premium for that class regardless of the number of entries in the class.

**31.** 4-H horses/ponies exhibited at the State 4-H Horse Show are not to leave the Kentucky State Fair Grounds until the horse/pony's classes are completed. If horses/ponies are transported off the grounds during the course of their particular show they may not return and will be disqualified.

**32.** Awards will be given through ten (10) places in all showmanship, halter and performance classes including open invitational classes and drill team. An award will be given to the high point youth in each of the Walking, Racking, Miniature, Saddleseat (trotting), Hunter on the Flat, Hunter Over Fences, Western and Contest categories. All exhibitors in all divisions (judged and timed classes) must show in showmanship in order to be eligible for the high point youth awards. **Walk/Trot entries in all Divisions are not eligible for High Point Awards.**

Two High Point County awards will be given. One award will be given to the county with the highest point average per contestant from that county and another award will be given to the county with the highest total score from the contestants of that county.

**33.** If a tie exists for either qualification to compete in the State 4-H Horse Show and/or for a high point award, the following tie breaking system will be implemented in order: (1) greatest number of performance class earned points (2) greatest number of showmanship class earned points (3) lowest numerical value for cumulative placings excluding and open invitational class (4) flip of a coin.

**34. Classes offered for the District and State 4-H Horse Shows are subject to evaluation. If a class at the State 4-H Horse Show falls below an average of three (3) entries over a three (3) year period then the class can be eliminated from the show.**

**35.** No Judge may be approached by an exhibitor, parent, Extension Agent or 4-H Leader without first obtaining permission of the show committee.

**36.** For any rule not specified in this 4-H Rulebook, divisions should follow the respective breed or show association rule.

- The Western Judged and Contest divisions will follow rules set forth by the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA).
- The Saddleseat (Trotting) and Hunter division will follow rules set forth by the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF).
- The Miniature division will follow rules set forth by the American Miniature Horse Association (AMHA).
- The Walking/Racking/Mountain division will follow rules set forth by the S.H.O.W. for Walking Horses, the Racking Horse Breeders' Association of American (RHBAA) for Racking Horses and by the Rocky Mountain Horse Association, and the Kentucky Mountain Saddle Horse Association for Mountain Horses.

# HORSE & PONY DRILL TEAM COMPETITION

## **General Information & Eligibility:**

1. The State 4-H Horse & Pony Drill Team Competition will be held during the State 4-H Horse Show.
2. Youth are not required to ride their project horses/ponies nor must they own the horse/pony to be ridden. No stallions and/or blind horses/ponies may be entered into the competition.
3. All youth must be a current member of a 4-H club and between the ages of 9-18 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. All entries must be signed by the youth's parent/guardian and county extension agent.
4. According to Kentucky 4-H policy, a youth is considered a 4-H member in the county where they reside or attend school. If an activity, such as Drill Team, is offered by their county of membership, they are to participate in their county's activity only and not cross county lines to participate in that same activity. In certain circumstances, it may be necessary to cross county lines, and Kentucky 4-H policy on transferring membership should be strictly followed.
5. Individual drill teams can not enter more than one routine in any one competition. Clubs can enter more than one team, but no member may ride on both teams. Previous State 4-H Horse Drill Team Champions may compete again in the following years.
6. Teams will consist of at least six (6), but no more than twenty-four (24) horses/ponies. Each Drill Team will fall into one of two categories to be judged separately: 6-12 member teams and 13-24 member teams. All breeds of horses/ponies are welcome to compete.

## **The Drill Team Performance:**

1. Teams will be allowed a certain time limit to complete their routine. For 6-12 member teams, the routine must be no shorter than seven (7) minutes and no longer than ten (10) minutes. The routine of 13-24 member teams must be no shorter than seven (7) minutes and no longer than twelve (12) minutes. For each one (1) minute or fraction thereof under or over the designated time limit, ten (10) points will be subtracted from each judge's score form. Time begins when the first horse/pony enters the arena and ends when the last horse/pony leaves the arena. Time consumed as the result of an accident or other unforeseen circumstances that necessitate the stopping of a routine will not count toward the twelve (12) minute period.
2. Assistants may enter or exit the arena to set up props; however, they will not be counted as part of the drill team. After the drill begins, no unmounted person is allowed in the arena and no unsafe props (pyrotechnics, smoke, etc.) are to be used under and circumstances.
3. Flags and pennants may be carried during the performance as long as they do not interfere with the horse's movement.

4. All drill teams must perform a minimum of five different maneuvers. These maneuvers include but are not limited to the following:

A-Single file thread with crosses

B-Circles

C-Maneuvers in pairs

D-Maneuvers in fours

E-Pole bending or weaving

F-Figure 8

5. Signals are to be given by the team captain or any other designated person. These signals may be either a voice or whistle command.

6. In costume, theme, and music, there shall be no references to alcohol, tobacco, drugs, vulgar language, sexual innuendo, or inappropriate behavior.

7. No coaching from the rail of arena. This includes coaches and parents.

8. There shall be no active or overt solicitation for audience support. Team t-shirts and cheering are allowed; however, handouts of any kind to audience members shall not be allowed.

9. The Drill Team performance will take place during the Dedication Ceremony at the State 4-H Horse Show in Broadbent Arena. The approximate size of Broadbent Arena is 117' x 290'. Practices may also take place in the Covered Arena, which is approximately 120' x 275'.

#### **Tack, Equipment & Attire:**

**1. The Kentucky 4-H Horse Program REQUIRES all 4-Hers to wear protective headgear passing or surpassing current applicable ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards with harness securely fastened and helmet properly fitted on top of the head while riding or driving during County, District and State 4-H Horse Program events and activities.**

2. Drills can consist of Mounted Teams and Driving Teams, however CAN NOT consist of a combination of the two.

3. Saddles that may be used include Hunt Seat, Saddle Seat, Dressage and/or Western saddles. Saddle pads are optional. All members of the team do not have to ride in the same style.

4. Riders must be mounted at all times during the performance. No "trick riding" is allowed. No bareback riding is permitted.

5. Rider's reins must be single or knotted split. Riders have the option of riding with one or both hands.

6. Matching equipment such as leg wraps, saddle blankets, bridles and breast collars for horses are optional; however they should not interfere with or alter the horse's performance.

7. Proper riding attire is required, including (but not limited to) long or short sleeved shirts and long pants. No shorts shall be allowed on riders. For example, costuming shall not have any

spaghetti straps, tube tops, exposed undergarments, and/or bare midriffs. For each infraction, there shall be a deduction of 15 points from the team's overall score.

8. Gloves are optional. Matching attire such as ties, vests or chaps are also optional.
9. Proper riding footwear is required, preferably riding boots with a distinguishable heel.
10. Elaborate costumes and props should not bias or influence score of overall uniformity and precision.

### **Judging the Performance:**

1. Each routine may score a maximum of seven-hundred (700) points for each score sheet completed. The State 4-H Horse Drill Team Competition will be scored according to the criteria listed on the Kentucky 4-H Horse Drill Team Competition Score form.

**2. Unsound horses or ponies will not be allowed to participate. The entire team is subject to disqualification, at the discretion of the judge(s) and/or show management, should horse or pony be deemed unsound. All judges' decisions are final.**

3. "Official Time" begins when the first horse's head enters the arena and ends when the last horse's hindquarters exits the arena.

4. Three sanctioned drill team judges from the USEDA list at most will be hired to judge the Drill Team competition. Other judges will have prior experience in riding in or judging drill team competitions, and will be decided upon at the discretion of the Show Committee.

5. Judges will be placed in the stands at varying locations and one judge will provide tape recorded comments for each team.

### **Awards:**

1. Awards will be given for performance through ten (10) places and the decision of the judge(s) is final.

2. Horsemanship and sportsmanship will be judged during the practices and competition, and an award will be given to the team displaying the highest degree of both characteristics.

**KENTUCKY 4-H HORSE DRILL TEAM SCORE SHEET**

<b>EVALUATION</b>	<b>VALUE</b>	<b>SCORE</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
<b>Execution - 350 points</b>			
Spacing - Should be exact and consistent for each maneuver, whether loose or tight, front to back, side to side	100 pts		
Alignment	100 pts		
Timing & Coordination - Horses moving as a unit without resistance	100 pts		
Briskness of Drill	50 pts		
<b>Performance and Manners of Horses - 40 points</b>			
Performance of Horses	25 pts		
Manners of Horses	15 pts		
<b>Originality, Variety and Attractiveness of Patterns - 75 points</b>			
Originality of Patterns	25 pts		
Variety of Patterns	25 pts		
Attractiveness of Patterns	25 pts		
<b>Spectacularity, Crowd Appeal and Theme - 100 points</b>			
Spectacularity	25 pts		
Crowd Appeal	25 pts		
Theme	50 pts		
<b>Degree of Difficulty - 75 points</b>			
Degree of Difficulty	75 pts		
<b>Horsemanship - 30 points</b>			
Use of aids, driver or rider position	15 pts		
Riders ability to maintain gaits for appropriate breed throughout the drill	15 pts		
<b>General Impression - 30 points</b>			
General Impression	30 pts		
<b>TOTAL POINTS (700 Points Possible)</b>			

<b>PENALTY POINTS TO BE ASSESSED</b>	<b>SCORE</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
<b>Broken Tack, Dropped Item, and/ or Dropped Flag</b>		
-10 points per occurrence		
<b>Fall of a Horse or Rider</b>		
Fall as a result of a collision between horses (-25 points per occurrence)		
Fall not resulting from a collision (-10 points per occurrence)		
<b>Re-Group/ Off Course</b>		
-10 points per occurrence		
<b>Over/ Under Time Allowed</b>		
Time: _____ 7-10 minutes allowed (Small) or 7-12 minutes (Large) (-10 points for each minute or fraction of a minute)		

**MINUS TOTAL PENALTY POINTS**

**FINAL SCORE**

Drill Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Judge's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## HORSE STABLE MANAGEMENT COMPETITION

1. The State 4-H Horse Stable Management Competition will be conducted on the club, county, club/division shown or county/division shown basis from 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. during the State 4-H Horse Show with each club or county being judged a maximum of three (3) days.
2. A committee of professional horsemen will be selected to judge the competition. Judges may evaluate each county's stable area anytime during the Stable Management competition.
3. The State 4-H Horse Stable Management Competition will be judged according to the criteria listed on the Kentucky 4-H Stable Management Competition Score Form and will be scored on the following guidelines:

### Water

All horses/ponies should have a minimum of one five-gallon bucket mounted in their stalls. Each bucket should be full of clean, fresh water. Special attention should be paid to those horses/ponies who drop feed or hay into their buckets, as those buckets will need to be emptied and refilled to ensure that the horses/ponies have clean, fresh water at all times. No water buckets should ever be left sitting on the ground, as horses may overturn them, spilling all of their water, and possibly be injured by the bucket. Remember, water is **THE MOST IMPORTANT** nutrient for your horse/pony, especially in the summer. Please make a concentrated effort to provide your horse/pony with plenty of it.

### Stalls

#### Bedding:

All stalls should be properly bedded with either shavings or straw. Providing enough bedding, especially for those 4Hers stabled under the stadium, is a challenge. In general, none of the stall flooring should be visible, and there should be enough to cover the floor even after the stall is picked repeatedly. Each stall should be picked several times a day to remove soiled bedding and uneaten hay.

#### Safety:

Since the horse/pony spends a great deal of time in the stall, it is imperative that all hazards should be removed. Before putting a horse/pony in a stall, check to insure that it is free from nails, broken boards, protruding objects, holes, etc. Make sure the door works properly and the metal bars are intact. If there are tailboards in the stall, consider taping the edges and corners. No horse/pony should be kept in a stall with tailboards that have jagged edges or splintered wood. When mounting fans, keep all wires out of the reach of horses/ponies. Stapling or nailing the cords in place on the outside of the stall is an effective way to do this. Fans should be placed in such a way that horses/ponies benefit from the breeze but are unable to grab the fan with their lips or teeth. Halters and lead ropes should be accessible for every horse/pony (in case of an emergency). They may either be hung on the stall door or left on the horse/pony. Halters left on

horses/ponies should be properly fitted, with no loose parts that may become hooked on any part of the stall.

#### Stall cards:

All horse/pony stalls should have a stall card telling the horse/pony's name, exhibitor's name, contact information during the competition, owner's name and phone number, feed rations (in case someone else needs to feed for you), and an adult contact information during the competition. Every stall card should have an emergency contact that will be responsible for making immediate decisions in case of injury or illness to the horse/pony or an evacuation situation.

### Horse & Pony Appearance

Horses/ponies will be judged on their relative comfort and overall health and cleanliness. It is understood that horses/ponies may be nervous and will most certainly be hot, but the exhibitors should be deliberate in their care of the horses/ponies. Horses/ponies should be groomed after riding, and hosed down if they have sweated a lot. Horses/ponies that are prone to sweating profusely may need to be hosed down for the sheer sake of regulating their temperature to prevent heat-related problems. Regular grooming and feet picking is also expected, as it is a mark of good horsemanship. Happy horses/ponies are those that have plenty of water and hay available and are able to make themselves comfortable. Horses/ponies should never be tied in their stalls without access to water. In general, the practice of tying horses/ponies for long periods is discouraged, especially if there are no people in the barn area to supervise. In addition, horses/ponies should be cross-tied safely, and never left unattended. Horses/ponies should not be tied within reach of other horses/ponies so as not to risk injury due to kicking or biting.

### Equipment Areas

#### Storage:

There should be storage stalls for all feed, hay, tack, grooming supplies and tools that horses/ponies cannot get into. Tack and supplies should be arranged so that they are accessible and well-maintained; items that are haphazardly placed are not useful, nor will they remain intact for long. Tools should be stored together so that they can serve their function. Extra bedding and hay should be kept in one area and should not be loose; tying bags and bales decreases the likelihood of its escape. Grain should be kept in tightly sealed containers.

#### Organization:

Equipment should be accessible to everyone but horses/ponies; doors should be kept closed, but should not be padlocked (this prevents people from easily obtaining supplies and feed). The overall area should be neat, with things picked up and arranged in a logical order and free from clutter.

### Barn

#### Appearance:

Aisles should be clear and clean, without chairs, tools, grooming supplies, coolers, etc. obstructing the walkway or stalls. Further, hair clippings, hoof debris, manure, hay, etc. should be raked up and thrown away. The barn decorations should have a consistent theme as chosen by

the club and should not interfere with the functional operation of the barn. Stable management is first and foremost about horse care, not decorations.

**Safety:**

All barns should have a first aid kit, fire extinguisher, flashlight and jack knife that are visible and accessible (not locked in a stall). Bonus points will be given for carefully organized first aid kits for horses/ponies and humans, and for flashlights, jack knives and fire extinguishers that are also readily accessible. Though these items may not need to be employed, the value of having them on hand in case of an emergency is inexpressible.

**Organization:**

In order to run a successful barn, it is important for there to be good communication among the caretakers and clearly defined tasks that allow for the smooth operation of the facility. A set of stable rules should be posted to alert people to the expectations of behavior and safety regulations. A schedule of chores will ensure that the management practices outlined above will be carried out for the benefit of the horses/ponies, which is the main concern of any horse/pony facility. Additionally, the name and contact number of the club leader or responsible party should be posted so that any problems or concerns may be quickly brought to their attention and addressed appropriately.

**4Her Participation**

The goal of the 4H program is to encourage active learning among youth, so it is vital that the 4H members be responsible for themselves and their horses/ponies. All 4Hers should be involved in the care of their horses/ponies, including feeding, watering, grooming, cleaning stalls and tack, exercising, etc. Points will be quickly deducted if parents or other adults are observed caring for horses/ponies instead of the 4Hers. Minimal assistance is acceptable, but the bulk of the work is to be done solely by the 4Her.

**4.** A county may score a total of one-hundred (100) points with each inspection and all counties will be inspected the same number of times daily. Counties participating for one day will have their average total score for that day compared to the average score of other counties. Size of the stable and/or number of horses being maintained will have no bearing on the county's daily score.

**5.** Awards will be given through five (5) places, and Danish Ribbons will be given to the top 5 teams as well.

**6.** The decision of the judges is final.

**7.** Score forms will be available for review only in the Horse Show office at the end of the show. Copies will be mailed to each participating county and/or club at a later date.

**KENTUCKY 4-H HORSE STABLE MANAGEMENT COMPETITION SCORE SHEET**

County/Club _____	Barn _____	Day _____				
<u>WATER</u> (15 points)						<u>COMMENTS</u>
Clean/free from debris	0	1	2	3	4	5
Amount	0	1	2	3	4	5
Buckets mounted safely	0	1	2	3	4	5
<u>STALLS</u> (35 points)						
*Bedding						
Depth/ amount of bedding	0	1	2	3	4	5
Cleanliness	0	1	2	3	4	5
*Safety						
No foreign objects/wires present	0	1	2	3	4	5
Horse unable to escape	0	1	2	3	4	5
Halter/lead accessible	0	1	2	3	4	5
*Stall cards						
General information	0	1	2	3	4	5
Emergency contacts	0	1	2	3	4	5
<u>HORSE/PONY APPEARANCE</u> (20 points)						
Healthy	0	1	2	3	4	5
Clean	0	1	2	3	4	5
Happy Comfortable	0	1	2	3	4	5
Safe Handling Practices	0	1	2	3	4	5
<u>EQUIPMENT AREA</u> (30 points)						
*Storage of:						
Tack/Grooming supplies	0	1	2	3	4	5
Bedding / Hay	0	1	2	3	4	5
Grain/ Supplements	0	1	2	3	4	5
Tools	0	1	2	3	4	5
*Organization						
Equipment accessible	0	1	2	3	4	5
Neatly kept	0	1	2	3	4	5
<u>BARN</u> (30 points)						
*Appearance						
Aisles clear and clean	0	1	2	3	4	5
Theme consistent	0	1	2	3	4	5
*Safety						
First Aid Kit	0	1	2	3		
30. Bonus: horse and human kits	0	1	2			
Emergency Evacuation Plan posted	0	1	2	3		
31. Bonus: Fire Extinguisher	0	1	2			
*Organization						
Stable Rules posted	0	1	2	3		
Chore Schedule posted	0	1	2	3		
Club contacts/ responsible parties identified	0	1	2	3	4	
<u>4HER PARTICIPATION</u> (50 points)						
Feeding/ Watering	0	2	4	6	8	10
Cleaning stalls/ tack	0	2	4	6	8	10
Grooming	0	2	4	6	8	10
Decorating	0	2	4	6	8	10
General participation	0	2	4	6	8	10

## **SOUTHERN REGIONAL 4-H HORSE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**The Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships rotate to one of the thirteen states that make up the southern region (Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Arkansas, Tennessee and Kentucky. This event takes place the end of July/first of August each year.**

**Each state can send 42 horses/ponies and riders to this event in addition to two(2) individuals or teams in the Horse Contests events outlined in the Leaders' Guide.**

**Horse Showing Qualification for this event will be evaluated in the following order:**

- 1) 4-Hers must qualify and compete at the KY State 4-H Horse Show the same year they attend Southern Regionals.**

**If more than 42 4-H'ers wish to exhibit their horses at the Southern Regionals, then the following will be used for selection.**

- 2) 4-H'ers earning the highest number of "High Point" points at the KY State 4-H Horse Show**
- 3) 4-H'ers earning the highest numerical placings (first - tenth) at the KY State 4-H Horse Show**
- 4) 4-H'ers earning the highest Danish Ribbons (blue, red or white) at the KY State 4-H Horse Show**
- 5) Senior 4-H'ers, ages 14 - 18, take precedence over Junior 4-H'ers ( 9 - 13)**
- 6) Number of exhibitors a 4-H'er beats at the KY State 4-H Horse Show**

**Entries for the Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships can only be made through the State 4-H Horse Office. Entry information will be available at the KY State 4-H Horse Show each year. Consult the KY 4-H Horse Program web site for the year's schedule and current information.**

### **USE OF 4-H NAME AND EMBLEM**

The use of the name and emblem of 4-H club work is regulated by federal law. The law states that only activities or programs under the supervision of the Cooperative Extension Service may use the name and emblem of 4-H club work. Therefore, any local, county, district or state 4-H horse activity or program must have the approval of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service through county, district or state personnel. Shows, events or programs sponsored by other organizations or individuals, and activities which do not provide separate events for 4-H members are not permitted

to use the name and emblem of 4-H club work. In these cases, the name Junior Horse Show or similar name should be used.

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