

**DISTRICT (5)
4-H HORSE SHOW RULES**

1. Everyone **MUST** show in a showmanship class.
2. An up-to-date **NEGATIVE COGGINS & CVI** (health papers) should be available at check-in.
3. No dogs allowed!
4. Only 4-H members are to ride the project horse.
5. Only District (5) Horse Council members, judges and 4-H agents are allowed in the entry booth.
6. The timer is to be supervised by a District (5) Horse Council member and/or respective judge.
7. The decision of the judge will be final in all classes. No judge may be approached by an exhibitor, trainer and/or parent. Any discussion or comments must be addressed to a District Horse Show Committee Member.
8. No coaching, standing on rail or excessive loud noise during any part of the show. In instances where obvious coaching, or horse and/or rider cueing occurs, that participant maybe disqualified for that class by the show management. Examples of verbal cues such as *“hey”*, *“lift”*, *“set”*, *“kick”*, *“whip”* or other abrupt commands/cues from anyone other than the rider during a timed run can be considered coaching. The District (5) Horse Show Committee reserves the right to correct your actions.
9. If a contestant at the district show **DOES NOT PLAN ON SHOWING AT THE STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW**, they must let their county horse leader know before the district show is over.
10. Contestants must show in **EXACTLY** the same classes at the State 4-H Horse Show as those qualified in at district show. Showmanship at state is only required when working toward high point. If going to state exhibitors must complete a state stall form & photo ID form.
11. Riders must wear appropriate division attire including boots and no tennis shoes. For additional questions on all class attire please refer to the 2011 4-H Horse Program Rule Book.
12. All 4-Hers riding or driving horse at the District & State shows are required to wear an ASTM-SEI Equestrian Helmet at all times according to the 2011 4-H Horse Program Rule Book.
13. Gate rule for contest classes: Begin run at designated point. Gate will close after rider has entered arena and will remain closed until run is finished.
14. Riders will be allowed to finish the pattern within an allowable time limit to be determined by the judge. Schooling of a horse in the arena will not be permitted.
15. Once the gate is closed, the contestant will have 45 seconds to break the timer light. If not done so the contestant will be excused and receive a **No time**.
16. Contest contestants are not permitted any assistance beyond the arena gate into the arena. A handler on foot, designated by the rider/parent/guardian, at their own risk, may assist the rider/horse in the outside of the arena, in the holding pen and up to the gate of the arena.
17. To insure safety of the contestants, **No horses are to be tied outside their stall.** You may purchase an additional stall for your tack.

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18. All ponies must be measured the day of the district show. Measurements will be taken only once and made by an Official District (5) Measuring Committee member. Pony measurements are as follows:

ENGLISH – 14.2 hands & under
 HUNTER – 14.2 hands & under
 WESTERN – 14 hands & under

19. The height verification of the Miniature Horse Shall be 38 inches and as stated in the 2011 state 4-H rule book on page M-2 of the Mini Division.

20. All ponies and mini's must be measured prior to the start of the show.

21. No blocking or plugging electric cords into restrooms.

22. NO PARKING around barn area.

23. NO SLEEPING/CAMPING IN BARN.

24. NO RIDING PAST 11pm the night before the show

- An Adult must be present
- Helmets must be worn
- Lights Out at 11:00pm

**BEFORE LEAVING DISTRICT SHOW
YOU MUST:**

- Check-In with Respective County leader to **pay State Show entry fees, stall fees & gate pass**

FOR Horse EMERGENCY CALL:

Dr. Don Wilkey (606) 787-8288 ~ **Veterinarian**
 Travis Florence (270) 735-5159 ~ **Farrier**

Examples of qualifying for state show.

1 **4 classes entered:**
 -3 red/blue ribbons
 -1 white ribbons
 = qualifies for state in all 4 classes

4 **3 classes entered:**
 - 2 red/blue ribbons
 - 1 white ribbon
 = qualifies for state in all 3 classes

Extra bags of shavings can be purchased @ \$6 per bag

2 **4 classes entered:**
 - 2 red/blue ribbons
 - 2 white ribbons
 = qualifies only in 2 red/blue classes

5 **3 classes entered:**
 - 1 red/blue ribbon
 - 2 white ribbons
 = qualifies only in 1 red/blue class

PLEASE – clean stalls before you leave & dump manure in appropriate place

3 **4 classes entered:**
 - 1 red/blue ribbon
 - 3 white ribbons
 = qualifies only in 1 red/blue class

6 **2 classes entered:**
 - 2 red/blue ribbons
 - 0 white ribbons
 = qualifies for state in both classes

Concessions will be available both days of the show starting at about 8:00 am each morning

7 **2 classes entered:**
 - 1 red/blue ribbon
 - 1 white ribbon
 = qualifies only in 1 red/blue class

Class results will be announced & exhibitors may pick up ribbons after their class

ALL WHITE RIBBONS IN CLASSES = NO QUALIFICATION!!