

2008 STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW RULEBOOK

General Show and Class Rules Section

Contents

General Show and Class Rules

Standards for Showmanship

Horse Drill Team Competition

Horse Stable Management Competition

Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships

Use of 4-H Name and Emblem

Acknowledgments

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 6,000 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. Today's youth are accepting the challenges that horses and horsemanship offer, and all evidence indicates even more meaningful programs in the future.

This handbook provides a uniform set of rules and regulations which are intended to 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. Contestants 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

4-H members may show in only one (1) of the above divisions including open invitational classes.

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.

2. Contestants must meet membership requirements established by the 4-H program.

3. Contestants 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.

4. 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. Contestants 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-Hers 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-Hers' 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/4horse) under 4-H Rules and Resources. Leased horses may be used by one family only per year.

5. 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.

6. Each contestant can enter only one horse or pony (designated project horse) and that horse/pony must be ridden by only that contestant. 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 contestant 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. Exception: Open invitational entries in Team Penning may ride their horse on a maximum of three different teams. In Team Penning, siblings may ride the same horse/pony up to the three team/ride limit.

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, contestants 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 contestant'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. Contestants must show in exactly the same classes at the State 4-H Horse Show that the contestant 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 contestants competing in a county or district 4-H horse show are 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 contestants 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 contestant must receive > 50%

blue or red Danish Ribbons in all classes.

- If the contestant receives < 50% blue or red Danish Ribbons in all classes, then the contestant can only qualify for the State show in the classes they did receive a blue or red Danish Ribbon.
- If any contestants 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. Horses/ponies suspected of being under the influence of any drug, chemical or caustic agent which would alter their natural performance and/or horses/ponies having granulated tissue, raw or bleeding sores from old or new scars due to prior mistreatment and horses declared lame by the judge will be disqualified. Any horse/pony is subject to drug-testing.

15. 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. Unruly horses/ponies will be excused from the show arena at any time show officials consider the safety of the contestant, or other contestants and/or horses is in danger.

17. 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 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.

18. 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 no parents, trainers, any other adults or other 4-Her's are NOT allowed to school (riding or driving), and/or lunge horses at the District and/or State 4-H Horse Show. Only 4-Her's should be riding, schooling, and lunging their own project horse. If the 4-Her's project horse is seen being schooled and/or lunged by anyone but the 4-Her, show management should be informed immediately and the **4-Her will be at risk for disqualification.**

There will be no assistance to the 4-H member and his or her horse/pony by any groom, attendant or any other individual 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.

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

20. All Miniature horses and ponies (except those used for drill team only) 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. Contestants will have their back numbers stamped following the measurement of their Miniature horse or pony. It is the responsibility of the contestants and/or the contestant's leader, parent(s) or agent to provide any necessary restraint during the measurement process. The following procedures will be followed during all 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 and 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 Miniature horses and ponies for measurement.
- Handlers must not interfere in any way that will prevent the Miniature horse or pony from standing in the correct position.
- Handlers may not have an direct physical contact with the Miniature horse or pony in a way that could influence the measurement, except that a handler may cover the eye.
- Miniature horses and ponies may be presented with or without shoes. A 2cm variance will be allowed for those presented without shoes.
- American Saddlebreds will only be measured from the bottom of the actual hoof to the top of the withers.

21. 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.

22. 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.

23. RIDING SAFETY HELMET POLICY

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. 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 rider, 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.

24. Ample schooling time for jumping contestants and their horses/ponies will be permitted either the night before or the day that their classes are to be held. Contestants will need to sign up for a jumping practice time when they register, and all contestants who do not sign up for a time will not be allowed to school over fences.

25. If a horse/pony casts a shoe during a class, the contestant 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 contestant is not ready to resume the class, the contestant will be excused from the arena.

26. 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 th
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

27. A fall by the rider in any equitation class from his or her horse will be grounds for disqualification from that class. (Exception: Drill Team Competition)

28. 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, 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.

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

30. 4-H horses/ponies exhibited at the State 4-H Horse Show are not to leave the Kentucky State Fair Grounds until the end of that horse/pony's show. If horses/ponies are transported off the grounds during the course of their particular show they may not return and will be disqualified.

31. 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.

32. 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.

33. 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.

34. When contestant is called off pattern by the judge he or she must exit the arena immediately, if contestant does not leave he or she will be disqualified from the rest of 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 and contest divisions will follow rules set forth by the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA), the english 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), and the walking/racking division will follow rules set forth by the National Horse Show Commission, Inc. (NHSC), the Racking Horse Breeders' Association of American (RHBA), the Rocky Mountain Horse

Association, and the Kentucky Mountain Saddle Horse Association.

STANDARDS FOR SHOWMANSHIP

The same class procedure will be used for all exhibitors in all showmanship classes. The showmanship class uses the horse/pony as a means for exhibitors to display their ability to fit and show a horse/pony properly.

The real purpose of showmanship is to learn the best way to fit and train a horse or pony so that the best attributes of the horse/pony can be seen by the judge or potential buyer. Showmen are reminded that they are being judged on the fitting, training and showing of their horse/pony. The horse/pony's conformation is not to be considered in the judging of this class. Showmen must wear the appropriate attire for the division in which they are participating.

Showmanship classes will be given two sets of awards. The winner will be given an award and ribbon. Ribbons will also be given for 2nd through 10th place. In addition, youth will be given a Danish Ribbon. The Danish System allows for deserving youth to be recognized for their accomplishments and does not limit a judge to recognize only the top ten youth in a class.

The procedure for judging large classes and the pattern to be used will be left to the discretion of the judge.

SCORING FOR SHOWMANSHIP CLASS

I. Appointments - 25%

A. Personal Appearance: Contestants should be neat, clean, well groomed, attentive, courteous and wearing appropriate attire for the type of horse being shown.

1. Walking/Racking/Mountain: Attire for this class may be either Saddleseat (English) or Western, but not a combination of both, and must be clean and neat. Whips are not permitted if showing with Western Attire.
2. Saddleseat: Appropriate Saddleseat riding habit.
3. Miniature: Appropriate English or Western attire. Hat, gloves, boots and long sleeved shirts/blouses or jacket are required.
4. Hunter: Appropriate English riding habit.
5. Western: Western attire including a Western hat and boots.

Contestants may carry a whip or crop which is no more than thirty-six (36) inches in length, only in the Walking/Racking/Mountain and English Divisions. The use of the whip or crop will only be as an extension of the showman's arm to alert, signal and/or direct the horse/pony. Contestants are not permitted to touch any part of the horse/pony with the whip or the crop.

B. Equipment: Clean and properly adjusted equipment should be used.

1. Walking/Racking/Mountain division exhibitors may use either an English bridle or an English halter and they must wear English attire. Western attire is worn if a western halter is used.
2. Horses/ponies must be shown in an English bridle in the Saddleseat Division.
3. Miniatures are shown in a neat, clean halter.
4. A Hunter type bridle is to be used in the Hunter division.
5. Halters (leather, nylon or rope) must be used in the Western division. A lead shank of adequate length should be used with the chain portion doubled through the snap ring on the halter or run under the chin and snapped to the side of the halter.

When a double or full bridle is used, contestants may show with either both reins down or with the snaffle rein secured at the withers and the curb rein down.

II. Horse and Pony (fitting and grooming) - 25%

A. The horse or pony should be clean and well groomed. Fitting for show is a year-round job. Daily grooming and good nutrition are very important to the hair coat and fitness of the horse/pony. Just before entering the ring, the showman should rub the horse/pony down with a grooming cloth to remove any dust which may have accumulated since brushing. Avoid using an oily grooming cloth since oil will attract dust. Wipe the ears, around the eyes, nostrils, lip, sheath and anus with a damp cloth or sponge; or with a cloth that has a small amount of baby oil or Vaseline on it to add luster to these areas.

B. Horses and ponies should be clipped approximately one week before showing to allow for some regrowth to cover up any minor mistakes. The long hairs inside the ears, around the muzzle, under the chin and jaw, on the bridle path, fetlocks and lower legs should be clipped.

Walking/Racking/Mountain Horse Division

Horses/ponies must be shown with a full mane that may or may not be braided. Horses/ponies may be braced, have artificial hair pieces applied and have their tails set according to recognized practices for that type of horse/pony.

Saddleseat Trotting Division

Horses or ponies may be shown with either a full or clipped mane that is either braided or unbraided according to recognized practices for that breed.

Miniature Division

Horses may be shown with a full or clipped coat. The hair coat should be clean, well brushed, mane and tail free from tangles and clean, and hooves trimmed properly and clean. If showing in full coat, inside of ears, long hair on jaw, legs and pasterns should be clipped. No ribbons, braids, glitter or any decorative appurtenances are allowed.

Hunter Division

The mane should be thinned and shortened to approximately four inches in length by pulling out the excess hair. However, full manes are permitted. Tails should hang well below the hocks. Braiding the mane and tail and checkerboarding the croup and banging the tail are all optional.

Western Division

Horse or pony may be shown with either a full or clipped mane. Full manes should be thinned by pulling out the excess hair. Tails should hang well down below the hocks. The feet should be neatly trimmed or properly shod. The use of hoof polish or dressing is optional.

III. Method of showing - 50%

A. Leading:

1. Contestants must be able to walk, trot, turn, stop and back as directed by the pattern or ring officials.
2. Always lead from the left side at an alert walk following the judge's direction, never in front of the horse/pony. The horse/pony's head should be about even or slightly in front of your shoulder. The horse/pony should travel willingly with his body in a straight line in the same direction being traveled. Exhibitors must have the right hand on the lead when leading their horse/pony. The left hand will contain the remainder of the reins or lead in a loosely coiled loop or in a figure eight. The exhibitor should walk in a brisk, alert manner and give the appearance that you and your horse or pony are a team.
3. Run by the left side of the horse/pony when you are showing him at trot. The horse/pony should be traveling alertly and willingly with his head up (not too high). The exhibitor should run with good posture and vitality.
4. The horse/pony should always be reversed by turning to the right. Turn in as small an area as possible and attempt to keep his hind legs in one place while turning (this allows you to keep the horse/pony lined up with the judge). Any turn requiring more than 90 degrees should also, be made to the right.
5. Always move your horse/pony directly toward or away from the judge unless specific instructions are otherwise given by the judge.

B. Working the Judge (All Divisions):

1. When setting up your horse/pony, stand out diagonally from the horse/pony's shoulder but never directly in front of the horse/pony. Always be in a position where you can observe your horse/pony and the judge at the same time. As the judge moves around the horse, the exhibitor must respond accordingly. When the judge is in front of the horse/pony the exhibitor should be

on the opposite side away from the judge, so as not to block the judge's view. When the judge moves down one side of the horse/pony and passes the middle of the withers the exhibitor should cross over in front of the horse/pony so that he/she is now on the same side as the judge. This allows you to see your horse/pony and continue to have eye contact with the judge. As the judge passes behind the horse/pony and crosses over to the other side, the exhibitor should cross in front of the horse/pony to remain on the same side with the judge. Once again when the judge approaches you and crosses the middle of the withers the exhibitor should cross over to be on the opposite side from the judge, so as not to obstruct his/her vision of the horse/pony. This procedure allows the judge an unobstructed view of the horse/pony and allows the exhibitors to show their horses/ponies to the best of their ability. It also will allow exhibitors to keep an eye on their horse/pony and the judge without having to look through, under or over their horse/pony.

2. Stance of the horse/pony.

a. Horses/ponies in the Walking/Racking/Mountain Horse Division can be either parked or set up squarely. Parked horses/ponies may be either lead up or backed out of the stretch before being asked to move.

b. Horses/ponies in the Saddleseat Division can be set up differently depending on the breed. Saddlebred and Morgan horses should always be parked while Arabian horses should be set with their front feet square and their rear feet slightly offset. Parked horses/ponies may be either lead up or backed out of the stretch before being asked to move.

c. Horses in the Miniature Division should be shown not stretched, which means all four(4) feet are flat on the ground and at least one front and one rear cannon bone remain perpendicular to the ground. Stretched horses to be penalized after the initial warning by the judge in each class.

d. Hunter Type Horses/Ponies can be set up with their front and rear feet set squarely under them or with the back feet offset.

e. Western Horses/Ponies should always be set up with their front and rear feet set squarely under them.

4. Keep your position in line and allow reasonable space between your horse/pony and others. Never allow your horse/pony to interfere with other horses/ponies.

5. If asked to change positions in line, back your horse/pony out of line and approach the new position from the rear. Be careful when walking up behind other horses/ponies and allow yourself plenty of room to enter.

6. Quickly recognize and correct any faults in your horse/pony. All communication between the exhibitor and the horse/pony shall be through the lead shank or reins which may be accompanied by subtle voice commands. Exhibitors can not directly touch any part of their horse/pony unless

the judge touches (i.e. disturbs the mane or moves the halter or bridle) the horse in front of the shoulder. At such time, the exhibitor should correct the disarray created by the judge.

7. Remember - Move quickly, quietly and with confidence when showing your horse/pony. Be courteous, respond promptly to directions and display good horsemanship at all times.

HORSE & PONY DRILL TEAM COMPETITION

1. The State 4-H Horse & Pony Drill Team Competition will be held during the State 4-H Horse Show.
2. Contestants are not required to ride their project horses/ponies nor must they own the horse/pony to be ridden. However, all contestants must be a current member of a 4-H club and between the ages of 9-18 as of January 1st of the current year.
3. No stallions or blind horses/ponies may be entered in the competition and all entries must be signed by the contestant's parent or guardian and county extension agent.
4. Teams will consist of at least six (6), but no more than twenty-four (24) horses/ponies. If necessary, team members may be from more than one (1) county. Clubs can enter more than one team, but no member may ride on both teams. Each Drill Team will fall into one of two categories: 6-12 member teams and 13-24 member teams.
5. 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 necessitates the stopping of a routine will not count toward the twelve (12) minute period.
6. Assistants may enter or exit the arena to set up props, however, they will not be counted as part of the drill team. After drill begins, no unmounted person allowed in arena and no unsafe props used.
7. 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. All drill teams must perform a minimum of five maneuvers. **Unsound horses or ponies will not be allowed to participate. The entire team is subject to disqualification, at the discretion of the judge(s), should a horse or pony be deemed unsound. All judges' decisions are final.**
8. Individual drill teams can not enter more than one routine in any one competition. However, previous State 4-H Horse Drill Team Champions may again compete in the competition.
9. No bareback riding is permitted. **ASTM-SEI Equestrian Helmets** and boots are required. Rider's reins must be single or knotted split. Riders have the option of riding with one or both hands. **Drills can consist of Mounted Teams and Driving Teams, however CAN NOT consist of a combination of the two.**
10. No coaching from the rail of arena. This includes coaches and parents.

11. Elaborate costumes and props should not bias or influence score of overall uniformity and precision.

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

13. 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.

14. 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.

KENTUCKY 4-H HORSE DRILL TEAM SCORE SHEET

EVALUATION	VALUE	SCORE	REMARKS
Execution - 350 points			
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		
Performance and Manners of Horses - 40 points			
Performance of Horses	25 pts		
Manners of Horses	15 pts		
Originality, Variety and Attractiveness of Patterns - 75 points			
Originality of Patterns	25 pts		
Variety of Patterns	25 pts		
Attractiveness of Patterns	25 pts		
Spectacularity, Crowd Appeal and Theme - 100 points			
Spectacularity	25 pts		
Crowd Appeal	25 pts		
Theme	50 pts		
Degree of Difficulty - 75 points			
Degree of Difficulty	75 pts		
Horsemanship - 30 points			
Use of aids, driver or rider position	15 pts		
Riders ability to maintain gaits for appropriate breed throughout the drill	15 pts		
General Impression - 30 points			
General Impression	30 pts		

TOTAL POINTS (700 Points Possible)

--

PENALTY POINTS TO BE ASSESSED	SCORE	REMARKS
Broken Tack, Dropped Item, and/ or Dropped Flag		
-10 points per occurrence		
Fall of a Horse or Rider		
Fall as a result of a collision between horses (-25 points per occurrence)		
Fall not resulting from a collision (-10 points per occurrence)		
Re-Group/ Off Course		
-10 points per occurrence		
Over/ Under Time Allowed		
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.
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 _____

WATER (15 points)

	0	1	2	3	4	5
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

COMMENTS

STALLS (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

HORSE/PONY APPEARANCE (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

EQUIPMENT AREA (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

BARN (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		
---------------	---	---	---	---	--	--

· Bonus: horse and human kits	0	1	2			
Emergency Evacuation Plan posted	0	1	2	3		
· 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, West Virginia, 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-Hers wish to exhibit their horses at the Southern Regionals, then the following will be used for selection.

- 2) 4-Hers earning the highest number of "High Point" points at the KY State 4-H Horse Show

- 3) 4-Hers earning the highest numerical placings (first - tenth) at the KY State 4-H Horse Show

- 4) 4-Hers earning the highest Danish Ribbons (blue, red or white) at the KY State 4-H Horse Show

- 5) Senior 4-Hers, ages 14 - 18, take precedence over Junior 4-Hers (9 - 13)

- 6) Number of exhibitors a 4-Her 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.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Acknowledgment is hereby given to the following associations and organizations for use of reference materials used in portions of this publications: THE AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION, APPALOOSA HORSE CLUBS OF AMERICA, UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION, INTERNATIONAL RODEO ASSOCIATION, NATIONAL SNAFFLE BIT HORSE ASSOCIATION, NATIONAL HORSE SHOW COMMISSION, INC., RACKING HORSE BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, TEXAS 4-H HORSE PROGRAM, TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE BREEDERS' AND EXHIBITORS' ASSOCIATION AND THE FLORIDA 4-H HORSE PROGRAM.