

HORSE & PONY

MANUAL: 4-H 661 Indiana Horse and Pony Handbook (1 per family); Horse and Horsemanship 1st year; Horse Science 2nd year; BU-8053 Level 1 (Gr. 3 – 5) Giddy Up & Go; BU-8054 Level 2 (Gr. 6 – 8) Head, Heart & Horses; BU-8055 Level 3 (Gr. 9 – 12) Stable Relationship; BU-8056, Level 4 Riding the Range; BU-8057 Level 5 Jumping to New Heights.

RECORD SHEET: 4-H Horse & Pony Record Sheet

JUDGING: Thursday, July 2, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. – Versatility (Horse Arena)
Saturday, July 11, 2009 at 9:00 A.M. – halter (English & Western), performance (Western only), Mini 4-H, Horseless, & Challenged Riders (Horse Arena)
Saturday, July 18, 2009 at 9:00 A.M. – jumping & performance (English only) followed by contesting (Horse Arena)

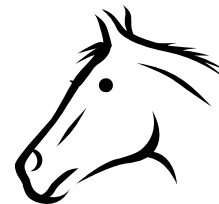
OBJECTIVE: The Horse and Pony project aims to help 4-H members to develop leadership, initiative, self-reliance and sportsmanship. An important objective of this project is for the 4-H member to experience the pride of owning a horse or pony and being responsible for its management. The 4-H Horse and Pony project will help boys and girls develop an appreciation of horseback riding as a healthy and wholesome form of recreation.

1. You must belong to the Howard County 4-H Horse and Pony Club.
2. The Club may adopt any other rules in addition to the following concerning their activities as long as they are in accordance with the General 4-H Rules and Regulations as governed by the Howard County 4-H Exhibit Association. Changes in the following rules must be submitted to the 4-H Exhibit Association at their September meeting for their final approval.
3. Project members must have access to a horse and pony, either by actual ownership, partnership or a leasing agreement approved by the 4-H Leader and Extension Educator. Lease agreement forms are available from the Extension Office. See Rule #3 under Livestock Exhibits Rules for further information on ownership and partnership requirements.
4. **Members must be enrolled in the project by MARCH 1st!** The Horse & Pony enrollment and ownership form must be completely filled out and returned to the Extension Office by MAY 15th. A color photograph of your horse must be attached to your horse & pony enrollment form. Members must have their animal(s) under their care and records started by MAY 15th. **The Liability Release Form must be signed by every 4-H member & parent and turned in by May 15th.**
5. A 4-H member may enter as many animals as desired.
6. No stallions are eligible to show except for weanlings.
7. Weanlings, yearlings, and two year olds must be shown as the height of the dam except if the height exceeds that of the dam.
8. After May 15th, there will be NO additions or substitutions or exchanges of horses and ponies enrolled FOR ANY REASON. Enroll any expected foals ahead of time. Where a 4-H member has enrolled only one animal and due to death or disability verified in writing by a licensed veterinarian, the 4-H member must submit to the 4-H Leader and Extension Educator written request to exhibit another animal (which will not be eligible for State Fair), OR the 4-H member may complete the project by submitting a completed record sheet and by assisting at the county show.

9. Any given beef, dairy, horses, ponies, goats, sheep and swine MAY NOT be enrolled by more than one 4-H member, except for brothers and sisters and then only on separate forms.
10. All classes shall be judged by the Indiana 4-H Horse and Pony Handbook (per current edition) rules including tack and attire. Member may receive one copy free during his/her tenure in 4-H. Additional copies will have a charge.

11. **JUDGE'S DECISION WILL BE FINAL.**

12. There will be six (6) placings in each class.
13. Animals may only be shown or ridden once in any one class.
14. All animals must be sound and healthy. Any questionable animal may be removed by a licensed veterinarian.
15. All animals must enter and exit the show arena in a controlled manner for gaming classes only.
16. All 4-H members are required to wear a properly fitted ASTM or SEI standard F1163 (or above) certified helmet whenever mounted, or driving, at a 4-H horse and pony event, show, or activity. The 4-H member is responsible to see that this specified headgear is properly fitted with the approved harness fastened in place whenever mounted. Original tags must be present in all approved helmets. This policy applies to all county, area, and state 4-H horse and pony events, shows, and activities.
17. 4-H members must show their own animals unless physically unable to do so. In case of injury or sickness, the owner may have the animal shown by another Howard County 4-H member with the approval of the project superintendent. 4-H members who have two entries in a Champion Class may have another 4-H member show one of their animals. See Rule #9 under Livestock Exhibit Rules.
18. Qualification will no longer be required for the Indiana State Fair 4-H Horse and Pony show. The following changes will be made to the State Fair entry process:
 - a. All State Fair 4-H Horse and Pony entries will be due July 1st of the current year.
 - b. Any current 4-H member in Grades 3 – 12 may exhibit.
 - c. 4-H members may enter a total of two classes.
 - i. 1 in-hand class (halter or showmanship).
 - ii. 1 performance class (riding or driving; includes Color Guard).
 - d. It is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** that 4-H members have successfully completed the skills in the class they wish to enter at an Area or county show.
19. All Club members are expected to adhere to the principles of acceptable behavior including a respect for the other person's rights and property, refrain from foul and abusive language or intimidation, and all other actions deemed contrary to the principles and intent of the 4-H program. All actions on and off horses are subject to the show committee.
20. **BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS OF 4-H MEMBERS:** 4-H members, when participating or acting on behalf of the 4-H program, are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the accepted standards of social behavior, to respect the rights of others, and to refrain from any conduct which may be injurious to the 4-H program. The following actions constitute misconduct for which 4-H members may be subject to disciplinary penalties:
 - a. Dishonesty in connection with any 4-H activity by cheating or knowingly furnishing false information.
 - b. Alteration or the unauthorized use of 4-H records.
 - c. Obstruction or disruption of any 4-H activity or aiding and encouraging other persons to engage in such conduct.
 - d. Failure to comply with specific rules of a given project, contest, or activity.
 - e. Failure to comply with directions of 4-H officials acting in the proper performance of their duties.



PENALTIES: If, in the opinion of the state 4-H leader or designee, evidence of alteration and/or excessive outside help and/or unethical preparation and/or misconduct is noted, the exhibit and/or 4-H member may be disqualified from the show and/or all premiums and/or awards forfeited and/or the 4-H member may be subject to a one year disbarment from participation in that project and/or other related 4-H projects and/or events and/or activities. Further, enforcement may be selective which does not waive the state 4-H leader's right to enforce collectively at a future date and appropriate circumstance.

21. Parents that are unruly will be warned once, and then told to leave.
22. In exception to the state fair 1 horse/1 rider rule, immediate family members may ride the same horse if that is the only horse that is available to them. The decision of who will go to state fair must then be decided by the family. 4-H members, who share their project animal at the county show with a physically disabled person, will not be penalized under the 1 horse/1 rider rule.
23. Specified walk-trot classes are for **beginners** and these entrants may not enter any canter classes regardless of the animal to be shown.
24. All 4-H members shall be encouraged to vaccinate their animals.
25. **The Project Completion requirements are:**
 - a. Select a horse or pony and care for it.
 - b. Complete the project book and project record sheet and submit it to the superintendent or designated person before the start of the show.
26. **The Club / Award requirements are:**
 - a. Exhibit your animal at the county show unless death or disability as stated earlier prevents this.
 - b. It is highly suggested to attend three (3) meetings of the Howard County 4-H Horse and Pony Club.
27. High point award will be based on a point system with a Junior, Intermediate, and Senior winner. Horse and rider receiving the most points in the most classes will be the high point winner. Point accumulation shall be determined by policy as voted by 4-H members.
28. A 4-H member must exhibit an animal in order to receive premium money.
29. In the event of conflict of general rules or any matter not covered by rules, the Horse and Pony Superintendent will govern in consultation with the Extension Educator.
30. The following two classes are available for those 4-H members who qualify for the "therapeutic" riding program. 4-H enrollment deadline for all projects, including horse & pony, is March 1st:
 - a. Walk-trot equitation/horsemanship: Purpose – Walk-trot equitation/horsemanship provides an opportunity for 4-H members to participate whose inexperience or disability prevents them from safely riding their animal at the canter or lope. Exhibitor will display his or her ability as a rider, i.e. the seat, leg, hand position and ability to control and show the mount, in a class that is appropriate to the skill level. Exhibitors in this class may not show in any class requiring the canter (lope) at the same show. Walk-trot equitation/horsemanship is to be evaluated by the performance of the horse as a reflection of the ability of the rider.
 - b. Leadline equitation/horsemanship: Purpose – Leadline equitation/horsemanship provides an opportunity to participate for 4-H members whose inexperience or disability prevents them from controlling their animal independently. The exhibitor will display his or her ability as a rider, i.e. the seat, hand, leg position and ability to steer and show the mount, in a class that is appropriate to their skill level. Exhibitors in this class may not show in any class requiring independent riding at a trot (jog) or canter (lope) at the same show. Leadline equitation/horsemanship is to be evaluated on the rider's position, and active involvement in guiding the animal.