Gladwin County
4-H Horse Project
Rules and Guidelines

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION
“Bringing Knowledge to Life!”

January 10, 2013
1. You must show the animal that you won with at the County Fair at the State 4-H Horse Show. All entries for the fair must be checked by leaders and the 4-H office for errors. Project animals must meet State 4-H requirements.

2. To complete a 4-H Horse Project, members must exhibit their animals or projects at the Gladwin County Fair and/or have an exhibit at the 4-H Spring Achievement Day.

3. In the event an error in height of equine or age of exhibitor is discovered, it should be brought to the attention of the club member, leaders, and then to the show secretary. The exhibitor would then be changed to the proper class along with previous earned points. In the event a clerical error has been discovered after the horse show is completed and points have been tallied, the standing will be changed to reflect the correction.

4. Exhibitors must be enrolled in an organized 4-H club in Gladwin County.

5. Members must own or have access to the horse or pony by May 1st of that project year if they are to show at the fair. The project form is due at the MSU Extension Office by May 1st.

6. Members may show one horse at the fair or may show one mare and one weanling as one unit. Pregnant mares cannot be ridden at fair if mare is over 7 months gestation, however, the mare can be used for Showmanship. Burden of proof is on the exhibitor.

7. Points should be awarded as 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 for qualifying participants in all classes. It is suggested that 6 places should be given if possible, and points will be given according to the number of entries per class (w/maximum points given 6).

8. All Horses must be at the fair by 8 a.m. on the day of the 4-H horse show. Horses may come in on Sunday -- but at a designated time.

9. Any horse with a known kicking habit needs to have a red ribbon placed in tail immediately to signify warning for safety issues at all times, not just during shows. Any horse with a known biting habit should have sign on stall to let public know. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to display in either case.

10. There is to be no loose animals in the horse arena.

11. An alternate horse can only be shown with the approval of the Replacement Committee.

12. Required shots: 4 in 1 (includes Eastern and Western Encephalomyelitis, tetanus, and equine flu), Potomac Fever vaccine, and a current calendar year Coggins Test, is required for all 4-H Horses. We also highly recommend a DE wormer. You will need to show your original Coggins Test paper, plus proof of shots to Horse Barn Superintendent before being allowed to bring your horse to fair. This is all required to be done along with fair entries of the current show year.
13. An overall tie will be broken by the judge on that day.

14. If no more than five fair entries are received for Dressage or Jumping, it will be cancelled.

15. 5-8 Years Old Class - Showmanship, English Pleasure, Western Pleasure, English Equitation, Trail, Costume, Western Horsemanship, Speed Class – Walk Trct only.

16. All trophies will be awarded Friday at the Horse Arena. You need to be present to accept or approved by the 4-H Horse Barn Superintendent as to why you cannot attend.

17. Congress Points/Stallion Expo/Equine Affair or other Educational Expos:
   We will pay for 3 scholarships of $75.00 to members with the highest points, accumulated at The Gladwin County Fair.

18. If a member does not send a thank you to their trophy sponsor within 2 weeks of receiving their picture notification from MSU extension office, that member will not be allowed to show the following year. (This is new for the bylaws also.).

19. Novice is walk, jog, or trot only. Can be any age exhibitor and may use a horse or pony. 
   **Exhibitors are entered in Horsemaster Divisions through an evaluation of horse knowledge: with both mounted and dismounted skills reviewed. Exhibitor’s division MUST be determined by fair entry deadline. This program is administered by the Gladwin County 4-H Horse Project Association.**

20. NO animal is permitted to be shown by more than one exhibitor, with the exception of cloverbuds. However, horse owner/exhibitor is required to show first in trail class prior to cloverbud using that horse for trail.

21. All horse/pony exhibitors must show in showmanship and at least one other class.

22. If an exhibitor wins their showmanship, the horse that they showed/used must also participate in overall showmanship. If the exhibitor does not allow their horse to be used, the exhibitor will forfeit their showmanship trophy and will not be allowed to show fair the following year. No exceptions.