TUSCOLA COUNTY RULES FOR STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW QUALIFYING 2016

THE FOLLOWING THREE SHOWS WILL BE TUSCOLA COUNTY’S QUALIFIER SHOWS:

*Country Riders (June 11<sup>th</sup>)  Comb & Curry (June 18<sup>th</sup>)  The Wranglers (July 9<sup>th</sup>)*

1. Member must be at least 13 years old by January 1<sup>st</sup> to be eligible to attempt to qualify for the State 4-H Horse Show.

2. Points accumulated from qualifying shows will determine eligibility for the State 4-H Horse Show.

3. The points from each exhibitor’s best 2 out of 3 shows will be added together for a final point total. (You are not required to show at all the shows)

4. The exhibitor’s with the top point totals will be eligible for the State 4-H Horse Show. (Number to be determined by the State 4-H Horse Committee)

5. Points will be counted on how many are in the class, there must be 6 in the class for full points in the class. Only 3 in class, 3 points for first, etc.

6. Your points will be calculated based on 4 classes in either Pleasure Division (16-19 or 13-15 or Pony/Mini) or the Gymkhana Division (16-19 or 13-15 or Pony/Mini.)

7. Qualifying forms are due to the 4-H office or to Lora Pletcher by May 21<sup>st</sup> (4H Horse Leaders show). **No late forms or changes will be allowed.** (This is a Horse Leader’s rule, not an office decision)

8. Ties will be broken at the conclusion of the third show. Any exhibitor involved in the tie will ride the Western Riding pattern. This ride off will be judged separately from the Western Riding class and will be judged by the judge hired for that show. FLYING LEAD CHANGES NOT REQUIRED BUT ENCOURAGED, JUDGE PREFERRED.

9. **YOU MUST SHOW AT THE FAIR TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE STATE SHOW.** If you do not show at the fair your State Show entries will be forfeited, no refund will be made. State Qualifier paperwork & fees MUST BE to MSUE office no later than July 11<sup>th</sup>. **No late forms will be allowed.**

10. Stallions are not eligible as a 4-H project animal except in year foaled.

11. Ownership is encouraged but not required. The animal will be in the care and control of the member no later than May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

12. All 4-H Exhibitors are to follow the Helmet requirements as per the Michigan State University directions. You must have an approved helmet or you can not show in English (Saddle Seat Excluded) or Gymkhana Events.

13. When exhibitors participate at the State 4-H Horse Show they must show in the same division as the exhibitor qualified in, unless the exhibitor wishes to go in a division that is not offered in Tuscola County (State Show only).

14. Exhibitors must show with the same Horse/Rider Combination and same division at Qualifying Shows, Fair & State 4-H Horse Show.

15. If you attempt to qualify for the State 4-H Horse Show, you may not show in the Novice Division at the fair.