

HORSE PROJECT GUIDELINES



1. If you have any questions on your horse project, ask your leader before the show begins.
2. For educational information about the various types of horse classes, refer to the 4-H Horse & Pony Project "Show Rules & Regulations" available at MSU Extension.
3. Make sure all equipment (helmet, tack, etc.) is proper for your classes.
4. Have your horse bathed, clipped, and shaved the night before the show.
5. Arrive at the show early enough to get ready for classes (sign-up, get patterns, horse tacked, and properly dressed for showing.).
6. Have the show bill so you know when to be ready. For example: If you are in class #10 you should be ready and waiting and have learned the pattern by class #9. If the classes before you have the same pattern, you might watch a couple classes ahead of yours to observe the placement of the cones.

HORSE CARE BASICS

Brushes (Hard & Soft)	Rubber Bands
Mane & Tail Brush	Hoof Pick
Comb	Razor
Hoof Polish	Rags
Show Sheen (Hair Polish)	Leather Punch or Screw Driver
Fly Spray	Buckets for Water and Grain
Vaseline	Grain, Hay and Hay Bag

CLOTHING BASICS

Cowboy Hat or Helmet (ASTM-SEI Certified)
Western Shirt (long sleeve with collar) or English Shirt and English Coat
Tie, Scarf, Pin, Necklace, etc.
Clean Jeans or Show Pants or Breeches
Belt (according to discipline)
Chaps (optional)
Western Boots with Heel
Spurs (optional)

TACK BASICS

Clean Saddle with Cinch
Clean Saddle Pad
Headstall with Bit, Reins and Curb Strap
Clean Show Halter with Lead
Protective Boots (Gymkhana)
Contest Reins (Gymkhana)
Tie Down (Gymkhana)

In the pleasure division, you ride with split reins or romel reins in a shanked bit.
Make sure all leather is in good shape and all Chicago Screws are tight.