

LIVINGSTON COUNTY 4-H HORSE AND PONY PROJECT RULES (last revised 2013)

1. A 4-H member's project animal is defined as the animal signed up in Livingston County by 5:00 p.m. May 1 of that year. Only that project animal is eligible to be shown at Achievement Days, the Fowlerville Fair and at the State 4-H Horse Show by that delegate. Those signed up for the Young Animal Project may only show in the classes offered for young animals, unless an additional Horse/Pony Registration has been completed by May 1.
2. A Pony is defined as a mature animal 56" at the withers or less, unless registered in a pony breed which allows larger sizes. **No animal registered in a horse breed, regardless of size, may show in a pony class.** Ponies 52" – 56" may show in Pony or Horse classes, but not both.
3. At any Livingston County 4-H sanctioned show cantering ponies will be subject to measurement by two 4-H Leaders unless they can show pre-existing pony card to the Show Manager.
4. All ponies must be measured by two Livingston County 4-H horse leaders not in the member's club (measurers must be certified by the Horse Leaders' Association.) A pony card will be issued each year to pony until it reaches the age of five. At that time, a permanent pony card will be issued. If the permanent card is lost, there will be a \$2.00 fee to reissue and the pony must be re-measured. Cards issued by breed associations or the American Horse Shows Association may be accepted. An allowance of 1/2" for shoes and 3/4 inch for shoes and pads will be made. If challenged, any pony must submit to re-measurement. Ponies must be measured on a hard, flat surface. A new pony card will be issued if there is a change in rider or owner.
5. A walk/trot rider is defined as any 4-H member 18 years old and under who does not feel qualified to canter in the show ring. A walk/trot rider must not be cantering at any other 4-H events. Violation of this rule will result in rider being moved to cantering classes. All walk/trot members must ride in a performance class in order to participate in Gymkhana classes. If a rider wants to return to walk/trot with a new horse they must petition the Horse Leaders Association for approval by submitting a written request at least two weeks prior to the next Horse Leaders Association regularly scheduled meeting and then presenting it to the Horse Leaders either by themselves, through their leader or parent.
6. All shows will use the 4-H Horse and Pony Rules and Regulations Bulletin 4H 1145 (current version). This may be obtained at the MSU Extension Livingston County Office or on online at www.msue.msu.edu/horsekids as well as the Livingston County 4-H Horse & Pony Project Rules (current version). Clubs need to also abide by the MSU Cloverbud rules for 5-8 year olds.
7. In a gymkhana class anyone who crosses the barrier a second time will be disqualified.
8. A permanent back number will be assigned after all May 1st forms are in to May 1st horse/rider combinations. You are responsible for keeping this number to wear for the entire show season. This number is to be used at all shows for your May 1st animal. If you are riding a different animal you will need to use a different number for that animal.
9. Novice Cantering is for youth 18 and under, restricted to one year, regular showmanship classes with a minimum of two gymkhana classes offered. Novice Canter applies to rider only.
10. Jumping Rules- Riders are required to obtain a jumping card in order to jump at the fair. Cards will be distributed at the clinics. To obtain this card a member must participate in a Livingston County 4-H jumping clinic and successfully complete without any disqualifications any jumping class at one of the Livingston County 4-H shows with the horse that will be shown at the fair. This card must be shown to the show superintendent at fair check-in or you will be removed from the class. For the rules on these classes please see the 4-H Horse and Pony Rules and Regulations Bulletin 4H1145 (current version).
11. Jumping and trail equipment are available for club and approved organizations to rent for \$25.00 per season each. Trail equipment includes a gate, mailbox, bridge, ground poles, and cavalettis.

YOUNG HORSE OR YOUNG PONY PROJECT RULES

1. The animal must be registered in the MSU Extension office on the correct form (Livingston County 4-H Young Horse or Young Pony Registration) **by 5:00 p.m. May 1 of current year.**
2. The animal must be two years old or younger the **first time** it is registered by the 4-H member in this project to be considered for a young animal completion certificate.
3. A new form must be filed each year.
4. Classes for young animals will be offered at the yearly Achievement Days.
5. An animal enrolled in this project from age two years through the end of its fourth year or the exhibitor's 19th year and exhibited at least once at Achievement Days shall be awarded a young animal completion certificate at the annual Horse Awards Program.
6. No stallion may be shown except in the calendar year in which he was foaled.
7. The exhibitor of the animal must be enrolled in the Livingston County 4-H Horse and Pony Project.
8. If the animal is to be used as a regular project animal, a Livingston County 4-H Horse or Pony regular May 1st form must also be filed each year.
9. Animal registration for this project is non-transferable.
10. A young animal can only be shared by 4-H members in the same family. Each member must fill out a separate form.

STATE SHOW DELEGATE RULES

1. The 4-H State Show is a horse show in which all counties in Michigan may send delegates. The rider must be between the ages of 13-18 years, cantering and meet the following requirements to be eligible.
2. State Show delegates must use their May 1st project animal and must have a minimum of eight points earned in showing. At least 50% of the total points must be earned showing. Total points will be from the member's top two point shows prior to June 30th and bonus points from: Performance Levels, participation at the Leaders' Day Horse Show and participation in approved pattern classes. Bonus points cannot exceed showing points. Excess bonus points will not be counted.
 - A. LEVEL I Mandatory for consideration for State Show delegate. No additional points will be given.
 - B. LEVEL II Additional five points.
 - C. LEVEL III Additional five points. For the additional points to be given, the informational talk requirement must be fulfilled, as stated in the Performance Level rules.
 - D. LEVEL IV Additional five points.
 - E. LEVEL V Additional five points.
 - F. Additional bonus points will be given for participation at the Leaders' Day Show (two points). Participation is defined as exhibiting or working at the show. Members **MUST** sign in and out at the entry booth for their assignment; time will be documented by a member of the show committee.

- G. Five bonus points will be awarded per event at point approved shows only if rider places with a maximum of 25 points awarded. Classes include trail, reining, basic riding, english/western riding, dressage or jumping.
3. A member may not be chosen as a Livingston County State Show delegate two years in succession. An exception to that may be made by the Livingston County 4-H Horse Leaders' Association under these circumstances: After exhausting the list of eligible exhibitors for State Show selection with a minimum of eight showing points and Level I, the Leaders' Association may select additional exhibitors to fill the County quota. These would be delegates from the previous year who qualify with all of the requirements of being a State Show Delegate. The order of selection will start with 18 year olds and descend in age until the quota is filled.
 4. An equal amount of members will be chosen to represent Livingston County from each riding division (English, Western and Gymkhana). Members will be chosen for the area they received the most points in, until that discipline is filled. Showmanship will be included in their total points for each discipline. If there are not enough members meeting the requirements of one of the divisions, additional members may be chosen from the other divisions.
 5. Points for showing are obtained from point-approved shows only. The scoring for classes will be as follows: Points are awarded for placing 1st through 8th with 1st place being 8 points, 2nd place is 7 points and so on plus one for each rider in a class over 10. For example if Betsy received 1st place she would be awarded 8 points for her placing, then if the class had 15 members she would receive 5 extra points giving her a total of 13.

Placing:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
Points:	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

+ plus one point for each rider in the class over 10.

ACHIEVEMENT DAYS RULES

1. A member who shows their May 1 project animal or May 1 young animal pays \$10 per day. Those members with a horse signed up only as a young horse may show in classes deemed for the young horse project for free and must pay for all other classes with that horse.
2. You may compete for the Trophy which is given at this show only.
 - A. The first and second placings from **all** showmanship classes will return for the showmanship championship. The pattern will be different from any pattern from that day.
 - B. All first and second placings from each age group will compete for that disciplines trophy.
 - C. For the gymkhana trophy the following steps will take place:
 1. **Classes** will be placed in age division based on times.
 2. Points will be awarded based on times per **event** regardless of age.
 3. Each riders points will be added together from all events to determine the winner of the trophy.
 4. All ties will be broken by a question from the current 4-H Rules & Regulations Bulletin 4H1145
3. Showing rules governing the show will be 4-H HORSE AND PONY PROJECT SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS, (4-H BULLETIN 1145 CURRENT EDITION) ALONG WITH THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY 4-H HORSE & PONY PROGRAM RULES (CURRENT EDITION).

RECOGNITION PROGRAM RULES

Livingston County 4-H Horse Recognition Program is for every child enrolled in the Livingston County 4-H horse project area. Members do not need to have a horse or have any prior knowledge of horses to join a club and participate in this program.

Each of the areas below must have an equine emphasis with the exception of community service, county/ state awards and leadership. Each area is worth 5 points each time the member participates. **(5 points max per category per day.)**

Requirements

Cloverbuds (5-8 year olds)

Must participate in at least three different areas and obtain the appropriate points.

Bronze	15 points
Silver	30 points
Gold	45 points

Members 9-18 years olds

This program is meant to be challenging. Younger members may not be able to obtain a Gold or Platinum until they are older

Bronze	25 points – five different categories
Silver	50 points – seven different categories
Gold	100 points – ten different categories
Platinum	200 points – ten different categories

***** Club meetings, practices, lessons and other similar events do not qualify for the points program in any category.**

Areas to obtain points

Trail Ride- This needs to be an organized trail ride by club, county or another group and must last at least an hour. Participation must be done with a 4-H club.

Camping with your horse- An organized camping trip with equine, organized by a club, county or group. You do not have to have your own horse to obtain points, but must be actively playing a role in the camping area. Participation must be done with a 4-H club.

Community Service- These points will be awarded for any community service not necessarily involving equine.

Volunteer- This could be at a show, a clinic, fair, Horses Haven or any other equine event. Participation of these events are separate points, this item is only for volunteering at the event. (Cohoctah Park/post fair clean-up/pre fair clean-up/red barn, kitchen duty.)

Therapeutic Riding Program- Participate as a volunteer for the Grand Equestrians Program. (5 points each day)

Teen Leader- Must be registered with the Extension office as a teen leader in the horse and pony project area. Only a leader can register members in this category.

Leadership- Show leadership by becoming a club officer, sit on council or committee at a club, county or state level.

Horse Teen Club Membership- Be an active member of the horse teen leaders group.

Clinics- Judging clinics, riding clinics, seminars etc that are put on by an equine professional. If it is a club sponsored clinic club must turn in an event form to receive approval from 4-H staff.

Kettunen Center Workshops – Any equine workshop.

Quiz Bowl/Hippology – Must be a registered member of the current Quiz Bowl/Hippology team. (All practices are lumped together for 5 pts total, additional 5 pts for each competition.)

Horse Judging- Must be a registered member of the current horse judging team. (All practices are lumped together for 5 pts total, additional 5 pts for each competition and clinics should be recorded under clinic category)

4-H Horse Shows – Must show participation in any 4-H horse show (fun, point approved, other county, etc.) If you do not have a horse you can obtain points for volunteering at these events in the volunteer section. 5points per event only even for multiple day shows.

Communication Days/Exploration Days – Must participate in the current year, do not need to place.

Levels – Must participate in the current year, do not need to pass to obtain points. Level V members will automatically receive 5 points (be sure to write Level V on your tally sheet).

Educational Club Outings- For example, vet-a-visit, visit a horse farm, equine related event such as horse races, polo matches etc.

State Show – Member must be chosen as a State Delegate and attend State Show. If enter a symposium class this would be considered a separate event.

County Awards- Member must apply for a county award.

State Awards/Mark of Excellence Delegate- Member does not need to win a State Award but just be a delegate.

Fair- Participation in fair in a category that includes the horse and pony project area (scrapbook on your horse, showing your horse, demonstration on horse topic etc.) A maximum of 5 points can be earned per year no matter how many projects you enter. (Pre fair clean up/post fair clean up/red barn, kitchen duty.)

Promotion/Publicity- Bring in a new 4-H member or promote 4-H at an event such as melon festival, balloon fest, parades, county wide fundraisers (not club fundraisers)etc. (Does not need to be equine specific).

Cloverbud Mentor Program- To qualify you must register with the 4-H Office

Horse Leaders Meetings/General Meetings- Each Horse Leaders Meeting is a separate event.

All participation must be reported to the points secretary by September 30th. Point totals will be available at the October general meeting for members to review. If a member feels there is a problem with the points awarded they should have their leader contact the points secretary. A reward will be given at the end of the year banquet to all participants who meet the requirements. A \$50 gift certificate will be given to the Cloverbud who obtains the most points and a \$50 gift certificate will be given to the 9-18 year old member receiving the most points.

Horse Association By-laws

Livingston County 4-H Horse Leaders Association By-laws

I. Name

The name of this group shall be the 'Livingston County 4-H Horse Leaders' Association. For use in these By-laws, the abbreviated form Leaders' Association shall be used.

II. Purpose & Philosophy

Purpose of this association- To support fun and educational activities for 4-H members of Livingston County in the area of horse and pony.

Philosophy of this association- As 4-H leaders we share common goals of teaching life skills, building self esteem for youth and making sure that competition doesn't become the only reason for our program. The attitudes of good sportsmanship and caring about others, goes through every part of the program. Part of our responsibility as 4-H Horse Leaders is to require good sportsmanship from our club members, parents, fellow leaders and ourselves as well as to help build strong healthy youth.

III. Membership

Section 1. Regular Membership

- A. Leaders' Association membership is open to any registered 4-H leader or parent whose club name is registered in the project area of horse and pony in Livingston County of the current year, and has at least one member enrolled in the horse and pony project area. One voting member per club will be selected in October for a one-year term to begin in November.
- B. Twelve (12) teen members (13 and over) will be elected at large to at the October general meeting serve as voting members on the Livingston County Horse Leaders Association for a one year term to begin in November.
- C. The Show Superintendent and the Barn Superintendent shall be voting members. However, they cannot also be voting members for their club.

Section 2. Rules of the Membership

Clubs cannot change their voting member unless they have severe circumstances, petition the voting membership in writing and receive approval.

If a club dissolves, disbands or merges that club will no longer have voting rights. Clubs that form after the October general meeting will be welcome to attend the horse Leaders meetings but will not have a vote until the following November when the new term begins.

The Horse Judging Team, Quiz Bowl Team, and other teams are not recognized clubs therefore they do not have voting rights.

No horse rules can be changed from April 30 through September 1.

IV. Officers

Section one:

- A. Elected Officers
 - 1. President
 - 2. Vice-President
 - 3. Secretary
 - 4. Treasurer
 - 5. Fowlerville Fair Horse Superintendents (Barn & Show)

- B. Appointed Volunteers
 - 1. Horse Teen Club Group Advisor(s)
 - 2. Horse Show Results Secretary
 - 3. Performance Levels Coordinator
 - 4. Horse Judging Coach
 - 5. Horse Hippology Coach
 - 6. Horse Quiz Bowl Coach
 - 7. Cohoctah Park Coordinator
 - 8. Fundraising Coordinator
 - 9. General Meeting Coordinator
 - 10. Tack Sale Coordinator

- C. Removal of Officers

Officers may be removed from office for neglect of duties. A certified letter will be sent by Extension staff to the officer within five days of the last regular meeting, explaining the Leaders' Association's concerns. The letter shall state what action may be taken at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

- D. Election of Officers

Officers shall be elected at the general meeting by the voting membership in October to take office at the regularly scheduled meeting in November for a one-year term. Officers shall serve for no more than two consecutive terms.

Section 2: Terms of Office; Duties of Elected and Appointed Officers.

Elected

- A. The president shall preside at all regular and special meetings, and serve as a member to the Livingston County 4-H Council as an ex-officio member with voting rights during their term of office with a 4-year term limit. If the President cannot serve they may turn the position over to the Leaders' Association to elect a member to this position for a one-year term with a four-year limit.
- B. The Vice-President shall attend all regular and special meetings and serve as chairperson for the Leaders' Day Horse Show and Achievement Days, with the help of the President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Vice-President presides at meetings during the absence of the President. In the absence of any officer, the Vice-President shall assume the duties of that officer for the meeting or designate someone else to take the minutes, bill, etc.
- C. The Secretary shall attend all regular and special meetings, keep a record of the meetings and submit minutes of the previous meetings for approval and/or correction. The Secretary shall pass all minutes on to the new Secretary at the end of the meeting in October.

- D. The Treasurer shall keep accurate records of all monies received and spent and current balance on hand. The Treasurer shall give a report at all regular meetings. There shall be an annual audit report of all records and an annual mandatory treasurers meeting.

Appointed Volunteers

The President shall appoint volunteers to fill the following offices at the regular meeting in November for a one year term. These officers will not have voting rights and can be filled by anyone in the Livingston County 4-H Horse and Pony project area.

1. Horse Teen Club Group Advisor(s)-one or two shall be appointed as needed to aid the teens in running this group.
2. Horse Show Results Secretary(s)-(their) duty shall be keep points for State Show selection and Recognition Program.
3. Performance Levels Coordinator-his/her duties shall include running the performance levels program during the year and keeping accurate records of who has passed each level.
4. Horse Judging Coach-shall prepare the horse judging members for competition at the Horse Jamboree and National Competitions.
5. Horse Hippology Coach-shall prepare the hippology members for Regional, State and National Competitions.
6. Horse Quiz Bowl-shall prepare the quiz bowl members for Regional, State and National Competitions.
7. Cohoctah Park Coordinator – shall keep the Cohoctah Park calendar, work with the township park supervisor and chair the Cohoctah park committee holding meetings when necessary.
8. Fundraiser Coordinator – Shall lead the fundraising committee in choosing one fundraiser per month. Shall choose a chair for each event and report back to the full committee.
9. General Meeting Coordinator – Shall assign a club to set-up a club to clean-up. Shall secure a clinician if necessary and complete all other necessary duties to set-up the general meetings.
10. Tack Sale Coordinator – Shall work with the 4-H office to update the flyer, secure the facility, send out flyers to past participants, advertise (Saddle-Up etc), supervise set up for event and clean-up after event

V. Meetings

Regular Meetings

- A. Meetings shall use Roberts Rules of Order as guidelines.
- B. Regularly scheduled meetings shall be held on the fourth Monday of every month except January, May, July, August, & December unless the date is changed or canceled at the previous month's meeting.
- C. The location of the meetings shall be at the MSU Extension office at 2300 East Grand River in Howell at 7:30 p.m. unless changed at the previous month's meeting.
- D. Voting members and special guests will be seated at the table with all others seated in the chairs along the wall. Others are welcome to move to the table if space allows once the meeting has begun.
- E. October will be deemed a general meeting for all 4-H Horse Families to attend and discuss ideas for the new year, fair changes etc. The election of twelve (12) teens will take place at this meeting. April will also be a general meeting for all membership and leaders complete with an educational program.

Special Meetings

- A. Special meetings may be called by the majority of the elected officers and/or the Extension 4-H Staff. The administrative leader of each club voting membership and all teen representatives will be notified by mail or telephone of the meeting, time and place.

Standing Committee Meetings and other working units.

- A. Committees shall be formed whenever it is deemed necessary by the Leaders' Association.
- B. The committee will be dissolved when their job is completed to Leaders' Association satisfaction.

VI. Quorum

A quorum constitutes at least 6 voting members.

VII. Restrictions

Dissolution-if, in the event this organization should dissolve, all money and assets will revert to the Livingston County 4-H Council to be budgeted in the horse project area.

Any decision passed by the Leaders' Association that is in conflict with the policies or practices of the Livingston County 4-H program or MSU Extension may be vetoed by the 4-H Council, 4-H/Youth Extension Educator or Extension Director. The veto will be put into writing within two weeks and submitted to the Leaders' Association President.

Any decision passed by any Leaders' Association sub committee or association that is in conflict with the policies or practices of the Leaders' Association, MSU Extension and/or Livingston County 4-H Council may be vetoed at the next regular meeting of the Leaders' Association.

VIII. Amendments

To amend the Bylaws, a motion must be made and seconded at a regularly scheduled meeting and discussed. The motion will then be tabled until old business of the next regularly scheduled meeting and at that time, a simple majority of the voting member clubs present shall decide the motion. By-laws cannot be changed between April 30 and September 1 of the current year.

Proposed 1/26/04	Approved	2/23/04
Proposed 11/22/04	Approved	1/26/04
Proposed 11/28/05	Approved	2/27/06
Proposed	Approved	1/07
Proposed 5/09	Approved	9/09
Proposed 9/10	Approved	10/10
Proposed 2/13	Approved	3/13

RULES GOVERNING PT APPROVED SHOWS

1. The club must submit a copy of the FULL SHOW BILL by April 15th of the current year to the MSU Extension Office. The club will be notified by phone if there are any changes needed by April 30th.
2. After the show bill is approved, NO changes will be allowed, with the exception of a change in judge.
3. The show must not be held any later than June 30 to allow for State Show selection.
4. The judge must be on the current year's State 4-H Horse Approved Judge's list or on the list from the previous year and must not reside in Livingston County for all Showmanship, English, Western, Driving and Jumping classes. A judge in-training (ex: MSU student) can be selected for Gymkhana, Trail and Games. A panel of three horse leaders from different clubs can be used for Gymkhana or Games.
5. All class fees must be listed on the show bill. Class fees for State Show Delegate selection classes must not exceed \$5.00.
6. Not more than one point approved show can be held per week-end; first choice for any date will be given to the club or group that had that weekend the previous year.
7. Showing rules governing the show will be 4-H HORSE AND PONY PROJECT SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS, (4-H BULLETIN 1145 CURRENT EDITION) ALONG WITH THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY 4-H HORSE & PONY PROGRAM RULES (CURRENT EDITION).
8. All the following classes must be presented and marked on the show bill.

Fitting & Showing, Horse - 15-18
Fitting & Showing, Horse - 12-14
Fitting & Showing, Horse - 9- 11

Western Pleasure, Horse - 15-18
Western Pleasure, Horse - 12-14
Western Pleasure, Horse - 9-11
Western Pleasure, Pony - 9-18

Western Equitation, Horse - 15-18
Western Equitation, Horse - 12-14
Western Equitation, Horse - 9-11
Western Equitation, Pony - 9-18

English Pleasure, Any Seat, Horse - 15-18
English Pleasure, Any Seat, Horse - 12-14
English Pleasure, Any Seat, Horse - 9-11

English Equitation, Any Seat, Horse - 15-18
English Equitation, Any Seat, Horse - 12-14
English Equitation, Any Seat, Horse - 9-11

English Pleasure, Pony, Any Seat -9-18
English Equitation, Pony, Any Seat - 9-18

Show Bill must also include a minimum of four Gymkhana canter classes, excluding novice canter classes which are only guaranteed two. Classes need to be broken into same age groups as above and at least two of the classes must be chosen from the list of gymkhana classes in the 4-H Horse and Pony Project Show Rules and Regulations.

Novice Canter and Walk/Trot riding classes are encouraged to mirror the above cantering classes wherever possible. Cloverbud classes are also strongly encouraged for Showmanship and Equitation (MSU Extension Cloverbud policy rules should be followed for all Cloverbud classes).

Clubs also have the option to divide all classes by ages 9-11, 12-14 and 15-18 years of age.

9. This information must appear on the show bill:
 - A. 4-H HORSE AND PONY SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS, 4-H BULLETIN 1145 (CURRENT EDITION) WILL BE USED FOR ALL CLASSES ALONG WITH THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY 4-H HORSE & PONY PROGRAM RULES (CURRENT EDITION).
 - B. Riders' ages will be computed as of January 1 of the current program year.
 - C. No stallions can be shown except those foaled during the calendar year.
 - D. The judges and/or show committees decision is final in all classes.
 - E. Location of the show, judges name, date of show and all class fees must be on the show bill.
 - F. Walk/trot members must ride in a performance class to participate in Gymkhana classes.
10. The day of the show you must have available on the show grounds:
 - A. Protest Procedure forms-all approved horse show must have the protest procedure forms available at the entry booth. Protest Procedure forms can be obtained at the MSU Extension office.
 - B. A copy of the 4-H HORSE AND PONY PROJECT SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS, 4-H BULLETIN 1145 (CURRENT EDITION) AND THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY 4-H HORSE & PONY PROJECT RULES (CURRENT EDITION).
 - C. Three stopwatches or an electric timer and one stopwatch.
 - D. All the equipment necessary to correctly hold the events listed on the show bill.

11. Results of the show, including judge's cards, class sheets and master list of those exhibiting at the show must be turned into the MSU Extension Office within 5 days of the show.
 - A. Master list must include:
 1. Exhibitors back number
 2. Exhibitors name
 3. Horse/pony name
 - B. Entry sheets from the day of the show with entry numbers (no copies).
 - C. Judges cards Attached to each entry sheet, card must include:
 1. Placings
 2. Judge's signature or initials after any placings that are changed or altered.
 3. The number of horse/ponies in the class must be circled.
 4. Be sure to include gymkhana classes.
 5. Only the judge may write on the judge's card with the exception of the number of animals in the class.
 6. Include a copy of the showbill.

12. **Failure to follow printed rules for 4-H point approved shows** may result in one of the following actions. Action will be determined by the Horse Leaders Association at the meeting immediately following the show.

1. A letter stating the problem(s) and suggestions to correct for the next show will be sent to the hosting 4-H club.
2. Loss of show date for next year.
3. The necessity of posting \$50.00 to hold a point approved show after probation.
4. Probation for one year.
5. No point approved shows for at least the length of probation but to be at the discretion of Horse Leaders' Association.



4-H Horse Barn Rules

These rules were made for everyone's safety. Please read them and follow them accordingly so we can enjoy a fun and safe time at Fair. If there is a question with one of the rules please see the Barn Superintendent or 4-H Youth Agent.

REMEMBER:

All 4-H rules apply, read your fair book and MSU horse rules.

No one except the member is allowed to ride a member's horse or pony on the grounds. If there is a safety problem see the Barn Superintendent or 4-H Staff.

The barn opens at 6:30 a.m. Horses must be fed by 10:00 a.m. In the evening, horses are to be fed and watered and the stalls cleaned by 11:00 p.m. The barn closes promptly at 11:00 p.m.

Chairs will be allowed only on one side of the barn aisle, to be designated by the Barn Superintendent.

You must use a bridle for riding.

Once a show is started, each individual is responsible for being on time for their classes. No runners will be sent to the barn.

If halters are taken off horses at night they must be attached to the front of the stall.

There must be a lead rope attached to the front of the stall at night.

All working and exercising of horses and ponies must be done inside the arena or make-up ring. No trotting or cantering horse/pony at side of the rings.

Aisles and wash racks must be kept clean. If your horse or pony leaves it, you must pick it up.

Horses and ponies must be washed at designated areas only, not at cow racks.

No clipping, grooming or tacking up in aisle way or at the north end of the barn where the doorway could be blocked.

Enclosed shoes are to be worn at all times when leading or handling horses (no bare feet, sandals, slippers, flip flops, clogs etc.) Proper riding attire such as boots or enclosed shoe with a heel must be worn at all times while riding.

No painting or use of tacks, nails, paste, glue, staples or eye hooks on wood in stalls.

No riding double.

No turning horses and ponies loose in the arena.

No climbing on stalls after horses or ponies are in them.

No sitting on horses or ponies while in their stalls

No switching horses or ponies in stalls after they have been assigned, unless the Barn Superintendent approves the change.

No hay nets in stalls after 9:00 p.m. Hay bags are optional provided they are kept at a safe height to be determined by your 4-H leader.

No dogs allowed in the barn **EVER!**

No members allowed in the announcing booth unless they are assigned to that area.

Livingston County

4-H Horse Performance Levels I, II, III, IV and V

RULES

1. To test any Level, 4-Hers are required to wear long pants and boots, leather shoes or tennis shoes. No sandals, thongs or bare feet.
2. Those testing for Level III should wear a shirt or top that will not catch or hang-up on the saddle horn when riding. Riding boots or leather shoes with heels suitable for riding must also be worn.
3. Format of Levels testing shall be testing stations run by approved testers for levels I-III.

LEVEL I

1. Identify several feeds-oats, corn, barley, bran, commercial sweet feed, grass hay, legume hay and straw.
2. Tie a horse with a quick release knot that will hold when pulled against.
3. Identify the six most common grooming tools and demonstrate how to properly groom a horse using the correct sequence of grooming tools.
4. Know one safety rule/precaution from each of the 11 categories pertaining to horses and be able to explain what each means.
5. Name the four main types of feed which are water, roughages, concentrates and salt/trace minerals. Explain what they are, when and how much of each should be supplied.
6. Demonstrate how to properly lead and turn a horse at halter.
7. Name three ways to de-worm a horse and how each is administered.
8. Name the six natural gaits of a horse.
9. Discuss proper care and use of equipment used on the horse (saddle, bridle, pad or blanket and grooming tools).

LEVEL II

1. Member must have passed and met the requirements of LEVEL I.
2. Name and locate 20 parts of the horse (excluding eyes, ears, mane, tail, hooves, upper and lower lip and forelock).
3. Clean a horse's feet safely and correctly and know the proper care of the feet.
4. Participate in a least one Livingston County 4-H point approved horse show, fair or Achievement Days (work or show) in the last or current year. Form is provided for signature of the show secretary.
5. Know how to cool out an overheated horse.
6. Know the parts of the English and Western saddles and the proper fitting of each to the horse.
7. Know the parts of the English (hunt type) snaffle bridle and English full or double bridle and the Western split eared bridle. Explain the proper fitting of a snaffle bit and a curb bit to the horse.
8. Tie a bow line knot (non-slip).

LEVEL III

1. Member needs to notify the Levels Coordinator of intention to take Level III at least two weeks prior to the testing date to schedule a riding time
2. Member is required to provide a horse or pony for their testing and will need to provide Levels Coordinator with a copy of a negative Coggins in the current year of the test date.
3. Member must have passed and met the requirements of LEVEL II.
4. Demonstrate horsemanship ability-correctly tack and untack, mount and dismount, safely ride at three gaits and back the horse.
5. Know how to keep a horse healthy and be able to explain.
6. Know the body colors, leg markings and face markings of the horse.
7. Know the parts of the hoof and proper care.

8. Demonstrate knowledge of fitting and showmanship.
9. Have knowledge of horse grooming needed for showmanship of the breed in which you are interested.
10. Give an informational talk or demonstration at your local 4-H club and have your 4-H leader verify this was done.
11. Give an informational talk or demonstration at a 4-H Horse Leaders Association meeting (February, April, May or June) or in July at fair before September 1st. (The talk may be done before taking the actual Level III test.) If you choose fair you should enter Public Speaking on your fair entry and notify the Levels Coordinator. If this talk is not completed you will not pass and will have to take Level III again.

LEVEL IV

Level IV will be in oral and demonstration form available at the two Level Testing Dates.

1. Member must have completed at least one year in the horse and pony project area before starting this level.
2. Member must have passed and met the requirements of LEVEL III.
3. Know the normal resting temperature and demonstrate the proper method of taking a temperature.
4. Know the normal resting respiration of the horse and demonstrate the proper method of taking a respiration.
5. Know the normal resting pulse and three areas it can be found and demonstrate the proper method of taking a pulse on a horse.
6. Know the four types of teeth found in the adult horse and the number of teeth in a stallion or gelding, mare and foals.
7. Know and describe three unsoundnesses of the head.
8. Know and describe five unsoundnesses of the front legs and five unsoundnesses of the hind legs.
9. Identify and describe ten additional conformation faults, blemishes or additional unsoundnesses, not the same as in #7.
10. Name 7 common diseases, their signs, and treatment and control of each.
11. Name 5 internal parasites, how they are contracted and five ways of prevention.
12. Name 5 external parasites, what each does to the horse and suggested methods of controlling each.
13. Identify and explain the use of seven boots or leg restraints.
14. Describe the normal procedures used in locating lameness or unsoundness.
15. Name and describe five types of colic, six ways of identifying a possible colic and eight ways to help prevent colic.
16. Give and explain five safety rules for each of the following: trail riding; trailering and fire prevention.
17. Bring a basic first aid kit for cuts on legs & body, punctures, colic, founder and abscesses. Be prepared to explain the use and purpose of each item.
18. Submit a six month record of care and keeping your horse to the Level Coordinator by 8/31 of the current year.

LEVEL V

1. Member must have passed and met the requirements of LEVEL IV.
2. Level V test form is available at the MSU Extension Office or you may contact the Levels Coordinator.
3. You need to submit a letter to the Levels Coordinator by December 31st stating you are going to complete Level V.
4. Level V is open book requiring you to do various research in many areas and to spend a day with a veterinarian.
5. Members have from January 1st until August 31st of the same year to complete the test.
6. Test should be submitted in notebook form and neatly organized. Be imaginative.
7. Completed test needs to be submitted to the Levels Coordinator on or before August 31st of the test year.

Suggested References for Livingston County 4-H Horse Performance Levels (others may be used)

All books and references are available at the MSU Extension office.

*In any area that the reference sources do not cover all the information or you are unclear of what is being asked please contact your 4-H Horse Leader or the Levels Coordinator for a detailed explanation.

** 4-H Bulletin 4H1228 and 4H1229 are available at the MSU Extension Livingston County

*** 4-H Horse Learning Lab

**** the current edition of 4H Horse & Pony rules and regulations 4H1145 is available online at

www.msue.msu.edu/horsekids - go to youth and resources.

LEVEL I

1. Your 4-H Horse Leader, 4-H Horse Learning Lab or Levels Coordinator.
2. Information on the quick release knot is available from your leader, levels coordinator or MSU Extension office.
3. Horses and Horsemanship** pages 35-39
4. Horses and Horsemanship pages 51-54
5. Horse Science** pages 32-41
6. Horses and Horsemanship page 52
7. Tube, powder/pellet and paste*
8. Horses and Horsemanship page 17
9. Horses and Horsemanship page 34

LEVEL II

1. Check with the Levels Coordinator
2. Horses and Horsemanship page 8
3. Horses and Horsemanship pages 47-50
4. Exhibit or volunteer and get signature from the show secretary at a Livingston County 4H Point Approved Show, fair, or Achievement Days. Turn the signed form into the Levels Coordinator by August 31st.
5. Horses and Horsemanship page 36
6. Horses and Horsemanship pages 27-34
7. Horses and Horsemanship pages 28-31
8. Information on the bowline knot is available from your leader, levels coordinator or MSU Extension Office.

LEVEL III

1. Check with the Levels Coordinator
2. Horses and Horsemanship pages 20-26
3. Horse Science pages 32-46
4. Horses and Horsemanship pages 4-7
5. Horses and Horsemanship pages 47-50
6. Horses and Horsemanship pages 35-39
7. Horses and Horsemanship pages 44-46 AND
4H Horse & Pony Show Rules and Regulations***
8. Check with your 4-H Leader
9. Check with your Levels Coordinator and schedule your talk at a Horse Leaders Meeting with the MSU Extension office at least 2 weeks in advance.

LEVEL IV

1. Check with Levels Coordinator
2. Horse Science page 51 & MSU Extension Office
3. Horse Science page 51 & MSU Extension Office
4. Horse Science page 51 & MSU Extension Office
5. Horse Science pages 14-17
6. Horse Science pages 12-13
7. Horse Science pages 12-13
8. Horse Science page 12-13 AND
Horses and Horsemanship pages 12-13
9. Horse Science pages 47-49
10. Horse Science pages 56-59
11. Horse Science pages 52-55
12. Horse Learning Lab Available at MSU Extension Office
13. Horse Science pages 12-13
14. Horse Science pages 50-51
15. Check with you 4-H Horse Leader, Levels Coordinator or MSU Extension Office
16. Check with you 4-H Horse Leader, Levels Coordinator or MSU Extension Office
17. Horse & Pony Project Record Book is available at the MSU Extension Office

LEVEL V

1. Ask your 4-H Leader or Levels Coordinator
2. Refer to the references mentioned in Levels I, II, III and IV.
3. Horse Lab available at MSU Extension Office.
4. Look up information in sources you find on your own (example: magazine articles, internet, books)
5. Talk with and interview a veterinarian.
6. Talk with and interview knowledgeable people involved in areas.