RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR
THE GLADWIN COUNTY 4-H HORSE PROGRAMS
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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, member 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 Horse Club in Gladwin County, this can be the primary or secondary club, and must attend no less than six (6) meetings during the membership year or they will not be able to show at the Gladwin County Fair.

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 June 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 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 7 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 are 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 shot: 4 in 1 (includes Eastern and Western Encephalomyelitis, tetanus, and equine flu) and a current calendar year Coggins Test. We also recommend a de-wormer and Potomac Fever vaccine. Your proof of shots and current Coggins Test needs to be submitted by June 1st to the MSU Extension Office. If proof is not turned in on time, a committee will review the dates of the shots & test and explanation of missed time to determine if an exception can be made. The Horse Barn Superintendent will monitor the entries paperwork and enforce shot & test requirement for any horse entries with missing information. Any horse that doesn’t fit within the required times or exception review will not be admitted to the fair.

13. An overall highpoint tie will be broken by the highest total number of first places.

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, Western Horsemanship, Speed Class Walk Trot only.

16. All trophies will be awarded after all points are tabulated. You need to be present or have approval by the Horse Barn Superintendent as to why you cannot attend.

17. We will pay $75.00 to the top three (3) members with the highest points, accumulated at The Gladwin County Fair. An overall highpoint tie will be broken by the highest total number of first places.

18. If a member does not send a thank you to their trophy sponsor within 2 weeks of receiving their picture notification, that member will not be allowed to show the following year. If pictures are unavailable, members still must send a thank you to their sponsor by August 31st of that year. Club leaders must monitor this and hold their members accountable.

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 June 1st 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.

23. Any participant and/or any participant family member, legal guardian, friend or acquaintance who knowingly violates proper conduct is subject to discipline, up to and including removal from the activity he or she is participating in (at his or her own expense) and possibly banned from any further activities. Determination of disciplinary action shall be done with input from the volunteers and staff overseeing the program or activity. Final decisions about discipline will be made by barn superintendent and horse association board. Members will:

- show respect for, and cooperate with, fellow members, volunteers and staff.
- not commit or threaten violence toward any individual, group or program.
- not possess, sell or consume alcohol or possess, sell or use controlled substance at any 4-H or fair activity or events.
- not attend or participate under the influence of alcohol and/or controlled substances at any 4-H or fair activity or events.
- not bring dangerous or unauthorized materials (such as explosives, weapons or similar items) to 4-H or fair activity or events.
- abstain from harassment or bullying of another participant, volunteer or staff member (either in face to face interactions, through social media or other communication venues), particularly when the behavior is disrespectful to the protected class groups (gender, race, age, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, disability or appearance).
- not cheat or falsely represent efforts to project activities.
- respect all other proper conduct behavior not listed above.