

HORSE AND PONY

Manual Information

1. The Horse and Pony Manuals are divided into three levels according to the following breakdown:

Level 1:	Grades 3, 4, & 5
Level 2:	Grades 6, 7, & 8
Level 3:	Grades 9 and Above
2. Members will use the same manual for more than one year.
3. Members are strongly encouraged to attend activities and participate in the learning experiences offered for their level each year.
4. Signed record sheets must be presented and verified at check-in for the show.
5. Record sheets will then be placed in your green folder and turned in at the county fair. 4-H leaders may grade record sheets.

Exhibit Requirements: Do one or more of the following:

1. Exhibit your horse(s) or pony (ies) at the fair.
2. Do an Action Demonstration related to the Horse & Pony project.
3. Complete a Poster project with topic related towards Horse and Pony. You may choose an appropriate topic from your corresponding level of the Horse and Pony Manuals. You may also choose an or an age appropriate topic of related to the Horse and Pony Industry. (3/14)

General Rules

1. ***Fountain County Horse & Pony is implementing mandatory rules for its Horse & Pony members. Horse & Pony members are required to attend a MINIMUM of any two scheduled meeting dates. Another mandatory requirement will be attending any one of the scheduled Open Rides. They will need to bring their horse or pony that they have signed up as their project in 4-HOnline and plan to show at the County Fair.***
We realize that with everyone's busy schedules that these dates may not work for everyone at one time or another, but the requirements will have to have been met in order to show a horse and or pony at the County Fair. If BOTH of the requirements are not met, then the member can still complete a poster for the project to be completed but they will not be allowed to show at the Sunday 4-H Show or the Thursday 4-H Gaming show.
2. All Horse and Pony members must meet the enrollment deadline by January 15th, by registering online.
3. All horse(s) and pony(ies) must be enrolled online by May 15th of the current 4-H Show year. A color photograph of each horse(s) and pony(ies), showing the face and all four legs, must be attached to the form.
4. The Horse and Pony member must have his horse and/or pony under his care by May 15.
5. A Horse and Pony member may own a horse or pony him or herself or in partnership with his or her father, mother, step-parent, brother, sister, grandparent or legal guardian. Leasing is considered the equivalent of ownership of a 4-H project animal. The 4-H'er should be regularly involved in the care of the horse, regardless of where stabled, and the 4-H'er should have exclusive show use of the animal during the 4-H lease period.
6. Horse and Pony foal is considered a yearling January 1st, the following year after foaling.
7. Each entry must be measured each year prior to May 15. Horses and ponies two years old and younger must be shown at the height of the dam unless the height exceeds that of the dam. If the dam's height is unknown, the animal will show as 56" and over.
8. Any animal under 56" is a pony. There are two sizes of ponies: 46" and under; and over 46" to under 56".
9. Any horse, pony or foal may be shown with or without shoes.
10. **No stallions allowed** except during the calendar year foaled.
11. Horse and Pony meetings will be held on a regular basis. A short horse-related program is usually included in each meeting. Several workshops are conducted each spring and summer, covering topics from general horse care to specific show ring problems. 4-H Horse and Pony members are strongly urged to participate in the meetings and workshops so they might learn more about their Horse and Pony project animal.

12. All class entries in the county show must be pre-registered. Classes cannot be entered at the county show, but they may be dropped, if necessary.
13. An exhibitor may show a maximum of three animals, but not more than one animal (entry) in any one riding or showmanship class.
14. Each 4-H Horse and Pony may be shown at the county fair by only one 4-H member (excluding mare and foal - considered as one animal).
15. Only 4-H members are to ride or drive 4-H animals on the day of the show. No riding or driving is permitted in the show ring except during designated times. **No tennis shoes or shorts!!!**
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16. There will be five placings in each class.
17. The Horse and Pony Advisory Committee reserves the right to combine classes in the event there are insufficient entries. Entries combined in one class will be judged separately.
18. Grade and registered animals will be shown in the same class.
19. Indiana 4-H Horse and Pony Handbook will govern rules of the show.
20. The Horse and Pony Advisory Committee reserves the right for health inspections and measurements of all animals brought to the county show. A veterinarian will have the final say as to the health of animals. All animals must meet the requirements of the State health rules.
21. Use of drugs is prohibited. Animals may be checked at random for conformance to this rule by the advisory board in of appointed committee identified in the livestock general rules.
22. Ages for 4-H Horse and Pony show purposes:
23. Junior – grade 3 - 7 as of January 1 of the current year.
24. Senior – grade 8 and above as of January 1 of the current year.
25. Tack and attire **Note:** All halter classes and showmanship may be shown in English or Western tack and attire.
 - a. *English halter.* English attire.
 - b. *Western halter.* Halter of leather, nylon or rope. *Western performance:* Western saddle and bridle. *Western attire:* Minimum requirements for attire are western style long pants, long sleeved shirt with collar (band, standup, tuxedo, etc.), and western boots with a heel. Judges must not discriminate against the use of protective vests by 4-H'ers in any class, or the wearing of helmets in halter and showmanship. Approved protective headgear (ASTM F1163) must be worn in gaming classes. However, the horse's tack must be the same type as the handler's attire: Hunt Seat tack with Hunt Seat attire; Saddle Seat tack with Saddle Seat attire; Western tack with Western attire. For any other optional or prohibited attire refer to the IN Horse & Pony Handbook.
 - c. Helmet must be worn for all Performance classes.
26. Spurs may be used for Western or English, but must be blunt or dull. **No cruelty allowed!** Judge and/or 4-H Horse and Pony Advisory Committee may excuse a member if horse or pony is misused or cruelly handled on fairgrounds. Horse or pony will be disqualified if hit in front of cinch.
27. The kinds of bits are optional, but mechanical hackamores, draw reins, or tie downs are not allowed except in gaming classes. Use of martingales permitted in Hunt Seat classes only. Leather bosals are permitted on any horse and pony under five years of age.
28. *Reining class:* One of the three 4-H patterns illustrated in the Handbook will be selected by the judge. For bit reining horses a grazing, snaffle, curb, half breed, bar or spade may be used. Prohibited: wire curbs regardless of padding, chain curbs narrower than 1/2", mechanical hackamores, draw reins, tie downs, any type martingale, cavesson noseband, crop, bat, whip.
29. In the Trail Class, only three refusals per course will be allowed.
30. Showmanship at Halter: Previous years' winners of Junior and Senior Showmanship must show in Advanced Showmanship of their respective age division.
31. The winner of the Senior Advanced Showmanship class is expected to compete for the Master Showman at the County Fair. If the winner declines, it will be left up to the 4-H Horse and Pony Advisory Committee for replacement.
32. Champion classes at Halter: Both 1st and 2nd place animals in all qualifying classes, horse and

pony, shall be judged in picking Champion and Reserve Champion, except Mare and Foal.

- 33. If a mare is shown in Mare and Foal, she is still eligible to show in a halter class; or one halter class per horse. Mare and Foal is considered one animal. Mare and Foal must be shown by 4-H members. The foal may be shown in its own halter class as well.

4-H horses and ponies exhibited must meet current Indiana State Animal Exhibit Health

Requirements and/or regulations deemed necessary by the Horse and Pony Committee.

New vaccination requirements for 4-H exhibition. Horses and ponies must be vaccinated before they attend any workshop.

Eastern and Western Equine Encephalomyelitis Equine Influenza Tetanus
Rhinopneumonitis/EHV type 1 and 4 Rabies

A negative Coggins test **MAY BE** required to show at the State Fair Show. All animals must be sound, humanely treated and healthy. (refer to Extension Publications AS-552, AS-554, and ID-269 for guidelines). Animals are subject to inspection by a licensed veterinarian and questionable animals may be removed.

- 34. Body Conditions Score (BCS): All Horse and Pony animals participating in 4-H events must exhibit a minimum BCS of 3 (1-9 scale). To bring this to the attention of the 4-H members, they will be asked for the current BCS of the horse at the time of 4-H animal enrollment and on the 4-H Horse and Pony Vaccination Form. This will provide an opportunity to bring this to their attention and to supply educational material on how to calculate BCS and why it is important. This also allows time to correct any low or high BCS problems prior to exhibition. (NEW 2015)

Helmet Ordering Information:

Helmets may be ordered from a variety of sources. Discounts are typically associated with International Helmet Awareness Day. Visit www.Riders4helmets.com to learn more about potential discounts, helmet guidelines, and riding safety information.

Equine Liability Signs

Equine Liability Signs should be posted anywhere people are riding on the fairgrounds and at any equine business in the community. As part of the statute, the verbiage included on the sign must be posted in visible places on the grounds where people exposed to horses will see it.

At a minimum, one sign should be posted at each entrance to the barn and one on any riding area.

Signage may be ordered from the Indiana Horse Council at: http://www.indianahorsecouncil.org/Storefront/IHC_Liability_Sign_order_form.pdf.

General Rules for Interactive Demonstrations

- 1. Interactive Demonstrations may be given on any topic related to the Horse & Pony project and will be presented at an appointed time during the 4-H Fair.
- 2. Refer to "Verbal Communication Events and Activities" in this handbook for details.

Manuals:

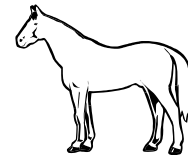
Level 1: *Horsing Around* BU-6355
Level 2: *Galloping Ahead* BU-6356
Level 3: *Blazing Trails* BU-6357

Record Sheets:

4-H 901 A
4-H 901 B
4-H 901 C

Reference Books:

Indiana 4-H Horse and Pony Handbook 4-H 661
Horses and Horsemanship CO 200
Horse Science CO 201



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