

LINCOLN COUNTY
4-H HORSE
BLUEBOOK
2007-08

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND PERSPECTIVE

The “EB 1974 4-H (1301) Horse Contest Guide” sets forth clearly the rules and requirements for 4-H equestrian competition.

It is the decision of the Lincoln County 4-H Horse Committee that the “EB 1974 4-H (1301) Horse Contest Guide” is the prevailing authority for 4-H equestrian events in Lincoln County.

It is the purpose of this “Lincoln County 4-H Horse Bluebook” to:

- A) Set forth clarifications and specify local county rules,
- B) Be used as a guide in understanding requirements for any county 4-H equestrian events, and
- C) To define the rules of sportsmanship, horsemanship, and conduct expected of 4-H members as they participate in the county 4-H program.

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OREGON 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CODE OF CONDUCT revised 9 -06

The mission of 4-H is to teach subject matter and life skills through a process that helps young people meet key developmental needs. To do this, 4-H must create an environment that is conducive to learning and growth. Consequently, 4-H requires that members adhere to certain standards of behavior and conduct as they participate in 4-H. The following are expected of all members.

Members must demonstrate a commitment to the vision, mission, and core values of the Oregon 4-H Youth Development Program. Actions not in the best interest of 4-H will not be tolerated.

Show respect and courtesy to other youth, adults, volunteers, and Extension faculty and staff.

Use language that is appropriate and respectful of others. No swearing is allowed.

No harassment, bullying or hazing, discriminatory language, roughhousing, or insubordination will be tolerated.

All members are expected to abide by Federal, state and local laws. They are also expected to abide by policies and guidelines of the Oregon State University, OSU Cooperative Extension Service, and the Oregon 4-H Youth Development Program.

Members are expected to know and follow rules established for specific events and are expected to attend all parts of a planned program. Members should inform those in charge if they are not feeling well or have a schedule conflict.

Participants in 4-H activities or events are not to leave the assigned program area (campsite, campus, cabins, or dormitories) at any time without written permission from the person in charge except when movement to another location is a part of the planned program.

Members must dress appropriately for the occasion. Many times, dress codes describe what is considered acceptable attire for a specific event or activity.

Members are expected to treat animals humanely and provide appropriate animal care.

Youth old enough to legally operate motor vehicles (including machines and equipment) may do so only with a valid operator's license, and the legally required insurance coverage. Members must have both authorization from the 4-H staff member in charge of the event and parental permission to drive to out-of-county events.

Members must operate vehicles in a safe and responsible manner. All passengers must wear seat belts.

Members must show respect for the property and facilities used during an event or activity and will assume responsibility for any damage they cause.

During overnight activities, members are expected to observe hours designated to be in the rooms provided.

Boys are not allowed in areas designated for "girls only" nor are girls allowed in areas designated for "boys only."

Members will not use tobacco, alcohol, drugs (except those directed by a doctor) or fireworks or remain in the immediate area where these are being used. Members may only handle firearms in secured, designated areas under the direct supervision of a trained 4-H Shooting Sports leader.

4-H events encourage interaction among peers, but not exclusively with another person. Kissing and other sexual displays of personal affection distract from the group and are not appropriate behavior.

Welcome to the Lincoln County 4-H Horse Program

Our 4-H horse program leaders are dedicated to educating youth in all aspects of horsemanship while promoting safety and sportsmanship in an enjoyable learning environment.

**** NEW FOR 2007/2008 ****

**** SILVER BUCKLE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD ****

A 4-H silver belt buckle will be presented to the Junior, Intermediate and Senior members who accumulate the most all-around achievement points during the 4-H year, October 1st through 4-H Fair in July. Members **MUST** complete an application to compete for this award, and application **MUST** be submitted to the horse committee or extension office no later than October 5th of the project year. *Please see page 12 for further information.*

**** THE 4-H HORSE AMBASSADORS ****

The purpose of the Lincoln County 4-H Horse Ambassadors is to promote the 4-H horse program and develop interest in 4-H throughout the county. The ambassadors will represent Lincoln County in parades and other horse events, as well as visit schools and community organizations. A maximum of four ambassadors will be selected for each 4-H project year. All 4-H horse ambassadors will receive belt buckles. Additionally, girls will receive sashes and boys will receive ambassador badges.

To be eligible to represent Lincoln county as a Horse Ambassador member, applicants must be Intermediate or Senior 4-H members currently enrolled in the horse program. Both boys and girls are welcome. Tryouts will be held on the third Sunday in October at the beginning of the program year. Candidates will be required to take a quiz, complete a speech presentation and answer impromptu questions. Additionally, candidates who have a project horse will be required to demonstrate their ability to execute a riding pattern while mounted. Scoring will be as follows: Horsemanship=25points, Speech=50 points, Quiz=25 points. A horse will not be required; if a member is enrolled in the horseless project he or she will be required to complete an "I Love Horses" scrapbook and a written essay, to be judged by the extension agent on a point basis. Those points will be substituted for the horsemanship score.

Parental support and participation is required, since event participation, practices and fundraising activities will demand time and transportation on the part of the members.

**** No hoof polish of any type or color may be used in a Lincoln county 4-H horse event. ****

**** 4-H PROJECT RECORDS DUE WITH FAIR ENTRY IN JUNE ****

All 4-H horse project members must turn in completed project records at the time of 4-H county fair entry. If a member chooses not to exhibit in 4-H county fair, records must be turned in to the extension office by the county fair entry deadline in June.

**** OUTSTANDING RECORDS AWARD ****

The Junior, Intermediate and Senior members whose records are judged the most complete and organized, and which best exemplify the ideal project records will receive an award. This award will be presented at the 4-H fair family picnic.

**** PARTICIPATION POINT SYSTEM ****

All 4-H horse project members will be required to earn a minimum of 100 participation points during the 4-H year in order to be eligible to compete at 4-H county fair. The points may be earned for the following activities:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Points</u>
Attend Horse Bowl competition	20
Participate in Horse Bowl competition	40
Participate in Judging Day	40
Participate in 4-H or open clinic/training day*	20 each
Observe/audit 4-H or open clinic/training day*	10 each
4-H sponsored events: 10 points each, up to a total of: (Ex: Youth in Action, Lincoln county parades with 4-H group, Bowl-A-Thon, leaders banquet, horse committee meeting)	50
Community service, non 4-H: 10 points each, up to a total of: (Ex: SOLV beach clean-up, visit elderly, assist therapeutic riding, etc)	30
Fair clean-up day. (Tentative – confirm with Fairgrounds office)	20

* In order for members to earn points at 4-H or open clinic day/training day:

- 1) Notification must go out to all members prior to event.
- 2) Members must attend a minimum of two hours or for the duration of the event.
- 3) Members must sign in/out, and list should be given to vice chair within 30 days.
- 4) Clinic must include lecture or instruction.

Members will not earn points for participation in 4-H Pre-Fair, open horse shows or gaming contests, or any other similar competition wherein a "per class" entry fee is charged.

Points will be kept by the horse committee vice chair. All points must be earned and reported to the vice chair prior to submitting entry form for 4-H county fair, approximately June 20th.

CHANGES TO GUIDELINES:

The horse committee guidelines may be reviewed on an annual basis, in order to reflect changing requirements. The guidelines may be amended by a majority vote of horse committee members present at the August meeting, provided all suggested changes have been submitted by e-mail or U.S. mail to all enrolled horse project leaders and members at least two weeks prior to that meeting.

I. GENERAL POLICY GUIDELINES FOR ALL 4-H EQUESTRIAN EVENTS

All leaders have the right and responsibility to enforce the rules, regulations and safety guidelines as stated in this Bluebook and in the PNW 4-H Horse Contest Guide.

CODE OF CONDUCT:

All 4-H equestrian events will be governed by the general "4-H Activities Code of Conduct", included in this Bluebook (page two) and on the back of the annual 4-H Membership Application.

4-H members are expected to be respectful and courteous at all times toward all adults and other 4-H members, irrespective of club association. Disrespect shown to any leader, parent, show or clinic official, clerk, or spectator may result in forfeiture of county participation and/or State eligibility. Disrespect may include, but is not limited to, swearing, yelling, inappropriate hand gestures, temper displays and/or insubordination.

SUBSTANCE USE:

No 4-H member shall, at any time, smoke, drink alcohol, or take illegal drugs while representing their club or 4-H in general; or while attending any 4-H event. Furthermore, members are strongly discouraged from associating with others who indulge in such practices.

EQUINE HEALTH AND SAFETY:

All horses should have their immunizations up to date. Horses may receive a clinical examination upon arrival at any 4-H equestrian event, and any horse showing evidence of infectious, contagious diseases or painful unsoundness will not be allowed to be exhibited.

Mistreatment or overly aggressive behavior will not be tolerated at any 4-H event, at any time, regardless of the location of horse and rider. Mistreatment or aggressive behavior will be described as any discipline or training done to an excessive degree and/or delivered in anger. Violations may result in forfeiture of county participation and/or disciplinary action.

VOLUNTEERS AND OFFICIALS:

Leaders, parents and interested citizens are encouraged and welcomed to participate and assist at all 4-H horse events. Indeed, without the help and support of these adults, the 4-H program would be extremely limited. However, to avoid unnecessary criticism or possible unfairness, certain guidelines shall be in effect regarding all volunteers:

1. No parent shall clerk, keep time, or assist the judge in any way in the class division in which their child is competing.
2. No parent or leader shall, at any time during any equestrian event, discuss any exhibitor's performance with the judge.
3. Conversation between clerks and/or time keepers and the judge(s) shall be kept to a minimum during arena activities.
4. No coaching or instructing from parents, leaders or spectators will be allowed during any competition in the show ring.

PROBLEM MANAGEMENT PROCESS:

1. A problem at any event must first be brought to the attention of the member and/or 4-H leader of the member in question.
2. If the leader's or member's response does not resolve the issue, all problems must be written and signed, and shall be brought to the extension agent and the chairman of the horse committee, or other officer if the chairman is a parent of the member involved, for resolution.
3. If the agent and chairman, or other officer, are unable to resolve the problem, a horse program management committee will be formed from the Horse Committee members. It shall consist of two members of the Executive Board of the Horse Committee, the extension agent, and two other leaders (other than the member's leaders) which will be selected by the chairman. The person who submitted the written statement must be present at the meeting. The leader(s) of the 4-H member in question, the member, and one parent/guardian of the member may be present at the meeting. If the chairman of the Horse Committee is the leader of the member in question, another officer shall assume the role of chair. No other parents, leaders, or uninvolved spectators may be present, except as necessary to assist in direct information gathering.
4. After appropriate discussion and information gathering, the horse program management committee shall make written and/or verbal recommendations to the extension agent.
5. It is the extension agent's responsibility to determine the most appropriate action, with respect to what is in the best interest of the member and the 4-H program.

OUT OF COUNTY 4-H FUNCTIONS:

All 4-H horse project members are welcome to attend out of county 4-H functions as spectators, both to increase their knowledge and to support the County participants. However, the Lincoln County Horse Committee has established a policy for 4-H members attending out of county 4-H functions as spectators and not in an "official capacity" as a contestant or representative. The Lincoln County 4-H Horse Committee, its officers or representatives assume no liability or responsibility for the behavior, well-being or safety of anyone not registered as an "official" contestant or representative. The adult, parent or other representative who attends with the non-contestant/non-representative should be fully aware of the responsibility and the risk they assume when chaperoning minors.

In most instances, 4-H members attending out of county events as spectators are not covered by the 4-H insurance policy.

II. GENERAL HORSEMANSHIP RULES FOR ALL 4-H EQUESTRIAN ACTIVITIES

It is recommended that junior or inexperienced members, or those working with young untrained horses wear ASTM approved helmets at all times when working with or around their horses.

1. Boots must be worn in all equestrian classes, and at all times when the exhibitor is working with or around horses. Duck shoes are also permitted. Boots are recommended for all others when working around horses or attending any 4-H equestrian event.
2. No hoof polish of any type or color may be used.
3. No more than one rider may be mounted on a horse at any one time. A horse must have a bridle or hackamore on when being ridden - no riding with halters.
4. No riding in the barn. No riding on pavement, with the exception of any equestrian event held in the indoor arena. Walking only is permitted on pavement while mounted.
5. Horses should be tied only to safe, immovable objects. No tying to stall doors.
6. All 4-H members are to care for, prepare and fit their own animals, as it is the intent of the 4-H program to allow members to do their own work. Where safety is an issue, adult assistance is acceptable.
7. All horses that kick must wear a red ribbon in their tails, visible from ten feet away.
8. Unruly horses that may pose a safety hazard to other riders and/or spectators may be excused from a class or from the event entirely, unless brought under control.
9. No stallions over 12 months may be exhibited at any 4-H equestrian event. Colts under 12 months of age may be shown in Showmanship and/or Ground Trainer classes.

III. ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS FOR COUNTY FAIR

THIS SECTION APPLIES TO ALL 4-H HORSE PROJECT MEMBERS.

1. All returning members must be registered in 4-H and have paid their insurance by October 5th. New members will be accepted up to March 15th. All members must attend a majority of club meetings for the year.
2. All 4-H horse project members must turn in completed project records at the time of 4-H county fair entry. If a member chooses not to exhibit in 4-H county fair, records must be turned in to the extension office by the county fair entry deadline in June.

3. Members must exhibit horse(s) which they are currently using in their 4-H project, and must own or have executed a signed lease on the horse no later than April 15th. A 4-H project horse may be owned by a member of the immediate family. The member or family must have possession of the horse by April 15th, and horse must remain in their possession through the end of County Fair. If a member is chosen for the State Fair or Western Gaming Finals team, the horse must continue to remain in the member's possession through the completion of State Fair/Western Gaming Finals competition.
4. Any change of horse(s) after April 15th due to injury, illness or death must be approved by the Horse Committee. The 4-H member, parent/guardian and one club leader must attend the Horse Committee meeting and must present a current veterinarian's certificate of explanation. Any change of horse(s) shall not be eligible for State Fair or Western Gaming Finals teams.
5. Horses shall not be handled, trained or ridden by any professional trainer after April 15th. However, the 4-H member may receive lessons from a professional trainer. A professional trainer is defined as a person who has trained or shown a horse, or instructed others in riding, showing or training a horse for remuneration.
6. Pleasure riding by family members, non-professional friends or owners of leased horses is acceptable after April 15th, however: schooling, practicing, driving, riding in any type of competition or fitting for show by anyone other than the 4-H member is *unacceptable*. This policy is to allow every member full opportunity to gain the maximum experience as they work with their horse club project, and is intended to discourage training of the horse by skilled riders other than the member working with the horse as a 4-H club project during this time period. Where safety is an issue, a leader or parent may assist a member in handling a project horse.
7. A 4-H project horse may be used in *Leadline Class* in schooling or open shows provided the 4-H member only is handling and leading the project horse. This also includes leadline classes in gaming shows.

VIOLATION OF EITHER RULES #5 AND #6 ABOVE BY ANY 4-H MEMBER MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM COUNTY AND/OR STATE FAIR.

8. If a member is selected to represent the county on either of the State Fair teams or the Western Gaming Finals teams, the above Rules #4 and #5 shall apply through to the completion of State Fair or Gaming Finals competition. Violation of this rule will result in the member's immediate dismissal from the State Fair or Western Gaming Finals teams.
9. Class divisions at County Fair will be as follows: Junior (grades 4,5,6); Intermediates (grades 7,8,9); Senior (grades 10,11,12). Grade is determined as of September 1 of current year.
10. Novices: If a member has never before shown any horse at County Fair, they will be eligible for a "Novice" designation, and may wear an arm band to identify themselves as such. Novice riders will compete in a separate class if entries warrant, and may perform less demanding patterns. At time of county fair entry, those members eligible for novice status must decide if they wish to compete as novices or in the regular, non-novice divisions. *Novice riders are not eligible for State Fair teams.*

11. ALL county fair exhibitors MUST enter and be judged in their appropriate Showmanship class to qualify for State Fair with their project horse, and use the same horse in their Equitation class or Gaming events. All members competing in Ground Training (Weanling, Yearling and/or Two Year Old) must enter and be judged in the separate "Second Horse" Showmanship class with that horse. If a 4-H member exhibits one horse or pony in the Equitation class, and a different horse or pony in the Harness class or Gaming events, the Equitation horse/pony must be shown in the appropriate regular Showmanship class, and the Harness or Gaming horse/pony must be shown in the "Second Horse" Showmanship class.
12. All exhibitors MUST attend all judges' meetings, as per the Fair schedule, regardless if the member is competing in Equitation or Gaming. Leaders and parents are encouraged to attend.
13. JUDGES'S DECISIONS ARE FINAL.

IV. COUNTY FAIR CLASS AND CONTEST INFORMATION

It is the 4-H members' responsibility to be familiar with 4-H horse show rules and all clothing and equipment requirements for 4-H horse contests as defined in the current edition of the state "4-H Horse Contest Guide", available from the Extension Office.

Please note - entry blanks are to be completed by the 4-H member. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to read the entry form carefully, and complete it correctly.

A) COUNTY FAIR CLASSES:

To enable Lincoln County 4-H members to qualify for and compete at State Fair and Western Gaming Finals, the following classes will be offered at the County Fair:

Showmanship	English Equitation	Western Equitation
Trail Horse	Harness Horse	Harness Pony
Ground Trainer / Yearling	E.L. "Dad" Potter	Key Race
Ground Trainer / Two Year Old	NSCA Flag Race	Polebending
Figure 8 Stake Race	Texas Barrels (short course)	* Dressage
** Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences		

*Each Dressage competitor will be *required* to provide one adult or Senior 4-H member to help set up Dressage court. Helpers must check in with announcer's booth 30 minutes before Dressage is scheduled.

**Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences may be offered, subject to participants qualifying as stated in Hunter Hack Equitation class, below.

B) "COUNTY ONLY" PERFORMANCE CLASSES

Lincoln County may also offer the following "County Only" classes, time permitting:

Advanced Owner/Trainer: This class is geared to the 4-H member who has trained their horse by themselves. The horse must not have been more than halter trained when the member acquired it, and this must be the first year under saddle. This class is designed to fit the young horse that is past groundwork but is not yet finished.

Exhibitor will give the judge a completed "Advanced Owner/Trainer" form of what he or she will attempt to accomplish, consisting of 8-10 items. Total points to be earned will be 100. The member's demonstration should be an 8-10 minute program. Judge may ask for a short individual pattern if needed. Attitude, suppleness, comfort and poise of horse and rider are to be a major factor in judging.

Weanling Ground Trainer: Shall follow similar guidelines as Yearling and/or Two Year Old Ground Trainer. The member will be required to follow a list and perform a series of chosen maneuvers with the weanling.

Gaming Horsemanship: All Gaming competitors shall be required to enter this class, and will be required to ride the horse they have entered in the Gaming classes. They will perform at a walk, jog, and lope both directions of the ring, and may be required to back. At judge's option, an individual pattern may be required. Riders will be expected to handle the horse and perform requested maneuvers in a controlled and safe manner, while demonstrating their horsemanship skills. All permitted gaming tack & equipment is acceptable for this class.

Bareback Equitation: This class will follow the same guidelines as either Western or English Equitation, and may be ridden either Western or English. Pattern may not be required.

Hunter Hack Equitation: This class is designed to test the readiness of the exhibitor to enter Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences. Participants will be judged on their equitation while performing a combination of rail work and jumping two jumps not more than 2'6" high, 2'2" for Juniors. Novices are not eligible for Hunter Hack Equitation class. **Only those exhibitors earning a blue award in this class will be eligible to compete in Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences.*

In Hand Trail: This class is a test of the 4-H members' ability to guide the horse through a series of obstacles, while leading the horse from the correct side. The horse should be responsive to the handler and negotiate all obstacles in a timely and controlled manner. Excessive schooling is not permitted. The member must wear an approved helmet. Any nylon, leather or rope halter with appropriate lead is acceptable, however, the horse may not be shown in a bridle. Whips or crops may not be used. A Western or English saddle may be on the horse. A member may exhibit only one horse in this class, regardless of the number of project horses they may have.

C) "COUNTY ONLY" ADDITIONAL CONTEST GUIDELINES

The following equipment will be permitted, but horse and rider using such equipment in Equitation classes at county fair shall not be eligible for State Fair teams:

1. Bosals and ring snaffles (non shank) on Western horses over five years old
2. Two hands on any Western bit with shanks.

D) AWARDS FOR ALL COUNTY FAIR CLASSES

Every contestant competing in Lincoln county 4-H fair will receive an award for each class entered. Participants will receive a blue, red or white ribbon according to scores achieved in each class, and contestants who earn 90 points or above will receive a "high point" rosette and a medallion in addition to a blue ribbon. Entrants in Gaming Horsemanship or other non-scored classes will receive participation ribbons only.

Scoring in Western Games for Senior and Intermediate members will be based on the participant meeting minimum times for each event, as established by the State Committee each year. Junior and Novice awards will be given on the following basis to be determined by the judge:

Blue: Rider completed the course in a safe, smooth manner within a reasonable time period.

Red: Rider completed course, but did not lope majority of course, or committed minor errors.

White: Rider did not complete course, or was off-course.

V. SPECIFIC RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR LINCOLN COUNTY 4-H FAIR

For additional specific rules, please refer to the "4-H Fair Exhibitor's Guide" for the current year.

1. Contestants must wear their numbers in a visible location at all times while on the fairgrounds.
2. No riding in the barn or on pavement. Lead horse to nearest approved exit when leaving stall. Dismount and lead horse to stall when returning. Always close stall doors.
3. Groom, saddle and unsaddle in the stall. No grooming, saddling or unsaddling in the aisle. All horses must have a halter & lead rope, or bridle on before leaving stall.
4. When horses are in stalls, each horse or pony must have halter and lead hanging on the outside of the stall, in plain view. No horse or pony may have a halter on when loose in the stall.
5. There will be no radios playing in the barn during the 4-H show.
6. No motor vehicles allowed in the barn, by order of the Fire Marshall.

7. Stalls and barn aisles must be kept clear of pitchforks, rakes, apple pickers, wheelbarrows or other dangerous objects. Please use courtesy when sharing the barn equipment, and replace all tools promptly.
8. No horses will be allowed in the livestock area, on the front lawn or any place they are not authorized on the fairgrounds.
9. All first horses and ponies exhibited in 4-H classes must be kept in the barn. If the barn is full, the Executive Committee will determine stall alternatives.
10. No member should borrow or use another 4-H member's tack or equipment without the owner's permission. Each club or individual has their own tack/feed room subject to available space in the barn.
11. Each exhibitor is expected to care for their horse or pony while in the barn. The member shall provide all necessary feed and supplies, feeders or hay nets, and buckets. Buckets must be plastic or rubber only - no metal allowed.
12. 4-H members are welcome to share a horse or pony as a 4-H project and to compete in 4-H events. To assist class scheduling, please notify the Superintendent no later than County Fair entry date if two members will be sharing a horse/pony. When horse/pony is shared by two Intermediate and/or two Senior members, they must declare by Fair entry date which member will be competing for State Fair eligibility.
13. No trailer parking between barns. Ten minutes loading and unloading time will be allowed in this area.
14. No smoking in the barns; or in any building on the fairgrounds.
15. No dogs allowed in barns, arena or other horse areas with the exception of Service dogs.
16. No practicing on the trail course, jumping course or gaming courses. Contestants will be allowed one ride only on the trail, jumping or gaming courses.
17. All material used for stall decorations must be fire retardant.
18. Exhibitors who are planning to camp out at fair in trailers or tents should make arrangements directly with the main fair office. All camping permits will be issued by the Fairgrounds fair office, not the 4-H extension office.

VI. SPECIAL AWARDS AT LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR

A) HERDSMANSHIP

4-H Herdsmanship encourages members to develop teamwork, cooperation and pride in their presentation of their horse, themselves and their achievements. Courtesy, neatness and safety are important elements of herdsmanship. Each exhibitor is responsible for the care and cleanliness of his or her own horse and equipment, although 4-H members may assist each other. Leaders and parents are encouraged to provide guidance, but members must do their own work.

Herdsmanship Safety Rules:

1. Hay placed on the floor is acceptable, however, if using a hay bag or net, it must be hung where the bottom of the hay net or hole in the hay bag is above the point of the horse's shoulder when empty. An adult may assist when securing the net or bag.
2. All feed and water buckets with handles must be secured to wall a minimum of 24" above the stall floor. Rubber feeders or buckets with no handles may be placed on the ground.
3. To reduce dust, barn aisles should be sprinkled with water before raking. Aisles should not be swept.
4. All stalls must be cleaned out and bedding removed before stall deposit will be returned to the exhibitor. If an exhibitor wishes to forfeit deposit, or has made arrangements to have another 4-H member clean the stall, the 4-H Superintendent should be notified in advance.

Herdsmanship scoring shall be as follows, with 100 points total:

Exhibit area – 40 points: Stalls should be cleaned regularly and often, and all barn aisles should be kept clean, tidy and free of feed or debris. Tack and equipment should be kept in tack room, and feed should be stored in tack or feed rooms. Stall doors should be secured at all times, and stall cards must be completed and clearly visible on front of stall.

Horses – 40 points: Horses should be maintained in a clean and comfortable condition, with food and water provided on a regular schedule at least twice daily.

Members – 20 points: Members should exhibit courtesy, cooperation and positive attitude, and should maintain a neat and clean appearance. Members must complete all work themselves and must wear boots when working around their project horse or pony.

B) SPORTSMANSHIP

Developing excellent sportsmanship is one of the key components of the 4-H program. During the County Fair, those exhibitors demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship will be presented with sportsmanship awards during the Grand Entry.

Each leader will vote for two members per day, one vote may be for a member of your club. Leaders will welcome suggestions from their club members regarding selection of deserving exhibitors. Any 4-H member receiving two votes in the same day will receive a sportsmanship award for that day. If no member receives two votes for any one day, any members who receive at least two votes during the three voting days will receive the sportsmanship awards. The Executive Board and/or leaders may be asked to meet to determine final selections.

C.) Silver Buckle Achievement Award:

A 4-H silver belt buckle will be presented to the junior, intermediate and senior members who accumulate the most all-around achievement points during the 4-H year, October 1st through 4-H Fair in July. Members MUST complete an application, be currently enrolled in the horse program to compete for this award, an application MUST be submitted to the horse committee or extension office no later than October 5th. The following activity points will count toward this award:

Regional Judging Day: 40 points for participating, plus personal individual scores in Hippology and Horse Judging.
Horse Bowl: County level only. 40 participation points, plus personal scores earned.
Horse Committee Meetings: 10 points for each meeting attended.
4-H Horse Clinics: In County only. 20 points each for participating, 10 points each for auditing.
4-H Community Events: *See list under participation point system.* 10 points each per function.
Other community Services *See list under participation point system 10 points each per function with maximum of 120 points*
4-H Records: possible 30 points for completed records turned in with 4-H fair entry. (judged by extension agent & horse committee Executive Board)
Pre Fair: Personal scores from Showmanship, plus 30 participation points.
County Fair: Personal scores from Showmanship, plus 30 participation points.
Horseless entries will use I Love Horses Scrapbook for Pre-fair entry worth possible 100 points in place of showmanship
Horseless entries will use written Essay for Fair entry worth possible 100 points in place of showmanship
Buckles will be awarded at Grand Entry

Participation Points Award: Silver Buckle Achievement Award is replacing this

VII. DETERMINATION OF STATE FAIR and WESTERN GAMING TEAMS

All competitors who qualify for State Fair in any division *must* attend the State Fair organizational meeting in order to show at State Fair. If a team member is unable to attend the meeting, they must notify the Extension office or the horse committee chair prior to the meeting, and they must send an adult representative in their place. If a team member or representative is more than 15 minutes late to the meeting, the member will be dismissed from the State team.

In order to qualify for a position on the Intermediate and Senior State Fair teams, a 4-H member must compete at the Lincoln County 4-H Fair. Novice riders are not eligible for State Fair teams. The State Fair teams shall be determined as follows:

1. Showmanship/Equitation:

A member must earn a minimum combined qualifying score of 170 in Showmanship and either Equitation, and each score must be a minimum of 80 points. Contestant has the option at State Fair of competing in either English or Western Equitation, provided the combination of Showmanship and whichever Equitation they choose equals or exceeds 170 points.

2. Trail Horse, Dressage, and Hunt Seat Over Fences:

- a) The exhibitor must have already earned a position on the above Showmanship/Equitation State Fair team, and
- b) Must receive a blue award in Trail Horse, Dressage or Hunt Seat Over Fences.

3. Harness:

One Intermediate and one Senior will be selected to attend State Fair in Pony Harness and one each in Horse Harness, provided there is at least one entry in each class.

- a) The exhibitor must earn a blue in the appropriate Harness class.

- b) The exhibitor with the greatest number of points will be selected to attend State Fair.
- c) Handlers for State Fair should be selected from the State Fair team. If a team member is unavailable, drivers may choose an experienced Intermediate or Senior 4-H member to attend as handler.

4. Ground Trainer:

One Intermediate and one Senior 4-H member will be selected to attend State Fair in Ground Trainer/Yearling and one each in Ground Trainer/Two Year Old, provided there is at least one entry in each class.

- a) The exhibitor must earn a blue in the appropriate Ground Training class.
- b) The exhibitor with the greatest number of points will be selected to attend State Fair.
- c) In case of a tie, the Ground Trainer with the greater score in Showmanship will be selected.
- d) Helpers for State Fair should be selected from the State Fair team. If a team member is unavailable, ground trainers may choose an experienced Intermediate or Senior 4-H member to attend as helper.

5. Western Games:

A member must receive a blue award in each specific Western Gaming class in order to compete at State Fair in that class. The requirements for earning a blue award consist of meeting minimum times for each event, which are established by the State Committee each year. A copy of the current year's times is available from the Extension office.

Additionally, all Western Gaming exhibitors must compete in their appropriate Showmanship class.

VIII. ADDITIONAL STATE FAIR / STATE EVENTS REQUIREMENTS

1. PLEASE NOTE: All 4-H members chosen to represent Lincoln County at State events must notify the extension office two weeks prior to State Fair, Regional Horse Bowl, Spring Horse Classic, or other State Event if they are unable to participate. FAILURE TO NOTIFY THE EXTENSION OFFICE MAY RESULT IN MEMBER NOT BEING ELIGIBLE FOR THAT ACTIVITY THE FOLLOWING YEAR, following a review by the Horse Committee.
2. All competitors who qualify for State Fair in any division must attend the State Fair organizational meeting in order to show at State Fair. If a team member is unable to attend the meeting, they must notify the Extension office or the horse committee chair prior to the meeting, and they must send an adult representative in their place. If a team member or representative is more than 15 minutes late to the meeting, the member will be dismissed from the State team.
3. All State Fair team members will receive horse neck ribbons during Grand Entry at the conclusion of the County Fair. This is a per horse award.
4. All team members will receive a team T-shirt. A \$25 fee will be collected from each State Fair team member, to help cover costs. There will be scholarships available for anyone in need.

5. Each State Fair team member will be required to provide an 8x10 color photograph of member and horse, to be placed on their stall at State Fair. An 8x10 photograph of each team will be placed on the tack room. Team pictures may be taken immediately following Grand Entry, with optional additional photos to be taken at a time mutually convenient for team members.

IX. OTHER 4-H HORSE PROJECT EVENTS IN LINCOLN COUNTY

HORSE BOWL:

The purpose of the Lincoln County Horse Bowl team is to build team effort and interaction, while increasing and expanding the member's knowledge of horse related topics. All Lincoln county 4-H horse project members are invited to participate in the local competition. Each contestant will be required to give a correct answer to a series of questions. Questions may consist of any horse related topic, including such things as: riding, training, breeds, management, health, safety, etc. The five Intermediate members and the five Senior members who earn the highest scores will form the Intermediate and Senior teams, as determined by the committee. County team members will receive "state qualifying" rosettes at the awards ceremony immediately following the competition. Large "state horse bowl team" rosettes will be awarded at the 4-H fair family picnic to those team members who competed at state.

Once the teams are determined, each team will meet on a regular basis to study topics and conduct practice question/answer sessions in order to compete in the regional competition. All team members are expected to participate in the practice meetings.

A \$25 fee will be collected from each State team member to cover the cost of individual T-shirts. If a member drops out prior to State competition, the money and T-shirt will remain with the horse committee. The team will submit a budget to the leaders association for scholarships, if funds are available up to 50% of costs will be awarded to each individual team member. Team members receiving scholarships shall agree to assist with two leaders association fund raisers in exchange for the scholarships. Additional costs will be paid by members and their families.

HORSE JUDGING DAY:

Horse Judging Day is intended to be a "hands on" testing and learning experience for all 4-H horse project members. A horse is not required, but all participants must wear boots. Judging Day may be held in Lincoln County, or in another county in cooperation with the other county involved.

All Lincoln county 4-H horse project members are invited to participate in Judging Day. 4-H members will judge a minimum of three classes of horses at halter. Judging may also include showmanship, equitation, horse parts, equipment identification, feed or grain, etc. Contestants will be required to give oral reasons to judges to explain their choices. Since this is a test of each member's knowledge, talking or copying during the judging and oral reason portion will not be allowed.

Blue, red, or white awards will be presented to all participants. The five Intermediate members and the five Senior members who earn the highest scores will form the Intermediate and Senior teams, as determined by the committee, and compete in the State competition. Those members who qualify for the teams will receive "state qualifying" rosettes at the first horse committee meeting following the competition. All team members who compete at the state level will receive large "state judging day team" rosettes, to be awarded at the 4-H fair family picnic.

Once the teams are determined, each team may meet on a regular basis to study topics and conduct practice question/answer sessions in order to compete in the regional competition. All team members are expected to participate in the practice meetings.

A \$25 fee will be collected from each State team member to cover the cost of individual T-shirts. If a member drops out prior to State competition, the money and T-shirt will remain with the horse committee. The team will submit a budget to the leaders association for scholarships, if funds are available up to 50% of costs will be awarded to each individual team member. Team members receiving scholarships shall agree to assist with two leaders association fund raisers in exchange for the scholarships. Additional costs will be paid by members and their families.

HORSELESS:

The "Horseless" program is specifically designed for those members who do not wish to show, game or otherwise compete in 4-H events with their horse, but who are interested in learning more about them. By participating in the "Horseless" program, these members can increase their knowledge of all aspects of the horse world, and receive recognition and awards at the end of the project year.

1. Any Lincoln County 4-H member who does not own or lease a project horse during the current 4-H year is eligible in addition to any member who is unable to ride a horse. All returning "Horseless" members must be registered in 4-H and have paid their insurance by October 5th. New members will be accepted up to March 15th. All members must attend a majority of the club meetings for the year.
2. All "Horseless" project entries will be judged by a panel consisting of the county extension agent and the Executive Board of the Horse Committee. Entries will be judged on completion of requirements, originality, and enthusiasm of member. Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors will be judged separately.
3. All "Horseless" members who complete the project requirements are eligible to earn a white, red, blue or High Point medallion award, and will receive their award and recognition during the family picnic prior to 4-H county fair.

4. The following criteria will be used to determine awards:

	<u>Possible Points</u>
a) "I Love Horses" scrapbook (pictures, clippings, etc. about horses)	40
b) Written essay or original horse story (topic suggestions in Feb. minutes)	20
<i>The above two items are required</i>	
c) Horse Quiz (to be taken at Pre Fair)	20

d) Participate in Judging Day	40
e) Participate in Horse Bowl competition	20-40
f) Assist at Pre-Fair	10-20
g) Attend other 4-H clinic	10
h) Attend Horse Committee meeting (10 points each; maximum 20 points)	20
i) Perform community service (10 points each; maximum 20 points)	20
j) Participate in 4-H community events (10 points each; maximum 50 points)	<u>50</u>
(Ex: Youth in Action, Bowl-A-Thon, Lincoln county parades with 4-H group, leaders banquet, attend horse committee meetings)	<i>Total possible points: 280</i>

Points should be reported to and will be maintained by the Vice Chair.

Scores for awards shall be calculated as follows:

White: 60-112 points; Red: 112-213 points; Blue: 214-226 points
High Point Medallion: 227 and over points

X. REFERENCE SECTION

All Lincoln County 4-H horse project members will be expected to obtain the latest edition of the “PNW 4-H Horse Contest Guide” (PNW 1301). Members should be thoroughly familiar with this manual, as all classes held at any 4-H equestrian event within the county shall adhere to these guidelines. Additionally, members, leaders and parents are encouraged to refer to, and become familiar with, the following support manuals:

<u>Member's Guides and Manuals</u>	<u>Publication No.</u>
Oregon 4-H Horse Project	4-H 130
Colt and Horse Training Manual	4-H 1303
Horse and Pony Driving Manual	4-H 1321
Hunt Seat and Jumper Manual	4-H 1307
4-H Dressage	4-H 1311
4-H Horse Record	4-H 130R
Horse Advancement Program	4-H 1302R
Parts of the Horse	4-H 1304
Breeds of Horses	4-H 1306
Locations of Blemishes & Unsoundness	4-H 1305
Equestrian Helmets	4-H 13001
Riding on the Road	4-H 13002
Trailer Your Horse	4-H 13003

Keeping Your Horse Healthy	EC 1472
Preventing/Treating Parasites in Your Horse	EC 1473
Preventing/Treating Colic in Your Horse	EC 1474
Your Horse's Nutrition	EC 1475

Leader's Guides

4-H Horse Project Leader Guide	4-H 130L
Advancement Program Leader Guide	4-H 029L
Horse Parts Wall Chart (one per club)	4-H 1310L
Oregon 4-H Horse & Rider Nutrition Series	4-H 1330L
Keeping Oregon Covered Leader Guide	4-H 1300L
Oregon 4-H Forage Teaching Series	4-H 1001L
Know Your Crops and Weeds Leader Guide	4-H 2101L
Plant Identification . . . Leader Guide	4-H 2101L

Oregon Horse Industry Handbook
4-H Rainbow Series

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