Washington County 4-H

Fair Exhibitor Information
Horse
2012
GENERAL RULES
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This department is collectively managed by the OSU Extension Service as an educational activity of the 4-H Youth Development Program. Its functions are carried out directly by the OSU Extension Faculty with 4-H Youth Development Responsibilities: 4-H program assistants; 4-H division superintendents; 4-H resource, activity, project, and club volunteer; and others designated by OSU Extension Service Personnel. Future reference to fair management will include all or specific individuals just listed. The fair management welcomes all eligible persons to join 4-H in the fun, excitement, and learning of the Washington County Fair. This department will not discriminate on the basis of religion, color, creed, sex, national origin, or handicap. Membership in 4-H is open to all youth in grades K-12. Contact the OSU Extension Service for more information at 503-821-1119 or by email darsy.schaal@oregonstate.edu.

KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE
Parents are reminded of the need to keep children safe by providing appropriate supervision at 4-H activities at the fairgrounds. It is the parents’ responsibility to provide supervision for their children. Parents should NOT assume that the club volunteer, other 4-H volunteers, or the 4-H staff are watching your children. These volunteers are managing the activities; not the participants. If you cannot be present with your children, be sure to make arrangements with another adult you trust to do so. Make certain your children know who to go to in case of an emergency. Remember that during fair 4-H activities are open to the general public so there is no way to ensure a risk-free environment. Keep your children safe – know the risks and watch your children.

ELIGIBILITY
1. Only persons officially enrolled by April 1, 2012 in the Washington County 4-H Youth Development Program are eligible to participate in this fair. In order to exhibit, members must be enrolled in the appropriate projects and skill levels for which they plan to exhibit by April 1, 2012. Members may not participate in another county’s 4-H program in the same project.
2. Persons participating in this fair are to abide by all rules and guidelines set forth in this book and those announced and/or posted subsequent to the printing of this section.
3. Most classes will divide exhibitors according to the following schedule. The member’s grade is based on the 2011 - 2012 school year.
   a. **4-H Cloverbuds**—Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders (may not exhibit livestock, horses, dogs, etc. please contact the 4-H faculty for more details)
   b. **Novice** (optional) – for members who have not participated in the same project division at a previous fair. Not eligible for State Fair.
   c. **Junior** – 4th, 5th, and 6th graders
   d. **Intermediate** – 7th, 8th, and 9th graders
   e. **Senior** – 10th, 11th, and 12th graders
4. Specific divisions may have additional eligibility requirements. These are listed within each division.

CONDUCT
1. Exhibitors found guilty of vandalism, controlled substance abuse, consumption or use of illegal drugs, including alcohol will be dealt with through the proper authorities. Adults are asked to refrain from alcohol, while at 4-H Fair events.
2. Exhibitors displaying inappropriate behavior, deemed so by fair management, may be asked to withdraw themselves and their exhibits from the fair. They may further forfeit premium money, awards and ribbons. The 4-H Member Code of Conduct will be enforced.

3. When participating in 4-H activities you are representing yourself, your club, county, and the state 4-H program. Clothing is to be neat, clean, and appropriate for the activity. At no time are low cut tops, t-shirts with offensive language, or short shorts appropriate.

PROBLEM SOLVING PROCESS
The purpose of the problem solving process is to help make the fair as educational and enjoyable as possible for 4-H members. If you have concerns about your 4-H exhibit or fair experience, the process for problem solving is:
1. Talk with your 4-H volunteer.
2. Share your concerns with your division superintendent.
3. If your concern is not resolved please contact the OSU 4-H faculty member(s).

ENTRIES
1. By entering this fair, 4-Hers are asking the fair management to employ judges to evaluate their performance and/or exhibit. Every reasonable effort will be made to secure the most qualified and competent judges available. However, in the event that a member or member’s parent differs in judgment with the judge, they are asked to accept the decision as one person’s judgment. Serious disagreement procedure or qualification may be addressed to the division superintendent.
2. Fees are not charged for entries in this fair.
3. Entries must be entered at the times noted in the 4-H schedule for events contained in the book.
4. All entries must pre-register by June 1, 2012 for all exhibits. They are to be entered on the official entry form which must be signed by the 4-H volunteer(s). Contact your volunteer to go over your official entry form to ensure you have signed up for all of the classes you wish to participate in.
5. All 4-H exhibitors are required to complete the 4-H Exhibitor Code of Conduct and 4-H Health form, and submit it with their entry form. Horse, Small Animal, Dog and Livestock exhibitors also need to complete the Oregon 4-H Livestock Exhibitor Agreement.
6. If a 4-H exhibitors schedule will not allow them to be present to meet with the judge on judging day(s), only four projects may be entered. Ribbons will be awarded, without premiums.
7. The fair management reserves the right to eliminate, consolidate, add, or divide classes when necessary. This right, however, will be used with great reservation and only when definitely needed.
8. All Entries must be the work of the 4-H member, and completed as part of the current year’s project. Work done after county fair, but prior to Oct 1 and not previously exhibited, may be included in the next project year.
9. The Washington County Fair Board, OSU Extension Service, Washington County Youth Development Association, and related persons assume no responsibility for any loss, injury, death, damage, etc. to animals, equipment, or exhibits.
10. Exhibit tags should be attached to all fair exhibits. Specific tags are used for flowers, poultry, rabbits, livestock, horse and exhibits. Livestock and horse members can find their stall cards online at: http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington/4h_fair_exhibitor_info. Exhibit tags will be provided for the static and small animals which can be picked up at the 4-H Fair Office the day of judging.
11. Members may enter the same animal in only one department, 4-H, FFA, or Open Class. **Exception** – 4-H and FFA members are permitted to show the same animal in Open Class Dairy Cattle, Open Class Fiber Goats, Open Class Dairy Goats, Open Class Beef, Open Class Sheep, Open Class Horses, Open Class Ponies, and Open Class Miniature Horses, providing the animal being entered in Open Class meets the Open Class show requirements and we have Open Class exhibitors registered in the class and lot. Papers should be verified with the respective Open Class superintendent. No leased animals. If there is a conflict with show times, 4-H and FFA members are required to show in their youth class. 4-H and FFA exhibits must be housed in their respective barns.

12. 4-H Fair Entry Forms are available on the Washington County 4-H website under “4-H Fair Exhibitor Information” at [http://extension.oregonstate.edu/metro4h/washington-county-fair](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/metro4h/washington-county-fair)

**JUDGING METHODS**
1. All 4-H exhibits and performances will be evaluated according to guidelines and material contained in the respective 4-H project material. In addition, all information contained in this book or posted at fair becomes part of the criteria.
2. The merit system of judging will be used unless stated otherwise. This system allows for placing in four groups depending on the quality of the performance or exhibit. The four ribbon groups in order of merit will be blue, red, white, or exhibitor (non-judged). Judges will use their discretion in awarding placing as compared to a standard for each division.

**PREMIUMS AND RIBBONS**
1. Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, Champion, Reserve Champion, and Special Award ribbons may be presented to overall winner within each division. Only one of each of these ribbons will be handed out per division. In the event of a tie, the judge will make the final decision based on their judgment.
2. Premiums and ribbons may be withheld if the judge deems the exhibit unworthy.
3. Exhibitors removing their exhibit prior to release time, as stated in the schedule of events, may be asked to forfeit ribbons or premium money, or awards or a multiple of these.
4. Premium money may be paid for Blue, Red, and White placing, if funds are available.
5. 4-H Exhibitors that are unable to meet with judges on judging day(s) will be award ribbons without premiums.
6. 4-H Cloverbuds receive rainbow ribbons and no premiums. 4-H Cloverbuds participate on a non-competitive basis.

**AWARDS AND TROPHIES**
1. 4-H awards are provided through the generosity of business, civic and service organizations, 4-H families, and other friends who wish to recognize the achievements and activities of Washington County youths. Their support is deeply appreciated.
2. Recipients of awards are encouraged to write letters of appreciation to award donors. Previous years’ recipients, not writing letters may become ineligible for future awards. Please let the donors know their awards are appreciated.
3. Awards and trophies will not be presented if exhibits lack award quality.
4. Each division is responsible for providing appropriate recognition of their donors.
1. All animals exhibited in these divisions must have been owned or leased by June 1, 2012 or earlier according to specific division rules. Market animals have special requirements listed in the market section; guide dogs are considered under lease; other dogs must be under lease by May 1, 2012.

2. All animals exhibited must be carried as a 4-H project during the current 4-H year. Remember, 4-H is an experiential, learning by doing, youth development program. 4-H members must provide the majority of care for their project animals on a daily basis, especially from June 1st through State Fair, to be eligible to exhibit their animals as 4-H projects at the county and State fairs.

3. Exhibitors of animals which are leased must submit a copy of their lease agreement along with their entry form by June 1, 2012. The 4-H division is a youth show. All care and fitting must be done by a 4-H member. 4-H members should be able to demonstrate, if asked. Involvement of adults must be limited to advising. Any 4-H animal fitted for showing by adults or professionals will be declared ineligible for premiums or showing. 4-H animals must be fitted in the 4-H barn area. Abusive language, unsportsmanlike conduct, or abuse of an animal in any contest can be reason for dismissal from the show ring at the discretion of the show superintendent. No use of talcum powders, oil, or artificial coating material will be allowed when fitting or showing animals in any class.

4. All members are required to enter showmanship. To be eligible for State Fair, members must enter showmanship.

5. Members showing the same animal must decide who will enter and show the animal in showmanship. They may each enter showmanship providing they can each be in different classes. Horse members showing the same horse may ride that horse in equitation providing they can be placed in separate classes. This is not to be construed as a license for members to use the same project animal simply because it is a good performer. This is reserved for those members without a project animal exclusively theirs.

6. In the event that an exhibitor has more than one animal in a class, another currently enrolled 4-H member must show the extra animal. 4-H members must show their own animals unless excused by the superintendent.

7. Horned animals will not be allowed in these divisions, except for those documented cases where horns are required for breed registration.

8. Crossbred animals may be entered in these divisions.

9. Registered animals must be registered in the name of the exhibitor (registration in a partnership or a family name is acceptable providing that the 4-H member’s animals have been designated at the beginning of the project). All animals exhibited in the 4-H classes must be housed and groomed in the 4-H barn.

10. Stalls, pens, and cages will be assigned to all entries entered properly and on time. 4-H division superintendents will assign stalls as fairly as possible within the space available. Horse stalls will be assigned on a first entry in basis.

11. Each exhibitor is responsible for the care of his or her exhibit. This includes proper feeding, cleaning, health, and safety practices. Some divisions may provide feed and supervision. Market animals are the responsibility of the member until they are removed from the fairgrounds. All beef and dairy animals must be double tied (halter and neck rope). For beef, rope halters only, no nylon halters with chain leads will be allowed. Rope neckties are required.
12. Exhibitors shall furnish the necessary feed and bedding for their animals, and are also to arrange for their care. Exhibitors are to provide their own feeders, buckets, and necessary equipment.

13. All animals at the show are to be available for use in 4-H Judging and Selection contests.

14. The Washington County Fair Board or its representatives will regulate and be the final authority on health inspections of all animals entering exhibit areas.

15. 4-H volunteer and members will be responsible for the pre-fair inspection of their animals.

16. Members bringing animals showing evidence of disease neglect, or abuse may be barred from entering or asked to remove the exhibit once the problem is identified.

17. Use of any drug which alters the behavior and/or performance of an exhibitor’s animal will be cause for both the animal and exhibitor to be disqualified. The consequences may include: removal of the animal and exhibitor from the fair, and forfeiture of premiums, awards, and ribbons.

18. Health requirements pertaining to a specific division will be found in the division listing.

19. Members may enter the same animal in only one department, 4-H, FFA, or Open Class. A member’s project enterprise may not be the same species for both 4-H and FFA participation. **Exception** – 4-H and FFA members are permitted to show the same animal in Open Class Dairy Cattle, Open Class Dairy Goats, Open Class Fiber Goats, Open Class Beef, and Open Class Sheep, providing the animal being entered in Open Class meets the Open Class show requirements and we have Open Class exhibitors registered in the class and lot. Papers should be verified with the respective Open Class superintendent. No leased animals. If there is a conflict with show times, 4-H and FFA members are required to show in their youth class. 4-H and FFA exhibits must be housed in their assigned barns.

20. When purebred females with crossbred offspring are shown in a dam and offspring class, they shall be shown in the class designated by the breed of the dam.

21. If a member shows a mixed herd/flock, it will be shown in the “other breeds” category.

**STATE FAIR DELEGATES**

Members representing Washington County at the Oregon State Fair must be currently enrolled 4-H Intermediates or Seniors. They will be selected from each division in line with policies established within their respective division. To be eligible for selection to State Fair, members must participate in 4-H Showmanship at county fair. Division quotas are established for the State Fair based on county enrollments within each project. Each division establishes criteria within these guidelines. Check with respective superintendent or division copy for details.

**ANIMAL SCIENCE CONTESTS**

**SHOWMANSHIP CONTESTS**

The 4-H Division is a youth show. All care and fitting must be done by a 4-H member. Member should be able to demonstrate, if asked. Involvement of adults must be limited to advising. Any 4-H animal fitted for showing by adults or professionals will be declared ineligible for premiums or showing. 4-H animals must be fitted in the 4-H barn area.

- Purpose of the showmanship contest is to teach boys’ and girls’ courtesy, good grooming, poise, confidence, and how to train, fit, and show animals.
• Livestock and small animal exhibitors are required to participate in showmanship contest relating to their exhibits.
• A 4-H member may enter only one showmanship contest for each kind of livestock (project). Example: a member may not enter two dairy showmanship contests. Contestants must show their own animals which are entered in a 4-H class at this show, except dogs; a different dog owned by the member may be used for showmanship.
• 4-H members must do their own fitting and training for the show. Junior contestants may be helped by older 4-H members with hoof trimming (except beef and dairy cattle that use a professional due to equipment required), clipping, and blocking, but should do most of the work themselves. Rough clipping and clipping blocking do not count against Junior contestants. Intermediates and Seniors should do their own blocking and be able to demonstrate if asked.
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• 4-H members are to be clean, neat, safe, and appropriately dressed.
• Judges may ask questions about member’s animals, or about fitting and showing.
• The showmanship guides in the project bulletins and “4-H Showmanship” shall be references for questions that may arise.

**HERDSMAINSHP CONTEST**
The purpose of this contest is to:
1. Develop knowledge and skill in proper handling and stabling of livestock.
2. Develop knowledge and skill in proper care and use of equipment.
3. Present to fair visitors a neat, attractive, and well-kept livestock exhibit.
4. Develop club spirit, pride, and cooperation.

All 4-H animal exhibitors are automatically entered in the herdsmanship contest. Exhibits will be scored daily by a judge and daily awards will be given. A list of herdsmanship guidelines will be judged daily from 10:00am to 3:00pm. To promote herdsmanship skills, 4-H members have sole responsibility for their livestock exhibits as outlined above. If Junior members need help, an older 4-H member may assist. Members not attending morning exhibitor meetings may lose herdsmanship points.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**
The purpose of this contest is to develop knowledge and skill in assessing and providing community service.

**MASTER SHOWMANSHP**
The junior, intermediate, and senior champion showmen in beef cattle, dairy cattle, dairy goats, fiber goats, horse, meat goats, pygmy goats, sheep, and swine may compete in the Master Showmanship Contest. Previous winners of Master Showmanship will not be excluded from participation. Awards will be presented to all showmen and a permanent award will go to the junior, intermediate and senior master showman.
RULES & POLICIES
YOU MUST ALSO READ:
Washington County Fair & Rodeo Rules and Regulations
Animal Science Rules & Policies
All 4-H Horse Contest Guide and Project manuals, including 4-H Horse Contest Guide

I: CLUB ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENT
To be eligible to show at County Fair, a member must be enrolled in the 4-H Horse Project by April 1st of the same year. This requirement may be met by enrollment in a 4-H Horse Club or by enrollment in the Horse Project as an independent member. The member's leader is responsible to turn in enrollments to the Extension Office by the April 1st deadline to ensure that the member is eligible to show at County Fair.

II: POINTS PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT
To be eligible to show at County Fair, a member must have accrued a minimum of 100 points from participation at selected activities outlined in the Horse Fair Participation Program. It is the responsibility of the member and/or the member’s mentor to report eligible activities to the program secretary and provide any requested documentation to verify eligible activities. The list of eligible activities and points awarded for participation is available on the county 4-H website. Activities must be completed before the first day of Horse Fair in order to be counted towards the minimum point requirement.

III: FAIR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT
To be eligible to show at County Fair, a member’s fair registration form must be received in the Extension Office by June 1 of the same year. Club mentors are responsible to turn in all registration forms and related documents for their clubs at one time.

IV: OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENT
A member must either own or have leased their project horse as of May 21st preceding County Fair (per Washington County modified 90 day rule). If the horse is leased, the member must have a written lease agreement and must attach the agreement to the fair registration.

Sharing a horse: Two or more members may train and show the same horse at County Fair in each member’s respective division. Note that eligibility requirements for State Fair are different for non-family members sharing the same horse.

90 Day Rule Statement: Much of the confusion over this rule arises from the question of whether or not anyone else can ride the horse during those 90 days. The rule does not state that no one else may be on the horse. It simply states that the 4-H member must “personally train” the horse. Again, the intent is that a professional trainer (whether a family member or not) should not be riding the horse during this time. 4-H members may still take lessons and receive help, but a trainer should not get on the horse and ride it. Similarly, during those 90 days, no one but the 4-H member(s) should be exhibiting the project.
horse, as showing assumes a certain amount of training is being done.”

**V: DEFINITION OF "PROJECT HORSE"**
A 4-H member may have more than one project horse, as follows: Only one horse can be shown in equitation (Hunt seat, Saddle seat, Western), trail, hunt seat equitation over fences, hunter hack equitation, dressage, and western riding.

Additional project horses may be used for harness driving, ground training, green horse and wet mare classes. If the exhibitor has a driving pony it can be exhibited in in-hand trail also. In ground training, one animal may be shown in each of the following classes 1) foal; 2) yearling; 3) two-year old. All project horses must be shown in their related showmanship class in order to qualify for state competition (if eligible.)

Another additional horse may be used for gymkhana (western gaming).

**VI: SHOWMANSHIP REQUIREMENT**
Showmanship is required of all contestants; each project horse brought to fair should be shown in the corresponding showmanship class. (Example - you must enter green horse showmanship if you are going to enter green horse equitation.)

**VII: DISQUALIFICATION / INELIGIBILITY**
A member may be disqualified from participation at County Fair if any of the following occur:

*Training.*
A trainer or instructor is prohibited from providing ground training or riding the member’s project horse between May 21st and the State Fair. A trainer or instructor may assist or teach members between May 21st and State Fair, but may not ride the member’s horse. A trainer or instructor is defined as a person who has trained or shown a horse, or instructed others in riding showing or training a horse, for remuneration. Remuneration is defined as payment of money or other compensation including reimbursement of expenses.

*Competing under certain judges.*
An exhibitor may not compete in any fair class under a judge by whom they have been instructed, coached or tutored, with or without pay, within ninety (90) days prior to fair. Exception: a member may ride in a clinic being conducted by a prospective Fair judge, providing the clinic is advertised as open to all members and not being exclusively for a select group.

*INELIGIBILITY*
Injury, death or loss of lease. In the event of documented injury, death or loss of lease of a member’s project horse registered for county fair by May 21st (Modified 90 days before fair), a member may apply to the Horse Advisory Committee for permission to substitute another horse either owned or leased by the member. This substitution is known as a "hardship case". Members showing at Fair under this rule are ineligible for participation in medallion classes, master showmanship competition, or State Fair.

**VIII: WASHINGTON COUNTY 4-H HORSE PROGRAM HARDSHIP GUIDELINES**
The Washington County Horse Program is a year-round project oriented program. This program encourages the members to take personal responsibility, build long-term life skills and foster teamwork. The Hardship guidelines have been established to allow members to participate at the
Washington County Horse Fair when all requirements for entry have not been met. Requirements for full participation are as follows:

- 4-H horse enrollment due in by April 1st of the current year.
- Accrual of a minimum of 100 points from the Horse Fair Participation Program eligible activities.
- Complete horse fair registration is due in by June 1st, which includes the fair registration forms, a copy of the complete, up-to-date 4-H Horse Record for each project animal entered in the fair.

A 4-H member will be considered as a Hardship entry if the requirements for full participation have not been met and/or their project animal has been changed for any reason after the May 21st (modified 90 day rule) deadline of the current year. A member with a Hardship must explain, in person, their circumstance to the Horse Advisory Board, in a timely manner, in order to participate in Horse Fair. As a Hardship, the 4-H member may participate at the Washington County Horse Fair but will not be allowed to qualify for Medallion classes, Master Showmanship, and State Horse Fair. Extreme circumstances will be reviewed on an individual basis by the 4-H Horse Advisory Board.

IX: CONDUCT WHILE ON THE SHOW GROUNDS
The following rules govern the conduct of exhibitors while on the show grounds:

**Exhibitor only may ride:**
No one except the exhibitor is allowed on a project horse while on the grounds during Fair. Failure to comply with this rule may result in disqualification of all parties involved.

**Cruelty or abuse:**
Exhibitors may be disqualified for cruelty or abuse of a horse. The Horse Fair Superintendent and Judge's have the right to refuse entry for any horse that shows signs of abuse, neglect or is not in fit condition to be shown.

**Performance enhancing drugs:**
Use of any drug that alters the behavior and/or performance of an exhibitor’s animal will be cause for both the animal and the exhibitor to be disqualified. The consequences may include removal of the animal and exhibitor from the fair, and forfeiture of awards and ribbons. Exception: An exception may be granted by the 4-H Horse Advisory Board upon receipt of a note from a licensed veterinarian.

**Horses removed from show grounds:**
Members who need to move their horses’ home at night may do so after completion of classes. All horses must be back in place by 7:00 a.m. the following morning.

**Hoof polish:**
The use of hoof polish, either black or clear, is not allowed at the Washington County Fair.

**Decorations:**
Will be permitted. These decorations must be in place by 10:00 pm on the day before opening day of horse fair; and must be removed by 6:00 pm on closing day. All decorations must be fireproof. Member’s may be asked to remove decorations if it is determined that they pose a health or safety issue for horses, exhibitors, or the public.

**Stalls cleaned:**
All stalls must be cleaned to the bare ground at the end of County Fair before clubs leave the grounds. Class summary sheets will be distributed only to clubs with clean stalls.

**Barn hours:**
No one is allowed in the barns after 10:00 p.m. or before 6:00 a.m. Exceptions to this policy may be granted by the fair superintendent based on special circumstances (such as a sick horse that requires attention.) Member’s must seek and receive permission from the Fair Superintendent before entering the barn area between 10:00 pm and 6:00 am.

**Trail course:**
No one is allowed on the trail course before or after classes. A member may only enter the trail course arena at their designated show time.

**X. APPAREL**

**Helmet:**
An ASTM-SEI approved headgear with harness engaged is required for use by all 4-H members while mounted or while driving.

**Show number:**
Members exhibiting at county fair must wear their entry numbers at all times when on the fair grounds. Numbers must be on the member and be easily visible from at least 10 feet away. This rule ensures that members can be identified in case of an emergency or accident.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**Divisions:**
Members will show in their appropriate age divisions. Classes will be divided according to 4-H General Rule Three under eligibility, i.e. Junior, Intermediate, or Senior. Mentors may request special placement in the novice walk/trot class for appropriate 4-H contestants. Placement as a novice walk/trot will be for all classes entered - i.e., showmanship as well as equitation.

**Exhibitor’s Meeting:**
Judges will meet with all exhibitors each night of fair starting Saturday July 7th during the Mandatory Exhibitors meeting. During this meeting questions regarding the patterns can be asked and important information such as schedule changes will be announced.

**Contest Information:**
All classes will be evaluated according to the Oregon 4-H Horse Contest Procedures Guide, Showmanship and Equitation (4-H 1301). Available online at: [http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/animal-science-horse](http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/animal-science-horse)

**Patterns:**
Patterns for all classes will be provided to exhibitors at the fairgrounds; and will be available to mentors to pick up at the Fairgrounds on Grooming Day July 6th. All patterns will be included in each clubs’ fair packet.

**Horses:**
No horses are allowed on the pavement or grass area north of the barns except in designated areas.

Bedding: The horse advisory will attempt to arrange for bulk shavings to be provided for 4-H Horse exhibitors during fair to bed their horses. A nominal fee for this may need to be assessed. If the advisory is unable to arrange for bulk bedding, each exhibitor will be responsible to provide their own.

Overnight:
Members who leave horses in the stalls overnight are required to remain on the grounds overnight. If you are staying at a nearby hotel, you need to inform your mentor how to reach you and who is responsible for your horse while you are away.

Night watchman:
A night watchman will be on duty from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 am Friday July 6th through Monday, July 9th to supervise the barns. The watchman and fair superintendent should be notified if you have any concerns about your horse.

MEDALLION CLASSES
The medallion classes will be held the same day as the regular class competition. Members will be competing by grade division for medallions in Showmanship, Western Equitation, English Equitation - Hunt Seat, and English Equitation - Saddle Seat. In the event that a member qualifies more than one horse for the medallion showmanship class, the member will choose which project horse to take into the medallion class. Members may enter one or more classes; however, they must be invited back by the judge in their respective classes to qualify. The judge will determine which contestants, in each class, will be invited to return for the medallion classes. Their choices based on outstanding performances, will be noted on the contestants score sheets. The minimum criteria for participation in the medallion competition will be a blue performance in the regular class. This does not imply that all blue ribbon performers will be invited back to the medallion classes. Judges will not be allowed to confer during medallion competition.

Ground Training and Dressage medallions will be presented at the conclusion of Special Classes competition. Medallions for the "non-callback "classes such as Trail, Equitation Over Fences, Harness Driving, Obstacle Driving, etc.) will be presented at the daily mandatory exhibitors meeting.

OREGON 4-H HORSE MEDALLION AND MEDALLION RIBBON GUIDELINES
Medallions may be awarded in each class based upon superior performance. The judges will determine whether contestants qualify for medallions, and their decisions are final.

Medallion classes may be held for Showmanship, Hunt Seat Equitation, Saddle Seat Equitation, Western Equitation and Trail. Up to 10% of the total exhibitors in a class may be brought back for the medallion class. (For showmanship, up to 10% may be brought back for each individual judge.) Medallion ribbons will be awarded to all exhibitors in the medallion class. One of the judges will orally present the pattern to the exhibitors. Judges may award medallions to no more than 5% of the total exhibitors for each class, and two of the three judges must independently agree on which exhibitors receive medallions. Movements in medallion classes can be any of those outlined in the PNW 4-H Horse Contest Guide or the Dad Potter Award Program.

At the judge’s discretion, medallions and/or medallion ribbons may awarded in Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences, Driving, and Ground Training. These will be awarded at the end of the class.
In Dressage, medallions are awarded at the judge’s discretion. Scores of 62% and higher are eligible in all age divisions. Tests to be ridden are TR Levels 2-3-4, or 1st Level 1-2-3-4. Medallion ribbons maybe award to riders having earned the minimum score of 62%. (Revised 2010 JTS)

For each event in Gaming, the top 10% may receive a medallion ribbon. Up to 5% may receive a medallion. Medallion ribbons and medallions will be given only to blue-ribbon times.

MASTER SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES
Beginning in 2012, a champion and reserve champion showman from among exhibiting junior, intermediate, and seniors will be selected to participate in the Master Showman event on Sunday, July 29th as part of the County Fair 4-H activities. The champion showman from each division will be invited to bring their project animal to the fair and compete for the Master Showman Award. Note that groundwork showmanship horses will not qualify for participation in Master Showman competition. In the event the champion showman is unable to participate, the reserve champion showman may be substituted in to compete. Master Showman exhibitors will be required to bring their horses to the county fair before Saturday, July 28th at 7am in order to participate in practice sessions with other species master showman participants. Horses must remain on the fairgrounds until 9pm Sunday, July 29th. Exhibitors will be responsible for the care and maintenance of their horses while they are on the fairgrounds and should plan to camp in the 4-H campground or make other arrangements with the County Fair Horse Superintendent.

Selection of the champion and reserve champion showman from each division will be conducted as follows:
- The top two scores from each qualifying showmanship class will be invited to participate in a master showmanship class after the conclusion of all qualifying showmanship classes on Sunday, July 8th.
- One of the judges will orally provide the pattern for the class. Exhibitors will be allowed to ask questions to the judges before the class begins
- Judges will score the pattern work for each exhibitor. The exhibitor with the highest overall score in each division will be awarded Champion Showman. The exhibitor with the second highest overall score in each division will be awarded Reserve Champion Showman.
- A tie breaker judge will be designated. In the event of a tie, the exhibitor with the higher score under the tie breaker judge will be selected. If a tie still exists, a coin toss by the fair superintendent will be used to select the champion and/or reserve champion.

STATE FAIR DELEGATES
Washington County 4-H horse delegates to the Oregon State Fair must be willing to participate as cooperative members of the county delegation. There is no longer a quota system for the State Fair 4-H Horse Program. 4-H exhibitors must qualify for participation in the State Fair 4-H Horse Show by earning a minimum combined qualifying score of 170 points in showmanship and their respective equitation (Reinsmanship) class (English or Western) at the Washington County Fair. This score is based on a possible 200 points, 100 for showmanship and 100 for equitation (Reinsmanship). Additionally, each of the showmanship score must be 80 points or higher and the equitation (Reinsmanship) score must be 85 points or higher. Participants meeting this two-part criterion will make up what is referred to as the County Delegation.
The minimum qualifying score is non-negotiable. No additional classes other than showmanship and equitation (Reinsmanship) are to be considered for calculating the minimum qualifying score of 170 points for State Fair participation.

For members who ride multiple seats, the highest equitation score must be used to determine eligibility. Then, if members have received blue ribbons in other seats on the same horse, they may ride those seats as well.

Refer to the Horse Show section of the Oregon State Fair 4-H Division for specific participation requirements in Trail, Hunt Seat "Over Fences and Dressage.

To qualify for State Fair in Gaming, contestants must have met the blue ribbon qualifying time in each event entered. If members are not showing another animal in showmanship, they must exhibit their gaming animal in showmanship.

Counties may enter one participant in each ground training class and one participant in each pony and horse harness class.

All delegates are required to attend the organizational meeting prior to State Fair; immediately following the mandatory meeting on **Monday, July 9th** evening and then on **Tuesday July 10th** for qualified gamers.

The Washington County State Fair 4-H Horse delegates will be announced during the regular Washington County 4-H Horse Fair.

**AWARDS**
"I Did It Myself" award and Genny Olmstead award applications and details are available from your volunteer, Horse Advisory Board and/or the Extension office.

"Dad Potter" tryouts - are available at fair - please contact the horse fair supervisor for scheduling a tryout. Information on the Dad Potter award and the requirements for eligibility are available from the Extension office.

**Divisions and Classes**
The following divisions will be offered during Horse Fair:

- **Junior (COUNTY ONLY)**
- **Intermediate**
- **Senior**
- **Novice Walk/Trot (COUNTY ONLY)**
- **Assisted Riding (COUNTY ONLY)**

A Novice exhibitor is either in their first year of competition or has mentor approval to compete as a Novice and may be in any grade. A Walk/Trot exhibitor may be in any grade and is not allowed to compete in any classes that require a canter or lope. Novice and Walk/Trot exhibitors may be combined into the same class which may include novice and/or walk/trot exhibitors from other age divisions.
There are no cross entries between regular and novice classes, or regular and walk/trot classes. You may only enter in one division (i.e., if you enter as a Novice for any event you must enter as a Novice in all other events).

**HORSE SHOWMANSHIP**  
Participants must enter showmanship. It is a required class for all participants.

- 751 500 00_ Performance Showmanship
- 751 500 01_ Gaming Showmanship

**WESTERN EQUITATION**  
Please refer to the 4-H contest guide and project materials for rules and more information. Riders compete in Western Equitation following defined patterns, and are judged on member and appointments, seat and hands, and performance. A novice walk/trot class is offered for novice riders or horses that are not ready or able to perform patterns at a lope. *Sign up for only one equitation class.*

- 751 100 13 _ Western Equitation
- 751 100 14 _ Western Equitation Novice Walk/Trot *(COUNTY ONLY)*

**ENGLISH EQUITATION**  
Please refer to the 4-H contest guide and project materials for rules and more information. Riders compete in English Equitation following defined patterns, and are judged on member and appointments, seat and hands, and performance. Three Classes are offered: English Equitation, Saddle Seat, English Equitation Hunt Seat, and an English Equitation Novice Walk/Trot. The novice walk/trot class is offered for novice riders or horses that are not ready or able to perform patterns at a canter. If you sign up for the novice walk/trot, you may not sign up for the "regular" hunt seat or saddle seat class, nor the equitation over fences classes.

- 751 100 11_ English Equitation *(Saddle Seat)*
- 751 100 12_ English Equitation *(Hunt Seat)*
- 751 600 16_ Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences
- 751 606 16_ Beginning English Equitation Over Fences *(COUNTY ONLY)*
- 751 100 17_ Hunter Hack *(COUNTY ONLY)*
- 751 100 18_ English Equitation Walk/Trot *(COUNTY ONLY)*

**DRIVING/HARNESS**  
Refer to contest guide for rules and required equipment.

- 751 400 41_ Reinsmanship Small Pony *(under 48" in height)* Driving
- 751 400 41_ Reinsmanship Large Pony Driving *(48 - 56 inches in height)*
- 751 400 42_ Reinsmanship Horse Driving *(over 56")*
- 751 400 43_ Precision Driving
- 751 500 06_ Driving Showmanship  
For driving horses not being shown in a regular showmanship class. *(COUNTY ONLY)*
- TBA Pleasure Driving

**HUNT SEAT EQUITATION OVER FENCES & HUNTER HACK EQUITATION**  
1. No Novice or Walk/Trot Classes are offered.
2. All participants must have previous experience jumping:
   a. previously documented jumping at Washington County Fair or
   b. jumped in Pre-Fair 2011 or
   c. OHSET team meet

3. Please see the Equitation Over Fences/Hunter Hack section of the 4-H Horse Contest Guide.

4. Hunter Hack to be shown at the Walk, Trot, Canter, and Hand gallop in both directions. Jumping two obstacles no more than 18 inches high is required.

5. All Hunt Seat Over Fence riders must also qualify at State Fair over a qualifying jump.

English Equitation Over Fences
Hunter Hack (COUNTY ONLY)

DRESSAGE
These classes are for English hunt seat/dressage riders: Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors.

Required Equipment:
English snaffle bit; regular cavesson; dressage or all-purpose hunt seat saddle. Bits must be made of metal or rigid plastic and may be covered with rubber. Flexible rubber bits are not permitted. All 4-H rules apply otherwise.

Purpose:
To demonstrate that the horse is obedient, supple, moves forward, accepts the bit with light contact, and for the rider to demonstrate the correct use of aids and their effectiveness. Please refer to The Horse Contest Guide and the 4-H Dressage Manual for specific rules and equipment allowed. Tests are available at the Extension office and may be read to the rider during the test. No additional points are given for memorizing the test.

Tests offered are:
2011 USA EQ Training Level Tests 1, 2, 3, 2010 USA EQ first level tests, 1, 2, 3. Riders earning a score of 62% or better on one of the above tests in during 2011 fair must move up to a more difficult test. A rider going to State Fair must ride the same test (or more difficult) than they qualified with at State Fair. State Fair requires riders to ride in Training level test one or higher.

Dressage introductory level division cannot qualify for county medallions or State Fair. Tests offered: 2011 USDF Introductory Test A, B, or C (open to novice, junior, intermediate, or senior riders.) Arena size: 66 ft x 132 ft (20 x 40 meters) for all tests except First Level 1, 2, 3 - those tests will be ridden in a 66 ft x 198 ft (20 x 60 meters) arena.

2011 USDF Introductory Test A (COUNTY ONLY)
2011 USDF Introductory, Test B (COUNTY ONLY)
2011 USDF Introductory, Test C (COUNTY ONLY)
2011 USA EQ Training Level, Test 1
2011 USA EQ Training Level, Test 2
2011 USA EQ Training Level, Test 3
2011 USA EQ First Level, Test 1
2011 USA EQ First Level, Test 2
2011 USA EQ First Level, Test 3
Driven Dressage Indicate the test # on the sign-up form (COUNTY ONLY)
**TRAIL HORSE**

Please refer to the contest guide and project materials for the rules and information on this class. State Fair will apply 4-H Horse Contest Guide rules. An in-hand trail class will be offered for all 4-H members after the ridden Trail Horse Classes have been concluded and will be a county only event.

751 300 31_ Trail Horse
751 100 08_ In-Hand Trail (COUNTY ONLY)
751 300 33_ In-Hand Trail – Yearling (COUNTY ONLY)
751 300 34_ In-Hand Trail- 2 Year Olds (COUNTY ONLY)
751 300 38_ Green Horse Trail (COUNTY ONLY)

**GROUND TRAINING**

Participants entering a horse in ground training may not enter that horse in equitation classes at fair. Enter the ground training horse in both ground training and the ground training showmanship class. Male colts older than one year must be gelded.

751 200 21_ Yearlings Groundwork, born in 2011
751 200 22_ Two-Year Old Groundwork, gelding or filly born in 2010
751 200 23_ Foals Groundwork, born in 2012 (COUNTY ONLY)
751 500 02_ Yearlings Showmanship (COUNTY ONLY)
751 500 03_ Two-Year Old Showmanship (COUNTY ONLY)
751 500 51_ Foals Showmanship (COUNTY ONLY)

**GAMING**

In order to ride in gaming classes at the 2012 horse fair, the gaming superintendents must have seen and approved each horse/rider combination, prior to the start of Fair.

To participate in this class, contestants must have written approval from their mentor and parent on the fair registration form.

There will be a 5 second penalty for each of the following: Any "stake", "pole" or "barrel" or "can" knocked over. Dropping of the flag in NSCA Flag Race before crossing the finish line is a disqualification. Judges will do a safety inspection of all exhibitors (clothing and equipment) before the gaming events start.

751 500 40_ Safety inspection (prior to gaming on Tuesday) - inspection time To Be Announced
751 500 01_ Gaming Showmanship
751 800 01_ Figure Eight Stake Race
751 800 02_ Barrel Race
751 800 03_ Key Race
751 800 04_ Pole Bending
751 800 05_ NSCA Flag Race
751 800 06_ BiRangle (COUNTY ONLY)

**NSCA FLAG RACE** (WHO rule book)

Section 1: There shall be a barrel set 120 feet from the starting line with a three pound coffee can
filled 3/4 full of sand or soil and centered on top of the barrel. A wooden stake, 14" long and minimum of 7/8 inches in diameter shall be placed in the can with a flag wrapped and tacked and a 4" square remaining.

Section 2: At starting signal, rider crosses starting line, goes down and around barrel and carries flag back across starting line.

Section 3: Knocking over can and/or barrel is a five second penalty. Dropping the flag before crossing finish line is a disqualification.

WESTERN GAMING
To qualify for State Fair in Gaming, contestants must have met the blue ribbon qualifying time in the event entered. There is no maximum or minimum number of contestants a county may send.

2012 Oregon 4-H State Western Gaming Qualifying Times

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ASSISTED RIDING CLASSES (COUNTY ONLY)
For 4-H members enrolled in assisted riding programs.

GROUND TRAINING
*Ground training horses, green horses, and wet mares are not permitted on the fairgrounds except during their respective classes.*

GREEN HORSE WALK/TROT (COUNTY ONLY)
This is not a class for Novice riders; it is merely a transition for ground training animals or previously unstarted horses to become integrated into fair. To be eligible for this class, the horse must have been under saddle for one year or less, or off the racetrack. This class is not meant for horses that have been ridden in other disciplines that are being retrained, except as noted above. This class is only offered at the county level & riders are not eligible for State Fair with horse. Enter the horse in both the green horse walk/trot and green horse showmanship. No training devices or mechanical hackamores are to be used. Bosals, smooth snaffles, and leverage bits are acceptable, as long as they coincide with 4-H rules. Two hands may be used on all bits except western leverage bits.

751 100 22_ Green Horse Walk/Trot (COUNTY ONLY)
751 500 04_ Green Horse Showmanship (COUNTY ONLY)
WET MARE (COUNTY ONLY)
Members showing mares with suckling foals must register in Wet Mare Showmanship and Equitation classes. Wet mares may not show in regular fair equitation classes.

751 100 19_ Wet Mare Equitation (COUNTY ONLY)
751 500 09_ Wet Mare Showmanship (COUNTY ONLY)

NOVICE RANCH HORSE TRAIL (COUNTY ONLY)
In this event, 4-H members demonstrate skills necessary to ride the trail looking for lost cattle or moving herds, including overnight stays. Riders are asked to negotiate tight spaces and perform tests of skills that may be needed on the trail or ranch.

751 100 07_ Novice Ranch Horse Trail (COUNTY ONLY)

OBSTACLE DRIVING (COUNTY ONLY)
The Obstacle Driving class is a driver's test of horse control & the driver's ability to guide the horse & vehicle through a series of obstacles. The horse is to be shown hitched to a two or four-wheeled vehicle. The harness & vehicle must be safe and in good condition. All rules regarding clothing, safety & equipment found in the driving section of the 4-H Horse Contest Guide will apply to this class (ASTM-SEI approved head gear with harness engaged is required). The obstacle driving class will be divided into horse (over 56") and ponies (56" and under).

To participate in this class, contestants must have written approval from their mentor and parent on the fair registration form. The course must be safe for horse and driver.

Driver may be asked to move on to the next obstacle if they have taken more than 30 seconds to start or they may be allowed three refusals per obstacle or a combination of the two. The course must be posted, showing the order and direction of the obstacles. Courses should contain five to ten obstacles. Each obstacle has a value and is scored accordingly to how the driver maneuvers through the entire obstacle.

The following are suggested obstacles to be used for the obstacle driving class:
1. Remove something that might be found in a mailbox.
2. Drive at a walk over a safe, solid, secure bridge.
3. Back through or into a designated area.
4. Pivot keeping one wheel within a circle.
5. Pivot keeping the entire horse and vehicle within a circle.
6. Drive on a plank placed flat on the ground, not less than 12 inches wide.
7. Pick up an object & move it to another location.
8. Drive through a narrow passage.
9. Negotiate one wheel between two poles.
10. Drive a pattern created with poles or cones (serpentine, cloverleaf, and figure 8)
11. Drive past a noisy object.
12. Drive between brush obstacles.

751 100 43_ Obstacle Driving (COUNTY ONLY)