GENERAL CLACKAMAS COUNTY 4-H HORSE RULES, 2016

The 4-H age* classification for contestants is:

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* Age is as of September 1, 2015

Ribbons are awarded as follows:

- **Blue** for 85-100 points
- **Red** for 70-84 points
- **White** for 54-69 points
- **Participation** for 53 and below

In order to compete in any class at a county 4-H contest, a member must have his/her leader's approval. It is a leader's responsibility to determine if a member and his/her horse are able to safely participate at any activity.

All clubs and independent members must have a designated chaperone of at least 21 years of age on the grounds at all times during horse events, and the chaperone(s) must register at the show office.

It is customary to charge a participation fee at county contests to help cover the cost of the program.

MEMBERS AND CONDUCT

1. 4-Hers must be enrolled in the 4-H Horse project in Clackamas County by **January 10, 2016** in order to participate in 4-H horse in Pre-Fair and Fair.

2. Members must show horses that they are using in their 4-H horse project. They must have identified their horse(s) by **March 28, 2016**. Any changes after **March 28**, due to serious injury, serious illness, or death must be approved by the 4-H Horse Change Committee. Requests must be made by **June 1**. Any approved changes will constitute disqualification from State Fair and championships. 4-H member, leader, and parent must attend the change meeting to explain the situation and must present a veterinarian's statement.

3. Emergency notification information, including medical release and parent/guardian consent form, must be turned in at the 'All Horse Leader' meeting in March. Any member not having these forms on file will not be allowed to show.

4. At Horse Fair, members must have passed certain advancement steps to compete. See page 5 of the Oregon 4-H Horse Advancement Program for minimum requirements. A chart will be included in the spring mailing.

5. **ALL MEMBERS MUST TURN IN A 4-H RECORD BOOK ON JUNE 1 IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN COUNTY FAIR.**

6. Entries, campsite, and stall requests must be signed by the 4-H leader and parent and be in the hands of the show committee on **June 1, 2016**, or the alternate date designated by the Horse Advisory Committee. **THESE MUST BE HAND DELIVERED and will be returned if not filled out correctly. Do not drop them off at the Extension office or at the Fairgrounds main office. Do not mail them to any of the advisory staff, Fairgrounds staff, or Extension office staff.**

7. Judging of classes will be based on the current 4-H Horse Project Manual, 4-H Horse Contest Guide (dated “Effective October 1, 2015”), and Oregon 4-H materials. Judges’ decisions are final.

8. Club members may bring their horses to the Fairgrounds on the day or days to be shown if they have their leader's approval. Only **Junior** and **Senior** horses will be stabled during the **first half** of the Horse Fair and only **Intermediate** horses during the **second half**. Junior and Senior horses must be out by 10:00 pm on their last day.

9. Class schedule information (class, time, and location) is the responsibility of the member. **No class scheduling changes will be allowed at Fair. PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION, AS FAIR SCHEDULE HAS CHANGED SIGNIFICANTLY THIS YEAR.**
10. There will be a **mandatory** evening meeting for all Fair participants on the evening before their first day of showing for the Junior/Senior and Intermediate sessions. Dates and times will be posted in the Horse Fair book (available online in June). The Ranch Horse meeting and written test will be on Monday.

11. 4-H members showing at County Horse Fair must use the same horse in all Performance classes (Showmanship, Equitation, Jumping and Dressage). The same or a separate horse may be used for Gaming, Driving, or Ranch Horse. A separate horse must be used for Ground Training. The In-Hand Trail class is only for driving ponies and ground training horses. Performance horses that are staying overnight have priority for stall assignments. Leaders can request stalls for other horses if there is room. Any horse shown must be your project horse. **Project horses will not be placed in the hands of a professional trainer after April 1, 2016 through County Horse Fair, and may not be shown by anyone besides the 4-H member.** The horse may be shared only for OHSET meets.

12. **Showmanship is required of all Fair participants.** Honors and awards for other events will be forfeited if member doesn't participate in showmanship, and member will not be allowed to compete in any events following showmanship.

13. Hard-soled shoes or boots, helmets (ASTM-SEI approved), and numbers must be worn in the barn areas when working with or riding horses. Other fully-enclosed shoes may be worn in barn areas, but no sandals or bare feet are allowed.

14. Each 4-H horse member is issued a Permanent Exhibitor Number from the Extension office. This number should be used as an identification number on all forms and will also be the member’s show number at all Clackamas County 4-H Horse events.

15. Numbers must be worn on member's upper body at all times when he/she is working with his/her horse. Member’s number must be visible from at least 20 feet away. Duct, masking, or any other type of tape is not to be used for numbers. Paper plates or blank number stock are preferred as a numbering medium, or the number can be printed on clothing.

16. **All grooming, riding, and schooling of horses during Fair must be done by club members, not parents, leaders, or trainers. Violation of this rule may result in disqualification of rider and horse.**

17. Chaps are only allowed in mounted Trail class.

18. No one will be allowed to practice on the Trail course at any time.

19. All 4-H related work must be done by the members with leader instruction. Parents may observe but are asked not to assist unless an issue of safety arises.

20. Supervision is strongly recommended whenever members are working with horses.

21. Infield area at the Fairgrounds is for riding at controlled gaits only. No racing!

22. Medallion classes may be chosen from riders receiving a score of 85 and above, not to exceed 10% of the riders, per Judge, in the event and age group. Champion and reserve champion will be awarded at the Judges’ discretion.
HORSE FAIR RULES AND ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Adequate halters and halter ropes are a must.

2. Mechanical hackamores will not be allowed at County Fair. (Exception: Western Gaming, see page 35 of PNW 574 "4-H Horse Contest Guide")

3. Flat curb chains at least 1/2" wide or wider will be allowed at County and State Fair in all divisions, including Western Gaming classes, but they must lie flat. (Exception: Dressage.)

4. ASTM-SEI approved helmets are required for all horse-related activities.

5. Dropped, figure 8, and flash nosebands are acceptable only if used correctly in Hunt Seat over Fences and Dressage.

6. No stallions or wet mares may be shown. Male colts older than 12 months must be gelded to be shown.

7. No tranquilized horses will be allowed at the Fair. “Natural” calming substances must have veterinary approval.

8. In Hunt Seat, if the tail is braided, the entire mane must be braided, but the mane may be braided without the tail being braided.

9. For tack clarification in any class, refer to the current Horse Contest Guide or ask at the main horse Fair office.

10. An appropriate bridle must be on the horse while it is being ridden. Rider must be wearing boots, number, and approved helmet. No bareback riding on gaming day.

11. Riding double is not allowed.

12. No hoof dressing of any kind at 4-H horse fair.

13. No smoking, vaping, drinking alcoholic beverages, or using non-prescription drugs is allowed. Violators will be disqualified and asked to leave.

14. Absolutely no dogs or other pets. This is a Fairgrounds rule.

15. Mistreatment of horses is prohibited at all times. Anyone violating this rule will be asked to withdraw his/her entry.

16. Each member must furnish his/her own bedding in all stalls. Base bedding for the panel stalls will be furnished. Remove only the wet shavings for the second half of Fair. All stalls must be stripped and you must check out afterwards – even on gaming day. If you do not check out you will forfeit stall privileges for next year.

17. HAY NETS, BAGS, AND BUCKETS MUST BE TIED AT THE FRONT OF THE STALL, high enough so horses will not get tangled in them. Hay nets must be removed when empty.

18. No padlocks on stall doors. No halters or lead lines securing panels, chain with snaps only.

19. Night watch volunteers will be on duty throughout the Fair, as well as occasional visits by local police authorities.

20. Bring your own padlock for your/your club’s tack room.
21. **NO horses will be ridden, longed, or walked during the exhibitor meetings. Do not disturb the Championship classes when riding in the evening.**

22. An exercise area(s) will be provided. We will ask for volunteer help to supervise these areas. **Unsupervised riding will not be allowed.**

23. No racing with horses.

24. No horses will be allowed in or around the campground or on the south side of the livestock barn. No horses are to be taken into the grove side of the Ely Arena. A map of these restricted areas will be included in the Horse Fair book.

25. Do not leave horses unattended.

26. Herdsmanship will be judged on Showmanship and Equitation days – Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Judging will be based on cleanliness of stalls, horses being well cared for, safety issues, and the appearance, behavior, and cooperation of the club members. Herdsmanship will be divided into three groups for judging: 1-4, 5-9, and 10 or more members showing at Fair.

27. No bikes, skateboards, or roller blades will be allowed on the Fairgrounds during Horse Fair.

28. Clean up after your horse. This includes the barn areas as well as the wash rack.

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**STATE FAIR**

The 4-H State Fair handbook is posted on the Oregon 4-H website and contains detailed information about qualifying, rules, and schedules for the state Fair.

A Clackamas County 4-H member must qualify in an event at the Clackamas County Horse Fair in order to compete in that event at State Fair. The horse which is shown in any event at State Fair must be the same horse with which the 4-H member qualified in that event at Clackamas County Fair.

Only Intermediates and Seniors may show at State Fair. To qualify in performance, the 4-H member must have a combined showmanship and equitation score of 170 or greater, with each score at least 80. If the member qualifies with their highest equitation score and also has a blue ribbon in a second seat, they may show in both classes at State Fair. See the State Fair Book about qualifying in other classes.