HORSE PROJECT GENERAL RULES

1. A member may own, borrow, share, or lease a horse for a project. A shared project animal is defined as only immediate family members or two non-family members sharing the same horse including care and training responsibilities. Members borrowing or leasing horses for their 4-H project must have a lease agreement stating all conditions for the care and use of the horse. A copy of this lease agreement should be in the member’s 4-H records. Members and families must recognize that they may need to make choices when two members sharing a horse are in the same class or are competing for championships.

2. 4-H members should be responsible for all grooming, training, and care of their horse(s).

3. 4-H members participating in any 4-H equestrian activity must wear an approved helmet whenever they are mounted on an equine or in a vehicle (cart, buggy, etc.) being pulled by an equine. The helmet must be properly fitted with the harness engaged according to manufacturer’s instructions. It is recommended that 4-Her’s wear their ASTM/SEI helmets any time they are around their horse.

4. As of January 1, all horse’s age will advance one year.

5. Clubs must be represented by leader (or parent or member) at a minimum of 5 Horse Advisory Committee meetings to maintain a “leader in good standing” status, which gives you fair benefits and voting privileges.

6. Exceptions to the Horse Project rules must have the approval of the 4-H staff, who may request consultation from the Horse Advisory Committee.

HORSE FAIR ELIGIBILITY

1. Rules in the current “4-H Horse Contest Guide,” PNW 574 take precedence over county horse rules (available at the Extension Office and on the State 4-H website).

2. Exhibitors are expected to know and follow all General Rules and Animal Science Rules.

3. 4-H members must be in POSSESSION of their horse (leased or owned) 90 days prior to County Horse Fair. Following Declaration Day, the horse may only be ridden or exhibited by any 4-H member currently enrolled in Jackson County 4-H or by an immediate family member. A trainer or instructor may assist or teach members between Declaration Day and Fair, but may not ride or train the member’s horse.

4. On Declaration Day, members are required to provide proof of ownership in the form of photocopies of registration papers, bill of sale, statement of ownership or the lease, along with a photograph of each declared horse and back up horse(s).

5. If a horse substitution is necessary any time after Fair Declaration Day, the member may show their declared backup horse. If the horse was not declared, a request can be made to the Variance Committee for substitution approval. All successful requests may show at the county level for Blue/Red/White ribbons only, and will not be eligible to exhibit at State Horse Fair.

6. Every participant must have their horse project records checked prior to Fair on a specified due date in order to compete. The following parts of the record book will be checked: Horse Project Records and General Advancements (per age level). Members must pass the following advancement steps in the 4-H Advancement Program [Junior-Step 1, Intermediate-Step 1 and 2, Senior-Step 1, 2, and 3]. In addition, members who want to do Trail, Driving, Gaming, Jumping (excluding Trot-A-Course/ Trot-A-Pole) need to also pass the appropriate advancement step in these divisions to participate at fair. [All paperwork must be current and complete on ALL horses that are eligible for Fair. If these records are not complete by the due date, the member will be required to fill out a variance request and get approval from the Variance Committee in order to compete for awards beyond a blue, red, or white ribbon.]

7. Participation and completion of one contest in the County Judging/Hippology contest is required of every member to compete at County Fair. Qualifying Judging/Hippology contests are the previous County Fair, winter and spring contests.

8. Members must use the same horse for Showmanship, Equitation, Dressage, Trail, and Jumping. Members may use a different horse for Gaming, Working Ranch Horse, Driving, In-hand Trail and colt training.

9. It is required that all horses participate in an equine event prior to attending County Fair. Examples include: 4-H Field Day, 4-H Pre-Fair, OHSET, Open/Breed/Gaming Shows, and educational clinics. Attendance/Registration forms should be added to the project records. Substitutions of this requirement will be made at the discretion of 4-H Staff and the Superintendent.
EXHIBITOR’S RULES at FAIR

1. Exhibitors are expected to follow all Jackson County 4-H General Rules, Animal Science Rules, and Animal Health Requirements. For all other class requirements and procedures, refer to the “4-H Horse Contest Guide,” PNW 574.

2. Each exhibitor is responsible for the personal daily care of his/her horse. During the duration of the Fair, all participants will be expected to be present daily.

3. Any horse with chronic or acute lameness must have a veterinarian exam to determine whether it will be permitted to participate at Fair. If any medication is given or a veterinarian is called during Fair, the 4-H Staff and/or Superintendent must be notified. If a horse goes lame at County Fair and the horse owner refuses a veterinarian exam, the horse will not be allowed to participate.

4. Any infraction of the rules may result in earning only Blue/Red/White ribbons or disqualification and forfeiture of premiums, special awards and State Fair eligibility.

5. Arena riding patterns are made and approved at the discretion of the judge.

6. There will be callbacks for Showmanship, Equitation, Trail, and Gymkhana, if numbers allow.

7. At the end of each section, those qualified for Championship Classes will be announced and posted as soon as possible. Championship Classes will be decided by the following:
   a. Only blue ribbon recipients are eligible for Championship Classes.
   b. All Scores of 90 and above with a minimum of four in a class are automatically entered into the Championship Class. If only two have a score above 90, the fair secretary will drop in scores until four members are included, as long as the member has a blue. Example: Seven riders with scores of 89 pick up all seven. If at 89 there is only one, secretary will drop to 88 and so on until there is a minimum of four riders. If there are no blue range ribbons in the class, then there will be no Championship class.
   c. Judges will decide if performance warrants Champion Ribbons.
   d. Ties will be broken by the decision of the judge choosing from these options: a) maneuver/obstacle from Dad Potter, b) question from the Horse Advancements.
   e. Purple ribbons will be awarded to all members who do not receive a trophy in the Championship Class.

8. First year classes will have less difficult patterns than the standard age group and are not eligible for State Fair Competition.

9. Only one walk/trot horse is allowed per exhibitor. Members exhibiting in walk/trot equitation classes will not be allowed to canter in any of their classes with the same horse.

10. Second horse showmanship is a county only class for members who choose to exhibit a second performance horse. This horse should enter walk/trot classes only. Second horse showmanship is also for driving, in-hand trail and ground training horses. This class earns Blue/Red/White ribbons only.

DAD POTTER TRYOUTS

1. Obtain instructions and applications from the 4-H Extension office or the State 4-H website.

2. Applications must be submitted to the Extension Office along with the copy of the completed Advancement Program on Registration Day. The signature of the Extension Agent and 4-H Leader is required on the Dad Potter application. Contact the Fair Superintendent to schedule your time.

3. 3-STEP Certificate of Merit. Same requirements, instructions and arrangements that apply to Dad Potter competition. Members must decide the three steps they intend to try and list them in any order (any 3 of the 10 required for Dad Potter).

JUDGING & HIPPOLOGY CONTESTS

1. All Judging and Horse Fair rules will be governed by the Oregon 4-H Horse Project Book #130; the 4-H contest Guide #574; the Oregon 4-H Horse Advancement Program #1302; the Horse and Pony Driving Manual #229; the Dressage Manual #PNW488; the Hunt Seat Equitation over Fences Manual #488, the current Jackson County 4-H Horse Rules, the 4-H Contest Guide (which supersedes all other guides), Horse Industry Handbook section, Facilities and waste management, Horse Business Management, Horse Foot Care, Using Genetics in Horse Breeding, Training, and Exercise Physiology.

2. To qualify for the State Judging /Hippology team, a member must have participated in two of the three contests offered with a minimum combined score of 750.
SHOWMANSHIP

Every member must do showmanship. It should be performed with your primary horse (ie. the one you want to take to State Fair). All gaming exhibitors who bring a second horse for gaming day may sign up for gaming day showmanship.

**Performance Horse**
- 751 500 001 Junior*
- 751 500 002 Intermediate
- 751 500 003 Senior

**Gaming Horse**
- 751 500 011 First Year Junior*
- 751 500 012 First Year Intermediate*
- 751 500 013 First Year Senior*

**EQUITATION**

Members can bring one performance horse for equitation and showmanship. They may also bring a second horse for walk/trot.

*Note: Fill in blank in class number (_) with corresponding number.*

- 01 – Junior*
- 02 – Intermediate
- 03 – Senior
- 11 – First Year Junior*
- 12 – First Year Intermediate*
- 13 – First Year Senior*

**WORKING RANCH HORSE**

1. A judged event designed to show the athletic ability of a ranch-type horse within the confines of a show arena.
2. Rules will follow the current Oregon 4-H Ranch Horse Manual and Contest Guide.
3. Each contestant will individually perform the required pattern.

**TRAIL**

Open to all 4-H members. In-Hand Trail: This class is for horses that are not intended to be ridden (ie. ground training, driving horses, etc.) Additionally, green horses, not ridden in Trail are also eligible.

*Not eligible for State Fair.*

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HUNT SEAT EQUITATION OVER FENCES

Members can only enter one jumping class. Trot-a-Pole can be ridden in Hunt Seat or Western equipment, but not both. All other classes should be in Hunt Seat attire. Trot-a-Course is a class for those members who have started work over fences, but are not ready for class specified heights.

Note: Fill in blank in class number (_) with corresponding number.
1 – Junior*  2 – Intermediate  3 – Senior
751 600 26_ Trot-a-Pole (pole on the ground)*
751 600 46_ Trot-A-Course, fences under 12 inches*
751 600 66_ Beginner/Junior Hunt Seat, fences up to 2 feet 3 inches* (open to all age divisions)
751 600 16_ Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences
   (Intermediate: Up to 2 feet 6 inches; Senior up to 2 feet 9 inches)

GROUND TRAINING

751 200 202 Intermediate, foal born in current year*
751 200 203 Senior, foal born in current year*
751 200 212 Intermediate Yearling
751 200 213 Senior Yearling
751 200 222 Intermediate Two-Year Olds
751 200 223 Senior Two-Year Olds

OWNER TRAINED

1. Owner trained is a county only class.
2. This class is designed as the next step beyond ground training. It is not an equitation class. It is open to horses two to four years of age.
3. The owner-trained horse may be shown in showmanship and other performance classes.
4. Horse shall be ridden with appropriate gear for the stage of training; and meet 4-H Contest Guide Rules.
5. Members give the judge a list of exercises to be attempted, age of member, age of horse and length of training.
6. Fifteen minutes will be allowed to perform exercises.
   Member will have a 2-minute warning for completion.
7. Score sheets will be provided at registration and must be filled out by the exhibitor.
8. The judge may question the member regarding the horses training.
9. The owner-trained horse shall not have been more than halter broke at the time it was obtained by the member. The owner-trained horse shall have been trained, ridden, and shown by the member at all times since being obtained. Parents and members must submit a letter attesting that all the rules of “owner trained” horses have been met.

751 200 310*  Horses under saddle, or rode less than 1 year
751 200 320*  Horses under saddle, or rode more than 1 year

* Does not qualify for state or high point

DRIVING

Note: Fill in blank in class number (_) with corresponding number.
1 – Junior*  2 – Intermediate  3 – Senior
751 400 41_ Pony Reinsmanship
751 400 42_ Horse Reinsmanship
751 400 43_ Precision Driving
DRESSAGE

Members can exhibit in one Dressage class and one Western Dressage class. USEF Dressage Training Level Tests available for download at www.usef.org or contact the 4-H Extension Office. A link to Western Dressage resources can be found on the State Fair website.

Note: Fill in blank in class number (_) with corresponding number.

Dressage
751 700 050* Intro Level, Test B (Walk/Trot)
751 700 500 Dressage – Training Level, Test 1
751 700 510 Dressage – Training Level, Test 2
751 700 520 Dressage – Training Level, Test 3

751 700 540 Dressage – First Level, Test 1
751 700 550 Dressage – First Level, Test 2
751 700 560 Dressage – First Level, Test 3

Western Dressage
751 700 650* Intro Level, Test 5 (Walk/Trot)
751 700 600 Western Dressage, Basic Progression, Test 4
751 700 610 Western Dressage, Basic Progression, Test 5
751 700 620 Western Dressage, Basic Progression, Test 6

751 700 630 Western Dressage, Level 1 Connection, Test 1
751 700 640 Western Dressage, Level 1 Connection, Test 2
751 700 650 Western Dressage, Level 1 Connection, Test 3

GAMING

If you competed in a Walk/Trot class with the same horse, you must also Walk/Trot the gaming events.

Note: Fill in blank in class number (_) with corresponding number.

1 – Junior* 2 – Intermediate 3 – Senior

751 800 01_ Figure 8
751 800 03_ Key Race
751 800 04_ Pole Bending
751 800 05_ NSCA Flag Race
751 800 06_ Two-Barrel Flag Race
751 800 02_ Barrels

BREEDING CLASS

This is a county only class. Classes are judged 50% on handling (manners and performance) and 50% on knowledge of conformation, breeding practices and genetics related to your breeding program. Indicate breed of foal on registration: Arabian, Appaloosa, Morgan, Paint, Quarter Horse, etc.

751 150 02_

Note: Fill in blank in class number (_) with corresponding number.

5 Suckling Foal, foaled in current year
6 Yearling
7 Two-Year old
STATE HORSE FAIR QUALIFYING/ELIGIBILITY

There are no county quotas for State Horse Fair. Instead, there are qualifying scores or times for each specific event. Contestants must first qualify with their equitation/showmanship score before they qualify for trail, dressage, or hunt seat over fences. Carefully read the qualifying rules for each event below.

Contestants must use the same horse in all events except for Ground Training, driving classes, and Gaming. In addition, in every event, contestants must use the same horse they qualified with at their county fair.

Showmanship is required of all contestants, AND you can only do showmanship once. All showmanship will be on the same day.

Equitation and Showmanship
To qualify for State Fair in showmanship and equitation (hunt seat, saddle seat, or western), contestants must have received a minimum combined score of 170 (in equitation and showmanship) at their county fair, and each individual score must be 80 points or higher. In addition, they must have used the same horse in both classes.

For members who ride multiple seats, the highest equitation score must be used to determine eligibility. Then, if members have received a score of 80 or above in other seats on the same horse, they may ride those seats as well. The same horse must be used for all equitation classes.

Trail
Contestants who qualify for State Fair in equitation/showmanship may also enter Trail if they received a blue ribbon in that event at their county fair using the same horse as used in equitation/showmanship.

In-Hand Trail
Contestants who qualify for State Fair in ground training or with a non-ridden animal in reinsmanship or precision driving may also enter in-hand trail if they received a blue ribbon in that event at their county fair using the same equine.

Dressage/Western Dressage
Contestants who qualify for State Fair in equitation/showmanship may also enter Dressage if they received a score of 58% or higher on any Dressage Training Level Test or any First Level test at their county fair using the same horse as used in equitation/showmanship.

Additionally, contestants who qualify for State Fair in equitation/showmanship may also enter Western Dressage if they received a score of 58% or higher on Basic Progression Test, 4,5 or 6 or Level 1 Connection Test 1, 2, or 3.

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Riders may ride only one test in each discipline at State Fair, and it must be the test they rode at their county fair and in which they received the qualifying score.

A member who scores 62% or higher at State Fair must progress up to the next test the following year. (The requirement to move up does not apply to a new horse or in test change years.) The 2019 tests must be used. If a dressage exhibitor has "scored out" of 4-H Dressage and must move up to a test beyond First Level, please have the exhibitor contact 4-H staff member in charge of horse statewide for an appropriate state fair solution – we will likely be able to accommodate this member.

The short court will be used for Western Dressage and Training Level tests and the standard court for First Level tests.

Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences
Contestants who qualify for State Fair in equitation/showmanship may also enter Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences if they received a blue ribbon in that event at their county fair using the same horse as used in
equitation/showmanship and if they received the blue ribbon performing over an approved qualifying course. A qualifying course must have a minimum of six different fences with at least three of them at a 2'9" (or 2'6" respectively, depending on age group) height and spread. There must be at least one combination jump and one change of direction.

At State Fair, a selection of warm-up fences will be provided. (2) All contestants must be approved by the on-site official over these warm-up jumps before attempting the full course.

Reinsmanship
Contestants may only enter one reinsmanship class at the State Fair, and there are two ways to qualify.

Contestants who qualify for State Fair in equitation/showmanship may also enter reinsmanship if they received a blue ribbon in that event at their county fair using the same horse or pony as used in equitation/showmanship.

Contestants may also qualify with their non-equitation horse or pony if they received a minimum combined score of 170 (in reinsmanship and showmanship) at their county fair. In addition, all scores must be 80 or above. The showmanship score can be from their equitation horse or their driving horse. If contestants are not showing an equitation animal in showmanship, they must exhibit their reinsmanship animal in showmanship.

Precision Driving
Contestants may only enter one precision driving class at the State Fair, and there are two ways to qualify.

Contestants who qualify for State Fair in equitation/showmanship may also enter one precision driving if they received a blue ribbon in that event at their county fair using the same horse or pony as used in equitation/showmanship.

Contestants may also qualify with their non-equitation horse or pony if they received a minimum combined score of 170 (in precision driving and showmanship) at their county fair. In addition, all scores must be 80 or above. The showmanship score can be from their equitation horse or their driving horse. If contestants are not showing an equitation animal in showmanship, they must exhibit their driving animal in showmanship.

Ground Training
To qualify for State Fair in Ground Training, contestants must have received a blue ribbon in ground training at their county fair. A county may send a total of 8 ground trainers (four seniors and four intermediates). The horses may be either yearlings or two-year olds. The same person may show both a yearling and a two-year-old. If contestants are not showing an equitation animal in showmanship, they must exhibit their ground training animal in showmanship.

Western Gaming
To qualify for State Fair in Gaming, contestants must have met the blue ribbon qualifying time at their county qualifying event, in each event entered on the same horse they are exhibiting in timed events at state fair. If members are not showing another animal in showmanship, they must exhibit their gaming animal in showmanship. The same horse must be used in all gaming events.

Members who qualify in at least one Western Gaming event with a qualifying time, may choose an additional Western Gaming event in which to participate. (This is a trial for 2 years, beginning 2019)

2019 Oregon 4-H State Western Gaming Qualifying Times

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