

2020 HORSE Fact Sheet

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Erie County 4-H
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*****Changes for 2020 are in Italics and red*****

Projects

174 - Beginning Horse Management	762 - Horse Nutrition
175 - Light Horse Selection	184 - Standardbred Horses
177 - Horse Training	185 - Equine Reproduction & Genetics
180 - Learning to Jump	188 - Trail Riding
181 - Draft Horse	189 - Dressage

Important Dates:

May 15th: Project Information with photo, certified immunization record, liability release and lease agreement due to Extension Office

Skill-A-Thon July 23rd: Book check and skill-a-thon from 5-8 p.m. at *EHOVE in the Science & Technology Center*

Tuesday, August 11th: Barn Judging on Tack & Horse Cleanliness at 10:00 a.m.

Extension Educator Responsible - Angela Holmes
Secretary/Records Official – Betsy Gordon

SADDLE HORSES AND PONIES - ENTRY RULES

1. One horse with one exhibitor per class.
2. Each member must ride his/her own project animal for grade and championships.
3. The 4-H Circular 179 Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows *revised for 2018 applies for all fair classes, except for changes listed under Article II.
4. Junior classes are members 8-13 years old and senior classes are members 14 and older, as of January 1st. First year members who chose to enter first year member classes may not cross enter into their age division for horsemanship, pleasure, or showmanship. If a first year member enters first year member walk/trot/canter, they are eligible for championship contesting and reining classes in their appropriate age division. Participants who show First Year member may also enter Championship Trail, Championship Trail in Hand, and Championship Western Dressage. Any member who chooses walk/trot or 2-gaited is not eligible for any championship canter classes, including contesting.
5. Members taking riding production projects may show in their age group and production championship classes as long as the member is not taking three horses.
6. Classes may be combined or divided differently at the discretion of the show operating body or Judge.



ARTICLE I - General Rules

1. 4-H members are encouraged to do their own project work. Members should take total responsibility for the care of their project. Parents need to play a supportive role during the fair, ready to insure the safety of the 4-H member. We recommend parents do not do the daily grooming or riding of the horse.
2. As stewards of horses, be mindful that horses with a body condition score of less than 4, when using a scale of 1-9, obviously sick horses, or lameness may be excused from showing by show management, fair vet, or fair judge.
3. Members may take a total of three project horses to fair, but can have only one entry per class for grading. Mare and foal may be split and graded separately if the member doesn't already have two other horse projects.
4. Members are required to take one 4-H horse project book for up to two horses. A third horse requires a second 4-H project book. EVERY horse must have a complete record.
5. Members must have their project animal(s) pictures (including both the horse and member, full body view of horse), member medical form, liability release, safety program form, lease agreement form, and horse certified immunization record or extension for immunization record form submitted **by May 15** to the OSU Extension Office. Any paperwork turned in after the May 15 deadline will be assessed a \$10 per week, per form late fee. No forms will be accepted after June 1 and will result in a forfeit of bringing the horse/pony to fair.
6. **Immunizations required for any horse 4 months of age and older at fair: Eastern & Western Equine Encephalitis, Tetanus, Equine Influenza, and, Rhinopneumonitis (must include both EHV-1 AND EHV-4).** Highly recommended, but not required for fair: Strangles and West Niles Virus. Acceptable forms of verification are a Health Certificate, Vaccination Certificate, or Vaccination Receipt from the administering veterinarian. Documentation must contain the names of horses being vaccinated, vaccines administered, and the date of vaccination.
All required vaccinations must be given after 1/1 and before 5/15 of the current year and must be administered by a veterinarian.
7. We highly recommend all horses have a Coggins test. You may also want to discuss Piroplasmosis with your veterinarian. *If attending the Ohio State Fair for the 2020 show season, it is required to have a Negative Coggins test result for your horse. (To be completed after January 1, 2020.)*
8. Hardships are granted on a case-by-case basis. Hardships can be granted for medical and safety reasons. Medical reasons must be presented with a written veterinarian excuse. Hardships must be submitted on the Hardship Request Form. This form is posted on the Erie County Extension website at: <http://erie.osu.edu>.
9. Project year ends after the fair.

ARTICLE II - Class Rules

We do hereby accept State "Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows" except for rules in our by-laws and the following:

1. An animal carried as a project can be shown by two 4-H members for grade and championship classes. Only when both members are in the same club and one of the members has only one horse project. Remember only one horse with one exhibitor per class.
2. Mechanical hackamores are permitted in contesters' horsemanship and gymkhana classes.
3. No bats, whips, or poppers are permitted in any contest or Fun Show 4-H class.

4. Uniform rules call for contesting horses to be ridden into the arena. Contesters must be under control when entering the arena and be acknowledged by the judge before starting the pattern. Contesters must stop and be under control before leaving the arena. Failure to abide will result in "no time" at the discretion of the judge. It is highly encouraged that members dismount and lead horses out of the arena.
5. For the Erie County Fair ONLY: production projects may be leased and production projects are defined as horses 4 years of age and younger. Refer to the State Fair production rule: "Production classes are limited to youth who have passed their 13th birthday and have not passed their 19th birthday as of January 1 of the current year". Exceptions to the age rule may be approved at the county level only. Requests for an exception must be submitted to the extension office by May 1st. Refer to championship rules for your riding discipline for bit inspection. Canter is optional for production classes.
6. Trail in Hand must be shown in a halter with a 12-25 foot lead, chain and/or whip is optional.
7. Erie County will compete in 2 levels: Intro for Walk trot riders and Basic for all others.
8. In classes with canter optional, a higher score may be awarded to those who canter.
9. Show Operation:
 - A) Patterns and courses will be posted as soon as provided by judge.
 - B) Any improper entry of a horse or rider shall be excused.
10. In consideration of safety, first year members that show in first year member classes, will be allowed to ride two handed in any discipline. Any legal bit as found in the 4-H Uniform Rulebook is acceptable.

ARTICLE III - Rules and Regulations for Fair

1. Horses must be checked in by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, unless Extension Educator or Horse Program Secretary gives approval. Horses will be released Sunday at 7:00 p.m.
2. All pony entries will be measured for official height on Monday at 4:30 p.m. Please be present with your pony.
3. All livestock trailers must be removed from the fairgrounds after animals are unloaded. No trailers are to be left in the fairground's parking lot per Sr. Fair Board.
4. Stall cards will be provided; each club is responsible for printing and putting them up.
5. All clubs must use sawdust/shavings for bedding. Each club is responsible for securing their own bedding.
6. No appliances will be permitted in the horse barns (i.e. microwaves, fridges).
7. **All stalls must be cleaned and returned to original condition upon completion of fair. If you alter a stall, it must be restored at the end of fair. All boards must be replaced and all staples and manure must be removed before leaving. A designated horse advisor(s) will inspect stalls the weekend following fair. Clubs will be notified of any issues and given 2 weeks to correct the issue. If after 2 weeks, the issue has not been resolved, the club will be fined \$20 per stall by the horse advisors, unless special circumstances are approved by the advisors.**
8. No blocking of aisle ways.
9. No roughhousing in or around the barns, and in the arena area when horses are present. Excessive loud music will not be tolerated.
10. No climbing on horses or beams while in the barn.



11. **Riding will be in designated areas only. Horses will be LED in hand with lead rope or reins, at a walk, to and from the barns and make up arena.**
12. **No horses in front of the barns or on blacktop. The area immediately in front of the horse barns may be crossed while leading the horses to the work area. Please keep the blacktop and wash rack area clean. Clean up after the horses!!**
13. **Do not leave horses unattended in the wash rack area, or arena.**
14. The members MUST wear boots or approved riding footwear that have a heel when working with and riding horses.
15. Anyone mounted on or driving a horse are required to wear a helmet. Additionally, bare shoulders are prohibited in driving classes.
16. All exhibitors must be off the fairgrounds or at their campsites by midnight. 4-Her's are encouraged to use the buddy system on the fairgrounds.
17. If any horse is removed from fair without written approval from the fair board, veterinarian, and advisor, that member will not be allowed to compete in any junior fair competition the following year.
18. The preceding rules will be enforced by the Erie County Senior Fair Board.
19. All persons (member, parent, advisor) should refrain from using vulgar language, unsportsmanlike conduct, or exhibiting personal harassment of another person or animal. Issues of this nature concerning 4-H members and/or 4-H volunteers should be brought to the attention of OSU Extension personnel.

Grievances: Handled according to the Junior Fair Rules as written in the Erie Co. Fair Handbook.

ARTICLE IV - Fair Judging

1. All 4-H members shall be assigned a back number per horse the first day of the fair; it is to be worn for grading, Championship classes, and fun shows.
2. Each member/horse team must complete all five stations to receive a grade. In order to drive in championship classes, you must qualify in station 5 driving on grade day. In order to ride a horse in championship classes, you must qualify in station 5 horsemanship on grade day. Each member/horse team must average a Superior or Outstanding to be eligible for championship classes. The grading system is as follows: Superior = 4 points, Outstanding = 3 points, Good = 2 points, and a Fair = 1 point. Decimals will be rounded to the nearest whole number.
For example, 2.25 = 2 and 2.5 = 3.
3. Non-riding projects must complete stations 1, 2, 3, and 4.
4. While participating in all judging, including skill-a-thon (10 point deduction for improper attire), members should be dressed in the proper show attire for their discipline, following "Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows" as listed under "Personal Appointments". Hats are optional for skill-a-thon judging.
5. **Members are required to turn in a completed project book with records.** Members taking projects 174, will turn in their book, to have the record section checked. Members taking projects 175, 177, 178, 180, 181, 182/762, 184, 185, 188, 189, 244, 245, or 246 must turn in a complete Equine Record Book #190R. For members required to use the Equine Record Book, one record per horse must be completed. (190R can accommodate 2 horse records.) A new record book must be completed each

year. **Books must be completed and presented at skill-a-thon in order for exhibitors to show at fair! Failure to do so will result in exhibitor and horse being disqualified from Fair.**

6. If you declare **Pony** for your **pleasure** class, do not ride your age division class.
7. Once a member declares **1st year member**, he/she is **ONLY ALLOWED** in **first year member classes and additional classes specified in Entry Rule #4!!** There is no switching to age division allowed. Contesting exception, see Entry Rule #4.
8. Once an member/ horse team is declared **Walk/Trot or 2-gaited**, that team is **ONLY ALLOWED** in **Walk/Trot or 2-gaited classes**. There is no switching to age division allowed or to canter/3-gaited.
9. Members may enter both Trail and Trail in Hand classes with the same horse.
10. Hardluck Horsemanship is open to any member of any age who has not placed in any other Championship Class. This class will be walk/trot or 2-gaited. If no rider qualifies, then the class will be opened for any rider who has not placed first or second in any championship class.

*All the Judge's decisions are final!! *

Fun Show Rules (Non-championship classes)

1. Erie County Fair Fun Shows are for Erie County horse members who currently have a horse project at fair. Completed book only and miniature horse / small equine members are included based on the advisor's discretion of the rider's skills for the safety of all riders and horses.
2. Separate, additional classes may be added to include 4-H certified horse volunteers and immediate family members only. Helmets and appropriate footwear must be worn.
3. Helmets, numbers, sleeved shirts, long pants, and boots must be worn by **all riders** to participate in any fun shows. Western saddles are required for all gymkhana classes unless otherwise approved such as ride-a-buck or costume class.
4. All fun show participants, including advisors and immediate family, must have a liability release form signed and on file with the Horse Program Secretary.
5. Horses must stop and be under control before leaving the arena.
6. For safety, no classes that include jumping will be allowed. (i.e. grasshopper)
7. Keep in mind, if a member plans to show in a championship class (versatility, etc) on Friday, do not allow another rider on the horse in the fun show.
8. One horse with one rider per class.

These rules are reviewed and adopted annually by the Erie County Senior Fair Board and apply to all Junior Fair exhibitors.

