
REMINDER FOR YOUTH EXHIBITORS

For insurance purposes, a \$2.00 charge will be implemented for ride nights per rider. This provides insurance for the **youth rider** only, not for the horse or any damage to personal equipment. Payment can be made at the start of each ride night-- riders are not permitted into the arena until payment is made and name of rider is checked off by a horse committee member or Extension personnel.

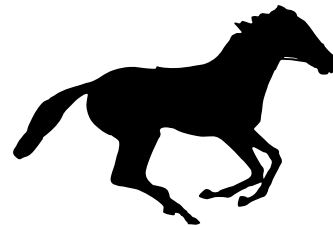
This insurance policy is made through American Income Life, a partner with the 4-H Program.

This insurance policy only covers the ride days that the youth exhibitor attends-- and does not cover any outside additional time spent on one's own at the Harrison County Horse Arena. Any additional rides not scheduled by the Harrison Horse Committee is performed at the rider's discretion.

For any questions regarding the use of the horse arena or policies implemented, please contact:

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April 2025

Dear 4-H Horse Exhibitors,

Welcome to the annual "Horse Packet." Everything that you will need to prepare for and participate successfully in the Harrison County Junior Fair is included within this packet. Additionally, you will find some key spring/summer/fair dates listed below:

- May 9th, May 18th, May 23rd, June 1st : Tentative Ride Days (must attend a minimum of 2 riding the horse you intend to take to the fair)
- Sunday, June 1st, 2025: Horse Leases Forms are DUE.
- Monday, June 9th, 2025: **Project Judging & Fair Entries are DUE.**
 - As a reminder, horse projects are **not** county-judged on Skillathon Saturday.
 - Judging for horse projects will begin around 4pm.
- Thursday, June 26th 2025: Harrison County Fair Show 9am
- Friday, June 27th 2025: Horse Versatility Show
- Saturday, June 28th 2025: Horse Fun Show
- BEFORE Tuesday, July 1st at NOON → Qualifier's for State Fair via PAS must *register themselves* for participation. Entries are submitted online at www.ohiostatefair.com Late or incomplete registration is not permitted. Stall fee is \$50.

Further education and information are available at Horse Ride Nights and within the 2025 Junior Fair Booklet. Please do not hesitate to give our office a call with any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

Caity Romshak
Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development

HORSE • Junior Fair Entry & Horse Registration 2025

In order to exhibit at the Harrison County Junior Fair or a PAS show, you must turn in this form by **June 9, 2025 at Project Judging** or to the Extension Office *earlier*. Late entries will not be accepted by the Fairboard.

Exhibitor's Name _____ Age (as of January 1) _____

Years Exhibiting Equine @ HC Junior Fair _____ 4-H/FFA Club _____

How many horses do you plan to bring to the fair for usage in non-PAS events? 1 2

Horse #1 Type: Saddle Pony Draft Horse #1 Name: _____

Horse #2 Type: Saddle Pony Draft Horse #2 Name: _____

(backup)

Where will your horse(s) be living during fair week? On-site Trailering-in

If you are bringing a mare/foal project, please write the word "yes" here _____

I have attended at least two Equine Ride Nights events this project year.

I have successfully completed the mandatory Equistep training.

Everyone, attach two current photographs (one from each side of the horse) of each equine to this form. Please write the equine's name on the reverse side of the photograph. *If easier, you may send*

clear digital photos to romshak.4@osu.edu. IF you properly label them in the email you send [this option is due by June 9th @ 5p].

Signatures: _____
4-H/FFA Member

Parent/guardian

4-H/FFA Advisor

HORSE SHOW FYI

(combined with local PAS Qualifying Show)

Thursday June 26, 2025 at 9a

[See schedule in the JF Booklet. Showbill/patterns are generally placed in the barn sometime on Wednesday so you can prepare. No class sign-ups are due early. Rather, you will sign up for your classes starting at 8:15a the morning of the show or with 4-H Horse Keyleaders. Come prepared with your selections and try not to scratch as the day wears on. Also, if you are planning to sign-up for PAS, know the exact state fair classes you are attempting to qualify for...generic terms like "equitation" are useless. Classes are viewable in advance at: <http://www.ohio4h.org/events/ohio-state-fair-junior-horse-show>]

FUN SHOWS FYI

Saturday June 28th 2025 at 9a

Fun Show [10a est.] [You will participate a la carte; this event features some "regular" classes like the ones from Thursday but also a number of humorous ones like Costume, Egg n' Spoon, Stick Horse, Catalog, etc. The event begins with the popular Costume Class so you can prepare effectively overnight. See JF Booklet for more class options and estimated show schedule.]

**PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN 4-H HORSE ACTIVITIES
DISCLOSURE AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS**

I, _____, have chosen to participate in the Ohio 4-H Horse Program and its related horse activities. I understand that this participation will involve contact with horses and may give rise to a risk of physical injury.

I am aware that:

- A. Horses have a tendency to behave in ways which may result in injury, death, or loss to riders, or other persons in the immediate vicinity;
- B. Horses may react in an unpredictable way to sounds, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals;
- C. Riding a horse may give rise to a risk of injury from hazards arising from the surface or subsurface of the ground in which these riding activities occur;
- D. While in the vicinity of a horse or while riding a horse, I may be involved in a collision with another horse, another animal, a person, or an object;
- E. Other participants in the program may fail to maintain control over a horse or fail to act within their abilities, thus causing harm to me or other participants; and
- F. Other participants in the program may act in a negligent manner, which could result in harm to me.

As parent or guardian I have discussed with my child the need to behave in a safe manner. I will make sure that my child wears appropriate clothing and footwear during horse activities. I further agree that my child shall be subject to the helmet policy.

In consideration for the opportunity to participate in club, county, district and state 4-H horse activities and the use of services and facilities made available through these 4-H horse activities, I do release and forever discharge for myself and my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, the Ohio 4-H Horse Program professional and volunteer leaders, agents, The Ohio State University and its Board of Trustees, its administrators, faculty and staff, from all claims, demands, and causes of action for personal injury or any other damage which may arise out of or be in any way related to my participation in this activity or program.

I understand that my child is not required to participate in any horse activity, but grant permission for him/her to do so, despite the possible risks. I recognize that by participating in these activities, as with any physical activity, my child may risk personal injury. I hereby attest and verify that I have been advised of the potential risks, that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in these activities, and that I assume any expense that may be incurred in the event of an accident, illness, or other incapacity, regardless of whether I have authorized such expenses. As a parent/guardian, I assume the same risk for myself, and other family members and friends present at these horse activities.

**Return to your local OSU Extension, 4-H Program Office
By: June 9th 2025**

Signed: _____
(4-H Member)

Date _____

Signed: _____
(Parent or Guardian)

Date _____

This form needs to be signed and on file for each youth participant in any 4-H horse program activity. The form needs to be signed each year and before a youth participates in the Ohio 4-H Horse Program Activities.

Under Ohio law, Section 2305.321 of the Revised Code, an equine activity sponsor, professional, volunteer, participant or other person is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in the equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

4-H Equine Mandatory Helmet Use Policy

All youth 19 years and under, participating in any 4-H equestrian activity, are required to wear properly fitted protective headgear which meets or exceeds current ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards with the chin harness securely fastened at all times while riding or driving an equine. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian of the youth participant, to make sure that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, and is properly fitted and in good condition. The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance.

The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders make no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear, as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries in equestrian activities.

The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Judges, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders may, at his/her discretion, check a participant's protective headgear for proper standards. If the youth is found to be wearing unapproved, defective, or improperly fitted headgear, he/she will not be permitted to participate in riding or driving activities until proper headgear is acquired.



HORSE'S IDENTIFICATION FORM

4-Her's Name _____ County _____

Horse's Name _____ 4-H Club Name _____

Horse _____ Pony _____ Height _____ Sex _____ Age _____

Breed or Type (saddle, hunter, stock) _____

Basic Color _____ Face and Leg Markings _____

On Diagram Below, **OUTLINE** with Dark Solid Lines
ALL White Markings.
 Show **ALL SCARS** and **BRANDS**.

Check if leased horse

DRAW IN HEAD MARKINGS

Right Side View

R Hind Legs L L Fore Legs R

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Left Side View

L Fore Legs R R Hind Legs L

Rear View

L Hind Legs R L Fore Legs R

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Front View

R Fore Legs L R Hind Legs L

DRAW IN EVERY WHITE AREA

INDICATE ALL DARK SPOTS WITHIN WHITE AREAS

4-H Horse Leasing Guidelines

One purpose of 4-H horse projects is to teach young people how to feed, fit, show, and care for their animal(s). The more important purpose is to provide an opportunity for personal growth and development of the young person. Ohio 4-H realizes that some youth are unable to have an actual horse for their 4-H horse project. Options available to these individuals include:

- Lease a horse from another individual
- Horseless Horse Project (project number 173)

What Is The Purpose Of Leasing A Horse As A 4-H Project?

- A lease program is appropriate in the 4-H program when one or more of the following conditions exists:
 1. Youth does not have the financial ability to purchase a horse.
 2. Youth has a horse but it is unable to be used (lameness, pregnancy, too young, etc).
 3. Youth has a horse but it is the wrong type for the educational experience the youth wishes to obtain.

What Are Expectations Of The Horse Owner?

- An individual (lessor) who leases a horse must be willing to:
 1. Relinquish all rights to train, handle, and care for the horse in order for the youth to complete the requirements of a 4-H horse project. Potential owners should not lease horses they want to ride or show on a regular basis during the term of the lease.
 2. Not take the horse back prior to the end of the lease unless the youth agrees to return the horse.
 3. Have the youth (or parent/legal guardian) sign whatever agreements they decide upon in regard to care of the animal.
 4. Allow the youth to transport and show the horse in 4-H, open, or breed shows.

What Are Expectations Of The 4-H Participant?

- An individual (youth) who leases a horse as a 4-H project:
 1. To be responsible for the care of the animal in whatever manner is mutually agreeable to both the owner (lessor) and youth (lessee).
 2. To complete a horse identification form as required by local counties to identify the horse as a 4-H project.
 3. As a part of the educational experience of leasing a horse, to work in consultation with the owner (lessor) to develop a lease agreement on the horse selected for the Ohio 4-H program (see attached suggestions for developing a lease agreement).
 4. Prior to any deadline date established by your local County Extension Office, to submit to the local County Extension Office a completed copy of the horse identification form and lease agreement for verification purposes ONLY.

What Should Be Included In A Lease?

- Every lease is unique in the items that must be covered to protect both the owner (lessor) and the youth (lessee). A lease should be drawn and signed by the owner and the youth to insure adequate care of the animal, protect the investment of the lessor, and to detail the responsibility of the youth in regards to caring for the animal. It is wise to have a written lease agreement any time you are using someone else's horse, even if the owner is a family member. A lease can assist in preventing misunderstandings and unhappiness between the horse's owner and youth leasing the horse.
- We suggest the following issues, but not limited to these, be addressed in a lease:
 1. Identification of the horse (name, registration number if registered); the name, address, and phone number of the youth (lessee) leasing the horse; the name of parent/guardian if the youth is under 18 years of age; the name, address, and phone number of the owner (lessor).
 2. Who is responsible in case of injury or death to the horse. Who pays veterinarian bills, and what would be the maximum amount you are expected to pay in veterinarian costs if injury costs are your (lessee's) responsibility. In addition, if the animal is injured and unusable, who has to nurse the animal back to health? An owner (lessor) may require you to take out insurance on the horse with the owner as the beneficiary to cover possible loss due to the death of the horse.
 3. Where the horse will be housed and who is responsible for the daily care of the horse; any feed, health care (i.e. deworming, vaccinations, etc), foot care, and/or special stabling requirements made by the owner.
 4. The purpose(s) for which the horse will be used, and that it can be transported at the youth's discretion to shows.
 5. Any limitations that would be placed on the owner's use of the horse. Refer to the current Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows (Circular 179) for limitations caused by the animal being a 4-H project and include them or reference them in a statement, and make a copy of the rules available to the owner of the horse.
 6. A statement on the time period covered by the lease and under what conditions and time frame the lease can be discontinued.
 7. The owner should have a statement included relieving them of liability in cases of property damage, injury to the youth, or injury to a third party while the horse is under the lessee's supervision.
 8. A place for signatures for the owner (lessor) and the youth (lessee) with a line for parent/guardian if the youth is under 18 years of age.

The above mentioned issues are only suggestions, and we can not advise you as to specific terms or wording in a lease agreement. You may even want to consult an attorney.

PAS FORM FOR EXHIBITORS GOING TO OTHER COUNTIES TO QUALIFY

Exhibitor's Name _____ Home County _____

Birth Date _____ Age (as of Jan 1st) _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Project Horse's Name _____ (Animal ID Form MUST be attached)

Home County 4-H Educator _____
Printed Name Signature of 4-H Educator

REMINDER: Youth may only show in TWO (2) PAS shows!

County where going to qualify for State Fair _____

Class Name	Score Received	Qualified	
		Yes	No
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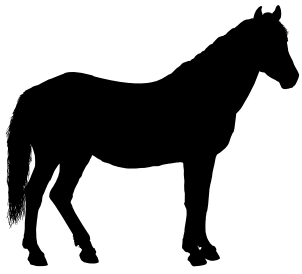
Printed Name Signature
of Show Manager or county 4-H Educator of Show Manager or county 4-H Educator

Address _____ Phone _____

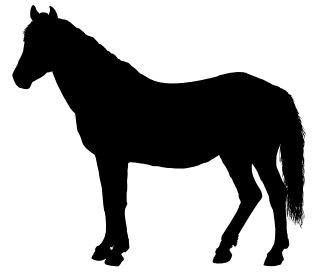
Attention: The exhibitor going to the other county is responsible to return this completed form to the home 4-H Educator in time so that they can include their information on the county PAS verification form.

This form must be signed by the home 4-H educator and given to the PAS show coordinator in the county the exhibitor is trying to qualify in. PAS qualifying scores must be included on the home county's PAS verification form submitted to the Ohio State Fair entry department by 1:00 pm on Tuesday, July 1, 2025. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to submit their entry and pay their stall fee online at www.ohiostatefair.com by 1:00 pm on Tuesday, July 1, 2025. BOTH THE PAS VERIFICATION FORM SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY AND THE ENTRY FORM SUBMITTED BY THE EXHIBITOR MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 1:00 PM ON Tuesday, JULY 1, 2025 FOR THE EXHIBITOR TO BE ABLE TO COMPETE.





Youth Horse Clinic



The Harrison County Horse Committee will be hosting a Horse Clinic & EquiStep training for all Harrison 4-H Horse Exhibitors on **April 27th from 9am-3pm at the Harrison County Fairgrounds.**

Sessions include PAS & Show rule Q&A, EquiStep Training, Information on State Fair & mandatory Coggins testing, Ride Night Scheduling Sign-Ups, and Mini-Breakout Sessions.

****This event will fulfill LQA requirements, which must be completed by 5/14/24. No Horse Needed! Parent/Guardians REQUIRED to attend.**

**** Families must RSVP with the Extension Office by April 11th. Return all Forms Signed to the Extension Office via Postal or Email**

****\$2.00 charge for ride nights per rider to cover insurance. More info to come.**

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Schedule for April 27th:

- 8:30am-9am- Registration & Check-In
- 9am-10am- Welcome & Horse Show General Overview of Rules and Discussion
- 10am-12pm- Mini Breakout Sessions (30 min)
 - Helmet 101 (BRING YOUR HELMETS)
 - Barn Etiquette (DRESS APPROPRIATELY)
 - Horse Nutrition
 - Grooming Practices
- 12pm-1:30pm- **Lunch (Pizza will be provided)**
- 1:30pm-2:30pm- EquiStep
- 3pm- Dismissal

****2025 Horse packets will be available for pickup at the end of the clinic. See Caity for packets!**