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To: 4-H Horse Project Participants

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Registration Reminders

- **Horse Leases** (including Horse Registration/Stall Entry materials) are due to the Extension Office by May 15.
- **Horse Registration/Stall Entry Forms** are due to the Extension Office by June 15. **All registration paperwork must be collected by a 4-H volunteer and submitted as a club, not by individual members** to the Extension Office. **New pictures of horses must be attached each year.**

Uniform Rules

The revised state uniform rules books are available in the Extension Office (\$6.00 each if purchased by a 4-H club). The latest version is dated 2018.

Equine Record Book (#190R)

Remember, this is required for projects 175, 177, 180, 181, 182, 184, 185, 188, 189 and 762. It is not needed for 174 because it has record sheets inside of the book. If an exhibitor is taking 174 Beginning Horse Management for multiple years, they will need to photocopy the record pages as indicated on page 162 of the project book.

Horse Safety & Ethics Program

All first-time horse project participants are required to participate in the Horse Safety and Ethics Training Program with a parent/guardian before they are permitted to ride a horse at a 4-H activity or event. Both parent/guardian and youth must read 191R Horses, Safety and You prior to attending the program and bring the book with them to the program. Books are available for purchase by club volunteers at the Extension Office for \$6. Youth must call the Extension Office to pre-register for a training from the opportunities listed below.

2019 Training Opportunities

April 23; 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office
May 2; 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office

2019 County Dates

- State Fair Horse Try-Outs - Saturday, June 22, 2019; 9:00 a.m. **Registration Deadline: June 19**
- Junior Fair Horse Show Days at Muskingum County Fair: Tuesday, August 13 & Wednesday, August 14. **Reminder:** Youth may only exhibit one horse at the fair (excluding production).

State Events

Some state events of local interest. Refer to the state website for a complete list.

- OSF Horse Show – July 15-19
- State Competitive Trail Ride – September 6-7

State Fair Try-Out Information

The State Fair Qualifying (PAS) Show is Saturday, June 22, starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Muskingum County Fairgrounds. The show bill is enclosed.

The Organizational Volunteer for your 4-H Club received the State Fair Qualifying Show Entry sheet for Muskingum County Horse project participants. Please communicate with your club volunteer to make sure they get you registered. This form is due to the Extension Office by June 19.

PAS Shows (State Fair Qualifier)

1. You must qualify to attend state fair. There is no guaranteed number given to a county.
2. A youth must qualify in a minimum of two classes in order to go to state fair, but can show in a maximum of four classes. At State Fair, youth will only show in classes they qualified for during a PAS Show. **Youth should pay attention to the State Fair Show program and what classes you can not enter due to show scheduling conflicts. At State Fair, classes will not be delayed for people with conflicting classes.** Exhibitors that have animals that are of incorrect size for the entered class will be moved to the correct class.
3. Counties can send their youth to another county to qualify for any reason, but the following must be followed:
 - A. The reason must be acceptable to the 4-H Educators in both counties involved.
 - B. The 4-H Educator is responsible for the entries being sent to state fair by the entry deadline along with the youth completing their online entry by the deadline (See #10). If a youth qualifies out of county, the home 4-H Educator must make the entry by the deadline. It is the responsibility of the youth to get the qualification results to their local 4-H Educator.
 - C. The youth will pay the county to which they go a minimum of \$10 per class entered to cover the costs of their participation.
 - D. A youth can not compete in more than two PAS shows or one PAS show with two judges.
 - E. A county could elect to send all of their youth to one or two PAS shows instead of holding a PAS show in their county. Rules A-D apply.
 - F. If a county only offers one PAS show with one judge, and a youth wants to go to an additional PAS show, they may. Rules A-D apply.

*Youth requesting to participate in another county must make their request as early as possible, due to registration cut off dates each county has to prepare for the show.

4. Reminder of rules as you select classes:
 - A. Youth cannot qualify in Ranch Pleasure and Western Pleasure at the same show.
 - B. Youth cannot qualify in Trail and Trail in Hand at the same show.
 - C. Youth cannot show at the State Fair Junior Horse Show in Intermediate Equitation Over Fences and Advanced Equitation Over Fences.
 - D. Youth cannot show at the State Fair Junior Horse Show in Low Hunter Over Fences and Working/Regular Over Fences.
5. Members may try out for state fair every year.

5. Bits: 4-H participants should be aware that the proper bits must be used and will be checked prior to showing. Bits will also be checked at state fair. Improper bits will disqualify the member. Refer to the Uniform Horse Rule Book (pg. 18 – 23) for guidelines.
7. Measurements can be taken this year at the PAS show in Zanesville and will be taken at the Ohio State Fair.
8. Pole, Barrel, Stakes and Keyhole Classes – one run. The member and animals must be clean and member properly dressed in western attire. This means western shirt, boots, etc., as listed in the Uniform Rule Book.
9. All members are required to have proper dress (no t-shirts, ball caps, sneakers, etc.) and equipment. Improper equipment will result in disqualification. Helmets are required.
10. In addition to each county sending in the State Fair Junior Horse Show entry form, **each youth is responsible for entering their classes and paying their \$40 stall fee online at OhioStateFair.com.** This is the same online entry system that is being used for the Junior Livestock Show and a tutorial is available online at <http://horse.osu.edu>. The entry **deadline is the same as the county's - Wednesday, July 3, 1 p.m.** Private tack stalls cannot be purchased online, but will still be available on a first-come, first-serve basis for \$40 per stall.

For more information on the Ohio 4-H Horse program, go the OSU Extension Equine website at: horse.osu.edu. For local information, go to our website at: muskingum.osu.edu.

Horse Skillathon

The horse Skillathon will be held on Tuesday, July 16 at the Veteran's Complex at the fairgrounds. The time your club is assigned to come can be found in the 2019 Muskingum County 4-H Member & Volunteer Handbook. Stations will be set up and members will have a chance to try their hand at a variety of topics.

FAIR INFORMATION

Grade and Premiums

Animals exhibited at the fair must be given a grade by the judge during the official class for the animal to receive a grade. Animals unable to participate in their respective class will not receive a grade; therefore, the exhibitor will not receive a premium. Horse exhibitors are permitted to enter multiple classes with their horse, but will only receive one premium for their horse. Therefore, youth must indicate to their club volunteer which single class their grade for premium will come from and volunteers must submit the *Horse Entry Form - Classes for Grade* sheet by August 1.

Grade ribbons will be handed out as the members leave the arena like all other animal projects at the fair. (i.e.: grade ribbons will be assigned on the judge's assessment in the show).

Fair Entries for Grade

Organizational volunteers must complete the entry form and return it to the Extension Office **no later than August 1**. Include member's name, age as of January 1 of current year and the number of their grade class only. Use the class numbers provided on the Muskingum County Fair Schedule and enter in proper column (Tuesday – Wednesday). Include the horse's name beside member's name if possible. Check with your members to be sure of the class they want to enter. Please do not ask to make changes after you turn in the class sheets August 1.

- Reminder that members may only exhibit 1 (one) horse (excluding production).
- Entries for all other classes will be taken at the show.
- 4-H members may show a horse in as many classes as they wish (as eligible by age or size).
- Members may only show their own project animal.
- First Year Classes – First year showmanship is for first year members who have not shown in a halter class at a county fair before. They may take their grade in this class if desired.

Other Fair Information

- Livestock trailers, as well as horse trailers, will not be permitted to remain on the fairgrounds or fairgrounds parking lots during the fair.
- To assist in keeping fair week smooth, the committee is asking that adults refrain from riding project animals during the fair. An exception would be a dangerous behavior problem with the animal.
- Exercise schedules will be posted at the arena. The arena must be cleared by 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday due to the shows. Members are to exercise horses only in the arena during designated hours.
- There will be a barn meeting on **Sunday, August 11 at 12:30 p.m.**
- Judge's Meetings – at the arena 20 minutes prior to show time.
- State Fair Representatives will be presented their awards during the awards program at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday of the fair. State Fair representatives will not ride their horses through to receive awards.
- A Grand Opening Ceremony for Saddle Horse Clubs will be held in the horse arena following the barn meeting on Sunday. The Saddle Horse Committee highly recommends no horses participate in the Muskingum County Junior Parade.
- Saddle Horse Clubs wishing to continue participating in the parade must complete their own Parade Entry form and submit it to the Extension Office by **August 1** to participate.
- Health Requirements – to exhibit a horse at this year's fair, vaccinations are highly recommended, but not required. Recommended vaccinations include: Eastern and Western Encephalitis, Tetanus, Equine Influenza (4-way shot) and Equine Rhino pneumonitis. The Senior Fair Board and/or Fair Horse Veterinarian reserve the right to require shots prior to the fair if there is an outbreak of something.
- 4-H volunteers are to stress to members there should not be any riding double on horses at the fair.

Department 14 Horse (Rule Clarification):

Rule 16: If member competes in Walk Trot Pleasure Class, member must move on to Open Walk Trot after 2 years with the same horse-rider combination.

Body Condition

Body Condition Scoring (BCS) is an estimation of the amount of body fat an animal has through visual evaluation and handling of the animal. It is a numerical score system. In horses, the scores range from 1 (poor - extremely emaciated) to 9 (extremely fat). It is important for everyone raising and showing horses to know what is acceptable.

Note: Horses with unacceptable body condition are subject to dismissal from the show by the veterinarian.

Body Condition Scoring

Depending on life stage and use, most horses should be maintained at an ideal body score of 5.

Poor



Body Score of 1-3

Ideal



Body Score of 4-6

Fat



Body Score of 7-9

Muskingum County 4-H State Fair Qualifying Horse (PAS) Show Saturday, June 22, 2019

Entry Deadline:
June 19

8:00 a.m. - All horses and ponies will be measured
9:00 a.m. - Show begins
Muskingum County Fairgrounds

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| 1. Barrels | 15. Western Pleasure |
| 2. Poles | 16. Ranch Pleasure |
| 3. Stakes | 17. Ranch Riding |
| 4. Keyhole | 18. Western Riding |
| 5. Hunter Showmanship | 19. Trail |
| 6. Draft Showmanship | 20. Trail in Hand |
| 7. Saddle Seat Showmanship | 21. Hunter Equitation |
| 8. Western Showmanship | 22. Hunter Under Saddle |
| 9. Light Horse Driving | 23. Hunter Hack |
| 10. Draft Horse Driving | 24. Hunter Over Fences |
| 11. Light Pony Driving | 25. Equitation Over Fences |
| 12. Driving Reinsmanship | 26. Easy Gaited Pleasure (no trot) |
| 13. Western Horsemanship | 27. Saddle Seat Equitation |
| 14. Reining | 28. Saddle Seat Pleasure |

Out of County Participants - Registration form and horse identification form is due by June 19 to OSU Extension Muskingum County, 225 Underwood Street, Zanesville, OH 43701. A \$10 entry fee per class is due the day of the show. Checks can be made payable to: Muskingum County 4-H Saddle Horse Committee.

**NO LATE ENTRIES (deadline June 19)
NO CHANGES TO SHOWBILL**

The following policy is stated in the State Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows and will be in effect for the Muskingum County Fair, Muskingum County PAS Show (State Fair qualifier), Ohio State Fair and all Ohio 4-H equine events.

All youth age 19 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.

2019 SHOWBILL
MUSKINGUM COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR HORSE SHOW
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13; 9:00 A.M.

1. Contest Showmanship (*contest horses only*)
2. Ranch Pleasure
3. Ranch Riding
4. Reining
5. Barrels (8-13 years)
6. Barrels (14-19 years)
7. Flag Race
8. Poles (8-13 years)
9. Poles (14-19 years)
10. Stakes (8-13 years)
11. Stakes (14-19 years)
12. Keyhole (8-13 years)
13. Keyhole (14-19 years)
14. Speed and Control (8-13 years)
15. Speed and Control (14-19 years)

Executive Committee Members of the 4-H Saddle Horse Committee reserve the right to split classes, add, or remove classes depending on enrollment, if necessary, based on class size.

2019 SHOWBILL
MUSKINGUM COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR HORSE SHOW
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14; 9:00 A.M.

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| 16. Western Pony Showmanship (8-13 years) | 37. Western Horsemanship (8-13 years; over 58") |
| 17. Western Pony Showmanship (14-19 years) | 38. Western Horsemanship (14-19 years; over 58") |
| 18. First Year Showmanship | 39. Walk Trot Pleasure (<i>not eligible for any three gaited riding class</i>) |
| 19. Western Showmanship (8-13 years; over 58") | 40. Open Walk Trot |
| 20. Western Showmanship (14-19 years; over 58") | 41. Open Driving |
| 21. English Pony Showmanship | 42. English Saddle Seat Pleasure |
| 22. English Hunt Seat Showmanship (8-13 years; over 58") | 43. English Saddle Seat Equitation (over 58") |
| 23. English Hunt Seat Showmanship (14-19 years; over 58") | 44. English Dressage |
| 24. English Saddle Seat Showmanship (over 58") | 45. Hunter Under Saddle |
| 25. Saddle Horse Production | 46. 1 st Year English Equitation |
| 26. Foals of '18 | 47. English Pony Equitation |
| 27. Foals of '17 | 48. English Hunt Seat Equitation (over 58") |
| 28. Foals of '16 | 49. Hunter Hack |
| 29. Showman of Showmen Qualifier | 50. Hunter Over Fences |
| 30. Trail (8-13 years) | |
| 31. Trail (14 – 19 years) | |
| 32. Trail in Hand (<i>horses in class 30 or 31 are not eligible for this class</i>) | |
| 33. Horse Western Pleasure (over 58") | |
| 34. 1 st Year Horsemanship Western Pony or Horse | |
| 35. Western Pony Pleasure | |
| 36. Western Pony Horsemanship | |

*If same horse and rider combination has shown walk trot for two years, they are ineligible for Class 40 this year and must show open walk trot (Class #41).