



May 8, 2023

TO: Horse Project Members, Horse Club Advisors, FFA Advisors  
FROM: Laryssa Hook, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development  
RE: Horse Project Information

**Please read carefully and keep for future reference through the summer!**

### **HORSE IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Submitting identification of your project horse(s) is **MANDATORY** to show your horse at either the Ohio State Fair or the Delaware County Fair. Submit front, left, and right photos of your primary horse at <https://go.osu.edu/delcohorseid>. You can enter only one horse for the State Fair. For the county fair, you can designate a primary horse and designate other back-up horses. All back-up horses must be in the care and possession of the 4-H member's family by July 1<sup>st</sup>. There is no limit on the number of back-up horses, provided photo(s) of the project animals are submitted on time and other 4-H guidelines are met.

For the State Fair, the horse must be in the member's care and possession by June 1<sup>st</sup>. **Pictures (front, right, and left views) and a copy of a current negative Coggins test are due by 11:59 PM, June 7<sup>th</sup>.** The lease agreement must be submitted, if applicable.

For the Delaware County Fair, horses must be in the member's care and possession by July 1<sup>st</sup>. **Picture(s) are due by 11:59 PM, July 7<sup>th</sup>.** The lease agreement must be submitted, if applicable.

**Submit pictures and forms at <https://go.osu.edu/delcohorseid>**

For all 4-H Horse shows a horse must meet a body condition score of 4 or higher. Horses with a body condition score of 3 or lower must be dismissed from the grounds. Horses with a body condition score of 8 or 9 will have points deducted. For information on Body Condition Scores search for information at <https://horses.extension.org>.

### **EQUISTEP PROGRAM REQUIREMENT FOR ALL HORSE MEMBERS**

All 4-H members with Horse 4-H projects must complete EquiSTEP by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Members in Horseless Horse do **not** have to complete this program, unless you will be occasionally riding or working with a horse.

EquiSTEP tips:

- If your child is new to completing EquiSTEP, register for the course at <http://go.osu.edu/equistep>. Each child needs their own log in email account, and it cannot be a school email because the certificate is emailed and school accounts do not accept emails.

- If your child already has an account from last year, be sure to use it rather than create a new one. The login button is not easily seen – it is in red type on upper right the black logo strip.
- You must enter Delaware County as the county of your 4-H enrollment and both the youth's first and last name in the quiz. If you do not do this step, we will not get record of the youth completing the course.
- Your child has unlimited attempts to pass the quiz. If they are locked out from too many attempts, contact our office to have the course reset.
- You must complete the course by July 1<sup>st</sup> for Delaware County Fair participation. If you are competing in the PAS show, we must have the record of the course by June 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **HORSE SAFETY & YOU REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW HORSE MEMBERS**

Complete #191R Horse Safety & You (you may reuse a sibling's book) and show your club advisor the signed page at the back once it is complete. This is required your first year showing horse projects in 4-H.

### **UNIFORM HORSE RULES**

The show rules are detailed in the 2021 version of the Uniform Rules for 4-H Shows (4-H 179) available at the Extension Office for \$8. You are encouraged to purchase a copy and be familiar with its contents if you do not already have the 2021 edition.

### **FAIRGROUND RIDE-OUT and CLINIC OPPORTUNITIES**

This year there are optional County Wide Ride-Outs at the Delaware County Fairgrounds beginning at 6:30 PM every other Wednesday. There are also two Saturday clinic dates.

Dates are:

Saturday, May 13	12 – 2 pm Seminar/Clinic - Junior Fair Building, Fairgrounds
Wednesday, May 17	6:30 pm - Main Arena
Saturday, May 20	12 – 2 pm Seminar/Clinic - Junior Fair Building Loft, Fairgrounds
Wednesday, May 31	6:30 pm - Main Arena
Wednesday, June 14	6:30 pm - Main Arena
Wednesday, June 28	6:30 pm - Main Arena
Wednesday, July 12	6:30 pm - Main Arena
Wednesday, July 26	6:30 pm - Main Arena
Wednesday, August 9	6:30 pm - Main Arena
Wednesday, August 23	6:30 pm - Main Arena
Wednesday, September 6	6:30 pm - Main Arena

### **OHIO STATE FAIR PARTICIPATION AND PAS SHOWS**

The Ohio State Fair Junior Horse Show dates are July 17 to 21. All requirements, qualifying scores, schedules and additional horse information is available on the web at <http://horse.osu.edu>. Look under the Horse Calendar of Events to find OSF details.

Here are some highlights of the PAS show rules to help you plan for attending qualifier shows:

1. A youth must qualify in a PAS show in 2 or more classes to enter the state fair. If youth qualify in more than two classes, they can enter in a maximum of four (including ground roping) for the OSF Jr. Show. They are only allowed to show in classes for which they qualified. Review the Junior Horse Show schedule for potential class conflicts when selecting classes. At State Fair, classes will not be held for class conflict.

2. Review the PAS rules found at <http://horse.osu.edu> for class combinations that are not permitted (ex. Western Pleasure and Ranch Pleasure).
3. Horses and ponies must be measured before competing in a PAS show or the county fair with exception of production and draft projects.
4. Counties can send their youth to another county to qualify. To find dates of other county PAS shows and download the required form, visit <http://horse.osu.edu>. Please note that not all counties accept out-of-county participants at their shows.
  - a. If you want to show out of county, there is a form to complete that is available on the state horse website. The Out-of-County PAS form must be signed by the County Educator (Laryssa or Jacci) prior to showing.
  - b. A youth cannot compete in more than two single-judged PAS shows or one double-judged PAS show.
  - c. It is the responsibility of the youth to get the qualification results to the Delaware County Extension office by Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **DELAWARE COUNTY PAS SHOW DETAILS**

The Delaware County PAS show is June 17-18. Registration begins one hour before the show. You may register anytime during the show, prior to your classes showing. All classes are held at the main horse arena at the Delaware County Fairgrounds. Delaware County 4-H members will pay \$30.00 for the first show and an additional \$10 if they attend the second show. Out-of-county exhibitors will pay \$10 per class.

Exhibitors may show and attempt to qualify in up to six (6) classes from the enclosed show list. **Write the class names and age group determined by the show schedule on the enclosed entry form. PAS Horse Show Entry Form is due into the Extension Office by June 9<sup>th</sup>.** Pre-registration is not required, but allows us to have an idea of class sizes. Exhibitors may make entries or changes on the day of show. Please include the OSF Class number off the enclosed OSF Jr. Horse Show Schedule on the PAS Entry Form.

A back number will be issued at registration on the day of show and used for both show days. New back numbers are not provided.

Keep your horse in the riding arena area. A member with an unsafe animal or one who fails to follow good safety practices will be excused from the grounds and will forfeit their scores.

Scores for each class will be posted for inspection and review within a reasonable time following the completion of the class (5 to 10 minutes). There are no class placings.

### **OHIO STATE FAIR QUALIFIERS MANDATORY ENTRY DETAILS**

Exhibitors eligible for State Fair will be notified at the PAS show. State Fair Participants at the Delaware County PAS show will pick up their state fair information the day of the show. State Fair participants can order t-shirts. Shirts will cost about \$15.00 and can be ordered at the PAS show. Orders must be turned in by the end of the our county PAS show on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Exhibitors that qualify for OSF must:

1. Submit online entry and pay the \$50 stall fee online at [www.ohiostatefair.com](http://www.ohiostatefair.com) before 1:00 PM, Saturday, July 1, 2023.
2. Verify information in 4HOnline before 4:30 PM, Thursday, June 29, 2023. State Fair requires information for 4-H members to be entered into the member's 4HOnline account in the Animals section. The Delaware County Extension office will be uploading the following paperwork submitted in <https://go.osu.edu/delcohorseid>.
  - a. Animal ID picture (front, right & left views)
  - b. A copy of their equine's current negative Coggins test (dated on or after January 1st of the current calendar year).
  - c. A copy of lease (if applicable)
  - d. Out-of-County PAS form (if applicable)
  - e. EquiSTEP certificate is NOT required to be uploaded. It will be listed under trainings after the Extension office receives email notification of passing the course.

Enclosures: 2023 Delaware County PAS Show Entry Form  
2023 Ohio State Fair Junior Horse Show Schedule

**Action Items for Delaware County Fair Participation:** Submit Photo ID and lease (if applicable) by July 7.

**Action Items for PAS Show Participation:** Submit Photo ID (3 views), lease (if applicable) and copy of negative Coggins test by June 7; Submit PAS Pre-registration form by June 9<sup>th</sup> to the Extension Office. Make copies of the form if you have more than one person

**Action Items if you Qualify for OSF Jr. Horse Show:** Make entries and pay \$50 staff fee before 1:00 PM, Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at [www.ohiostatefair.com](http://www.ohiostatefair.com). Verify a copy of a negative Coggins test, Lease form, and Out-of-County form have been uploaded in 4HOnline before 4:30 PM, Thursday, June 29. If an item is missing, email Laryssa at [hook.26@osu.edu](mailto:hook.26@osu.edu) so it can be corrected on Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>.