

2025 Trumbull County 4-H Horse Rules

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POLICY STATEMENT: Rules covered in the current edition of the "Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse shows," published by OSU Extension Office, will be binding by the Trumbull County 4-H Equine Development Committee. Additional rules and regulations are listed below. Adherence to, and enforcement of, the rules and regulations is the responsibility of advisors, parents and 4-H members.

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. 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 *and unforeseeable* injuries in equestrian activities. The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, 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.

ALL STATE 4-H RULES SUPERCEDE ALL COUNTY RULES

*** New Rule Changes for 2025**

1. All Junior and Senior Fair Board rules apply during Fair.

2. REGISTRATION: All Equine projects must be registered by April 1st.

- a. Project substitutions/replacements will be permitted up to June 1st if a veterinary medical excuse is submitted and approved by the Trumbull County Equine Development Committee. Substitution is also permitted up to June 1st if the equine project is deemed unsafe by a vet or two advisors.
Substitutions are only permitted for a health or safety concern.
- b. Exhibitors may register a maximum of two projects. Each project will be given an individual club number and will be eligible to accumulate year-end points. Only registered projects may be brought to the Fair. Only exhibitors can ride their project during the fair at the fairgrounds including the rodeo.
- c. Exhibitors may register in one of three divisions: Walk/Trot, 9-13, or 14-18, and may ride only in that division.
- d. Exhibitors must choose to show in either horse or pony classes. This determination must be made prior to first point show by two advisors measuring ponies. Exhibitors can show each project in its respective class.
- e. Each saddle horse 4-H club has available a series of numbers. Walk/Trot members are required to have the number 1000 displayed with their number (i.e. 1101).
- f. Exhibitors with non-registered projects may show by obtaining an 800 number from the registration booth with the exception of Fair.
- g. Exhibitors who register more than one project animal, and wish to participate in State Fair, must declare their PAS project animal by June 1st.
- h. Siblings may use the same horse or pony, but only one exhibitor can declare it as a State Fair project. A horse may not compete against itself in the same class; the riders must compete in different categories and/or classes. A horse can be leased to only one 4-H member as a project.
- i. State Fair projects must be declared by June 1st. State Fair PAS class registration must be turned

into the PAS Committee Chairman by June 1st. State Fair Saddle Horse selection will be in accordance with the PAS 4-H rules supplied by the OSUE office.

j. All bits will be checked before they allowed to be used and will be marked with a numbered zip tie.

A complete tack and bit check may be done randomly at any judge's discretion and disqualified at all shows including both PAS shows.

k. It is the responsibility of each clubs' advisors to initiate a body score check on all 4-H horses that will be registered as projects prior to Fair. A horse can be disqualified by the judge if the horse has a body score below 4.

l. The vaccine requirement implemented by Sr. Fair Board will be upheld annually (Jan 1-Dec 31). This includes but is not limited to Rabies, Flu/Rhino, and current Coggins (of current year).

m. You must attend 3 shows to qualify for Revolving and Perpetual Trophies. Fair can count for one of the 3 shows. You must have shown at least 3 times in the class that you are competing for Revolving and Perpetual Trophies (same exhibitor with the same horse).

n. Riders must declare ranch or western division prior to showing for the day.

o. If a class is offered in the mini division, the exhibitor must show in designated class. (i.e. mini showmanship)

3. CONDUCT: Exhibitors, advisors, owners or spectators are subject to disciplinary action if they are in violation of the rules set forth by Ohio 4-H, Trumbull County 4-H Equine Development Committee and/or Trumbull County Senior Fair Board. Examples include but not limited to the following: un sportsman-like conduct (including language and social media related posts), abuse of a horse and /or person and violation of animal ethics or welfare at any time including while on or off the Trumbull County Fairgrounds. During such disciplinary actions, at least two (2) Advisors must be present.

a. Violations of rules and/or code of conduct may result in removal from a show and/or the remainder of the show season. Severity of the offense will be determined by the Saddle Horse Committee and Show Committee and legal action may be taken. Page 8, #17 General Rules in State Rule Book.

b. If ~~the~~ disciplinary action is deemed necessary, the 4-H Extension Staff and Trumbull County 4-H Equine Development Committee President and/or Senior Fair Board Directors will conduct a review and eliminate offender from further equine activities. Written documentation, for all offenses, will be recorded and kept by the Secretary of the Trumbull County 4-H Equine Development Committee with a copy to the 4-H Educator.

c. If any 4-H member is found to be involved in any and all illegal activity including but not limited to: drugs, alcohol, tobacco use including smokeless, vaping, theft, vandalism or any kind of abuse including physical, mental, sexual, emotional or verbal, that member and his/her project or projects shall be removed from the 4-H horse area. The Trumbull County 4-H Equine Program Development Committee members will make this determination. Proper authorities including the Senior Fair Board will be notified.

4. SAFETY:

a. All mandatory waivers must be signed: 4-H Permission to Participate, Senior Fair Board Liability Release Form and Enforcement of Rules Acknowledgement Waiver MUST be completed and signed by everyone who will be riding or handling a horse on the fairgrounds in any capacity.

b. 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 and driving an equine including while mounted on the fairgrounds including the rodeo during the fair and while taking pictures. ** Age of helmet must be 5 years or less.

c. Safety Show: All equine youth members must participate in the annual Safety Show in order to be eligible to show at any 4-H club show or at the Trumbull County Fair. Members must be able to demonstrate control of their horse(s) in any/all classes they wish to participate in for that year. If the

member cannot or does not exhibit control, the rider will be evaluated at a future ride night by a group of advisors (minimum of three) before being able to exhibit their horse for competition. Safety Show will take place prior to the first club show.

- d. Exhibitors are NOT permitted to ride horses outside designated saddle horse area or to or from the rodeo at fair.
- d. Exhibitors are NOT permitted to run horses in any rings, except when in a designated class or practice session. Appropriate and safe behavior is to ride at a slow canter.
- e. Horses are NOT permitted in or around the multi-purpose building. Vehicles and horses are NOT permitted in or on the grass around the show ring or multi-purpose building.
- f. Horses MUST WALK to and from all rings. During the week of the Trumbull County Fair, all horses MUST be led to and from arenas (including main, trail and practice arenas). You shall be led by someone on foot with a firm hold on your horse (ie. by reins or lead rope) or you shall walk your horse on foot. Youth are permitted to be on horses in the paddock area between the exit gate to entrance gate only.
- g. A Green ribbon on the tail designates a green (inexperienced) horse or rider. A Red ribbon designates a horse that may kick.
- h. NO SMOKING is permitted in the saddle horse area. You must go to designated smoking areas (i.e. midway road and road by Gate E).
- i. The Show Committee may cancel or postpone any class or show if unsafe conditions exist. NO riding during a lightning storm. After last lightning strike, you must wait 30 minutes before the show can resume.
- j. For the safety of the horse and rider, spectators are NOT permitted to climb on or lean on the show ring rails or gates during classes. You MUST remain 10 feet back from the show arena rail.
- k. **Barn Duty: At least one adult must be on Barn Duty for each club, every night of fair. THIS IS MANDATORY FOR THE SAFETY OF THE HORSES AND 4-H MEMBERS!**
 - 1. 4-H club members ARE NOT PERMITTED to stay overnight in the barn unless a screened volunteer/advisor is present if his/her parent is not present.
 - *2. Only equine 4-H members or equine 4-H members' immediate family can stay overnight in the 4-H horse barn area if their parent(s) are present.
 - *3. All persons staying in the barn overnight must have a bed pass including all adults.
 - 4. An eighteen-year-old junior fair exhibitor is not considered an adult.
 - 5. The adult is responsible for the safety of all.
 - 6.. Anyone can be dismissed from the 4-H horse barn area at the discretion of two advisors.
- l. Absolutely NO DOGS other than service animals are permitted in the saddle horse area. Service animals must wear service vest and be on a leash at all times.
- m. If at any time a person becomes injured while on the Trumbull County Fairgrounds, an incident report MUST be filled out and filed with the Senior Fairboard and the Trumbull County 4-H Equine Development Committee President on the SAME DAY of the occurrence.
- n. **The speed limit in the saddle horse area is 5 MPH.**
- o. **The driveways around Sawver Ring will close 1/2 hour PRIOR to show times and reopen 15 minutes AFTER the conclusion of the last class of the day.**
- p. No rider should be mounted under any roof. No riding horses into stalls. No unsafe behavior which includes but is not limited to standing on horses, jumping off or on moving horses, etc.
- q. If a horse and/or rider is deemed unsafe by the Equine Development Committee a probationary period will be put in place. Probationary periods will be a minimum of 2 weeks and, details set on a case-to-case basis. Upon completion of probationary period a re-evaluation will be conducted by the Equine Development Committee to determine what further action is needed.
- r. **First Year Member Safety Meeting:** First year riding members must attend a scheduled first year-

member safety meeting (typically in March and/or April). This is a two-hour program organized by the 4-H educator and equine advisors of Trumbull County. A parent or guardian must attend with the first-year member.

- s. Parents that ride on ride nights must follow the same safety rules as youth. It is preferred that they ride in a separate arena.

5. DRESS CODE: Exhibitors are required to comply with the Dress Code set forth in “Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows.”

- a. Exhibitors while riding are required to wear Western, hard sole or English boot with appropriate heels (no work boots, tennis shoes, **crocs**, twisted x's, open toed shoes or flip flops). Handling horses, while in the barn, bathing, and/or any equine activity appropriate footwear must be worn. This means at all horse shows and riding practices (adults included).
- b. Failure to wear appropriate attire during a show will be cause for disqualification. Failure to wear appropriate footwear during any activity will result in disciplinary action.
- c. Gentlemen must ride in shirts and ladies will not wear spaghetti strap blouses or tube tops at any time in the riding ring. Shorts are also not allowed while riding.

6. SADDLEHORSE SHOW PROTEST PROCEDURES:

- a. Complaints will be handled through the Designated Show Steward, who will clarify rules and arrange for the exhibitor to visit with the Judge, if the Show Steward feels the request is justified.
- b. If any complaint cannot be resolved at the Show Steward level, a written protest should be filed with the Show Steward
- c. Protest must be made in writing and signed by the party or parties making the protest, including the exhibitor.
- d. A \$100.00 fee (Cash or Money Order) must accompany the protest
- e. The protest and fee must be given to the Show Steward on the same day of the show.
- f. The Show Steward will notify the Trumbull County 4-H Equine Development Committee of the protest.
- g. The Show Steward will hand over to the Trumbull County 4-H Equine Development Committee the written protest and fee.
- h. The protest will be handled by the Trumbull County 4-H Equine Development Committee for a final decision.
- i. The Trumbull County 4-H Equine Development Committee will also notify the Trumbull County Senior Fair Board horse directors and Trumbull County 4-H Educator.

7. WALK/TROT DIVISION:

- a. The Walk/Trot division is intended for the exhibitor who is just beginning to ride or has not reached a comfort level to enter canter classes. Once the exhibitor is comfortable to canter with a degree of control, the member should advance to the appropriate age division. The exhibitor's level of experience should not be limited to just the show ring.
- b. Walk/Trot is to be divided into age group of 9-18.
- c. During Walk/Trot Gymkhana classes, if a participant's horse/pony does other than a walk or trot in the show ring, a 5-second penalty will be added to the time. If the infraction exceeds three strides, the participant will be disqualified.
- d. Walk/Trot exhibitors must move to the next division in the subsequent calendar year if any one or more of the following conditions are met:
 - 1) Exhibitor wins 3 or more High Point or Reserve High Point awards in a given year.
 - 2) Time limit of 3 years permitted for Walk/Trot participation. Exceptions must be brought to Trumbull County 4-H Equine Development Committee and will be approved on an individual basis and/or need.

- e. Walk/Trot exhibitors may only canter during their club's ride night (not at shows.)

8. RIDER ASSISTED CLASSES: are only available for Walk/Trot members, members needing assistance, or members needing special accommodations and approved by committee.

- a. All members requesting to participate in rider assisted classes are required to fill out the 4-H Winning Plan and submit this form by April 1st to the OSUE Office.
- b. When 4-H member is participating in Rider Assisted Classes, he/she may only participate in in-hand classes and classes where they are the only participant in the ring with a leader or spotter present or classes titled "Rider Assisted".
- c. If 4-H member moves up to Walk/Trot classes, he/she cannot revert back to Rider Assisted Classes.
- d. Assistant must be a non-4-H member nineteen (19) years of age or older.
- e. Assistant must wear proper footwear. Footwear must comply with Rule 5. Dress Code.
- f. Assistant must have signed proper waiver forms.

9. CLOVERBUD LEAD LINE- For participation only. Classes will not be judged.

- a. Clover bud lead line classes are only offered during the current year's county fair and only to eligible equine club registered cloverbuds.
- b. Clover buds must be led by an equine knowledgeable adult, 19 years of age or older.
- c. Clover buds must wear class appropriate show attire including boots and helmet. They must also use class appropriate tack.
- d. Leaders must wear appropriate footwear.
- e. There are to be no restrictions on horses used for these classes, PAS horses may be used, as long as the 4-H member allows use of their project.

10. REVOLVING TROPHY CLASSES—PERPETUAL SHOWMANSHIP TROPHY CLASS-VERSATILITY

- a. Revolving Trophy classes are: Horseperson, Western Ranch Horse Pleasure, Western Pleasure Pony, Western Horsemanship, English Equitation, Barrels and Poles. Perpetual Trophy classes include Showmanship 14-18, Western Pleasure Horse 9-18 and Versatility.
 - 1) Judge will place 6 places. In the event the winner is disqualified, the alternate will move up in place.
 - 2) The same exhibitor with the same horse must show in the class three times in order to qualify for a revolving or perpetual class. Fair does count towards one of the three.
 - 3) Ties in points will grouped into one point standing (which may allow more than 5 in a revolving or perpetual class.
- b. An exhibitor who wins the same Revolving Trophy class three (3) consecutive times will retire the Revolving Trophy (regardless of division). Exhibitor who wins a Perpetual Trophy will not retire the trophy. When a Revolving Trophy is retired, the original sponsor and/or his/her family should be given the opportunity to replace it. If that is not possible then another sponsor should be found.
- c. Horseperson Competition:
 - 1) Exhibitors who desire to compete in this class must first complete the registration form by the assigned deadline.
 - 2) Exhibitor is required to submit an activities' resume.
 - 3) Exhibitor is required to take a written exam based on books:
 - *a). Novice- 1 & 2nd Year (experience)- #174 and County/State Rules
 - b) Junior 9-13 years Old- #174 and County/State Rules

- b). Senior 14-18 Years Old- #174, #175 and County/State Rules
 - 4) Complete an Impromptu Essay question.
 - 5) Exhibitor is required to complete a riding, driving, or showmanship (western, english or ranch) pattern for the judge at the fair. (If chosen animal is deemed unfit to compete, substitution is permitted with Trumbull County Equine 4-H Development Committee approval.) PAS scoring sheet is used to judge riding pattern. Contest riders will ride a pattern. Exhibitor selects riding discipline.
 - 6) Scoring: Points for resume, impromptu essay, written test and riding pattern are combined to determine highest score. Riding patterns will all be scored based on 100 points.
 - 7) Placed divisions are: Walk/Trot Horseperson, Junior Horseperson, Senior Horseperson and Reserve for each.
- d. Western Pleasure Horse Perpetual Trophy:
- 1) Qualifying classes include: Western Pleasure Horse 9-13 or 14-18 at approved 4-H shows scheduled before or during fair.
 - *2) Exhibitors (same horse, same rider combo) must be in Top 5 in point standings in either class to enter the Perpetual Trophy Class.
- e. Ranch Horse Pleasure Revolving Trophy:
- 1) Qualifying classes include: Ranch Horse Pleasure 9-13 or 14-18 at approved 4-H shows scheduled before or during fair.
 - *2) Exhibitors must be in the Top 5 in point standings in either class to enter the Revolving Trophy Class.
- f. Western Pleasure Pony Revolving Trophy:
- 1) Qualifying classes include: Western Pleasure Pony 9-18 at approved 4-H shows scheduled before or during fair.
 - 2) Exhibitors (same horse, same rider combo) must be in the Top 5 in point standings to enter the Revolving Trophy Class.
- g. Western Horsemanship Revolving Trophy:
- 1) Qualifying classes include: Western Horsemanship 9-13 and 14-18 at approved 4H shows scheduled before or during fair. Separate trophies will be given for 9-13 and 14-18.
 - 2) Exhibitors (same horse, same rider combo) must be in the Top 5 in point standings in each division to enter the Revolving Trophy Class.
- h. English Equitation Revolving Trophy
- 1) Qualifying classes include: English Equitation 9-13, English Equitation 14-18 and Hunter Equitation over Fences at approved 4-H shows scheduled before or during the fair.
 - 2) Exhibitors (same horse, same rider combo) must be in the Top 5 in point standings in one or more of the three (3) classes to enter the Revolving Trophy Class.
- i. English Hunter Under Saddle Revolving Trophy:
- 1) Qualifying classes include: Hunter Under Saddle 9-13 and Hunter Under Saddle 14-18 scheduled before or during the fair.
 - 2) Exhibitors (same horse, same rider combo) must be in the Top 5 in point standings in each division to enter the Revolving Trophy Class.
- j. Barrel Revolving Trophies:
- 1) Qualifying classes include: Barrels 9-13 and Barrels 14-18 at approved 4-H shows scheduled before or during the fair. Separate trophies will be given for 9-13 and 14-18.
 - 2) Exhibitors (same horse, same rider combo) must be in the Top 5 in point standings in each division to enter the Revolving Trophy Class.
- k. Poles Revolving Trophy:
- 1) Qualifying classes include: Poles 9-13 and Poles 14-18 at approved 4-H shows scheduled before or during the fair. Separate trophies will be given for 9-13 and 14-18.
 - 2) Exhibitors (same horse, same rider combo) must be in the top 5 in point standings in each division to enter the Revolving Trophy Class.
- l. Perpetual Showmanship Trophy:
- 1) Qualifying classes include: Walk-Trot Showmanship and Showmanship 14-18 at approved 4-H shows scheduled before or during fair.

- 2) Exhibitors (same horse, same rider combo) must be in the Top 5 in point standings to enter the Perpetual Trophy Class.
- m. Revolving Showmanship Trophy:
- 1) Qualifying classes include: Walk-Trot Showmanship and Showmanship 9-13 at approved 4-H shows scheduled before or during fair.
 - 2) Exhibitors (same horse, same rider combo) must be in the Top 5 in point standings to enter the Revolving Trophy Class.
- n. Revolving Mini Showmanship 9-18
- 1) Qualifying classes include: All Mini Showmanship held prior to the revolving mini showmanship class.
 - 2) Exhibitors (same horse, same rider combo) must be in the Top 5 in point standings to enter the Revolving Trophy Class.
- o. 9-18 Ranch Showmanship Revolving Trophy:
- 1) Qualifying classes include: Walk-Trot Ranch Showmanship, 9-13 Ranch Showmanship and 14-18 Ranch Showmanship.
 - 2) Exhibitors (same horse, same rider combo) must be in the Top 5 in point standings to enter the Revolving Trophy Class.
- p. 9-18 Ranch Horsemanship Revolving Trophy:
- 1) Qualifying classes include 9-13 Ranch Horsemanship and 14-18 Ranch Horsemanship.
 - 2) Exhibitors (same horse, same rider combo) must be in the Top 5 in point standings to enter the Revolving Trophy Class.
- q. Frances Tennent Memorial Versatility Perpetual Trophy:
- 1) Participant must be a present year or last year State Fair Representative. Participant must have successfully completed the current year 4-Station judging.
 - 2) Participant must use their most recent qualified PAS horse.
 - 3) Registration for this event MUST be submitted by 12:00 noon on the day of the event. Registration form MUST be signed by the participant's parent or guardian.
 - 4) Participant must compete in four categories: English Pleasure, Western Horsemanship (pattern to be posted at the Announcer's Booth one-half hour prior to the start of the Versatility Class), reining (Pattern A) and Barrels.
 - 5) Horse and rider are NOT permitted to leave the ring except to enter the enclosed paddock area at north end of the ring. Penalty is disqualification from the remainder of Versatility Class.
 - 6) Participant is permitted one groom to help with the tack/horse during competition. No sharing of tack or equipment is permitted. The participant, the groom, and the tack wheelbarrow must all display the participant's number in clearly visible locations. Penalty is disqualification from the remainder of the Versatility Class. IF ANYONE OTHER THAN THE GROOM ASSISTS THE PARTICIPANT IN ANY WAY, THE PARTICIPANT WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. THIS INCLUDES COACHING (VERBAL).
 - 7) There will be 5-minute tack changes between classes. Failure to be ready and mounted in that 5-minute allocation will result in elimination of that entry.
 - 8) Each participant's score from each class will be combined for an overall score. The participant with the highest overall score will win the class. In the event of a tie, the participant with the highest Western Horsemanship score will be declared the winner. This rule applies to all placings, not just 1st and 2nd places.
 - 9) Should a safety issue arise (i.e. tack malfunction), it is the participant's obligation to notify a Spotter immediately.
 - 10) The Judge's decision is final.
 - 11) A tack check will be conducted prior to the start of Versatility. At that time, all bits will be marked by the judge and cannot be changed after that time. Changing of bits after the tack check will result in disqualification.

11. SUPER SHOWMANSHIP:

- a. The winner of every equine showmanship during fair (prior to Super Showmanship) is eligible to participate in Super Showmanship. If the winner of the class declines, the opportunity goes to second place and no further (according to Jr. Fair Rules).
- b. Super Showmanship can only be won once in each division, Junior and Senior.

- 12. Parking:** All vehicles and trailers are to be parked in accordance with State and Local Fire Codes.
- a. Vehicles and trailers ARE NOT to be parked within 20 feet of any structure.
 - b. Vehicles and trailers ARE NOT permitted to block driveways in and around the ring or barns.
 - c. Vehicles and trailers ARE NOT permitted to block the roadway in front of the concession stand (multi-purpose building).
 - d. Vehicles and trailers ARE NOT permitted to park in the center divider of the roadway in front of the concession stand.
 - e. Vehicle and trailers ARE NOT permitted to park in-between the barns except for loading and unloading purposes.
 - f. All fair grounds roads, including the area between the barns, are considered Trumbull County Roads and must be kept open for emergency equipment to pass.
 - g. The road behind 4-Star barn (gate E) must be left open, and you are NOT PERMITTED to park on this road. It is an emergency access road and must be kept clear.

13. Equine Barns

I. Club Responsibilities- April 1st- October 1st

- a. All fair decorations and extension cords must be removed no more than one week after fair.
- b. Only outdoor extension cords up to code can be used in the barns.
- c. No personal belongings are to be left after fair.
- d. No removal of stalls or walls without fairboard's permission. All repairs/renovations must be ok'd by fairboard prior to being done.
- e. Clubs are responsible for trimming/pulling weeds around their barns.
- f. Clubs are responsible for their own trash.
- g. Clubs are responsible for barn repairs, per Fairboard contract.
- h. Clubs are responsible for painting their barn-white paint only.
- i. Clubs must paint the main arena in front of their barn every year, all sides of the bars. This includes flower boxes.

II. Winterizing/Post-Show Responsibilities- to be completed by Oct 1

- a. All pallets must be stacked neatly in a stall.
- b. Aisle ways must be clear.
- c. Tack boxes must be stored in a stall and clearly labeled with a contact name and phone number.
- d. All stalls must be stripped (cleaned to dirt or rubber mats).
- e. No hay is to be left after fair.

14. Miscellaneous Rules:

- a. Any use of the Saddle Horse Area must be cleared with the President of the Trumbull County 4-H Equine Development Committee. An advisor MUST be present at the ring during Club use.
- b. Any member who removes his/her project from the fairgrounds before the official closing of Fair will relinquish all awards, including State Fair eligibility. The member will not be permitted to show the following year at Fair. Exceptions to the rule would be an accident or illness, both requiring written permission of the 4-H Educator, Senior Fair Board Director, Trumbull County Equine 4-H Development Committee and Veterinarian. A horse may also be removed for safety issues with approval by Trumbull County 4-H Equine Development Committee and Senior Fair Board.
- c. Horses or ponies are not to be turned loose in any ring.
- *d. Only participants showing an animal in a class at a show can ride, drive or train that animal at the show, this includes trainers. Prior to and during fair, guests, trainers, owners and fair visitors ARE NOT permitted on project animals including rodeo and mounted deputies.
- e. Participants in the Cake and Feed Walks must walk and maintain control of their horses at all times. Only 4-H aged youth are permitted to ride horses. Rider Assisted must be led. No open-toed shoes permitted during this class.

- f. Parents and guardians are REQUIRED to attend horse shows with their children and are solely responsible for them, unless prior permission is given by the member's parent/guardian and a waiver is filed with the horse show committee. The Saddle Horse Executive Committee will be notified if children are left unattended at a show. Further action may be taken.
- g. All exhibitors bringing equine projects to Fair MUST have enrolled and completed an equine project book and completed 4-Station Judging at a designated time to be eligible to show at the Trumbull County Fair and the Ohio State Fair.
- h. Classes may be split, combined or canceled at the Judge's or show committee's discretion.
- i. Judge will place up to 6 places per class. In the event that a participant that has placed is disqualified, all other participants that have placed will move up in placement.
- j. **Each club will have the ability to award High Point and Reserve High Point Awards. Ties will be decided at each club's discretion.**
- k. Returned checks (NSF) -In the event a check is returned from the bank for any reason, (including and not limited to each individual club's horse show) there will be a \$30 fee. You will not be able to pay with another check until the NSF check is made good and the fee paid. All fees must be paid before being permitted to show again.
- l. Any 4-H project that is currently prescribed any drugs, medication, etc. must have proper veterinary paperwork and state notification forms filed with the Trumbull County 4-H Equine Development Committee and 4-H Educator prior to showing on fairgrounds.
- m. No adult/advisor is to solicit services (braiding, banding, lessons, etc.) to any 4H member while on/at the Trumbull County Fairgrounds, especially during the week of the Trumbull County Fair.
- n. 4-H Clubs who do not participate in Trumbull County 4HEquine Development Committee fundraisers will be fined. The fine will be \$200.00 per incident. All monies raised must be turned in by the given deadline set by the Committee. The club is responsible for the funds.
- o. All clubs must participate in all work parties. If a club does not participate in a scheduled work party, they must chair the next work party.
- p. During practice nights poles, barrels and other timed event classes can be set up in the main arena so long as they are off set.
- q. Crossrails is to be shown at a walk and/or trot only and is open to all age divisions **(no higher than 18 inches). You may not enter both cross rails and more advanced jumping classes.**
- r. Each member is required to attend 3 equine related educational opportunities each year, to be completed by October 1st, to remain in good standing. Opportunities can consist of equine related seminars, clinics, guest speakers, field trips, job shadowing, etc., and must be approved by an advisor. Equistep can count as 1 yearly opportunity.
- s. **Flat work/controlled work is only permitted in the Trail Ring. No jumping or contesting.**

15. Expectations of Trumbull County 4-H Parents and Guardians

The following is an agreement accepted by parents and guardians involved in the Trumbull 4-H program. These expectations shall guide the adults' behavior during their involvement in 4-H Extension programs including the Trumbull County Jr. Fair. The primary purpose of these expectations is to ensure the safety and well-being of all Extension program participants (i.e., members, parents and families, volunteers and professionals). Parents and members are expected to function within the guidelines of Ohio State University Extension and the 4-H program.

4-H Parents will behave in a manner which promotes good character:

- ☘ I will be supportive of the county program, help my child with project selection, and assist my child with project completion without doing the work for my child or another member.
- ☘ I will conduct myself in a courteous and respectful manner, exhibit good sportsmanship and be a positive role model for all youth and adult volunteers. This includes all 4-H related events and any social media platform related posts. (including but not limited to Facebook, Instagram, Twitter).

- ☼ I will respect, adhere to and enforce the rules, policies and guidelines established by Trumbull County 4-H, its 4-H Clubs, Ohio State University Extension and Jr. Fair Species Rules.
- ☼ I will uphold an individual's right to dignity, self-development and self-direction.
- ☼ I will handle animals and operate machinery, vehicles and other equipment in a responsible and respectful manner. I understand and will adhere to proper ethical treatment of animals.
- ☼ I will see that my child attends all scheduled 4-H club activities and notify the club advisor if my child is unable to attend.
- ☼ I will help with club and county 4-H activities such as fundraising, refreshments and other club and county needs. I understand I am responsible for all monies due and provide necessary documentation for any fundraiser my child participates in on behalf of a club, committee or program. Failure to do so may affect 4-H eligibility for my child/children.

As a 4-H parent/guardian, I WILL NOT:

- ☼ Use or possess drugs, alcohol, and/or related paraphernalia during a 4-H related activity. If I use tobacco products, I will do so in designated areas so I do not jeopardize an individual's or animal's health and safety.
- ☼ Use foul, vulgar, inappropriate language or gestures in person or on social media platforms.
- ☼ Steal or be in possession of stolen property.
- ☼ Physically, verbally, or sexually harass, threaten or behave in such a way that could cause mental distress or physical injury to any person.
- ☼ Possess, handle, transmit, or conceal any object that can be construed as a dangerous weapon or instrument during a 4-H activity or event.
- ☼ Engage in abusive behaviors that physically or verbally threaten or harm any Extension program participant, including youth.
- ☼ Commit a felonious act.

Failure to adhere to these expectations may result in removal from the Ohio State University Extension Program. *By signing these expectations, I/we understand that my/our behavior could affect my/our child/children's 4-H eligibility.*

Involvement with the Ohio State University Extension 4-H program is a privilege and a responsibility, not a right. CFAES provides research and related educational programs to clientele on a non-discriminatory basis.

16. YEAR-END AWARDS:

a. Eligibility:

- 1) Open to all Trumbull County 4-H Saddle Horse project members.
- 2) In the case of a member showing two (2) projects: Points will be kept on each project horse/pony, not the rider. Each horse or pony must be signed up separately. Points will not be added together. Exhibitor must show in the class three times in order to be eligible for year-end awards in that class.
- 3) Exhibitors must complete all county project completion requirements in order to receive year-end awards. Exhibitors must be in good standing with Saddle Horse Committee and 4-H Club.
- 4) Points for classes will be tallied as follows:

Number of points per class, regardless of number of exhibitors in class:

1st= 6 pts, 2nd = 5 pts, 3rd = 4 pts, 4th= 3 pts, 5th = 2 pts, 6th = 1pt

- 5) Anyone with evidence that there is a discrepancy with the points must contact the Points Secretary as soon as possible to have the situation reviewed.
- 6) Siblings cannot accumulate year-end points on the same horse in the same class. Class selection/participation must be designated prior to the first show of the year.
- 7) Each member must pay for points before points will be accumulated on each registered project. Price for each project is \$5.
- 8) If a class is canceled by the show committee, entries will receive a zero in points.

b. Year End Classes:

- 1). Walk/Trot Division
 - a). Showmanship
 - b). Ranch Showmanship
 - c). Western Pleasure
 - d). Ranch Horse Pleasure

- e). Western Horsemanship
 - f). Ranch Horsemanship
 - g). English Pleasure
 - h). English Equitation
 - i). Trail
 - j). Barrels
 - k). Cones
 - *l). Keyhole
 - *m). Stakes
 - n). Crossrails
- 2). 9-13 Division
- a). Showmanship
 - b). Ranch Showmanship
 - c). Western Pleasure
 - d). Ranch Horse Pleasure
 - e). Western Horsemanship
 - f). Ranch Horsemanship
 - g). English Pleasure
 - h). English Equitation
 - i). Barrels
 - j). Stakes
 - k). Keyhole
 - l). Pole Bending
- 3). 14-18 Division
- a). Showmanship
 - b). Ranch Showmanship
 - c). Western Pleasure
 - d). Ranch Horse Pleasure
 - e). Western Horsemanship
 - f). Ranch Horsemanship
 - g). English Pleasure
 - h). English Equitation
 - i). Barrels
 - j). Stakes
 - k). Keyhole
 - l). Pole Bending
- *4). 9-18 Division
- a). Western Pleasure Pony
 - b). Trail
 - c). Trail in Hand
 - d). Reining
 - e). Ranch Riding
 - f). Crossrails
 - g). Hunter Over Fences
 - h). Equitation Over Fences
 - i). Hunter Hack
 - j). Reinsmanship
 - k). Pleasure Driving
 - l). Driven Trail
 - m). Gaited English Equitation
 - n). Gaited English Pleasure
 - o). Gaited Western Horsemanship
 - p). Gaited Western Pleasure
 - q). Mini/Small Equine Hunter in Hand
 - r). Mini/Small Equine Jumper in Hand
 - s). Mini/Small Equine Showmanship
- 5). Overall Winner Division
- a). Walk-Trot

- b). Western
- c). Ranch
- d.) English
- e). Contesting
- f). Mini
- g). Driving
- h). Gaited

THE ENFORCEMENT OF RULES

IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF:

ADVISORS,

PARENTS

AND

JUNIOR EQUINE MEMBERS.

Enforcement of Rules
Acknowledgement Waiver

I have received and agreed to uphold
and ***follow these listed rules and
regulations as written.***

Due By April 1st to Club Advisor

****Waivers to be filed with Saddle Horse Secretary***

Date _____

Parent/Guardian _____

4-H Member _____

Club _____