

Spokane County 4-H Horse Project Policy Proposal
2025

Policy #1

Full Name *Angie Neumiller

4-H Club Name*Buckles & Bling

1. What is the topic of this policy? **Tack Swap**
2. Is this a new policy: **NO**
3. If current policy--**p. 21**
- 3b. If current policy, copy and paste the **current policy**.

Tack Swap:

The Spokane County 4-H Horse Committee's Tack Swap will accept as vendors, only those whose primary/majority of product is not in direct competition with items/services consigned or provided by Spokane County Horse Committee at the annual tack swap. The Spokane County 4-H Horse Committee's Tack Swap will consider, on a limited basis, those non-4-H, not for profit, horse related groups and/or organizations' requests for space at the Spokane County 4-H Horse Committee's annual tack swap, on the condition that such space be used only for information dissemination and not in competition with 4-H activities and services at the Spokane County 4-H Horse Committee's Tack Swap

4. If a new policy-- what page # and paragraph number should the policy be located.
- 4b. What is the **exact policy wording** you are **proposing**?

5. Please **explain** why this policy is important to change or add
Eliminate vendor restrictions for Tack Swap. This should be a committee decision.
Limiting vendors significantly limits the income potential for Tack Swap.

Policy #2

Full Name *Angie Neumiller

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1. What is the topic of this policy? **Jumping**
2. Is this a new policy: **NO**
3. If current policy--**p. #30**
- 3b. If current policy, copy and paste the **current policy**.

Senior, Intermediate, Junior Jumping:

Total is taken from jumping Showmanship, Equitation over fences highest level, (in chosen qualifying point section see Over Fences General Rules) and Hunt Seat Equitation

- 4b. What is the **exact policy wording** you are **proposing**?

Exhibitors must show in Jumping Showmanship, plus two other jumping classes to be counted for year end awards (Hunter Hack, multiple sections of Equitation over fences, and/or Hunt Seat Equitation). For seniors, Section One: Ground Poles is excluded from year end award point calculations.

5. Please **explain** why this policy is important to change or add

This allows all jumping classes to be counted toward year end awards (including hunter hack) and aligns language with other divisions.

Seniors should be pushed to jump 12-18", and qualify to do so without attending the pre-qualifier.

Policy #3

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1. What is the topic of this policy? **Dressage**
2. Is this a new policy: **NO**
3. If current policy— **Pg #30**
- 3b. If current policy, copy and paste the **current policy**.

Senior, Intermediate, Junior, and Novice Dressage:

Day of show Showmanship, plus best test in Training, First Level, or Second Level, and Dressage Equitation

- 4b. What is the **exact policy wording** you are **proposing**?

Total is taken from daily Showmanship, Dressage Equitation, and the best test score in Training, First Level, or Second Level. Riders must ride in one Test.

5. Please **explain** why this policy is important to change or add
Aligns language consistent with other divisions. Requires a dressage test to be ridden.

Policy #4

Full Name *Angie Neumiller

4-H Club Name*Buckles & Bling

1. What is the topic of this policy? **Individual awards**
2. Is this a new policy: **NO**
3. If current policy— **Pg 30**
- 3b. If current policy, copy and paste the **current policy**.

Individual Awards:

1. Fastest time in each Western Games event (not by age group) will receive an award at the year-end awards.
4. If a new policy-- what page # and paragraph number should the policy be located.
- 4b. What is the **exact policy wording** you are **proposing**?
Eliminate #1 and renumber (subsequent numbered sentences - KP)
5. Please **explain** why this policy is important to change or add
Specific awards shouldn't be dictated by policy and should be up to the discretion of the committee. Awarding fast times also duplicates awards and puts more emphasis on gaming events than any other area.

Policy #5

Full Name *Angie Neumiller

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1. What is the topic of this policy? **Year End High Point Awards & State Fair, respectively**
2. Is this a new policy: **NO**
3. If current policy--**Pg 29 and 35**
- 3b. If current policy, copy and paste the **current policy**.

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6. To qualify for year end awards in the Spokane County 4-H Educational, exhibitors need to compete in more than 1 educational contest, excluding record books.

And

Pg 35

7. Members that compete at State 4-H Fair with their horse must have competed in at least one of the following horse educational contests that year; horse judging, horse bowl, impromptu, hippology, groom squad, horse presentations (county level), equine presentation (individual, team and public speaking), excluding the Record Book competition (see no. 4).

4. If a **new policy-- what page # and paragraph number** should the policy be located. It should remain in the state fair section, page 35, #7, as well as in the year end awards section #6.

4b. What is the **exact policy wording** you are **proposing**?

To qualify for year end awards or State Fair, exhibitors need to compete in at least one of the following horse educational contests that year; horse judging, horse bowl, impromptu, hippology, groom squad, horse presentations (county level), equine

presentation (individual, team or public speaking), in addition to the Record Book competition.

5. Please **explain** why this policy is important to change or add
It creates the same standard for state for and year end awards, thus reducing confusion or misunderstanding.

Policy #6

Full Name *Angie Neumiller

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1. What is the topic of this policy? **Driving**
2. Is this a new policy: **NO**
3. If current policy---**Pg 26**
- 3b. If current policy, copy and paste the **current policy**.

DRIVING

1. Showmanship
2. Ground Driving
3. Pleasure Driving
4. Precision Driving
5. Reinsmanship

4b. What is the **exact policy wording** you are **proposing**?
Eliminate "2. Ground Driving" (and renumber)

5. Please **explain** why this policy is important to change or add
Per policy, on page 15, Ground Driving is not counted toward year end points. We need to reconcile this conflict.

Policy #7

Full Name *Angie Neumiller

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1. What is the topic of this policy? **Points for end of year awards for presentation, public speaking, team presentation.**

2. Is this a new policy: **Yes**

4. If a new policy-- **what page # and paragraph number** should the policy be located. Not a current policy, should be included under "Equine Presentation Contest" on page 33

4b. What is the **exact policy wording** you are **proposing**?

replace "Points will be collected for educational high point" with the following:
"Points toward end of year awards and educational high point will include only the highest score received out of the three events: presentations, public speaking, and team presentation.

5. Please **explain** why is this policy important to change or add

There is currently no policy on how points work for these three events that take place at the same time. This policy addition still allows for 4-H youth to compete in all three events and qualify for state in any of these events, but does not require that youth participate in all three to be able to qualify for end of year awards and high point award.

(Added for clarity-KP)

Equine Presentation Contest

3 different contests that are state and national qualifiers: Individual, Team and Public Speaking. Highest scores of each individual contest will attend the state contest. ~~Points will be collected for educational high point.~~ **Points toward end of year awards and educational high point will include only the highest score received out of the three events: presentations, public speaking, and team presentation.** Only for seniors at the state contest. Jr, Int are encouraged to practice and complete with this format to be prepared. Youth must receive a blue ribbon to compete at the WA State contest.

Policy #8

Full Name *Angie Neumiller

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1. What is the topic of this policy? General **rules**
2. Is this a new policy: **Revision**
3. **Pg 3 #2**
- 3b. If current policy, copy and paste the **current policy**.

Use of alcoholic beverages and/or illegal substances by adults and youths is prohibited at all 4-H activities.

4b. What is the **exact policy wording** you are **proposing**?

Use of alcoholic beverages, marijuana (in any form), nicotine and/or illegal substances by adults and youth are prohibited at all 4-H activities.

5. Please explain why this policy is important to change or add
Adds legalized marijuana use to align with national standards.

Policy #9

Full Name *Angie Neumiller

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1. What is the topic of this policy? **Western Games time**
2. Is this a new policy:**NO**
3. If current policy- **Pg 6**
- 3b. If current policy, copy and paste the **current policy**.

WG3. We will use the average of the prior two Spokane County 4-H years' times, including penalties, and the last recorded times used for placings for Spokane County to determine danishes in the current year.

4b. What is the **exact policy wording** you are **proposing**?
Delete and renumber (subsequent numbered sentences - KP)

5. Please **explain** why this policy is important to change or add
We use the state table for gaming time for danish ribbons

Policy #10

Full Name *Angie Neumiller

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1. What is the topic of this policy? **Jumping**
2. Is this a new policy: **NO**
3. If current policy-**Pg 8**
- 3b. If current policy, copy and paste the **current policy**.

J1. For safety purposes and in order to jump at a show, RIDERS MUST PRE-QUALIFY for each Jumping Section, beginning with Section 3, at a Pre-Qualifier offered by 4-H.

J3. For the purpose of alignment with 4-H approaches to positive youth development and 4-H Risk Management, if a youth is unable to pre-qualify for any section at one of the county Pre-Qualifiers, that youth must enter Section 1 at their 1st Horse Show.

4b. What is the **exact policy wording** you are **proposing**?

Delete J1 and renumber

J3. Youth must Pre-qualify for section 3 jumping height at an event offered by 4-H. Once a jumping equine and 4-Her combination has qualified for a section of jumping,

that pair will not have to requalify. For the purpose of alignment with 4-H approaches to positive youth development and 4-H Risk Management, if a youth is unable to pre-qualify for any section at one of the county Pre-Qualifiers, that youth may enter Section 1 or 2 at their 1st Horse Show.

5. Please **explain** why this policy is important to change or add
This discrepancy should be reconciled. J1 allows a non-qualified jumper to begin at Section 2, J3 states that non-jumpers must enter ground poles division. It also allows youth to need to qualify only one time, similar to harness driving.

Policy #11

Full Name *Angie Neumiller

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1. What is the topic of this policy? **Dressage**
2. Is this a new policy: **NO**
3. If current policy-**Pg 30**
- 3b. If current policy, copy and paste the **current policy**.

Pg 30 Senior, Intermediate, Junior, and Novice Dressage:

Day of show Showmanship, plus best test in Training, First Level, or Second Level, and Dressage Equitation

Supported by:

Pg 13 D2. Rider may enter English and/or Western Dressage. Riders may enter two tests at one show. At horse shows and for year-end awards, English Dressage and Western Dressage will be judged and placed separately. Classes to count towards year-end awards will be the combination of: Two English Dressage tests plus English

Dressage Seat Equitation, or Two Western Dressage tests plus Western Dressage Seat Equitation

4b. What is the **exact policy wording** you are **proposing**?

Total is taken from daily Showmanship, Dressage Equitation, and up to two test scores in Training, First Level, or Second Level dressage test. Riders must ride in one Test to qualify for dressage awards.

5. Please **explain** why this policy is important to change or add

These policies conflict with one recording the best dressage test and the other recording both tests. It aligns language with other divisions and requires that a dressage test be ridden to qualify for awards.

Policy #12

Full Name *Angie Neumiller

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1. What is the topic of this policy? **General Rules**

2. Is this a new policy: **NO**

3. If current policy--**Page 3, #10**

3b. If current policy, copy and paste the **current policy**.

10. All divisions will be determined by the member's age as of current enrollment guidelines and requirements per 4-H WSU Extension division. Horse's age is determined as October 1st of the current year.

4b. What is the **exact policy wording** you are **proposing**?

All divisions will be determined by the member's age as of current enrollment guidelines and requirements per 4-H WSU Extension division. Age is determined as of January 1st of the current show year. (Any equine born between January 1 and December 31st of the preceding year would be considered one year old on January 1st.)

5. Please **explain** why this policy is important to change or add
Determining a horse's age on January 1 is industry standard and aligns policy with Green Horse leaving one, consistent determination of horse's age
Submitted 11/16

Policy #13

Full Name *Angie Neumiller

4-H Club Name*Buckles & Bling

1. What is the topic of this policy? **Horse Certificates**

2. Is this a new policy: **NO**

3. If current policy--**Page 19-20**

3b. If current policy, copy and paste the **current policy**.

The youth has possession (own/lease the horse used, plus provide the care for, feeding, and management of the horse) at least 30 days prior to a horse event.

4b. What is the **exact policy wording** you are **proposing**?

Animals (owned, leased, or mentored) must be under the care and management of the 4-H member at least 90 days before the animal may be shown at the official county exhibit activity

5. Please **explain** why this policy is important to change or add

This aligns with state policy.

This is replaces #3 in the Activity Horse and Project Horse sections.

Policy #14

Full Name *Angie Neumiller

4-H Club Name*Buckles & Bling

1. What is the topic of this policy? **Mentor horse**

2. Is this a new policy: **Yes**

4. If a new policy-**Page 20. \$7 under MENTOR MEMBER/RIDER –**

4b. What is the **exact policy wording** you are **proposing**?

Shared horses (as defined by state policy) are not allowed.

5. Please **explain** why this policy is important to change or add
Spokane County 4-H offers a mentorship option in sharing. It's important to be clear
with regard to shared horse policy.

Policy #15

Full Name *Angie Neumiller

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1. What is the topic of this policy? **Awards**
2. Is this a new policy: **Yes**
4. If a new policy-- what page # and paragraph number should the policy be located.

Pg 4 - general rules section

Specific rules pertaining to year end awards originating from horse show points would move to the horse show section.

Rules regarding year end awards for educational competitions would move to this section.

4b. What is the **exact policy wording** you are **proposing**?

Every committee should determine and provide their own awards within the budget assigned at the annual budget meeting

5. Please **explain** why this policy is important to change or add

Allows Horse Show to handle their own budget, points and distribution of awards. It allows them to give awards even if youth didn't do educational events.

Allows "year end awards" to be inclusive of more youth without the heavy focus on horse shows. It could be a cumulative of the 4-H year including educational events, recognition for personal goal achievement, recognition for state and national competitions, saddle log, horse shows etc

Policy #16

Full Name *Angie Neumiller

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1. What is the topic of this policy? **Reorganizing the policy book**

4b. What is the **exact policy wording** you are **proposing**?

Establish sections for:

Policies

General Rules

Horse Certificates

Points

Drill Team

Horse Shows

Educational Competitions

State Fair

Year End Awards

5. Please **explain** why this policy is important to change or add

The book is very complicated and messy. Rules and clarifications are hard to find. For example, rules specific to horse shows are mixed in with general rules, there are some policies that are very similar, but in different areas...

The Horse Show section would include subsections for disciplines, rules and awards - year end and high point. The Educational Competition Section would have the rules and forms for

This would be done on a collaborative document to track changes, with audit and review by anyone in the horse program. Nothing would be deleted (with the exception of redundant record book working)- just copy and paste.

This would be done after the integration of policy changes approved January 13.

Policy #17

Full Name *Angie Neumiller

4-H Club Name*Buckles & Bling

1. What is the topic of this policy? **Jumping**
2. Is this a new policy: **NO**
3. If current policy--What is the current page number and paragraph: **Pg 8**

b. If current policy, copy and paste the **current policy**.

JUMPING SECTIONS: (Jumping Sections are not indicative of age divisions but are specific height categories.)

Section One: Ground Poles

Section Two: 12"- 18"

Section Three: 18"- 2'

Section Four: 2' - 2'3"

Section Five: 2' 3" - 2' 6"

Section Six: 2' 6" - 2' 9"

4b. What is the **exact policy wording** you are **proposing**?

JUMPING SECTIONS: (Jumping Sections are not indicative of age divisions but are specific height categories.)

Section One: Ground Poles

Section Two: 12"- 18"

Section Three: 18"- 2'

Section Four: 2' - 2'3" (max height for juniors)

Section Five: 2' 3" - 2' 6" (max height for intermediates)

Section Six: 2' 6" - 2' 9" (max height for seniors)

5. Please **explain** why this policy is important to change or add

It clarifies jumping limitations recommended in the state rule book (page 28).

Policy #18

Full Name *Angie Neumiller

4-H Club Name***Buckles & Bling**

1. What is the topic of this policy? **Ride Night**

2. Is this a new policy: **Yes**

4. If a new policy-- what page # and paragraph number should the policy be located.

Pg 19, after Drill Team, before Policy

Pg 42 - in the list of planning/sub committees

4b. What is the **exact policy wording** you are **proposing**?

17. Ride Night

5. Please **explain** why this policy is important to change or add?

It adds Right Night as a committee with the potential to add programming.

Policy #19

Full Name *Angie Neumiller

4-H Club Name*Buckles & Bling

1. What is the topic of this policy? **Ride Night**

2. Is this a new policy: **Yes**

4. If a new policy-- what page # and paragraph number should the policy be located.

Pg 19, after Drill Team, before Policy

4b. What is the **exact policy wording** you are **proposing**?

Ride Night

In an effort to encourage riding and expand access to qualified clinicians, "Ride Night" can be offered for youth and volunteers enrolled in Spokane County 4-H horse project. The committee will manage the scheduling of clinicians, facility contract insurance and record attendance.

5. Please **explain** why this policy is important to change or add?

It adds some basic rules and expectations for the Right Night program.

Policy #20

Full Name *Angie Neumiller

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1. What is the topic of this policy? **Points**
2. Is this a new policy: **Revision**
3. If current policy--p. **27-28**
- 3b. If current policy, copy and paste the **current policy**.

POINTS SYSTEM

Points will be calculated the same for shows, highpoints, state qualification, and year end awards.

All qualifying classes will be placed by the Danish System Scoring as follows:

BLUE	3 POINTS
RED	2 POINTS
WHITE	1 POINT

Plus placing points to 8 places, as follows:

PLACING	POINTS	BLUE POINTS	TOTAL
1st	8	3	11
2nd	7	3	10
3rd	6	3	9
4th	5	3	8
5th	4	3	7
6th	3	3	6
7th	2	3	5
8th	1	3	4

PLACING	POINTS	RED POINTS	TOTAL
1st	8	2	10
2nd	7	2	9
3rd	6	2	8
4th	5	2	7
5th	4	2	6
6th	3	2	5
7th	2	2	4
8th	1	2	3

PLACING	POINTS	WHITE POINTS	TOTAL
1st	8	1	9
2nd	7	1	8
3rd	6	1	7
4th	5	1	6
5th	4	1	5
6th	3	1	4
7th	2	1	3

Policy #20 continued

Participants returning to championship classes that do not place in the top 8 will receive ½ point extra.

All riders will receive a Danish ribbon if awarded one by the judge.

4b. What is the **exact policy wording** you are **proposing**?

POINTS SYSTEM

Points will be calculated the same for shows, highpoints, state qualification, and year end awards.

Placing points should be awarded with respect to the number of participants in the class/competition. Placing points should not exceed the number of participants in a class with a maximum of 8 placing points awarded for first place in a class of 8 or more participants. A class with one member would receive 1 placing point plus applicable danish points.

Additionally, all qualifying competitions and classes will be awarded points according to the Danish System Scoring as follows:

BLUE	3 POINTS
RED	2 POINTS
WHITE	1 POINT

Participants returning to championship classes that do not place in the top 8 will receive ½ point extra.

All riders will receive a Danish ribbon if awarded one by the judge.

5. Please **explain** why this policy is important to change or add

This aligns more closely with industry standards and balances points with competition.

Policy #21

Full Name: Keely Eschenbacher

4-H Club Name: Buckles and Bling

1. What is the topic of this policy? **Impromptu presentations**
2. Is this a new policy: **no**
3. If current policy--**page 22-23**
- 3.b If current policy, copy and paste the **current policy**

Impromptu Horse Presentation

Impromptu Demonstrations are a fun public speaking opportunity for members enrolled in Spokane County 4-H clubs. An impromptu demonstration is one that is not prepared before contest day. Members are given an article to read and then they prepare a short demonstration at the contest. The event is a county event only. Copies of EM4787 How to Make a 4-H Public Presentation are available from the Project and Publication Guide.

1. Only members enrolled in Spokane County 4-H will be allowed to enter the Impromptu presentation contest. All entries must be on official entry blanks submitted by club leaders.
2. The contestant will select one article from two randomly selected articles. After the selection of the article the contestant will have 30 minutes total to organize his/her presentation.
3. There will be four (4) levels of topics: Primary, Junior, Intermediate and Senior. First year Juniors will have the option to do a primary presentation
4. All topics will come from horse-related materials. Resources will be available in the preparation room for contestants for reference. Pencils and 3x5 note cards are recommended for contestants use. A blackboard and chalk, dry erase board and marker, or newsprint and markers will be provided in each judging area.
5. Each contestant will have a maximum of 10 minutes to complete his/her presentation. Minimum time requirements are: Junior, 1-4 minutes; Intermediates, 2-7 minutes; and Seniors, 4-10 minutes. Primary members will be judged on criteria for their age group.
6. Presentations should be presented as suggested in the 4-H member manual "How to Make a 4-H Public Presentation" and the leader guide "Public

Presentations, Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks” available from WSU publications or the 4-H office.

7. Each contestant must prepare his/her own presentation. A reading assistant will be assigned if needed.
8. All contestants must check in with registration at a designated time. You will receive a schedule of your designated time.
9. Each judge will use the designated evaluation form.
10. Judges will base judgment of each contestant upon the number of years in 4-H and number of presentations given.
11. Judges may ask each contestant questions to clarify points in the presentation of the article, not on the presenter’s knowledge.
12. After the conclusion of the presentation, each judge will rate the contestant. The two judges will then discuss each rating and determine the average score. The judges’ decision will be final.
13. Awards System: The Danish system of awarding ribbons will be used. Ribbons will be awarded at the conclusion of each presentation.

5. Please **explain** why is this policy important to change or add

The information listed is procedure for holding impromptu events and is not necessary in our supplemental guide. The beginning description paragraph can stay but numbers 1-13 can be removed. I would recommend this procedure information becomes a link under educationals on the 4-H horse project page for Spokane County.

Policy #22

Full Name: Stephanie Warren

4-H Club Name: Frog Hollow

1. What is the topic of this policy? **Record Books**
2. Is this a new policy: **NO**
3. If current policy--**Pages 34-35**
- 3b. If current policy, copy and paste the **current policy**.

Edited with strike through of wording that should be omitted

State Fair and State Competition Qualifying

1. Only Intermediates and Seniors qualify for state fair and state competitions. Juniors can qualify to go to State in horse judging.
2. Record books shall be checked with the member's intent of competing in state level educational contests (Hippology, Horse Bowl, etc). Record Books should be submitted one week prior to the State competition (or other arranged check off time) and are validated as up-to-date using the check off rubric. They must contain entries from the most recent month. The "Record Book Progress Check Off" must be signed by the sending committee. Record Books are submitted as the work of the 4-H member, and should have minimal assistance from an adult.
3. Record books shall be checked with the member's intent to compete at State Fair for Horse Judging, Horse Presentations, Groom Squad or with their horse. Members must submit their current record book to the 4-H office before the August Horse Project Committee meeting (or other arranged State Fair meeting time). Record Books are validated as up-to-date using the check off rubric and must contain entries from the most recent month. The "Record Book Progress Check Off" must be signed by a member of the Horse Project Executive Committee. Record Books are submitted as the work of the 4-H member, and should have minimal assistance from an adult.
4. Record books must be current and up to date. Only those members who have qualified by points and have an accepted record book will be eligible to compete in State Fair horse competition.

Record book Progress Check off

-Record book progress check-off is done to validate that a member is up-to-date on their Record Book using the check off rubric.

-To be eligible for Horse Show High-Point awards, Record Books must be submitted prior to participating in showmanship, but not earlier than 1 week before the show. Record books are validated as up-to-date using the check off rubric and must contain entries from the most recent month. The "Record Book Progress Check Off" must be signed by a member of the appropriate horse sub committee.

-Record books shall be checked with the member's intent of competing in state level educational contests (Hippology, Horse Bowl, etc). Record Books should be submitted one week prior to the State competition (or other arranged check off time) and are validated as up-to-date using the check off rubric. They must contain entries from the most recent month. The "Record Book Progress Check Off" must be signed by the sending committee.

-Record books shall be checked with the member's intent to compete at State Fair for Horse Judging, Horse Presentations, Groom Squad or with their horse. Members must submit their current record book to the 4-H office before the August Horse Project Committee meeting (or other arranged State Fair meeting time). Record Books are validated as up-to-date using the check off rubric and must contain entries from the most recent month. The "Record Book Progress Check Off" must be signed by a member of the Horse Project Executive Committee.

-Leaders are encouraged to sign the "Record Book Progress Check Off" at the end of the Record Book any time they review a member's record book, discuss goals, assist with project planning etc.

-Record Books are submitted as the work of the 4-H member, and should have minimal assistance from an adult.

5. Please **explain** why this policy is important to change or add

This is a major source of time stress for 4-H youth, parents, and educational committee members. It is a lot of extra work that takes away a lot of time the youth and coaches could be using to study or practice for the contest. It also adds an extra burden to the team committee and coaches. Other counties in WA state do not require record book check offs for anything other than riding/showing at the State Fair. They want their youth using their time preparing for the contests.

Also, in Spokane County, we now classified Record Books as an educational contest. We have no requirement in place that youth have to compete in specific educational events. Requiring record book check offs to compete in another educational is inappropriate.

Additional topic to address regarding Record Books, but isn't specifically noted in the policy-

Many youth and parents have expressed major concerns about the financial records being required. It causes youth social stress from comparing the amount of money spent compared to other youth. Many parents do not want their finances known by other people. Youth and parents want that part to be private and therefore not required. It has several

members questioning continuing being enrolled as this is so personal. Other counties in WA do not have finances included in their record books for this reason.

Policy #23

Full Name: Stephanie Warren

4-H Club Name: Frog Hollow

- 1- What is the topic of this policy? **State travel**
- 2- Is this a new policy: **No**
3. If current policy---**P. 36-37**
- 3b. If current policy, copy and paste the **current policy**.

State contests financial support to eligible 4-H youth

To assist with the high cost of travel, Spokane County 4-H Horse Project allocates funding through its approved budget to support youth to attend state fair for horse events and state level equine educational contests. The travel stipend is per travel event, not per contest.

\$150 will be awarded to youth in horse riding or showing events.

\$100 will be awarded to youth in equine educational contests. If the educational contest is held in conjunction with a riding or showing contest (such as State Fair), and the youth is already present to compete in the riding or showing contest, they will be awarded \$150 total for participation in the showing and educational events.

State Hippology contests: intermediate & seniors, team of four

State Horse Judging contests: Jr, Int, Senior, individual/team. Max of 10 per age group.

State Horse Bowl contests: intermediate & seniors team of four

WA State Equine Presentation Contest: Seniors only

State Groom Squad Contest: Seniors only

General Horse Presentation contest

Youth participating in multiple horse disciplines can collect supporting funds for each discipline. Some sections could be grouped together such as Dressage/Performance section and small equine/harness section– youth will only receive one allocation of funds for that section. Funds will be available prior to departing for the WA State competition.

4b. What is the **exact policy wording** you are **proposing**? *You MUST rewrite the policy how it would look within the policy paragraph.

N/A

5- Please **explain** why is this policy important to change or add

This needs (to be) clarified!!! As stated, youth get money for each contest they qualify in.

Exceptions being a cap of \$150 if competing in an educational event while showing their horse at State Fair. May 2025 youth that qualified for two state contests were only reimbursed for one contest, and only found out about it days before leaving, after hotels were booked. This is not expressed in the policy. So do youth get funds for both May contests or only one?