

Spokane County 4-H Horse Project Supplemental Guide 2026

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SPOKANE COUNTY 4-H HORSE ACTIVITY - GENERAL RULES

1. No dogs are allowed on the show grounds unless on a leash or confined. They are prohibited in stalls and show areas.
2. Use of alcoholic beverages, marijuana (in any form), nicotine and/or illegal substances by adults and youth are prohibited at all 4-H activities.
3. Smoking, vaping and chewing tobacco are prohibited for all adults and youth at all 4-H activities or on show grounds.
4. Any class at a 4-H Horse Show, Clinic, or Event may be canceled at the discretion of the Horse Show Committee and/or the 4-H Staff present due to unsafe weather, facility, or other unanticipated hazardous conditions.
5. All exhibitors will participate in herdsmanship if offered.
6. No riding horses outside the show area.
7. No bikes, scooters or skateboards are allowed within 50 feet of horses. They may be used in the camping areas during camps. Helmets must be worn. There will be designated bike parking during shows and signage provided by the show committee.
8. All divisions will be determined by the member's age as of current enrollment guidelines and requirements per 4-H WSU Extension division. Age of equine 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.)
9. From WA State 4-H Policy 4.4: Enrolled 4-H Youth Members cannot be enrolled in the same project in two different counties or states at the same time. Youth from neighboring counties may participate in activities through Spokane Equine Educational contests under the following circumstances:
 - Open to enrolled 4-H youth from neighboring counties that don't have equine educational contests offered.
 - Both counties WSU Extension Staff will work together to determine local guidelines for cross county participation for equine educational contests.
 - In addition, neighboring county youth can participate in horse clinics and camps with proof of 4-H enrollment and current horse certificate.
10. It is the responsibility of the member to enter the correct age group classes
11. All horses must be stalled when on the grounds overnight per the Interstate Fairground regulations. The stall must be cleaned and swept out and the area around the stall must be picked up prior to leaving. Stall card will be provided and must be displayed.

12. Any foals brought with a mare, must be kept in stall at all times, except if the foal is being shown during green horse classes.
13. IT SHALL BE THE EXHIBITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW ALL THE RULES. Failure to follow rules may be a basis for disqualification.
14. If there is confusion about a rule or requirement and no clarification can be located, the benefit of the doubt is given to the 4-H member.
15. Any protest regarding judging at 4-H competition shall be made in writing and must be accompanied by a \$25.00 deposit. Such protest must state plainly the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be filed with the competition committee within 24 hours after the cause of the protest. If the competition committee sustains the appeal, the fee will be refunded.
16. Every committee should determine and provide their own awards within the budget assigned at the annual budget meeting
17. Refunds for all other 4-H horse activities must be requested within 10 days of the designated activity. Each committee may request a different cancellation fee per their event. Full refunds must have a doctor's notes or veterinary notes. No refunds/credits will be carried forward to next 4-H calendar year.
18. All horse project committee owned equipment will be used for 4-H events only.
19. 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.

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.

HORSE PROJECT POINTS SYSTEM

The Points & Rules Committee will record points for all certified project and activity horses that participate in Spokane County competitive horse project events. The points are used to determine qualifiers for High Points, State Fair, and year- end awards. Points are recorded from all qualifying shows. We place 1-8th place and award blue, red, and white danishes. Activity horses only qualify for high points at shows, not year end awards and not state.

Points are kept on the following classes:

PERFORMANCE

1. Showmanship
2. Hunt Seat Equitation
3. Saddleseat Equitation
4. Western Equitation
5. Bareback Equitation
6. Trail
7. Reining (Intermediates/Seniors only)
8. Disciplined Rail (Intermediates/Seniors only)
9. Walk/Trot English
10. Walk/Trot Western
11. Walk/Trot Trail

JUMPING

1. Showmanship
2. Hunt Seat Equitation
3. Section 1
4. Section 2
5. Section 3
6. Section 4
7. Section 5
8. Section 6

DRIVING

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

DRILL TEAM

1. May be recognized by the committee.

SMALL EQUINE

1. Showmanship
2. Obstacle In-Hand
3. Hunter In-Hand
4. Dressage In-Hand

WESTERN GAMES

1. Western Games Showmanship
2. Texas Barrel Race
3. Poles Bending
4. 2 Barrel Flag Race
5. Idaho Figure 8 Stake
6. Pole Key Race
7. International Flags

GREEN HORSE-Seniors and Intermediates Only

1. Showmanship under 2 years
2. Showmanship 2 years and over
3. Foal Test
4. Yearling Test
5. 2 year Test
6. Ground Driving
7. 1st Year Under Saddle
8. 2nd Year Under Saddle
9. 3rd Year Under Saddle
10. 4th Year Under Saddle
11. Trail In-Hand

DRESSAGE

1. Showmanship
2. Dressage Seat Eq
3. Introductory Level/Western Intro 4. Training Level/Western Basic
4. First Level/Western Level 1

POLICIES OF SPOKANE COUNTY

4-H HORSE PROJECT COMMITTEE

ARTICLE I

Name

Section 1 The name of this group shall be the Spokane County 4-H Horse Project Committee.

Section 2. The chief place of business of this organization shall be 222 North Havana, Spokane WA 99202.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

Our purpose is to be an inclusive youth-oriented, educationally-based program, striving to create positive experiences for youth through competitive and non-competitive learning, led by well-trained leaders.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. The voting membership shall consist of all enrolled 4-H Horse Project volunteers and youth members.

Section 2. WSU Spokane County Extension 4-H Youth Development Faculty and 4-H County Staff shall be non-voting members.

ARTICLE IV

Meetings

Section 1. The Horse Project Committee shall meet at least eight (8) times a year with one (1) meeting required in October to elect officers, one (1) meeting in November to vote and approve the annual budget for the current 4-H year and to propose policy changes or amendments, and one (1) meeting in December to vote on the proposed policy changes for the current 4-H year.

A: Policy proposals will be due the 2nd Tuesday of November to the 4-H Extension office. This will allow one month for horse club leaders to receive a copy of the proposals from the 4-H Extension office to share them with their club during their own Sept. business meeting, if applicable.

Section 2. Meetings shall last no more than two (2) hours unless voted on by the majority of the voting membership who are present.

Section 3: A team of members of the horse executive board and horse project volunteers will meet between the December policy voting horse project meeting to review new policy additions to ensure completeness, consistency, and that policy does not contradict or is less restrictive than State Horse Policy or WA State 4-H policy to be completed by the January meeting.

- A. A monthly meeting scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except in September) at 7:00 pm at the WSU Spokane County Extension Office or hybrid via Zoom. It is held to allow sub-committees to report to the Horse Project committee, for members to discuss county-wide and club level activities, to vote and approve motions, and to inform Volunteers of upcoming events.
- B. The Horse Project Executive Officers shall meet 30-60 minutes prior to the general Horse Project committee meetings.
- C. The Executive Officers shall consist of the president, vice-president, secretary, both treasurers, points keeper, and horse certifier.

Section 4: All 4-H Horse clubs in Spokane Co. must have one representative attending the general monthly Horse Project committee meetings. This could include club Leaders, Project Leaders, Parent Volunteers, or Senior level youth members. Any and all enrolled 4-H volunteers and/or youth members are welcome to attend as voting or non-voting members of the county 4-H Horse Project committee.

ARTICLE V

Quorum and Voting

Section 1. A minimum of two (2) elected officers and five (5) members, exclusive of the presiding officer, shall be present to conduct business.

Section 2. In the discussion of a specific issue, if the presiding officer determines there is insufficient representation he / she may postpone the decision to the next meeting.

Section 3. Voting at a Committee meeting will be limited to two (2) votes for each club with one (1) additional vote for clubs with enrollments of 15-24 youth horse members; with another additional vote for clubs with enrollments of 25-49 youth horse members; with yet another additional vote for clubs with 50 or more youth horse members; with five (5) votes being the maximum for any club. The number of youth horse members enrolled in each club is determined by the number of horse youth enrolled as of December 1st. Clubs enrolling after December 1st will have two (2) votes effective at the time of enrollment in the 4-H office, for the remainder of that 4-H year. There will be no proxy votes.

Section 4. Election of officers and budget shall be conducted by secret ballot following voting guidelines outlined in Article V Section 3.

ARTICLE VI

Officers

The Officers of the Spokane County 4-H Horse Project Committee shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurers, Points Keeper, and Horse Certificates.

Section 1. Duties of Officers

A. President

1. Shall preside at all regular and additional meetings of the organization.
2. Shall prepare agenda for the regular meeting with input from all interested parties. Agenda items must be sent to the 4-H office on the Monday morning before a project meeting.
3. Shall be a fourth (4th) signer on the Horse Project bank account

B. Vice President

1. Shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the President
2. Shall assist the President in any duties so assigned and act as parliamentarian.
3. Shall become the President of the Spokane County 4-H Horse Project Committee in the event the president is unable to fulfill the duties of the office.
4. The Vice President will be in charge of the 4-H Horse State Fair Sign up process alongside the 4-H staff member, encourage and recruit people to help with the State Forum, keep track of Horse Project inventory, and assist the 4-H staff with state jackets for state contestants.

C. Secretary

1. Shall keep an accurate and complete record of the meetings. A copy of these records shall be turned in to the 4-H Office within 7 days after each meeting, to be reproduced, and made available, upon request.
2. Shall maintain current year history of meeting minutes available at each meeting and turned over to the next year's successor.
3. Shall handle all correspondence addressed to the Horse Project Committee.
4. Shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the President and Vice President until the election of a chairman pro-tem, which should take place immediately.

D. Treasurer - Reconciliation

1. Shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended in the various funds of the Spokane County 4-H Horse Project Committee.
2. Shall render a financial report at each monthly Horse Project Committee meeting.
3. Shall reconcile the account with all appropriate forms, including Check requests, income deposited, bank statements, etc. for balancing the books each month.
4. Shall turn over appropriate books into the County 4-H office by December 1st of each year so a self-audit can be performed by qualified volunteer(s) not currently in the treasurer's position, who then submits a copy of the completed audit report and will be presented to the 4-H Staff.
5. Shall be one of the two signatures on all checks written.
6. Shall be in charge of depositing funds during Tack Swap, the organization's only fundraiser.
7. Shall utilize the support and assistance of Treasurer: Accounts Payables whenever necessary, especially during Tack Swap.
8. Regarding Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) checks: All checks returned for any reason will require that the 4-H member or parent/guardian pay in cash or money order in future transactions. To utilize the support and assistance of Treasurer: Accounts Payables in enforcing this policy.
 - A. To redeem the outstanding check and pay any and all additional charges;
 - B. For all 4-H activities for the remainder of the program year.

E. Treasurer - Accounts Payables.

1. Responsible for acquiring original receipts and signed check requests from sub-committee chairpersons for the purpose of paying invoices and contracts, reimbursement of funds, refunding funds, and has sole use of the account debit card for Horse Project purposes only.
2. Shall enforce the policy of committee chairpersons to submit completed Check Request Forms and original before disbursement of funds.
3. Shall send the check requests and original receipts to the Treasurer: Accounts Receivables for reconciliation purposes.
4. Shall turn over appropriate books in to the County 4-H office by December 1st of each year so a self-audit can be performed by qualified volunteer(s) not currently in the treasurer's position, who then submits a copy of the completed audit report will be presented to the 4-H Staff.

5. Shall be one of the two signatures on all checks written.
6. Shall utilize the support and assistance of Treasurer: Accounts Receivables whenever necessary, especially during Tack Swap, to enforce financial policies.

F. Points Keeper

1. Shall facilitate the Points & Rules meetings.
2. Shall keep records of all results from every contest or show held by the Horse Project Committee.
3. Shall hold to audit points for each contest and show and record points earned.
4. Shall work with the Awards sub-committee and report standings for each member participating in the county contest and shows for Horse Projects Awards Night.
5. This position can be divided by two people.
6. The Points and Rules must develop a committee to audit all show points that are collected for the year-end awards and submit to the Horse Awards committee by August 1st. All educational and other events in which points are collected for year-end awards must be audited and submitted to the Horse Awards committee 30 days after the event has occurred.

G. Horse Certifier

1. Shall work with the 4-H Staff to review Horse Certificates and maintain a list of members and their certified horses.
2. List of certified project horses should be posted on the 4-H website after March 1st. Afterwards, it should be updated to reflect activity horses.

Section 2. Eligibility and Term of Office

- A. Only members of the Spokane County 4-H Horse Project Committee who have been involved for one year or more shall be eligible to hold office in the Spokane County 4-H Horse Project Committee.
- B. The Treasurer must be at least eighteen (18) years old.
- C. Offices are held for two (2) consecutive years, with the exception of the Treasurer who serves one, four (4) year term. The slate of officer elections should be held on a rotating schedule. Executive office of the president, VP, secretary, points keeper, and horse certifier shall be allowed to serve more than one term provided that the current officer agrees to commit for another term. The Treasurer and Co-Treasurer shall serve not more than one, four (4) year term unless the individual desires to commit to another four-year term.

D. A nominating committee appointed by the President shall be formed in August for the purpose of presenting a slate of officers. No current officer shall serve on the nominating committee.

E. Officers shall be elected at the October meeting. Nominations may be taken from the floor with consent of nominee. If nominee is not present, intention to accept nomination must be in writing.

F. New officers assume office by November 1.

Section 3. Non-Performance of Duties or Vacancies

A. Any officer not performing prescribed duties of his/her office for two (2) consecutive meetings will be replaced by nomination of a Horse Project Executive Officer and voted into office during the next general Horse Project committee meeting.

B. If an office (except that of President) is made vacant during the 4-H year, the President may appoint someone to that office. A person not meeting the eligibility requirements, may be appointed, to complete the current term, providing he/she participates in good faith at the current meetings.

ARTICLE VII

Executive Committee

The Executive committee of the Spokane County 4-H Horse Project Committee shall consist of the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurers, the Points Keeper, and the Horse Certificates Manager and the horse project 4-H Staff will serve as a non-voting member.

Duties of the Executive Committee:

In case of emergencies, or when a decision must be made immediately, The President may call a meeting of all Executive Officers, or take a poll of said members by phone, email, Google Forms, or by text message. The 4-H staff person responsible for the equine project must be included in this emergency process. An emergency decision is defined as a decision that must be approved before the next scheduled Horse Project Committee meeting. A simple majority of Executive Officers must be involved in the decision.

ARTICLE VIII

Standing Sub-Committees/ Ad Hoc Committees

Section 1. The President shall designate all Sub/Ad Hoc committees as deemed necessary for the proper and efficient functioning of the business of the Spokane County 4-H Horse Project Committee. Ad Hoc Committees shall function until their goals have been achieved, preferably within the 4-H year.

Section 2. Standing Sub-Committees include but are not limited to

A. Organizational Sub-Committees

1. Horse Project Budget

B. Activity / Planning Sub-Committee

1. Points & Rules
2. Year End Awards
3. Tack Swap
4. Impromptus and Speaking Contest
5. Hippology
6. Horse Bowl
7. Horse Judging
8. Groom Squad
9. Horse Shows
10. Interstate Fair Show and Activities
11. Spring Clinic
12. Happy Trails Camp
13. South Camp
14. Competitive Trail Ride
15. Record Books
16. Equine Presentations
17. Ride Night

Section 3. A subcommittee must include at least three (3) project members in order for it to move into planning, execution, and wrap-up phases, and in order for any decision or recommendation to be valid.

A: Project members could include 4-H Resource Volunteers, enrolled and active 4-H Parent volunteers, and Senior level 4-H youth members. All county volunteers who are active and enrolled are encouraged to sign up for a subcommittee, but not more than three subcommittees.

B: Notice of subcommittee events, dates, times, locations should be published on the 4-H website and in the weekly 4-H Friday Update emails.

Section 4. Subcommittees must submit at least three (3) meeting minutes to the 4-H Staff upon completion of the three (3) meetings, report to the Horse Project general meeting its attendance list, progress, decisions, execution of its event, the number of participants, youth awards/placings if necessary; announce meeting dates, times, and format (in-person, virtual, or hybrid); and wrap-up information.

Section 5. A wrap up meeting and a profit/loss financial report must be submitted to the treasurers and the Horse Project committee within 45 days of the event.

Section 6. All subcommittee meetings must include one (1) 4-H staff member

Section 7. At each November 4-H Horse Project Committee meeting, each subcommittee must propose a needed budget for the current 4-H year. Subcommittees must not exceed the approved budgeted amount.

Section 8. Any profit margin from subcommittee events shall be used to pay appropriate expenses incurred by it. A profitable subcommittee may vote to distribute profitable funds to other Horse Project subcommittees, especially to those that incur expenses and do not make a profit, i.e., educational contests or the Horse scholarship account. Funds must stay within a 4-H calendar year (Oct.1-Sept.30), and are reallocated to the general Horse Project account on the profit and loss statement. Profit margins of subcommittees may not be refunded directly to families who participated in any subcommittee event.

Section 9. The following forms are available online as a fillable form or printed blank through Google Docs or Sheets. Each must be signed in hand-writing or digitally by the subcommittee chairperson prior to submitting to the Co-Treasurer - Payables:

1. Horse Project Request of Payment Form with explanations
2. 4-H Deposit Voucher
3. Horse Project Profit and Loss form

ARTICLE IX

Section 1. The rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order shall govern this organization in all cases to which they are applicable.

Section 2. All rules and policies will be updated annually. Rules for the current 4-H year will be proposed at the November meeting and voted on at the December meeting, and those approved will take effect immediately for the current 4-H year.

- A. It is the club leaders' and members' responsibility to know the current rules of the 4-H Horse Project as outlined in the PNW Horse Manual and this Supplemental Guide. The current manual and supplemental guide will be available on the 4-H website.

ARTICLE X

With the permission of the 4-H Staff, this group may be dissolved by two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and eligible to vote under voter guidelines attending a meeting called specifically for that purpose. There will be a notice of the meeting in the 4-H website/newsletter for two (2) consecutive months prior to the meeting of the proposal to dissolve the group. After all obligations of the Spokane County 4-H Horse Project Committee have been paid, the balance of funds on hand, if any, at time of dissolution will be turned in to the Spokane County 4-H Budget and Fundraiser Committee.

HORSE CERTIFICATES

1. A horse certificate is the recognition of your project/activity animal.
2. All members need one for each of their project/activity horses.
3. You may be asked to present it at contests to identify your animal
4. The certificate must be filled out completely. (If you do not know the age of your horse, write the approximate age or indicate the horse is under 6 years of age.)(If you do not know the sire or dam, write unknown.)
5. Must have all signatures (member, parent, leader).
6. Must include a \$1.00 fee.
7. If the horse is leased, a lease agreement must be submitted with the certificate.
8. Immediate family members only may certify the same horse (with the exception of a share horse mentor/mentee contract). The horse may not be used in the same age group division on the same day, but may be used by another certified member in another division (junior and walk-trot, intermediate and junior, senior and novice etc).
9. Horse certificates must be submitted to your club leader/representative and they will be responsible to submit them to the 4-H office as a packet and complete.
10. A summary of certified project horses should be submitted to the executive board and horse show chair 90 days prior to the first horse show. Other committee chairs may request a list of project and activity horses prior to horse events.
11. Only members enrolled in Horse Project with a Spokane County 4-H club as primary, will be allowed to submit a project horse certificate. 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.

PROJECT HORSES

1. A horse certificate is submitted before March 1st
2. The youth must have possession (own/lease the horse used, plus provide the care for, feeding, and management of the horse) before March 1st.
3. The youth has possession (own/lease the horse used, plus provide the care for, feeding, and management of the horse) at least 90 days prior to a horse event.
4. May be used for all Spokane County Horse project activities.
5. May qualify for State Fair.
6. May be eligible for Horse Show high point, and year-end awards.

ACTIVITY HORSES

1. Are certified after March 1st
2. Are certified before March 1st but members are enrolled in Horse Project outside of Spokane County.
3. The youth has possession (own/lease the horse used, plus provide the care for, feeding, and management of the horse) at least 90 days prior to a horse event.
4. May be used for all Spokane County Horse project activities.
5. Placings and ribbons will be given to activity horses.

6. Are not eligible for State Fair
7. Do not accumulate points for year end awards.
8. May be eligible for Horse show high point awards.

MENTOR MEMBER/RIDER

1. An Intermediate or Senior who wishes to mentor one member may share participation of their certified project horse with a non-sibling member.
2. The '4-H Horse Mentorship Contract' must be completed and submitted with the horse certificates.
3. The '4-H Horse Mentorship Contract' must be signed by a 4-H leader.
4. The horse would qualify as a project horse for the mentored member if all project horse criteria are met, however, the horse is not eligible for State participation with the mentee.
5. The mentee must receive guidance and participate in the care for, handling, and management of the mentor's horse, by the mentor, for at least 90 days prior to a horse related event.
6. The mentored member may not compete in the same age division as the mentor.
7. Shared horses (as defined by state policy) are not allowed.

PROJECT HORSE APPEALS – Any appeal to the Horse Committee Executive Board must be accompanied by a written statement from a veterinarian certifying the horse in question was unable to be used due to injury or death. The Horse Committee Executive Board could decide to allow the owner to replace the horse for that project, and continue to show and earn points. Once Substituted, the withdrawn horse cannot return to compete for that current 4-H year. The 'hardship horse' may not go to state fair. If a question about possession of a certified horse arises, the Horse Committee Executive Board will hear the factual information and make a ruling as to whether the horse is properly certified.

SPOKANE COUNTY HORSE SHOWS

SPOKANE COUNTY 4-H - HORSE SHOW RULES

1. All current and applicable rules will be readily available in printed form at any Spokane County 4-H sanctioned horse show for all judges, parents and exhibitors to view.
2. Show entries are due on/or postmarked by closing date. Entries postmarked after the closing date will be charged a late fee per member per weekend and the 4-H Office must receive the entry by Friday, one week prior to the Show. No phone or e-mail entries accepted.
3. Post Entries: Show entries not received between Friday, one week prior to the show, and up to one hour prior to the start of each discipline, will be accepted with a per member per weekend post entry fee in addition to regular show fees. The exhibitor may add classes by notifying the show secretary via phone or person up to one hour prior to the beginning of each discipline and paying additional class fees. There will be no adding classes for Dressage.
4. All fees must be paid in full before receiving your number. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
5. Full refunds must be requested within 72 hours with a doctor or veterinarian note minus a *\$20.00 office fee, per show, per member. Refunds may be requested per discipline (Jumping, Dressage, Green Horse, Performance, Western Games, Small Equine-per weekend/per member) Once the exhibitor has participated in showmanship class, no refund/credit will be issued for the following dropped classes in that discipline.
6. If changing one certified horse for another certified horse after the entry is received and up to one hour prior to the start of each discipline (Dressage, Jumping, Green Horse, Performance, Western Games), the member must notify the show secretary and pay the late fee. If a youth decides to cancel their participation at 4-H Horse Camp/Clinic there will be a non-refundable deposit designated on the camp/clinic entry form.
7. Only the horse show committee may approach the judge during the show. See complete rule in WA 4-H Equine Rule Book GR107 - Show Protocol. Youth may approach the judge after the final class of the day for educational purposes, not to dispute placing.
8. No exhibitor may act as judge, secretary or manager of any show that they exhibit. Exhibitors who are still showing may not act as ring steward. Once they have finished showing under that judge for that weekend they may help as ring steward. While they still have classes they can help with arena work, set up, and breakdown.
9. Each member is required to show in the Showmanship class for each discipline at each show they are competing in. The horse shown in Showmanship class for the designated discipline will be the horse exhibited in the respective classes. All exhibitors must show in showmanship prior to any riding/driving classes. This includes all exhibitors who show the same horse in multiple disciplines. (i.e.: Green Horse, Jumping, Performance, Driving, Western Games, Dressage, Small Equine etc.)

10. Only authorized personnel are allowed in the gate area.
11. The Novice Class is an option for senior and intermediate members. If you are competing in Western Games, you may ride your first year as a Novice. You may not remain a Novice for an additional year if you receive three (3) Blue Danish ribbons in any combination of speed events. If you are competing in Performance, you may ride your first year as a Novice. You may not remain a Novice for an additional year if you receive three (3) Blue Danish ribbons in any combination of riding classes. Juniors moving into the Intermediate age group may have the option of riding as a Novice if they have not received three (3) BLUE Danish ribbons in Junior riding classes. A list of Novice riders and their placings will be recorded by the Point Keeper and kept for reference. Members may move up during the year if he/she wants to; but once the member has shown in Int. or Sr. age group he/she may not go back to Novice. Novice class is based on the rider, not the horse. Novice riders may not qualify for State Fair. If you move up from Novice, year end points will be kept on the division you complete two (2) shows in. Walk/Trot does not affect Novice standings.
12. Qualifying shows are open to all youth regularly enrolled in 4-H horse projects in Spokane County. Year end placings and State Fair Qualifying points will be earned at these shows.

PERFORMANCE

P1. All performance exhibitors must enter the arena mounted and without assistance in a riding class. They must exit the arena dismounted and without assistance except for injury or equipment failure, unless otherwise directed by the judge or show committee.

P2. Exhibitors will not lope or canter in the Walk/Trot Class. Walk/Trot classes are for beginners who are not ready to canter or lope. Exhibitors may enter English and/or Western Walk/Trot, Trail Walk/Trot, Ground Poles, and Dressage English and/or Western Intro Tests A and B. Exhibitors may not cross enter any class with loping or cantering. Once an exhibitor has competed in a lope/canter class in any discipline, they may not go back to walk/trot. Walk/trot is based on the rider not the horse.

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P4. Trail Class: More than one judge may be used to judge Trail Class.

P5. Points for Danish ribbons in all Trail classes are the same as State 4-H Fair standards.-

-Blue 75-100 - Red 74-50 - White 49-0

The show committee may establish time requirements for the Trail Course and will be posted with designated course.

P6. Any equitation class may be split into lots when there are more than 13 riders at the show committee discretion. Lots will be posted and/or announced with an additional returning blue class. The judge will determine who will return to the returning blue class.

If any questions arise not covered by these rules, please refer to:

- Performance Horse Rules in the 4-H Horse Contest Guide PNW574.
- Washington State Horsemen Rule Book, or Current edition of USEF/USDF Rule Books.

*The above performance rules will supersede those in the 4-H Horse Contest Guide.

WESTERN GAMES

- WG1.** A Western Games horse must be a minimum of 3 years of age to be ridden in County Gaming Shows. A three year old must be ridden under training conditions that are as follows. The horse can walk or trot the gaming pattern. A horse ridden faster will receive a no time. Three year old horse entries must be noted on entry form and the judge will be notified. Horses must be 4 years or older to run in events. If a snaffle is being used in Western Games, it must have a curb strap below the reins. If an English bridle with cavesson is being used, no curb strap is needed.
- WG2.** All Western Games exhibitors must enter the arena from the on-deck box without assistance mounted and under control within *60 seconds of the gate opens, and must exit the arena dismounted with reins off the neck and in hand. If unable to enter within *60 seconds, you may move to the bottom of *the class for no points and awards. Entry time is to be kept by gatekeeper or designee.
- WG3.** In regards to both Pole Bending & Idaho Figure 8 stepping on or across the start/finish line while turning pole number 1 with one or more feet is a disqualification.
- WG4.** Walk/Trot Riders may not cross enter any class with cantering or loping. Once a member has competed in a lope/canter class in any discipline (except dressage), they may not go back to the walk/trot classes. Walk/trot is based on the rider not the horse. Riders will not be penalized for a few accidental loping strides— accidental being at the discretion of the show committee and judge.

If any questions arise not covered by these rules, please refer to:

- Western Games Rules in the 4-H Horse Contest Guide PNW574
- Washington State Horsemen Rule Book

Western Games Danish System

Seniors	Blue	Red	White
Fig 8	20.849 or less	20.850-25.199	25.200+
Poles	26.144 or less	26.145-30.882	30.883+
2 Barrel Flags	11.252 or less	11.253-16.249	16.250+
International Flags	11.178 or less	11.179-13.000	13.001+
Pole Key	10.148 or less	10.149-12.653	12.654+
Barrels	18.331 or less	18.332-20.749	20.750+

Intermediate	Blue	Red	White
Fig 8	21.302 or less	21.303-26.185	26.186+
Poles	27.159 or less	27.160-30.919	30.920+
2 Barrel Flags	12.546 or less	12.547-18.350	18.351+
International Flags	11.299 or less	11.300-13.001	13.002+
Pole Key	10.650 or less	10.651-13.156	13.157+
Barrels	19.132 or less	19.133-21.589	21.590+

Junior	Blue	Red	White
Fig 8	26.992-34.667	26.992-34.667	34.668+
Poles	36.115 or less	36.116-44.961	44.962+
2 Barrel Flags	18.949 or less	18.950-27.333	27.334+
International Flags	14.016 or less	14.017-21.034	21.035+
Pole Key	14.893 or less	14.894-19.838	19.839+
Barrels	24.134 or less	24.135-30.996	30.997+

Novice	Blue	Red	White
Fig 8	27.993 or less	27.994-37.005	37.006+
Poles	36.893 or less	36.894-44.003	44.004+
2 Barrel Flags	23.033 or less	23.034-36.995	36.996+
International Flags	16.234 or less	16.235-27.997	27.998+
Pole Key	14.999 or less	15.000-24.634	24.635+
Barrels	24.636 or less	24.637-31.034	31.035+

DRESSAGE

D1. See Dressage Rule Book

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

D3. Rider may not ride the same test twice at one show. The highest two scores of tests ridden at each show count toward state fair.

D4. Riders may continue to compete at their current level until they achieve a score of 58% or better. In the following year, riders must move up to the next available level.

Danish Points are awarded as follows:

- 58% and above: Blue
- 50 – 57.9999: Red
- 49.9999 and below: White

For further information see the Dressage Manual, available at the extension office.

If any questions arise not covered by these rules, please refer to:

- Rules for Dressage in the Washington 4H Equine Rulebook
- Current edition of the USEF/USDF Rule Books

JUMPING

TACK – Standing or running martingales are allowed as are figure 8 and flash nosebands, protective boots and bandages. A neck strap may be used for safety purposes.

COURSE DIAGRAMS – Diagrams must be posted at least one hour before the class begins. Jumping order of go will also be posted or announced.

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)

- J1.** At least one Pre-Qualifier will be available prior to the shows.
- Evaluators at Pre-Qualifiers will be chosen by the Horse Show Committee and 4-H Staff, based on their high level of expertise in the field of Equine Jumping.
 - Evaluators will base their determinations on the 4-H Jumping Skills Checklist.
- J2.** 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.
- J3.** Receipt of 2 Danish blue ribbons for the show season qualifies an Exhibitor to enter the next Section at the next Show, if desired. Each exhibitor may move up only one Section per show and may only enter a total of two Sections per show.
- J4.** Currently there is NO JUMPING offered at the State Fair.

NOTE: It is at the discretion of the show committee representative, jumping coordinator(s), 4-H staff, and/or judge to hold to a section or withdraw a rider from a section if they deem the rider unsafe, regardless of pre-qualifications.

Jumping: Over fences Classes

All classes are judged on a rider's effective use of aids throughout the entire course. With emphasis on seat, hands, position and ability to control mount.

JUMPING SHOWMANSHIP – Exhibitors must compete in showmanship prior to riding classes.

HUNT SEAT EQUITATION – Judged on the rider's seat, hands and ability to control their mount.

HUNTER HACK – Horses are to be shown at a walk, trot, canter and hand gallop both directions. They will then take two consecutive fences, halt, stand quietly and may be asked to back.

EQUITATION OVER FENCES – To be shown over a course of at least 8 fences. Judged on the rider's seat, hands, and their ability to control their mount.

Danish Points are awarded as follows for Over Fences Classes:

- Blue: 80 - and above
- Red: 60 -79.99
- White: 59.9999 and below

Score sheets will be available to each rider after classes for educational feedback.

If any questions arise not covered by these rules, please refer to:

- - 4-H Horse Contest Guide PNW574
- - 4-H Hunter Jumper Manual
- - Current edition of USEF/USHJA Rule Books.

Spokane County 4-H Jumping Qualification Checklist

Date: _____ Rider's Name: _____

Certified Horse's Name: _____

TASK	PASS	COMMENTS
Section 1 GROUND POLES		
Hold reins correctly at the halt.		
Shorten and lengthen reins at the halt, walk, trot, and canter.		
Demonstrate control while maintaining a safe, basic balanced position at the walk and trot.		
Maintain jumping at the trot on the flat and over ground poles.		
Ride a simple course of 4 to 5 jumps		
Section 2 (12"-18")		
Hold reins correctly at the halt.		
Shorten and lengthen reins at the halt, walk, trot, and canter.		
Demonstrate control while maintaining a safe, basic balanced position at the walk and trot.		
Maintain the trot on the flat jumping over fences.		
Ride a simple course of 4 to 5 jumps not to exceed, but include 18".		

Section 3 (18' – 2')		
Maintain a safe, basic balanced jumping position with control at the walk, trot, and canter. Candidates should maintain a secure base of support while developing balance and a steady position over fences.		
Trot over ground poles followed by a cross rail.		
Jump a simple stadium course of 5 to 7 jumps not to exceed, but to include 2', with control over the fences.		
Section 4 (2'- 2'3")		
Candidate should maintain a secure base of support, while developing balance and a steady position over fences.		
Trot over ground poles followed by a cross rail.		
Jump a simple course of 5 to 7 jumps not to exceed, but to include 2 ft. 3 in, with control over the fences.		
Section 5 (2'3"- 2'6")		
Ride with confidence and control over fences, demonstrating a secure, basic balanced jumping position and use of natural aids.		
Should initiate free forward movement with smooth transitions while developing a steady light feel of mounts mouth.		
Perform simple gymnastic exercises for rider over trotting poles followed by jump.		

Ride over jumping course of 6 to 8 jumps, not to exceed, but to include 2'6"		
Section 6 (2'6"- 2'9")		
Ride with confidence and control over fences, demonstrating a secure, basic balanced jumping position and use of natural aids.		
Should initiate free forward movement with smooth transitions while developing a steady light feel of mounts mouth.		
Perform simple gymnastic exercises for rider over trotting poles followed by 2'6" jump.		
Ride over jumping course of 6 to 8 jumps, not to exceed, but to include 2'9"		

Approved to enter Section _____ at the _____ Spokane County 4-H Show.

Signature of 4-H Evaluator: _____ Date: _____

To be filled out and signed by Evaluator at the Spring Clinic (Jumping Pre-Qualifier) and turned into the show committee

Harness / Driving

For safe purposes and in order to drive at a show, Drivers must be pre-qualified for the driving section. You can prequalify at Spring Clinic, or qualify at the show with ground driving, you must receive a safe to drive pass from the clinician or judge.

Driver must pre-qualify on the equine that he/she will be driving at the show (i.e. to use a backup equine with a current horse certificate, drivers must pre-qualify on this equine as well). (Hardshipped equines must be approved by the executive board and pre-qualify).

At least one pre-qualifier will be available prior to the shows and a ground driving qualifier at each show will be offered, before driving.

Once a driving equine and 4-Her combination has shown in cart, passed in ground driving or passed at an approved clinic that pair will not have to requalify.

Classes offered:

- Showmanship
- Ground driving (not to be included in any highpoints)
- Precision Driving
- Reinsmanship
- Pleasure Driving

Small Equine In-Hand: See Washington 4-H Equine Rulebook For Details

Unless otherwise specified, exhibitors may wear standard western or English attire as described in the Rulebook.

Eligibility for Showing Height Small Equine In-Hand classes are open to any equine (miniature horse, pony, donkey or mule) that is 48" or less when measured at the highest point of the withers Please note that this may be a different way of measuring than what miniature horse owners are used to. If you have used the height at the last hair of the mane before, you will need to re-measure your equine at the highest point of the withers.

Classes offered:

- Showmanship
- Dressage in hand
- Obstacle in Hand
- Hunter in Hand

4-H Horse Show High Point of the Day and 3-Day High Point

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

2. High Point Awards by Division:

- Junior: Awarded to the top Junior in each category (Riding, Non-Riding, etc.).
- Intermediate: Awarded to the top Intermediate in each category.
- Senior: Awarded to the top Senior in each category.
- Walk Trot: Awarded to the top Walk Trot participant in each category.

Categories for High Point Awards:

- Riding: Includes all performance classes and disciplines.
- Non-Riding: Includes Small Equine classes.
- Driving: Includes all driving classes.
- Showmanship: Included in all divisions and serves as a tie-breaker when necessary.

3. 3 day High Point Awards will be compiled from the members 3 day show. (Riding classes only). Points will be tallied from Showmanship and all other qualifying classes ridden that day for all disciplines.

4. Daily High Point Awards will be given at both County Shows in the following divisions:

- Performance (Riding Classes)
- Dressage/Jumping (Riding Classes)
- Driving (non -Riding) Small Equine (Non-Riding)
- Western Games (Riding Classes)
- Showmanship will be included in the calculation of high points and will also serve as the tie-breaker if necessary.

5. Versatile Horse and Rider: This award is given to the same horse and rider combination, accumulating points from all divisions throughout the weekend. Eligible groups: Seniors, Intermediate, Junior and Walk Trot divisions.

6. Versatile Rider: This award 4-H Horse Policy Recommendations 2024 is given to one rider who competes on multiple horses, accumulating points from all divisions throughout the weekend. Eligible groups: Seniors, Intermediate, Junior and Walk Trot divisions.

Year End Horse Show High Point Awards:

1. Year-end high point awards are presented for the top five individuals in each division in the following sections. There must be 3 qualified exhibitors to have year end awards in that discipline.

Spokane County 4-H Performance Shows

Spokane County 4-H Jumping Shows

Spokane County 4-H Western Games Shows

Spokane County 4-H Driving Shows

Spokane County 4-H Dressage Shows

Spokane County 4-H Educationals

Spokane County 4-H Green Horse Project Shows

2. Points are to be tallied as follows for riding/driving/showing sections: Only certified project horse's points will count (see certification rules). All year end awards will be compiled from the member's best one shows. Points are to follow the member. Members must have shown in at least one qualifying shows. The horse shown in Showmanship is the horse that points will be counted for that day.

3. Completed 4-H record books will be required to receive any year-end award in addition to completing all other requirements to receive awards in the 4-H Horse program. Current record books will be required to qualify for Hi-Point at 4-H Horse Shows and compete at the Washington State Fair. A record book check off will be completed upon registration by a designated show committee volunteer. 4-H members should demonstrate a good faith effort in completing their record book to satisfy 4-H record book guidelines and Record Book Judging Score Sheet. 4-H members may receive recognition throughout the year for up-to-date record books.

4. In case of a tie for year end awards, the total points for Showmanship from the two qualifying shows for those members will be used. If the tie is not broken, the rider with the most 1st places wins. If riders are tied for number of 1st places, the rider with the most 2nd places wins. This pattern will be followed until the tie is broken.

Senior, Intermediate, Junior, & Novice Performance Horse:

Juniors and Novice must show in Performance Showmanship and two at other qualifying classes (English Equitation, Western Equitation, Bareback, and Trail). Intermediates and Seniors must show in Showmanship and at least three other qualifying classes (English Equitation, Western Equitation, Disciplined Rail, Bareback, and Trail). to have that show qualify for year-end points.

Senior, Intermediate, Junior, & Novice Western Games Horse:

Exhibitors must show in Western Games Showmanship, plus four gaming classes (Texas Barrels, Two Barrel Flags, Figure Eight, Pole Bending, International Flags & Pole Key) to have that show qualify for year end points.

Senior, Intermediate, Junior Jumping:

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.

Senior, Intermediate, Junior & Novice Driving:

Driving Showmanship plus two driving classes (one to be Driving Equitation). If only one show offers driving, then the one show will qualify for high point and state. If more than one show is offered then two will be required for points to count.

Senior & Intermediate Green Horse Project:

Green Horse Showmanship plus two classes.


Senior, Intermediate, Junior, and Novice Dressage:

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

Small Equine: Showmanship and In-Hand Trail.

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.

Scoring Rubric - Spokane County 4-H Horse Impromptu Presentation						
Name of Member: _____ Age: _____ (circle one): Primary / Jr. / Int. / Sr.						
4-H Club Name: _____ Reading Room: _____ / Time: _____						
First Impromptu Presentation (Circle one): Yes / No Impromptu Room: _____ / Time: _____						
Time beginning: _____ Time ended: _____ Total time: _____						
Title of Impromptu: _____ Score: _____ Ribbon: _____						
Descriptors	Points - Scoring Range					Total
	Needs Imp.	Below Av.	Average	Good	Excellent	
Introduction of Topic - Capturing attention & "setting the stage" explaining the purpose/topic of the presentation	1 to 4	5	6 or 7	8 or 9	10	
	Comments					
Organization/Presentation of Topic - Presents main idea clearly with a good flow of information, is focused on the key elements, transitions between points are smooth, & uses of verbal examples (i.e., as necessary and to illustrate a point) and/or visual aids or diagrams when appropriate	1 to 18	18 to 20	21 to 23	24 to 26	27 to 30	
	Comments					
Delivery/Presentation Style & Skill - Correct use of language and terms, voice projection, eye contact, pronunciation, gestures, & confidence	1 to 18	18 to 20	21 to 23	24 to 26	27 to 30	
	Comments					
Closing Statement - Clear, concise, & based on material presented	1 to 6	7 to 8	9 or 11	12 or 13	14 to 15	
	Comments					
Response to Questions - Repeats question before answering & then answers logically, clearly, succinctly	1 to 4	5	6 or 7	8 or 9	10	
	Comments					
Personal Traits - Neat, confident, good posture, & presents a positive image	1	2	3	4	5	
	Comments					
Subtotal	Judge keep WHITE COPY & Youth keep YELLOW COPY					
Time Penalties - if any ... (Each contestant will be allowed a <u>maximum</u> of 10 minutes. <u>Minimum times</u>: Jr. 1 to 4 minutes; intermediates 2 to 7 minutes; seniors 4 to 10 minutes...primary are given positive verbal feedback only, no written comments)	TIME: Subtract 10 points for UNDER time limit.					Minus ()
	Subtract 5 points if 1 minute over and 10 if 2 minutes over.					
Subtract 2 points if the source is not stated Subtract 2 points if the question is not repeated.	Blue: 90-100 Red 89-80 White 79-below					
Comments						
						

Equine Presentation Contest

3 different contests that are state and national qualifiers: Individual, Team and Public Speaking. 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. Highest scores of each individual contest will attend 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.

Equine Presentation Contest is a county level and state level competition for equine related topics. This event and score sheet is different than the equine presentation contest. Youth must receive a blue ribbon to compete at the WA State Fair in Puyallup. Open to Jr, Int, and Seniors up to 12 total participants.

To break ties in Presentations, combine the judge's scores for subject matter. If still tied, combine technique. If still tied, combine personal traits. The highest score is the tie breaker. If the exhibitors are still tied with all of these options, then it is a true tie.

Record Book Educational Competition

- Only members enrolled in Spokane County 4-H will be allowed to enter the Record Book educational contest and should reflect the project year October 1 to September 30.
- Record books will be turned in to the 4-H office for year end judging prior to the October Horse committee meeting. Once books are turned in or left at the 4-H office for the intention of judging, they are considered complete and in the care of the Record Book Committee.
- Books will be judged according to the rubric posted on the 4-H Spokane County website page.
- Record books will be judged by two or more judges with scores averaged and awarded using the Danish System.
- Achievement awards will be given at the discretion of the Record Book committee.
- Year end Record Book submission is required to be eligible for year-end awards.
- 4-H members should demonstrate a good faith effort in completing their record book.
- Record Books are submitted as the work of the 4-H member, and should have minimal assistance from an adult. Parents should notify the committee in writing (with submission of the record book) if there are special considerations due to a member's disability or circumstances.

4-H Record Book Checklist

Name of Member: _____ Date checked off: _____

Age: JR INT SR Year in 4-H: _____ Club: _____

Event to be checked off: Educational State Contest, _____ Horse Show, _____ State Fair/Nat Contest _____

4-H Events

- All 4-H events (club meetings, competitions, community service etc) are recorded; October through the current month.

Goals

- At least 2-3 goals are set. List how you will work to achieve this goal (ie take lessons, practice lead changes etc). Include parent/member responsibilities and parent and leader signatures. Goal summaries not required, as the member should complete those at the end of the year.

Horse Certificate

- Horse certificate must be completed for each project animal.

Health Care Records, Hoof Care Records

- Animal health care (vaccine, wormer etc), October through current month.

Financial Records

- Itemized list of all horse expenses (tack, health, entry fees, board, feed, etc). October through current month, are complete.
- Monthly expense/income report summary is up to date until current month.

Show/Competition Records

- Records reflect October through current month (Some members may not have shown prior to first 4-H show. Include non-4-H competitions too.)

Educational Competitions and Presentations

- Presentations (club or county level) member has given are listed. Only required for state qualifying contests.

Saddle Log

- Records reflect time working with the project horse October through current month.

Initial "Record Book Progress Check off" page.

Leadership Projects, 4-H Promotion in the Community, Community Service Projects, 4-H Story, photos and goal summaries are not required to be up to date/complete at state educational events, horse shows and WA State Fair, as the member will complete those at the end of the year.

To be completed by the 4-H member:

I certify that the following record book is up to date until _____
horse show, state fair), and was completed by myself.

(date of event state educational,

Name of Member:

Member Signature:

This member has an up-to-date record book and is therefore eligible for state fair travel support, horse show high-point at this 4-H show:

(circle one)

Yes

No

Record Book Check-Offed by:

(initial) Print Name: _____

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. Performance, Western Games, Driving, Small Equine, and Dressage points are calculated for State Fair as they are for all points except: a blue ribbon in Showmanship with that project animal is given priority over a red ribbon in Showmanship. White ribbons in Showmanship and all other classes do not qualify for State Fair. Only one Danish Showmanship ribbon (with qualifying project animal) with a blue or red color is necessary. A list of State Fair Qualifiers specifying the horse & rider pair or pairs that have qualified for competition at State Fair will be posted on the 4-H Web site.
3. For Performance, Western Games, Driving, Jumping/Dressage: In case of a tie for the last slot, the total points for Showmanship from the two qualifying shows for those members will be used. If the tie is not broken, the rider with the most 1st places wins. If riders are tied for number of 1st places, the rider with the most 2nd places wins. This pattern will be followed until the tie is broken.
4. 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. Horse Judging qualifiers will be chosen by highest score at one of the County Horse judging competitions and must have a blue ribbon at a county competition.
6. Horse Bowl qualifiers will be chosen as follows: Must have competed at County Horse Bowl competition. Criteria for earning a team position will be based on attendance at practices, tests (written and oral) and performance during county competition.
7. Groom Squad will be the team with the highest score at the County competition(s). Only Seniors may qualify for state.
8. Hippology: See Hippology General Rules (must be Senior or Intermediate).
 - a. Hippology state qualifiers will be selected as follows:
 - i. Member has participated in at least 1 of the 2 county competitions.
 - ii. The highest score of the two competitions will be used. Criteria for a team position is based on overall ranking with choice given to the highest rankings.
 - iii. In the case of a tie, the contestant with the highest test score will have priority on the state team.

9. If the state allocates Jumping/Dressage slots as a group, then Spokane County will divide slots as follows: Even number of slots will be given for seniors and Intermediates who qualify with a blue ribbon in showmanship. If an odd number of slots are allocated by the state, the odd slot will go to the seniors. (i.e. State allocates 3 slots, seniors would get 2 and intermediates would get one.) If an age group does not have qualifiers with blue ribbons in showmanship, the slots would go to the other age group. If that group has no qualifiers with blue ribbons in showmanship, the slot will be filled with the member who has a red showmanship ribbon and the most points earned in a qualifying show in either age group. This will determine the alternate list. Note: A white ribbon in showmanship does not qualify for state fair.

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.

State Fair Jackets

State Jackets will be given to members the first year they qualify and attend State Fair or State Competition in a horse or horse related project or contest. A presentation must be on an equine topic. If an additional jacket is requested, it is to be purchased at the exhibitor's expense.

One lifetime state jacket will be given to Senior and Intermediate youth members the first year they qualify and attend State Fair or a State level competition in a horse riding/driving or in an equine educational contest. If an additional jacket is requested, it will be the responsibility of the exhibitor's family to purchase.

Each subsequent year that a 4-H youth qualifies for State Fair or a State level competition in a horse riding/driving or in an equine educational contest they will receive a patch for their qualifying event that can be sewn onto their one lifetime state jacket.

State Jackets shall be funded from Horse Certificate payments and from the Spokane County 4-H Horse Project.

INTERSTATE 4-H HORSE SHOWS

At the Interstate 4-H Horse Show, Spokane County 4-H members have the opportunity to exhibit their abilities and skills learned in the 4-H horse and horsemanship projects. Classes will be decided by the Interstate staff and superintendent. They may be any class that is offered in a 4-H show. A class may be dropped if entries do not fill the class.

In order to participate as a 4-H representative, members must:

- Be enrolled in 4-H.
- Participate in a 4-H County Horse Show, clinic, camp of the current year.
- Use his/her certified project or activity horse.

HORSE CAMP FOR SPOKANE 4-H'ERS

Camping Experiences are available to 4-H horse project members. Camps are held during the summer months in the county. Horses taken to camps must be certified project or activity horses. Equitation classes (Western and/or English), Western Games, Drill Team, Trail and Small Equine classes may be included in the camp agendas. Each camp accepts a limited number of horses with riders on a first come, first served basis. Priority goes to Spokane County 4-H members. Youth will have a valid horse certificate (project or activity) and having possession (own/lease the horse used, plus provide the care for, feeding, and management of the horse) for at least 90 days prior to a horse event.

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.

SPOKANE COUNTY GREEN HORSE PROJECT

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Training Horses (Foals Through 4th Year Under Saddle)

Objectives

- Develop leadership, initiative, self-reliance, and good sportsmanship.
- Accept responsibility by having an animal to care for regularly.
- Learn the principles of livestock nutrition and what constitutes a balanced ration.
- Skill in horsemanship, patience, and understanding in handling horses and ponies.

- Knowledge of safety precautions to prevent injuries to yourself, other riders, and their mounts.
- Learn about proper equipment and its care.
- Consider alternate methods of doing a job.
- Gain an appreciation and understanding for research and improved methods and how to use them.
- Accept the results of your work and how to use these in planning and managing your next goal.
- Seek out the scientific principles involved in raising and training horses.
- Encourage interest and provide an opportunity for members in horse related industries.

Project

This project is for members who have an equine available to care for and train. It is designed to help a member select an equine and train it to maturity. Beginning with a foal, the requirements are for a 6-year progressive project. For each year of the project there will be a project description, requirements, and methods showing how to accomplish the requirements.

A 4-H'er may show more than one equine in this project, but only one per age division of the equine. An equine must show progression from year to year – so may not show at same level two years in a row. No equine may be shown by two handlers. No stallions, other than foal of the current year may be shown. 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.)

Anytime during judging that the 4-H'er feels the need, he/she may request their designated adult helper to step in to help, or to stand by if problems arise, and to assist if needed with the equine. The use of the designated helper will be considered as a safety issue and would show the ability of the handler to recognize the need for help for the benefit of the horse and safety of the handler.

Open to Intermediate and Seniors, before starting the project, members must have completed at least one year of the Horsemanship project. NOTE: Stallions will only be allowed in the weanling phase. The following describes the equine allowed in each phase of the project.

- Foal of the current year
- Yearling
- Two Year Old on the Ground
- 1st Year Under Saddle
- 2nd Year Under Saddle
- 3rd Year Under Saddle
- 4th Year Under Saddle

Upon completion of one Danish blue ribbon in first year under saddle, the horse and rider combination may cross enter into their age appropriate performance or western games class in subsequent shows. All discipline policies apply once cross entry has been made.

SPOKANE COUNTY 4-H DRILL TEAM

- DT1.** Teams will be made up of 4-8 members for small group and 9-16 members for large group.
- Each team will have captain that is part of the team and may have a coach or caller that can be an adult 4-H volunteer.
 - Teams may be of mixed age group however during contests they will compete at the level of the oldest member of the team.
- DT2.** Elements of the Drill Team performance may be developed by the team and coach.
- Each performance must include a minimum of three elements including; pinwheel, comb through and ride by. Additional elements are recommended and encouraged.
 - Elements may include; serpentine, figure 8, circles, track on rail, quad merge, etc.
 - Elements may be performed as pairs, quads, etc. Transition of each element is important.
 - Appropriate skill level is to be considered when developing routine for the performance.
- DT3.** Time of Drill Team performance must be more than 3 minutes (approx 1 song) but no more than 10 minutes (approx. 3 songs) 1pt penalty per minute over or under the limit. Time starts when first horse enters arena and ends when last horse exits arena. The pattern for each team's performance must be provided to the contest office prior to the contest. A copy will be provided to the judge.
- DT4.** Music, whistle and voice commands are permitted. The caller may use hand signals, however commands and signals are taken into consideration during the scoring process.
- DT5.** All music used must be appropriate for youth and families. Music should complement the pace of the performance and be adapted to the length of the performance.
- DT6.** Flags are permitted the size and number should reflect the skill level of the riders, number of riders carrying flags and size of flags are optional. Scoring will reflect the manner in which flags are presented. If American flags are carried proper flag protocol must be followed. Only wood or PVC flag poles may be used. All flags must be secured only in a "flag boot" attached to the saddles stirrup fender by the stirrup.
- DT7.** All riders must pass the safety tack check found in the Spokane County 4-H Horse Project Manual. All equipment must be in good working order and throatlatches are required for this activity.

DT8. Drill team members are encouraged to participate in parades and grand entries.

DT9. All other 4-H general policies and procedures will apply.

SPOKANE COUNTY 4-H DRILL TEAM

Team Small Group (4-8) Large Group (10-16)

.Date Event Judge

	Description	100 pts	Score
Execution of Drill	Spacing; maintain a uniform distance between all horses throughout entire maneuver. Spacing may vary in succeeding maneuvers depending on maneuver.	10	
	Alignment; Lines are straight, riders are aligned when abreast and track when in columns, circles are round and centered.	10	
	Timing & Coordination; Team members work together to perform maneuvers, merge in sequence, no missed holes or collisions, etc.	5	
Originality of Presentation	Original pattern used, method used to present maneuvers and music compliments the pace of the drill	10	
	Variety; different elements used, single, pairs, fours, etc. Different patterns and maneuvers.	5	
	Attractiveness of patterns; symmetry and definition of maneuvers, continuity and flow between maneuvers. Crowd appeal pleasing to audience.	5	
Degree of difficulty	Difficulty of maneuvers and overall drill; to include speed, closeness of spacing and set up of maneuvers. Skill level appropriate for age of youngest member on the team.	10	
	Flags; number of riders carrying flags and size of flags. Manner in which flags are presented. If	5	

	American flags are carried proper flag protocol must be followed.		
	Auditory/Cues; Minimal use of whistle or verbal cues. Music, whistle and voice commands are permitted. Music must be appropriate for family/youth activity.	5	
Horsemanship	Equitation and Horsemanship; basic equitation, seat, hands, position and the use of aides. Riding true to discipline. Riders should have good attitudes and smile. <i>*Deduct 5 pts inappropriate or excessive cueing and bad attitude. Deduct 2pts. points for improper form/equitation of rider(s).</i>	10	
	General Impression; Uniforms/apparel clean and neat. Long sleeve shirts and long pants/jeans. Equipment must be in good working condition. Deduct 2pts for broken tack or dropped equipment <i>*and/or uniforms not matching.</i>	5	
Performance of Horses	Way of going, no broken gaits. Proper speed for maneuver and under control at all times. Deduct 5 pts for fall of horse or rider.	10	
	Horses; well mannered, no kicking, biting, or bucking, well suited for drill team. Horses are to be clean and healthy. No penalty for teams of mixed colored horses.	5	
Time	Time constraints; time of maneuver must be more than 3 minutes (approx 1 song) but no more than 10 minutes (approx. 3 songs) 1pt penalty per minute over or under the limit. Time starts when first horse enters arena and ends when last horse exits arena.	5	
Total	White ribbon 0-50 Red ribbon 51- 75 Blue ribbon- 76 - 100	Total	

Individual Awards:

1. Individual awards will be given for each step on the 4-H Horse Member Advancement Checklist and an additional award for completion of all nine steps.
2. Saddle Log hours will be awarded accordingly by the committee.
3. Record Book Awards will be decided by the Record Book Committee.

High Point Educationals: Senior, Intermediate, & Junior and Record Books (*danish score*)

Best placing for the year in each of the following County qualifying competitions will be used in calculating the high point. Those are Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, Groom Squad, Impromptus, Hippology, Equine Presentation Contest and Record Books. Placings will be calculated as described in either individual awards or under the event rules. Points will be calculated under the same points system as riding points. (See "Points System.") Therefore, each member may have a total of seven scores, if they participated in all educational events listed. Members are not required to enter all seven competitions to be eligible for this award.

In the case of a tie, the competitor with the most 1st places wins. If competitors are tied for number of 1st places, the rider with the most 2nd places wins. This pattern will be followed until the tie is broken.

Advancement Checklist

1. The Advancement Checklist must be turned in by the 2nd Tuesday in October. The checklist must be turned in separately from the record book. If you use the checklist as an add sheet, please submit a copy for Advancement step judging.
2. Awards are given for each step completed. You must complete the steps in order for recognition. You may work on several steps at the same time, but must complete them entirely in order for recognition.
3. Advancement Checklist is publication #EM2790

Saddle Hours Log

1. The Saddle Hours program is designed to encourage members to spend time riding. The saddle hours log is a record sheet to be used to record actual time spent riding. The Saddle Hour Log may also be used for harness members.
2. All types of riding/driving will count, including trail and pleasure riding. There is no limit on hours per day and hours carry over from year to year.
3. Awards will be determined by the awards committee. Members must turn in the Logs by the 2nd Tuesday in October. Members must total the hours upon submitting them in order for them to count for Year End Awards.
4. Saddle Hours Log may also be used as an add sheet in member's record book under the horse project.

Groundwork Hours Log

1. Groundwork Hours log is designed to provide a record of youth working with their equine project on the ground and improving the horse's manners, including but not limited to, showmanship practice, backing, turning, bending, leading, lunging, loading, stepping over or between objects, moving in unison with youth with regards to pace and direction, desensitizing activities, and trust-building exercises.
2. A separate column on the Saddle Hours Log will be provided for recording dates, type of activity or drill, and time in minutes and/or hours. A space or box for the total time per page will be located in the lower right corner of the page.
3. Youth must total Groundwork time in hours and minutes prior to submitting their record books to the 4-H office by the second Tuesday of October for Year End Awards. Additional pages may be copied and submitted.
4. Year End Awards will be determined by the awards committee. Members must submit this form, with time summed up, along with their record books, by the second Tuesday of October for consideration for Year End Awards.