



# Reference Guide and Supplemental Rules

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## **Snohomish County 4-H Youth Horse Program**

### **Overview**

Welcome to the Snohomish County 4-H Youth Horse Program!

You have chosen to become involved in a very large "active" 4-H Program, which offers many opportunities.

At Club Level, you will learn about horsemanship and horse care, public presentations, and record books. You will also participate in business meetings, group decision-making and community service. Older Members serve as Club Officers and in other leadership capacities. The Adult Club Leader and Project Leaders are there to assist and guide you. Clubs have regular meetings scheduled which vary from Club to Club.

At County Level, many other activities are available, which are listed in this guide.

This Snohomish County 4-H Youth Horse Program Reference Guide was compiled by our Rules Committee. It contains an enormous amount of information which, when used with the State 4-H Horse Publications, available through your Club Leader, the County Extension Office or the WSU Publications Website, should guide you safely and knowledgeably through your 4-H experience.



## **Looking Back**

...from our Program Leader's perspective

In the early '60's the 4-H Horse Program was vastly different than today. It was much smaller, there were few clinics, no Horse Bowl, no Groom Squad, no State Fair for horses, no County or Club shows - - -. We had a 3 - day Evergreen Fair. The barns and arena were located near the current livestock pavilion. The barns had tie stalls. Each Club was assigned a certain number of stalls. If the Club had more members than stalls, they would have to haul in each day! You could exercise your horse at 6 am and 6 pm, otherwise you could only take your horse out if you had a class. The arena was uncovered and warm-up was in the parking lot. There were 4-H dormitories, which are now the Arts and Crafts room and the Cat Room in the 4-H Building. We also had a 2 - day "4-H Fair" in early August as a warm-up for Fair.

After the 4-H Horse Leaders became organized, County Shows were added, a "Furry Coat" Show in the Winter and a Summer Show. These were held at area stables.

As the Fairgrounds expanded, the horses were moved to our present area; however the main arena was not yet built. A Shetland Pony Club had built a small track where the RV parking is now located. Our show arena was the inside outer ring of the track. There was no power, no water (except a creek in the woods) and we were not even within the Fair fences! Soon, Horse Leaders built an arena where the present outside covered arena is located. The Main Arena and Barns 102 and 103 were built. By this time the Fair had expanded to 5 days, then 8 days, then 10 days and now 13 days. We had 124 stalls available so we devised a schedule of "English Day", "Pony Day", and a "Western Championship Day". Clubs would come in the evening before, put up decorations, stay the day and take down decorations - maybe 5 times during the Fair! Members did Showmanship, Bareback Equitation, Equitation, and Trail all on one day, then went home. When the "Equestrian Park" was expanded, we were able to revise to our current schedule and add the variety of classes now available.

Horse Judging has always been a priority in Snohomish County. Horse Bowl was introduced to our State around 1980 and Hippology in 1996. In 1980, Washington State began participation in the 4-H nationals. Since that time, we have had at least 1 member on a State Team all but 3 years!

Groom Squad was introduced in the 1980's also. After the first contest our County Leaders were dissatisfied with the process, so we wrote a set of rules, which were accepted as the State Groom Squad Rules we use today!

As the program grew, there was a need to devise a method of moving the better riders out of regular Equitation classes and to give them more challenges. The Equitation Medals Program was born and Western Games Medals soon followed. We now have Medals in all Disciplines and Showmanship. All the medal programs have been changed and refined over the years. At one time, Equitation Medal Classes were limited as to the number of medals given - Classes required 5 riders for a medal!

Again, in response to the growth, Novice Classes for Performance were added to the County Shows and Fair. We now include Walk/Trot-Jog Class as a pre-novice level. To offer an activity for 4-H'ers not

involved in Shows or Games, we began to hold 4-H Competitive Trail Rides, which we now run as "Trail Horse Class in the Field".

As you can see, this program has evolved tremendously over the years and is still changing. As you examine this "Reference Guide" you will see all the wonderful opportunities now available to our 4-H Youth. If you think there are ways to improve what we have or additional activities we should add, please communicate your ideas! My hope is that you will never hear "that won't work" from any of our 4-H Horse Program Volunteers!

Sincerely,

Pat Pehling

## **Resources**

### **4-H Volunteer**

Any adult can be a 4-H Volunteer! The requirements are a desire to help 4-H youth and completion of a County 4-H Volunteer Training series.

You can be active on a Club Level assisting the Club Leader as a Project or Activity Leader or you can start your own 4-H Club. You can also help on the County Level. Some Leaders are only active on the County Level, which greatly adds to the strength and variety of our program!

Other Leaders are excellent resources for information. In addition to Club Leaders, we have Volunteers assuming the responsibilities of Horse Show Chairs, Horse Bowl Coach, Ride Night Supervisor, Hippology Coach, Fair Supervisor, Fair Section Supervisors, Computer Coordinator, Judging Chair, Tack Sale Chair, Groom Squad Chair, etc.

### **Extension Office**



The Extension Office is located in McCollum Park, on 128th Street in South Everett, (the mailing address is 600-128th St. S.E., Everett 98208). The Office is open 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday, phone number 425/357-6044. The Extension Staff is there to assist you in your Volunteer work.

County-publications are available to download from the WSU Website [www.snohomish.wsu.edu](http://www.snohomish.wsu.edu) or on the Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program Yahoo Website. [www.SnohomishCounty4-Hhorses@yahoogroups.com](mailto:www.SnohomishCounty4-Hhorses@yahoogroups.com)

### **Kelly Stack Memorial Library**

There are over 150 Horse Project and training DVDs available for 4-H Clubs and 4-H Families to check out from the Kelly Stack Memorial Library, which is located in the Extension Office. There is no charge for rental. Up to three DVDs may be checked out at a time and may be kept a maximum of one month. For convenience, call ahead to the Extension office secretary to check-out the materials for you to pick-up when attending evening events at the Extension Center. Those who fail to return DVDs promptly may lose their borrowing privileges.

## **Activities**

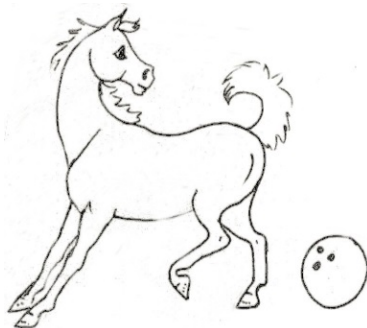
### **Clinics**

Clinics are offered at various times of the year, such as Western Gaming, Equitation, Trail Class, Driving, Dressage, Over Fences and Showmanship.

### **Horse Judging**

Horse Judging is required in order to exhibit at the County Fair. We offer at least four county level judgments each year. Each Judging has four classes with four participants in each class. The official judge gives a short explanation of how the class is to be judged; the class is presented and Members make their own decisions on placing and mark their judging cards accordingly. Following the class, the official judge gives the official placing and the reasons for the placing. Intermediate and Senior Members (grades 6 and up) write their own reasons (written reasons) for a designated class. Scores of each Age Group are posted online at the Snohomish County 4-H Youth Horse Program website. Scores of the highest two Judgings for each Member are totaled in order to arrive at County placings. **The Top 10 Seniors, Top 10 Intermediates and Top 10 Juniors receive County Awards.** The Seniors and Intermediates will represent Snohomish County at the State 4-H Horse Judging Contest in Puyallup in September. The top four scoring Senior Individuals at the State Contest compete at the National 4-H Horse Judging Contest in Kentucky.

### **Horse Bowl**



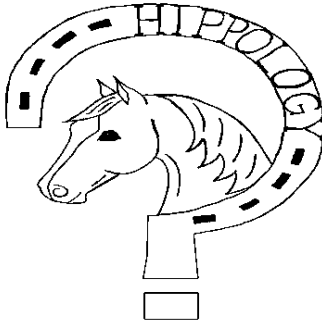
This is a quiz contest with Members in teams of four, with an alternate if desired. All questions come from Washington State 4-H Horse publications and Equine Science. Rules for this Contest are also on file at the office, online at the Washington State University website and on the Washington 4-H Horse Leaders website. There are **three** Snohomish County Horse Bowl Contests. There are awards at each contest. Individual scores are compiled from two of the **three** regular contests to determine the top five Members in each age group, who receive awards in the fall.

Intermediate and Senior Teams compete representing Snohomish County at the State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest. The Top Senior Team in the State competes at the National 4-H Horse Bowl Contest.

There is also a Novice Division for Members who are learning about Horse Bowl. These participants receive placings at the contest but are not eligible for County Awards or the County Team.



## Hippology



This is a four- phase contest:

1. Written Examination,
2. Identification Stations,
3. Team Problem-Solving, and
4. Horse Judging

Topics range from basic horse knowledge to advanced skills including identifying farrier's tools, anatomy, disciplines and horse husbandry.

Topics are from both 4-H and non-4-H Horse Publications (sources are available from our program library or coach). Members work in both

individual efforts and team efforts and awards are given for each contest.

Each year there three county contests. Novices are also encouraged to compete and this level is available for new Hippology contestants. The top four Intermediates and Seniors compete at the State Contest. The winning Senior team competes at the National 4-H Hippology contest. Rules are available online at the Washington 4-H Horse Leader's website.

## Equine Communications Contest

Each year this event is open to **Intermediate and Senior** Members wishing to compete in Public Speaking **at the county level**. The three contests are Public Speaking, Demonstration and Team Demonstration. **Senior** Contestants who win at the County Contest proceed to the State Contest in September, and a chance to go on to a National Level Contest in November. Rules are online.

## Groom Squad Contest

We usually have at least two contests during the year, plus one at County Fair. Members compete in teams of three. Each team brings a gentle, ungroomed, untrimmed horse or pony. Horses are traded so that no team grooms the one they brought. Members have 30-45 minutes to groom and trim their assigned horse. They use their own grooming tools, which are also judged for suitability and cleanliness. Judges watch and score Members on safety, teamwork and method of grooming. One Member also takes a short written test. Following the grooming, the team has 15 minutes to practice showing the horse, then one is judged as in a showmanship class. Awards are given at each Groom Squad. If enough teams participate, separate categories are used for Senior Teams, Novice Teams and Mixed Regular Teams. The Top Senior Team at the Fair Contest represents our County at the State 4-H Groom Squad Contest in Puyallup in September. Rules are available on the listserv.

### **Horse Shows and Western Games Shows**

The Snohomish County 4-H Youth Horse Program sponsors three shows (Spring, Summer, and Fall) for all disciplines. Performance and Western Games are generally held at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe. Other shows, i.e. Dressage, Western Dressage, Equitation Over Fences, Driving, etc. may be at other locations and we're currently working on adding Reining. It is only at County-sponsored shows and at Snohomish County Fair that Medals are awarded. Each show entry form has supplemental rules and information and should be read carefully.

Clubs may also hold Western Games and Horse Shows run under 4-H Rules. Dates will be reserved on a first come-first served basis (date reservation form should be completed and mailed into the Snohomish County 4-H Youth Horse Program). Show flyers may be available at Program Meetings and online at the county website. Club-sponsored shows are encouraged and an annual grant is available to Clubs that incur expenses in offering a horse event to County 4-H Members. To apply for a grant, you must send in a copy of your entry form accompanied by your budget. If you are holding a medal-qualifying show, you must submit all class results within one week after the event date.

### **Trail Horse Class in the Field**

Most years we offer at least one 4-H Trail Ride. It is usually between 10 to 15 miles in length. Members are judged before, during, and after the ride. Rules are available in this Reference Guide.

### **News, Websites and Listservs**

There are many other activities offered throughout the year. An updated calendar is posted periodically on the Listserv and SnoCo Extension.

There are many other 4-H events and activities of which Members should be informed. The Cloverleaf is the Snohomish County 4-H newsletter and is also available at the County Extension website (<http://snohomish.wsu.edu/clover.htm>). Cloverleaf contains information for all Snohomish County 4-H Members, not just the Horse Program. Leaders should look it over and let their Members know of important events.

There is a valuable website that offers additional sources of information for area 4-H families. [SnohomishCounty4-Hhorses@yahoogroups.com](mailto:SnohomishCounty4-Hhorses@yahoogroups.com) is both a listserv and a website. The primary function is to share information important to Leaders, Parents and Members involved with the Snohomish County 4-H Youth Horse Program. The listserv is a free email subscription service that allows you to converse with other listserv members or you may opt to observe anonymously. A calendar, message archive, online show and clinic entries are all available at this website.

**Program Meetings**

The County Horse Program conducts a monthly meeting to discuss activities, make decisions and inform Volunteers of upcoming events. All Clubs should have a representative attend (Club Leader, Project Leader or Parent). Members are also welcome. Meetings are scheduled the third Thursday of each month (except December) at 7:00 pm at the Extension Education Center at McCollum Park. Club and Project Leaders willing to work beyond the Club Level are the backbone of the County program and the reason for so many County Level activities. All Volunteers and Parents are encouraged to sign up for a committee. It's the best way to learn - by doing!

**Youth Forum**

Youth Forum is an informal meeting of interested Intermediate and Senior Members who would like to have a voice in planning the direction our 4-H Horse Program should take. Meetings are approximately quarterly and topics can cover anything involved with the Program. Meeting times are announced on the Listserv as well as the online calendar at the Horse Program websites. Youth Forum Members have been responsible for policy, procedure and rule changes. Check it out – it is a good way to make a difference and to encourage youth leadership.

## **Publications**

The following publications are available to help you understand and learn about your project.

### **All Horse Projects**

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORDER NUMBER</b>	<b>Link/URL</b>
4-H Horse Contest Guide	Online	<a href="https://pubs.wsu.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=15014&amp;SeriesCode=&amp;CategoryID=282&amp;Keyword=">https://pubs.wsu.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=15014&amp;SeriesCode=&amp;CategoryID=282&amp;Keyword=</a>

### **Beginning Horsemanship**

(Required for First Year Members; may enroll in additional projects concurrently).

Beginning Horsemanship	EM4842	<a href="https://pubs.wsu.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=14132&amp;SeriesCode=&amp;CategoryID=282&amp;Keyword=">https://pubs.wsu.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=14132&amp;SeriesCode=&amp;CategoryID=282&amp;Keyword=</a>
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### **Horsemanship, Management and Production**

Horse Science Unit II	CO/201	<a href="https://pubs.wsu.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=13306&amp;SeriesCode=&amp;CategoryID=282&amp;Keyword=">https://pubs.wsu.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=13306&amp;SeriesCode=&amp;CategoryID=282&amp;Keyword=</a>
Huntseat and Jumper Manual	PNW0488	<a href="https://pubs.wsu.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=14899&amp;SeriesCode=&amp;CategoryID=282&amp;Keyword=">https://pubs.wsu.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=14899&amp;SeriesCode=&amp;CategoryID=282&amp;Keyword=</a>
Dressage Manual	PNW608	<a href="https://pubs.wsu.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=15008&amp;SeriesCode=&amp;CategoryID=282&amp;Keyword=">https://pubs.wsu.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=15008&amp;SeriesCode=&amp;CategoryID=282&amp;Keyword=</a>
Driving Manual	PNW229	<a href="https://pubs.wsu.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=14170&amp;SeriesCode=&amp;CategoryID=282&amp;Keyword=">https://pubs.wsu.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=14170&amp;SeriesCode=&amp;CategoryID=282&amp;Keyword=</a>

### **Horseless Horse**

Horses are Fun	EM4715E	<a href="https://pubs.wsu.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=14066&amp;SeriesCode=&amp;CategoryID=282&amp;Keyword=">https://pubs.wsu.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=14066&amp;SeriesCode=&amp;CategoryID=282&amp;Keyword=</a>
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### **General Publications**

Equestrian Helmet Safety	EM4849E	<a href="https://pubs.wsu.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=14137&amp;SeriesCode=&amp;CategoryID=282&amp;Keyword=">https://pubs.wsu.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=14137&amp;SeriesCode=&amp;CategoryID=282&amp;Keyword=</a>
Horse Judging Manual	PNW575	<a href="https://pubs.wsu.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=15015&amp;SeriesCode=&amp;CategoryID=282&amp;Keyword=">https://pubs.wsu.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=15015&amp;SeriesCode=&amp;CategoryID=282&amp;Keyword=</a>
State Horse Bowl Contest Rules	EM4874E	<a href="http://cru.cahe.wsu.edu/CEPublications/em4874e/em4874e.pdf">http://cru.cahe.wsu.edu/CEPublications/em4874e/em4874e.pdf</a> or <a href="https://pubs.wsu.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=14165&amp;SeriesCode=&amp;CategoryID=282&amp;Keyword=">https://pubs.wsu.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=14165&amp;SeriesCode=&amp;CategoryID=282&amp;Keyword=</a>
Groom Squad Contest	C1114E	<a href="https://pubs.wsu.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=15383&amp;SeriesCode=&amp;CategoryID=282&amp;Keyword=">https://pubs.wsu.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=15383&amp;SeriesCode=&amp;CategoryID=282&amp;Keyword=</a>
Washington State 4-H Policy	EM0758	
Feeding the Performance Horse	EB1612	<a href="https://pubs.wsu.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=13675&amp;SeriesCode=&amp;CategoryID=282&amp;Keyword=">https://pubs.wsu.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=13675&amp;SeriesCode=&amp;CategoryID=282&amp;Keyword=</a>
State Hippology Contest Rules		<a href="http://4h.wsu.edu/horse/hippology.htm">http://4h.wsu.edu/horse/hippology.htm</a>
PNW Horse Project Manual	PNW587	<a href="https://pubs.wsu.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=14990&amp;SeriesCode=&amp;CategoryID=282&amp;Keyword=">https://pubs.wsu.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=14990&amp;SeriesCode=&amp;CategoryID=282&amp;Keyword=</a>
Equine Communications Contest		<a href="http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2017/01/WA-State-Equine-Public-Presentations-Competition-Rules-Dec2016.pdf">http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2017/01/WA-State-Equine-Public-Presentations-Competition-Rules-Dec2016.pdf</a>

Publications are available through your Club Leader, Extension Office or directly from Washington State University. Many publications are also available online at the Washington State University website as well as the Washington 4-H Horse Leaders or Snohomish County 4-H Youth Horse Program websites.

## **County Awards**

### **Member Awards**

#### ***4-H Jacket Award***

Application, available from the Extension Office, is due July 1st.

##### **Requirements:**

- No Cloverbud Members are eligible.
- Must be currently enrolled and in their second year or more of 4-H work. Cloverbud Member years do not count.
- Judged on attitude, leadership, community service, personal growth, and Club and Project participation.
- Presented at the County Awards Ceremony and recognized at County Horse Program Awards in November.

#### ***Achievement Award***

Application is available from the Extension Office and is due July 1st.

##### **Requirements:**

- Member must be currently enrolled and have completed two years of Club Work.
- Judged on 50% Project -size and scope, learning experience, knowledge and skills. 25% Leadership, 25% Citizenship.
- Awards Available (Every Project has an Achievement Award).
- Horse Achievement.
- Leadership Achievement.
- Presented at the County Awards Ceremony and recognized at County Horse Program Awards.

#### ***Carol Donnel Memorial Leadership Award***

Awarded once annually to the youth leader best exemplifying county-wide leadership in the Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program. Nominations will be accepted from leaders and submitted to a 5-person judging panel of former/current leaders and alumni members to determine the winner. Recipient will have their name added to a traveling trophy they can have for a year and will also receive a keeper plaque.

#### ***Record Books***

After Club Leaders have collected and scored Club Member's Record Books, they may submit their Blue Danish Ribbon Quality Club Books to the Extension Office by October 15th. Record Books are judged by

a committee and are given awards based on the current standards. Awards are presented at the County Horse Program Awards.

### ***High Point Awards***

Daily High Point Awards are given at the County Shows (Performance, Dressage, Driving, Equitation Over Fences, and Western Games). Points are accumulated to determine the Yearly High Point and Reserve, who will be recognized at the Horse Program Awards. The Top 10 4-H Members in each division will also be acknowledged.

### ***Overall High Point Trophy***

This trophy (and keeper plaque) is awarded to the rider who received the highest accumulative score for the three County Level Horse Shows during the past year. The trophy will be awarded at the Horse Program Awards.

### ***Versatility Trophy***

This trophy (along with a keeper plaque) will be awarded at the Horse Program Awards to the rider who has scored the most points in the most divisions with a minimum of 3 divisions represented.

### ***MEDALS PROGRAM***

Snohomish County 4-H Youth Horse Program has a Medals Program available for those who have proven their skill level by having received three Blue Danish Ribbon Awards. Exhibitors in the Medals Program receive a Danish Ribbon Award and a Placing Award in addition to the determination of whether or not they have earned their Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum Medal. The Snohomish County 4-H Youth Horse Program offers a Medals Program in the following:

- Dressage
- Western Dressage
- Driving Reinsmanship
- Driving Trail
- Equitation – Huntseat
- Equitation – Saddleseat
- Equitation - Western
- Equitation - Over Fences
- Showmanship
- Trail Class
- Western Games – Two Barrel Flags
- Western Games – Barrels
- Western Games – Idaho Figure Eight



- Western Games – Key Race
- Western Games – Pole Bending
- Western Games – International Flags

Rules for the Medals Program are available in this Reference Guide.

Equitation Bronze and Silver Medal Patterns are available [online](#).

- When a Member wins three qualifying Blue Danish Ribbons in qualifying classes, they begin competition in the Medals Program.
- In Western Games, Riders continue to ride in their Regular classes since Medals are awarded solely on time.
- In Dressage Medals, Riders continue to ride in their Regular classes since Medals are awarded solely on the total score achieved on a test.
- In Western and Huntseat, Medal Riders do not compete in Regular Equitation Classes, with the exception of County Fair.
- In Trail Medal Riders do not compete in Regular Trail Classes, including County Fair.
- In Driving Reinsmanship and Driving Trail Medal Drivers do not compete in Regular Classes with the exception of County Fair.
- In Saddleseat and Equitation Over Fences, Medal Riders may also ride in the Regular Equitation Class due to the smaller size of these programs.

### ***State Fair Jackets***

All Members representing the Snohomish County 4-H Youth Horse Program at the State Level are eligible to receive a County Equestrian Team Jacket. Those that qualify in multiple years may receive a replacement Jacket every four years, if needed. Jackets are provided by the County 4-H Horse Program funded partially by the \$1 per rider fee at County 4-H Shows and some Club Shows.

### ***Showmanship Round Robin***

At the Fair, all Senior Grand Champions in Regular Showmanship Classes from the large animal projects will also have the opportunity to compete in the Round Robin Contest.

### ***College Scholarship***

Established in 2001, the Snohomish County 4-H Youth Horse Program annually awards five \$1000 college scholarships. These awards are available to those that have been in the Snohomish County 4-H Youth Horse Program a minimum of three years, have shown exemplary leadership and community service, complete the required application, essay and group interview and achieve the five highest scores from the Selection Committee. Applicants must plan on attending an accredited schools and the award must be used by September of the following year or be forfeited. Applications are available from the Extension Office in January and must be postmarked by April 1st to be considered for a scholarship.

## **Adult Volunteer Awards**

### ***Volunteer 4-H Jacket Award***

Applications are available from the Extension Office and are due by July 1st. Nominations may be submitted by the Club President, Junior or Teen Leader, or another Volunteer in the Club. The Program Leader may also submit applications.

### ***Outstanding Volunteer Patch***

This award is applied for in the same fashion as jackets and awarded at the same Awards Ceremony. Prerequisites include five-plus years of service, county involvement, and Volunteer must already have a jacket. A donation is requested with each application (amount to be based on actual patch cost).

### ***High Five Awards***

Impact Awards (5) - Members and/or Parents may nominate a Volunteer that they feel they want to recognize for their participation. This is a onetime award.

Clover Awards (5) - Volunteers may nominate another Volunteer to receive this award for their participation. This is a onetime award.

### ***County Volunteer of the Year***

Lifetime Achievement Award (2) - Nominations by Volunteers and awarded by 4-H Council at State 4-H Forum. This is a onetime award. Grants to attend State 4-H Forum are available for recipients.

## **Horse Certificates**

A completed Snohomish County Horse Certificate must be turned in to the Extension Office by June 1st of the current year for any horse you plan on exhibiting at the County Fair (Evergreen State Fair).

Completed forms require Member signature, Parent signature, Leader signature and a signature of the Horse Program Leader, Assistant Program Leader or authorized Extension Office personnel. Blank forms are available from your Club Leader, the Extension Office or [online](#).

Horse Certificates indicate that you have listed this horse in your Record Book as a Project Animal and that you are keeping accurate and complete records about this animal in your Record Book with an Individual Horse Record.

You are not required to show a Horse Certificate prior to participating in 4-H horse events except at the Evergreen State Fair, however you are to be showing a Project Animal at Horse Shows and may be asked to verify that this is a horse listed as a Project Animal in your Record Book.

A photocopy of your Horse Certificate should be made, and your copy kept in a safe place. This certificate will be effective as long as you want to use that horse as your Project Horse.

## **Danish System Of Judging**

The Danish System rates entries as Blue, Red, or White ribbons or participation ribbon. All entries are judged in comparison with a Standard as opposed to comparison with other entries in a class. Therefore, no set number of ribbons is required. A class could be all Blue, all Red, all White, or any combination. During County Level Horse Shows the following classes are awarded Danish Ribbon Awards in addition to Placing Ribbons:

- Dressage and Western Dressage (all tests).
- Driving Reinsmanship.
- Driving Trail
- Equitation (Huntseat, Saddleseat and Stockseat).
- Equitation Over Fences.
- Equitation Bareback
- Showmanship.
- Greenhorse Horsemanship.
- Trail Classes.
- Western Games.

## **Ideal Standard**

The Standard for each exhibit/entry is established by the characteristics of the "IDEAL" for each category:

- 1) Areas where knowledge and skills of 4-H Horse Project Members are evaluated:
  - a) (Showmanship, Equitation, Educational Posters, Horse Shop, Horse Photography, Public Presentations.)
  - b) This "Ideal Standard" depends on age, ability, and experience of the Member. For example, the Ideal Standard for a Junior to earn a Blue is not as demanding as for a Senior because of age, experience, and maturity. The Ideal Standard for a Regular Class is more demanding than that for a Novice Class.
- 2) Type, Halter or Pleasure Classes in Animal Projects:
  - a) This "Ideal Standard" is based on Performance or Breed Standards and does not reflect age and ability of the Member.

Once the "Ideal Standard" is determined according to these guidelines, awards are assigned as follows:

- BLUE Excellent, close to the "Ideal Standard" established for the ability level, performance level or Breed Standard of the class.
- RED Good, with room for improvement.
- WHITE Acceptable, but below the established ability level, performance level, or Breed Standard of the class.
- All qualifying exhibits/entries should receive at least a White Danish Ribbon Award or a Green Participation Ribbon.

## **County Fair Exhibitor Qualifications**

Our 4-H Fair is held in conjunction with the Evergreen State Fair in Monroe, a 12-day fair ending on Labor Day. Requirements for Horse Program Members to exhibit at the Fair include:

- Must be enrolled in a Horse Project by April 1st of the current 4-H year.
- Have a Snohomish County Horse Certificate on file at the Extension Office by June 1st for any Horse or Pony to be exhibited at the Fair. The only exception is for current year foals. In the case of a hardship (death or incapacity of the project animal) the Fair Superintendent may allow a Member to exhibit a non-project horse. Under these circumstances, the Member does not receive premium money nor is eligible to qualify for State Fair. Any horse shown at the Fair must be a Member's 4-H project. Any horse on file as a 4-H Project must be shown as a project horse in the Member's Record Book. Record Books may be required at the Fair to confirm this.
- Attend a County 4-H Horse Judging and compete in the contest. \*
- Give a Public Presentation. \*
- Have a 4-H Record Book up to date. \* (Member must have Project Records on Any Horse or Pony for which they have a Horse Certificate on file).
- Clubs may have additional requirements to qualify for participation at Fair.
- Additional information and requirements are available in both the County and State Fair Exhibitor Handbooks.

***\* It is the Leader's responsibility to verify that these requirements are met.***

There are two Prepare-for-Fair-Meetings held each year, generally in June. One meeting is focused on the Club Leader's responsibilities and one meeting is focused on the 4-H Member's responsibilities. At these meetings all of the necessary forms required for Fair entry are discussed and samples are shown. All 4-H Members wishing to show horses must be sure to have met the above requirements and then complete the forms required to be enrolled in the Horse Exhibit at the Fair.

Clubs will be stalled together and all stalls are pre-assigned. Club decorations are required for all the stalls that you are assigned during the Fair exhibit. Clubs are required to do Herdsmanship during the Fair. Herdsmanship is comprised of keeping the aisle way and stalls clean during the time the Fair is open to the public and being 4-H ambassadors by meeting and greeting the public. All 4-H Members are public representatives of both the 4-H Program and the Fair during this time and are expected to set good examples of the 4-H Program. Herdsmanship is judged at least once daily during the Fair and Danish Ribbon Awards are presented to the Club along with a report of how the Club performed their Herdsmanship duties.

## **Washington State 4-H Fair Qualifications**

### **Horse Exhibit Qualifications**

The Washington State 4-H Fair is held at the Western Washington Fair in Puyallup during September. The Horse Exhibit is divided into sections by discipline such as Intermediate Performance, Senior Performance, Intermediate Western Games, Senior Western Games, Dressage and Harness.

The quota for each county for the State 4-H Horse Exhibit is determined by Washington State University. The numbers are reflective of County Horse Project enrollment and County past participation at the State 4-H Fair, i.e., Did we fill our quotas in the past year?

The first priority to exhibit at State Fair is a Blue Danish Ribbon in Showmanship at a County Show or our County Fair (Evergreen State Fair).

The Blue Danish Ribbon in Showmanship must be on the same horse on which a Member qualifies. An example would be: If the Grand Champion with a Blue Danish Ribbon in Senior Huntseat Equitation received a Red in Showmanship, he/she is moved down the list below any others in the class who had received a Blue or Red in the Class and a Blue in Showmanship.

### ***Western Games***

There is a point system for the Western Games events at our Fair.

### ***Driving***

Drivers qualify in Reinsmanship and Precision Driving. Quota is divided between Intermediate and Senior according to County Fair participation.

### ***Performance***

Riders qualify in Showmanship, Equitation or Trail Class at our County Fair. Quotas are set for each class according to Fair participation. Members qualify in the class in which they placed highest, prioritized by the previous fair participation

### ***Dressage***

Riders qualify at our County Fair in the tests that will be ridden at the current year's State 4-H Fair.

Once a Member is qualified for the County Team, he/she may also enter additional classes at State Fair, up to the limit allowed by the State Fair and shown in the Exhibitor Handbook, only if the member has earned at least a red Danish ribbon in that class at the Fair or County show.



## **The Top Five Rules**

### **Of The Snohomish County 4-H Youth Horse Program**

#### **1) Behavior & Conduct**

- a) We are dedicated to providing a safe environment in which our youth may learn and compete, in a setting that is primarily staffed by volunteers.
- b) Good sportsmanship is required at all events and we have a zero tolerance policy for verbal or physical abuse, whether directed at humans or animals.
- c) If you are concerned about inappropriate behavior involving horses, parents, leaders, volunteers, trainers or other exhibitors please bring your concerns to the attention of the Show Management so the appropriate corrective steps can be taken.

#### **2) Safety of 4-H Exhibitors**

- a) Safety of exhibitors and horses is a priority at all times.
- b) Helmets are required on all exhibitors when mounted or driving, anywhere during the event.
- c) Exhibitors are to wear appropriate footwear around horses. Anyone (including parents) that is holding a horse is expected to wear appropriate footwear.
- d) At no time shall a rider have any item in their mouth, i.e. a whip during Western Games.

#### **3) Safety of Horses**

- a) Safety of horses and exhibitors is a priority at all times
- b) The horse must be controlled or contained at all times when at an event.
- c) Horses are to be appropriately bedded in stalls or tied safely to trailers.
- d) If the horse is in the stall, the door should be closed and secured with halter and lead rope secured. When the horse is saddled in a stall, it must be tied and supervised.
- e) When the horse is being led it must be haltered or in other riding tack.
- f) If the horse is tied it must be tied in a halter with a safety (or quick release) knot.
- g) All confined horses must have fresh water available without exception.

#### **4) Barn Requirements**

- a) The only time a horse should be in the barn aisle is to move into and out of stalls, and, in and out of the barn. No riding in the barn aisles.
- b) Horses should not be standing or tied in the aisle. Tacking up is to be done in the stall.

- c) Hoof blacking is to be done outside the barn with a piece of cardboard or wood to protect the pavement.
- d) Aisle ways are always to be clear of personal items, i.e. wheelbarrows, apple-pickers, etc. Chairs are to be kept to the side, out of the center of the aisles. Personal items are not to invade into public areas, i.e. radios are to be kept at low volumes, etc.

5) 4-H Learning By Doing

- a) All grooming, handling and riding of horses at a Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program event is to be done by exhibitors with the assistance of other 4-H Members.
- b) Trainers, leaders, 4-H alumni and/or parents cannot take an active role in riding, training, disciplining, grooming or tacking up of horses while at a 4-H event.
- c) Please remember this is a 4-H horse event and we welcome all adult volunteers to assist with the event to benefit all exhibitors; see show office for available jobs.
- d) In case of a dangerous situation adults are expected to assist and aid 4-H Members appropriately.

## **Abuse and Drug Policies**

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Horses may not compete under the influence of sedative or temperament altering controlled substances. Refer to PNW Contest Guide page 7 for additional information.

Failure to comply with any of the Snohomish County 4-H Youth Horse Program rules may result in your dismissal by the Show Committee from the Horse Show and forfeiture of all awards and points. Gross abuse of these rules may be cause for removal from the 4-H program.

### **HAVING FUN – LEARNING BY DOING**

The Snohomish County 4-H Youth Horse Program is not all about rules – we also feel confident that you will have fun at events and be able to take great pride in your accomplishments as you work on your 4-H Horse Project.

## **Additional Safety Considerations**

### **English**

English Saddles are designed with a safety release where the stirrup leathers attach. This attachment should always be left in the "open" position. Ideally, if a rider fell and had a foot go through the stirrup iron, the entire leather would come off, preventing the rider from being dragged. Realistically, a small, light-weight rider may not have sufficient weight to release the stirrup leather, so preventing the foot from going through the iron is most important!

- Be sure the iron is neither too large nor too small - it should have ½" clearance on each side of the foot.
- Always ride in a boot/shoe with sharp heel of adequate depth.
- Safety Stirrups (Peacock stirrups) are available which have an elastic strap on the outside instead of a metal bar. This strap would easily release a foot wedged sideways.

### **Western**

Western Saddles have "fixed" stirrup leathers that will not release. Therefore, it is very important that the stirrup fit the rider and that safe footwear be used.

- The stirrup should have 1/2 inch clearance on each side of the foot.
- A high heel with a sharp angle at the sole may prevent your foot from slipping through the stirrup.
- A loosely fitted boot would slide off your foot if caught in a stirrup, however, lace-up boots will not release a foot!
- Stirrup keepers are to be used at all times.

### **Helmets**

A properly fitted safety helmet (ASTM/SEI equestrian approved) is required at all times when mounted or driving at any 4-H activity for 4-H members, and at all county events for both youth and adults.

### **Tack & Attire**

- All riding must be done with a bridle (or Hackamore). Horses shall not be ridden at any time with improper equipment.
- Footwear for Performance and Gaming classes must comply with the footwear appointments in the appropriate rules (i.e., boots approved for Equitation or Western Games). For other 4-H mounted activities the following requirements must be met. Footwear must have a sharp heel with no greater than 90 degree angle between heel and sole and fully enclose the foot at least up to the ankle. When leading, longeing or anytime handling the horse from the ground, shoes or boots are required. (They must fully enclose

- the foot - examples: tennis shoe, loafer, boot, paddock shoes, etc. No clogs, sandals, thongs, etc.).
- No type of running martingale or draw reins are allowed with a leverage bit even in warm up arenas.

### **Plan and Practice**

Think through a "worst-case scenario":

- Practice an emergency dismount.
- If you are ever in the position of having a foot wedged into a stirrup, immediately roll over on your stomach - this should allow your foot to release from the stirrup.
- If you are in a place where you think your horse may have trouble (steep trail, spooky obstacle, etc.), pull your foot part way out of the stirrup.

### **Facility Use During 4-H Events**

- No riding double.
- Only 4-H Members may groom, school, ride or otherwise handle a horse (except in an emergency situation). Adults may HOLD a horse while a Member does the work!
- All riding must be at a WALK outside of arenas!! Intermediate gaits on gaited horses such as a "running walk" are not permitted outside of arenas.
- Do not ride on pedestrian walkways in front of barns - use the roadway.
- No hay nets (hay bags are acceptable at horse-shoulder height) are allowed in the stalls.
- Buckets must be hung in the front of the stall (may be on the ground if it has no handle). For miniature horses, buckets may be hung from the ring on the back of the stall.
- Rider or handler not having horse under control shall be disqualified from the class and asked to leave the ring. Difficult and unruly horses can be pulled from the arena or denied entry in further classes by show management.
- Longeing is only allowed in the designated areas - not in the arenas.
- Horses will not be tied to arena fences or rail or any place that would constitute a hazard.
- Horses will not be tied by the bridle or with the chain over the muzzle or under the jaw at any time. Whenever a horse is tied, it MUST be tied with a halter and lead rope.
- Horses shall not be congregated around nor obstruct any walkway, doorway or gate. Horses shall be in the paddock area only when waiting to enter the next class.
- Horses to leave ring at a walk in all classes. Drill Team exit is the only exception.

- Horses that kick MUST have a red ribbon in the tail.
- Horses that bite MUST have a red ribbon tied on the head.
- Bathing of horses/ponies is permitted at shows and fair, however, no hoses are provided, area must be kept clean, and bathing is only allowed during daylight hours.
- No coaching of exhibitors is allowed during classes. Coaching in the warm-up arena is allowed, however, only from the rail (no one on foot in the arena).
- While in the warm-up arenas, do not walk, stop, or stand on the track. Leave the track (next to the rail) open for those working at a trot, canter or lope.
- Trail classes at county shows will have a published cut off time for placing ribbons. Any riders participating after the cut off time will not be eligible for placing ribbons (which count toward high point).
- Medal Riders at County Shows must enter at least two other classes, regardless of seat, to be eligible to ride in Medal Classes (or a total of three classes).
- Parking is allowed only in parking areas.
- Any 4-H Member spending the night on the Fairgrounds must be accompanied by a responsible adult over the age of 21. Members must be in the Equine Park area by 10:30pm and in bed by 11:00pm. Any youth without an adult or not in the proper area at curfew time will be sent home.
- 4-H Members may not spend the night in horse trailers or cars/trucks or in tents.
- Dogs and other pets are not allowed on the show grounds at any time with the exception of assistance dogs.

## **Clothing And Tack Requirements**

**\*\*** All 4-H Youth in Washington State 4-H Horse Projects and activities will wear protective headgear (ASTM/SEI Equestrian approved helmet) at all times at a 4-H Horse Event when mounted, riding or driving.

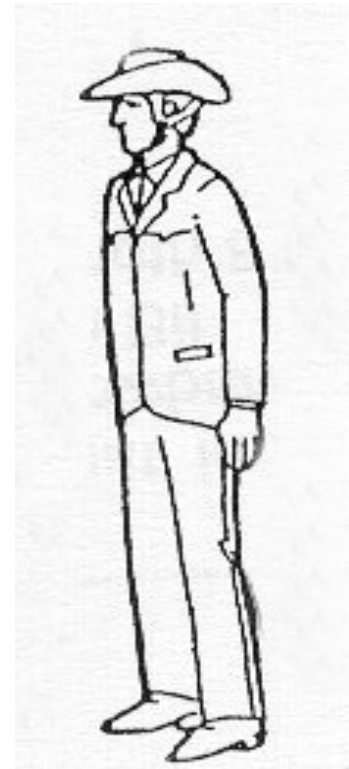
### **Western Performance and Western Dressage Attire**

#### ***Required***

- ASTM/SEI Equestrian Approved Helmet (Western Hat may be worn in Showmanship only).
- Long-Sleeved Shirt with any type of Collar.
- Jeans, Trousers or Western Pants.
- Belt. (Unless loops are not present or covered by another garment)
- Western Boots.

#### ***Optional***

- Tie, Pin or decorated collar (for example, embroidered or beaded).
- Chaps (pleasure and trail-mounted classes only).
- Vest (belt is optional when vest covers belt loops).
- Jacket or Sweater.
- Gloves.
- Spurs (blunt only, and in riding classes only).



Exhibitor Number may be displayed on the Rider's back, or, on both sides of the saddle pad (Member responsible for supplying second number).



## Western Performance Tack

### *Bridle*

- Any Western Bridle that includes a Curb Strap or Curb Chain (may be browband or split ear style).
- Bosal
- Any Standard Western Bit (maximum shank length of 8½").
- Snaffle Bit (refer to contest guide for judging guidelines for horses 3-5 years old and horses over 5 years old)

### *Optional*

- Hobbles, Lariat or Reata (on saddle).
- Breast Collar.

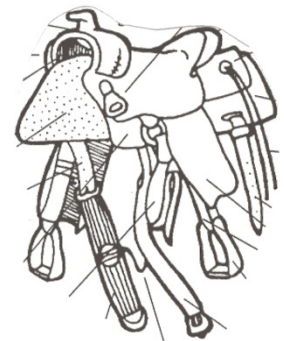
### *Not Allowed*

- Tiedowns or Martingales. No type of running martingale or draw
- reins are allowed with a leverage bit even in warm up arenas.
- Drawreins.
- Nosebands.
- Side Pulls
- Splint Boots, Bell Boots, Bandages and Polo Wraps etc. (allowed only in Lunge Line, In Hand Trail and all Greenhorse Classes except Showmanship).
- Double Twisted Wire Snaffles or Gag Bits.



### *Saddle*

Any Standard Western Saddle with a horn may be used, but it must fit the rider. (No Tapaderos or Australian Saddles). If the cinch pin or tongue on the cinch is not being used it MUST be removed.



## Western Showmanship Tack

### *Halter*

- May be web, rope or leather.
- May have stud chain.

## Huntseat Performance Attire

### ***REQUIRED***

- ASTM/SEI Equestrian Approved Helmet.
- Ratcatcher, Long-Sleeved Tailored Shirt or Turtleneck Sweater.
- Huntcoat if Short-Sleeved Ratcatcher is worn.
- Breeches (or pants tucked in) with Hunt Boots, or, Jodhpur Pants with Paddock Boots.

### ***OPTIONAL***

- Half-chaps.
- Pin or Tie, (may also wear a monogrammed ratcatcher).
- Hunt Coat or Sweater.
- Gloves.
- Spurs (English type, and in riding classes only).
- Jodhpur Straps (with Jodhpur Pants).
- Exhibitor Number may be displayed on the Rider's back, or, on both sides of the saddle pad (Member responsible for supplying second number).



## Huntseat Performance Tack

### ***Bridle***

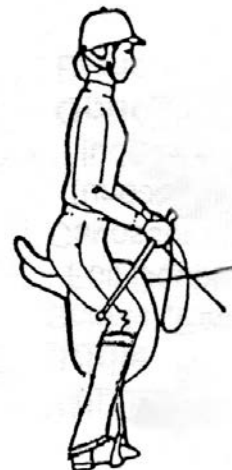
- Snaffle\*, Pelham, Kimberwicke, Full Double Bridle or any other English type bit appropriate for the seat.
- Cavesson.

### ***Optional***

- Breast Plate or Breast Collar.
- Whip (not over three feet [3'] in length).

### ***Not Allowed***

- Converters.
- Martingales or Tiedowns (allowed for Over Fences only).



- Drop, Figure Eight or Flash Nosebands. (allowed for Over Fences only).
- Splint Boots, Bell Boots, etc. (allowed only in Over Fences classes, in conservative colors).
- Double-Twisted Wire snaffles, gag bits, or any inhumane equipment.

### ***Saddle***

- English Saddle (type optional, however, Cut-back or Park Type is prohibited).

### **Huntseat Showmanship Tack**

#### ***Halter***

- May be web, rope or leather.
- May have stud chain.

#### ***Optional***

- Bridle, instead of Halter, (see Performance Tack for Types allowed).
- Arabian Show Halters are not encouraged.



## **Saddleseat Performance Attire**

### ***Required***

- ASTM/SEI Equestrian Approved Helmet (Derby or Soft Hat may be worn during Showmanship).
- Long-sleeved Tailored Shirt, or Short-sleeved Shirt if wearing a coat.
- Tie.
- Pants or Jodhpurs.
- Jodhpur Boots.

### ***Optional***

- Saddle Suit or Day Coat (conservative colors).
- Pin, bow tie or flower on lapel.
- Vest.
- Gloves.
- English Type Spurs (blunt only, and in riding classes only).
- Exhibitor Number may be displayed on the Rider's back, or, on both sides of the saddle pad (Member responsible for supplying second number).



## **Saddleseat Performance Tack**

### ***Bridle***

- Full Double Bridle, Pelham Bridle or Breed-appropriate bit.
- Cavesson required.

### ***Optional***

- Whip (not over four feet [4'] in length).
- Breast Collar

### ***Not Allowed***

- Martingales or Tiedowns.

### ***Saddle***

- Cut-back or Park Type Saddle (flat English style).



## **Saddleseat Showmanship Tack**

### ***Halter***

- May be web, rope or leather.
- May have stud chain.

### ***Optional***

- Bridle, instead of Halter, (see Performance Tack for Types allowed).



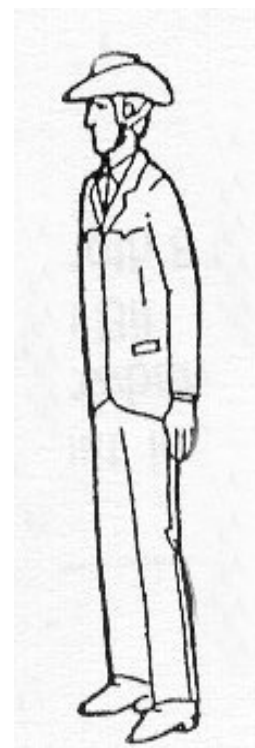
## **Western Games Attire**

### ***Required***

- ASTM/SEI Equestrian Approved Helmet (Western Hat may be worn in Showmanship).
- Long-Sleeved Shirt, must be tucked in and sleeves cannot be rolled up.
- Jeans, Trousers or Western Pants.
- Western Boots.
- Number on Rider's back (must be readily visible with hat and hair out of the way).

### ***Optional***

- Shin Guards.



- Vest, Belt, Jacket, Gloves, Chaps.
- Spurs (blunt only, and in riding classes only).

## **Western Games Tack**

### ***Bridle***

- Any type with a throatlatch.
- Reins must be one-piece.
- Bit or Hackamore type is optional (must be humane).
- Bits must have a Curb Strap or Curb Chain.

### ***Optional***

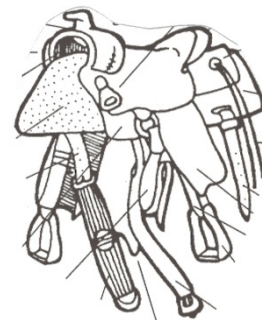
- Bat, Whip (under 36") or "Over & Under".
- Noseband or Cavesson.
- Running Martingale (must have Rein Stops and used only with Snaffle Bit).
- Breast Collar.
- Tiedowns attached to a Breast Collar.
- Protective Gear Allowed (Splint Boots, Bell Boots, etc.)

### ***Not Allowed***

- Tackeberry Buckle (quick release on cinch).
- Mecate reins, tied split reins or buckled reins.
- Any inhumane equipment.
- Rubber Bands on Stirrups.
- Anything that attaches the rider to the horse or the saddle.

### ***Saddle***

- Western Saddle with horn.
- Keeper Straps required on stirrup leathers.
- If rear cinch is used, a connector strap to the front cinch is required.
- If the cinch pin or tongue on the cinch is not being used it **MUST** be removed.



## **Western Games Showmanship Tack**

### ***Halter***

- May be web, rope or leather.
- May have stud chain.

## **Harness/Driving**

### **Attire**

#### ***Required***

- ASTM/SEI Equestrian Approved Helmet (Cap or Hat is allowed for Showmanship).
- Gentlemen: Sport Coat and Slacks; Suit; or Riding Attire.
- Ladies: A long sleeve shirt or blouse with jeans, slacks or an ankle length skirt; or a conservative dress with long sleeves.
- Gentlemen or Ladies: Riding Boots or sturdy Leather Shoes.
- Header-hard soled shoes or boots, long sleeve shirt and jeans or slacks. If the header is a 4H member/Youth an ASTM/SEI Helmet is required.
- Gloves
- Whip

#### ***Optional***

- Pin or Tie.
- Vest or Jacket
- Driving Apron

#### ***Not Allowed***

- Evening wear

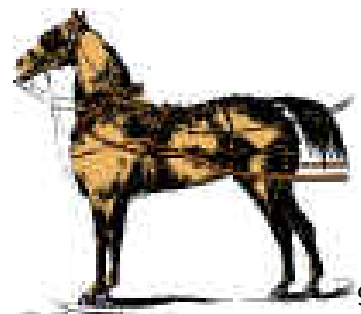
## **Harness Tack**

See [4-H Horse Contest Guide PNW574](#) for specifics on harness and cart.

## **Driver Showmanship Tack**

### ***Halter***

- May be web, rope or leather.



- May have stud chain.

#### ***Attire***

- Driver Attire is acceptable as above, except for skirt or dress.

### **Dressage Attire**

#### ***Required***

- ASTM/SEI Equestrian Approved Helmet.
- Ratcatcher, Long-Sleeved Tailored Shirt or Turtleneck Sweater.
- Breeches (or pants tucked in) with Hunt Boots, or, Jodhpur Pants with Paddock Boots.

#### ***Optional***

- Half-chaps.
- Pin or Tie.
- Hunt Coat, Dressage Coat or Sweater.
- Gloves (white is preferred).
- Spurs -English Type (Blunt only and any Rowels must be smooth and free to rotate).

#### ***Not Allowed***

- Shadbelly Coat.
- Derby or Top Hat.

### **Dressage Tack**

#### ***Bridle***

- Plain Snaffle\* at lower levels and appropriate bits at upper levels (refer to United States Equestrian Federation Rules).
- Cavesson or Noseband (may be Drop, Flash, Crescent or Figure Eight).

#### ***Optional***

- Breast Plate.
- Whip (not over four feet [4'] in length).

#### ***Not Allowed***

- Martingales of any kind (in ring or warm-up).
- Splint Boots, Leg Wraps, Bandages, etc., (may be used in warm-up arena only).
- Refer to Contest Guide for further information.



### ***Saddle***

- English Saddle (Huntseat, All Purpose or Dressage Styles).
- White Pad Recommended (shaped or square).

### **Greenhorse Classes**

(Same as Performance with the following exceptions).

#### ***Western***

- Snaffle (non-leverage) bit with a solid or jointed mouthpiece, with a curb strap attached below the reins. Bit may not have any type of twist.
- Bosal Hackamore.
- Cavesson or noseband allowed and recommended with snaffle bit.

#### ***English***

Snaffle (non leverage) Bit with Cavesson. Bit may not have any kind of twist.

#### ***Western or English***

German Olympic Martingale or Running Martingale allowed with Snaffle Bit (Rein Stops required with Running Martingale).

Protective gear allowed (i.e. splint boots, over-reach boots, bell boots, etc.).

## **Bit Definitions and Examples**

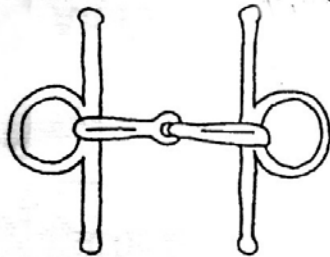
### **Snaffle Bit**

A non-leverage bit with a solid or jointed mouthpiece. The mouthpiece must be at least 3/8" diameter as measured 1" in from the rein ring. Any taper of the mouthpiece shall be gradual. The mouthpiece may be covered in leather, latex, rubber or plastic or may be uncovered.

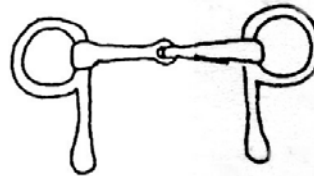


### **Examples of Snaffle Bits**

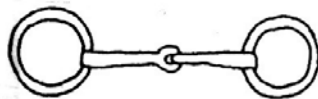
**Full-cheek snaffle with single joint**



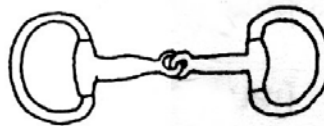
**Half-cheek snaffle with single joint**



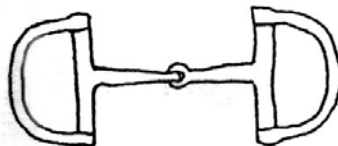
**O-Ring snaffle with single jointed mouth**



**Egg Butt snaffle with single joint**



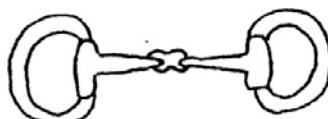
**D-Ring snaffle with single jointed mouth**



**Straight bar snaffle with D-Ring**



**Egg Butt French snaffle (double joint)**



Tom Thumb bits are not a snaffle bit – Tom Thumb bits are a curb-type bit (they have shanks attached on the side of the mouthpiece).

Greenhorse Classes do not allow any type of twisted mouthpiece.

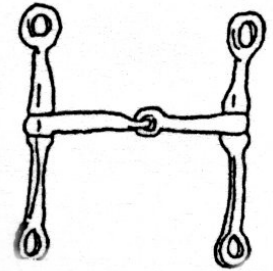
Huntseat Classes allow a single-twisted wire snaffle.

### **Leverage (Curb) Bits**

Any bit that has a shank and uses a curb strap creating leverage. When the reins are pulled, the shanks act as a lever to press the bit down on the horse's tongue and bars of its mouth and applies pressure on the chin groove and the poll.

No type of running martingale or draw reins are allowed with a leverage bit even in warm up arenas.

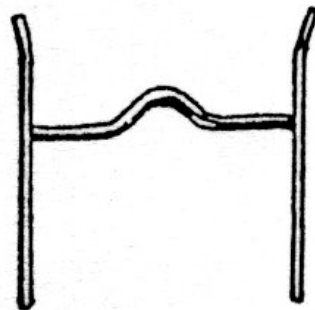
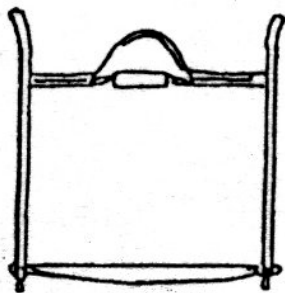
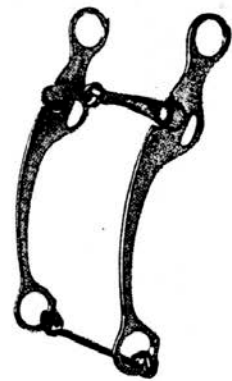
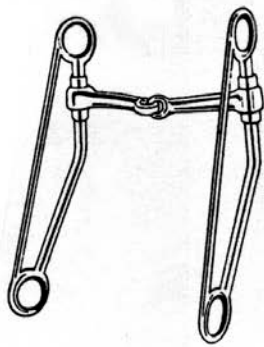
The Tom Thumb bit is one example of a common Leverage (Curb) Bit.



## Western Bits

For ALL Western Performance Classes only those leverage Bits meeting this Definition are allowed.

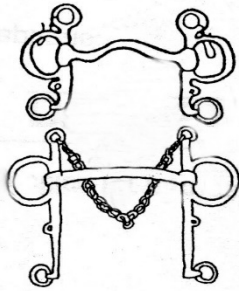
Snaffle bits may be used-refer to the PNW Contest Guide and Medals section of this Reference guide for further rules and Judging Criteria. A standard Western Bit is defined as having a shank with a maximum length overall of 8½". The mouthpiece will consist of a metal bar, 5/16" to ¾" in diameter as measured 1" in from the shank. The bars may be inlaid but must be smooth or latex wrapped. Nothing may protrude below the mouthpiece (bar) such as extensions, prongs or rivets, designed to intimidate the horse. Rollers attached to the center of the bit are acceptable and may extend below the bar. Jointed mouthpieces are acceptable and may consist of two or three pieces and may have one or two joints. A three-piece mouthpiece may include a connecting ring of 1¼" or less in diameter or a connecting flat bar of ⅜" to ¾" (measured top to bottom with a maximum length of 2"), which lies flat in the mouth, or a roller, or port as described herein. The port must be no higher than 3½" maximum with roller(s) and covers acceptable. Jointed mouthpieces, half-breeds and spade bits are standard. Slip or gag bits, rigid doughnut pieces or flat polo mouthpieces are prohibited. Roping bits with both reins connected to a single ring at the center of the crossbar shall not be used.



## English Bits

For Huntseat Performance Classes In Addition To Snaffle Bits (as described above) Exhibitors May Choose Bits As Defined Below.

### *Pelham*



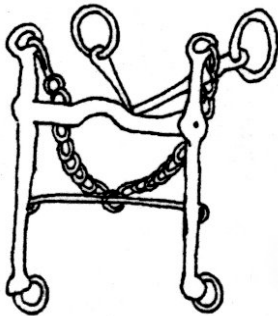
A Pelham Bit combines the snaffle and curb bits and uses two sets of reins. The mouthpiece can be jointed or solid and the shanks can be fixed or loose.

### *Kimberwicke*



A Kimberwicke Bit is a leverage bit with severity depending on the location of the reins. It may have a jointed or solid mouthpiece. It is most often used when a horse is too strong in a snaffle yet the rider is not ready to handle four reins to use a Pelham. Cheeks may be slotted or solid. Reins may be attached to the ring or any slot.

### *Full Double Bridle*

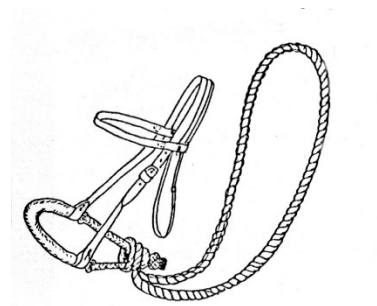


A Full Double Bridle includes a Weymouth curb bit and a Bradoon snaffle. The mouthpiece can be jointed or solid and shanks may be fixed or loose.

For Saddleseat Performance Classes The Only Acceptable Bits Are The Full Double Bridle, A Pelham, or a Breed-appropriate Bit.

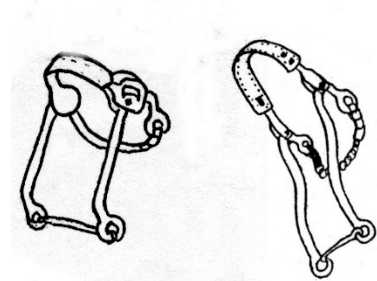
## Hackamores

### *Bosal Hackamore*



A true "Hackamore" is a rawhide or leather noseband with a rawhide or cable core (the rawhide core is superior as it can be shaped to fit properly). They vary in diameter from 1½" down to a pencil bosal under ½". Attached reins may be of hair, rope or leather.

### *Mechanical Hackamore (Hackamore Bit)*



A Mechanical Hackamore is not a true Hackamore because it works on leverage with a noseband and a curb strap or chain. Style and length of shank vary. It is excellent for Trail Riding and popular for Western Games. Mechanical Hackamores may only be used in Western Games, Trail Horse Class in the Field.

## **Supplemental Horse Show Rules**

The following rules are to be used in conjunction with those published in the State and County 4-H publications shown in the Publications Section of this Reference Guide.

For rules regarding specific 4-H horse events and shows always see event entry form.

### **Recognized Show**

The term designates only those shows approved by the Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program. The use of the term 4-H in conjunction with a horse show is forbidden unless 4-H Rules are strictly adhered to and the show is sanctioned by 4-H.

### ***Show Approval***

The following rules must be followed in order for any Club to use "4-H" in conjunction with a horse show:

- Date - Application for Show date should be made by February 1st if possible. Annual dates will be observed up until February 1st. After February 1st, dates will be available on a first-come, first served basis. Completed Show Reservation Form needs to be submitted. (See next page).
- If a Club is offering Medal Qualifying Classes, the results need to be submitted within one week of the close of the show to the Computer Coordinator. Shows requesting Equitation Medals Qualifying Classes must also offer Novice Equitation classes and are requested to offer Walk-Trot/Jog classes.
- At least 60 days in advance of the show, all pertinent information should be made available to the Show Committee Chairman.
- No classes for Cloverbud Members can include a horse or pony.
- Horse Show flyers should be available at Program Meetings and can be uploaded to the county website.
- The Horse Program would like to encourage Club-sponsored shows and will allow grants to Clubs that incur expenses in offering a horse event to county 4-H Members. To apply for a grant, you must send in a copy of your entry form accompanied by your budget.

#### 4-H Club Show Date Reservation Form

Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program

Club	_____		
Leader	_____		
Address	_____		
City	_____	Zip	_____
Phone	_____		
Circle One	Performance Show	Western Games Show	Dressage
Requested Date	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice: _____	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice	_____
Special Considerations	_____		
	<i>(i.e. annual date, arena booked year ahead, etc.).</i> _____		
Do you plan on requesting a grant from the horse program?		Yes	No
<i>If so, please attach a projected budget of expenses. After the show, you will need to submit an actual expense report, which your grant will be based on.</i>			
Medal Program Qualifying Classes Requested:			
EQUITATION: <i>Shows requesting Equitation Medal Qualifying must also offer Novice Equitation and are requested to offer Walk-Trot classes.</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Western	<input type="checkbox"/> Saddleseat	<input type="checkbox"/> Huntseat
<input type="checkbox"/> Dressage	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail	<input type="checkbox"/> Showmanship	<input type="checkbox"/> Driving Reinsmanship
<input type="checkbox"/> Trail	<input type="checkbox"/> Showmanship		
Western Games:	<input type="checkbox"/> All Events	Only	_____ please specify
Information to be published online (or attach a show flyer) _____			

Signature of Club Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Reservation Forms are **due February 1** in order to have priority (annual date for Club Show). NO DATE will be reserved until this form is received. After February 1, dates reserved on a first-some, first-served basis. Enclose: Class list or show flyer and a working budget of expected expenses. Mail Form and attachments to: Show Date Reservation, c/o Snohomish County 4-H Youth Horse Program, P.O. Box 148, Snohomish, WA 98291

#### OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Date Received:	_____	All Forms Received?	Yes	No
Date Approved:	_____	Club Notified of Approval (date): _____		
Club Notified by:	US Mail	E-Mail	Phone	Personally
Is Grant Requested?	Yes	No		
Grant Approved:	Yes	No	Amount: \$	
Notice to Hoofbeats	_____	Signature:	_____	



### ***Exhibitor***

- The exhibitor refers to owner or lessee of his or her 4-H project horse when entered in a class.
- An exhibitor may not act as a judge, steward, secretary or manager of any show at which he exhibits.
- An exhibitor's grade is determined as of the current 4-H year and does not change in the summer until October 1st.
- An exhibitor's age is determined as of January 1st of the current 4-H year.
- No classes for Cloverbud Members can include an exhibit with a Horse or Pony.

### ***Entries***

- Entry Forms must be complete (including appropriate signatures) and payment enclosed.
- Exhibitors are responsible for any errors when filling out entry forms.
- Misrepresentation of information shall result in disqualification.
- A release of liability clause must be signed by the Exhibitor and Parent or Legal Guardian for 4-H events.
- It is the responsibility of the Exhibitor to be familiar with all rules and regulations and policies which govern the show.
- It is the responsibility of the show to prepare class lists that clearly define all rules and policies pertaining to the show and to adequately inform all exhibitors involved of changes.
- Entry fees are neither refundable nor transferable unless show and/or class is canceled or a veterinarian attest to the unsoundness of the horse, or, a physician attests to the illness of the rider.
- When a member is qualified to move up to the next level (i.e. Walk/Trot to Novice) and there is a valid safety consideration, the Club Leader may petition to the show committee in writing for a waiver to remain at the lower level for one event. Decisions will be made on a case by case basis.

### ***Horses***

No horses under three years of age are allowed in riding classes. The age of a Horse to be determined as of January 1st of the current year. An example would be: A horse born in June will become a one-year-old (a yearling) on January 1st of the following year. Proof of age may be required.

### ***Class Hold***

An Exhibitor may request a class hold for equipment or clothing change, etc., however, request must be made at least three classes in advance. The advisability of holding a class and the length of time

permitted will be at the discretion of Show Management. Delays may be penalized at the discretion of the judge.

### ***Time Out***

An Exhibitor is entitled to request suspension of judging for a period not to exceed five minutes (but no more than once in a class) in order to repair or adjust equipment. The Exhibitor must go to the center of the ring for any such emergency and request a time out from the Ring Secretary. Time shall be taken from the moment the exhibitor goes to the center of the ring. If, at the expiration of five minutes, the repair or adjustment has not been made, the Contestant will be eliminated and excused from being judged for the class. The Ring Secretary or Judge shall be responsible for timing.

### ***Paddock Appointment Check***

Each rider may be asked to undergo an appointment check as they enter the paddock area prior to a class. This may be done by a Volunteer or a Show Steward. Tack checks can be requested by show personnel at any time during a 4-H event.

### ***Class Size***

When the entries exceed the facilities, the show management in fairness to the exhibitors and to the show, will divide classes into smaller sections.

Classes will often be run as lots. It is Show Management's responsibility to decide whether each lot is placed, or there will be a "Call Back" to determine class placings.

Horses and ponies may be separated.

If age divisions are combined in a class each division will be judged separately.

### ***Schooling***

Schooling of horses at any recognized show in the ring or any part of an outside course may be permitted only when specified by the Show Management.

## **Ride Nights**

“Ride Nights” are supervised riding times at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds during the winter months, and also one weeknight preceding the County Horse Shows. During Ride Night, all applicable rules from the Top Five Rules of the Snohomish County 4-H Youth Horse Program as well as the Additional Safety Considerations, which apply to any 4-H event. During scheduled Ride Nights, Games and Performance Members will alternate the use of the outside and inside arenas.

- Ride Night participation is restricted to 4-H Members currently enrolled in the Snohomish County 4-H Horse program and Family Members.
- Helmets (ASTM/SEI approved) are required for all riders, youth and adult.
- Longeing in arenas is not permitted. The only exception is that longeing is permitted in the inside arena when the Ride Night Supervisor has specifically approved it in advance for each person.
- Arenas that are not supervised by a Ride Supervisor cannot be used.
- Jumping practice will be permitted only in the areas designated by the Ride Night Supervisor and physically separated from areas reserved for other types of riding.
- The Ride Night Supervisor’s decision is final in all judgment calls. Uncooperative or disrespectful riders will be required to leave. In extreme cases the Ride Night Supervisor will take stronger action including notifying the rider's Club Leader to take corrective action or recommending that the rider be disqualified from further participation in the 4-H Horse program.
- All riders participating in the Ride Night practice will be required to sign in and state the name of their Club and their Club Leader’s name.

## **Trail Horse Class in the Field**

Trail Class Horse in the Field was developed to help 4-H Members learn trail skills and gain confidence in their riding abilities and their mounts. Riders learn what obstacles they can handle and how to take care of themselves, other riders, and their mounts on the trail. Safety and trail courtesy are very important, and will be emphasized and judged on the trail and in the camp/trailer areas, before, during and after the ride. Safety will be emphasized rather than endurance.

### **Length of Ride**

- Under 15 miles.

### **Officials**

- Trail Master, the lead rider that no one should pass.
- Drag Rider, the last rider “out” and no one should fall behind.
- Obstacle Judges.
- Other Judges.

### **Equipment**

- Saddles and Headstalls must be used. Type is optional but safety, control and proper fit are important. Protective leg wraps, bell boots, etc. are allowed. Shoes on all horses and ponies are recommended, because of terrain and footing. Hoof picks, grooming brushes, curry combs, rub rags or sponges may be used at any time.
- Any equipment that the Rider starts with, must be maintained by that rider during the course of the ride.
- All riders must wear appropriate riding boots.
- ASTM/SEI approved helmets are required for all mounted 4-H Members. Helmets are recommended for all riders.
- Exhibitor Numbers will be assigned. This number is to be worn at all times through to the final judging. Any rider who needs assistance should turn their number over, signaling to the Judges that they need help. Riders not wearing a number, or wearing a number that is not visible, cannot be scored.

### **Rules**

- All Riders must have a Parent sign a release/hold harmless agreement. There will be no smoking, liquor, drugs, firearms, or dogs on the trail. Violators will be asked to leave immediately, forfeiting all entry fees and prizes.
- All Juniors must be accompanied by a Parent, guardian, other adult, or experienced Intermediate or Senior Member on the trail. Registration forms will be signed by the Parent and the Rider who has agreed to be responsible for, and accompany the Junior on the trail.

- No non-competing riders except for Officials.
- The trail will be marked (how the trail will be marked will be explained at the orientation meeting). Riders should watch carefully for markers, and stay on the trail.
- Horses shall maintain a space of at least one horse length at a walk and increase the distance between horses as the pace increases. Riders will safely allow faster horses to pass when the trail allows.
- Riders will use the buddy system on the trail, never leaving an inexperienced rider or horse alone.
- Walk up hills, down hills, on hard surfaces, when vehicles are present, and where footing is uncertain (mud, rocks, roots, holes, etc.). When footing is soft and level a trot (jog) or slow canter (lope) is acceptable as long as the whole group is in agreement.
- There shall be a minimum of eight obstacles on the trail, at least four of which shall be chosen from the list below. The same type of obstacle may not be judged more than twice:
  1. Logs.
  2. Steep Uphill.
  3. Creek Crossing.
  4. Shy Object.
  5. Steep Downhill.
  6. Bridge Crossing.
  7. Mud Crossing.
  8. Road Crossing.
  9. Underbrush.

### **Basis for Judging**

- Four divisions will be judged and placed.
  - Junior
  - Intermediate
  - Senior
  - Adults/Leaders
- The Riders should demonstrate behavior that is appropriate and safe. The Riders should:

- Be courteous on the trail and in camp.
- Mount and dismount quietly.
- Allow plenty of room for others in camp and on trail.
- Allow faster riders to pass safely.
- Keep to the right on roads and trail.
- Provide adequate care for their horses.
- Have their horse under control at all times.
- Slowing to a walk or stop when a car or truck is passing.

**Scoring**

The maximum points possible for each obstacle is 10. The horse and rider shall be judged as a "team" when negotiating obstacles. The "team" will be observed and scored according to criteria such as refusing or skipping obstacle, riding off course, maintaining unsafe distance between horses, rushing through obstacle, traveling at unsafe speed, leading horse through an obstacle (such as over a bridge or logs) or taking feet out of stirrups or irons. Camp manners and attention to the well-being of horses will also be judged. Judging will start at the beginning of the orientation session and will be completed after final judging.



## **Cloverbud Members**

Cloverbud 4-H Members are children age 5-7 years of age. They are welcome in the Horse Program and may participate in many events, however, according to Washington State 4-H Program Policy, Cloverbuds are restricted from events involving them directly with horses or ponies and from competitive events.

Participation Allowed	Participation NOT Allowed
Club Meetings and all activities where a Cloverbud Member does not handle a horse or pony.  County Horse Judgings.  County Fair - Herdsmanship (may not clean occupied stalls or handle horses or ponies). Horse Shop*. Horse Photography*. Horse Public Presentations*. Stick Horse Workshop Exhibition.  Spectator at any County Activity.  * All Cloverbuds receive a Cloverbud ribbon and a set amount of premium points for County Fair. Entries are not scored competitively.	Club Rides.  County Groom Squad.  4-H Horse Shows. Club Horse Shows.  County Riding Clinics.  County Horse Bowl.  County Hippology.  County Ride Nights.  (Any other activity where direct involvement with a horse or pony is included).

### **Walk-Trot/Walk-Jog Classes**

Walk-Trot/Walk-Jog classes are “Pre-Novice” classes included in the Snohomish County 4-H Youth Horse Program to encourage the beginning rider to experience horsemanship in a setting that offers safety and encouragement. These classes are open to riders who have not participated in performance classes at a canter or lope, in a given seat. There will be no canter or lope in these classes.

#### **Eligibility**

- Riders may ride in Walk-Trot/Walk-Jog classes until they earn four Blue Danish Ribbons in one equitation seat at County Horse Shows.
- 4-H Members may decide to move to the next level (Novice) before they have received four Blue Danish Ribbons for equitation. If a rider has not received a Blue Danish Ribbon in a higher level equitation class, and has not received the maximum number of Blue Danish Ribbons in a lower level equitation class, they can remain riding in the lower level.
- Riders carry their Danish Ribbon count (accumulative to four) from one Age Group to the next.

#### **Rules**

- Walk-Trot/Walk-Jog Equitation and Pleasure Classes shall follow the same rules and specifications as regular Equitation Classes found in the PNW 4-H Horse Contest Guide with the following exceptions:
- No Lope or Canter will be called for.
- Western, Saddleseat and Huntseat may be combined.
- Members entering Walk-Trot/Walk-Jog may not enter any other riding classes within a seat which require a lope or canter in a group.
- Walk-Trot/Walk-Jog riders may enter Western Games since it is an individual test.
- Walk-Trot riders may not enter any classes in Over Fences Shows.
- Walk-Trot/Walk-Jog Trail Class shall follow the same rules and specifications as regular Trail Classes found in PNW 4-H Horse Contest Guide with the following exceptions:
- No Lope or Canter will be called for.
- Obstacles will be a **minimum of six**.
- Obstacles will test basic trail maneuvers (back, side-pass, pivots, etc.) with combinations discouraged. Obstacles may also be simplified, for example, open and go through gate without having to close the gate.

- Using two hands on the reins, with a curb/leverage bit in A Western Walk/Jog Trail Course is to be considered a minor fault but not a disqualification.
- May enter Non-Greenhorse Trail In-Hand, however may not enter mounted trail at the same show.
- Walk-Jog Riders may enter Dressage Intro Level Tests.

**Conflicts**

- There is no cross-entry between Walk-Trot/Walk-Jog Classes and Novice or Regular Classes within a seat. For Trail and showmanship riders must exhibit at their highest level. (i.e. if riding Walk/Jog in Western and Novice in Huntseat, the rider must show in Western Novice for Trail and Showmanship)
- A Member who is medal-qualified in any seat, may not ride in Walk/Trot, Walk/Jog Classes regardless of past inexperience in any other seat.

## **Novice Classes**

Novice Classes are designed to introduce youth to showing horses in an atmosphere of encouragement and realistic expectations. They are restricted to Members who do not yet have the experience or sufficient skill to show in Regular Classes.

Youth new to showing horses are encouraged to participate in the Novice Classes until they have gained adequate skill and experience to participate in Regular Classes.

Youth who are new to 4-H but have a horse show background should not go in Novice Classes, however, go directly into Regular Classes.

Novice Classes are also available for more experienced Riders to explore a new "seat".

## **Eligibility**

- Members are eligible for all Novice Classes in a "seat" (Western; Huntseat; Saddleseat) if they have not won three (3) Blue Danish Ribbons for that "seat" in Novice Equitation or one (1) Blue Danish Ribbon in Regular Equitation at Snohomish County 4-H Shows and/or Evergreen State Fair or a Medal Qualifying Blue Danish Ribbon in that "seat" at an approved Club-sponsored Show.
- An eligible Member may continue to enter Novice Showmanship, Novice Bareback Equitation, Novice Pleasure and Novice Trail. To be eligible to enter Novice Pleasure or Novice Trail at a County Show or Fair, a Member must also enter Novice Equitation.
- Any Members qualified for Medal Classes, in any Seat, are ineligible for any Novice Classes.
- Any Members exhibiting in any of the following classes are ineligible for Novice Classes: Over Fences crosspoles and higher (may show in ground poles class) Greenhorse (any seat), Weanling & Yearling (any seat), Dressage Tests First Level & Higher.
- When a Novice Rider progresses to the next Grade Group (Junior to Intermediate or Intermediate to Senior), he/she may continue to ride Novice Classes and will continue to accumulate Blue Danish Ribbons toward becoming a Regular Rider.
- Eligibility is based on the skill level of the rider; therefore, moving up Grade Groups or changing horses does not change eligibility.
- A Rider may decide to move up to Regular Classes without having obtained three Blue Danish Ribbons.

## Rules

Novice Classes are conducted under the same Rules and Specifications for classes as listed in the PNW 4-H Horse Contest Guide with the following exceptions:

- For Novice Trail Class, the following exceptions apply:
  - No Lope or Canter will be required.
  - Obstacles will be a minimum of six.
  - Western Novice Trail riders using two hands briefly is to be considered a major fault but not a disqualification, However, excessive use of two hands continues to be a disqualification.
  - A Novice Member may enter Non-Greenhorse Trail In-Hand, if desired however may not enter mounted trail at the same show.
  - Obstacles will test basic trail maneuvers (back, side-pass, pivots, etc.) with combinations discouraged. Obstacles may be simplified, for example, open and go through gate without having to close the gate.
- For Dressage:
  - Novice Riders may enter Dressage, either in Introductory Level Tests or Training Level Tests and Western Dressage Introductory Tests or Basic Level Tests.
- Juniors showing at regular level may move back to Novice Level once they move up to Intermediate age group if they so choose. Please inform the show office if you wish to go back to Novice level.

## Conflicts

- There is no cross entry between Novice and Regular Classes within a "seat" (i.e. may not enter Novice Western Equitation and Regular Western Pleasure).
- Any Members exhibiting in any of the following classes: Over Fences (crosspoles and higher), Greenhorse (any seat), Weanling & Yearling (any seat), Dressage Tests First Level & Higher, Western Dressage Tests First Level & Higher, will be automatically switched to a Regular Rider and will be ineligible to show in Novice Classes in the future.

## Limitations

- Novice Blue Danish Ribbons are not Medal Qualifying.
- Novice Riders are not eligible for the State Fair 4-H Horse Exhibit.



## **Greenhorse Classes**

Greenhorse classes were developed to encourage the Rider/Member who has a younger or inexperienced horse as a project animal to exhibit the horse, demonstrating the knowledge and skills of the exhibitor. Although the classes provide an opportunity for the Greenhorse to gain experience in a limited show environment, the safety of the riders and other horses will be emphasized.

### **Eligibility**

- Only Intermediate and Senior 4-H Members may ride a greenhorse under 5 yrs old.
- Once they have participated under saddle in a Regular Class in any seat, they are ineligible to show in Greenhorse Classes.
- Riding Classes are Open to horses and ponies over three (3) years and to horses that have not previously been shown in regular performance classes or in a performance class in a bit other than a snaffle or bosal. See Greenhorse class BITS listed below for further explanation.
- The age of a Greenhorse to be determined as of January 1st of the current year. Proof of age may be required. An example would be: A horse born in June will become a one-year-old (a yearling) on January 1st of the following year.
- An exception may be made for Club-sponsored Shows where Greenhorse Classes are not offered, but only with prior permission of the sponsoring Club.
  - Regular Equitation Classes may be entered for schooling purposes only. Danish Ribbons awarded in equitation classes do not count toward attaining medal status.
  - Regular Pleasure Classes may be entered for placings.
  - Greenhorses shown in Western Regular Classes must be shown in a ring snaffle or bosal only.
- Greenhorses shown in English Regular Classes must be shown in a ring snaffle only.
- Greenhorses are limited to Greenhorse classes at the County Shows and the County Fair, i.e. you cannot ride Regular Huntseat and then Western Greenhorse on the same horse.
- Our County 4-H program offers Showmanship, Longe Line, In-Hand Trail, Horsemanship and Pleasure for English and Western Greenhorses. Showing a young Greenhorse in more than one or two classes during a day is discouraged because they are immature physically and mentally.
- Difficult and unruly horses will be dismissed from the arena and may be denied entry in further classes by show management.

### **Rules**

- GREENHORSE SHOWMANSHIP (Western or English)



- If Colts & Fillies Showmanship is offered, yearlings and weanlings may not also enter Greenhorse Showmanship.
- Member must be able to maintain control at all times.

### **Greenhorse Horsemanship and Pleasure (Western or English)**

- Class may be divided into Western and English or Horse and Pony at the discretion of Show Management.
- Horses and ponies entered in Greenhorse classes may NOT be entered in any other riding classes.
- Western horses may be ridden with two hands (two-handing) or one hand, however, whichever is chosen must be maintained through the duration of the class. No additional credit will be given for neck reining.
- EXCEPTIONS:
  - Western: Bit to be a Snaffle or to use a Bosal Hackamore.
  - English: Bit to be a snaffle.
  - Protective gear, such as splint boots or bell boots, are allowed.
  - Cavesson is allowed and recommended with a snaffle bit.
  - German Olympic or Running Martingale allowed and recommended with a snaffle bit ONLY. Rein Stops with Running Martingale must be used.
- Class will be judged 50% on Rider (use and adjustment of equipment, use of aids - quiet effective hands and legs, general horsemanship), and 50% on Horse (manners, submissiveness, performance, pleasurability, willingness to back).

### **Conflicts**

When a Medal Rider with a Greenhorse progresses out of Greenhorse classes and has only the one Project Horse, the rider may apply to go back to Regular Equitation classes and re-qualify for medals. This should be discussed with the Program Leader.

### **Limitations**

Exhibitors in Greenhorse may be asked by the Judge or Show Steward to drop the bridle so that the Judge or Show Steward may examine the bit.

### **GreenHorse Class Bits**

The following is an explanation of the types of the type of snaffle bits approved to be used in the Snohomish County 4-H Youth Horse Program Greenhorse Classes: The Snaffle Bit is defined as a non-leverage bit with a solid or jointed mouthpiece. (See Snaffle Bit Description earlier in Reference Guide). The mouthpiece may have up to three pieces. The mouthpiece must be at least 3/8" diameter as measured 1" in from the rein ring. Any taper of the mouthpiece shall be gradual. The mouthpiece may be covered in leather, latex, rubber, plastic or may be uncovered.

Shanked (leverage) bits of any kind, including Tom Thumb bits and Kimberwicke bits are not allowed in Greenhorse Classes.

In Western Greenhorse Classes a chin strap must be attached below the reins. It should not be so loose as to flop, nor so tight that a person cannot get two fingers between the horses jaw/chin and the chin strap.

Greenhorse Riding Classes do not allow any type of twisted mouthpiece. Gag bits, double twisted wires, bits with any shank length are not allowed.

### **Beginning Greenhorse Horsemanship**

Class is promoted for the Greenhorse that is currently training to be ridden at the walk and jog / trot. No lope/canter will be asked for on the rail or individually.

#### **Eligibility**

Same requirements as Greenhorse.

#### **Rules Regarding Tack & Appointments**

Same as Greenhorse.

## **Greenhorse Longe Line Class**

This Class is designed to encourage ground work training before advancing to riding, thus giving the horse a more solid working foundation, increased balance and physical fitness as well as obedience, respect and confidence in the 4-H Handler.

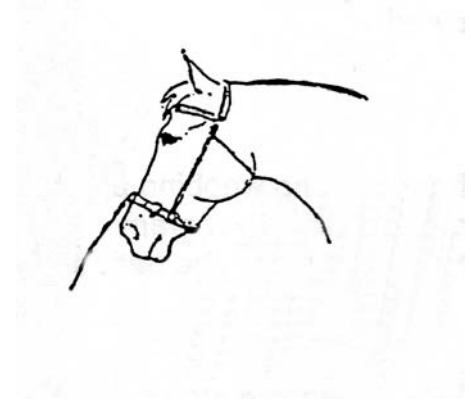
### **Eligibility**

Greenhorse Longe Line Classes will be open to yearlings through five years of age that have never been shown under saddle at any type of show (4-H, breed, open, schooling, zone, etc.). The handler must be an Intermediate or Senior 4-H Member.

### **Rules Regarding Tack & Appointments**

The 4-H Handler has a choice of one of the following:

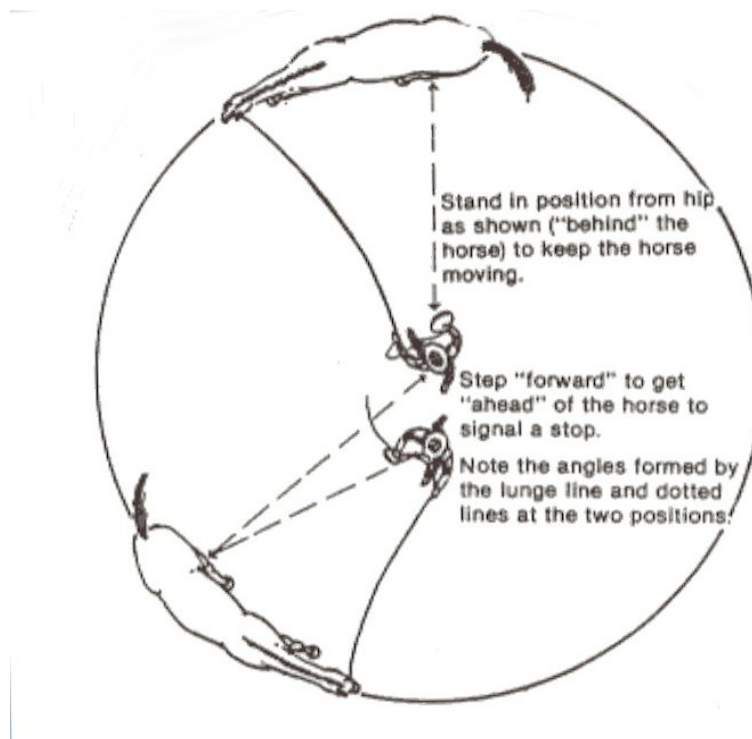
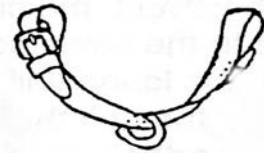
- Halter\* - Must be made of leather, rope or strong webbing and must be sturdy with a throatlatch. No Arabian show halters are allowed.
- Longeing Cavesson\*. (See picture to right).
- Headstall with snaffle bit\* - Headstall must be made of leather or strong webbing and have a throatlatch. (Snaffle bit is defined previously on page 40 in the Snohomish County 4-H Youth Horse Program Reference Guide under "Bit Definitions and Examples"). A halter may be used over the headstall to attach to the longe line.
- Any safe and humane combination of halter and/or longeing cavesson and/or headstall is permissible.
- The Longe Line must be made of leather, rope or strong webbing. The longe line may not have rips, tears, holes or knots in it. Minimum length of longe line shall be 20 feet if not cantering, otherwise 25 feet minimum (if cantering) and maximum length shall be 30 feet. The longe line may be snapped or buckled to the cavesson center ring, the halter center ring or the snaffle ring. With a snaffle bridle, the longe line without a chain may also be run through the bit ring and under the chin or over the poll then attached to the other bit ring. The longe line with or without a chain, may be run through the side ring and under the chin or over the nose and attached to the other halter ring or run through the ring and doubled back and attached so it hangs straight down under the chin. Chain may be run up the cheek.



## Optional Tack

(No equipment shall impede the horse's ability to work in a free forward frame).

- Longe chin strap that attaches to the bridle or halter. It must be made of leather or strong webbing with two snaps or buckles. The longe chin strap allows the horse to reverse without adjusting the line.
- Longe Whip or Driving Whip is permissible. Crops, bats and dressage whips are not allowed.
- Side-Reins; if used, they are to be fastened from snaffle rings directly to surcingle or saddle. Side-reins with elastic or "doughnut" are recommended. Tight side-reins shall be penalized. Tiedowns, martingales, overchecks, drawreins or other training devices are not allowed.
- Surcingle - with or without crupper.
- Saddle & pad - English saddle must have stirrups removed or "run up" the leathers so they do not flop. Western saddle must have stirrups removed (not tied).
- Protective leg wraps and boots including shin, splint and bell boots and flat wraps are encouraged.



## **Class Procedure**

- When entering the ring, walk on the left side of your horse at about the throatlatch area. Hold the longe line in your right hand 8" to 18" from the halter or longeing cavesson and carry the excess line in a figure eight or folded in your left hand (rope may not be coiled at any time).
- Walk briskly in the direction the Ring Secretary, Announcer or Judge directs you to, and then line up as directed. Set your horse up as you would for Showmanship. Stand quietly and use the quartering system.
- When you are signaled, move out of the line up to the longeing area quietly and promptly. Show your horse on the full length of the longe line at the walk, jog or trot and lope or canter both directions of the circle. Horses under two years of age are not to lope or canter. Two year-olds may lope or canter at their option, with no penalty imposed. Three to five year-olds must lope or canter. This is done a maximum of two circles at each gait, in each direction. When you have completed your circles, halt the horse, gather the excess line in your left hand (not coiled) and lead the horse back into the line.
- The reverse may be done either of two ways:
  1. Halt the horse on the circle, walk to the horse, turn it with your hand on the line close to the horse, make any adjustments necessary, return to the center of the circle and then ask the horse to move on.
  2. Remain standing in the center of the circle, at the walk or halt ask the horse to reverse, the horse should also maintain the walk or halt after the reverse.
- Either method for the reverse must be done quietly, with the horse turning willingly and under the complete control of the handler, not backing away, shying, or going forward before receiving a command from the handler.

## **Additional Test Judge May Ask For**

- Back.
- Walk out of line.
- Trot out of line.
- Halt on a long circle from a gait specified by the Judge.

## **Basis For Scoring**

10% on the Handler - Neat, clean and properly dressed. Attire suitable for the type of tack being used on the horse. Poised, confident, courteous, prompt, alert and attentive. The handler should use quiet, firm verbal commands. The whip is to be used for guidance, direction and encouragement, not as punishment. Yelling and excessive jerking will be penalized by the Judge. Swearing will result in immediate disqualification and dismissal.

30% on the Horse and Equipment - Horse should be clean and presented as for a Showmanship class. Horse should work both directions of the circle with willingness and attention to the handler. A horse displaying attitudes uncomplimentary to pleasure horses such as ear pinning, tail wringing or bared teeth will be penalized by the Judge. Bucking, biting, rearing, striking, kicking, bolting, running off or charging the handler or any other person or horse are serious faults. Such horses may be dismissed from the ring at the discretion of the Judge. All equipment must be clean, neat and fitted to the horse. If a horse's chin or nose area shows signs of broken skin, rawness or bleeding and/or whip marks are visible anywhere on the hide, the horse and the exhibitor will be eliminated from the class.

60% on Showing - Ability to show the horse to good advantage. To lead at the walk and trot, set up and move the horse as directed by the Judge. To longe at the walk, jog or trot (and lope or canter) both directions as well as halt and stand quietly. Handler must be able to follow directions as given by the Judge, Ring Secretary or Announcer.



## **In-Hand Trail Course Classes**

(Refer to PNW Contest Guide for basic procedures and rules.)

PURPOSE: The purpose of this class is to familiarize the horse and exhibitor to the trail course with a positive experience. The obstacles are designed to show the handling skills of the exhibitor and demonstrate the time and effort the exhibitor has spent working with their project horse on the ground. Offering this class in-hand rather than mounted allows participation of horses too young to be saddled or ridden, i.e., a yearling or a miniature horse. With the addition of the Non-Greenhorse Trail In-Hand Class, we have a class available for those riders wishing to begin training their horse for the Trail Class, offering the safety of maneuvering through the obstacles on the ground, rather than mounted. Since the main purpose of this class is to be to prepare the horse for mounted Trail Class, the exhibitor should position the horse at each obstacle as would a mounted exhibitor.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Greenhorse In-Hand Trail is open to Greenhorses (definition in Greenhorse Rules).
- Any level rider (not showing a Greenhorse) may opt to exhibit in the Non-Greenhorse In-Hand Trail Class.
- Horses shown in Non-Greenhorse In-Hand Trail Class cannot be shown in any other Trail Class at a Horse Show.

### **RULES**

- All horses will be shown in a clean, well-fitting halter and lead. A stud chain is optional and may be used over the nose or under the chin. Horse must be neatly groomed, tails must be combed out free (not tied up, knotted, wound, wrapped or braided) The exception: Traditional hunter-type braiding of tail is allowed for those exhibiting in Huntseat attire.
- Huntseat exhibitors may not show with a Hunt bridle.
- Quiet voice commands and encouragement are allowed. Excessive or loud cueing will be penalized. Gentle touching of the horse will be permitted for guidance.
- In-Hand Trail Classes are not medal-qualifying.
- Scoring shall be 0 to 10 points per obstacle or test, 10 being the highest.
- Tie-breaking will be done using the highest score on the following obstacles until the placings are determined:
  - Gate.
  - Bridge or platform.

- Side-pass.
- Windfall or other walk-over.
- Turns.

## **Harness Driving**

### **General Rules & Requirements**

- The vehicle and harness requirements specified in the PNW 4-H Horse Contest Guide shall be followed at all Driving shows, clinics, and events.
- Drivers may have one adult or senior member accompany them in the cart for safety, except in Medals classes. This person will serve as Header and must wear an ASTM/SEI Equestrian Approved helmet and boots or sturdy shoes. An appropriate vehicle must be used (i.e. able to safely seat two people) and consideration must be given to the total load pulled by the horse.
- Drivers should consult the PNW 4-H Horse Contest Guide and the PNW Driving Manual (PNW 229) for more information.
- Key gaits and movements include:
  - Walk - A free, regular and unconstrained walk of moderate extension is required. The horses should walk energetically, but calmly, with even and determined pace.
  - Slow Trot - The horse should maintain forward impulsion while showing submission to the bit. The trot is slower and more collected, but not to the degree required in the Collected Trot. However, the horse should indicate willingness to be driven on the bit while maintaining a steady cadence.
  - Working Trot - This is the pace between the strong and the slow trot, more round than the strong trot. The horse should go forward freely and straight; engaging the hind legs with good hock action; on a taut, but light rein; the position being balanced and unconstrained. The steps should be as even as possible. The hind feet touch the ground in the foot prints of the forefeet. The degree of energy and the impulsion displayed at the working trot denotes clearly the degree of suppleness and balance of the horse.
  - Strong Trot/Extended Trot (Trot On) - This is a clear, but not excessive, increase in pace and lengthening of stride while remaining well-balanced and showing appropriate lateral flexion on turns. Light contact to be maintained. Excessive speed will be penalized. The term "Trot On" should be used to call for the gait.
  - Halt - Horse and vehicle should be brought to a complete square stop without abruptness or veering. At the halt, horse should stand attentive, motionless and straight with weight evenly distributed over all four legs, ready to move off at the slightest indication of the driver.
  - Rein Back - Rein Back is defined as a backward movement in which the legs are raised and set down in diagonal pairs with the hind legs remaining well in line.

- The horse must move backward at least four steps in an unhurried manner with head flexed and straight pushing the carriage backwards evenly in a straight line. The driver should use quiet aids and light contact.
- If closing is called for, the horse and vehicle should move forward willingly to former position also using quiet aids.

## **Hunter-in-Hand**

### **Eligibility**

Participation is limited to equines (hereinafter “horses”) not exceeding 14.1hh. Horses are required to be a minimum of three (3) years of age to compete. Exhibitors must maintain control of their horse at all times. Unsafe participants will be dismissed and disqualified at any time. For administrative purposes, the class will be designated as a Harness Driving class.

### **Eligibility at Fair**

In order to participate in Hunter-in-Hand at the Snohomish County 4-H Horse Exhibit, the horse/exhibitor combination must have successfully completed at least one Hunter-in-Hand class at a Snohomish County 4-H Driving show within the 4-H year.

### **Tack**

Chains may be used but must not be placed in the horse’s mouth or over the horse’s nose. An approved helmet is required. Otherwise, showmanship-appropriate tack and attire are required (Western attire is permissible if the exhibitor is showing in Western attire in other classes). Whips are not permitted. Violation of these rules will cause disqualification for the class.

### **Course Design**

All courses for Hunter-in-Hand classes must be posted at least one (1) hour prior to the scheduled time of the class. Judge(s) shall walk Hunter course with designer and exhibitors. Course diagrams must show with arrows the direction each obstacle must be taken, and all jumps are to be numbered on the diagram in the order of sequence. A start and finish line must be established at least twenty-four (24) feet from the first and last obstacle if possible, indicated by two (2) markers at least four (4) feet apart. Horses (exhibitors optional) must cross the line in the proper direction to start and complete the course. Horses must stay within the course boundaries as outlined by the parameters of the arena. There will be a minimum of four (4) obstacles, and horses are to make a minimum of six (6) jumps and a maximum of eight (8) jumps. Hunters must demonstrate at least one, but no more than four (4) changes of direction.

Jumps for Hunters will be made of 1-1 1/2” schedule 40 PVC piping or other suitable lightweight material with jump cups, not to include pegs, nails, bolts, etc., or atop cones, markers, or other suitable objects. All jumps must be collapsible. Brush and other decorations may be placed beneath jumps and may not exceed a spread of eighteen (18) inches. All jumps must be a minimum of four (4) feet wide, with a minimum of eighteen (18) feet between jumps, with the exception of an in and out. In and outs should be set approximately twelve (12) feet apart. Post and rail jumps should, but are not required to, have a ground pole. All jumps, including jump-offs, are to be a minimum of twelve (12) inches and a maximum of twenty-four (24) inches in height. Any decorations or jump wings must not protrude more than twenty-four (24) inches from the uprights. Jump standards may not exceed forty (40) inches in height.

**Class Procedure**

A supervised warm-up jump may be offered for a short time before the class begins, and the warm-up jump may be one on the course or provided off the course.

Hunters are to be judged on a style, manners, and way of going with preference given to those horses that cover the course at an even pace, with free flowing strides, as in a brisk trot or canter, but must maintain the same gait throughout course. Circling once upon entering the ring and once upon leaving the ring is permissible. Charging fences or not maintaining the same gait throughout the entire course shall be penalized. Upon completion of the entire class over jumps, finalists will be trotted past the judge(s) for soundness check. Horses shall not be required to rejump the course. Baiting of horses to encourage an animal to perform any of the jumps is not allowed. Baiting in a Hunter-in-Hand class is a disqualification.

In and out is considered one obstacle and scored as such. Refusal of one element of an in and out requires the retaking of both elements. In and out must never be placed at the beginning of the course.

**Causes for elimination:**

- 3 Refusals
- Off course
- Crossing your own path (as in circling between fences, not as in retaking a fence from a refusal or when following a course design).
- Fall of horse or exhibitor
- Jumping of obstacle by exhibitor
- Failure to meet tack requirements
- An unsound horse (as determined by show management or the judge)
- Jumping of obstacle before being reset
- Failure to pass through the start and/or finish cones and/or knocking such cones over

**Major faults to be scored:**

- Knockdowns
- Touches
- Refusals
- Bucking or Kicking
- Spooking or shying
- Wringing of tail

- Showing an obstacle to horse
- Not maintaining an even pace

## **In-Hand Trail: Free-for-All**

This class is intended as a “fun” class at Driving shows. A set of six to ten obstacles will be posted at least an hour before the class is to be held. Each obstacle will have one or more maneuvers that can be completed for a given number of points based on level of difficulty and use of time.

### **Tack and Attire**

An approved helmet is required. A halter with throatlatch and a lead line suitable for the horse are required. Bridles are not allowed. A correctly attached chain may be used but it must be used properly (see showmanship equipment). Otherwise, showmanship-appropriate tack and attire are required. Whips/crops are not allowed. Boots and/or bandages on the horse are allowed.

### **Class Procedure**

Participants will have two (2) minutes to score as many points as possible by completing any of the obstacles in any order as many times as they choose. The same obstacle may not be used consecutively, regardless of whether it is used in a different maneuver. For example, a Participant may not back through an “L” and then sidepass the “L.”

### **Basis of Judging**

The judge may score maneuvers using either of the following methods, but must use the same method for all Participants:

- Up to the maximum points per maneuver based on handling, safety, manners, and quality of movement, or
- All-or-none based on whether the Participant fully completed the maneuver

In either method, no points will be awarded any time a Participant abuses or mistreats an animal or handles the animal in an unsafe manner. Participants should be dismissed from the class for this behavior.



## Obstacles and Maneuvers

The following is a non-inclusive list of obstacles and maneuvers in addition to suggested point values that may be used in a Free-for-All class. This list is intended for demonstrative purposes.

- Trees
  - Trot through 5 points
  - Back through 10 points
- “L”
  - Back through 5 points
  - Sidepass either direction 10 points
- Jump (up to 20”) 5 points
- Square / box
  - Pivot full 360° 5 points
  - Forehand turn 360° 5 points
  - Ground tie 10 points
  - Back around perimeter 15 points
- Serpentine of cones (5 or more)
  - Trot through 5 points
  - Walk through 10 points
  - Back through 15 points

## **Driving Trail**

### **General Rules**

- Exhibitors will drive over an irregular course consisting of a minimum of eight obstacles (although ten would be preferred).
- Trail Class patterns are to be posted at least one hour before class opening.
- The following tests can be chosen by the Course Designer to set up the Class:
  - Gate.
  - Bridge or platform.
  - Walk or trot between poles.
  - Back-through obstacle.
  - Water crossing or water box.
  - Walk with one wheel close to cone or rope.
  - Mailbox.
  - Walk up to, or pass by plastic, tarp, paper, canvas, brush, deadfall, logs, etc.
  - Halt and stand quietly.
  - Walk with one wheel raised on a post/plank at least 5" wide, no more than 4" tall and 6' long.
  - Carry an object.
  - Change of gaits.
  - Walk or trot with wheel between poles.
  - Serpentine / maneuver around trees.
  - Figure-eights.
  - Turns and pivots of varying degrees.
  - Back between cones to dislodge a pole.
  - Tie safety knots.
  - Questions regarding anatomy, trail riding or safety from 4-H or Washington State University publications.

- Markers indicating obstacles will be at least 12 inches wider than the outside hub of the wheels of each vehicle.
- Markers indicating obstacles will be at least 12 inches high.
- Lanes may be defined by rails at least three inches in diameter.

**Basis of Judging**

- The purpose of the competition is to test the skill of the driver and the obedience and handiness of the animal. Judging is based on performance, manner, accuracy and appropriateness of entry.
- Exhibitors will be marked down for refusals, displacing a marker, and hoof or wheel outside marker.
- Score per obstacle shall be zero to ten, with the highest score being a ten.
- The Danish System shall be used. The following formula is used to determine Danish Ribbon awards:
  - 78% and above and no one obstacle scoring less than 50% = Blue Danish Ribbon.
  - 68% through 77%, OR, 78% and above but with one or more obstacles scoring 50% or less = Red Danish Ribbon.
  - A score below 67% = White Danish Ribbon.

### **Other Driving Opportunities**

There are numerous opportunities to drive for recreation and competition. See the PNW Driving Manual (PNW 229) for more information on classes and events such as:

- Driven Dressage
- Cones courses
- Timed hazard/obstacle courses
- Trail driving
- Combined Driving Events and Arena Driving Trials

The American Driving Society and the Equestrian's Institute are other excellent resources.

## **Miscellaneous Classes**

### **Bridle Path Hack - Other than Hunter Type**

#### ***Class Procedure***

- Horses to be shown at an animated walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring.
- Horses are to line up on command.
- Horses are to stand quietly and back readily.

#### ***Basis of Judging***

To be judged 60% on performance, 20% on manners and 20% on conformation.

#### ***Appointments***

Full, unbraided tail and mane (no ribbons), or roached mane and tail: Exception: Missouri Fox Trotter, Tennessee Walking Horses and American Saddlebreds can be shown with a braid and ribbon as tradition indicates. No set or gingered tails allowed and must carry a natural foot. Single pads not to exceed 5/16" in thickness and shims permitted.

### **Bridle Path Hack**

#### ***Class Procedure***

- Horses to be shown at an animated walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring.
- Horses are to line up on command.
- Horses are to stand quietly and back readily.

#### ***Basis of Judging***

To be judged 60% on performance, 20% on manners and 20% on conformation.

#### ***Appointments***

Horses to be shown in regular Huntseat tack and Rider in typical Huntseat attire (as described earlier in Reference Guide).

### **Road Hack**

#### ***Class Procedure***

- To be shown both ways of the ring at a flat-footed walk, trot, fast trot, easy canter and hand gallop with ability to move on.
- No more than eight horses to gallop at one time.
- Light contact shall be maintained.
- Must stand quietly and back readily.

### ***Basis of Judging***

To be judged 60% on performance, 20% on manners and 20% on substance.

### **Color Class - Western or English**

#### ***Eligibility***

Open to Albinos, Appaloosas, Paints, Pintos, Palominos, Buckskins, Grullas, and Duns.

#### ***Rules***

Specifications are the same as in a Pleasure Class.

### ***Basis of Judging***

To be judged 25% on color, 50% on performance and manners, and 25% on conformation.

### **Weanlings and Yearlings**

#### ***Rules***

Basic rules of Showmanship to be followed with these exceptions:

- Divisions may be separated into two classes: Sucklings and Weanlings (Foals of the current year) and Yearlings (Foals of the previous year).
- No Stallions may be shown, with the exception of unaltered Weanling colts.
- Foals entered in this class may not be shown in any other class.
- Mares may be led into arena with foal of the current year. However, mare must stand 10 feet behind the foals in line. If mare is led out with the foal, she must walk at least 10 feet behind the foal taking precaution not to block the Judge's view.
- If mare and/or foals are unruly, they will be dismissed immediately.

### **Disciplined Rail-Regular Riders Only**

#### ***Class Procedure & Basis of Judging***

This is an equitation class in which the rider performs maneuvers as a group, as a rail equitation class (i.e. no individual work).

Disciplined rail is a class that tests the skills of both the horse and rider, as they execute specific gaits, transitions, and/or movements as requested by the judge. The horse should do what the rider asks with the least possible effort on the part of the rider and the least amount of resistance from the horse. The member will be judged on correct posture, smooth gait transitions, and effective use of aids, with special emphasis on light hands. The performance of the horse is not to be considered more important than the methods used by the rider in obtaining that performance

The judge is encouraged to call for reasonable tests of horsemanship with the rider demonstrating overall equitation as related to *seat and hands; performance; and member and appointments* as per the Equitation division of the Pacific Northwest 4H Contest Guide, current edition.

**This is not a game (i.e. “Simon Says”) or an elimination/out class.**

The following are some, but not all, of the maneuvers the judge may ask you to perform:

- Enter ring on right track
- Transitions to and from any gait, such as trot to canter, hand gallop to halt, halt to canter, trot to counter canter, etc. You may also be asked to perform a gait for a specific number of steps or strides.
- Extension and collection of any gait.
- Lope/canter on correct lead
- Starting and traveling on the incorrect lead/counter canter.
- Hand gallop/extended canter/extended lope (depending on seat and/or number of exhibitors)
- Change leads—simple, interrupted, or flying (Example: “As you pass in front of the judge, perform a simple change of lead.”)
- Ride without irons/stirrups and drop and pick up irons/stirrups
- Haunch or forward turn (need forward motion), judge may ask for specific number of degrees
- Turn on forehand and turn on hind quarter (once each way).
- Leg Yield such as away from and back to the rail.
- Side pass both away from the rail (at least five steps) and then back to the rail. • Transition from any gait to a balanced halt/stop
- Starting into a lope from a halt.
- Reverse at a jog/trot (but not at lope)
- Change of diagonals (English)
- Back
- Walk “on the buckle”.
- Stand for inspection or stop and stand quietly on a loose rein.
- Mount and dismount
- Answer questions from 4H project materials
- Judge may ask for additional safe work reflective of horsemanship and equitation

### **Matched Pairs - Western or English**

#### ***Class procedure***

Specifications are the same as Pleasure Classes.

Horses work in pairs, in both directions of the ring, at a walk, jog or trot, lope or canter and may be asked for additional tasks.



***Rules***

Novice riders are not allowed to compete in this class.

No Greenhorses allowed in Matched Pairs.

***Basis of Judging***

Judged 40% on uniformity of size and color of horses and attire of riders; and 60% on performance and manners of the pair.

***Costume Classes***

Participants are asked to use good judgement in Costume selection, please be conscious of others views regarding race, religion, culture etc.

***Class Procedure***

To enter the ring at a walk and proceeded around the arena until requested to line up for inspection.

***Rules***

May be offered as an Open Class or divided into sections as follows:

General Costume,

Arabian (if offered as a separate class, see Arabian Mounted Native Costume below for Class Procedure).

***Basis of Judging***

To be judged on originality, authenticity, completeness, and/or general appeal. Judge may ask questions regarding each entry.

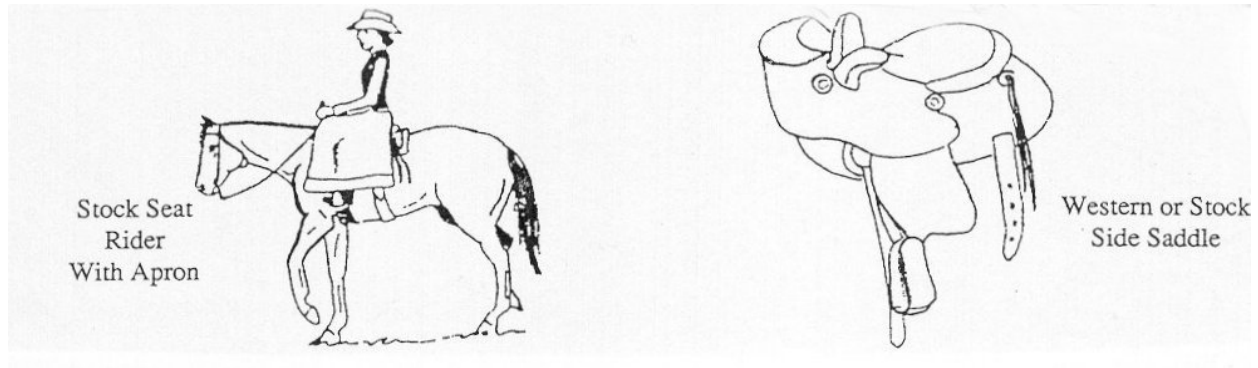
## **Ladies' Side Saddle**

(ASIDE RIDER)

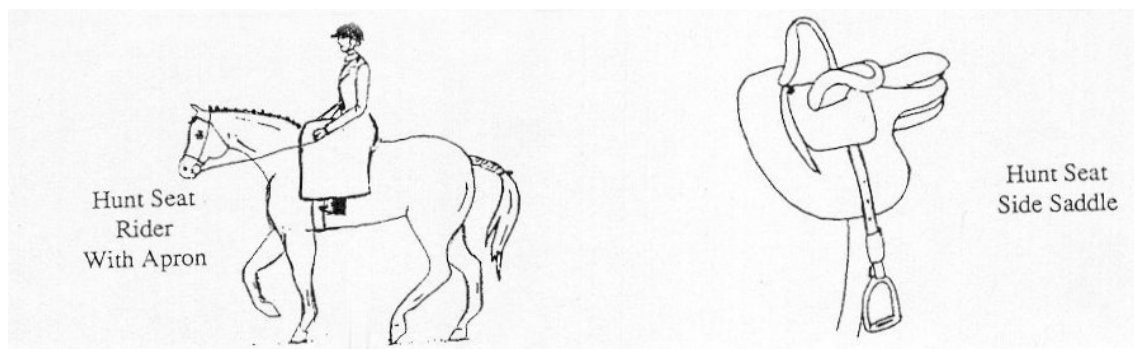
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#### ***Tack and Attire***

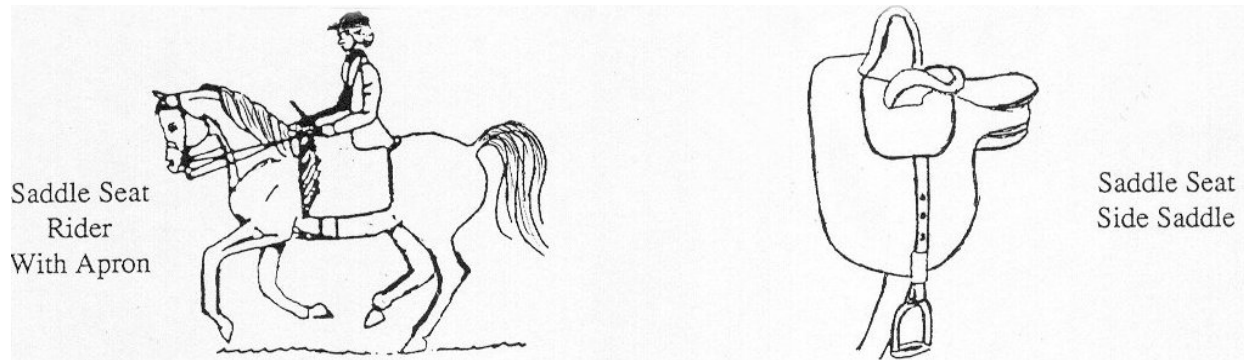
- Western Side Saddle to be ridden in Stockseat attire. The Western aside rider will wear the same attire as the astride rider with one exception - the aside rider will wear an apron or skirt over pants or divided skirt instead of pants.



- English Side Saddle to be ridden in either Huntseat or Saddleseat attire.
  - The Huntseat aside rider will wear the same attire as the astride rider with the addition of the safety apron.



- The Saddleseat aside rider will wear the same attire as the astride rider with the addition of the apron. The Saddleseat apron is longer than the Huntseat apron so that it covers the jodhpur pants.



“Modern” riding attire will be worn with the addition of a safety apron, skirt or divided skirt. Safety aprons are strongly advised to make mounting and dismounting safer. Safety aprons or skirts should be made of a heavy material and/or weighted down to prevent billowing and blowing from the legs. Breeches and riding boots (Huntseat) or jodhpur pants and jodhpur boots (Huntseat and Saddleseat) are worn under the English Side Saddle Rider’s safety apron or skirt. They should match in color and fabric.

- “Period” attire and veils allowed only in Costume Classes. Many of the special Side Saddle Classes offered in open shows are really Costume Classes. While the costume is part of the judging, the performance of the horse is the main area of judging. A lady’s mount should be well-mannered and well-schooled. An unruly horse should not place above one that is behaving, even if the costume is more attractive. In classes that allow the riders a choice of costumes, that is, Huntseat, Saddleseat, Western or a Period Costume, preference should not be given to one over another. The performance and tack should be consistent with the style of costume.
- Side Saddle Riders may use a whip to cue in place of the right leg. Huntseat Side Saddle Riders may carry a Staghorn whip (with long lash coiled in the hand) and a leather sandwich/flask case.
- Side Saddle Riders may wear only one spur.
- Only non-elastic girths are allowed (usually flat folded leather, not shaped) for safety reasons.

### ***Class Procedure***

- Side Saddle Riders are subject to all 4-H rules, class routines and Judge’s instructions for the class in which they are entered.
- Side Saddle Riders should be prepared to dismount and mount unassisted, if class routine calls for it.
- English Side Saddle Riders may choose to either post or sit the trot (either is correct), but must be consistent during the class.

- Side Saddle Riders are allowed in all classes except Over Fences, Walk-Trot/Jog, Novice Rider and Greenhorse.

### ***Equitation***

All rules of proper equitation apply to the aside rider just as to the astride rider with the exception that the right leg is on the left side of the horse (this would be reversed if the lady is riding an off-side, side-saddle). This leg should hang straight down, not slanting up the horse's neck. The right thigh should appear level, the knee should not be higher than the hip. The hands should be held on either side of the knee for English, and slightly above the knee for Western.

### ***Pleasure***

In a pleasure class, the horse is being judged, therefore, the rider and her style of saddle has no bearing on the placings given in the class. The horse ridden aside should perform all gaits, transitions and movements in the same manner as a horse ridden astride. A lady riding aside may cue her horse with a whip to replace the absent right leg, with no penalty.

## **Hunter Over Fences Classes**

Refer to the PNW 4-H Horse Contest Guide for class rules and PNW Horse Project Manual and PNW Hunter/Jumper manual for more information regarding Over Fences Classes

- Greenhorse riders may enter in ground pole classes ONLY.
- Novice riders may also enter ground pole classes ONLY.
- Walk/Trot level riders may NOT enter any classes at an Over Fences show.
- No cross entry of horse & rider between ground pole, cross pole, 2' and 2'6" divisions.

To compete Over Fences at the Evergreen Fair, you must have participated in at least one 4-H Over Fences class at a Hunter Over Fence show or clinic at the level in which you are entered.

## **Equitation Over Fences**

### ***Class Procedure***

- Offered in Cross Poles, 2' and 2'6" Regular divisions.
- To be shown over not less than six fences
- Courses will be run individually per horse/rider combination and will be posted at least one hour prior to the classes.
- Courses consist of at least six fences, with at least one change of direction. They progress in height and difficulty.

### ***Basis of Judging***

- Shall be judged on Rider's Equitation and ability to complete the course competently.
- Refusals, knockdown of fences, wrong leads, losing a stirrup or reins, excessive speed and trotting when not a specified part of a test will be considered major faults.

## **Working Hunters**

### ***Class Procedure***

- Offered in Cross Poles, 2' and 2'6" Regular divisions.
- To be shown over not less than six fences
- Courses will be run individually per horse/rider combination and will be posted at least one hour prior to the classes.
- Courses consist of at least six fences, with at least one change of direction. They progress in height and difficulty.

- When final placings are announced, riders may be asked to dismount and lead their horse in at a trot past the Judge (in the order they are called) so that they may be inspected for any unsoundness.

### ***Basis of Judging***

- Judged on performance, suitability and soundness. Manners shall be emphasized.
- Refusals, knockdown of fences, wrong leads, losing a stirrup or reins, excessive speed and trotting when not a specified part of a test will be considered major faults.

## **Handy Hunter**

### ***Class Procedure***

- Offered to Regular divisions only.
- Fences up to 2'9" to be shown over not less than six fences.
- Courses will be run individually per horse/rider combination and will be posted at least one hour prior to the classes.
- The course must have at least two changes of direction and at least one combination.
- Riders may be required to trot over one fence on the course, to lead over one obstacle, or open a gate while mounted.
- When final placings are announced, riders may be asked to dismount and lead their horse in at a trot past the Judge (in the order they are called) so that they may be inspected for any unsoundness.

### ***Basis of Judging***

- Judged on performance, suitability and soundness. Emphasis should be placed on turns and promptness.
- Refusals, knockdown of fences, wrong leads, losing a stirrup or reins, excessive speed and trotting when not a specified part of a test will be considered major faults.

## **Hunter Hack**

### ***Class Procedure***

- All riders and horses to enter the arena as a group.
- To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring.
- A pattern will be posted prior to the class or dictated by the judge.
- Judges may ask for the following movements: collected trot, extended trot, hand gallop, halt, haunch turn, forehand turn, rein back, dismount and remount, run up stirrups, lead, etc.

- Horses are required to jump two fences (not to exceed 2' - 6") and may be asked to hand gallop one way of the ring. No more than eight horses at a time may be asked to gallop.

### ***Rules***

- No Martingales (standing, running, etc.) are allowed.

### ***Basis of Judging***

- Judged on performance, suitability, and soundness. Manners shall be emphasized.

## **Hunter Under Saddle**

### ***Class Procedure***

- Offered to all participants and may be split by age groups or divisions.

To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring.

Hunter Under Saddle (U/S) classes are conducted on the flat with a group of horses.

No fences are to be jumped.

### ***Basis of Judging***

- Judged on performance, suitability, and soundness. Manners shall be emphasized.



## **Dressage Medals Program And Danish Awards**

- There shall be Dressage Medals for Seniors and Intermediates.
- To be eligible to ride for a Bronze Medal, riders must earn three Blue Danish Ribbons at three different Snohomish County 4-H Dressage Shows, or at the County Fair. Blue Danish Ribbons are earned **towards Medal Qualification**, at Training Level and above. The following formula is used to determine Danish Awards:
  - Blue = 58% and above
  - Red = 50.00% - 57.99%
  - White = 49.99% and below
- Senior qualifications and percentages for each Medal will be as follows:
  - Bronze Medal awarded for a score of 61.000% and above in Training Level Test 3 or above.
  - Silver Medal awarded for a score of 62.000% and above in First Level Test 1 or above.
  - Gold Medal awarded for a score of 63.000% and above in First Level Test 3 or above.
  - Platinum Medal awarded for a score of 65.000% and above in Second Level Test 2 or above.
- Intermediate qualifications and percentages for each Medal will be as follows:
  - Bronze Medal awarded for a score of 60.000% and above in Training Level Test 3 or above.
  - Silver Medal awarded for a score of 61.000% and above in First Level Test 1 or above.
  - Gold Medal awarded for a score of 62.000% and above in First Level Test 3 or above.
- Platinum Medal awarded for a score of 63.000% and above in Second Level Test 2 or above.

### **Eligibility**

- A rider may not ride for the next Medal until at least 48 hours after their last qualifying Blue Danish Ribbon or Medal has been earned.
- To be eligible for Bronze Medal Competition in any of the events, a 4-H Member must earn three Blue Danish Qualifying Ribbons in approved Qualifying Classes. Upon receipt of the qualifying Blue Danish Ribbon, a Member will become eligible for the Medals Program in 48 hours.
- Once qualified for the Medals Program, a Rider must ride in the Bronze Medal Classes (Member may not opt out of being Medal Qualified).

- Once a rider has earned a Bronze Medal they may continue to ride at the level at which they earn a medal until they feel ready to move up or until they earn three scores at or above 63% for Bronze Medal Winner, 64% for Silver Medal Winners and 65% for Gold Medal Winners.
- Silver Medal Competition is open only to Bronze Medal Winners.
- Gold Medal Competition is open only to Silver Medal Winners.
- Platinum Medal Competition is open only to a Rider who has won three Gold Medals.
- A Member may win only one Bronze and one Silver Medal in any event.
- A Member may win only three Gold Medals in each event.
- A Member may win as many Platinum Medals as he/she is capable of doing.

### **Dressage Scoring**

Scoring for Dressage Shows is based on published score sheets. The following criteria are used to determine placings:

- A Horse and Rider Combination can ride in two Dressage Tests (either the same or different), and receive a Danish Ribbon for each test, however, only the highest Danish Ribbon will count toward Medal-Qualifying Status. Danish Ribbons are based on the above percentages.
- After Danish Awards are determined placings are awarded by class. Classes will be split by Age Group and Level.
- Classes may be combined if needed. However, age groups may not be combined. Intro Level may not be combined. Basic Level and above may be combined if needed.
- Once Classes are placed, High Point and Reserve are awarded by age group based on the highest score received above Intro Level.
- Ties for class placings, high point and reserve will be broken by the highest Collective Marks score.
- The Judge's comments will be made available to the contestant.

### **Gold Medals Rules**

- Gold Medal scores are listed in the Dressage Medals Section of this book.
- All Exhibitors will receive comments from the Judge regarding their ride.
- No 4-H Member will receive more than three Gold Medals.

### **Platinum Rules**

- Platinum Medal scores are listed in the Dressage Medals Section of this book.
- All Exhibitors will receive comments from the Judge regarding their ride.
- A Member may earn as many Platinum Medals as he/she is capable of doing.

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## **Western Dressage Medals Program And Danish Awards**

### **General Rules**

- There shall be Western Dressage Medals for Seniors and Intermediates.
- To be eligible to ride for a Bronze Medal, riders must earn three Blue Danish Ribbons at three different Snohomish County 4-H Dressage Shows, or at the County Fair. Blue Danish Ribbons are earned toward Medal Qualification at Basic Level and above. The following formula is used to determine Danish Awards:
  - Blue = 58% and above
  - Red = 50.00% - 57.99%
  - White = 49.99% and below
- Senior qualifications and percentages for each Medal will be as follows:
  - Bronze Medal awarded for a score of 61.000% and above in Basic Level Test 4 or above.
  - Silver Medal awarded for a score of 62.000% and above in First Level Test 1 or above.
  - Gold Medal awarded for a score of 63.000% and above in First Level Test 4 or above.
  - Platinum Medal awarded for a score of 65.000% and above in 1<sup>st</sup> Level Freestyle or Second Level Test 2 or above.
- Intermediate qualifications and percentages for each Medal will be as follows:
  - Bronze Medal awarded for a score of 60.000% and above in Basic Level Test 4 or above.
  - Silver Medal awarded for a score of 61.000% and above in First Level Test 1 or above.
  - Gold Medal awarded for a score of 62.000% and above in First Level Test 4 or above.
  - Platinum Medal awarded for a score of 63.000% and above in Free Style (what level) or Second Level Test 2 or above.

### **Eligibility**

- A rider may not ride for the next Medal until at least 48 hours after their last qualifying Blue Danish Ribbon or Medal has been earned.
- To be eligible for Bronze Medal Competition in any of the events, a 4-H Member must earn three Blue Danish Qualifying Ribbons in approved Qualifying Classes. Upon receipt of the qualifying Blue Danish Ribbon, a Member will become eligible for the Medals Program in 48 hours. (SG question - assume this means Basic Level and above as is stated in the 2nd bullet point under General Rules. May be better to just say that.)

- Once qualified for the Medals Program, a Rider must ride in the Bronze Medal Classes (Member may not opt out of being Medal Qualified).
- Once a rider has earned a Bronze Medal they may continue to ride at the level at which they earn a medal until they feel ready to move up or until they earn three scores at or above 63% for Bronze Medal Winner, 64% for Silver Medal Winners and 65% for Gold Medal Winners. (SG question - should there be different move up % for intermediates?)
- Silver Medal Competition is open only to Bronze Medal Winners.
- Gold Medal Competition is open only to Silver Medal Winners.
- Platinum Medal Competition is open only to a Rider who has won three Gold Medals.
- A Member may win only one Bronze and one Silver Medal in any event.
- A Member may win only three Gold Medals in each event.
- A Member may win as many Platinum Medals as he/she is capable of doing.

### **Western Dressage Scoring**

Scoring for Western Dressage Shows is based on published score sheets. The following criteria are used to determine placings:

- A Horse and Rider Combination can ride in two Dressage Tests (either the same or different), and receive a Danish Ribbon for each test, however, only the highest Danish Ribbon will count toward Medal-Qualifying Status. Danish Ribbons are based on the above percentages.
- After Danish Awards are determined placings are awarded by class. Classes will be split by Age Group and Level.
- Classes may be combined if needed. However, age groups may not be combined. Intro Level may not be combined. Basic Level and above may be combined if needed.
- Once Classes are placed, High Point and Reserve are awarded by age group based on the highest score received above Intro Level.
- Ties for class placings, high point and reserve will be broken by the highest Collective Marks score.
- The Judge's comments will be made available to the contestant.

### **Gold Medals Rules**

- Gold Medal scores are listed above.
- All Exhibitors will receive comments from the Judge regarding their ride.

- No 4-H Member will receive more than three Gold Medals.

### **Platinum Rules**

- Platinum Medal scores are listed above.
- All Exhibitors will receive comments from the Judge regarding their ride.
- A Member may earn as many Platinum Medals as he/she is capable of doing.

## **Driving Medals Program**

### **Reinsmanship Medals**

#### ***General Rules***

There shall be Driving Reinsmanship Medals Program for Seniors and Intermediates.

Once qualified for the Medals Program, a Driver must drive in the appropriate Medal Classes (Member may not opt out of being Medal Qualified).

Drivers qualified for the Driving Reinsmanship Medals Program may not enter Regular Reinsmanship.

Each pattern will be posted for viewing at least one hour prior to the Medal Class.

Drivers will receive comments on their performance of the pattern.

Driving Reinsmanship Medal Classes will be placed to eight placings. Points earned will count toward High Point awards if offered.

#### ***Qualifying Classes***

All Regular Driving Reinsmanship Classes where Member receives a Blue Danish Ribbon at County Level, County Fair and/or Club Sponsored Horse Shows.

#### ***Eligibility***

A Driver may not drive for the next Medal until at least 48 hours after their last qualifying Blue Danish Ribbon or Medal has been earned.

To be eligible for Bronze Medal Competition in Driving, a 4-H Member must earn three Blue Danish Qualifying Ribbons in approved Qualifying Classes. Upon receipt of the qualifying Blue Danish Ribbon, a Member will become eligible for the Medals Program in 48 hours.

Silver Medal Competition is open only to Bronze Medal Winners.

Gold Medal Competition is open only to Silver Medal Winners. There are no copies available of the Gold Medal patterns to the exhibitors prior to the Class posting.

Platinum Medal Competition is open only to a Driver who has won three Gold Medals.

A Member may win only one Bronze and one Silver Medal in Driving Reinsmanship.

A Member may win only three Gold Medals in any Medals Class.

A Member may win as many Platinum Medals as he/she is capable of doing.

### ***Class Procedure***

Individual Performance of a pattern chosen by the Judge or Show Management.

### ***Basis of Judging***

25% Proper harnessing, hitching and condition of harness and horse, neatness.

35% Driver - Handling of reins, whip, control, posture and overall appearance.

40% Performance

The Judge's comments will be made available to the contestant.

### ***Platinum Medal Rules***

All Platinum Medal Exhibitors are to design their own individual pattern.

A copy of the pattern must be submitted to the Show Management at least one hour before the Class is to be performed. A copy will be supplied to the Judge prior to the Exhibitor's performance.

Cones and poles will be used at course designer's (exhibitor's) direction.

All Platinum Medal courses must use components from the following (non-inclusive) list:

- One (1) pivot of at least 180 degrees (1/2 turn) in each direction
- One change of direction.
- All gaits as defined in the PNW Contest guide. (walk, slow trot, working trot, extended trot)
- Rein back

This list is not inclusive; exhibitor is encouraged to create a pattern that highlights their skill level.

Music accompaniment will be allowed, but driver must provide the music and means to play it.

Costumes are optional, however, must meet appropriate 4-H attire guidelines.

All Exhibitors will receive comments from the Judge regarding their performance.

A Member may earn as many Platinum Medals as he/she is capable of doing.

Time allowed for setting of course and executing course is further defined in the Show Entry Rules.



## **Driving Trail Medals**

### **General Rules**

There shall be Driving Trail Medals Program for Seniors and Intermediates.

Once qualified for the Medals Program, a Driver must drive in the appropriate Medal Classes (Member may not opt out of being Medal Qualified).

Drivers qualified for the Driving Trail Medals Program may not enter Regular Reinsmanship.

Driving Trail Medal Classes will be placed to eight placings. Points earned will count toward High Point awards if offered.

Each pattern will be posted for viewing at least one hour prior to the Medal Class.

Drivers will receive comments on the performance of the pattern.

### **Eligibility**

A Driver may not drive for the next Medal until at least 48 hours after their last qualifying Blue Danish Ribbon or Medal has been earned.

To be eligible for Bronze Medal Competition in any of the events, a 4-H Member must earn three Blue Danish Qualifying Ribbons in approved Qualifying Classes.

Silver Medal Competition is open only to Bronze Medal Winners.

Gold Medal Competition is open only to Silver Medal Winners. There are no copies of the Gold Medal patterns available to the exhibitors prior to the Class posting.

Platinum Medal Competition is open only to a Driver who has won three Gold Medals.

A Member may win only one Bronze, one Silver, and three Gold Medals in Driving Trail.

A Member may win as many Platinum Medals as he/she is capable of doing.

Qualifications and percentages for each Medal will be as follows:

- Bronze Medal awarded for a score of 78% and above, with no obstacle scoring less than 50%.
- Silver Medal awarded for a score of 80% and above, with no obstacle scoring less than 50%.
- Gold Medal awarded for a score of 82% and above, with no obstacle scoring less than 50%.
- Platinum Medal awarded for a score of 84% and above, with no obstacle scoring less than 50%.

**Basis of Judging**

Score per obstacle shall be zero to ten, with the highest score being a ten.

A minimum score of five points per obstacle (50%) is required for any Medal awarded and/or for a Blue Danish Award.

An incomplete obstacle cannot score higher than a four (or 40% for that one obstacle).

Tie-breaking will be done using the highest score on the following obstacles /maneuvers until the placings are determined:

- Back.
- Pivot (If more than one pivot is included, the largest will be used for tie-breaking)
- Wheel through poles.
- Halt and stand quiet.
- Maneuver around trees.

**Platinum Requirements**

- Available course will contain at least 8 obstacles/judgeable sections and no more than 10. Drivers have the option to reuse an obstacle once and must use at least 6 of the available obstacles.
- Maneuvers may be grouped to combine obstacles; however, there must be 8 judgeable sections.
- The following obstacles/maneuvers must be included as separate judgeable sections: rein-back, pivot both directions, trot-through trees or cones, wheel between poles (walk or trot), and halt and stand quiet.
- The course must remain substantially as set. Drivers can use any obstacles available. Minor adjustments to existing obstacles and the use of additional cones, per approval by show management, will be allowed.
- Show management will provide a blank course and the participant must present the drawn pattern and a written description for each of the obstacles to show management prior to driving a course. Pattern and description must be submitted at least one hour prior to the class.
- Music accompaniment will be allowed, but driver must provide the music and means to play it.
- Level of difficulty will be considered in scoring and the awarding of medals

## **Advanced Bareback Classes**

### **Purpose**

- To allow the skilled bareback rider another challenge.

### **Eligibility**

- All Advanced Bareback Classes are limited to Intermediate and Senior 4-H Members.
- Members reach eligibility once they have won three (3) Blue Danish Ribbons in Regular Bareback Equitation in one seat at the county shows and/or Fair.
- Eligible members may not enter Regular Bareback Equitation in the seat in which they are qualified for Advanced Bareback Equitation except at Fair.

### **Class Procedures**

- Rules for Advanced Bareback Equitation are the same as Regular Equitation but the judge will call for additional tests, i.e. lengthen gaits, counter canter/lope, etc.

## **Equitation Medals Program**

(Patterns are available on the listserv)

### **Divisions**

There shall be four divisions of Medals Program:

- Bronze.
- Silver.
- Gold.
- Platinum.

### **Seats or Disciplines**

Each division shall be offered (horses and ponies combined):

- Huntseat Equitation.
- Saddleseat Equitation.
- Western Equitation.

### **Age Groups**

Within each Division the Grade Groups will be:

- Senior.
- Intermediate.
- There is no Medals Program available for Juniors.

### **Qualifying Classes**

- Regular Equitation Classes at County Shows (sponsored by the Snohomish County 4-H Youth Horse Program) will be qualifying classes.
- Regular Equitation Classes at Fair will be qualifying classes.
- Regular Equitation Classes at Approved 4-H Club sponsored Horse Shows will be qualifying classes, if indicated in the Class List.
- Novice Classes are not qualifying classes.

### **Class Size**

Medal participants will ride against a "Standard" with no minimum number of riders required.

### **Medals Awarded**

There will be no maximum number of Medals awarded, however, no medals need be given.

**Judges**

Judges approved by the Horse Show Committee for each "Seat" will be used for judging Medal Classes. They will be required to write comments, which will be made available to the Riders.

### **Eligibility for Participation in the Medals Program**

- Must be a currently enrolled Intermediate or Senior 4-H Member in the Snohomish County 4-H Youth Horse Program.
- All Members competing in Medals Classes must ride his/her Project Horse to be eligible for a Medal.
- Once qualified for the Medals Program, a Rider must ride in the appropriate Medal Classes (Member may not opt out of being Medal Qualified).
- Medal riders at County Shows must enter at least two other classes, regardless of seat, to be eligible to ride in Medal Classes for a total of three classes minimum.
- When a Medal Rider with a Greenhorse progresses out of Greenhorse Classes or acquires a horse under 5 years of age that has not previously been shown in medal classes and has only the one Project Horse, the rider may apply to go back to Regular Equitation classes and re-qualify for medals in order to gain additional experience with their Greenhorse.
- Any horse shown in a snaffle bit in Western Medals class will be placed, but is not eligible to receive a medal.

### **QUALIFICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN MEDAL COMPETITION**

- To be eligible for Bronze Medal Competition in any Class, a 4-H Member must earn three Blue Danish Qualifying Ribbons in the same Class on a project horse, in approved Qualifying Classes. Upon receipt of the qualifying Blue Danish Ribbon, a Member will become eligible for the Medals Program in 48 hours.
- Silver Medal Competition is open only to Bronze Medal Winners.
- Gold Medal Competition is open only to Silver Medal Winners.
- Platinum Medal Competition is open only to a Rider who has won three Gold Medals.
- A Member may win only one Bronze and one Silver Medal in each discipline and in each Grade Division.
- A Member may win only three Gold Medals in each seat or discipline.
- A Member may win as many Platinum Medals as he/she is capable of doing.
- A Member may not compete for more than one Medal, in any one seat, on the same day.
- When an Intermediate Member graduates to the Senior Division he/she will begin again to earn the required three Danish Blue Ribbons to be eligible for Senior Bronze Medal Equitation Classes.

- Stockseat Medal Riders may not enter Regular Stockseat Equitation Classes, except at County Fair where they may enter both their Medal Class and Regular Stockseat Equitation.
- Huntseat Medal Riders may not enter Regular Huntseat Equitation Classes, except at County Fair where they may enter both their Medal Class and Regular Huntseat Equitation.
- Saddleseat Medal Riders may ride in any other Saddleseat Equitation Classes, except Novice.

## **CLASS PROCEDURES**

- Individual performance shall be required in all Medal Classes.
- Patterns for Bronze and Silver Contestants are available in the Reference Guide.
- All Bronze Medal Pattern participants will perform patterns that have all contestants in the arena at the same time. There will be a Starting Line and a Finish Line to each pattern (these may be in the same or different positions). The purpose of this is to make the transition from Regular Equitation to Pattern Riding a little more gradual and to shorten the amount of time taken by the Bronze Medal Equitation Classes.
- A contestant who is "Off Course" will not receive a Medal. Definition of "Off Course" - Failure to complete any or all elements of a pattern in proper sequence, i.e. leaving the designated boundaries of the arena.
- Gold Medal Procedures are defined in this Reference Guide.
- Platinum Medals are defined in this Reference Guide.

## **GOLD MEDAL RULES**

- Huntseat and Western patterns must include at least one flying or simple change of lead.
- Markers or cones will be used as shown in the pattern.
- Huntseat Equitation Medal Classes will be placed to eight placings. Points earned will count toward High Point awards, if offered. Huntseat Medal Riders may not ride in the regular equitation class except at Fair. See Equitation Test Options for more details.
- Western Equitation Medal classes will be placed to eight placings. Points earned will count toward High Point awards, if offered. Western Medal Riders may not ride in the regular equitation class except at Fair. See Equitation Test Options for more details.
- Saddleseat Equitation Medal classes will be placed to eight placings. No points will be earned toward High Point awards. Saddleseat Medal Riders are allowed to ride in their regular Equitation classes at both County Horse Shows and County Fair. See Equitation Test Options for more details.
- All Exhibitors will receive comments from the Judge regarding their ride.
- No 4-H Member will receive more than three Gold Medals per Age Group.

## **PLATINUM MEDAL RULES**

- All Platinum Medal Exhibitors are to design their own individual pattern.
- A copy of the pattern must be submitted to the Show Committee via the Show Office on the day the Class is to be performed. A copy will be supplied to the Judge prior to the Exhibitor's performance.



- Huntseat and Western patterns must include at least one flying change of lead.
- Cones will be used at course designer's (exhibitor's) direction.
- All Platinum Medal courses must use a minimum of six components from the Pattern Equitation Test Options from following page.
- Course may be set to music, if desired. (The type of sound system available at ESF cannot be guaranteed. Please be prepared with equipment and complete a sound check the night before your class or prior to the start of classes.) Huntseat Equitation Medal Classes will be placed to eight placings. Points earned will count toward High Point awards, if offered. Huntseat Medal Riders may not ride in the regular equitation class except at Fair.
- Western Equitation Medal classes will be placed to eight placings. Points earned will count toward High Point awards, if offered. Western Medal Riders may not ride in the regular equitation class except at Fair.
- Saddleseat Equitation Medal classes will be placed to eight placings. No points will be earned toward High Point awards. Saddleseat Medal Riders are allowed to ride in their regular Equitation classes at both County Horse Shows and County Fair.
- All Exhibitors will receive comments from the Judge regarding their ride.
- A Member may earn as many Platinum Medals as he/she is capable of doing.

## **Pattern Equitation Test Options**

The following list contains the elements that can be incorporated into Gold and Platinum Medal Equitation Patterns. Platinum Medal Equitation patterns MUST incorporate at least one maneuver in each of the four sections listed under the discipline. (with a minimum of 6 components)

### **SADDLESEAT**

Pick up reins. Back up to eight steps. Feet disengaged from stirrup irons; feet engaged with stirrup irons (at a halt only).
Figure eight(s) at a trot demonstrating change of diagonal. Serpentine at a trot demonstrating change of diagonal. Trot down center of arena or down rail demonstrating change of diagonal.
Figure eight(s) at a canter demonstrating simple change of lead. Serpentine at a canter demonstrating simple change of lead. Canter down center of arena demonstrating simple change of lead.
Ride without stirrup irons at a trot (for no more than 1 minute, drop stirrup irons at a halt, pick up at walk or halt). Ride without stirrup irons at a canter (drop stirrup irons at a halt, pick up at walk or halt).

### **HUNTSEAT**

Halt for 4 to 6 seconds. Back up to 8 steps Hand gallop and halt.
Figure eight(s) at a trot demonstrating change of diagonal. Serpentine at a trot demonstrating change of diagonal. Trot down center of arena or down rail demonstrating change of diagonal.
Figure eight(s) at a canter demonstrating flying or simple change of lead. * Serpentine at a canter demonstrating flying or simple change of lead. * Canter down center of arena demonstrating flying or simple change of lead. *
Execute half turn(s) on the haunches. Execute half turn(s) on the forehand. Canter on the counter lead.

### **Western**

Figure eight(s) at a jog. Serpentine at a jog.
Lope down center of arena demonstrating a flying or simple change of lead.* Figure eight(s) at a lope demonstrating flying or simple change of lead.* Serpentine at a lope demonstrating flying or simple change of lead. *
Execute 360 degree turn(s) on the haunches. Execute 360 degree turn(s) on the forehand. Execute rollback(s). Lope on the counter lead.
Demonstrate stop from lope. Ride without stirrups. Back up to 8 steps.

**\*Platinum Huntseat and Western patters must include a minimum of one flying lead change.**

## **Equitation Over Fences Medals Program**

### **GENERAL RULES**

- There shall be Equitation Over Fences Medals for Seniors and Intermediates.
- Regular Equitation Over Fences Classes will count toward the required three Blue Danish Ribbons to qualify to ride for a Bronze Medal. Crosspole Equitation Classes and 2' Equitation Classes will not count.
- Riders may ride in both Equitation Over Fences Medals Class and Regular Equitation Over Fences Class.
- For Medal Purposes, Huntseat Equitation and Equitation Over Fences are considered separate "Seats", therefore a rider may ride for a Huntseat Medal and an Equitation Over Fences Medal at the same show.

### **COURSES**

- Will be designed by the Jumping Coordinator and approved by the Judge.
- Will be posted at least one hour prior to the Medal Classes.
- Will consist of at least six fences, with at least one change of direction. Possible elements of the courses are listed below. They progress in height and difficulty.

### **JUDGING CRITERIA**

- Shall be judged on Rider's Equitation and ability to complete the course competently.
- Refusals, knockdown of fences, wrong leads, loosing a stirrup or reins, excessive speed and trotting when not a specified part of a test will be considered major faults.
- A rider who is "off course" will not receive a Medal.

## EQUITATION OVER FENCES MEDAL PROGRAM TESTS

In addition to typical types of fences, the following tests can be included in the Equitation Over Fences Medal Program:

<b><i>Bronze</i></b>	<b><i>Silver</i></b>	<b><i>Gold</i></b>
Fence height not to exceed 2'6"	Fence height not to exceed 2'9"	Fence height not to exceed 3'
Spread up to 2'	Spread up to 2' 6"	Spread up to 3'.
Double Combination	Double Combination (one stride minimum)	Triple Combination (one stride minimum)
Halt 4 to 6 seconds between	At least two changes in direction	Narrow fence (9 foot poles)
Jumps	Turn on forehand	Reinback (from halt)
Turn on the haunches	Roll back	Counter canter a jump
Bending line	Trot over a jump	Swedish Oxer
Fence at the end of the ring	Any of the Bronze tests	Any of the Bronze or Silver tests
<b><i>Platinum</i></b> Blank course will be made available to rider on the day of the show and must be submitted to show management and judge within one hour of class. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Course must contain 10 obstacles and many utilize any of the Bronze, Silver, or Gold tests.</li><li>• The following obstacles/maneuvers must be included in a Platinum test: gate, panel, or picket fence; oxer; triple combination; rollback; and reinback.</li><li>• At least 3 fences must be set to Gold standards (Fence height not to exceed 3' and spreads to 3')</li><li>• Riders have the option to reuse an obstacle once and must use at least 8 of the available obstacles.</li><li>• Minimal course changes or resets will be allowed with show management approval.</li><li>• Music accompaniment will be allowed. Rider must provide the music and the means to play it.</li></ul>		

## **Showmanship Medals Program**

Showmanship Medals are available in Western Games Showmanship, Performance Showmanship and Driving Showmanship. Members must qualify in each Division and may not cross enter Showmanship Medals Classes unless qualified.

### **General Rules**

- Showmanship Medals are available in Western Games Showmanship, Performance Showmanship and Driving Showmanship. Members must qualify in each Division and may not cross enter Showmanship Medals Classes.
- There shall be two Age Groups for Showmanship Medals, Seniors and Intermediates. When an Intermediate Member graduates to the Senior Division he/she will begin again to earn the required three Blue Danish Ribbons to be eligible for Bronze Medal Showmanship Classes.
- For the purposes of the Driving and Performance Showmanship Medals Program, there will be no differentiation between performing in English or Western tack and attire. A 4-H Showmanship Medals Class exhibitor must show in the appropriate appointments for the Class as described, (i.e., must show in Western attire and tack for Stockseat Showmanship Medals Class).
- Showmanship Medal Classes will be placed to eight placings. Points earned will count toward High Point awards, if offered. Showmanship Medal Exhibitors may not exhibit in the Regular Showmanship class except at Fair and at County Driving Shows..

### **Eligibility**

- To be eligible to show for a Bronze Medal, an Exhibitor must earn three Blue Danish Ribbons in Showmanship at three different Snohomish County Horse Shows, or at the County Fair.
- To be eligible for Bronze Medal Competition in Showmanship, a 4-H Member must earn three Blue Danish Qualifying Ribbons in approved Qualifying Classes. Upon receipt of the qualifying Blue Danish Ribbon, a Member will become eligible for the Showmanship Medals Program in 24 hours.
- To participate in Showmanship Medals, an Exhibitor must adhere to the rules of the class, i.e. must show in English appointments for English Showmanship, must show in Western appointments for Western Showmanship.
- Silver Medal Competition is open only to Bronze Medal Winners.
- Gold Medal Competition is open only to Silver Medal Winners.
- Platinum Medal Competition is open only to an Exhibitor who has won three Gold Medals in Showmanship.
- A Member may win only one Bronze and one Silver Medal in any event.

- A Member may win only three Gold Medals in each event.
- A Member may win as many Platinum Medals as he/she is capable of doing.

### **Gold Medal Rules**

- The Show Chair or other Show Management will select a pattern from the Gold Medal file for Intermediate and Senior Showmanship Gold Medal Exhibitors.
- Each pattern will be posted for viewing at least one hour prior to the Medal Class. There are no copies available of the Gold Medal patterns to the exhibitors prior to the Class posting.
- Cones will be set up as illustrated in the pattern description.
- Showmanship Medal Classes will be placed to eight placings. Points earned will count toward High Point awards, if offered. Showmanship Medal Exhibitors may not exhibit in the regular Showmanship class except at Fair.
- At County Fair, a Medal-Qualified Showmanship Exhibitor will have the opportunity to do a minimum of two patterns, one for the Medal level (which is not placed) and one for the Regular Showmanship Class. Call backs will compete in a Championship Class which is placed.
- All Exhibitors will receive comments from the Judge regarding their ride.
- No 4-H Member will receive more than three Gold Medals.

### **Platinum Medal Rules**

- All Platinum Medal Exhibitors are to design their own individual pattern.
- A copy of the pattern must be submitted to the Show Committee via the Show Office on the day the Class is to be performed. A copy will be supplied to the Judge prior to the Exhibitor's performance.
- Cones will be used at course designer's (exhibitor's) direction.
- All Platinum Medal courses must use components from the following (non-inclusive) list:
- Showing horse from either the near side or the off side.
- Setting up for inspection, showing knowledge of the Quartering System.
- Turns, including pivots, haunch turns, forehand turns of varying degrees.
- Backing.
- Side passing.
- Trotting or jogging (may be in circles, straight lines, around cones or serpentine).
- This list is not inclusive, exhibitor is encouraged to create a pattern that highlights their skill level.

- Course may be set to music, if desired. (The type of sound system available at ESF cannot be guaranteed. Please be prepared with equipment and complete a sound check the night before your class or prior to the start of classes.)
- Costumes are optional, however, must meet appropriate 4-H attire guidelines.
- Pattern may be performed at liberty (without halter and lead or with halter and without lead).
- Showmanship Medal Classes will be placed to eight placings. Points earned will count toward High Point awards, if offered. Showmanship Medal Exhibitors may not exhibit in the regular Showmanship class except at Fair.
- All Exhibitors will receive comments from the Judge regarding their performance.
- A Member may earn as many Platinum Medals as he/she is capable of doing.
- Time allowed for setting of course and executing course is further defined in the Show Entry Rules.



## **Trail Class Medals Program**

### **General Rules**

- For the purposes of the Trail Class Medals Program, there will be no differentiation between English and Western tack and attire. To participate in Trail Class Medals, a Rider must adhere to the rules of the class, i.e. must show in English appointments for English Trail Class, must show in Western appointments for Western Trail Class.
- Any horse shown in a snaffle bit in Western Medals Trail Class will be placed but is not eligible to receive a medal.
- To be eligible to ride for a Bronze Medal, riders must earn three Blue Danish Ribbons at a Snohomish County 4-H Show, or at the County Fair. Blue Danish Ribbons are earned based on total score on the course. The following formula is used to determine Danish Ribbon awards:
  - 78% and above and no one obstacle scoring less than 50% = Blue Danish Ribbon.
  - 68% through 77%, OR, 78% and above but with one or more obstacles scoring 50% or less = Red Danish Ribbon.
  - A score below 67% = White Danish Ribbon.
- Qualifications and percentages for each Medal will be as follows:
  - Bronze Medal awarded for a score of 78% and above, with no obstacle scoring less than 50%.
  - Silver Medal awarded for a score of 80% and above, with no obstacle scoring less than 50%.
  - Gold Medal awarded for a score of 82% and above, with no obstacle scoring less than 50%.
  - Platinum Medal awarded for a score of 84% and above, with no obstacle scoring less than 50%.
- The course must have a minimum of eight obstacles (although ten would be preferred).
- The following tests can be chosen by the Course Designer to set-up the Class:
  - Gate.
  - Bridge or platform.
  - Walk-over or lead-over.
  - Back-through obstacle.

- Bank.
- Water crossing or water box.
- Mailbox.
- Mounting and dismounting (from either side).
- Side-pass.
- Walk-through brush or deadfall.
- Walk up to, or pass by plastic, tarp, paper or canvas.
- Logs.
- Put on, or remove a coat or slicker.
- Carry an object.
- Change of gaits.
- Jog-over/Trot-over.
- Lope-over/Canter-over.
- Serpentine.
- Turns,(i.e. forehand, haunch, pivots) of varying degrees.
- Tie safety knots.
- Questions regarding anatomy, trail riding or safety from 4-H or Washington State University publications.
- Trail Class Medal patterns are to be posted a minimum of one hour before class opening.

### **Eligibility**

- There shall be two Age Groups for Trail Class Medals, Seniors and Intermediates. When an Intermediate Member graduates to the Senior Division he/she will begin again to earn the required three Blue Danish Ribbons to be eligible for Bronze Medal Trail Classes.
- A rider may ride for the next Trail Class Medal Level at the next available opportunity. There is no waiting period.
- To be eligible for Bronze Medal Competition in any of the events, a 4-H Member must earn three Blue Danish Qualifying Ribbons in approved Qualifying Classes. Upon receipt of the

qualifying Blue Danish Ribbon, a Member will become eligible for the Trail Class Medals Program.

- Silver Medal Competition is open only to Bronze Medal Winners.
- Gold Medal Competition is open only to Silver Medal Winners.
- Platinum Medal Competition is open only to a Rider who has won three Gold Medals.
- A Member may win only one Bronze and one Silver Medal in any event.
- A Member may win only three Gold Medals in each event.
- A Member may win as many Platinum Medals as he/she is capable of doing.

#### **Basis of Judging**

- Score per obstacle shall be zero to ten, with the highest score being a ten.
- A minimum score of five points per obstacle (50%) is required for any Medal awarded and/or for a Blue Danish Award.
- An incomplete obstacle cannot score higher than a four (or 40% for that one obstacle).
- Tie breaking will be done using the highest score on the following obstacles until the placings are determined:
  - Gate.
  - Bridge or platform.
  - Side-pass.
  - Windfall or other walk-over.
  - Turns.

### **Gold Medal Rules**

- Gold Medal Qualified Riders must score an 82% or better, with no one obstacle scoring below a 50% to receive a Gold Medal.
- Trail Medal Classes will be placed to eight placings. Points earned will count toward High Point awards if offered. Trail Class Medal Riders may not ride in the regular Trail Class including all County Shows and County Fair.
- All Exhibitors will have access to the comments from the Judge regarding their ride.
- No 4-H Member will receive more than three Gold Medals.

### **Platinum Medal Rules**

- Available course will contain 10 obstacles-riders have the option to reuse an obstacle once and must use at least 8 of the available obstacles.
- Maneuvers may be grouped to combine obstacles; however there must be 10 judgeable sections.
- The following obstacles/maneuvers must be included for Platinum: bridge, gate, sidepass, back, change of lead, forehand turn, haunch turn and ground tie. (required obstacles should be in separate judgeable sections)
- A minimum of a 180 degree Haunch and forehand turn is a mandatory part of the pattern.
- Minimum 4 step backup is a mandatory part of the pattern.
- For ground tying Platinum Trail patterns must include a minimum distance of 4 steps away from horse when ground tied and be a minimum of five seconds.
- Riders can use any obstacle available but cannot move them around or bring additional items.
- Trail supervisor(s) will provide a blank course and the participant must present the drawn pattern and a second sheet with a written description for each of the 10 obstacles to the Judge prior to riding the course. It is recommended that you present your pattern and description 30 minutes before riding.
- Music accompaniment will be allowed, but rider must provide the music and the means to play it.
- Platinum Medal Qualified Riders must score an 84% or better, with no one obstacle scoring below a 50% to receive a Platinum Medal. Platinum Trail scoring will include a scored level of difficulty for each Platinum pattern
- Platinum Trail patterns must differ between English and Western patterns with at least five changes to the patterns.

- Trail Medal Classes will be placed to eight placings. Points earned will count toward High Point awards if offered. Trail Class Medal Riders may not ride in the regular Trail Class including all County Shows and County Fair.
- All Exhibitors will receive comments from the Judge regarding their ride.
- A Member may earn as many Platinum Medals as he/she is capable of doing.

## **Western Games Medals Program**

### **General Rules**

- There shall be six Medal Events and one Medal Class:
- Western Barrels.
- Pole Bending.
- Key Race.
- Two-Barrel Flags.
- Idaho Figure Eight
- International Flags.
- Showmanship

Each of the above events will offer four levels of competition:

- Bronze.
- Silver.
- Gold.
- Platinum (times to be determined).
- There shall be Western Games Medals for Seniors and Intermediates.
- There will be no Medals Events for Juniors.
- Qualification Times will be reviewed by the Western Games Committee annually or on written request. Recommendations for changes will be submitted to the Rules Committee for approval by the Horse Program.
- The Western Games Committee will maintain the current times required for both qualifying classes (Danish System Ribbons) and for times required for Medals Awards.

### **Eligibility**

- Must be a currently enrolled Intermediate or Senior 4-H Member in the Snohomish County 4-H Youth Horse Program.
- To be eligible for Bronze Medal Competition in any of the events, a 4-H Member must earn three Blue Danish Qualifying Ribbons in the same event on a Project Horse, in approved

Qualifying Classes. Upon receipt of the qualifying Blue Danish Ribbon, a Member will become eligible for the Medals Program in 48 hours.

- Silver Medal Competition is open only to Bronze Medal Winners.
- Gold Medal Competition is open only to Silver Medal Winners.
- Platinum Medal Competition is open only to a Rider who has won three Gold Medals.
- A Member may win only one Bronze and one Silver Medal in each event.
- A Member may win only three Gold Medals in each event.
- A Member may win as many Platinum Medals as he/she is capable of doing.
- A Member may not compete for more than one Medal in the same event on the same day.

Western Games Danish And Medal Times:

***SENIORS***

	<b>Platinum</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze</b>	<b>Blue</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>White</b>
Poles	23.000 or less	23.300	23.700	24.100	25.999 or less	29.999 or less	30.000+
Idaho Figure 8	19.000 or less	19.250	19.350	19.450	19.999 or less	21.999 or less	22.000+
2 Barrel Flags	8.800 or less	9.100	9.400	9.500	13.999 or less	16.999 or less	17.000+
International Flags	8.500 or less	8.650	8.750	8.850	9.399 or less	10.999 or less	11.000+
Key Race	9.000 or less	9.200	9.300	9.400	9.899 or less	11.999 or less	12.000+
Barrels	15.500 or less	15.900	16.100	16.300	16.999 or less	18.999 or less	19.000+

***INTERMEDIATE***

	<b>Platinum</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze</b>	<b>Blue</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>White</b>
Poles	23.200 or less	23.700	24.100	25.000	26.999 or less	33.999 or less	34.000+
Idaho Figure 8	19.200 or less	19.400	19.600	19.900	21.199 or less	24.899 or less	24.900+
2 Barrel Flags	8.950 or less	9.500	10.500	11.500	15.999 or less	21.599 or less	21.600+
International Flags	8.600 or less	8.800	9.000	9.200	9.799 or less	13.999 or less	14.000+
Key Race	9.200 or less	9.300	9.400	9.600	10.499 or less	12.699 or less	12.700+
Barrels	16.000 or less	16.100	16.300	16.700	17.699 or less	20.599 or less	20.600+

***JUNIORS***

	<b>Blue</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>White</b>
Poles	32.199 or less	41.499 or less	41.500 or less
Idaho Figure 8	26.199 or less	31.499 or less	31.500 or less
2 Barrel Flags	16.999 or less	27.799 or less	27.800 or less
International Flags	11.699 or less	16.999 or less	17.000 or less
Key Race	13.999 or less	19.599 or less	19.600 or less
Barrels	20.499 or less	25.199 or less	25.200 or less



## **CONDITIONS FOR SPONSORING QUALIFYING CLASSES**

Qualifying classes may be offered only by Snohomish County 4-H Clubs or the Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program.

All Western Games Shows proposing qualifying classes must have prior written approval of the Western Games Committee or Horse Program.

- Classes must be offered in all five (5) events in all age categories, including Juniors.
- All classes shall be judged in accordance with the current PNW 4-H Horse Contest Guide.
- Classes shall be judged on the Danish Ribbon System and Danish System Ribbons awarded at County 4-H Shows and Club Shows.
- Placing ribbons shall also be awarded.
- Submit notification to the Western Games Medals Chairman at least 60 days prior to the show date.
- Each 4-H Club sponsoring a Western Games Show will compile a list of Blue Danish Qualifying Ribbons winners. This list shall be delivered to the Computer Supervisor within one week of show's conclusion.

## CONSTITUTION FOR THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY 4-H HORSE PROGRAM

### **Constitution**

Date Adopted 1974

Date Revised September 20, 2012

#### **Article I**

##### ***Name***

The name of this organization shall be the Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program and shall operate under and through the auspices of the Snohomish County 4-H Council. The principle location of the Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program is WSU Extension, 600 128th St SE, Everett, WA 98208.

#### **Article II**

##### ***Section 1: Purpose***

The Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program is a non-profit affiliate of the 4-H Youth Development Education Program of Washington State University Extension. The purpose of the Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program will be to provide experiential education for Washington state youth by providing, in cooperation with Extension professionals, informal educational youth in Snohomish County, Washington without regard to race, color, sex, religion, age, national origin, sexual orientation, or disability.

##### ***Section 2: Mission***

The mission of the 4-H Youth Development program is to assist youth and volunteer staff, through informal education, to acquire knowledge, and develop life skills and values that enable them to become increasingly self-directing, productive, contributing citizens.

##### ***Section 3: Responsibility***

The responsibility of the Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program is to operate as a qualified non-profit entity which does the following:

- A. Teaches and mentors youth in the principles of equine care, good husbandry skills, and horse management.
- B. Plans, executes, and evaluates a well-balanced educational program for 4-H youth with both short- and term-goals.
- C. Promotes volunteer leadership development and empowers adult and teen volunteers in the 4-H program.

- D. Secures and manages sufficient resources to accomplish the purpose and mission of the Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program.
- E. Serves as a link between the 4-H Youth Development Program and the county 4-H professional, Fair Board, youth serving groups, schools, community agencies, and the public.
- F. Develops and maintains a vibrant, active county program membership in cooperation with the Extension professional(s).
- G. Publicizes the objectives and philosophy of the 4-H Youth Development Program and serves as an advocate for youth.
- H. Implements 4-H policy, subject to review and approval by Washington State University Extension 4-H professional.
- I. Complies with the Internal Revenue Services and Washington State regulations and policies to maintain its exempt status as a non-profit charitable educational organization.

### **Article III**

#### ***Funding and Assets***

The Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program is responsible to raise sufficient funds to support the educational mission of the program. The Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program is also responsible to manage its available funds by:

- Preparing an annual budget.
- Giving direction to acquiring private funds.
- Approving all expenditures from the Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program budget.

Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program property and funds will be used only for the activities and programs of the program. None of the funds or property the Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program will accrue to the benefit of, or be distributable to its Members, Leaders, officers, or other private persons, except those of the Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes provided in this Agreement. No substantial part of the activities of the Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, and (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program

shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program.

**Disposition of Assets in Event of Dissolution:** Upon the dissolution of the Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program, assets shall be distributed to an exempt 501(c)(3) 4-H Affiliate organization with a charitable educational purpose. Unless Washington State University has notified the Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program otherwise, the 4-H Council for Snohomish County, so long as it has active status as an exempt charitable educational organization pursuant to 501(c)(3) will receive the funds. If no such Council exists in Snohomish County, to the Washington State 4-H Foundation provided it has active status as an exempt charitable educational organization under 501(c)(3). Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

## **Article IV**

### ***Membership***

#### *Section 1: Composition*

The membership shall consist of enrolled adult volunteers and members. Sponsors, and other community leaders, and school, church, and civic officials may serve in support roles to the Club. Membership on the Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program shall be determined on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, or national origin.

Extension programs and policies are consistent with federal and state laws and regulations on nondiscrimination regarding race, sex, religion, age, color, creed, national or ethnic origin; physical, mental or sensory disability; marital status, sexual orientation, or status as a Vietnam-era or disabled veteran. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local Extension office.

#### *Section 2: Role of 4-H Professionals*

The 4-H extension professional shall interpret local program needs, University, Washington State, and Snohomish County policies, and state-wide programs and schedules, and shall have final oversight of the Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program. Additionally, the 4-H professional shall have signature oversight authority on all Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program financial and investment accounts.

The volunteer program leader, appointed by the 4-H Extension Professionals, provides leadership and facilitation to programs, program volunteers, the Evergreen State Fair Superintendent, and act as a liaison to Extension Staff.

#### *Section 3: Affiliation*

Affiliation with the Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program is required for membership.

#### *Section 4: Voting*

Voting at a horse program meeting will be limited to enrolled adult volunteers and members. Each person in attendance has one vote provided he/she has attended two prior meetings in the past twelve months. Voting rights will be in effect on the third meeting.

### **Article V**

#### *Officers*

##### *Section 1: Officers*

The officers of the Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program shall be the president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.

##### **1.01: The President**

The President shall preside at the meetings of the Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program Meetings and the Executive Board and shall be an ex-officio member of all standing committees.

- The President shall review and appoint as necessary:
  - Committee Chairs (in consultation with the program leader and the 4-H extension professional)
  - Committees (in consultation with the Committee Chair)
  - Nominating Committee.

##### **1.02: The Vice-President**

The Vice President shall assist the President and perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer. The Vice-President may be requested to perform the official duties of other absent officers and shall serve as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

##### **1.03: The Secretary**

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program and Executive Board meetings. Prior to approval by general membership, monthly copies of minutes should be emailed to the Executive Board, one copy shall be posted to the Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program listserv, and one copy sent to the extension office. One paper copy should be kept on file in a book/books to be turned over to the next elected Secretary.

##### **1.04: The Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall keep account of all moneys received and expended, making a report at each meeting of the Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program. He/She shall turn over all books and accounts to the Auditing Committee. He/She shall also compile an Annual Financial Report as of January 1 to be made available to the Vice-President for preparation of the Budget.

***Section 2: Term of Office***

The President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be limited to two consecutive, two year terms, per office, and will be ineligible for that office, for two years following their second term. A partial term of less than six months due to the resignation of an elected officer will not be counted against a nominee's eligibility.

### ***Section 3: Elections***

Elections shall be held at the first recognized and legally constituted meeting on or after October 1 of each year with President and Secretary being elected in even numbered years and Vice President and Treasurer being elected in odd numbered years and the newly elected officers will take office on January 1.

## **Article VI**

### ***Executive Committee***

The Executive Board shall include the Program Leader, Assistant Program Leader, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, immediate Past President, the Grievance and Rules Committee Chairperson, and 4-H extension professional, ex-officio.

Duties of the Executive Board:

- 4.1: Shall meet as needed.
- 4.2: May call a meeting by phone or electronic media as needed on an emergency basis.
- 4.3: Expend program funds as needed on an emergency basis, up to \$1,000 without approval by the general membership.
- 4.4: Serves as a steering committee

## **Article VII**

### ***Meetings***

- A. An annual meeting of the Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program shall be held on the third Thursday of October.
- B. Monthly business meetings of the Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program shall be held on the third Thursday of every month as established by the Executive Committee. Program meetings may be held more frequently as needed to conduct business.

## **Article VII**

### ***Committees***

Committees deemed necessary by the Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program shall be appointed by the president. The members of all standing committees shall serve for a period of one year, such period to be concurrent with the fiscal year of the program. Ad hoc committee members shall serve in accordance with the charge to that committee.

As of adoption of these Constitution and By-Laws, Standing Committees are as follows:

Finance Committee shall be chaired by the Vice-President, receive requests for funding not included in the budget, and make recommendations to the general membership regarding special requests. The Committee will also oversee program fundraising activities and appoint Budget and Audit Committees.

The Budget shall prepare a proposal to be presented at the January meeting for the annual budget. The Audit Committee shall be responsible for auditing the books of the Treasurer annually and report their findings to the general membership.

Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of members for each office to whom the office is acceptable, to be presented at the first recognized and legally constituted meeting at the annual business meeting in October. Further nominations may be made for the floor.

Show Committee shall consist of includes representatives from the following activities:

- Dressage
- Western Dressage
- Driving
- Hunter Over Fences
- Performance
- Trail
- Western Games

At least one meeting annually will be called by the President or their designee.

Rules Committee shall receive all suggestions for county rule changes, review such changes and present the change to the general membership approved by the Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program. Approved county changes will be published and put into effect the following 4-H year. Changes beyond our control shall be exceptions to this clause.

Knowledge Committee shall provide the following activities:

- Equine Communications
- Hippology
- Horse Bowl
- Horse Judging
- Model Horse

At least one meeting annually will be called by the President or their designee.

Tack Sale Committee coordinates the annual fundraising activity and shall submit to the Finance Committee for approval a budget detailing anticipated expenses and projected income on or before November 1.



## **Article VIII**

### ***Quorum***

A quorum must be in attendance to conduct Snohomish County 4-H Program. A quorum shall consist of 50 percent of the average meeting attendance based on the previous four (4) meetings.

## **Article IX**

### ***Amendments***

Amendments to the constitution may be made at any annual, regular, or special meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present providing:

- A. A notice of the pending amendments was presented to the general membership at a regularly scheduled Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program meeting immediately prior to the meeting, and
- B. A quorum of the Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program is present at the meeting.

## **Article X**

### ***Parliamentary Authority***

Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of the Snohomish County 4H Horse Program, not otherwise specified in the Constitution.

The Constitution of the Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program was adopted on September 20, 2012 at Everett, Washington

### **Approved:**

Andrea Hevesi September 20, 2012

President of the Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program Date

Catherine Krueger September 20, 2012

Secretary of the Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program Date

Reviewed by:

Jana Ferris September 20, 2012

Extension 4-H Professional

Date

## Glossary

90 Turn	¼ turn; in an 'L' shape.
180 Turn	½ turn; at completion of turn will be facing the opposite direction.
270 Turn	¾ turn.
360 Turn	Full circle turn.
450 Turn	1¼ turn; full circle plus another ¼ turn.
540 Turn	1½ turns; full circle plus another ½ circle.
4-H Secretary	An employee at the Extension Office who works primarily with the Extension Agent, office staff and 4-H Volunteers.
4-H Year	October 1st through September 30th.
Abuse	Both verbal and physical abuse toward another person or a horse will not be tolerated and may result in dismissal from a 4-H activity. See Abuse Policy.
Achievement Award	The highest level of achievement within a 4-H project, based on Leader recommendation and Member record book.
Acknowledge	Motion from the judge to start a pattern, or to note the end of a pattern. Sometimes a nod or a wave.
Activity Leader	A Leader within a Club who is responsible for certain activities (i.e. Club Show or Drill Team).
Advanced Horsemanship Clinic	A one-day clinic offered for regular and medal riders to receive training from local clinicians and trainers held in the spring at the Fairgrounds.
Age Group	Age levels used by 4-H. Cloverbud Level is 5-7 years of age; Junior Level is 8-9 years of age; Intermediate Level is 11-13 years of age; Senior Level is 14 years of age until the end of 4-H eligibility.
Aged Greenhorse	Term used for horses older than five who have had little training for performance showing.
Anatomy	Body parts of the horse. May be asked by the judge during setup on Showmanship.
Appointments	In regards to horses, has to do with tack and/or attire of horse and rider.
Awards-County	Awards presented to Members and Leaders from the County 4-H Program.
Awards-Program	Awards presented to Members and Leaders from the Horse Program.
Back Or Backup	Move horse backward, counting one step for each step backwards. Count either the front or the back legs, but not both. Do not stand in the 'danger zone'.
Back-Through	Usually in Trail Class, an obstacle set up to maneuver through at a back.
Bits-Curb	A leverage bit often used in Western classes with a solid or jointed mouthpiece.
Bits-Leverage	A bit that uses leveraged pressure by attaching the reins to a shank, rather than directly on the mouthpiece. Another example would be the hackamore or bosal.
Bits-Snaffle	A non-leverage bit with a solid or jointed mouthpiece, without shanks.
Breed Shows	Horse Shows run following specific breed association rules with classes designed for that specific breed.
Breed Standard	Standards set by individual breed associations that describe the best ideal representative of that breed.

Call Back(s)	Used when running a class of several lots and having top finishers in each lot return for a championship class.
Canter	A three-beat gait called for in English Classes and Dressage Tests.
Care/Lease	A loan of a horse to a 4-H Member that requires the Member to be responsible for certain parts of the care and maintenance of the horse. Fees vary with each individual lease agreement.
Circle	A maneuver done in the shape of a circle. To help make an even circle, keep eyes focused on where you are going. Practice by making a square with cones and moving around the outside of the cones.
Class Calls	1st, 2nd, 3rd and final – calls for classes given at shows. 1st call is given when the previous class enters the arena. Member should be in the paddock by the 3rd and final call or risk losing out on participating in that class.
Close	Term to indicate returning to the start position, after completing a back (new definition after adoption of the PNW Contest Guide). However, this is always a good term to clarify with individual judges when possible.
Club Leader	The single Leader of a 4-H Club who is primarily responsible for the Club (enrollment, fair entries, etc.).
Club Level	Activities involving Members of a Club, i.e. Public presentations at the Club level are given at a Club meeting or for the Club Leader.
Community Service	Activities that benefit the community, i.e. Food baskets, roadside cleanup, work party at an equine rescue, generally done at the Club level and should be a part of every 4-H year.
Completion Line	The line you go in to - upon completion of your pattern until dismissed from the arena.
Cones	The equipment used to designate the appropriate place for a maneuver in a Showmanship pattern. May be of many different sizes, shapes, and colors.
County Extension Office	4-H is a part of USDA and is administered through each state's land grant college. Washington State's land grant college is Washington State University. WSU extends the program and education through county extension offices, which are jointly funded. Our County Extension Office is located in McCollum Park, at 600 128th Street SE, Everett.
County Level	Activities held for the benefit of all county 4-H Members, i.e. County Shows, Clinics, etc.
County Show	Shows held 3 times each year that are open to all Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program Members. Shows offered are Western Games, Performance (Western, Saddleseat and Huntseat), Dressage, Western Dressage, Hunter Over Fences, Harness (previously called Horse Leader's Shows).
Cross Entry	A term used to describe the allowing or disallowing of entering in to Horse Show Classes of two different skill levels, breeds or disciplines.
"Danger Zone"	Directly in front of, or directly behind the horse. Do not place yourself in the danger zone during Showmanship.
Danish Ribbons	Ribbons awarded on a group basis and judged against the ideal for a class rather than judging entries against each other. Levels are blue for excellent, red for good, white for poor and no placing for incomplete.

Demonstration	Another term for a public presentation, which is a prepared talk on a specific topic given for educational purposes.
Diagonals	Refers to the forefoot of the horse moving in unison with the opposite hind foot at the trot. When posting the rider should rise as the forefoot on the outside of a turn comes forward.
Dismissed	When your pattern is completed and you are acknowledged by the judge you are dismissed to go into the completion line as directed by the ring secretary. However, the judge may still be judging you while you are in the completion line even after being dismissed.
Dressage	A Horse Program division that offers three Horse Shows annually, as well as classes at Fair. Dressage is open to every rider and allows the rider to get a complete assessment of how they did on a pattern from the Judge.
Dressage Arena	An arena of a set size for which dressage tests are designed. Various points in the arena are labeled with letters to indicate where specific movements, gait changes, turns should occur to ride a pattern.
Driving	A Horse Program division that offers three Horse Shows annually, as well as classes at Fair for 4-H Members. Harness rules apply.
Driving – Trail	A Trail Class that is designed for Driving competitors.
Driving-Reinsmanship	The equitation class for Driving or Harness 4-H Members.
Driving-Precision	This class offers the competitive Driving 4-H Member an opportunity to show how skilled he/she is in executing precise movements in a pattern class.
Drop	As pertains to a Horse Show Class, this is when the Exhibitor has not completed the Class and is “dropped”.
Drop The Bit	To remove the bit for a Judge’s or Show Steward’s inspection. Only performed when the Exhibitor is dismounted, usually before entering the arena or at the conclusion of the class.
Equine Communications Contest	A contest for Intermediate and Senior Members that includes Individual Horse Demonstration, Team (2) Horse Demonstration and Public Speaking (on horse related topic) at the County Level. Senior Winners at County Contest compete at State Fair. State Winners compete at Nationals.
Equitation	Performance classes that are judged primarily on how the rider effectively uses their aids (hands, legs, seat).
Equitation Over Fences	A division of the Horse Program that offers three shows annually, and at Fair for those Members involved with jumping.
Evergreen State Fair	Our Snohomish County Fair, which always ends on Labor Day.
Exhibitor Handbook	Printed annually that has all of the rules for Fair entries. There are separate Premium Books for each Fair.
Extension	See County Extension.
Extension Agent	An employee of Washington State University Extension who oversees 4-H in a specific area, in our case, Snohomish County.
Fairgrounds	The Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe.
Fault	A decrease in points in an Equitation Over Fences Class due to an error by either Horse or Rider.
Fences	Another name for the jumps used in an Equitation Over Fences course.
Figure 8	Two circles lying side – by – side. To keep circles even do not make an X at the cross over, but trace the path of the overlying circles.

Forehand Turn To The Left	Moving the horse's back end around his front end, so that the front legs remain as close as possible to their original position. The horse's head (nose) move toward the left. If done from the ground the rider would be on the near side with their right hand extended to start the motion of the back end.
Forehand Turn To The Right	Moving the horse's back end around his front end, so that the front legs remain as close as possible to their original position. The horse's head (nose) move toward the right. If done from the ground the rider would be on the off side with their left hand extended to start the motion of the back end.
Gait	A way of going, either natural or acquired, that is characterized by a distinctive movement of feet and legs.
Gaited Horse	A breed of horse that has an Intermediate Gait in place of a trot or jog, i.e. Missouri Fox Trotter, Tennessee Walking Horse, etc.
Gaming	See Western Games.
Gate Hold	A request made by an exhibitor to wait before closing the gate and starting a class – usually limited to 5 minutes. Often used when Members are sharing horses and/or equipment.
Greenhorse	Term for horses who have little show experience. There are specific limitations found in the rules. Horses two years old and under may not be shown under saddle in any class.
Groom Squad	A contest involving three Members who provide one horse for the contest, which is used by another team. Teams are scored on a written quiz (by one Member), showmanship, (by one Member) and grooming (by all Members). Grooming is scored on safety, teamwork, proper use of tools and final results.
Ground Poles	Poles placed on the ground that a horse and Rider may be called upon to go over.
Halt	Stop. Make your stop as squarely as possible.
Halter Class	A class that judges the conformation of a breed or a type. Often seen in our judging contests, but not used in our horse shows.
Hardship Request	When a Member's project horse that is entered for the Fair becomes unavailable due to death, injury or loss of lease, the Member and Leader may request a waiver of the June 1st deadline in order to exhibit a non-project horse. Requests are determined on an individual basis.
Haunch Turn	Making a turn with the horse, with the back end of the horse showing little motion and the front part of the horse moving around the back end. With practice the horse will learn to "stick" on his/her pivot foot.
Helmet Requirement	All 4-H youth are required to wear an ASTM/SEI Equestrian approved whenever helmet mounted (riding or driving) at a 4-H activity.
Herdsmanship	Meeting and greeting the public, and cleaning public and stall areas during the Fair. All 4-H Members are expected to participate in Herdsmanship duty with the rest of their Club.
High Point	A high point and reserve (2nd place) high point award are given at County Horse Shows. Year-end high point and reserve high point awards are also given.

Hippology	A four- phase contest that tests a Member's knowledge about horses. Phases are horse judging, identification, written examination and team problem-solving. Hippology is Greek for study of the horse.
Horse & Rider Combination	Term to describe a Rider and Horse together in a class; often used to accumulate points in multiple classes.
Horse Bowl	A contest that verbally tests a Member's knowledge about horses. Members are on teams of three or four Members and questions are asked orally to two teams at a time. Similar to Jeopardy.
Horse Leaders	An association of Volunteers involved in the Snohomish County 4-H Youth Horse Program.
Horse Program	In regards to our program, it would be the Snohomish County 4-H Youth Horse Program, a part of the Washington State 4-H Horse Program.
Horsemanship	A term for the equitation classes used in Greenhorse and Aged Greenhorse Classes.
Hunter Hack	A Huntseat Class that includes group arena work plus individual work over two fences.
Huntseat	An English "Seat" in performance.
Individual	A one-page insert for the Record Book documenting a 4-H Member's Project Horse(s).
Horse Record	Refers to the main horse arena at the Fairgrounds.
Indoor Arena	Where the Member exhibits the horse on the ground with only a halter or bridle.
In-Hand	Set up your horse for the judge to perform an inspection. Your horse should be evenly square on all feet. (See State Performance Horse for breed type exceptions).
Inspection	In regards to our program, it would be the Snohomish County 4-H Youth Horse Program, a part of the Washington State 4-H Horse Program.
Into Line	After dismissal you will be asked to move your horse into line. This means to line up on the rail as indicated by the judge or ring secretary. You may be asked to line up nose to tail or side by side.
Jacket Awards	Jackets awarded to both Members and Leaders that have proven to be exemplary 4-H models. See Awards Section.
Jog	A two-beat gait called for in Western classes.
Judge	An impartial official hired by Show Management to make decisions in class placings in performance classes with in adherence to the rules. For Western Games events, the Judge verifies that a Safe Ride was completed in accordance with the event rules.
Judging	Learning to evaluate horses at halter and under saddle. There are six county judging events held by the Program each year.
Jump Cups	A cup that holds a jump rail in place on a jump standard.
Jump Standard	The vertical posts that hold a jump in place.
Jumper	A horse trained to jump. A jumper course is usually timed. Our 4-H Program offers Equitation Over Fences, instead of jumping.
Lead	The rope or leather strap attached to the halter for leading during Showmanship.
Lead	When loping or cantering, the foreleg that is reaching out the furthest. When circling to the right, the horse should be on the right lead, that is,

	the right foreleg should reach out slightly ahead of the left leg.
Leader	A Volunteer who assumes a leadership role in assisting with youth development in the Snohomish County 4-H Youth Horse Program.
Leaders' Council	All Leaders from any 4-H project in Snohomish County are members of the Leaders' Council, and welcome to attend Leaders' Council Meetings. Contact the 4-H Secretary at the Extension Office for dates and details.
Leaders' Show	See County Show.
Liberty	Showing a horse without a halter or lead.
Longe Line Class	A class for Greenhorses where the 4-H handler demonstrates to a judge their skill in longeing the horse.
Longeing	(Also lounging or lunging) – training a horse by using a 30 foot long line and causing the horse to circle the handler. Usually done at a walk, trot and canter/lope.
Lope	A three-beat gait called for in Western Classes.
Lots	Divisions of a class where entries total more than may be safe for the arena size.
Medal Rider	A rider who has earned the required Blue Danish Ribbons or medals to become eligible to compete for Medals (Offered in Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum levels).
Medal-Qualifying	The process whereby a Member works toward being eligible to compete for medals at County Shows and the Fair. Accumulation of Blue Danish Ribbon awards are required to move in to the Medals Program.
Medal-Qualifying Show	All County-sponsored shows are medal qualifying. Club-sponsored Shows may apply for medal-qualifying status.
Miniature Horse	A breed of horse that is too small to ride, and is shown in Showmanship, Trail In-Hand and Driving Classes.
Near Side	The left side of a horse. Considered the “correct” side for mounting and dismounting.
Near Side Of Your Horse	The left side of the horse. This is the “correct” side of the horse for leading and setting up.
Non-Greenhorse Trail In-Hand	A designation given to horse/rider combinations that would like to exhibit in a Trail Class In-Hand, but are not a Greenhorse or Aged Greenhorse for other classes. Good for new Trail Class exhibitors.
Novice	The second skill level in performance for Members who are comfortable at a canter or lope but still new enough to showing or a seat that they require more experience before moving up to Regular.
Off Course	Failure to complete any or all elements of a pattern in proper sequence, i.e. a simple lead change where a flying lead change is required, or leaving the designated boundaries of the arena.
Off Side	The right side of a horse.
Offside Of Your Horse	The right side of your horse. This is the “incorrect” side of your horse for maneuvers unless you have been asked to perform a movement from the off side, or if the movement can only be properly done from the offside, such as the forehand turn to the left.
Outside Covered Arena	The arena on the Fairgrounds that is located between the Indoor Arena and the road.
Pacer	A horse that moves both legs on one side forward at the same time at the



	trot.
Paddock	The area designated as a holding area for participants in the next class prior to entering the arena.
Pattern	The layout of maneuvers involved in a Showmanship, Equitation, Trail or other class.
Pattern	Designed for horse/rider combinations to show expertise in completing specified movements at designated locations in the arena.
Permanent Record Book	The part of the Record Book that is a record of a Member's entire 4-H experience. It is moved to the new Record Book at the beginning of each 4-H year.
Pivot	Type of turn where the horse moves in a turn with one foot anchored to the ground.
Pivot Foot	The "planted" foot during a pivot turn, i.e. on a forehand turn to the left, the pivot foot would be the left front; on a haunch turn to the left, the pivot foot would be the left hind foot.
Placing Ribbons	Ribbons given according to ranking in a class.
Platinum Medal	The platinum level first requires earning three gold medals.
Pleasure	A performance class judged primarily on the horse – manners, way of going, responsiveness, etc.
Pony	A separate breed of animal from the horse; when used for Horse Shows, however, "pony" is used to indicate animals under 56 inches.
Premium Book	See Exhibitor Handbook.
Premiums	Money paid by the County Fair and State Fair to fair participants. Some classes (i.e. Equitation, Showmanship) are premium paying, some (i.e. Costume, Matched Pairs) are not. See Exhibitor Handbook for complete details.
Program Leader	A Volunteer elected by Leaders in a "program" who helps direct the program. In the Horse Program, there is also a full slate of officers (president, vice president, secretary and treasurer) and an assistant program Leader. Our program Leader is Pat Pehling.
Project Leader	A Volunteer Leader who works within a Club with Members in a particular project, i.e. horse.
Public Presentations	A demonstration or illustrated talk prepared and given by a Member to a Leader, Club or other group. Competition at local areas are offered each February/March and those placing high are invited to county finals in April.
Pulling	Do not "pull" horse during patterns in Showmanship. Practice with horse to make horse ready to move at a walk or trot without pulling him/her along.
Quartering System	The discipline that designates your movements during Showmanship when the judge is inspecting and judging you and your horse.
Rail	A performance term that refers to staying close to the side of the arena.
Ratcatcher	A tie worn at the neck in Huntseat apparel. The ratcatcher generally wraps around the collar and may be held in place with a pin.
Reasons-Oral	Year-end Top 20 judging finalists will be required to give oral reasons at the county judging finals. Also anyone competing in the Washington State Judging Contest will be required to give oral reasons.

Reasons-Written	Both Senior and Intermediate Members are required to write written reasons at judging contests, for one designated class. The reasons are judged separately as an additional score.
Record Book	An annual record of a Member's participation in 4-H. A complete Record Book includes Individual Horse Record(s) and the Member's Permanent Record Book.
Regular Rider	A performance Rider who has advanced out of Novice Classes but is not yet a Medal Rider; a Rider that is in the process of accumulating the correct amount of Blue Danish Qualifying Ribbons before moving to the Medals Program.
Reserve	Term used to designate a 2nd place finish, as in Reserve Champion; or to specify the first finisher out of the ribbons, as in Reserve placing - being the next finisher after the last placing ribbon.
Ring Secretary	The person in a performance arena who assists the Judge.
Safe Ride	Completion of a Western Games event, with no penalties.
Safe Turn	When turning a horse from the ground, you should "push" the horse away from you to prevent getting your feet stepped on. You can only lead a horse toward yourself in a turn when turning 90° or less.
Scratch	When an Exhibitor withdraws from a previously entered Class before the Class begins.
Seat	Another term for a riding discipline, i.e. Huntseat, Stockseat.
Shank	The chain attached to the halter at the beginning of the lead rope. The showman's hands should not touch the shank or chain during Showmanship.
Show Steward	An experienced adult who is hired by Show Management to interpret rules and be available to contestants/families to answer questions.
Showmanship	Showmanship is based on execution of pattern, grooming of horse, general showmanship of handler. This is not a Halter Class, which is based on conformation of a horse.
Sidepass	To move horse sideways, with legs crossing over each other.
Snohomish County 4-H Horses Website	There are two websites regarding the Snohomish County 4-H Youth Horse Program. One is a subscription listserv and website with an active calendar, links and bookmarks, and show and clinic forms at <a href="mailto:SnohomishCounty4-Hhorses@yahoogroups.com">SnohomishCounty4-Hhorses@yahoogroups.com</a> . The other has a link from the Snohomish County website at: <a href="http://snohomish.wsu.edu/4-h.htm">http://snohomish.wsu.edu/4-h.htm</a> then click on the Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program Page. This site has a lot of information including results of contests and shows, photos, and a spot for you to share your Club News.
Squaring Up	To position horse with all four legs equally balanced, in a "square".
Standard (Ideal)	Used in the Danish Award System to define the ideal expectation expected from the specific class. Exhibitors are measured against this ideal, or standard.
Publications	Publications available through Washington State University that cover all aspects of the 4-H Horse Program. Return to the position you were in before you started this maneuver. If backing and then asked to return you original position, this would mean that you return to where you were

	before you started backing. This is different from “and close”.
Step Forward To Original Position	Return to the position you were in before you started this maneuver. If backing and then asked to return you original position, this would mean that you return to where you were before you started backing. This is different from “and close”.
Stirrup Hobbles	Short straps that are attached around the stirrup leather just above the stirrup on a Western saddle that hold the leathers close together (safety measure). Also known as stirrup keepers.
Stockseat	Western style of riding.
Stop	Action between stopping one action and starting another when a full halt is not requested.
Superintendent	Person(s) in charge of a division of the County Fair, or of some of the Horse Program’s annual events, i.e. Tack Sale.
Tack Sale	Major fundraiser for the Horse Program held each March.
Tests	A pattern used in Dressage to exhibit and test level of horse’s abilities.
To The Left	To begin a turn with the horse’s head (nose) going to the left.
To The Right	To begin a turn with the horse’s head (nose) going to the right.
Trail Arena	The arena where the Trail Class is held.
Trail Class	A performance class which is judged on how a horse and mounted rider negotiate obstacles.
Trail Class In Hand	A performance class which is judged on how a horse and handler negotiate obstacles (handler on ground and horse in halter).
Trail Horse Class In The Field	An event which judged on an actual trail ride over a pre-marked course.
Training School	
Trot	A two-beat gait called for in English, Driving, and Dressage.
Walk	A flat-footed four-beat gait, natural to all horses.
Walk/Trot And Walk/Jog	A pre-novice level where participants in performance classes do not canter.
Warm-Up Arena	An area provided for warm up prior to classes. All 4-H rules apply to warm up arenas.
Washington 4-H Horse Leaders Website	This is a website and listserv for 4-H Horse Program Members and Leaders that are interested in 4-H events in the State of Washington. The site is at: <a href="mailto:WA4-Hhorseleaders@yahoogroups.com">WA4-Hhorseleaders@yahoogroups.com</a>
Western Bit	A leverage bit acceptable for western performance classes.
Western Games	Events run on preset patterns which, at the advanced level, are run at high speed (Pole Bending, Barrels, etc.).
Youth Forum	A meeting held approximately quarterly to discuss the Horse Program with any Intermediate and Senior Members that would like to be more involved in the Horse Program. Opinions are sought regarding parts of the Horse Program that affect the youth involved in the program. The Youth Forum has been responsible for instituting some new awards and some changes in the Performance Class Rules.
Zone Show	Zones are geographical divisions of Washington State Horsemen Members across the state. Zone shows run under those rules.



## **Suggestions**

If you would like to suggest a change to the Snohomish County 4-H Youth Horse Program Reference Guide, please complete and return this form to:

Snohomish County 4-H Youth Horse Program  
Attn: Reference Guide Suggestions  
P.O. Box 148  
Snohomish, WA 98291

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Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you for your time and attention!!