

Section VIII: Meigs County Agricultural Society Horse and Barn Rules

1. Horses are to be led to and from the show arena. NO riding of horses in or out of the barn.
2. Grooming, tack changes, etc. are to be done in the stall. Horses are NOT to be tied in barn aisles.
3. Horses are to be in their stalls at all times when not showing or exercising.
4. Horses are to be supervised at all times when out of their stalls.
5. The round pen and arena may be used to exercise horses and for practice when not in use for other purposes and only when no large events are scheduled on the lower grounds. Horses are NOT to be turned loose or left unattended in either the arena or the round pen.
6. *Drive-in deliveries to the barn (hay, feed, etc.) must be made before 3:00 p.m. each day. The horse gate will be locked by 3:30 p.m. for other events.
7. Horses are NOT allowed on the hill at any time. a. The only exception to this is for the Showman of Showmen contest, at which time the horse(s) for that will be under the supervision of a Horse Committee Member or Senior Fair Board Member.
8. 4-H horses are NOT to be ridden on the racetrack at any time.
9. When using the wash area, members must clean up after themselves and their horses.
10. All horses must be fed and watered twice a day, no later than 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Horses not receiving proper care will be subject to disciplinary actions as set forth by the Meigs County Senior Fair Board. See Livestock Rules, Section IV, Rule 11.
11. Quiet time in the barn area begins at 11:00 p.m. each evening.
12. Electrical cords must be out of reach of the horse OR run through conduit.
13. Each Exhibitor is responsible for cleaning and maintaining his/her stall during the Fair. All soiled bedding must be removed from the stall at the time the horse is removed from the Fairgrounds. Failure to remove all soiled bedding will result in a \$50.00 fine.
14. Absolutely NO SMOKING in or around the horse barns.
15. NO horseplay inside the barn.
16. Only one (1) project horse is permitted to be stabled on the grounds during the Fair.
17. Stall assignments will be made by the Meigs County Horse Committee and assigned by the Saturday prior to the start of the Fair.
18. *Stall fees for project horses during the Fair are \$5.00. This must be paid by the club to the Junior Fair Board Coordinator by the due date, along with the proper form.
19. All horses must be on the grounds by NOON the Sunday prior to the start of the Fair.
20. *Project horses MUST remain stabled on the grounds until the completion of the 4-H Horse Show, regardless of show day changes due to unforeseen circumstances (rain, mud, etc.). **Members are strongly encouraged to stable their project horses on the grounds for the duration of the Fair. If project horses are unable to remain on the grounds for the duration, they may be hauled out ONLY during the following times:
 - a. Immediately following the Youth Show
 - b. Immediately following the Fun Show Project horses must be removed by NOON on the Sunday immediately following the Fair.

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Section IX: 4-H Horse Project Information

1. All 4-H Horse project Exhibitors which compete in the 4-H Horse Show are subject to the Meigs County Guidelines, State 4-H Horse Guidelines, Meigs County Fair Premium Book, Meigs County Barn Rules, the 4-H Uniform Show Rules, and the Meigs County Agricultural Society Basic Livestock Rules.
2. Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows with regards to the helmet policy: All youth aged 19 and under, participating in any 4-H equestrian activity, are required to wear properly fitted protective headgear which meets or exceeds current ASTM/SEI standards with the chin harness securely fastened at all times while riding or driving an equine. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent/guardian of the youth participant, to make sure that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use and is properly fitted and in good condition. The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, show committees, officials, Extension personnel, and volunteer leaders are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance. Extension personnel and volunteer leaders make no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, about any protective headgear and caution riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear, as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries in equestrian activities. The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, show committees, officials, Extension personnel, and volunteer leaders may, at his/her discretion, check a participant's protective headgear for proper standards. If the youth is found to be wearing unapproved, defective, or improperly fitted headgear, he/she is not permitted to participate in riding or driving activities until proper headgear is acquired.
3. County: Participation in the Jr. Fair Horse Show competition is limited to those enrolled in a 4-H or FFA horse project by April 1. ALL 4-H and FFA members are required to participate in project book judging and complete a Horse Record Book (due at book judging) to be eligible to exhibit at the Fair. a. Members MUST complete a HORSE RECORD BOOK b. NOTE: 4-H and FFA members MUST be a resident of Meigs County to exhibit at the Fair per the Meigs County Fair Premium Book or follow proper procedures to be eligible. Contact Extension with Questions. State Participation: All 4-H members participating in a state 4-H horse activity must be CURRENTLY enrolled in that 4-H horse project (including Horseless Horse). Some contests are in March and April; therefore, participants must be enrolled prior to those dates to ensure that the member is in good standing and is a member of Ohio 4 H in the case of National Contest eligibility. Example: State 4-H Dressage Show, youth must be currently enrolled in Dressage project.
4. The age of the Exhibitor is determined as of January 1 of the current year.
5. Horses are 14.2 hands/58 inches or taller. Ponies are under 14.2 hands/58 inches (per the Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows).
6. Members may complete more than one (1) equine project provided it has been approved by the 4-H/FFA advisor and recorded at the Extension Office. Only one project horse may be shown at the Junior Fair Horse Show to receive awards beyond the project grade. Project horse must be identified by the due date.
7. Project equine to be shown at the Fair must be registered by the June 1 deadline. All 4-H and FFA members must provide the information listed on the Extension Office form. This includes drawing of the horse(s)'s markings AND a picture of the horse and member together. (Picture may be a hard copy or emailed to the Extension agent). *The same equine cannot be used by more than one 4-H and/or FFA member.

8. Equines used as project animals must either be owned by the member, member's family, or leased. 4-H and FFA members who lease a project must complete a Lease Agreement and fulfill requirements to be eligible to show. On the Lease Agreement, the member must state where the horse is stabled. The leased horse MUST be boarded by the member and in his/her possession/care by June 1. ***All project animals MUST be in the continual care of the member no later than June 1. (UR4HS, Ownership)*

9. Members may register two (2) equines (a project and a backup) by the June 1 deadline. The equine to be used as the project animal at the Fair MUST be declared with the Horse Committee Secretary by the Saturday prior to the start of the Fair. ***If two are registered, BOTH must be in the possession of and under the care of the member beginning June 1. (*NOTE: This rule eliminates the Hardship Case rule in previous rule books).*

10. Project animals are not to be trained by professionals during the project period of June 1 through the last day of the County Fair. Professional advice and instruction to the member is encouraged whenever possible. Such assistance can include occasional riding or handling of the horse by the instructor but cannot include regular training, showing, or care during the project period. (UR4HS, Ownership)

11. All 4-H and FFA members taking a Junior Fair equine project should have access to current copies of the Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows (Circular 179) and Horses, Safety, and You (Circular 191R). **Members are responsible for knowing general rules as well as rules specific to their classes.*

12. Members who qualify for and participate in the State Fair shall receive \$25.00 from the Horse Committee, provided the current funds are sufficient.

13. 4-H Horse Show Exhibitors may show in more than one riding style (Western and English) within the same show BUT will have to choose one riding discipline within each riding style. Exhibitors showing Western MUST choose either Western Pleasure classes -OR- Ranch classes; Exhibitors showing English MUST choose either Hunter Under Saddle -OR- Saddle Seat.

14. NEW – Horseless Horse Class at Jr. Fair Show: Members who take the Horseless Horse project and participate in booking judging will be eligible to compete in a Horseless Horse Class during the Jr. Fair Horse Show. Member must complete the Horse Registration Form by the June 1 deadline. The Meigs County Horse Committee will provide horses for this class; therefore, youth members will NOT bring a horse to the Fair.

**Please refer to Meigs County Jr Fair Livestock Rules for
Weights and all other rules and information.**

Section X: Meigs County Guideline Rules for 4-H Horse Show

1. All Exhibitors are required to show in a Showmanship class.
2. *Exhibitors will indicate the classes in which they will participate on the Equine Registration Form. Exhibitors may choose to show in any number of classes in any discipline, as permitted by 4-H rules. However, they must indicate which four (4) classes will be used toward Overall Performance Points.
 - a. *Note: Per the Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows, an Exhibitor is NOT permitted to show in both Western Pleasure classes and Ranch classes or in both Hunter Under Saddle and Saddle Seat
 - b. ^To participate in Ground Roping at Meigs Fair the Exhibitor MUST take the Roping project book and complete book judging in the current year, or have taken the project and completed a book judging in a previous year.
 - i. To compete at the Ohio State Fair, the exhibitor must currently be enrolled in a roping project.
3. *Performance Scoring: Participants will be placed in each class by the Judge. Points will be awarded based on placings and the number of participants. (Ex. – For five participants in a class, 1st place will receive 5 points, 2nd place 4 points, etc.). Based on points of the indicated classes, Overall Performance awards will be presented in age divisions of Novice, Junior, and Senior. *Note: Novice class is for first year participants of any age; however, participant may choose to show in his/her respective age division rather than Novice.
4. NO stallions are to be shown in the 4-H show at the Fair.
5. The Jr. Fair Horse Show must have a ringmaster. Any Exhibitor wishing to discuss any matter with the Judge must contact the ringmaster, who may approve and arrange such an appointment. All contact with the Judge must be initiated by the Judge. All decisions from the Judge are final.
6. No person other than the Exhibitor and show officials are permitted in the ring while any class is being judged, with the exception of ring crew as needed. Only show officials are permitted in the announcer's stand.
7. Horse show entries must be in the Extension Office by the entry deadline (June 1).
8. Patterns will be posted a minimum of 30 minutes prior to the show.
9. If the Judge feels that an Exhibitor's horse is out of control in the show ring, he/she will be asked to go to the center of the ring until the class is over or asked to leave the ring.
10. Scoring of classes will be done at the discretion of the Judge.
11. In the event of a tie, any tiebreaker will be at the discretion of the Judge.
12. The Judge must be 4-H certified/approved.
13. Show results will be announced and awards presented within one hour of the close of the show.
14. *****HORSE COMMITTEE REQUIREMENT: Each member (4-H or FFA) MUST participate in at least one practice session with the horse he/she will show at the Fair. Member and horse must be observed by Horse Committee member(s).

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