

**#174 – BEGINNING HORSE MANAGEMENT**

- ✿ Members, parents, and advisors are urged to familiarize themselves with the rules and policies governing the 4-H Horse Projects. Every family with horse projects should have a copy of the “Uniform Rules for the 4-H Horse Shows” (4-H Circular #179) for the current year. County Rules and Policies may add to those set forth in the Uniform Rules.
- ✿ Youth must participate in the Ross County Junior Fair Horse Show to receive Fair Premiums
- ✿ Horse Shows are held Sunday, Monday & Tuesday during the Ross County Fair

**NOTICE:**

**ALL MEMBERS TAKING LIVE HORSE PROJECTS MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING MEETING REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Be in a Horse Club – attending the minimum county requirement of at least 6 club meetings each year  
\*a Horse Club is defined as having at least 5 youth taking live horse projects and an advisor that regularly attend Horse Committee meetings
2. Be in a Non-Horse Club – a club representative (youth, parent, advisor) must attend at least 5 Horse Committee meetings a year

*If one of these two requirements is not met, the youth will not be a 4-H member in good standing for their horse project(s) and therefore will not be eligible to exhibit a live horse project at the Ross County Jr. Fair.*

**COMPLETION:**

1. **Complete 2 Equine Safety Requirements**
  - A. “Permission to Participate in 4-H Horse Activities Disclosure and Release of Claims” form. As members enroll in 4Honline, youth will be prompted to sign off on their Permission to Participate form.
  - B. “EquiSTEP: Equine Safety, Training and Education Program”
    - a. Every 4-H member enrolled in a Horse project (and planning on exhibiting at the Ross County Fair and/or Ohio State Fair) must be verified as completing the online Ohio State Horse mandated program, EquiSTEP, by **June 1**, current year.
    - b. Members will self-enroll. Link [go.osu.edu/rcequistep](http://go.osu.edu/rcequistep)
2. **Complete your project book following the General Project Guidelines**
  - A. First year - complete records in the book
  - Additional years – complete Project Record Supplement
  - B. Attach a feed label or list of ingredients in your custom mix.
  - C. All interest areas
  - D. Complete Things to Do in each interest area
  - E. Complete at least 2 Leadership/Citizenship activities & 2 Learning Experiences
  - F. Project Record

**JUDGING:**

1. **Jr. Fair Horse Entry Info**
  - A. **June 1** - To be eligible to participate in Ross Co Jr. Fair Horse Shows members must complete the online Horse Project ID/Registration form.
  - B. Members may register up to three (3) project animals, but you may only show one (1) horse per class.
  - C. All three horses may be stalled at the fair if there are enough stalls available (per Committee’s decision).
  - D. **August 1** - Jr. Fair Horse Show entries will be taken on Skillathon night from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m..
    - a. Advisors will review their club’s show entries from 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. and may make any changes up to 10:00 p.m.
    - b. All entries are final at 10:00 p.m. that evening and only scratches can be made during the fair shows.
2. **August 1** - Participate in Horse Skillathon from 7:00pm – 8:00pm  
- Bring Project Book with completed records or Record Supplement Book to Skillathon
3. Show horse at the Ross County Junior Fair Horse Show. At a minimum, enter Showmanship class.

**FAIR EXHIBIT:**

Horse or pony carried for project.

