

March 26, 2024

TO: Chisholm Trail District 4-H Horse Project Members

RE: Horse Project Reminders

The following are reminders for those enrolled in the horse project. Please contact me with any questions.

**Horse ownership:**

Each horse should be properly identified with the local Extension Office by **June 1** of the current 4-H program year. Horses may be identified by either

a) completed [Horse ID Certificate](#) with all required signatures, the form may be picked up from the Extension Office or found online at <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/P1039.pdf>, or

b) breed registration papers with horse ownership listed in the 4-H member's or a family member's name. "Family member" includes immediate family: parent, stepparent, sibling, stepsibling, grandparent, or legal guardian

A copy of the 4-H Horse ID Certificate or the horse's registration papers must be kept on file with the local Extension Office. 4-H'ers exhibiting registered horses must present a copy of the registration papers or the 4-H Horse ID Certificate at check-in to the State Fair. Note: completed 4-H Horse ID Certificates from previous years may be used provided lines remain for an agent's signature and the photo is firmly attached.

The Horse Identification needs to be completed for every horse you plan to show this 4-H year. You will not be allowed to show horses that are not identified by **June 1**.

**Qualifying to Participate in the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show (4-H age 9+)**

1) Exhibit a properly identified horse at a horse show in a class group and be qualified to exhibit in any class included in that group. The horse show need not be a "4-H" show. Shows may include: open shows, circuits, local associations (SCSHA, etc), breed/discipline associations (AQHA, APHA, NRHA etc.). Qualification for each group is based on one horse/rider combination. Exception: If a 4-Her qualifies more than one mare/gelding in the same halter class. In this case, another 4-Her can show the second horse in the appropriate halter class at the State Fair.

- Group 1 Halter, Showmanship
- Group 2 Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Hunter Hack, Saddleseat Pleasure, Saddleseat Equitation
- Group 3 Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Trail,
- Group 4 Ranch Rail, Ranch Pattern, Ranch Trail, Reining
- Group 5 Barrels, Poles, Flags

2) Complete the Kansas 4-H Equine Webinar Safety Episode with quiz annually before completing the State Fair Entry at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/horse/index.html>

3) Complete online entry information for the Kansas State 4-H Horse Show via ShoWorks by **August 1** of the current program year. Exhibitors will be limited to entering only those classes in which they qualified for a particular horse.

Exhibitors should be prepared to show proof of exhibition via [signed affidavit](#) by show management. The qualification period will be from October 1- August 1 of the current 4-H program year. 4-H Horse Project Members are not limited in the total number of horses they may exhibit. Exhibitors may show more than one horse in the following classes: Halter, Trail, Reining, Ranch Horse Pattern, Ranch Horse Trail, Barrel Racing, Flag Race, and Pole Bending. If a 4-H member has multiple horses in a halter class, the horse must be exhibited by another currently enrolled Kansas 4-H member.

#### **Level Testing**

Beginning in 2023, the Kansas 4-H Horse Achievement Levels are **no longer required** to participate at the State Fair 4-H Horse Show.

#### **Equine Webinar Series- Horse Safety**

All 4-H Horse Project Members are encouraged to participate in the live session or watch the recording of the "4-H Equine Webinar: Horse Safety" episode and quiz. Members wishing to exhibit at the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show must watch the session and complete the quiz before entering the State Fair 4-H Horse Show.

Contact me with any questions.

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