April 28, 2023  
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](https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/P1039.pdf) 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.

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 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 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.

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 will no longer be 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 who wish to exhibit at the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show are required to watch the session and complete the quiz prior to entering the State Fair 4-H Horse Show.

**District Horse Show**
The North Central District Horse Show will be held in Salina on **Wednesday, June 28th**. Participation at the District Horse Show is no longer required in order to participate in the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show, but it is one way to qualify. Classes will be available for 7 & 8 year old members to participate. Members must be 4-H age 9 to participate in the state fair.

Entries must be received or postmarked by **June 1**. No late entries will be accepted. More information and the link to enter is posted on our district 4-H website at: [https://www.chisholmtrail.k-state.edu/4_h/forms_and_applications/dickinson_forms_apps/tagging_info/NC%20District%20Horseshow.pdf](https://www.chisholmtrail.k-state.edu/4_h/forms_and_applications/dickinson_forms_apps/tagging_info/NC%20District%20Horseshow.pdf)

Contact me with any questions.

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