

MARION 4-H EQUINE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS POLICIES

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These policies deal with the philosophy, policy, and operations of this department and the County 4-H Equine Program.

1. The department shall support and abide by the 4-H Circular 179, "Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows" for all 4-H Equine shows.
2. The department shall encourage good sportsmanship and good conduct at all 4-H horse shows from participants, parents, and spectators. Unacceptable behavior is grounds for dismissal from the event. Judge's decision is final.
3. The department shall cooperate with and abide by the rules and regulations of the Marion County Junior Fair Board and Marion County Senior Fair Board.
4. The signed Disclosure and Release of Claims form is **due with your 4-H enrollment forms no later than February 15.**
5. All Equine Members Must attend the **Mandatory Equine Quality Assurance April 23, 2023.**
6. **To participate at the Marion Co. Fair, Ohio State Fair PAS Shows and The Ohio State Fair the Member must Attend the Mandatory Equine Quality Assurance April 23, 2023. Attend the Mandatory Check-In April 30, 2023 with Horse. Attend the Mandatory Veterinarian Health Check June 28, 2023 with horse.**
7. 4-H Equine Project Description/Lease Forms, Fair Entry Forms will be turned in when your horse is inspected at the Mandatory Check-in by the 4-H Equine Jr. Fair Board and their advisors. Members are to be present and to have hands on Daily Care of their Project Animal from this date. All project animals will be measured at this Mandatory Check-In. Ponies are 58" and under if they are measured unshod then they show unshod or if shod then show shod, if there is a change either way then the animal must be re measured 1 hour prior to the start time of the show with notice given in advance to the person or persons responsible for measurements.
8. Two members cannot show the same project animal for their project. (An immediate family member can enter the same animal but only one can show it.)
9. To participate at the Ohio State Fair the member will declare 4 qualifying show classes per horse, but may only show 1 horse in a Qualifying Show (once that horse is shown that is the horse you have to show at the 2nd.) (Reference entry form for current year deadlines, Rule # 6, PAS rules and 4-H Show Rules of Operation.)



10. Junior Fair Board Equine Department superintendents will be selected in the same manner as other Jr. Fair Board superintendents.
11. The Jr. Fair Board recommends the Qualifying Show, King and Queen, and Marion County Equine Show judges by discussing possible judges from the current approved 4-H judges list
12. All Clubs are expected to share in conducting Fair Shows. Schedules will be posted.
13. Any protest about rules or policies must be accompanied by a \$50 fee. This protest will be handled according to the "General Rules Governing the Junior Fair" found in the Marion County Fairbook.
14. If you would like to suggest changes for the Equine Department Classes please submit those changes in writing by **September 1st** for the next year to the Department Advisor.
15. 4-H Equine Department Operations Policies and Equine Show Rules developed at the November Jr. Fair Board meeting shall stand until the following November.
16. A copy of #179 State Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows and the Marion County 4-H Equine Program Handbook will be made available to each 4-H/FFA Equine member/family to purchase.
17. No horses are to be in the Arena after 5:00 p.m.