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MARION COUNTY 4-H EQUINE DEPARTMENT

4-H HORSE SHOW RULES OF OPERATION

1. All hardship cases require a veterinary certificate verifying the horse is dead, ill, or injured to the extent the horse cannot be shown and the member has no other horse project signed up, excluding production. The member must request permission in writing to the 4-H Marion County Extension Educator and the Equine Jr. Fair Board Advisors to use a replacement animal.
2. All horses must be led except while in the arena.
3. Animals are not to be turned loose in either arena.
4. There will be no racing of horses on the fairgrounds.
5. Sitting on horses in the barn is prohibited.
6. All occupied stall doors must be closed
7. No riding double or without bridle.
8. All riders must wear riding boots and an approved helmet.
9. Permissible attire for Fun Day Classes shall be long pants, a short-sleeved shirt with a minimum sleeve length of 4" and boots, with the exception of the costume class. (While mounted you must wear an approved helmet.)
10. Each stall must be cleaned daily by the time designated. Each stall will have a grade sheet and the condition of stall, animal, WATER IN THE BUCKET and area in front of stall will be graded each day by a designated person at the posted time. Penalties for grades C or below are as follows: 1st offense - warning; 2nd offense - no premium; 3rd offense - removal.
11. **Animals are to be ridden by its registered exhibitor only.** (No Parents, Friends, Trainers. NO ONE EXCEPT THE EXHIBITOR) **ONLY EXCEPTION: designated classes only**
12. Several saddle project animals may be enrolled in 4-H by a member; however, the total number of animals allowed to be taken to the fair is two, plus Production (a mare and foal).
13. Only two saddle project animals may be entered in riding classes.
14. Each exhibitor is allowed to show only one entry per class.
15. Each exhibitor **Must** participate in the Mandatory Showmanship Grade Class with each Project to receive a Premium.
16. Horse Skillathon is **MANDATORY** for anyone exhibiting horses at the Jr. Fair.
17. Animals must be shown under saddle, in harness or in showmanship to participate in Fun classes.
18. All rules established by the department **MUST** be obeyed or premiums will be forfeited and possible removal from the fairgrounds and future restrictions.
19. Supreme Classes (Horsemanship and Showmanship) shall provide ribbons to ten places, with trophies for first and second places. Premiums are paid on the first three places: \$5, \$4, and \$3 respectfully.
20. Calcutta classes are not allowed in 4-H equine shows or shows sponsored by 4-H groups. They are forms of gambling and are not permitted.
21. Marion County 4-H equine shows will be conducted according to #179 "UNIFORM RULES FOR 4-H HORSE SHOWS IN OHIO" and the rules and policies set forth in the Marion County 4-H Equine Program Handbook. **READ THEM!**


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22. Protests must be made in writing, signed by party or parties making the protest, and filed with the Jr. Fair Board Office by noon of the day following the incident and/or award, accompanied by the protest fee of \$50, which will be retained by the Marion County Jr. Fair Board if protest is not sustained. Parties may appeal the decision of the Jr. Fair Board Executive Committee to the Sr. Fair Board in writing by noon of the day following the decision accompanied by an additional protest fee of \$50, which will be retained by the Marion County Sr. Fair Board if the protest is not sustained.
23. In the question of a rule violation, the exhibitor and/or parties involved will be questioned by the Department Governing Body (Jr. Fair Department Superintendents, Jr. Fair Department Advisors, Sr. Fair Department Superintendents, and OSU Extension Educator). If it is felt that a violation has occurred, the Departmental Governing Body will make a recommendation to the Jr. Fair Board Executive committee. Upon hearing the case, the Jr. Fair Board Executive committee will make a ruling. When satisfactory evidence has been obtained by the Jr. Fair Board Executive committee that any of the rules have been violated the exhibitor and/or exhibitor's family may be barred from showing in any future Marion County Fairs. In case any premium shall have been awarded to animals shown in violation of this rule, the Jr. Fair Board Executive committee may require any or all of the following: refund all premiums, return all trophies, return all awards, and return or forfeit all sale money.
24. All project animal(s) will be measured at the mandatory check-in. Ponies are 58" and under. If they are measured unshod, they must 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 prior to participating at the Marion County Fair and/or Qualifying Show.
25. State Fair Qualifiers will be selected using the "Performance Against Standards Program" judging system at a non-fair Qualifying Show. Scores will follow the animal. All 4-H members will be permitted to show at Qualifying Shows with proper preregistration **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, 2019 with horse.** There is a \$20 fee to show per show. You can show only 1 horse and it must be the same horse for both PAS Shows. If you want to qualify in or out of county you must have all paper work turned in, also request permission from the Extension Educator to go out of county. (If you are not permitted to show at Marion County Fair for a Rules Violation, you are not permitted to qualify for State Fair either).
26. All youth staying overnight in the Equine Department must have a designated adult supervisor present,
27. Stalls must be completely cleaned out the end of release day. If your stall is not cleaned out you will not be permitted to show the NEXT YEAR.
28. Equine are not permitted to leave the fair prior to the scheduled release time. If they leave the grounds early, the exhibitor will be penalized with not showing at the fair for 1 to 3 years. The penalty time period is to be determined by Marion County Jr. Fair Board in consultation with the Horse department Advisors. You will not be permitted to qualify for State Fair for the years you are penalized.
29. No horse in the Arena after 5:00 p.m.