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**of Cape May County**  
New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station



**2025**  
**Cape May County 4-H Fair**  
**July 17, 18 & 19**



***4-H Horse Show Guidelines***

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## 2025 Cape May County 4-H Fair **HORSE SHOWS**



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### **SHOWMANSHIP-HALTER DIVISION**

**9:00 am, Thursday, July 17**

### **ENGLISH DIVISION**

**8:30 am, Friday, July 18**

### **WESTERN DIVISION**

**9:00 am, Saturday, July 19**

### **GAMES DIVISION**

**9:00 am, Sunday, July 20**

## **4-H Goals for Fair**

- Have fun!
- Establish NEW FRIENDSHIPS, while strengthening old ones.
- SHARE KNOWLEDGE about your 4-H horse project with the public and other 4-Hers.
- SUPPORT and HELP one another.
- Maintain a POSITIVE ATTITUDE throughout the Fair.
- DEMONSTRATE your equestrian skills.
- Foster GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP.
- LEARN about other 4-H project areas.
- PROMOTE 4-H!
- TO "MAKE THE BEST BETTER!"

## **When I Compete . . .**

- I have a performance goal . . . never a "to only beat someone else" goal,
- I respect and learn from other competitors more skilled than myself,
- I don't criticize other competitors, officials, or judges,
- I do my best,
- I have fun,
- I stay home if I can't follow the above rules.

*From Horses, Kids, and Ethics*

# **Getting Ready for the Fair**

*Here are some helpful hints to help you prepare for a successful and fun 4-H fair.*

**Changes for 2025:** Please read these guidelines carefully and completely. Any changes are shown in **RED**.

**Horse Show times may be changed in the case of extreme heat.**

## **Early Horse Show Registration**

**Preregistration for all horse shows is **REQUIRED BY THURSDAY, JULY 10<sup>th</sup>**.**

Horse show entry forms are electronic Google docs accessed by pointing your phone camera at the **QR CODES** on each horse show page. Every 4-H member who completes their forms and turns them into their leader by July 10th will have their name entered into a drawing for \$50!

## **Horse Check-In on Wednesday**

Horses may be brought in any time on Wednesday as long as someone stays with the horse(s) at all times. Check with club leader in advance for stall assignments.

## **Horse Health Records**

It is very important that you bring your horses' vaccination records and original Coggins test reports to show at the beginning of fair **UNLESS your horse's papers have already been reviewed and accepted**. We ask 4-H members to use the "4-H Horse Health Form" from your record books. According to state law, you should always have a copy of your health records in your towing vehicle or trailer when transporting your horse. Don't forget the newest health requirements: annual Coggins testing and EHV vaccinations within six months of 4-H events.

## **Event Permission Forms**

In addition to horse show entry forms and horse health records, every youth and adult attending fair horse activities must complete an event permission form. These forms are included in the horse show guidelines mailing and will be available in the announcer's booth.

## **Caring for YOUR Project Animals**

The purpose of the 4-H fair is for youth members to showcase their 4-H projects to their families, friends and the public. This means showing how YOU, the 4-H youth member, care for and train your animal. Therefore, it is important that members do as much of the work possible to care for their animals while at the fair. In this light, please be aware of the following Horse Council rule:

In 4-H, we learn by doing, not by watching adults do it for us. 4-H horse project members are expected to provide all care for their project animals, including supplying adequate food and a constant supply of clean water, cleaning stalls, grooming, tacking up and exercising. Exceptions will be made in instances of safety concerns and when youth members are too small to tack up by themselves. As always, youth members are encouraged to help one another. Failure to adhere to this rule may result in members being asked to remove their horse projects from the fairgrounds.

### **Club Barn Exhibits**

Each club is asked to make a barn exhibit to hang in front of one of their stalls. Club barn exhibits may be three-dimensional but must be fully contained on one 4' x 8' sheet of plywood. Clubs receive extra points for using the theme in their exhibits. The 2024 4-H Fair theme is **“COUNTRY ROOTS & COWBOY BOOTS!”** It is important that work on the exhibit be done by club youth members, not adults.

### **Youth Members' Stall Exhibits**

Each member is asked to make a stall poster for each horse you bring to fair. You will need 22" x 28" poster board to fit in the wooden frames. They can include photos, drawings and information on you and your horse or on any horse topic you like. Be sure to make the type or print large, colorful and easy to read. Use standard thickness poster board only. Remember that the posters will hang vertically.

### **Night Watch Duty**

Each youth member keeping an animal at the fair is asked to pay **\$10** toward the cost of a paid night watch guard.

### **Mandatory Barn Meeting**

There will be individual club meetings for all exhibitors and their parents on Wednesday night, July 16th, for announcements and questions. Every club member who is showing must attend with at least 1 parent/guardian. These meetings can take place anytime on Wednesday evening. Attendance will be taken and turned into the office.

### **Work Night Schedule**

4-H fair work nights are scheduled for June 4, 11, 18, 25; and July 2 and 9. The weekend of July 13-14 is also a work weekend. There are plenty of service projects to be done and plenty of opportunities to get your four hours of fairgrounds community service done! Time spent on your club gardens may not count for fairgrounds service hours.

***ALL 4-H MEMBERS MUST COMPLETE THEIR 4 SERVICE HOURS  
BEFORE MONDAY, JULY 14.***

### **4-H Fair General Guidelines**

Don't forget to check your general guidelines to learn about all the other ways you can be involved in the 4-H fair! They will be mailed separately along with other information.

***If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call the 4-H office at 465-5115, ext. 3605.***



# **Showmanship & Halter Day**

**Thursday, July 17, 2025**

**Start Time: 9:00 AM**

**(No Entry Fee)**



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## **SHOWMANSHIP & GROOMING CLASSES**

1. Cloverbud Showmanship & Grooming (choice of English or Western tack, participation ribbons only) WILL BE SPLIT AS NEEDED INTO A & B
2. Sr. Western Showmanship & Grooming
3. Jr. Western Showmanship & Grooming
4. Novice Western Showmanship & Grooming
5. Beginner Western Showmanship & Grooming
6. Walk-Jog Western Showmanship & Grooming
7. **Western Grand & Reserve Showmanship & Grooming Class** (comprised of first- and second-place exhibitors)
8. Sr. English Showmanship & Grooming
9. Jr. English Showmanship & Grooming
10. Novice English Showmanship & Grooming
11. Beginner English Showmanship & Grooming
12. Walk-Trot English Showmanship & Grooming
13. **English Grand & Reserve Champion Showmanship & Grooming Class** (comprised of first- and second-place exhibitors)

## **HALTER CLASSES**

14. Growing & Training Halter (Equine 3 years old and younger)
15. Western Halter Mares & Geldings
16. Halter Pony Mares & Geldings, English & Western
17. Hunter Halter Mares & Geldings
18. Other Breeds and Types, Mares and Geldings
19. **Grand & Reserve Champion Halter Horse or Pony** (comprised of first- and second-place exhibitors)
20. VSE In Hand Trail- Fun class open to all
21. VSE In Hand Jumping – Fun class open to all with registered VSE project animals

***1 Hour Break***

## **VERSATILITY COMPETITION (Junior & Senior riders only)**

22. Western Pleasure
23. Western Horsemanship

### ***10-Minute Tack Change IN RING***

24. Hunt Seat Equitation
25. Hunter Over Fences (Six jumps, 2')



## **Showmanship & Grooming and Halter Day Notes**

- 4-H members will be allowed to show the same project animal in both Eng & West Showmanship & Grooming.
- The Danish System will be used for all Showmanship & Grooming and Halter classes.
- 4-H members may show in a higher division Showmanship & Grooming class than the division they ride in.
- All 1st- and 2nd-place winners in Showmanship & Grooming and Halter classes will be called back for championship classes. Be prepared!
- 4-H members should show their own registered project animal if at all possible.
- English Showmanship will use the NJ State 4-H Championship Horse Show English Showmanship pattern.
- *Some halter classes may be combined.*

### **Special Versatility Competition Rules**

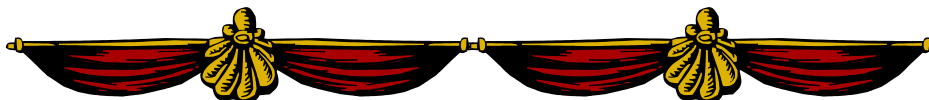
- The Versatility Division is open to previous winners.
- In the event of a tie in Versatility, scores from equitation and horsemanship will be used to break the tie. In the event of tied scores in these two classes, the judge will break the tie at his or her discretion.
- **FOR JUNIOR AND SENIOR RIDERS ONLY!**
- This combination of four classes is intended to determine the most versatile horse-rider combination. The division is composed of Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Hunt Seat Equitation and Hunter Over Fences. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion awards will be given. A 10-minute tack change will take place **IN THE ARENA**. **Only three 4-H members are allowed to help each competitor, absolutely no adults.** Western attire may be worn over English attire.
- Versatility competitors must ride classes in appropriate English and western tack. **THERE WILL BE A TACK CHECK AT THE BEGINNING OF CLASSES 23 AND 25.** See state rule book for acceptable bits. Western classes must be ridden according to western one- and two-handed rules.
- Classes will be divided for hand gallop if more than 10 riders.

### **Versatility Classes**

1. **Western Pleasure:** Walk, jog, lope both ways of the ring.
2. **Western Horsemanship:** Horses will be asked to complete a horsemanship pattern and do work on the rail.
3. **Hunt Seat Equitation:** Horses shown both ways of the ring at a walk, trot, and canter. Riders may be asked for a hand gallop. Class will be divided for hand gallop if over 10 riders.
4. **Hunter Over Fences:** A course of six 2' jumps.

## **THURSDAY EVENING EVENTS**

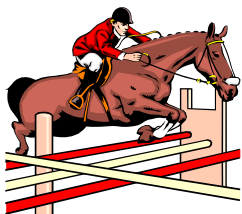
*(Held after Livestock Auction)*



*~ Moonlight Riders Mounted 4-H Drill Team ~*

*~ Funny and Fancy Costume Classes ~*

*Entries placed 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. All receive participation ribbons.*



# ENGLISH DAY

8:30 AM, Friday, July 18, 2025

Entry Fee: \$30/Day Fee or \$15/Class

**FAMILY FEE: \$25 each, 2 or more immediate family members riding same horse.**



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## DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS (See English Day Notes)

Working Hunter – 12, 13, 14

Jr. Equitation – 20, 21

Horse Pleasure – 22, 23

Walk-Trot – 9, 10, 11

Pony Hunter – 15, 16, 17

Novice Rider – 26, 27, 28

Pony Pleasure – 24, 25

Western Go English – 34, 35, 36

Sr. Equitation – 18, 19

English Green Horse – 29, 30, 31, 32, 33

Beginner Rider – 5, 6, 7, 8

## CLASS SCHEDULE

- |   |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Cloverbud Walk-Trot-Equitation         | 8. Beginner Rider – Ground Poles      |
| 2. Cloverbud Walk-Trot Pleasure           | 9. Walk-Trot - Equitation             |
| 3. Cloverbud Walk-Trot-Canter             | 10. Walk-Trot - Pleasure              |
| 4. Cloverbud Ground Poles                 | 11. Walk Trot – Figure 8              |
| 5. Beginner Rider Walk, Trot – Equitation | 12. Working Hunter over Fences – 2'6" |
| 6. Beginner Rider Walk, Trot – Pleasure   | 13. Handy Working Hunter Horse        |
| 7. Beginner Rider Walk, Trot – Figure 8   | 14. Hunter Horse Under Saddle         |
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15. Pony Hunter over Fences – Sm 2'; Med 2'; Lg 2'- 2'6" optional
  16. Handy Working Hunter Pony
  17. Pony Hunter Under Saddle
  18. Sr Equitation over Fences – Sm 2'; Med 2'; Lg 2'-2'6" optional
  19. Sr Equitation on the Flat
  20. Jr Equitation over Fences– Sm 2'; Med 2'; Lg 2'- 2'6" optional
  21. Jr Equitation on the Flat
  22. English Pleasure - Horse
  23. Bridle Path Hack - Horse
  24. English Pleasure - Pony
  25. Bridle Path Hack - Pony
  26. Novice Rider Equit over Fences – 18" crossrails or 2' optional
  27. Novice Rider Equitation on the Flat
  28. Novice Rider Pleasure
  29. Green Horse Hunter Over Fences – 18" crossrails, 2' - 2'6" optional (see definition under Eng Day Notes)
  30. Green Horse Handy Hunter – 18" crossrails, 2' - 2'6" optional
  31. Green Horse Hunter Under Saddle
  32. Green Horse Pleasure
  33. Green Horse Equitation on the Flat
  34. Western Go English Equitation
  35. Western Go English Hunter Under Saddle
  36. Western Go English Pleasure
  37. Pairs over Fences – 2'
  38. Hunt Teams over Fences – 2'
  39. Pairs on the Flat
  40. Hunt Teams on the Flat
  41. Walk-Trot Command
  42. W-T-C Command

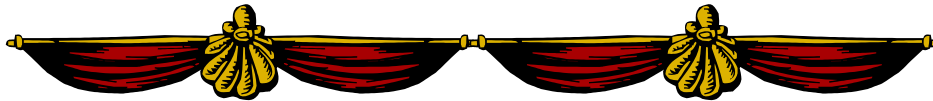
**Jump Heights will be grouped  
- OF classes will run with  
open judge's cards**



### *English Day Notes*

- **ALL LEADLINE CLASSES AT 4PM!**
- **Please note:** No one but the designated ring crew boss may adjust the height of jumps.
- The **English Green Horse Division** is for horses in their first and second year of showing only, including shows outside of 4-H. Walk-trot-canter. Halter and showmanship not to count. The Green Horse Hunter Over Fences class will be judged 50% on equitation and 50% on way-of-going. Green horses may not cross-enter.
- **Working Hunter** riders must specify jumping height on entry form!
- **Western Goes English and English Goes Western Divisions** are designed to be fun classes. Any horse that qualifies for the State 4-H Championship Horse Show that year in either English or Western classes is not eligible for that respective Western Goes English or English Goes Western Division. English tack required for Western Goes English. Western tack required for English Goes Western.
- **Pairs and Teams on the Flat** may be split at the discretion of the show committee.
- Martingales or tie-downs prohibited in all classes except over fences. Not permitted in hack classes.

### *FRIDAY EVENING EVENTS*



### *~ Stick Pony Show and Other Fun & Games! ~*

- Bring your own stick pony
- Riders will walk, trot, lope, gallop & jump



# WESTERN DAY

9:00 AM, Saturday, July 19, 2025

Entry Fee: \$30/Day Fee or \$15/Class



**FAMILY DAY FEE: \$25 each, 2 or more  
immediate family members riding same horse.**

## DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior Rider 7, 8, 9

Junior Rider 10, 11, 12

Novice Rider 13, 14, 15

Beginner Rider 16, 17, 18

Walk-Jog 19, 20, 21

Green Horse 22, 23, 24

English Go Western 25, 26, 27

## CLASS SCHEDULE

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|--|--|
| 1. Cloverbud West. Walk-Jog-Horsemanship     | 19. Horsemanship – Walk-Jog                      |
| 2. Cloverbud West. Walk-Jog-Pleasure         | 20. Western Pleasure – Walk-Jog                  |
| 3. Cloverbud West. Walk-Jog-Lope             | 21. Trail Class – Walk-Jog                       |
| 4. Cloverbud -- Trail Class -                | 22. Horsemanship – Green Horse                   |
| 5. Western Leadline – Walk Only <b>10 AM</b> | 23. Western Pleasure – Green Horse               |
| 6. Western Leadline – Walk-Trot              | 24. Trail Class – Green Horse                    |
| 7. Horsemanship – Senior Rider               | 25. English Go Western Horsemanship              |
| 8. Western Pleasure – Senior Rider           | 26. English Go Western Pleasure                  |
| 9. Trail Class – Senior Rider                | 27. English Go Western Trail Class               |
| 10. Horsemanship – Junior Rider              | 28. Walk-Jog Command – Beginner Riders           |
| 11. Western Pleasure – Junior Rider          | 29. Command Class – Novice Rider and Green Horse |
| 12. Trail Class – Junior Rider               | 30. Command Class – Jr. & Sr. Riders and Pony    |
| 13. Horsemanship – Novice Rider              | 31. Ranch Pleasure – Walk, Jog                   |
| 14. Western Pleasure – Novice Rider          | 32. Ranch Pleasure – Walk, Jog, Fast Lope        |
| 15. Trail Class – Novice Rider               | 33. Walk-Jog Pairs – Beginner Riders & Walk-Jog  |
| 16. Horsemanship – Beginner Rider            | 34. Pairs Class                                  |
| 17. Western Pleasure – Beginner Rider        |  |
| 18. Trail Class - Beginner Rider             |  |



# **GAMES CLASSES**

## **9:00AM, SUNDAY**

## **JULY 20, 2025**



(No entry fee)

### **DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Walk-Trot Games 2, 6, 10, 14

Game Horse 4, 8, 12, 16

Game Pony 3, 7, 11, 15

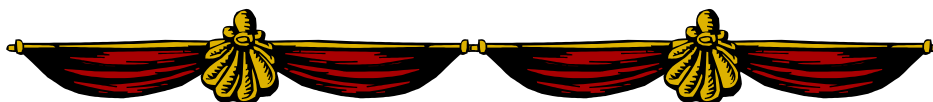
### **CLASS SCHEDULE**

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|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Cloverbud Poles   | 9. Cloverbud Keg        |
| 2. Walk-Trot Poles   | 10. Walk-Trot Keg       |
| 3. Poles - Pony      | 11. Keg - Pony          |
| 4. Poles – Horse     | 12. Keg - Horse         |
| 5. Cloverbud Barrels | 13. Cloverbud Flag Race |
| 6. Walk-Trot Barrels | 14. Walk-Trot Flag Race |
| 7. Barrels - Pony    | 15. Flag Race - Pony    |
| 8. Barrels – Horse   | 16. Flag Race - Horse   |
|                      | 17. Ride-A-Buck         |

### **Western Day and Games Notes**

- Pony division has been combined with the Junior and Senior Divisions.
- All Future 4-H'ers and Leadliners will receive participation ribbons.
- Ranch Pleasure class is basically the same as Western Pleasure, but all gaits are judged at a faster pace. Must show in western tack and clothing.
- **English Go Western** participants please see rules on page 10.
- Spurs are allowed; however, rowels must be blunt and turn freely. Western tack and shirts with long sleeves and collars **required** in all games classes unless otherwise instructed by Horse Council.
- English bridles are acceptable for use in games classes; western saddles are required.
- **Walk-Trot Games Division:** A five-second penalty will be added each time a horse or pony lopez in walk-trot classes. Galloping over four strides will result in disqualification. Walk-trot games classes are open to **Green Horse, Beginner Riders and Growing and Training** projects only.
- No crops, bats, whips or over-under ropes allowed in any games classes. Reins may not be used as whips.

# ***SPECIAL SATURDAY EVENTS***



***~ Moonlight Riders Mounted 4-H Drill Team ~***

***~4-H Horse & Livestock~  
Showmanship Round Robin  
3:00 p.m. (Held in the Coover Pavilion)***

This entertaining event is a skills competition featuring the top 4-H Showmanship Grand Champion in each project animal represented at the fair: horse, hog, goat, sheep, bird/poultry and rabbit.

Round Robin contestants will show each animal, rotating around until they are back at their original animal. They may be asked questions by the judge and are judged on their ability to show each animal to its best advantage in a manner correct for that species.

Contestants should find other more experienced 4-H members to give them pointers on showing unfamiliar animals. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons will be awarded. All others will receive participation ribbons.

# ***CMC 4-H FAIR HORSE SHOW DEFINITIONS***

## **4-H Membership**

**Cloverbud and Future 4-Her:** Open to riders K - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Walk-trot or walk-trot-lope/canter. Cannot be placed; participation ribbons and prizes only. Ineligible for any other classes.

**Regular 4-H Member:** Grades 4-13, or one year out of high school.

## **Horse/Pony Definitions**

Foal:	Born within current year
Growing & Training Project Horse:	1-3 years of age
Horse:	4 years of age and over
Pony:	14'2" and under
Horse:	Over 14'2"

**Growing & Training Halter:** Open to horses 3 years old and younger. Lease/borrow horses ineligible.

**Growing & Training Pleasure:** Open only to horses 3 years old. Lease/borrow horses ineligible. Eligible horses must have been shown as club members' Growing & Training project animals the previous year.

## **English and Western Divisions**

### **Green Horse**

For horses in their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year of showing only, including shows outside of 4-H, (halter and showmanship classes not to count). Walk, trot and canter. No cross entering of the horse. Cannot use two hands for horses 6 years of age and over.

### **Beginner Rider**

Open to beginning riders 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grades, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year of showing only. Walk-trot only. Beginner riders who wish to ride in games classes must show in the walk-trot division only. Beginning 4-Hers with showing/riding experience may opt to skip this division and show Novice. Any 4-H youth member who competes in a riding class at a qualifying horse show may not ride in the beginner division at the 4-H fair. 4-H youth members who qualify to compete in any in-hand classes at the state horse show may not show in the beginner division on Showmanship & Grooming and Halter Day at fair, but may show in beginner riding divisions.

### **Walk-Trot /Walk-Jog**

Open to walk-trot riders in 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. No cross-entering in cantering or loping classes.

### **Novice Rider**

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year cantering, can stay in this division two years. Cannot cross enter.

### **Junior Rider**

4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades. Cannot cross enter except for English Go Western, and Western Go English.

### **Senior Rider**

9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> grades. Cannot cross enter except for English Go Western, and Western Go English.

The 4-H division year is September 1-August 31. Horse Council must approve any exceptions to these division rules.

## ***4-H FAIR HORSE SHOW RULES\****

In addition to these rules specific to the 4-H fair, all participants and family members are expected to comply with the rules outlined in the NJ State 4-H Championship Horse Show & County Qualifying Shows Rule Book and in the Cape May County 4-H Horse Program Rule Book.

1. At least one parent/guardian from the household of every 4-Her exhibiting a horse at the fair will be required to attend any mandatory pre-fair meetings.
2. In order to qualify to stable at the 4-H fair, members must be registered 4-H members in good standing by January 1 of the current year. To remain in good standing, 4-H members must: attend at least 70 percent 4-H club business meetings by fair time, participate in annual 4-H Public Presentations, do community service, properly register their 4-H horse projects by April 1 of the current year, and contribute at least four hours of service work on the fairgrounds for the fair. All 4-H members stabling at the fair must exhibit in a Showmanship and Grooming class.
3. In order to show a horse at fair or qualify to compete in the NJ State 4-H Championship Horse Show, members must complete at least four hours of service work on the fairgrounds.
4. Horses may be brought in any time on Wednesday as long as someone stays with the horse(s) at all times. Check with club leader in advance for stall assignments.
5. 4-H horse project members are expected to provide all care for their project animals, including supplying adequate food and a constant supply of clean water, cleaning stalls, grooming, tacking up, and exercising. Exceptions will be made in instances of safety concerns and when youth members are too small to tack up by themselves. As always, youth members are encouraged to help one another. Failure to adhere to this rule may result in members having to remove their horse projects from the fair.
6. 4-H members who meet other eligibility requirements but are not registered members by January 1 may participate in all 4-H fair horse shows, judged projects, and activities at the 4-H fair, but they will not be eligible for any class placings or awards. These members will receive participation ribbons for any classes or projects entered.
7. To receive an award in any event which requires judging, a participant must have been enrolled in grades 4-13 (1 year out of high school) as of September of the previous year. When participating in classes by grade at the fair, your grade is whatever grade you were in the past school year.
8. Points for fair division championships will be awarded as follows: 1st place 7 points, 2nd place 5 points, 3rd place 4 points, 4th place 3 points, 5th place 2 points, and 6th place 1 point. In the event of a tie for grand or reserve, the tie will be broken by the judge based on the highest horsemanship or equitation placing. If the division in question does not include horsemanship or equitation, the tie will be broken at the judge's discretion.
9. 4-H club leaders are responsible to see that their club members and parents comply with all rules and regulations herein contained as well as those posted during the 4-H fair.
10. Any grievances/complaints must be submitted in writing with a valid signature and require a club leader's signature. Decisions made by Horse Council and/or the show steward are final.
11. Only 4-H members who have earned the privilege of stabling their animals and their immediate family members may stay overnight at the fair. Anyone found on 4-H or county property after the 11:00 p.m. curfew without a signed overnight agreement will be escorted from the grounds by county security.
12. Any 4-H member who stables a horse project at fair is expected to sleep over to care for that animal. Any exceptions must be approved by 4-H staff.
13. Awards and first through sixth place ribbons will be presented in all classes, except in Cloverbud classes where participation awards will be given.



14. 4-H members may opt to show in a higher division Showmanship & Grooming class and remain in their regular division for English and Western Days.
15. Any 4-H member who competes in a riding class at a qualifying horse show may not ride in the beginner division at the 4-H fair.
16. If a 4-H member qualifies to compete in an in-hand class at the state horse show, that member may not show in the beginner division on Showmanship & Grooming and Halter Day, but may show in beginner riding divisions.
17. Members may enter up to two registered project animals in different fair halter classes. In the event that both animals earn a slot in the Grand and Reserve Championship Halter class, the member may select another registered 4-H member to show the second animal in that class only.
18. Registered 4-Hers with properly submitted event permission and helmet notification waiver forms may school or ride one another's registered project horses at fair and at other events with the exception of state qualifying horse shows. The 4-H member/owner must be present and must have his/her club leader's approval. 4-H members may not show another member's project horse without the approval of Horse Council.
19. **Stabled horses may not be removed from the fairgrounds until 9 pm** on the last day of the fair without the permission of the county 4-H agent. Anyone not abiding by this rule will not be allowed to stable the following year.
20. Feeding time will be 6:30 a.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Evening feedings should take place at the completion of the shows or at the dinner break. Clean water must be available and accessible for horses and ponies at all times; hay at the owner's discretion.
21. Stalls must be kept clean and well bedded throughout the day. Manure is to be taken to designated area only. No hay may be stored in any stall or in the barn area.
22. 4-H horse club leaders are responsible for the overall maintenance and condition of club members' stalls, both during the fair and to see that they are completely clean and stripped by members by the end of the week following the fair.
23. Horses may be taken out of stalls for riding or exercise in designated areas at the discretion of and with the supervision of a leader or parent up until curfew. Mares and foals, yearlings and 2-year-olds may be turned loose in the exercise ring under supervision of the owner. At no time may these animals be left unattended. Racing at any time is prohibited. Ride in designated schooling areas only.
24. 4-H members trailering in for the day may use unoccupied stalls. These stalls must be stripped before departure from the Fairgrounds. Manure is to be taken to designated areas only. The trailer parking area must be cleaned of manure and trash. All participants must police their own parking area.
25. Club barn exhibits may be three-dimensional but must be fully contained on one 4' x 8' sheet of plywood. Work should be done by club youth members.
26. No dogs allowed on the fairgrounds.

*\*Rule changes/additions are in italics.*



## NEW JERSEY 4-H PROGRAM POLICY

### New Jersey 4-H Code of Conduct

The primary purpose of the New Jersey 4-H Code of Conduct is to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants at 4-H sponsored events and activities. It applies to all participants, with participants defined as 4-H members, their parents/guardians, and volunteers.

As a participant in the 4-H program, I will:

- **Conduct myself in a courteous manner and treat members, parents, 4-H volunteers, Extension staff, judges and others with respect. Appropriate language and behavior are expected at all times.**
- **Respect and adhere to the rules and guidelines of the 4-H program including all those specific to a 4-H event or activity.**
- **Uphold an individual's right to dignity by supporting an environment of inclusion which welcomes involvement of participants from all backgrounds.**
- **Accept supervision and support from county and state 4-H staff while participating in the 4-H program. This includes acceptance of supervision and support from appointed 4-H volunteers coordinating 4-H events and activities.**
- **Obey local, state and federal laws.**

Participants who fail to adhere to the New Jersey 4-H Code of Conduct are subject to a range of disciplinary actions. Such actions will be taken in compliance with the New Jersey 4-H Discipline Policy and Procedure. When appropriate, immediate corrective action will be taken at the 4-H event to ensure the safety and welfare of all participants.

I understand if I fail to adhere to the above Code of Conduct, I will be subject to disciplinary action and potentially prohibited from attending and participating in the New Jersey 4-H Youth Development program.

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