Horse

Rules Greene County 4-H Horse Project

Rules and Regulations To be eligible to show

1. Members must submit all required county and state 4-H horse paperwork by April 23, 2021. Paperwork is turned in via virtual mailbox: www.go.osu.edu/greenehorsepaperwork. Paperwork can be found online: https://greene.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/livestock

2. Members must attend the virtual spring horse exhibitor meeting on April 8, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Meeting link will be provided by club advisor and will be posted to the Greene County 4-H Horse Program Facebook page. Attendance at this meeting will be used as a tiebreaker for high point and champion exhibitor awards.

3. Skill-a-thon: 4-H Horse Project members may participate in the 4-H Skill-a-thon/book check.

4. Record books: Must be completed each year and are a part of book check at skill-a-thon.

5. Equine Safety and Ethics Program- Every 4-H member enrolled in a Horse Project and planning on exhibiting at the Greene County Fair must complete the state requirement for this program. Once the youth and parent complete A and B, they need not repeat it.
   a. Every 4-H member and their parent / guardian read the safety booklet (Circular 191R) and sign the last page verify they have read it. If a parent / guardian has more than one child in 4-H, they only need to use one booklet.
   b. The youth and parent / guardian must view two videos: Every Time, Every Ride and Horses, Kids, and Ethics. Members and parents must sign a form verifying they have viewed these videos and turn them into the Extension Office.

6. All youth, age 19 and under, participating in 4-H equestrian activity, are required to wear properly fitted protective headgear which meet or exceeds current ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials) SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards with the chin harness securely fastened at all times while riding or driving an equine. It is the responsibility of the ride, or the parent or guardian of the youth participant to make sure the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use and is properly fitted and in good condition. The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, show committees, official, Extension personnel, and volunteer leaders are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance. This complete rule can be found in the 4-H 179- Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse
7. 4-H youth enrolled in a horse project, who will be bringing a horse to fair, must be a part of a horse club. This does not apply to horseless horse youth.

**Fair Show Rules and Regulations**

1. 4-H members who participate in the Greene County Jr. Fair Show must follow the Greene County 4-H Horse Project rules and regulations along with the rules set forth in the “Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows” (4-H Circular #179) for the current year. County rules and policies may override or modify those set forth in the Uniform Rules. Questions should be directed to horse committee members in charge.

2. Horses are to arrive at the fairgrounds on Saturday, July 31, 2021, time TBD. Each horse will be examined by the fair veterinarian before entering stalling area. Once horses arrive on the fairgrounds, they are expected to stay on the fairgrounds until the completion of the show on Tuesday, August 3, 2021.
   a. If schedule changes must occur, the horse committee determined the schedule will be: English and Western show on Monday, August 2 and Fun Show and Awards on Tuesday, August 3. If this schedule occurs, horses will not stay on the fairgrounds. Please be prepared for either schedule to occur.

3. Youth are required to take care of their horse while on the fairgrounds. This includes feeding, watering, and making sure the stall/area near the stall stays neat and tidy.

4. All members are required to clean up after their horse.

5. Turning horse loose in the horse arenas unattended or without a lead rope or lunge line attached is not permitted.

6. No sitting or standing on fences or gates in the horse arena is allowed.

7. If an exhibitor shows in an age group, they must remain in that age group for the remainder of the fair shows. If you are a walk trot/jog member you may not canter/lope during the fair at any time, including warmup times.

8. Members must show their own project without assistance.

9. Once the announcer first calls for the class to begin entering the arena, there will be a one-minute time limit for all exhibitors to enter a class they are showing in. After one minute or when all exhibitors are in the arena, whichever comes first, the gate will be closed, and the class begins.

10. Only people showing an animal in a class at a show can ride that
animal in the show. The violator will be disqualified from further participation at the show.

a. Anyone found handing a horse in a training manner from the ground other than the 4-H / FFA member, will cause the 4-H / FFA member to be disqualified from further participation at the show. Training is not to be confused with helping a 4-H / FFA member if a horse poses a safety threat, or a family member or volunteer helping at 4-H / FFA member get ready to show. (For example, lounging a horse in a non-training manner).

b. These rules apply to 4-H Jr. Fair Horse Shows only.

11. State Fair 4-H representatives will be selected at a PAS Show held prior to fair.

12. 4-H participants may not show more than 2 horses per class where you show 1 horse at a time (showmanship, trail, and contesting).

13. Each horse must have their own show bill filled out; one show bill for multiple horses will not be accepted.

14. Each horse must have a current coggins and vaccination report to the office on April 23, 2021 or as soon as possible. Horse(s) may not be brought to any 4-H events until the paperwork is on file.

15. The horse committee reserves the right to change/combine/add classes as determined fit.

16. Show bills turned in after the due date will not be accepted.

17. Each youth is required to have at least two hours of volunteer time prior to fair, if this is not met each youth must pay a $25 fee to the Greene County Horse Committee. Must pay prior to showing at fair.

18. High Point: See below information regarding high point eligibility. Separate form must be turned in with fair show bills on July 1, 2021. Late submissions not accepted.
   a. Each youth must select 4 classes and 1 alternate class to be used in the calculation of high point.
      i. No more than 2 speed/fun classes allowed to be selected.
      ii. Halter classes are NOT allowed to be selected.
   b. Skill-a-thon is the first tie breaker.
   c. The alternate class youth select is the second tie breaker.

19. Champion exhibitor: Will be selected using 3 separate scores.
   a. Overall Highest Placing: Points earned based on the overall highest placing of any class youth may enter.
   b. Showmanship Scoring: Points earned based on the highest placing in any showmanship class youth may enter.
   c. Skill-a-thon Scoring: Points earned based on their placing from the skill-a-thon.
d. Tie Breakers: Questions from Ohio 4-H Project Interview
Questions will be used. 6 questions per round and 2 questions from each age division.

**More in-depth scoring tables will be available**

**Riding Rules**

1. Once a rider moves on from the walk/jog or walk/trot division they cannot move back down. Special circumstances must be addressed with the horse committee.

2. Each member is recommended to purchase the Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows" (4- H Circular #179) for the current year as the Greene County Horse Committee adheres by all the rules within.

3. You may not wait by the entrance of the arenas at any time. Gate areas must remain clear.

4. No more than a walk is allowed outside of closed arenas.

5. For gymkhana classes, if you break pattern or gait you will be disqualified.

6. Riding level ages listed below:
   - Beginner riders: have not shown more than 2 years. May be any age. Advisor approval is needed to show at the beginner level
   - Junior: 9-13 years old (by 4-H age)
   - Senior: 14-18 years old (by 4-H age)

7. Members’ age for all classes is as of January 1 of the current year.

*Rules above are agreed upon and approved by the Greene County 4-H Horse Committee each year.*