

Horse Rules

Any/all pre-fair requirements (i.e. QA, pictures, pen assignments, etc.) MUST be completed by posted due date(s). Failure to complete any/all requirements, as required, will result in the exhibitor not being allowed to bring, able to show and/or sell livestock projects.

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 12, 2024 at 4:30pm**. Paperwork is to be turned in to the extension office. Paperwork can be found online: <https://greene.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/livestock> *Late paperwork will not be accepted.*
2. Members must attend the spring horse exhibitor meeting on **April 9, 2024 at 5:00pm. by zoom** *Attendance at this meeting will be used as a tiebreaker for high point and champion exhibitor awards.*
3. Skill-a-thon: All horse exhibitors must participate in skillathons.
4. Record books: Must be completed each year and are a part of book check at skill-a-thon.
5. All youth enrolled in a horse project (except Project #173 Horseless Horse) must complete a Greene County Horse Education Program. All first-time horse project participants should read 191R Horses, Safety and You. Books are available for purchase through the Extension Office.
1) Youth must complete Ohio 4-H's EquiSTEP program.
The online course is housed on ScarletCanvas and is run by the State 4-H Office. Information to access the course will in Greene County 4-H Greene Clover E-mails when it becomes available.
 - Each member must sign up for the course with a unique e-mail address.
 - Select 'Modules' to see the 5 steps.
 - Watch the video(s) that correspond with each step.
 - Complete the quiz associated with the training. You need to score at least a 7 out of 10 to pass the training.
 - After scoring at least a 7 out of 10 on the quiz, complete the Certificate of Completion/Course Evaluation Survey. Both you and your county 4-H professional will be emailed a certificate that notes you have completed the EquiSTEP training.
6. **All Greene County Youth must complete the Horse Education Program requirement by June 1.** 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 rider, 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 Shows.

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.
8. Hardship cases are defined as death or other injury where a vet determines equine unshowable. Other cases can be brought to the 4-H educator for consideration. Hardship cases will not be considered after 7/1/24.

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 the Greene County Extension Office.
2. All members are required to clean up after their horse.
3. Turning equine loose in the horse arenas unattended or without a lead rope or lunge line attached is not permitted.
4. No sitting or standing on fences or gates in the horse arena is allowed.
5. 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.
6. Members must show their own project without assistance.
7. 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.
8. 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.
 - Anyone found handling 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, lunging a horse in a non-training manner).

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

9. State Fair 4-H representatives will be selected at a PAS Show held prior to fair.
10. 4-H participants may not show more than 2 horses per class where you show 1 horse at a time (showmanship, trail, and contesting); each youth may have no more than 3 equine projects registered.
11. Each horse must have a current coggins (after Jan. 1 of current year) and a vaccination report to the extension office on **April 12, 2024 by 4:30pm** or as soon as possible. Horse(s) may not be brought to any 4-H events until the paperwork is on file.
12. Show bills may be changed/combined/edited as determined fit.
13. Show bills turned in after the due date will not be accepted.
14. Each youth is required to have at least two hours of volunteer time in service to the 4-H horse program prior to fair, if this is not met each youth must pay a \$50 fee to the Greene County Horse Committee. Must pay prior to showing at the fair.
15. High Point: See below information regarding high point eligibility. Separate form must be turned in with fair show bills on **July 1, 2024**. Late submissions not accepted.
 - Each youth must select 4 classes and 1 alternate class to be used in the calculation of the high point award.
 - i. No more than 2 speed/fun classes allowed to be selected.
 - ii. Halter classes are NOT allowed to be selected.
 - iii. Skill-a-thon is the first tie breaker.
 - iv. The alternate class youth select is the second tie breaker.
 - v. Attendance at the spring exhibitor meeting is the third tie breaker.
16. Champion exhibitor: Will be selected using 4 separate scores.
 - Overall Highest Placing: Points earned based on the overall highest placing of any class youth may enter.
 - Showmanship Scoring: Points earned based on the highest placing in any showmanship class youth may enter.
 - Horsemanship/Equitation/Ranch Riding: Points earned based on the highest placing in any horsemanship/equitation/ranch riding class youth may enter.
 - Skill-a-thon Scoring: Points earned based on their placing from the skill-a-thon.
 - Tie Breakers
 - Questions from Ohio 4-H Project Interview Questions will be used. 6 questions per round and 2 questions from each age division.
 - Attendance at exhibitor meeting is the second tie breaker.

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 Greene County Extension Office.
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 the 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.

Dates listed in rules may change, please refer to information provided by the Greene County Extension Office for most accurate due dates.