

**HORSE FORMS CHECKLIST  
2023**

**4-H Member Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Horse Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**4- H Club:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Please make sure all of the following forms have been completed and signed for each 4-H member by placing a check in box.
- A Horse ID Form must be completed for each project horse listed. No more than 3 horses may be registered.
- EquiSTEP needs to be entered No Later then June 1, 2023.
- ALL Papers and horse photos need to be handed into the extension office no later than 4 p.m, June 1, 2023

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2023 Horse Rules Interpretation & Clarification

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Horse ID Form

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Lease Form if Leased Horse

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Permission to Participate

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Jr. Fair Horse Emergency Information

## HIGHLAND COUNTY 4-H HORSE AND FFA HORSE RULES INTERPRETATION AND CLARIFICATION

The Highland County 4-H Horse Committee, made up of the 4-H horse club advisors of Highland County, the 4-H Extension Professional, Highland Co. FFA Advisors and Highland Co. Jr. Fair Coordinator would like to remind all 4-H and FFA members and parents the following interpretation of training, ownership and on premises possession. Parents and exhibitors are encouraged to review the rules in the most current copy of the "Uniform Horse Rules", also.

- 4-H and FFA members must be enrolled in a Highland County 4-H club or FFA Organization with horse and/or pony projects. 4-H members must be enrolled by APRIL 1 of the current year.
- To qualify for state fair a member must be in good standing with their club and have attended a minimum of 4 meetings and 3 practices and for the Junior Fair Horse Show a minimum of 6 meetings must have been attended, and 6 of those must be practices.
- The age of the exhibitor is determined as of January 1 of the current year.
- **4-H horse exhibitors carrying horses and ponies as 4-H projects, must have attended a minimum of 6 meetings, and a minimum of 6 practices. Horses must be either owned by the member, member's immediate family, or leased and in the possession and continual care of the 4-H members by June 1, of the current year. Continual care does permit boarding an animal, provided the member is involved in feeding, cleaning and caring for the horse. Highland County 4-H members cannot share a project horse.**
- All horse lease contracts, horse IDs and production contracts must be turned in to the Highland County 4-H Extension office by 4 p.m., June 1, 2023. 4-H or FFA members cannot enter or show more than 3 horses at the Highland County Fair. Leasing is not allowed for 4-H or FFA production projects.
- Lessons, instruction and advice for the members are encouraged. As long as the member is present in a learning situation, such assistance can include occasional riding or handling of the horse by another person. It cannot include regular training and care of the horse within 30 days of competition in any county or state 4-H horse show. Showing a 4-H or FFA member's project animal in a class at a show is not considered training. If a project horse is shown by someone other than the 4-H or FFA member in an open or breed show within 30 days prior to the competition, the 4-H or FFA member must be present and have shown the project horse in that show.
  - 4-H and FFA horses are not permitted to be under regular training and care of a professional trainer or other person after June 1 of the current year for 4-H members trying out for state fair and after August 1 of the current year for 4-H and FFA members not participating at the state fair qualifying but showing at the county fair horse show. 4-H and FFA members may receive instruction provided they are present and involved in the instruction.
  - 4-H and FFA horses are not permitted to be boarded for the purpose of training after June 1 of the current year for 4-H and FFA members trying out for state fair and after August 1 of the current year, for 4-H and FFA members not trying out for state fair, but showing at the county fair horse shows.
  - After June 1 of the current year for members trying out for state fair and after August 1 of the current year for members not trying out for state fair, but showing at the county fair horse show, if the 4-H or FFA project horse is shown at a horse show by anyone other than the 4-H or FFA members, the 4-H or FFA member must also be present at this horse show and also show the horse at the show.
  - Failure to comply will result in disqualification of 4-H or FFA members from showing at the 2023 Qualifying Show and County Fair show.
- **Helmet Rule** – All youth age 19 and under, participating in any 4-H or FFA equestrian activity, are required to wear properly fitted protective headgear which meets 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. This includes during the entire Highland County Fair from 8 am on Saturday, September 2, 2023 until the exhibitor leaves on Saturday, September 9, 2023.

It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian of the youth participant, to make sure that 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, officials, Extension personnel, FFA Advisors and volunteer leaders are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance.

The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, show committees, officials, Extension personnel, FFA Advisors and volunteer leaders make no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear, as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries in equestrian activities.

The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, show committees, officials, Extension personnel, FFA Advisors and volunteer leaders may, at his/her discretion, check a participant's protective headgear for proper standards. If the youth is found to be wearing unapproved, defective, or improperly fitted headgear, he/she is not permitted to participate in riding or driving activities until proper headgear is acquired.

- Only people showing an animal in a class at a show can ride that animal at the show. The violator and the horse will be disqualified from further participation at that show. (An exception can be made for children simply wanting to set on or ride a horse in a non-schooling manner).
  - Anyone found handling a horse in a training manner from the ground, other than the 4-H or FFA member, will cause the 4-H or FFA member and horse to be disqualified from further participation at that show. Training is not to be confused with helping a 4-H or FFA member if a horse poses a safety threat.
  - These rules apply to 4-H and FFA horse shows only.
- 4-H and FFA horse members may be excused in certain cases (educational in nature, or due to illness of themselves or their horse) at the fair with permission from their horse club advisor, FFA advisor, the 4-H educator, and Jr. Fair Coordinator. Members should make this request as early as possible so arrangements can be made. However, if a project animal is shown by someone other than the 4-H or FFA member in an open or breed show within the 30 days prior to the competition, the 4-H and FFA member must be present and have shown the project horse in that show.
- Concerning unsoundness (ex. lameness) and/or death. The 4-H Horse Committee requests a veterinarian's certificate confirming death or disability be obtained. This is then presented to the County Extension professional, 4-H and Agriculture for the final decision concerning project completion, and the designation of another animal for qualifying and Jr. Fair Horse Show participation.
- Inhumane (as determined by show management) methods of schooling or showing will not be allowed. Any fresh bleeding observed by the judge and caused by rider, tack or lack of control in a class will disqualify the exhibitor in that class.
- The administration of any drug (including herbal preparations) that affects the central nervous system (stimulant or depressant) to a horse shown in any class is strictly prohibited.
  - Any exhibitor guilty of showing an animal under the influence of any prohibited drug, using any forbidden substance or failing to file a veterinarian's certificate prior to showing will be disqualified. He or she will forfeit all winnings for the show. Additional penalties may also be given by show management based on the situation.
- The use of modern therapeutic measures for the health of the horse, including the use of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, is permitted unless the drug stimulates or depresses the horse. If used, a veterinarian's certificate prescribing the drug must be filed with the show management prior to showing.
- Use of any substance or methods that affects the normal movement of the tail is to be severely penalized. Tongue ties are also prohibited.

- Forbidden substances or methods are not permissible. Horses must be made available for drug testing upon request of show management.
    - The administration of any drug affecting the central nervous system (stimulant or depressant) to a horse shown in any class is strictly prohibited.
    - The full use of modern therapeutic measures for the health of the horse, including the non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, is permitted unless the drug may also stimulate or depress the circulatory, respiratory or nervous system. A veterinarian's certificate must be filed with show management prescribing the anti-inflammatory drug prior to showing.
    - The use of irritants (including blister, ginger or similar sore or pain inducing substances or devices) that affect the gait, carriage or performance of the horse is forbidden.
    - Horses must be made available for drug testing if requested. Failure to do so is an admission of guilt, and punishments will be according to previous section d.
    - Hair may be added to a horse's mane or tail. How well it matches and is attached will be considered in showmanship classes.
  - Any 4-H or FFA member, parent, advisor, etc., caught administering said drugs will be disqualified from showing at the Highland County Fair horse shows for the year caught, plus one year following. Refer to Junior Fair Livestock rules on Tampering and/or Misrepresentation.
- 17) Each 4-H and FFA member is limited to one entry per class in any Highland County Junior Fair Horse Show.
  - 18) The judge will dismiss from the ring any entry he or she feels is unruly or not in sufficient control for the safety of the handler or other exhibitors.
  - 19) Coaching of exhibitors by any spectators, including parents, 4-H or FFA advisors, trainers, etc., while exhibitors are in show arena during any Highland County Junior Fair Horse Show is not allowed.
  - 20) No person other than the exhibitors and show officials will be allowed in the ring while any class is being judged without permission of the show manager except in the case that the ring crew is needed.
  - 21) The 4-H horse show must have a steward who will interpret and clarify rules. Any exhibitor wishing to discuss any matter with the judge must first contact the steward who may approve and arrange such an appointment.
  - 22) Un-sportsmanlike conduct toward judges, show management or exhibitors or physical abuse of the project horse will not be tolerated. Violators will be dismissed from the show by the show manager.
  - 23) Horses are not permitted to show in pony classes. Once the height of the animal is established and the class (horse or pony) that the animal is to be shown in is determined, switches cannot be made. (For example, if a 4-H or FFA member's animal measures to be a pony and he or she chooses to show it in a horse class, he or she cannot switch to a pony class at any other Highland County horse show during the current calendar year).
  - 24) In order to enter or show in a Production class at the Highland County Fair, the 4-H or FFA member must be between the ages of 13 to 19.
  - 25) Horses must be entered in Fair Entry for Highland County Fair by, July 15, 2023, the 4-H or FFA member must give the name of the club they want to be stalled with if they are in more than one club. The number of stalls assigned to each club in the horse barn during the County Fair is determined by the number of horses each 4-H and FFA member enters on Entry Day.
  - 26) Horses will arrive at the Highland County Fair between 10 am and 4 pm on Saturday, September 2, 2023. No horses are to arrive before 10 am. Horses will be released on Friday, September 8, 2023 beginning at 3 pm. All horses must be removed by 12 noon on Saturday, September 9, 2023 unless showing that day.
  - 27) Horses may be turned out in the practice arena or the make-up arena during the Fair as long as: there is adult supervision, no one is waiting to ride or lunge their horse, all gates are closed and securely latched, the

horse is wearing a halter, and if after dark, the arena lights are on.

28) Procedures for handling horse show complaints and protests are as follows:

- Complaints will be handled through the show steward, who will clarify rules and arrange for the exhibitor to visit with the judge if they think the request is justified.
- If any complaint cannot be resolved at the steward level, a written protest should be filed with show management.
  - Protests must be made in writing and signed by party or parties making the protest.
  - A \$100.00 fee must accompany the protest. The fee will be retained by the show management and used to pay the costs of investigating the protest.
  - The protest and fee must be filed with the show manager the same day of the show. The protest will be considered at the time designated by the show manager and will include the accused, the accuser, the show steward, and Extension representative and any other needed parties. If any party cannot attend, a representative must be sent.
  - A judge's decision on how a class is placed or a decision on disqualification of an exhibitor based on their interpretation of the rules for that class shall not be protested.

29) The 4-H Horse Committee, FFA Advisors, County 4-H Extension Professional and Jr. Fair Coordinator shall have the authority to interpret and enforce all rules according to the best interests of 4-H and FFA members and those concerned. This Committee, FFA Advisors, 4-H Professional and Jr. Fair Coordinator will determine the eligibility of any youth in question. Highland County Rules and Uniform Rules for the Horse Shows, copyright 2022, will be followed. All decisions will be final.

**2023**

**HORSE RULES INTERPRETATION  
AND CLARIFICATION MEMBER FORM**

I have read the attached Highland County 4-H/FFA Horse rules, their interpretation and clarification, plus attachments. I fully understand the implications of the attached rules and the penalties involved.

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Members Signature

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Date

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Parents/Guardian Signature

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Date

Club Name

The above signed statement should be in the hands of the  
4-H organizational / FFA advisor, no later than 4 p.m., June 1, 2023.

# HORSE'S IDENTIFICATION FORM

4-Her's Name \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Horse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Horse \_\_\_\_\_ Pony \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Breed or Type (saddle, hunter, stock) \_\_\_\_\_

Basic Color \_\_\_\_\_ Face and Leg Markings \_\_\_\_\_

On Diagram Below, OUTLINE with Dark Solid Lines  
ALL White Markings.  
Show ALL SCARS and BRANDS.

Check if leased horse ☐

DRAW IN  
HEAD MARKINGS

**Right Side View**

R Hind Legs L Fore Legs R

DRAW IN  
EVERY  
WHITE AREA

**Left Side View**

L Fore Legs R Hind Legs L

**Rear View**

L Hind Legs R Fore Legs L

INDICATE ALL  
DARK SPOTS  
WITHIN WHITE  
AREAS

**Front View**

R Fore Legs L Hind Legs R

# Horse Lease Agreement

This contract is entered into on \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_, as the  
(date) (horse owner)

lessor whose address is \_\_\_\_\_, and phone number is  
(street address, city, state, zip)

\_\_\_\_\_, and by \_\_\_\_\_, as the lessee  
(4-H Member)

whose address is \_\_\_\_\_, and phone number is  
(street address, city, state, zip)

\_\_\_\_\_. Since the youth is a minor, the parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_  
(name)

as well as the youth, will collectively be considered as the lessee.

The lessor agrees to lease the horse \_\_\_\_\_ to the  
lessee.

The term of this lease will be from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(date) (date)

During the term of the lease, the horse will be housed at \_\_\_\_\_  
(location)

If horse is sick, who assumes responsibility for vet bill? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is responsible for feed bill? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is responsible for farrier  
bill? \_\_\_\_\_

In witness whereof, lessor and lessee have executed this contract the day and year written above.

The LESSOR \_\_\_\_\_/  
(signature) (printed name) (date)

The LESSEE \_\_\_\_\_/  
(signature) (printed name) (date)

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_/  
(signature) (printed name) (date)

4-H Advisor \_\_\_\_\_/  
(signature) (printed name) (date)



**PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN 4-H  
HORSE ACTIVITIES  
DISCLOSURE AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have chosen to participate in the Ohio 4-H Horse Program and its related horse activities. I understand that this participation will involve contact with horses and may give rise to a risk of physical injury.

I am aware that:

- A. Horses have a tendency to behave in ways which may result in injury, death, or loss to riders, or other persons in the immediate vicinity;
- B. Horses may react in an unpredictable way to sounds, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals;
- C. Riding a horse may give rise to a risk of injury from hazards arising from the surface or subsurface of the ground in which these riding activities occur;
- D. While in the vicinity of a horse or while riding a horse, I may be involved in a collision with another horse, another animal, a person, or an object;
- E. Other participants in the program may fail to maintain control over a horse or fail to act within their abilities, thus causing harm to me or other participants; and
- F. Other participants in the program may act in a negligent manner, which could result in harm to me.

As parent or guardian I have discussed with my child the need to behave in a safe manner. I will make sure that my child wears appropriate clothing and footwear during horse activities. I further agree that my child shall be subject to the helmet policy.

In consideration for the opportunity to participate in club, county, district and state 4-H horse activities and the use of services and facilities made available through these 4-H horse activities, I do release and forever discharge for myself and my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, the Ohio 4-H Horse Program professional and volunteer leaders, agents, The Ohio State University and its Board of Trustees, its administrators, faculty and staff, from all claims, demands, and causes of action for personal injury or any other damage which may arise out of or be in any way related to my participation in this activity or program.

I understand that my child is not required to participate in any horse activity, but grant permission for him/her to do so, despite the possible risks. I recognize that by participating in these activities, as with any physical activity, my child may risk personal injury. I hereby attest and verify that I have been advised of the potential risks, that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in these activities, and that I assume any expense that may be incurred in the event of an accident, illness, or other incapacity, regardless of whether I have authorized such expenses. As a parent/guardian, I assume the same risk for myself, and other family members and friends present at these horse activities.

**Return to your local OSU Extension, 4-H Program Office  
By:**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(4-H Member)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or Guardian)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

*This form needs to be signed and on file for each youth participant in any 4-H horse program activity. The form needs to be signed each year and before a youth participates in the Ohio 4-H Horse Program Activities.*

*Under Ohio law, Section 2305.321 of the Revised Code, an equine activity sponsor, professional, volunteer, participant or other person is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in the equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.*

### 4-H Equine Mandatory Helmet Use Policy

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## **JUNIOR FAIR HORSE EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

Horse's Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Stall # \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # where you can be reached at night in case of emergency (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Club/FFA Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency and no one can be reached, I give permission for the "Barn Superintendent" to call a veterinarian at their discretion.

Preferred veterinary name & phone number \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent / Guardian Signature

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