

# Spokane County 4-H Horse Project Manual



SPOKANE COUNTY

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**PROGRAM**

**2015-2016**

## 4-H GROUND RULES

1. No dogs allowed on grounds unless on a leash or confined. They are prohibited in stall and show area.
1. Use of alcoholic beverages and/or illegal substances by adults and youths is prohibited at all 4-H activities.
2. No smoking or chewing tobacco in exhibit area.
3. Smoking and chewing tobacco are prohibited for all 4-H aged youth at all 4-H activities.
4. No abuse of animals.
5. No coaching of exhibitors while they are in the ring or showing their animals. (The dressage caller is reading and not coaching during dressage classes.)
6. Only 4-H members may ride, groom, or school a horse while on the show grounds.
7. The show ring is off limits to everyone except show personnel.
8. Approach the judge, only after judging is complete, for information only, not to dispute his/her placing. **\*No exhibitor/adult may distract the judge from the duties they are performing.**
9. "Any class at a 4-H Horse Show, Clinic, or Event may be canceled at the discretion of the Horse Show Committee and/or the 4-H Staff present due to unsafe weather, facility, or other unanticipated hazardous conditions.
10. A visibly ill or lame animal may be dismissed from participation by the judge.
11. All exhibitors will participate in herdsmanship if offered.
12. Show committee can ask any 4-H member, their parent or visitor to leave the grounds if behavior is unacceptable.
13. No riding horses double at any time.
14. No riding horses using halters only.
15. No riding horses outside the show area.
16. Only authorized personnel allowed in gate area.
17. If you stay overnight you must stall and bed down your horse. (Please check in at the show office for stall assignments so no horse will be placed into a wrong stall.)
18. No bikes, scooters or skateboards.

**Note: Please also read the**  
**“General Rules” on pages 1-5 of the “4-H Horse Contest Guide” PNW574**  
**Effective October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2011**

## SPOKANE COUNTY 4-H HORSE ACTIVITY-GENERAL RULES

1. Qualifying activities are open to all youth regularly enrolled in a 4-H horse project in Spokane County. Top eight placings and State Fair Qualifying points will be earned at these shows.
2. All classes will be determined by the member's grade in school on October 1<sup>st</sup> of the current 4-H year. Horse's age is determined as January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

**It is the responsibility of the member to enter the correct age group classes**

**Washington Youth** in the 3rd grade who have reached their 8th birthday by October 1 of the current 4-H year are eligible to enroll.

Junior: 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade

Intermediate: 6th, 7th, and 8th grade

Senior: 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade

Youth who have reached their 19th birthday before October 1 of the current 4-H year are no longer eligible for membership.

Inter-Age Competition Statement; Washington State does not allow inter-age competition. For example, juniors may not compete against intermediates, or intermediates against seniors. Reference PNW547 page 2, Competition Divisions. *Special Education youth, older than 19, may enroll with the approval of the County 4-H Educator.*

3. All current and applicable rules will be readily available in printed form at any Spokane County 4-H sanctioned horse show for all judges, parents and exhibitions to view.
4. The Novice Class is an option for senior and intermediate members. If you are competing in Western Games, you may ride your first year as a Novice. You **may not** remain a Novice for an additional year if you receive three (3) Blue Danish ribbons in any combination of speed events. If you are competing in Performance, you may ride your first year as a Novice. You **may not** remain a Novice for an additional year if you receive three (3) Blue Danish ribbons in any combination of **riding** classes. Juniors moving into the Intermediate age group may have the option of riding as a Novice if they **have not received three (3) BLUE Danish ribbons in Junior riding classes**. A list of Novice riders and their placings will be recorded by the Point Keeper and kept for reference. Members may move up during the year if he/she wants to; but once the member has shown in Int. or Sr. age group he/she may not go back to Novice. Novice class is based on the rider, not the horse. Novice riders may not qualify for State Fair. If you move up from Novice, year end points will be kept on the division you complete two (2) shows in. Walk/Trot does not affect Novice standings.
5. Show entries are due on/or postmarked by closing date. Entries postmarked after closing date will be charged a \$5.00 late fee per member per weekend and the 4-H Office must receive the entry by Friday, **one week** prior to the Show. **No phone or e-mail entries accepted.**
6. Show entries will be returned for the following reasons: Incomplete information, insufficient fees (**unless authorized by the show secretary**), invalid Horse Certificate Number, or no enrollment on file in the 4-H office. If returning an incomplete entry causes that entry to be late the member is responsible for the late fee of \$5.00 per member per weekend. The 4-H Office must receive corrected entry and fees on/or before Friday, one week prior to the show. **If you would like a confirmation of receipt of entry include a note stating such and a valid email address, along with your entry.**

7. Post Entries: Show entries not received between Friday, **one week prior to the show**, and up to **one hour prior to the start** of each discipline, will be accepted with a \$10.00 per member per weekend post entry fee in addition to regular show fees.

*8. \*The exhibitor may add classes by notifying the show secretary via phone or person up to one hour prior to the beginning of each discipline and paying additional class fees. There will be no adding classes for Dressage.*

9. If changing one certified horse for another certified horse after the entry is received and up to one hour prior to the start of each **discipline** (Dressage, Jumping, Green Horse, Performance, Western Games), the member must **notify the show secretary and also** pay the \$5.00 late fee. \*\*If a youth decides to cancel their participation at 4-H Horse Camp/Clinic there will be a non-refundable deposit designated on the camp/clinic entry form.

10. All fees must be paid in full before receiving your number. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

11. Each member is required to show in the Showmanship class for each discipline at each show they are competing in. The horse shown in Showmanship class for the designated discipline will be the horse exhibited in the respective classes. All exhibitors must show in showmanship **prior** to any riding/driving classes. This includes all exhibitors who show the same horse in multiple disciplines. (i.e.: Green Horse, Jumping, Performance, Driving, Western Games, Dressage, Mini Horse etc.)

12. All horses must be stalled when on the grounds overnight **per the Interstate Fairground regulations**. The stall must be cleaned **and swept out and the area around the stall must be picked up prior to leaving**.

13. No exhibitor may act as judge, ring steward, secretary or manager of any show that they exhibit. They may help set-up, breakdown, and be arena helpers.

*14. Exhibitor's number must be clearly visible on the rider's back or may be on both sides of the saddle pad in performance and western games ( the exhibitor is responsible for supplying the second number). If the number is not clearly visible, the exhibitor may be disqualified.*

15. Any foals brought with a mare, must be kept in stall at all times, except **if the foal is being shown** during green horse classes.

16. If there is confusion about a rule or requirement and no clarification can be located, the benefit of the doubt is given to the 4-H member.

17. ASTM/SEI Equestrian approved helmets must be worn and properly fastened, at all times when mounted or driving. Western and/or English boots must be worn at all times when working with horses.

18. Horse committee members will be assessing tack and equipment during warm-up and at the entry gate. Illegal, poorly fitted or unsafe tack and equipment will be corrected by the exhibitor before entry into arena. Disqualification for improper equipment may be at the judge's discretion.

19. Any rider not having his or her mount under control may be dismissed from the ring and be disqualified from that class at the judge's discretion.

**20. IT SHALL BE THE EXHIBITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW ALL THE RULES.** Failure to follow rules may be basis for disqualification.

21. Exhibitors and/or adults may not protest a judge's call by distracting, **the judge, show committee or** volunteer workers from the duties they are completing. A written protest must be submitted to the show office,

4-H office or postmarked within 3 days of the occurrence with, a \$25.00 check. The protest will be reviewed and the outcome determined by the show committee, the Horse E-Board and a 4-H staff member. The check will be returned if the protest is upheld.

## PERFORMANCE

- P1. Horses 5 years and younger may be ridden in a snaffle or bosal. Horses 6 years old or older a curb bit is highly preferred. Members showing horses 6 or older in a snaffle or bosal must have a performance significantly better than a member showing a 6 year old or older horse in a curb bit to be placed above them. If a snaffle is used, it must have a curb strap below the reins. If so, the rider must ride with 2 hands). Horses 6 and older shown in a snaffle or bosal shall be ineligible to advance to state 4-H competitions. All others must use a standard western bit. Western bits are described in USEF rules. Mechanical hackamores, slip-mouth and gag bits are not allowed. Western Tom Thumb bits and jointed western bits are allowed. Only one hand may be used with a western bit.
- P2. Chaps shall **NOT** be allowed in showmanship or **equitation**. Amended per the PNW574 Contest Guide (Oct.2009), Page 6, Clothing and Equipment -Western.
- P3. All performance exhibitors must enter the arena mounted and without assistance in a riding class. They must exit the arena dismounted and without assistance except for injury or equipment failure, unless otherwise directed by the judge or show committee.
- P4. Exhibitors will not lope or canter in the Walk/Trot Class. This is a Walk/Trot class for beginning Juniors and Novices who are not ready to canter or lope. They must enter the Junior Showmanship class if a Junior, or the Novice showmanship class if they are a Novice. Exhibitors may enter English and/or Western Walk/Trot. Exhibitors may not cross enter any class with loping or cantering. Once an exhibitor has competed in a lope/canter class in any discipline, (except Dressage), they may not go back to walk/trot. Walk/trot is based on the rider not the horse.
- P5. Trail Class: More than one judge may be used to judge Trail Class.
- P6. Points for Danish ribbons in all Trail classes are the same as State 4-H Fair standards.  
Blue 75-100  
Red 74-50  
White 49-0
- \* The show committee may establish time requirements for the Trail Course and will be posted with designated course.
- P7. Any equitation class **may** be split into lots when there are more than **13** riders **at the show committee discretion**. Lots will be posted and/or announced with an additional returning blue class. The judge will determine who will return to the returning blue class.
- P8. If any questions arise not covered by these rules, please refer to:
1. Performance Horse Rules in the 4-H Horse Contest Guide PNW574.
  2. Washington State Horsemen Rule Book, or
  3. Current edition of USEF Rule Book.
  4. The above performance rules will supersede those in the 4-H Horse Contest Guide.

## WESTERN GAMES

WG1. A Western Games horse must be a minimum of 3 years of age to be ridden in County Gaming Shows. A three year-old must be ridden under training conditions that are as follows. The horse can walk or trot the gaming pattern. A horse ridden faster will receive a no time. Three year-old horse entries must be noted on entry form and the judge will be notified. Horses must be 4 years or older to run in events. If a snaffle is

being used in Western Games, it must have a curb strap below the reins. If an English bridle with cavesson is being used, no curb strap is needed.

WG2. All Western Games exhibitors must enter the arena from the on-deck box without assistance mounted and under control within \*60 seconds of the gate opens, and must exit the arena dismounted with reins off the neck and in hand. If unable to enter within \*60 seconds, you may move to the bottom of \*the class for no points and awards. Entry time is to be kept by gatekeeper or designee.

WG3. \*Multiple runs: An exhibitor may run an event twice, time allowing. Only the first event/time will count towards placement, points and year end awards. The exhibitor must sign up and pay for the extra runs prior to the beginning of the show.

WG4. We will use the average of the prior two Spokane County 4-H year's time average without penalties and the prior year's Washington's State 4-H Fair (used for placings) to set times current year.

WG5. A **committee member** will be on hand for equipment and attire check before exhibitors enters the arena. If a deficiency is discovered the exhibitor will be given the opportunity to fix the problem. (Refer to General Rule #17)

WG6. In regards to both Pole Bending & Idaho Figure 8 stepping on or across the start/finish line while turning pole number 1 with one or more feet is a disqualification.

WG7. Walk/Trot Riders may not cross enter any class with cantering or loping. Once a member has competed in a lope/canter class in any discipline (except dressage), they may not go back to the walk/trot classes. Walk/trot is based on the rider not the horse.

WG8. If any questions arise not covered by these rules, please refer to:

- Western Games Rules in The 4-H Horse Contest Guide PNW574(August 2008).
- Washington State Horsemen Rule Book

\*The above Western Games rules will supersede those in the 4-H Horse Contest Guide.

### **Jumping: Over Fences Classes General Rules**

\*The goal of jumping in the competition arena is that all riders complete the course in good form. 4-H strives to promote success in the competition arena and considers safety to be paramount.

\*ATTIRE – The usual Hunt Seat attire will be worn in all the over fence classes. Riders will not be permitted to participate if they do not have proper attire.

Required:

- Ratcatcher, long sleeved tailored shirt, or turtle neck(shirts tucked in and closed at the neck)
- Hunt coat if sleeveless or short-sleeved ratcatcher is worn.
- Pants, breeches or jodhpurs.
- Tall hunt boots or jodhpur boots
- ASTM/SEI equestrian-approved helmet.

Optional

- Hunt coat(conservative colors), **mandatory** if wearing short sleeveless or short sleeved ratcatcher.
- Spurs, if used must be English type and used appropriately. In dressage rowels must be free to rotate.
- Half chaps
- Gloves(any traditional color)

Not allowed: Spurs in Showmanship

HORSES – Horses must be at least 5 years of age before showing over jumps.

TACK – All purpose jumping, close contact/jumping and forward seat jumping saddles and regulation snaffles, pelhams, and full bridles with cavesson nosebands are required. Standing or running martingales are allowed as are figure 8 and flash nose bands, protective boots and bandages. A neck strap may be used for safety purposes.

COURSE DIAGRAMS – Diagrams must be posted at least one hour before the class begins. Jumping order will also be posted or announced.

**JUMPING SECTIONS:** (Jumping Sections are not indicative of age divisions but are specific height categories.)

<b>Section One:</b>	<b>12'' - 18''</b>
<b>Section Two:</b>	<b>18'' – 2'</b>
<b>Section Three:</b>	<b>2'3" – 2'6"</b>
<b>Section Four:</b>	<b>2' 6" – 2' 9"</b>
<b>Section Five</b>	<b>2' 9" – 3'</b>

For safety purposes and *in order to jump at a show*, **\*\*RIDERS MUST PRE QUALIFY for each Jumping Section**, beginning with Section 1, at a Pre Qualifier offered by 4H. Once pre qualified for a specific Section, the Jumper may then enter that Section at the show. **\*\*Jumper must pre qualify on the horse that he/she will be using for Jumping at the show** (i.e., to use a back-up horse with a current horse certificate, rider must pre qualify on this horse as well). (*Hardshipped horses will have to be approved by e-board and pre-qualified*)

At least one Pre Qualifiers will be available prior to the shows. \*Evaluators at Pre Qualifiers will be chosen by the Horse Show Committee and 4-H Staff, based on their high level of expertise in the field of Equine Jumping. \*Evaluators will base their determinations on 4-H Jumping Skills Checklist (*draft*).

For the purpose of alignment with 4-H approaches to positive youth development and 4-H Risk Management, if a youth is unable to *pre- qualify* for any section at one of the county Pre-Qualifiers, that youth must *enter* Section 1 at their 1st Horse Show.

**Receipt of a Danish blue ribbon** at a show qualifies a Jumper to enter the next Section at that Show, if desired. Each jumper may move up only one Section per show and may only enter a total of two Sections per show.

**Points, Ribbons, State Fair Qualification:**

\*Jumping Points section must be chosen prior to the first show entered and may not be changed during the current 4-H year. Points Section selected must be the same for at least two shows to qualify for yearend awards and for State Fair.\* It is recommended jumpers choose points section ONE BELOW then the height jumped in training for the maximum success and safety.

To qualify for State competition, Intermediates must have progressed to, and competed in, \*Section 3 and/or 4 at two shows; Seniors must have progressed to, and competed in, Section 4 and/or 5 at **two** shows. **\*\*IE, the Rider must have competed at the maximum height they will be expected to jump at State, at TWO Spokane 4-H shows.** Jumpers must compete in Showmanship, Hunt Seat Equitation, AND Equitation Over Fences (see page 47 for more information on State Fair qualifications).

Each age division will compete only among its members, no matter the Section (ie, Novices against Novices .Juniors compete only against Juniors, Intermediates against Intermediates & Seniors against Seniors.

**Jumping: Over fences Classes:**

**All classes are judged on a riders effective use of aids throughout the entire course emphasis seat light hands, position and ability to control mount.**

- **JUMPING SHOWMANSHIP** – Exhibitors must show in showmanship prior to riding classes in respective discipline. This includes showing the same horse in multiple disciplines.
- **HUNTSEAT EQUITATION** – Judged on the riders seat, hands and ability to control their mount. No jumping this is a flat class, This is a required class for state fair jumping qualifying.
- **EQUITATION HACK**: Horses are to be shown at a walk, trot, canter and hand gallop. They will then take two consecutive fences and stand quietly and back readily.
- **EQUITATION OVER FENCES** – To be shown over a course of at least 8 fences. Judged on rider’s seat and hands, and their ability to control their mount. This is the required jumping class for State Fair Jumping qualifying.
- **GAMBLER’S CHOICE**-All participants enter the arena with a score of 0(zero). Each competitor jumps a round of their choosing over a course jumps at no more than one Section below their Prequalified Section. Each jump carries a point value based on degree of difficulty. Final score determines by adding the total points value based on its degree of difficulty. Final scores are determined by adding the total points and subtracting any penalties for exceeding the time allowed. Danish ribbons are not given in this class only placing ribbons, and placing do not qualify a rider to move up to a new height Section.

**COURSE DIAGRAMS** – Diagrams must be posted at least one hour before the class begins. Jumping order will also be posted or announced.

Danish Points are awarded as follows for Over Fences Classes:

- 80- and above ----- Blue
- 60---79.99 ----- Red
- 59.9999 and below -----White

Score sheets will be available to each rider after classes for educational feedback.

NOTE: It is at the discretion of the show committee representative, jumping coordinator(s), 4-H staff, and/or judge to hold to a section or withdraw a rider from a section if they deem the rider unsafe, regardless of pre-qualifications. –

**Spokane County 4-H Jumping Qualification Checklist**

*4-H Rider’s Name:*

*Certified Horse’s Name:*

<i>TASK</i>	<i>PASS</i>	<i>COMMENTS</i>
<i>Section 1 (12”- 18”)</i>		
Hold reins correctly at the halt.		

Shorten and lengthen reins at the halt, walk, trot, and canter.		
Demonstrate control while maintaining a safe, basic balanced position at the walk and trot.		
Maintain jumping at the trot on the flat and over ground poles.		
Ride a simple course of 4 to 5 jumps no to exceed, but to include 18 in.		
<b>Section 2 (18" - 2')</b>		
Demonstrate control while maintaining safe, basic balanced jumping position over fences at the trot, may canter with control.		
Ride a simple course of 4 to 5 jumps not to exceed, but include 2 ft.		
<b>Section 3 (2'3" - 2'6")</b>		
Maintain a safe, basic balanced jumping position with control at the walk, trot, and canter.		
Candidate should maintain a secure base of support while developing balance and a steady position over fences.		
Trot over ground poles followed by a cross rail.		
Jump a simple stadium course of 5 to 7 jumps not to exceed, but to include 2ft. 5 in.		
<b>Section 4 (2'6" - 2'9")</b>		
Candidate should maintain a secure base of support, while developing balance and a steady position over fences.		
Trot over ground poles followed by a cross rail.		
Jump a simple stadium course of 5 to 7 jumps not to exceed, but to include 2 ft. 9 in, with control over the fences.		
<b>Section 5 (2'9" - 3')</b>		
Ride with confidence and control over fences, demonstrating a secure, basic balanced jumping position and use of natural aids.		
Should initiate free forward movement with smooth transitions while developing a steady light feel of mounts mouth.		
Perform simple gymnastic exercises for rider over trotting poles followed by 3 ft. jump.		
Ride over a small grid of fences not to exceed, but to include, 3 ft.		
Ride over jumping course of 6 to 8 jumps, not to exceed, but to include 3 ft.		

Approved to enter Section\_\_\_\_\_at next entered 2012 Spokane County 4H Show.

Signature of 4-H Evaluator:\_\_\_\_\_Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Rider#:\_\_\_\_\_ **JUDGE'S SCORE SHEET** Danish:\_\_\_\_\_ Placing:\_\_\_\_\_

**EQUITATION HACK**

**Spokane County 4-H Horse Show 2011-12**

Name:	Horse:	Jump Section:
<p><i>Judged on rider's seat and hands and ability to control their mount.</i></p> <p>Except for Refusals, jumping faults of horse are not to be considered unless it is the result of rider's ability.</p>		
<p><b>Disqualifications:</b> Fall of horse or rider, 3 cumulative Refusals, Off Course</p>		

**Major Faults:** Refusal(s), Loss of Reins, Loss of Stirrup, Excessive Speed, Lack of Control, Trotting while on Course.  
**Receipt of a Danish Blue Ribbon:** in a jumping class qualifies the rider to compete in the next Jumping Section:

10 points	Excellent	Perfect, no improvement possible (rarely given)
9 points	Very Good	Outstanding, minor imperfections (occasionally given)
8 points	Good	Performed well with imperfections. A solid, safe ride with steady pace, straight lines, balanced transitions, and balanced position
7 points	Fairly Good	On the way to being a solid & safe rider. More imperfections. Includes lacking straight line or steady pace or balanced transitions
6 points	Sufficient	Movement correct but lacking steady pace and/or straight line
5 points	Needs Work	Performed, but lacking in precision or control
4 points	Insufficient	Performed but lacking in precision and control. Includes trotting while on course (except for Juniors)
3 points	Poor	No precision, little control or response, includes refusal
2 points	Deficient	No Response to aids. Includes 2 refusals
1 point	Inadequate	No control includes any Major Faults
0 points	Not Performed	Includes any disqualification or multiple Major Faults

#	Element Judged	Comments	Score
1	Walk/Trot		
2	Canter		
3	Hand Gallop		
4	1 <sup>st</sup> Jump		
5	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jump		
6	Backing		
7	Transitions		
8	Way of Going		
9	Response to Aids		
10	Rider's Overall Ability to be even & balanced over fences		

**Judge's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

Rider#: \_\_\_\_\_

**JUDGE'S SCORE SHEET**      Danish: \_\_\_\_\_ Placing: \_\_\_\_\_  
**EQUITATION OVER FENCES**  
**Spokane County 4-H Horse Show 2011-12**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Horse: \_\_\_\_\_ Jump Section: \_\_\_\_\_

*Judged on rider's seat and hands and ability to control their mount.*  
 Except for Refusals, jumping faults of horse are not to be considered unless it is the result of rider's ability.

**Disqualifications:** Fall of horse or rider, 3 cumulative Refusals, Off Course

**Major Faults:** Refusal(s), Loss of Reins, Loss of Stirrup, Excessive Speed, Lack of Control, Trotting while on Course.

<b>Receipt of a Danish Blue Ribbon:</b> in a jumping class qualifies the rider to compete in the next Jumping Section:			
10 points	Excellent	Perfect, no improvement possible (rarely given)	
9 points	Very Good	Outstanding, minor imperfections (occasionally given)	
8 points	Good	Performed well with imperfections. A solid, safe ride with steady pace, straight lines, and balanced position	
7 points	Fairly Good	On the way to being a solid & safe rider. More imperfections. Includes lacking straight line or steady pace	
6 points	Sufficient	Movement correct but lacking steady pace and/or straight line	
5 points	Needs Work	Performed, but lacking in precision or control	
4 points	Insufficient	Performed but lacking in precision and control. Includes trotting while on course (except for Juniors)	
3 points	Poor	No precision, little control or response, includes refusal	
2 points	Deficient	No Response to aids. Includes 2 refusals	
1 point	Inadequate	No control includes any Major Faults	
0 points	Not Performed	Includes any disqualification or multiple Major Faults	
<b>#</b>	<b>Element Judged</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>1</b>	Setup and approach at trot/canter		
<b>2</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Jump		
<b>3</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jump		
<b>4</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jump		
<b>5</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Jump		
<b>6</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Jump		
<b>7</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Jump		
<b>8</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Jump		
<b>9</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> Jump		
<b>10</b>	Rider's Overall Balanced Position		
<b>Judge's Signature</b>		<b>Date:</b>	<b>Total:</b>

### **Dressage Classes General Rules**

**OVERVIEW** – The object of dressage is the harmonious development of the physique and ability of the horse.

As a result, dressage training makes the horse not only calm, supple, loose and flexible, but also confident, attentive and keen, thus allowing it to achieve perfect understanding with its rider. Emphasis should be placed on suppleness, basic gaits, figures, impulsion and transitions in the performance of the horse, as produced by the rider. Conformation does not count.

**ATTIRE**—

\*The usual hunt seat attire is to be worn in all dressage classes-see “Over Fences Classes General Rules” Attire” for specific information. Riders will not be permitted to participate if they do not have proper attire.

Only blunt English Spurs are allowed in Dressage; they may not however be worn in Showmanship.

TACK—rider must use a plain snaffle with cavesson, flash, figure eight or dropped noseband. Any jumping, dressage or all purpose saddle is permitted. No boots or bandages are allowed. Martingales side reins and draw rein are prohibited.

Whips measuring in 4ft or less(including the lash) are allowed.

\*\*Bits permitted in Dressage—the following bis may be used in dressage classes:

1. Ordinary snaffle with single-jointed mouthpiece
2. Ordinary snaffle with double-jointed mouthpiece
3. Racing or D-ring snaffle
4. Egg-butt snaffle
  - a. With cheeks, with or without keepers
  - b. Without cheeks
  - c. With half cheeks only
5. Unjointed snaffle
6. Fulmer or plain snaffle with cheeks
7. Dr. Bristol
8. French snaffle

Any of the bits listed above may be covered with rubber or leather. All bits must be smooth. Twisted wire and roller bits are prohibited. The entire mouthpiece of any bit must be made of the same metal. Bits with mouthpieces made of synthetic material are permitted, provided that the contours of the bit conform to the contours of one of the bits listed. Type of bit should not vary from those listed, except as described above.

#### EXECUTION OF THE TESTS -

1. **Voice-** Voice signals and clicking the tongue are prohibited.
2. **Errors** – When the rider makes an error in the course (off course) the judge should sound a bell or whistle. When the rider makes an error of the test (for example, rising instead of sitting) the judge does not necessarily ring the bell but should note the error.
3. **Reading the test** – Tests may be read during the competition but no part of a test may be read more than once. Lateness or errors in reading the ride will not relieve the rider from error penalties. Coaching by anyone is prohibited and will result in the elimination of the rider. If part of the test is repeated, it may be scored as an error.
4. **Falls** – In case of a fall by horse or rider, the competitor will not be eliminated. He or she will be penalized according to the fall’s effect on the movement being executed. The rider will also be penalized in the collective marks.
5. A competitor leaving the arena at the end of a ride at any point other than “A” will be penalized with an error.
6. If during the test the horse leaves the arena by placing all four feet outside the fence or line marking the perimeter of the arena, the competitor is eliminated.

**Elimination** – Horse and rider will be eliminated under the following circumstances

- Use of illegal equipment
- Unauthorized assistance
- Four errors of the course
- Horse’s tongue tied down
- All four of the horse’s feet leave the arena
- Cruelty

- Marked lameness
- Rider not presenting at A within 60 seconds of the judge ringing the bell.

SHOWMANSHIP – All competitors in dressage are required to show in a showmanship class prior to riding on the day of the contest.

THE TESTS – Rider may enter English and/or Western. Riders may enter two tests at a show. Rider may not ride the same test twice at one show. The highest two scores of tests ridden at each show count toward state fair and year end awards. Introductory Level, Training Level, First Level, and Second Level Tests will be offered. Introductory Level Tests may be ridden until a rider has a score of 60 or better on a test. The following year the rider must move up to training level. *\*Riders may not move up to the next test at any Level until they receive a 60 or higher on a current test. Each Training Level, First and Second Level individual Test may each be ridden until the rider/horse combination has received 3 Danish blue ribbons on any one test. The rider must then move up to the next test. \*If riders wish to repeat tests from which they have moved up for experience they may do so for a Danish ribbon only (no placing, points, end of year awards or qualification for State.* Tests are available at the office.

Danish Points are awarded as follows:

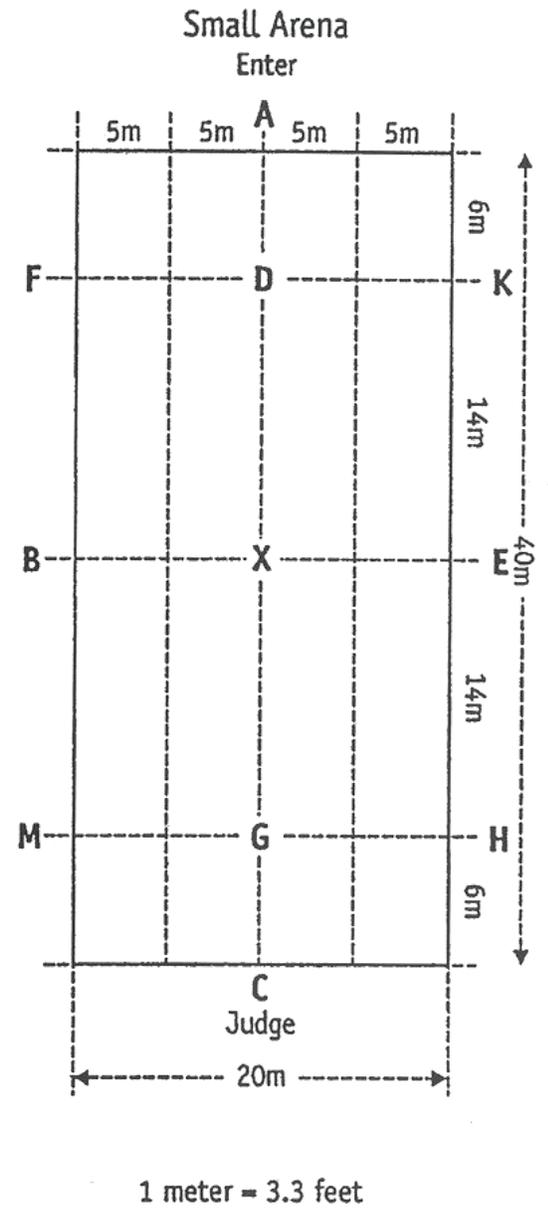
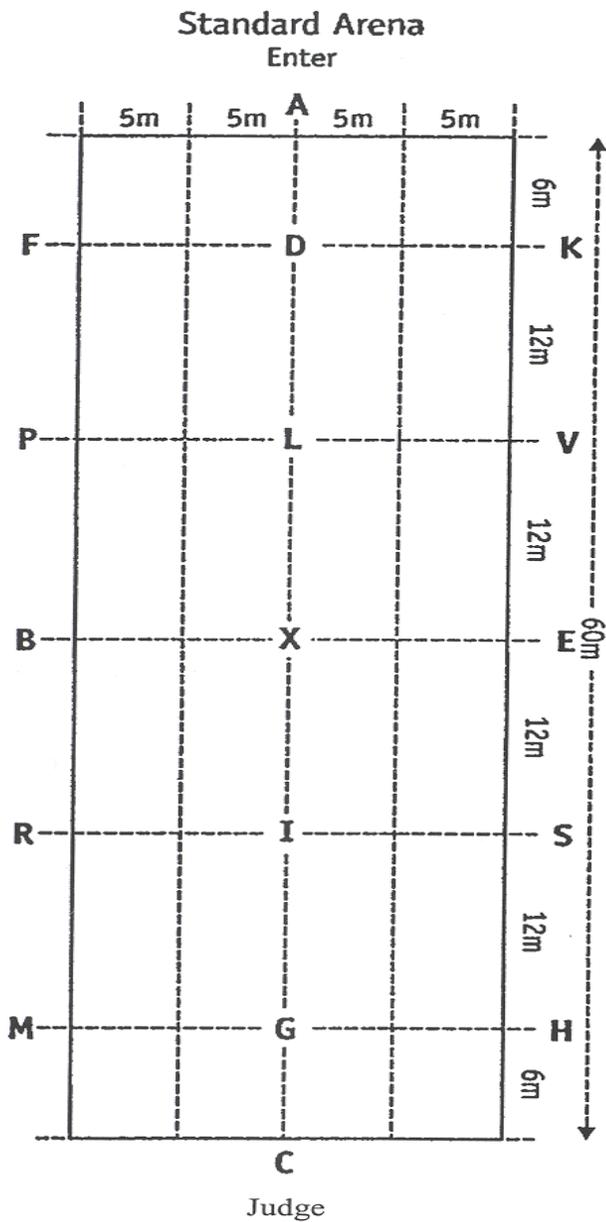
\*65 and above ----- Blue  
 50 – \*64.9999 ----- Red  
 49.9999 and below -----White

For further information see the Dressage Manual, available at the extension office.

If any questions arise not covered by these rules, please refer to:

1. Rules for Performance Horse in the 4-H Horse Contest Guide PNW574
2. Current edition of the USEF Rule Book
3. The above rules will supersede those in the 4-H Contest Guide

**DRESSAGE ARENA LAYOUT** – Training level tests may be ridden in a standard 20 meter by 60 meter arena (see figure a) or a 20 meter by 40 meter arena (see figure b). First level tests and all higher tests must be ridden in a standard 20-meter by 60-meter arena.



## **Spokane County Green Horse Project Training Horses (Foals Through 4<sup>th</sup> Year Under Saddle)**

### **Objectives**

- Develop leadership, initiative, self-reliance, and good sportsmanship.
- Accept responsibility by having an animal to care for regularly.
- Learn the principles of livestock nutrition and what constitutes a balanced ration.
- Skill in horsemanship, patience, and understanding in handling horses and ponies.
- Knowledge of safety precautions to prevent injuries to yourself, other riders, and their mounts.
- Learn about proper equipment and its care.
- Consider alternate methods of doing a job.
- Gain an appreciation and understanding for research and improved methods and how to use them.
- Accept the results of your work and how to use these in planning and managing your next goal.
- Seek out the scientific principles involved in raising and training horses.
- Encourage interest and provide an opportunity for members in horse related industries.

### **Project**

This project is for members who have an equine available to care for and train. It is designed to help a member select an equine and train it to maturity. Beginning with a foal, the requirements are for a 6-year progressive project. For each year of the project there will be a project description, requirements, and methods showing how to accomplish the requirements.

A 4-H'er may show more than one equine in this project, but only one per age division of the equine. An equine must show progression from year to year – so may not show at same level two years in a row. No equine may be shown by two handlers. No stallions, other than foal of the current year may be shown. Age is determined as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current show year. (Any equine born between January 1 and December 31<sup>st</sup> of the preceding year would be considered one year old on January 1<sup>st</sup>.)

Anytime during judging that the 4-H'er feels the need, he/she may request their designated adult helper to step in to help, or to stand by if problems arise, and to assist if needed with the equine. The use of the designated helper will be considered as a safety issue and would show the ability of the handler to recognize the need for help for the benefit of the horse and safety of the handler.

Open to Intermediate and Seniors, before starting the project, members must have completed at least one year of the Horsemanship project. NOTE: Stallions will only be allowed in the weanling phase. The following descriptions apply to the project. Figure a. Large dressage test arena layout. Figure b. Small dressage test arena layout.

- Foal
- Yearling
- Two Year Old On the Ground
- 1<sup>st</sup> Year Under Saddle
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Under Saddle
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Under Saddle
- 4<sup>th</sup> Year Under Saddle

\*Upon completion of one Danish blue ribbon in first year under saddle, the horse and rider combination may cross enter into their age appropriate performance or western games class in subsequent shows. All discipline policies apply once cross entry has been made.

### Mini Horse Classes at Shows

1. There will be 3 classes that the minis may show in, showmanship and in-hand-trail, ground driving, driving when offered at the shows.
2. At the third show, there may be separate mini horse classes, including showmanship, ground driving, driving.
3. The show 1 & 2 will be the qualifier for year end awards. Those points will be tabulated as other classes are currently done.
4. Maximum height is 11 hands with a 1” variance for shod horses and ponies.
5. Individual rules and awards requirements to be determined by the mini horse ad hoc committee and will be published as soon as possible. They will be available on our web site and in our Spokane office.
6. The state manual for Miniature Horses will govern these classes.
7. All other Spokane County general rules and policies apply.

### Harness / Driving

1. Harness / Driving will be offered at county shows.
2. Driving Showmanship, ground driving plus at least two driving classes will be offered. Patterns will be 1 of two patterns listed in the state manual and will be posted 1 hour prior to start of driving sections.
3. Drivers must receive at least a red ribbon in ground driving before competing with the cart/buggy. Show committee may add the harness/driving classes to the Green Horse or Dressage/Jumping Section at their discretion. other shows if there is enough interest.
4. The 4-H Horse Contest Guide PNW574 and the state manual for Harness / Driving (current edition) will govern these classes. All other Spokane County general rules and policies apply.

### POLICY

#### 1. Refunds:

Refunds/credits will be 100% of the entry fee less a maximum \*\$10.00 office fee, per show, per member. Refunds may be requested per discipline (Jumping, Dressage, Green Horse, Performance, Western Games) (per weekend/per member \*to the show secretary prior to 72 hours of the start of the show). Any cancelation after the 72 hours deadline must have a doctor or veterinarian note to receive a full refund.

\*A written request or confirmed email must be turned into the show secretary for a show refund or roll over to the next show. No refunds or credits will be carried forward to the next 4-H calendar year. Once the exhibitor has participated in showmanship class, no refund/credit will be issued for the following dropped classes in that discipline.

**Refunds for all other 4-H horse activities must be requested within 10 days of the designated activity. No refunds/credits will be carried forward to next 4-H calendar year.**

#### 2. Horse Certificates:

A. A horse certificate is the recognition of your project/activity animal.

- **All members need one for each of their project/activity horses.**
- You may be asked to present it at contests to identify your animal
- The certificate must be filled out completely. (If you do not know the age of your horse, write the approximate age or indicate horse is under 6 years of age.)(If you do not know the sire or dam write unknown.)

- Must have all signatures (member, parent, leader).
- Must include a \$1.00 fee.
- If the horse is leased, a lease agreement must be submitted with the certificate.
- *Immediate family members may certify same horse, but not use it in the same age group on the same day.*
- **Horse certificates must be submitted to your club leader/representative and they will be responsible to submit them to the 4-H office as a packet and complete.**

B. **PROJECT HORSES:** To be a valid certified Project Horse, the certificate and accompanying materials must be turned in or post-marked by **March 1<sup>st</sup>** or **April 1<sup>st</sup>**. Proof of 90 days of possession prior to being shown at an official county exhibit activity is required. (See example and explanation on page 21.)

C. **ACTIVITY HORSES:** To be an activity horse for use at camps, clinics, and shows. (No points awarded). The certificate and accompanying materials must be turned in or post-marked two weeks prior to the entry deadline of the first event participated in by that member and horse in each 4-H year. Placing and ribbons will be given to activity horses, but will not be eligible for state fair or year end awards. (See example and explanation on page 21.)

D. **MENTOR MEMBER/RIDER:** An Intermediate or Senior who wishes to mentor one horseless member may share participation of their certified horse with the mentored member. The mentored member would certify the shared horse using the certificate date and lease as date of possession and depending on the date of certification—per the 90 day rule the horse could be designated either as an activity or project horse. The mentored member may not compete in the same age group as the mentor. They must complete a mentor contract and submit it with their horse certificate and addendum. A mentored member cannot qualify for state fair participation.

E. Any appeal to the Appeal Board must be accompanied by a written statement from a veterinarian certifying the horse in question was **unable to be used due to injury or death.** The Appeals Board could decide to allow the owner to replace the horse for that project, and continue to show and earn points. Once substituted, the withdrawn horse cannot return to compete for that current 4-H year. The ‘hardship horse’ may not go to state fair. The Appeals Board shall be comprised of the Horse Committee’s Executive Board. If a question about possession of a certified horse arises, the Review Board will hear the factual information and make a ruling as to whether the horse is properly certified,

- 4 The Spokane County 4-H Horse Committee’s Tack Swap will accept as vendors, only those whose primary/majority of product is not in direct competition with items/services consigned or provided by Spokane County Horse Committee at the annual tack swap. The Spokane County 4-H Horse Committee’s Tack Swap will consider on a limited basis those non-4-H, not for profit, horse related groups and/or organizations’ requests for space at the Spokane County 4-H Horse Committee’s annual tack swap, on the condition that such space be used only for information dissemination and not in competition with 4-H activities and services at the Spokane County 4-H Horse Committee’s Tack Swap.
5. Mandatory Horse Rules Training: One leader for each new and re-enrolling club must have completed Horse Rules Training by **January 30<sup>th</sup>**. **Everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend.** All horse clubs must comply with the Horse Rules Training requirement or its members will not be allowed to participate in any 4-H competitions. Any new club enrolling after January 30th has 30 days to complete this training.
6. All horse project committee owned equipment will be used for 4-H events only-

7. Rules for the current year will be proposed at the October Horse Project Committee Meeting, voted on at the November Horse Project Committee Meeting, and those approved will take affect on January 1<sup>st</sup> of that 4-H year.

**Example 90 Day Rule – Key points**

The 90 day rule for project horses is going to have to be enforced for all “exhibits.” For our purposes, an exhibit is designated as a competitive event, used as a [State Fair] qualifying shows/events.

1. Educational events **are not** exhibits. Thus, **activity horses** may participate after being in possession of the youth and certified for the minimum of two weeks before event application/entry deadlines.
2. **Project horses** are those horses that maybe eligible to compete at State Fair, county 4-H activities/exhibits and may qualify for year end awards.
3. **Activity horses**, depending on possession date may participate in county 4-H activities and events.

We have created a sliding scale on certificate dates.

1. For project horses certified by **March 1<sup>st</sup>**
  - **Eligible shows are 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Shows,**
    - **1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Spokane County Shows.**
    - **Spokane Interstate Fair**
    - **Washington State Fair**
    - **Year end awards**
    - **All educational activities/events**

2. For Activity horses certified by **April 1<sup>st</sup>**
  - **Eligible show is 2<sup>nd</sup> Show**
    - **2<sup>nd</sup> Spokane County Show.**
    - **Spokane Interstate Fair**

*Therefore, horses taken into possession after April 1<sup>st</sup> cannot compete for state fair qualification or year end awards, but COULD compete in ALL three shows AND at the **Spokane Interstate Fair** as an **ACTIVITY HORSE** if the **activity deadlines are met.**(see Page 19 rule 2-C)*

*\*Note: We require two of three shows to qualify for state fair and/or year end awards.*

## Spokane County 4-H 4-H Horse Certificate

Note: NO addendum form required.  
\$1 per form required.

Horse Cert #: _____
Office use only.

4-H Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardians Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of 4-H club: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Horse Born: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex:  Mare  Gelding  Stallion  Registered OR  Grade(not registered)

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Dam: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Sire: \_\_\_\_\_

Identification of Animal: \_\_\_\_\_

When was the animal acquired for as a 4-H Project? Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Horses can be three types:

- Project horse: certified by March 1 for Shows, State Fair, Year End Awards,
- Activity Horse: Certified after April 1 for shows, camps, clinics, hardships, shows, Spokane Interstate Fair . No points.
- Mentorship horse: A Sr. or Int. member may share their horse with a horseless member. A horse shared with a younger member. Younger member cannot go to State Fair. Mentor can qualify for shows, Spokane County Fair, WA State Fair, and Year End Awards.

Is this horse owned?  Yes  No

Is this horse leased?  Yes  No \* Please also include a copy of your lease agreement.

Is this a project horse?  Yes  No

Is this an activity horse?  Yes  No

Is this horse being double certified (certified by any other 4-H member)?  Yes  No

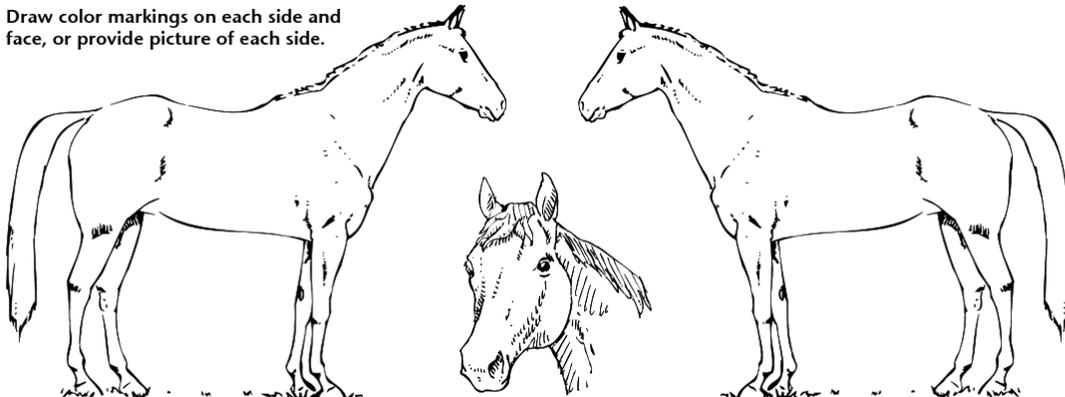
Is the other certified member a sibling?  Yes  No  Mentee  Mentor

Name of other person certifying this horse: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Note: Each horse and youth combination need to complete this form.



Draw color markings on each side and face, or provide picture of each side.



Signature of 4-H Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of 4-H Leader: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Ext. Educator: \_\_\_\_\_

## How To Fill Out and Use This Certificate

Use this certificate for as long as you have this horse as a 4-H project. The first year, fill out the certificate and obtain proper signatures. If the same animal remains a project animal, return the original copy of this certificate to the county Extension office each year to meet certificate filing requirements.

### 4-H Member

All 4-H project horses need to have a completed certificate on file with the county. This certificate is *valuable*. Keep it in a safe place. It is a recognition of your project animal. You may be asked to present it at 4-H fairs to identify your animal. At the end of the year, keep it in your record book as a permanent record. If you own your 4-H animal and it is registered, you should register it in your name.

Fill out all items on this form correctly, including necessary signatures. Give completed certificate to 4-H leader.

### 4-H Leader

At a club meeting early in the new 4-H year, show 4-H members how to fill out the certificate and explain the importance of animal identification. Ask members to give talks and demonstrations on animal identification and registration. Ask a purebred breeder or others to talk to members about the need to identify animals. Have members return completed forms at a later meeting in time for you to sign and send both copies to the County Extension Office. The horse must be under the member's care and management at least 90 days prior to an exhibit activity.

**Extension Youth Educator** or a representative named by the County Extension Office. First year, sign and date each certificate. Return the original copy to the 4-H leader. **Keep second copy for county file.**

Each year thereafter, sign and date the original copy of each certificate returned by the 4-H leader. Sign and date the office copy of the certificate.



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## **Advancement Checklist**

1. The Advancement Checklist must be turned in by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in October. The checklist must be turned in separately from the record book. If you use the checklist as an add sheet, please submit a copy for Advancement step judging.
2. Awards are given for each step completed. You must complete the steps in order for recognition. You may work on several steps at the same time, but must complete them entirely in order for recognition.
3. Advancement Checklist is publication #EM2790

## **Saddle Hours Log**

The Saddle Hours program is designed to encourage members to spend time riding. The saddle hours log is a record sheet to be used to record actual time spent riding. The Saddle Hour Log may also be used for harness members.

All types of riding/driving will count, including trail and pleasure riding. There is no limit on hours per day and hours carry over from year to year.

Awards will be determined by the awards committee. Members must turn in the Logs separated from the record book to the 4-H office by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in October.

Saddle Hours Log may also be used as an add sheet in member's record book under the horse project. Attach a note on the sheet that the judging committee should not remove it from the record book and **submit a copy for log hour judging.**

(Please refer to Log on next page.)



# 4-H HORSE JUDGING CONTEST RULES & REGULATIONS

The objective of judging in the 4-H Program is to help 4-H members grow in their ability to think, to reason, and to make logical and scientific judgments.

Materials available at the 4-H office for leaders include *Learning Through Judging* (4-H Leaders' Guide EM4647) and *Horse Judging Guide*, PNW575.

Beginners are welcome at all judging contest. The best way to learn is by practice at a contest.

## 1. Eligibility

A. Contestants must be enrolled 4-H horse members.

## 2. Method of Conduct

A. All contestants will report to the chairperson or their representatives at a specified place and time where they will receive full instructions regarding the contest. Each will be assigned a number and given a placing card.

B. Contestants must have official verification of class placings highlighted on placing card for each class **before judge announces official placing of class.**

C. While the contest is in progress there shall be no conferring between contestants or anyone else except directed by the contest chairperson or their representatives. Contestants will receive one warning about talking; repeat violations will result in being excused from the contest and loss of all points for that contest.

D. Sixteen minutes will be given contestants on classes that do not require reasons.

E. Eighteen minutes will be given contestants on reason classes, to make their observations, make their notes and fill out their placing card.

F. Must have a minimum of 5 classes, at least one to be halter, and one oral or written reasons class. An educational class is optional. **The Educational class will be taken from all 4-H project materials distributed by the National 4-H Council and Washington State 4-H horse materials.**

G. Each class must have four horses to be judged. The animals will be designated by numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and lined up numerically.

H. Horse will not be handled or touched by the contestants, but time will be provided for close inspection by the contestants.

## 3. Official Judges

A. The official judge will **give instructions to handlers / riders in each class** (work with each class of horses).

B. The judge shall place the classes while the contestants are working in the arena. The Judge completes **his/her** placing card, indicates the cut in placings and files that card with the chairperson or his/her representatives.

C. The placement score is computed on a "cut" system. The official judge will establish by number, the margin of difference between each of the three pairs, that being the "cuts." A low number designates the

horses were close in quality, performance, etc., and a larger number (4-7) designates that there is a large difference in the quality, performance etc. of the two horses. There must be a cut of at least one between each pair. The maximum possible total of the three cuts added together is 15.

#### 4. Awards

1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> place in each age division shall receive a rosette and all other placings shall be by Danish system.

#### **Ribbons will be awarded on the following points system in each age division:**

The following percentages will be used to determine the ribbons to be awarded. Use the highest score in each age group as the 100% score; multiply the set percentage to determine the remaining ribbons:

Example: A 5 class judging with a maximum of 250 points, the highest scoring individual scores 225, so all competitors scoring 225-191 will receive a blue ribbon, 190-135 = red, 134 and below would be a white ribbon.

85% - 100%	Blue
60% - 84%	Red
59% or less	White

*Note: There will be at least two (2) horse-judging contests per year. A contestant's best score will determine State team and Spokane County year-end awards. State Qualifiers must have a blue Danish to go to State.*

#### Safety

- A. Always approach horses cautiously, if allowed to. All horses are unpredictable in this type of setting.
- B. **Boots are required.**
- C. Primary Members are not allowed to judge, or to be in the judging contest area.
- D. Only participants and officials are allowed in contest area.

#### Advice

Be aware of whether the class **being judged is a class for placement only or if it is an oral/written reasons class. Take good notes on "reason" classes.**

Keep in a position of vantage where the class can be seen at all times. This helps when making comparisons.

The following items are recommended to bring for the contest:

- Pencil
- Paper or note cards
- Clipboard

## Impromptu Horse Presentation

### General Rules

Impromptu Demonstrations are a fun public speaking opportunity for members enrolled in Spokane County 4-H clubs. An impromptu demonstration is one that is not prepared before contest day. Members are given an article to read and then they prepare a short demonstration at the contest. The event is usually held in January or February and is a county event only. Copies of *EM4787 How to Make a 4-H Public Presentation* are available from the Project and Publication Guide.

1. Only members enrolled in Spokane County 4-H will be allowed to enter the Impromptu presentation contest. All entries must be on official entry blanks submitted by club leaders.
2. The contestant will select one article from two randomly selected articles. After the selection of the article the contestant will have 30 minutes total to organize his/her presentation.
3. There will be four (4) levels of topics: Primary, Junior, Intermediate and Senior. First year Juniors (**3<sup>rd</sup> grade only**) will have the option to do a primary presentation
4. All topics will come from horse-related materials. Resources will be available in the preparation room for contestants for reference. Pencils and 3x5 note cards are recommended for contestants use. A blackboard and chalk, dry erase board and marker, or newsprint and markers will be provided in each judging area.
5. Each contestant will have a maximum of 10 minutes to complete his/her presentation. Minimum time requirements are: Junior, 1-4 minutes; Intermediates, 2-7 minutes; and Seniors, 4-10 minutes. Primary members will be judged on criteria for their age group.
6. **Presentations** should be presented as suggested in the 4-H member manual “How to Make a 4-H Public Presentation” and the leader guide “Public Presentations, Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks” available from WSU publications or the 4-H office.
7. Each contestant must prepare his/her own presentation. A reading assistant will be assigned if needed.
8. All contestants must check in with registration at a designated time. You will receive a schedule of your designated time.
9. Each judge will use the designated evaluation form.
10. Judges will base judgment of each contestant upon the number of years in 4-H and number of presentations given.
11. Judges may ask each contestant questions to clarify points in the presentation of the article, not on the presenter’s knowledge.
12. After conclusion of the presentation, each judge will rate the contestant. The two judges will then discuss each rating and determine the average score. The judges’ decision will be final.

### Awards System

The Danish system of awarding ribbons will be used. Ribbons will be awarded at the conclusion of each presentation.

## GROOM SQUAD GENERAL RULES

1. **Open to all youth enrolled in the 4-H horse project in Spokane County. Only Senior and Intermediate teams will receive points. Only a Senior Team may qualify for the State 4-H Fair Contest.**
2. A team will be composed of three members, (**Juniors compete with juniors, Seniors and/or Intermediates teams can mix**). **Mixed teams must compete at the level of the oldest member of the team. Remember: Only an all Senior team may qualify for the State 4-H fair contest.**
3. Each team may need to provide a horse for the contest. Horses will be sound. Horses will be selected by a drawing. Availability of horses will be announced prior to competition.
4. Each team must furnish all grooming equipment and supplies.
5. Procedure:
  - a) One team member will complete a written quiz prior to the arena event.
  - b) Thirty (30) minutes will be allowed to groom the horse. The horse must be held by a member of the team. The holder may rotate and work on the horse, as long as it is done in a safe manner. The horse must ALWAYS be under control.
  - c) Fifteen (15) minutes will be allowed to practice showing the horse. One member is then chosen to show the horse at Showmanship.
  - d) Final showing of the horse by the designated member.
6. Basis for scoring:
  - a) Written questions: 20 possible points
  - b) Grooming: 10 possible points
  - c) Teamwork: 15 possible points
  - d) Showmanship: 15 possible points
  - e) Safety: 35 possible points
  - f) Equipment: 5 possible points
7. Awards will be made on the group system and each team member will receive the ribbons earned by their team.

See also State Fair No. 61

## Horse Bowl General Rules

The primary objective of the Horse Bowl Contest is to provide an opportunity for youth enrolled in a horse project in 4-H to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. It is also hoped that these contests will provide an educational experience for both participants and spectators.

**Question writers may not have a youth participating at the age level they are writing questions for that current year. It is suggested that a group of former members (college aged) be used to write questions.**

1. Open to youth enrolled in a 4-H club in Spokane County. Seniors who have competed in past U.S. Invitational, National 4-H Horse Round-ups or Western National 4-H Classic are ineligible.
2. A team must enter 4 contestants and may have one alternate. If a club has a team of mixed levels, the team will play at the oldest member's level.

3. If your club cannot find enough to make up a team, or if you have extra members who want to participate, contact the Horse Bowl Committee Chairperson and a county team will be formed. Only individual points are kept on these members.
4. At least fifty percent of senior and intermediate questions will be taken from 4-H project materials and fifty percent from other sources listed below:
  1. Any National or State 4-H Horse Publication (e.g., Beginning Horsemanship, Horse Science, Horses and Horsemanship, 4-H Horse Judging Guide)
  2. Evans 2<sup>nd</sup> THE HORSE: (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition) by Evans, Borton, Hintz, Van Vleck
  3. AYHC 1<sup>st</sup> HORSE INDUSTRY HANDBOOK-by the American Youth Horse Council
  4. Illustrated Dictionary of Equine Terms
  5. Lewis 2<sup>nd</sup> FEEDING AND CARE OF THE HORSE (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition)-Lon D. Lewis
  6. Kainer THE COLORING ATLAS OF HORSE ANATOMY-Robert A. Kainer & Thomas O. McCracken
  7. AYHC LEAD AMERICAN YOUTH HORSE COUNCIL LEADER MANUAL
  8. **Griffiths, Jean T. Equine Science: Basic Knowledge for Horse people of all ages.**  
[www.horsebooksetc.com](http://www.horsebooksetc.com) or 1-800-952-5813

**At least 80% junior questions will be taken from the 4-H project manual (PNW587. Horses & Horsemanship, Beginning Horsemanship (EM4842), 4-H horse contest guide, and Horse Science with 20% of the questions coming from the list of sources listed above.**

5. Contestants cannot be present at any match unless eliminated from the competition. They will wait in an assigned room. If any contestant breaks this rule, or misbehaves, the entire team will be disqualified.
6. Teams are welcome to identify their clubs by use of clothing, banners or both.
7. The highest scoring team for each club will be chosen for club points. Year-end awards will be presented to the highest placing club teams and highest scoring individuals in each age division.
8. No refreshments are allowed in the contest rooms.
9. The procedure of play shall be according to Washington State Horse Bowl Rules.
10. On the day of the competition, if one team is short a member and the seat is vacant, the team may compete. One-on-one questions will still be included for the vacant seat. During the rounds in which a team with a full complement of players competes against the team that is short one member, only three members of each team need to correctly answer a question to earn the team bonus points.
11. All Intermediate and Senior county participants will be allowed to try out for a seat on the state team. Criterion for earning a team position will be based on attendance at practices and tests (written and oral) and performance during county competition.

**Awards/Points:** Individual points will be figured by adding a member's scores of their best two rounds. Blue ribbon point value will be used for figuring individual points toward the Educational High Point Award.

For more information see EM4874 Washington State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest Rules

## HIPPOLOGY GENERAL RULES

A TEAM CONSISTS OF 4 MEMBERS. Age grouping will be figured by the oldest member on the team. (Only Intermediate and Senior may participate at state).

The four parts of the contest are:

### Horse Judging

- Knowledge Questions
- Identification, and
- Team Problem to solve and present

Hippology may be held in conjunction with the Horse Judging Contest. All juniors, intermediates, and seniors may participate at the county contest. Registration for Hippology will be at each Horse Judging/Hippology contest. A registration form with score sheet must be filled out to compete. Judging will be announced before competition.

- Judging: The 4-H member must participate in one of two Horse Judging contests offered by the county. The best score will be used.
- Knowledge Questions: A written test will be given consisting of 50 questions.
- Identification: An educational class for this requirement will be done using paper diagrams and/or hands on classes. Identification includes anything from parts of the horse, leg, foot, horseshoe, tack, anatomy, feeds, grooming equipment, bits, or farrier tools.
- The Team Problem Solving: Its purpose is to judge how well the members can do problem solving, organize information in a logical way, and then present it. A team will consist of four members.

Individual scores will be a combination of the four scores from each section. Rosettes will be awarded following the competition.

**Awards/Points** – Blue ribbon point value will be used for figuring individual points toward the Educational High Point Award.

**State Team Selection:** Seniors and Intermediates are the only age groups who can participate at state. A state team for each age group will be selected after the second Horse Judging / Hippology contest. At that time a coach will also be identified and practice times for the State Contest will be set.

For more information see Washington State 4-H Hippology Rules <http://4h.wsu.edu/horse/hippology.htm>

## Competitive Trail Ride Rules

### What equipment may be used:

Types of equipment are optional, however, saddles, headstalls, halters, and leads must be used. This is a competitive ride so elaborate gear does not count over clean, serviceable equipment. Your equipment does not need to be new. New equipment is frequently uncomfortable to both horse and/or rider. It should be in good condition and clean. Equipment that is not properly cared for often becomes dangerous. Each rider must look after their own horse during the ride. The use of cloths, saddle pads and ordinary grooming tools is permitted, but no liniments, salves or any medication may be used.

### Rules for Riders:

1. Entries are open to certified mares and geldings of all breeds and must be four (4) years of age or older.
2. Only paid entries with certified horses under saddle will be allowed on the trail. Any pleasure riders will leave one hour after the last competitor has left camp.
4. All juniors, first year intermediates, and novice riders must have a sponsor. All others may ride with a sponsor.
5. An adult sponsor may sponsor two riders only. 4-H riders fifteen to eighteen may sponsor one rider. A sponsor must stay behind their rider.
6. If the sponsor should be forced to withdraw, and if another sponsor wishes to take the junior and/or first year intermediate, it is the responsibility of the original sponsor to make the decision.
7. If a sponsored rider cannot proceed, the sponsoring senior may proceed if the said junior and/or first year intermediate is left with a competitive trail ride judge or other responsible adult.
8. Breaking the following guidelines will be cause for disqualification:
  - a. Use of alcoholic beverages and/or illegal substances by adults and/or youth.
  - b. Dogs on the grounds unless on a leash and confined. Must not be in the area used by the participants.
  - c. Firearms in camp or on the trail.
  - d. Smoking and chewing tobacco is prohibited in the exhibit area.
  - e. Smoking and chewing tobacco are prohibited for all 4-H aged youth.
  - f. Failure to carry all gear required under rules 12-16.
  - g. The use of medication, stimulants, liniments, ice water or hot water on competing animals.
  - h. Rider being off the horse at any time while progressing on the trail. After three (3) refusals the rider may lead the horse across an obstacle if it is necessary for safety reasons. (ie tack check and foot care).
  - i. Use of anything other than normal temperature water to clean horses from time judging begins until after final judging.
  - j. The use of walkman radios or other electronic devices except for cell phones.
  - k. Rider must wear boots with heels while on the trail.
  - l. If a participant does not care for and groom their own animal. The only exception is that a rider may have help from another 4-H member prior to the before and after judging.
9. Animals must be trimmed, shod and in good condition. Boots, pads and bandages of any type on competing animals are prohibited. A pad is a protection that covers the entire sole and frog of the hoof. A horse may compete without shoes with a farriers release.
10. The distress signal for a rider or judge needing help is for them to turn their number over so the blank side is visible. A judge can then step into view and confront the rider.
11. Competing animals must be left out of trucks and trailers until after the final judging of the day. Horse blankets of any type may be used except during judging.
12. **After ride judging cannot start before one hour after the first rider is in.** Each

animal shall have at least one hour before he may be judged.

13. Types of equipment are optional. Saddles and headstalls (with throat latches) must be used. Competitors must also keep with them any and all gear, including halter and lead and other equipment or paraphernalia with which they begin the ride. Riders may not leave any of said items along the way with spectators.
14. All riders must wear boots, a long sleeved shirt, long pants, and a helmet.
15. Riders must have a halter and lead with them on the trail.
16. Western stirrups must have stirrup keepers.
17. All back cinches must have a front cinch connector.
18. Grooming brushes, curry combs and rub rags may be used at any time prior to presentation to the judges.
19. In consideration of the well-being of the horse, fly repellent may be used at any time.
20. If a judge stops a rider on the trail in excess of five minutes, the judge shall tell the rider and the time will be adjusted and subtracted from the time of the rider. No time will be allowed for shoeing.
21. There shall be no changes in horse or rider after the judging has begun.
22. No one other than the judges, secretary, student judges and competitor being judged shall be allowed in the immediate judging area while scoring is being done.
22. Horses will come in through a designated gate at the conclusion of the ride. **It is the riders responsibility to check with the time keeper.** The competitor can then get grooming gear and feed for their horse.

### Scoring:

Scoring is based upon the theory of a given distance to be ridden in a definite time by a top trail horse without any injurious effect upon the horse. The ride tests the ability and stamina of the horse to cover a given distance in a given amount of time. The score is placed into four categories.

1. Conditioning Before ride condition with a total possible 100 points.  
After ride condition with a total possible 98 points.
2. Fitting and handling Before ride fitting and handling with a possible 50 points.  
After ride fitting and handling with a possible 50 points.  
You would add the two scores together and divide by 2 to get the day's score.
3. Tack and safety Before ride possible 20 points.
4. Trail Score Each judge deducts from a total of ten points per obstacle. A refusal or failure to complete an obstacle would be 0 points.
5. Three (3) points will be deducted for every minute over or under the designated time allowed for the ride.

Scores for ribbons:

Blue – is 90% or more of total maximum points.

Red – is 80% to 89% of total maximum points.

White – is 70% to 79% of total maximum points.

Green – is 69% or less of total maximum points for participation.

## **ADULT RIDERS**

1. Adult riders could ride in the Competitive Trail Ride as competitors.
2. Adult competitors must be enrolled volunteers or background checked.

For more information on the Competitive Trail conditioning, procedures, scoring, etc. Go to the Spokane County Competitive Trail Ride Rules on the county 4-H web site. [www.spokanekids.wsu.edu](http://www.spokanekids.wsu.edu) and click on the Competitive Trail Ride on the calendar.

## **SPOKANE COUNTY 4-H DRILL TEAM** **OBJECTIVES**

Teams will be made up of 4-8 members for small group and 9-16 members for large group. Each team will have captain that is part of the team and may have a coach or caller that can be an adult 4-H volunteer. Teams may be of mixed age group however during contests they will compete at the level of the oldest member of the team.

Elements of the Drill Team performance may be developed by the team and coach. Each performance must include a minimum of three elements including; pinwheel, comb through and ride by. Additional elements are recommended and encouraged. Elements may include; serpentine, figure 8, circles, track on rail, quad merge, etc. Elements may be performed as pairs, quads, etc. Transition of each element is important. Appropriate skill level is to be considered when developing routine for the performance.

Time of Drill Team performance must be more than 3 minutes (approx 1 song) but no more than 10 minutes (approx. 3 songs) 1pt penalty per minute over or under the limit. Time starts when first horse enters arena and ends when last horse exits arena. The pattern for each team's performance must be provided to the contest office prior to the contest. A copy will be provided to the judge.

Music, whistle and voice commands are permitted. The caller may use hand signals, however commands and signals are taken into consideration during the scoring process. All music used must be appropriate for youth and families. Music should compliment the pace of the performance and be adapted to the length of the performance.

Flags are permitted the size and number should reflect the skill level of the riders, number of riders carrying flags and size of flags are optional. Scoring will reflect the manner in which flags are presented. If American flags are carried proper flag protocol must be followed. Only wood or PVC flag poles may be used. All flags must be secured only in a "flag boot" attached to the saddles stirrup fender by the stirrup.

All riders must pass the safety tack check found in the Spokane County 4-H Horse Project Manual. All equipment must be in good working order and throatlatches are required for this activity.

Drill team members are encouraged to participate in parades and grand entries.

All other 4-H general policies and procedures will apply.

**SPOKANE COUNTY 4-H DRILL TEAM**

Team \_\_\_\_\_ Small Group (4-8) \_\_\_\_\_ Large Group (10-16)\_\_\_.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Event \_\_\_\_\_ Judge \_\_\_\_\_.

	<b>Description</b>	<b>100 pts</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>Execution of Drill</b>	<b>Spacing;</b> maintain a uniform distance between all horses throughout entire maneuver. Spacing may vary in succeeding maneuvers depending on maneuver.	10	
	<b>Alignment;</b> Lines are straight, riders are aligned when abreast and track when in columns, circles are round and centered.	10	
	<b>Timing &amp; Coordination;</b> Team members work together to perform maneuvers, merge in sequence, no missed holes or collisions, etc.	5	
<b>Originality of Presentation</b>	<b>Original</b> pattern used, method used to present maneuvers and music compliments the pace of the drill	10	
	<b>Variety;</b> different elements used, single, pairs, fours, etc. Different patterns and maneuvers.	5	
	<b>Attractiveness</b> of patterns; symmetry and definition of maneuvers, continuity and flow between maneuvers. Crowd appeal pleasing to audience.	5	
<b>Degree of difficulty</b>	<b>Difficulty of maneuvers</b> and overall drill; to include speed, closeness of spacing and set up of maneuvers. Skill level appropriate for age of <b>youngest member on the team.</b>	10	
	<b>Flags;</b> number of riders carrying flags and size of flags. Manner in which flags are presented. If American flags are carried proper flag protocol must be followed.	5	
	<b>Auditory/Cues;</b> Minimal use of whistle or verbal cues. Music, whistle and voice commands are permitted. <i>Music must be appropriate for family/youth activity.</i>	5	
<b>Horsemanship</b>	<b>Equitation and Horsemanship;</b> basic equitation, seat, hands, position and the use of aids. Riding true to discipline. Riders should have good attitudes and smile. <i>*Deduct 5 pts inappropriate or excessive cueing and bad attitude. Deduct 2pts. points for improper form/equitation of rider(s).</i>	10	
	<b>General Impression;</b> Uniforms/apparel clean and neat. Long sleeve shirts and long pants/jeans. Equipment must be in good working condition. Deduct 2pts for broken tack or dropped equipment <i>*and/or uniforms not matching.</i>	5	
<b>Performance of Horses</b>	<b>Way of going,</b> no broken gaits. Proper speed for maneuver and under control at all times. Deduct 5 pts for fall of horse <b>or rider.</b>	10	
	<b>Horses;</b> well mannered, no kicking, biting, or bucking, well suited for drill team. Horses are to be clean and healthy. No penalty for teams of mixed colored horses.	5	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Time constraints;</b> time of maneuver must be more than 3 minutes (approx 1 song) but no more than 10 minutes (approx. 3 songs) 1pt penalty per minute over or under the limit. Time starts when first horse enters arena and ends when last horse exits arena.	5	
<b>Total</b>	White ribbon 0-50 Red ribbon 51- 75 Blue ribbon- 76 - 100	<b>Total</b>	

## **INTERSTATE 4-H HORSE SHOWS**

At the Interstate 4-H Horse Show, Spokane County 4-H members have opportunity to exhibit their abilities and skills learned in the 4-H horse and horsemanship projects. Classes will be decided by the Interstate staff and superintendent. They may be any class that is offered in a 4-H show. A class may be dropped if entries do not fill the class.

In order to participate as a 4-H representative, members must:

- Be enrolled in 4-H.
- Participate in a 4-H County Horse Show, clinic, camp of the current year.
- Use his/her certified project or activity horse.

## **CAMPING FOR SPOKANE 4-H'ERS**

Camping Experiences are available to 4-H horse project members. Camps are held during the summer months in the county. Horses taken to camps must be certified project or activity horses. Equitation classes (Western and/or English), Western Games, Drill Team, Trail and Mini-classes may be included in the camp agendas. Each camp accepts a limited number of horses with riders on a first come, first served basis. Priority goes to Spokane County 4-H members. Horses must be certified 2 weeks prior to the camp entry deadlines.

## **PRESENTATION AND PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTESTS**

4-H members can participate in Public Speaking, Demonstrations, and Public Presentations at levels:

- In their 4-H Club
- At Spokane County 4-H events that provide the opportunity for public speaking
- At Spokane County 4-H Qualifying Event(s) for Public Speaking
- At Washington State 4-H Fair

To earn the privilege of participating at Washington State 4-H Fair with Public Speaking, 4-H members must first be judged in their clubs by 2 judges using the Scoresheet, C0430 – and earn a score of 90-100. AND THEN Participate in the Spokane County 4-H Qualifying Event for Public Speaking and earn a score of 90-100.

There will be 2 opportunities to qualify for 4-H State Fair at the county level; dates for the Spokane County 4-H Qualifying Events for Public Speaking will be published in the Spokane County 4-H Newsletter.

\* Public Speaking, Demonstrations, and Public Presentations may use multi media format (ie powerpoint) Spokane County Score sheet adapted from C-0430.

# HORSE PROJECT POINTS SYSTEM

The Points Keeper, with the assistance of the Points and Rules Committee, record points for all certified project horses that participate in Spokane County competitive horse project events. The points are used to determine qualifiers for State Fair, year- end awards and medals. Points are recorded from all qualifying shows.

Points are kept on the following classes:

## PERFORMANCE

1. Performance Showmanship
2. English Equitation
3. Western Equitation
4. Bareback Equitation
5. Trail
6. Walk/Trot English
7. Walk/Trot Western
8. Walk/Trot Trail

## JUMPING

1. Jumping Showmanship
2. Hunt Seat Equitation
3. Equitation Over Fences
4. *\*Equitation Hack*
5. *\*Show Jumping Equitation*

## DRIVING

1. Driving Showmanship
2. Harness Ground Driving
3. Pleasure Driving
4. Obstacle 1
5. Driving Equitation

## DRILL TEAM

May be recognized by the committee.

## MINIATURE HORSE

May be recognized by the committee.

## WESTERN GAMES

1. Western Games Showmanship
2. Texas Barrel Race
3. Poles Bending
4. 2 Barrel Flag Race

5. Idaho Figure 8 Stake
6. Pole Key Race
7. International Flags

## GREEN HORSE

1. Showmanship under 2 years
2. Showmanship 2 years and over
3. Foal Test
4. Yearling Test
5. 2 year Test
6. Ground Driving
7. 1<sup>st</sup> Year Under Saddle
8. 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Under Saddle
9. 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Under Saddle
10. 4<sup>th</sup> Year Under Saddle

## DRESSAGE

1. Dressage Showmanship
2. Introductory Level
3. Training Level
4. First Level
5. Second Level



Only certified project horse's points will count (see certification rules).

All high point awards will be compiled from the member's best one shows.

Points are to follow the member. Member must have shown in at least one qualifying shows. The horse shown in Showmanship is the horse that points will be counted for that day.

- A. **Senior, Intermediate, Junior, & Novice Performance Horse**: Performance Showmanship plus **two** other qualifying classes (English Equitation, Western Equitation, Bareback and Trail). Must show in Showmanship plus at least two classes to have that show qualify for points.
- B. **Senior, Intermediate, Junior, & Novice Western Games Horse**: Western Games Showmanship, plus **three** gaming classes (Texas Barrels, Two Barrel Flags, Figure Eight, Pole Bending, International Flags & Pole Key). Must show in Showmanship plus at least three games classes to have that show qualify for points.
- C. **Senior, Intermediate, Junior Jumping**: Total is taken from jumping Showmanship, Equitation over fences, *\*(in chosen qualifying point section see Over Fences General Rules)* and **Hunt Seat Equitation**  
\* Hunt Seat Equitation and Equitation Over Fences are the state fair qualifying classes.
- D. **Senior, Intermediate, Junior & Novice Driving**: Driving Showmanship plus two driving classes (one to be Driving Equitation). If only one show offers driving, then the one show will qualify for high point and state. If more than one show is offered then two will be required for points to count.
- E. **Senior & Intermediate Green Horse Project**: Green Horse Showmanship plus best class.
- F. **Senior, Intermediate, Junior, and Novice Dressage**: Day of show Showmanship, plus best test in Training, First Level, or Second Level.

#### **High Point Educationals: Senior, Intermediate, & Junior:**

Best placing for the year in each of the following County qualifying competitions will be used in calculating the high point. Those are Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, Groom Squad, Presentation, Impromptus and Hippology. Placings will be calculated as described in either individual awards or under the event rules. Points will be calculated under the same points system as riding points. (See "Points System.") Therefore, each member may have a total of six scores, if they participated in all educational events listed. Members are not required to enter all six competitions to be eligible for this award.

#### **Individual Awards:**

1. Fastest time in each Western Games event (not by age group) will receive an award at the year-end awards.
2. Individual awards will be given for each step on the 4-H Horse Member Advancement Checklist and an additional award for completion of all nine steps.

3. Saddle Log hours will be awarded accordingly by the committee.
4. Record Book Awards will be decided by the Record Book Committee.

### **State Fair Jackets**

State Jackets will be given to members the first year they **qualify and attend** State Fair or State Competition in a horse or horse related project or contest. A presentation must be on an equine topic. If an additional jacket is requested, it is to be purchased at the exhibitor's expense.\*\*\*

### **State Fair and State Competition Qualifying**

1. Only Intermediates and Seniors qualify for state fair and state competitions.
2. All horse members trying to qualify for state fair with their horse or for horse judging, horse presentations, or groom squad must submit their current record book to the 4-H Office by the Friday following the 3<sup>rd</sup> qualifying show. Those horse members trying to qualify for state competition in Horse Bowl or Hippology must submit their current record book to the 4-H office by March 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - a. Record books will be reviewed by the points & rules committee.
  - b. Record books must be current and up to date.
  - c. Record Book Check Off List
    - Goals and Plans signed off by leader
    - Calendar and Monthly Expenses
    - Beginning Inventory
    - Vet Records/Hoof Care for each horse you have certified.
    - Riding/Training records
    - Educational Contests/Activities Entered (4-H)
    - Show and Exhibition Records (include date, show, event, placing/time/ribbon, horse) Must include the July show results if you participate in the July show.
    - Leadership Responsibility 4-H or other
    - Community Service 4-H or other

**Only those members who have qualified by points and have an accepted record book will be eligible to compete in State Fair horse competition.**

3. Performance, Western Games, Driving, Jumping/Dressage points are calculated for State Fair as they are for year-end high points except: a blue ribbon in Showmanship with that project animal is given priority over a red ribbon in Showmanship. White ribbons in Showmanship do not qualify for State Fair. Only one Danish Showmanship ribbon (with qualifying project

animal) in said color is necessary. A list of State Fair Qualifiers specifying the horse & rider pair or pairs that have qualified for competition at State Fair will be posted on the 4-H Web site.

4. For Performance, Western Games, Driving, Jumping/Dressage: In case of a tie for the last slot, the total points for Showmanship from the two qualifying shows for those members will be used.
5. Members that compete at State 4-H Fair with their horse must have competed in at least one of the following horse educational contests that year; horse judging, horse bowl, impromptu, hippology, groom squad, horse presentations (county level), or Know Your Government.
6. Horse Judging qualifiers will be chosen by highest score at one of the County Horse judging competitions and must have a blue ribbon at a county competition..
7. Horse Bowl qualifiers will be chosen as follows: Must have competed at County Horse Bowl competition. Criteria for earning a team position will be based on attendance at practices, tests (written and oral) and performance during county competition.
8. Groom Squad will be the team with the highest score at the County competition(s). Only Seniors may qualify for state.
9. Hippology: See Hippology General Rules (must be Senior or Intermediate).
10. If the state allocates Jumping/Dressage slots as a group, then Spokane County will divide slots as follows: Even number of slots will be given for seniors and Intermediates who qualify with a blue ribbon in showmanship. If an odd number of slots are allocated by the state, the odd slot will go to the seniors. (i.e. State allocates 3 slots, seniors would get 2 and intermediates would get one.) If an age group does not have qualifiers with blue ribbons in showmanship, the slots would go to the other age group. If that group has no qualifiers with blue ribbons in showmanship, the slot will be filled with the member who has a red showmanship ribbon and the most points earned in a qualifying show in either age group. This will determine the alternate list. Note: A white ribbon in showmanship does not qualify for state fair.

## **SPOKANE COUNTY 4-H HORSE PROJECT MEDALS**

Horse project medals will be awarded to all horse members who score 90-100 points on the Horse Project Medal Score sheet. Points are given as follows:

Up to 15 points . . . for project exhibited or shown in Showmanship

Up to 15 points . . . for public presentations and impromptus

Up to 15 points . . . county 4-H project related activities attended (green horse meetings, judging, camps, clinics, bowl contest, groom squad, hippology, etc.)

Up to 10 points . . . for non-4-H project related activities participated in

Up to 15 points . . . for leadership demonstrated

Up to 15 points . . . for citizenship and community service performed (should show personal participation)

Up to 15 points . . . for completed Record Book in horse project

Total possible points . . . 100

A committee of three (3) horse committee volunteers appointed by the Horse Committee President will judge the application. The committee may require an interview.



**POLICIES OF SPOKANE COUNTY  
4-H HORSE PROJECT COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE I**

**Name**

Section 1. The name of this group shall be the Spokane County 4-H Horse Project Committee.

Section 2. The chief place of business of this organization shall be 222 North Havana, Spokane WA 99202.

**ARTICLE II**

**Purpose**

Our purpose is to be an inclusive youth-oriented, educationally-based program, striving to create positive experiences for youth through competitive and non-competitive learning, led by well-trained leaders.

**ARTICLE III**

**Membership**

Section 1. The voting membership shall consist of all enrolled 4-H Horse Project volunteers and youth members.

Section 2. Spokane County Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Faculty and 4-H County Staff shall be non-voting members.

**ARTICLE IV**

**Meetings**

Section 1. The Horse Project Committee shall meet at least six (6) times a year with one (1) meeting required in October to elect officers and (1) in November to propose rule changes, and one (1) meeting in December to vote on proposed rule changes.

Section 2. Meetings shall last no more than two (2) hours unless voted on by the majority of the voting membership who are present.

**ARTICLE V**

**Quorum and Voting**

Section 1. A minimum of two (2) elected officers and five (5) members, exclusive of the presiding officer, shall be present to conduct business.

Section 2. In the discussion of a specific issue, if the presiding officer determines there is insufficient representation he / she may postpone the decision to the next meeting.

Section 3. Voting at a Committee meeting will be limited to two (2) votes for each club with one (1) additional vote for clubs with enrollments of 15-24 youth horse members; with another additional vote for clubs with enrollments of 25-49 youth horse members; with yet another additional vote for clubs with 50 or more youth horse members; with five (5) votes being the maximum for any club. The number of youth horse members enrolled in each club is determined by the number of horse youth enrolled as of December 1<sup>st</sup>. Clubs enrolling after December 1<sup>st</sup> will have two (2) votes effective at the time of enrollment in the 4-H office, for the remainder of that 4-H year. There will be no proxy votes.

Section 4. Election of officers and budget shall be conducted by secret ballot following voting guidelines outlined in Article V Section 3.

**ARTICLE VI**

**Officers**

The Officers of the Spokane County 4-H Horse Project Committee shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Points Keeper.

Section 1. Duties of Officers

A. President

1. Shall preside at all regular and additional meetings of the organization.

2. Shall prepare agenda for the regular meeting with input from all

interested parties. Agenda items must be sent to the 4-H office on the

Monday morning before a project meeting.

- B. Vice President
  - 1. Shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the President
  - 2. Shall assist the President in any duties so assigned and act as parliamentarian.
  - 3. Shall become the President of the Spokane County 4-H Horse Project Committee in the event the president is unable to fulfill the duties of the office.
  - 5. Shall facilitate the Horse Development Committee.
  - 6. The Vice President will be in charge of the 4-H Horse State Fair Sign up.
- C. Secretary
  - 1. Shall keep an accurate and complete record of the meetings. A copy of these records shall be turned in to the 4-H Office within 7 days after each meeting, to be reproduced, and made available, upon request.
  - 2. Shall maintain current year history of meeting minutes available at each meeting and turned over to the next year's successor.
  - 3. Shall handle all correspondence addressed to the Horse Project Committee.
  - 4. Shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the President and Vice President until the election of a chairman pro-tem, which should take place immediately.
- D. Treasurer
  - 1. Shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended in the various funds of the Spokane County 4-H Horse Project Committee.
  - 2. Shall render a financial report at each regular meeting.
  - 3. A completed Check Request Form must be received before disbursing funds.
  - 4. Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) checks: All checks returned for any reason will require that the 4-H member or parent/guardian pay in cash or money order.
    - a. To redeem the outstanding check and pay any and all additional charges;
    - b. For all 4-H activities for the remainder of the program year.
  - 5. A self-audit will be performed by December 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. A copy of the audit report will be presented to the 4-H Agent.
  - 6. There shall be two signatures on all checks.
- E. Points Keeper
  - 1. Shall facilitate the Points & Rules meetings.
  - 2. Shall keep records of all results from every contest or show held by the Horse Project Committee.
  - 3. Shall hold to audit points for each contest and show and record points earned.
  - 4. Shall work with the Awards sub-committee and report standings for each member participating in the county contest and shows for Horse Projects Awards Night.
  - 5. This position can be divided by two people.

6. The Points and Rules must develop a committee to audit all show, educational and other events in which points are collected for the years end awards and submit to the Horse Awards committee by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

F.  
Horse Certifier

1. Shall work with the 4-H Staff to review Horse Certificates and maintain a list of members and their certified horses.

Section 2. Eligibility and Term of Office

- A. Only members of the Spokane County 4-H Horse Project Committee who have been involved for one year or more and attended 60% of the Horse project meetings and/or a combination of the horse project meetings and horse sub-committee meetings held in the 4-H year shall be eligible to hold office in the Spokane County 4-H Horse Project Committee.
- B. The Treasurer must be eighteen (18) years old.
- C. No office shall be held by the same person for more than two (2) consecutive years, with the exception of the Treasurer who may be eligible to serve not more than five (5) consecutive one-year terms.
- D. A nominating committee appointed by the President shall be formed in August for the purpose of presenting a slate of officers. No current officer shall serve on the nominating committee.
- E. Officers shall be elected at the October meeting. Nominations may be taken from the floor with consent of nominee. If nominee is not present, intention to accept nomination must be in writing.
- F. New officers assume office by November 1.

Section 3. Non-Performance of Duties or Vacancies

- A. Any officer not performing prescribed duties of his/her office for two (2) consecutive meetings will be replaced.
- B. If an office (except that of President) is made vacant during the 4-H year, the President may appoint someone to that office. A person not meeting the eligibility requirements, may be appointed, to complete the current term, providing he/she participates in good faith at the current meetings.

**ARTICLE VII**

**Executive Committee**

The Executive committee of the Spokane County 4-H Horse Project Committee shall consist of the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Points Keeper. The 4-H County Staff will serve as a non-voting member.

Duties of the Executive Committee:

In case of emergencies or when a decision must be made immediately, the President may call a meeting of all members of the Executive Committee or take a poll of said committee by phone. The 4-H staff person responsible for the equine project must be included in this emergency process. An "emergency" is when there must be a decision made before the next scheduled meeting of the Horse Project Committee. The Executive Committee may perform a phone poll- a simple majority must be involved in the decision.

**ARTICLE VIII**

**Standing Sub-Committees/ Ad Hoc Committees**

Section 1. The President shall designate all Sub/Ad Hoc committees as deemed necessary for the proper and efficient functioning of the business of the Spokane County 4-H Horse Project Committee. Ad Hoc Committees shall function until their goals have been achieved, preferably within the 4-H year.

Section 2. Standing Sub-Committees include but are not limited to

A. Organizational Sub-Committees

1. Horse Project Budget
2. Horse Development

B. Activity / Planning Sub-Committees

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| 1. Points & Rules | 9. Horse Shows                              |
| 2. Awards         | 10. Interstate Show and Activities          |
| 3. Tack Swap      | 11. Clinics                                 |
| 4. Impromptus     | 12. North Camp                              |
| 5. Hippology      | 13. South Camp                              |
| 6. Horse Bowl     | 14. Trail Ride                              |
| 7. Horse Judging  | 15. Project Medals Judging and Record Books |
| 8. Groom Squad    |   |

Section 3. A committee that is meeting must include at least three (3) project members in order for any decision or recommendation to be valid. Notice of a meeting shall be published for at least one (1) issue of the monthly 4-H newsletter.

Section 4. A completed Spokane County 4-H Report Form for all meetings will be turned into the 4-H Office upon the completion of the meeting.

Section 5. A written report of activities must be submitted to the 4-H office within two (2) weeks of said event. The report needs to include an attendance count, participant sign in list, and awards/placings, profit and loss statement.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

Section 1. The rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order shall govern this organization in all cases to which they are applicable.

Section 2. All rules and policies will be updated annually. Rules for the current 4-H year will be proposed at the November meeting and voted on at the December meeting, and those approved will take effect immediately for the current 4-H year.

A. There must be at least one person from each club attending at least one of the training sessions to enable that club's members to participate at county horse project events.

B. There will be up to three sessions held in January to go over all changes with any volunteer or member who wishes to attend.

#### **ARTICLE X**

With the permission of the 4H Agent, this group may be dissolved by two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and eligible to vote under voter guidelines attending a meeting called specifically for that purpose. There will be a notice of the meeting in the 4-H website/newsletter for two (2) consecutive months prior to the meeting of the proposal to dissolve the group. After all obligations of the Spokane County 4-H Equine Project Committee have been paid, the balance of funds on hand, if any, at time of dissolution will be turned in to the Spokane County 4-H Budget and Fundraiser Committee.



# Spokane County 4-H Horse Project Information



## 2014-2015 4-H Program Year Equine Projects

### **GBHA Beginning Horsemanship Project**

(Suggested for Required for 1<sup>st</sup>-year  
Equine project members,  
Juniors through seniors)

#### **Objectives:**

- develop an animal care ethic
- learn to select, care for, feed, and provide for the health of the animal
- develop organizational skills, including judging and recordkeeping
- learn to ride, train, and handle a horse safely
- develop and use life skills, including decision making, public speaking, teamwork, sportsmanship, respect for others, and community service
- learn the value and dignity of work and careers

### **GBHH Horsemanship, Management, and Care**

(For all members, juniors through seniors, participating in performance, western games, rodeo, trail, driving, dressage, miniatures (horse and mules), and self determined. Select the appropriate materials for your Equine project from the following publications.)

#### **Objectives:**

- develop leadership, initiative, self-reliance, sportsmanship, and other desirable traits of character

- develop organizational skills, including judging and recordkeeping
- develop an animal care ethic
- learn skills in horsemanship and an understanding of the business of breeding, raising, and training horses
- learn to select, care for, feed, and provide for the health of the animal
- learn the value and dignity of work and careers
- learn to ride, train, and handle a horse safely
- learn the value of recreational trail riding

### **GBHG Horseless Horse**

(All members eligible, primaries through seniors)

#### **Objectives:**

- develop leadership, initiative, self-reliance, sportsmanship, and other desirable traits of character
- develop an understanding of the responsibilities of managing a horse
- develop an appreciation of horseback riding as a healthy and wholesome form of recreation
- learn skills in horsemanship and an understanding of the business of breeding, raising, and training horses
- increase knowledge of safety precautions to prevent injury to themselves, others, and their mounts
- promote greater love for animals and a humane attitude toward them

## EQUINE HEADGEAR POLICY

Beginning February 5, 1998 with the start of a new 4-H year, the 4-H Protective Head Gear Policy for equestrians was implemented. To review, the policy is as follows:

All Washington 4-H youth participating in all equine projects and activities must wear American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM) Safety Engineering Institute (SEI) approved headgear when riding or driving.

Additionally, we strongly encourage all equestrians (including adults) to wear headgear at all times when riding or working around horses.

Headgear must have a chinstrap and be properly fitted.

### HELMET FITTING

SEI approved head gear should fit:

Snugly, but comfortably.

With the chinstrap securely fastened so that it touches the skin.

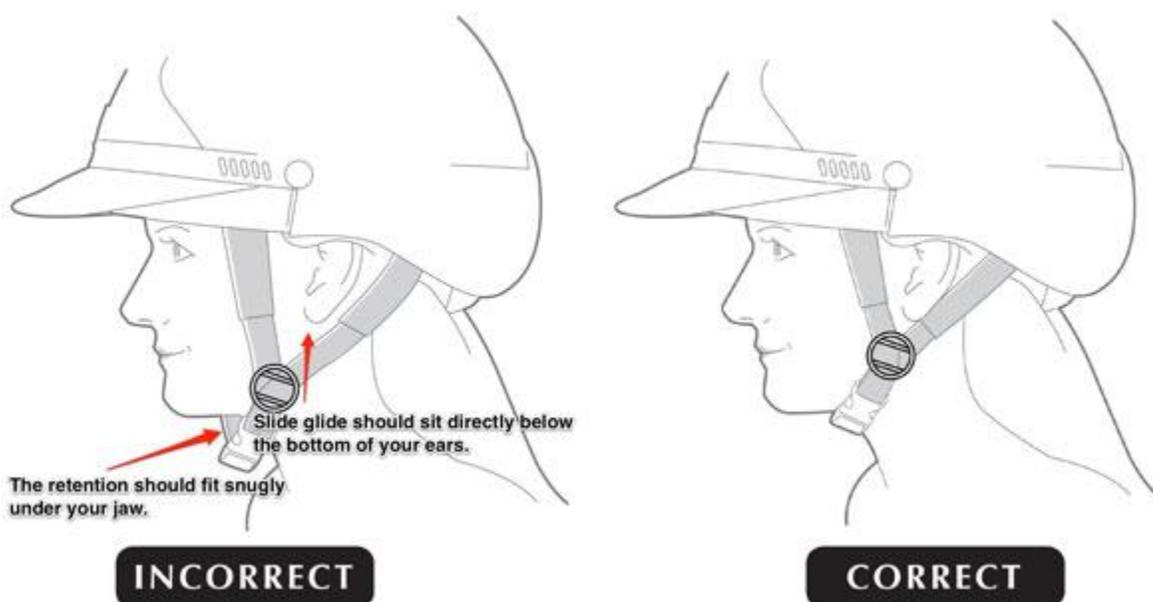
Sit level from front to back.

Should move the skin/eyebrows when rocked from front to back.

Should *not* be able to be rocked out of position-forwards, backwards, or side to side.

*THIS POLICY SUPERCEDES ALL PREVIOUS HEADGEAR POLICIES*

19. \*SEI stands for the Safety Equipment Institute that certifies helmets that meet the ASTM, American



## **4-H Educational Events:**

The following are activities you do not need to own a horse. Youth must still be 8yrs. and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

### **Hippology**

The primary objectives of the Hippology Contest are to provide, in a friendly but competitive setting:

- the opportunity to blend equine science and husbandry with horse judging and public speaking into one activity where 4-Hers can apply their acquired knowledge and skill;
- to encourage youth to continue expanding their horse knowledge and participation in various equine events;
- to recognize youth for their comprehension of the many facets of the horse industry; and
- to teach good sportsmanship and encourage leadership.
- \*Only Seniors can compete at Washington State 4-H Fair
- \*Seniors can qualify to Nationals.

### **Horse Bowl**

The primary objective of the Horse Bowl Contest is to provide an opportunity for youth enrolled in a horse project in 4-H to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. It is also hoped that these contests will provide an educational experience for both participants and spectators.

\*Only Seniors can compete at Washington State 4-H Fair

\*Seniors can qualify to Nationals.

### **Horse Judging**

The objective of judging in the 4-H Program is to help 4-H members grow in their ability to think, to reason, and to make logical and scientific judgments.

\*Only Intermediates and Seniors can compete at Washington State 4-H Fair

### **Groom Squad**

The purpose of this contest is to provide 4-H youth an opportunity to demonstrate their ability to work together in a safe and humane manner to groom and prepare a horse for show.

\*Jr, Int. and Senior youth can compete at county level.

\*Only Seniors can compete at Washington State 4-H Fair

### **Presentations**

4-H members can participate in Public Speaking, Demonstrations, and Public Presentations at levels:

In their 4-H Club

At Spokane County 4-H events that provide the opportunity for public speaking

At Spokane County 4-H Qualifying Event(s) for Public Speaking

At Washington State 4-H Fair

### **Impromptu & Demonstrations**

Demonstrations are a fun public speaking opportunity for members enrolled in Spokane County 4-H clubs. An impromptu demonstration is one that is not prepared before contest day. Members are given an article to read and then they prepare a short demonstration at the contest. The event is usually held in January or February and is a county event only.

\*Jr, Int. and Senior youth can compete at Demonstrations at the Washington State 4-H Fair

## **Riding Educational Events:**

The following are activities you do need to own a horse, plus the horse must be certified as a project or activity horse. Youth must still be 8 and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

### **4-H Beginning Horsemanship**

This program is developed for beginning riders, to help them prepare and ride horses safely. This program also included important information about the horse's senses and social behavior. The program is devoted to provide beginning riders with the skills and knowledge to handle and ride horses safely and competently

### **Horse Spring Clinic**

Each year, Horse Clinics are offered to get members off to a good start. There are varied instructors, locations and skills. There have been clinics in all areas of Spokane County to make them more available to the greatest number of members. There have been classes for equitation, fitting and showing, western games, trail obstacles and judging. There is a minimal fee for these clinics. Some are for beginners and others for the more experienced riders. Information on dates, locations, classes and instructors are shown on our website calendar and/or special mailings to members.

**4-H Horse Camps** There are three to choose from or you can go to all three. Camperships are available to each camp if finances are an issue. Check with the 4-H office for requirements to apply. All three camps are great. All three offer different things to do with your horse and family.

### **Happy Trails Horse Camp (HT)**

Happy Trails is a family friendly, 5 day overnight camp that traditional happened in the last full week of June each year. HT searches for excellent clinicians to make learning fun and safe. The day is split into four classes: Trail, arena, mini and educational/free. The goal is to have your child comfortable on the trail with their horse, gain horsemanship skills and learn new equine and science related skills. In addition youth and adults gain great leadership and mentorship roles. Parents are able to ride in the classes with their children at the discretion of the clinicians and committee.

### **South Horse Camp (SC)**

South Horse camp is a family friendly 4 day overnight camp traditionally been held in mid July at the Spokane County Fairgrounds. This camp emphasizes performance, showmanship and gaming, with lots of other fun disciplines. This is also a great camp for mentorships of older 4-Hers to younger or inexperienced ones. Parents are able to ride in the evenings.

### **Working Ranch Horse Camp (WRH)**

The Working Ranch Horse Camp is a youth friendly 4 day overnight camp in mid August at the Triple H Cattle Company Ranch in Davenport WA. Youth earn the ability to come to camp by participating in events prior to camp to prepare themselves and their horses. The camp emphasizes on horsemanship, ranch roping, low stress sorting and animal science.

### **Competitive Trail**

The Competitive Trails is an annual event that traditional happened the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in October at the Spokane River State Park. The purpose of the Competitive Trail Riding is: stimulate greater interest in the breeding and use of good saddle horses possessed of stamina, hardiness and quality to make good mounts for trail use. Demonstrate the value of type and soundness and proper selection of horses for a long trip. Learn and demonstrate the proper selection of training and conditioning horses for

a long trip. Train and demonstrate the best methods of caring for horses during and after long rides without the use of artificial methods or stimulants.

### **Working Ranch Horse Program**

The 4-H Working Ranch Horse Program is an exciting program new to the already popular 4-H Horse Program in Spokane County. It provides an opportunity for youth to be involved in traditional western horsemanship activities beyond the show ring. Participants learn the age-old techniques of handling livestock while on horseback, proper use of tools and equipment, ranch/farm management, as well as the leadership, decision making and responsibility that comes with being engaged in a working ranch setting.

### **4-H Horse Fundraiser: One and only fundraiser.**

#### **4-H Horse Tack Swap**

Tack Swap is a fundraiser sponsored by Spokane County 4-H Horse Project Committee. The money raised is used to sponsor educational clinics, awards and other benefits for the 4-H members.

Consignments for the sale are taken on Friday and the sale is all day Saturday. People bring saddles, bridles, halters, buckets, bits, clothing, boots – just about any horse related items. Local tack supply businesses also sell new tack and supplies. The vendors pay a fee for space. The consignment fee is \$1.00 and 15% of the selling price. The sale starts on Saturday at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m.

The Tack Swap is held at the Fairgrounds. An area is available to County 4-H clubs (not just horse clubs) to use as BOOTHS to raise money or just to advertise their clubs. Clubs may not sell anything that would compete with our vendors or our consignment items. Clubs also need to bring their own tables for set-up. The Tack Swap is usually held the first part of March. Watch for it! It's a fun day for shopping for those much needed tack items at greatly reduced prices.

**Horse Shows:** The 4-H Horse Shows are a competitive activities in the 4-H horse program. Contests help youth measure progress in knowledge and skill in horsemanship. They also provide opportunities to learn social skills and have fun.

Disciplines Offered:

- Performance
- Western Games
- Jumping
- Dressage
- Harness/Driving
- Green Horse
- Mini