

GENERAL EQUINE RULES

1. In addition to the following rules, the *Uniform Rules of 4-H Horse Shows* and the Guernsey County General Junior Fair Rules are followed for the Guernsey County Junior Fair Equine Program.
2. **All equine project participants** are required to participate in the Ohio 4-H Horse Programs Equine Safety, Training, & Education Program (EquiSTEP) before they are permitted to work with their equine project at a 4-H activity or event. EquiSTEP is an online training module. Youth must call the Extension Office and request information to enroll in the online course. Certification must be completed by **June 1st**.
3. All youth age 19 and under, participating in any Junior Fair equestrian activity, are required to wear properly fitted protective headgear which meets or exceeds current ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards with the chin harness securely fastened at all times while riding or driving an equine.
 - a) It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian of the youth participant, to make sure that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, and is properly fitted and in good condition. The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel, Guernsey County Ag Society Directors and Volunteer Leaders are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance.
 - b) The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel, Guernsey County Ag Society Directors and Volunteer Leaders make no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear, as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries in equestrian activities.
 - c) The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders may, at his/her discretion, check a participant's protective headgear for proper standards. If the youth is found to be wearing unapproved, defective, or improperly fitted headgear, he/she will not be permitted to participate in riding or driving activities until proper headgear is acquired.
4. Volunteers/Parents must monitor all activities regarding safety. The Guernsey County Equine Council encourages annual evaluation of members, equine projects, and equipment. If a conflict occurs, regarding safety, between volunteers, parents, and/or members, a panel of three people will be appointed by the Council to evaluate the member's ability to safely perform the activity in question.
5. All Barn Rules posted in each barn are to be reviewed by exhibitors and their families upon arrival at fair and followed to ensure safety for all animals and humans.
6. All barns will be closed and lights turned out at 11:00 p.m. each night of fair week. The restroom lights will be on and the back door will be open for use by the members and families.

VACCINATIONS & BODY SCORING

1. All equine project animals must have shots given by a veterinarian within the time period of March 1st to June 1st.
 - a) Proof of vaccination certificate must be submitted with online Project ID forms due to the Extension Office by June 1st.
 - b) The required shots are rhino, influenza, eastern & western, and tetanus.
 - c) Equine Council will abide by the Ohio State Veterinary guidelines regarding Coggins Test.
2. Each equine project animal will be assessed during various points throughout each 4-H calendar year. There is to be a Standing Committee from the Guernsey County Junior Fair Equine Council each year that will govern this overall scoring system. The Committee will use the Henneke body scoring system. This will allow members to focus more on the health of their animals and it will allow us to provide quality animals for the public to view.
3. All equine (main project & backup) must participate in the Mandatory Body Condition Scoring held by Equine Council in August. Horse must score between a 4-7 to pass. Donkeys and mules must score between 4-6.5 to pass.
 - a) Any equine that receives a score under 4, will be required to get a veterinarian check, at the member's expense, by a large animal veterinarian prior to the September Equine Council meeting. The member must then present documentation of veterinarian approval at the September meeting in order to be eligible to exhibit at the fair.
 - b) Equine that receive a body score of a 4, must be checked by the fair veterinarian at fair to ensure they still have a passing score.

PROJECT RULES

1. All horses must be owned by or leased by the member in partnership with his or her immediate family.
2. All horses must be owned by member or member's immediate family or leased and in the continual care of the member by June 1.
3. All leases must be filed with the County Extension Office by June 1 and approved by the County 4-H Extension Educator and Equine Council officers.
4. A leased horse cannot be another member's main or back-up project horse.
5. Exhibitor must declare the equine to be exhibited at the fair and the classes to be entered on their Junior Fair Livestock Entry which is due August 1. Only two main project animals per exhibitor are permitted.
 - a) No Junior Fair Livestock Entry is to be completed for the back-up project animal unless it has already been approved to replace the main project animal.
6. Hardship cases
 - a) All hardship applications should be turned in and approved, by Equine Council officers, and in place by 10:00 p.m. the Sunday prior to fair.
 - b) The only hardship cases that will be considered by Council will be project animals that have been previously signed up as a back-up horse by the member.

7. Equine main project animals cannot be shared. Members in the same household may share a back-up project animal. The back-up animal can only be used by one member. (If both family members cannot use their main project animal and need the back-up, it can only be used by one of them).
8. Project animals cannot be switched during the year unless the exhibitor has registered a back-up horse and the hardship case is approved to use the back-up horse.
9. Members must sign Horse Project ID forms by June 1 or an earlier date as set by the Guernsey County Equine Council. Members who do not submit the online forms by the appointed date will not be eligible to show in the State Fair tryouts and may not be able to show at the County Junior Fair Show.
10. Participants will only be permitted to enter one horse per class; this also means only one horse's name per class entry. A stall is guaranteed for one equine project per exhibitor.
11. Any horse that shows in contest class (barrels, poles, etc.), may not enter into a Western Pleasure Class.
12. During the county fair, projects are only to be handled by exhibitor, member of the exhibitor's household, and approved 4-H volunteers and FFA advisors.
13. Equine projects **cannot** be trained by professionals 30 days prior to the Junior Fair Horse Show. Violation of this rule will result in the member **not** being permitted to participate in the Junior Fair Horse Show, Versatility Show, and Fun Show.
14. Miniatures will not show in pony classes.
15. All mule and donkeys will follow *Uniform Rules of 4-H Horse Shows* as all other equine exhibitors.
16. Pattern Classes: It will be the responsibility of the show committee to see that these scores are recorded by the judge.

CONTEST PROJECT GRADES

The following guidelines are recommended to the judges to assist with the assignment of project grades.

- A grade - pattern is completed at a canter; with 0 or 1 obstacle down.
- B grade - pattern is completed; but knocks down 2 obstacles.
- C grade - run off, pattern not complete, knocks down more than two obstacles.

VERSATILITY RULES

1. This class is shown in four divisions, each of which will be judged in accordance with current *Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows* for such events. Any rule variance from the *Uniform Rules of 4-H Horse Shows* is listed in the rules below.
2. Four events must be shown from the list of classes in uniform rules, excluding the driving and production classes. At least one stock seat and one hunt seat or saddle seat class must be included; both western and English classes should be included. One gymkhana event may be used as one of the four events. **The exhibitor must complete all four classes to get a ribbon in any one class.**

3. **Conditions for Entry:** Definite restrictions are to be determined by local volunteers according to their county's level of achievement; these restrictions must be made before the show begins.
 - a) Exhibitor must have placed in a showmanship and/or horsemanship (or equitation) class at this show prior to making an entry in the versatility class.
 - b) It is suggested that versatility exhibitors should have completed 2 years of project work with horses.
 - c) This class must be limited to thirty entries, due to the possibility of taking up to 5 hours to show. Members may add this class at the show up to 30 minutes prior to the start of the class if they have qualified without having signed up on their Livestock Entry Form which was due August 1.
4. The winner of the Versatility Class is the horse and rider accumulating the most points in the four events combined, and lower placings are determined in the same manner.
 - a) In the event of a tie in the number of points, the exhibitor with the highest horsemanship or equitation score will be determined the winner.
5. All changes of tack and appointments must be made within the 10-minute interval between events, or the entry will be eliminated.
6. Contestants must use their own horse.
7. Classes will consist of English Pleasure, Horsemanship, Reining & Barrels. Only exception would be in case of rain. If it is raining and the show must be in the indoor arena:
 - a) Gaits will be limited to walk-trot.
 - b) Reining and barrels will be replaced with showmanship and trail.
8. This class will be judged by a certified judge from the OSU judges list on Thursday, not to begin before 3:00 p.m.

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GUERNSEY COUNTY GENERAL JUNIOR FAIR RULES

1. Eligibility for youth participation in still and livestock projects begins when a child is age 8 and in third grade or any youth age 9 or above regardless of grade level by January 1 of the current year. A youth's eligibility ends December 31 the year he or she turns 19.
2. Eligibility for youth participation in non-competitive displays is five years old and in Kindergarten by January 1 of the current year.
3. Junior Fair Exhibitors must be currently enrolled and members in good standing in one of the Junior Fair organizations – 4-H, FFA, Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts – in Guernsey County.
4. All Junior Fair Exhibitors must be enrolled in their project by April 1 of the current year. Corrections will be permitted until May 1 of the current year. Enrollments are processed through the Extension Office.
5. **GUERNSEY COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR CODE OF CONDUCT:** Exhibitors participating in junior fair activities will:
 - a) Adhere to program rules, policies, and rules of the facility being used.
 - b) Conduct themselves in a courteous, respectful manner, use appropriate language, exhibit good sportsmanship, and provide positive role models.
 - c) Abstain from illegal behaviors, use of alcohol, illegal or illicit drugs, tobacco in any form, and/or any vaping products during junior fair events and activities.
 - d) Fully participate in scheduled activities.
 - e) Respect other's property and privacy rights.
 - f) Abstain from child abuse (physical and/or verbal) and harassment.
 - g) Accept personal responsibility for behavior including any financial damage.
 - h) Be responsible for any financial damage caused by inappropriate behavior.
 - i) Adhere to rules of safety.
 - j) I will uphold and support the responsible and lawful use of social media. In so doing, I will not create or post social media content that is abusive, threatening, defamatory, obscene, harassing, or creates a hostile environment.

Consequences for violating any part of this code of conduct may include, but are not limited to: removal from participation in the event in which the code of conduct has been violated (at the individual's expense); sanctions on participating in future junior fair events; forfeiture of financial support for the event; removal from offices held, etc.

6. All Junior Fair Livestock Entry Forms must be completed through online entry by August 1 of the current year to be eligible for exhibition at the Guernsey County Fair. Late Junior Fair Livestock Entry forms will be accepted up to 14 days after the August 1 deadline with a \$20 per entry late fee paid to Junior Fair Board. Stalling of the animals may not be with the exhibitor's club.
7. Participation in the Junior Fair is an optional activity.
8. All livestock must arrive on the fairgrounds to be housed in their assigned location from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 8th, unless a specific check-in time is listed in the specie rules. Exceptions include beef, goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine which require animals to be in place earlier. Still projects must be in place by 4:00 p.m. Sunday.
9. Participation in two counties is permitted by youth exhibiting 4-H projects in one county and FFA projects in another county provided the youth are exhibiting different projects and using different animals in each county. The only other stipulation about projects is that exhibitors who sell market animals or receive Junior Fair sale proceeds at another

county/independent junior fair are ineligible to show or sell market animals at the Guernsey County Fair or receive proceeds from the Guernsey County Junior Fair Livestock Sale in the same year.

10. All animals exhibited must have been completely and fully owned (as evidenced by a bill of sale or registration papers where applicable) including all showing rights and in the complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor on and after June 1. A few exceptions are listed specifically under specie rules. Ownership of an animal will be considered lost, if after June 1 of the current year, the animal has been consigned or sold through an auction or any other type transaction even if the exhibitor "buys back" his/her animal. Registered animals must be in exhibitor's name or permanent residential address of the exhibitor.
11. All exhibitors of market animals, lactating dairy cows, and lactating goats must be Quality Assurance certified by July 1st each year. Youth will be permitted to use the online Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) session as an additional option for QA certification, unless otherwise noted by OSU Extension. To receive QA Certification using this option, youth must complete and successfully pass their age-appropriate session and provide the Extension Office with their certificate of completion by July 1 of the year to exhibit. No other online Quality Assurance programs or tests are permitted. OSU Extension will provide instructions for taking the online course to those eligible, upon request.
12. Animals can be shown only one time for "type" (*live animal*) grade and premium. Market animals cannot also be shown in breeding classes. Exceptions are only granted for horses and special group classes.
13. All animals in the barn for Junior Fair must be enrolled in a class and shown. The only exception is if animal is granted an excuse from showing by the fair veterinarian, Livestock Committee Officer, or 4-H Extension Professional for a special circumstance. NO companion animals.
14. All exhibits must be shown by the member entering the exhibit. In livestock **showmanship** classes, the exhibitor must show their own animal. A livestock exhibitor, who has a justifiable absence from the **type** show, may have another Guernsey County Junior Fair livestock exhibitor show his/her project in **type** class only with permission granted by the appropriate Junior Fair Livestock committee chairman before the show.
15. Exhibitors shall receive premiums for no more than three Junior Fair projects. Premiums are based on project grade and project must be exhibited at the fair to be eligible for a premium.
16. All livestock barns will be closed and lights out from 11:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. Only security personnel will be permitted in the barns during these times.
17. Exhibitors must arrange for care of their livestock. If it appears Junior Fair animals are not being cared for (*not fed, watered, pen not cleaned, etc.*) committee officers will contact the volunteer and exhibitor. If the situation is not resolved to the satisfaction of the Junior Fair Committee Chairman & Sr. Fair Board representative, the exhibitor will be required to take the animal home. The exhibitor will forfeit premiums, awards, and may not be permitted to exhibit the following year. **The decision of the Sr. Fair Board will be final.**
18. Junior Fair exhibitors are required to keep their animals in the stalls or pens assigned to them by the Junior Fair, and all cattle and horses must be securely fastened with a halter and neck ties.

19. Exhibitors and their attendants are expected to be courteous and conduct themselves in an orderly and respectful manner. Harassment, profanity or unsportsmanlike conduct toward fair officials, judges, show manager, help, or exhibitors will not be tolerated. Any violations of this rule would warrant withholding of premiums won and exemption from showing at the Guernsey County Fair.
20. Tampering, misrepresentation, falsification, fraud, or deception in relation to any junior fair project, project animal, paperwork, or actions by a junior fair exhibitor or member of their household will not be tolerated and violations will result in consequences to be determined by Senior Fair Board.
21. No exhibit shall be removed until a designated release time. Any exception to this rule must be with the approval of the Senior Fair Board member in charge, and the Junior Fair office. Members removing exhibits before the designated time without Senior Fair Board approval are not permitted to exhibit in that project area the following year.
22. Animal release time will be 6:00 a.m. on Sunday for all animals not sold through the Junior Fair Livestock Sale. No trailers are permitted at the barns before 6:00 a.m. If an exhibitor removes his/her Junior Fair livestock project from the fairgrounds before release time without approval from the respective Junior Fair Livestock Committee Chair or Senior Fair Board, he/she will be barred from showing in that project area at the Guernsey County Junior Fair for the following year. This will apply to all livestock except those sold during the Junior Fair Sale or livestock with a different release time.
23. All health regulations pertaining to Senior Fair livestock shall apply to all Junior Fair livestock exhibits.
24. Withdrawal time must be complete on all market animals prior to fair weigh-in for the animal to be eligible for show or sale. Do not bring animals to the fair that have a withdrawal time that is not complete. Animals treated at the fair must be treated under the supervision of the designated fair veterinarian. It will be at the discretion of the fair veterinarian to determine if the treated animal will remain on the fairgrounds or be required to leave the fairgrounds.
25. Junior exhibitors entering "Open Class" (*Senior Fair*) competition will follow Senior Fair rules for the department entered.
26. There will be "Designated Areas" for parking ALL livestock trailers. The Fair Board would appreciate anyone voluntarily taking home livestock trailers to free up more area for parking for all fair patrons.
27. There must be a minimum of five exhibitors per class in order to offer the class. Class refers to the first breakdown of exhibition offerings by type in a specie department (ex. Showmanship, Market, Breeding, Agility, Contest, etc.).
28. All bred & owned classes must be shown prior to all other market classes.
29. Exhibitors are not permitted to put anything (bedding, showboxes, gates, fans, grooming stand/chute, decorations, etc.) in livestock barns prior to 8:00 a.m. on Saturday prior to fair.
30. All animals must participate in their respective pre-fair weigh-in, tag-in, tag pick-up, pre-registration, or body scoring to be eligible for exhibition. Check respective species rules for specific pre-fair requirements.
31. Youth exhibitors must be in good standing and eligible to exhibit through all Junior Fair organizations and/or all Junior Fair Livestock Shows organized by a county agricultural society or independent agricultural society. Disciplinary action from

another county agricultural society or independent fair will be honored at the Guernsey County Fair.

32. Protests:

- a. Protest regarding any junior fair rule/competition shall be made in writing and signed by the party making the protest and submitted to the Senior Fair Board President. If during the fair, it must be submitted no later than 12:00 p.m. of the day following the competition.
 - b. Any party making a protest shall submit a fee of \$100 to the Guernsey County Senior Fair Board with the written protest. The fee shall be refunded only if the protest is sustained by the Senior Fair Board.
 - c. The President of the Senior Fair Board shall hold a meeting with the grievant, Chair of the Junior Fair Committee of Senior Fair Board, appropriate committee chairperson(s) and an Extension Office representative or FFA representative at which time the party making the protest may present evidence or argument in support of the protest.
 - d. The written decision of the President of the Senior Fair Board shall be final and shall be served within 48 hours following the next monthly Board meeting. If taking place during the fair, a written decision shall be served within the time period of the current fair to allow for placing changes, if necessary.
33. Senior Fair Rules apply in the absence of a Junior Fair Rule.
34. Exhibitors are responsible for reviewing all Ohio Administrative Code, Chapter 901-19 Livestock Exhibitions rules which may pertain to their exhibition of livestock at the Guernsey County Fair. Failure to obey exhibition rules will result in state and county violations and corresponding consequences. OAC is available to view online at: <http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/901-19>.
35. Violation of any junior fair rule, regardless of species or project, during the project year may result in a member forfeiting premiums, awards, sale money, sale participation and/or participation in the Guernsey County Junior Fair program in the future.

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