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## ADAMS COUNTY 4-H HORSE & PONY PROJECT

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

Club Leaders & Parents: please review these rules with your 4-H members.

Horse and Pony Project Members:

The following rules are to help make this project experience enjoyable for all. Remember, you and your horse

and/or pony are important to this project, and that is the reason for these common sense rules.

“Executive Committee” refers to the Adams County 4-H Horse & Pony Executive Committee.

### REGISTRATION OF ANIMALS

By ~~April 1~~, May 1st, all project members must submit to their Adams County 4-H Horse & Pony Project ~~leader~~ Secretary

the animal identification/registration forms on all horse(s) and/or pony(ies) that will be used for ~~the Project year fair~~. An unlimited number of animals may be registered, but only two (2) may be shown at the

fair. All animals shown at any 4-H event must be vaccinated with a Four-In-One shot (Eastern and Western encephalomyelitis, tetanus, and flu). Potomac Fever and West Nile vaccinations are also strongly recommended. All members must provide proof of vaccinations and proof of negative Coggins’ test to the Adams County 4-H Horse & Pony Secretary before the day of any activity with live horses. Animals may not be unloaded at the fairgrounds without proof of the negative Coggins’ test. An original Coggins determination must be seen by Project designee before unloading.

A pony is classified as 56 inches and under. All ponies will be measured on the day of the show. The measurement is to be submitted along with the registration.

A registered Project horse or pony unable to participate in Project events due to illness, injury, safety, or withdrawal by owner (for managerial purposes), may be substituted by another horse or pony under the following conditions:

1. A veterinarian’s Certificate of Illness or Injury is submitted to the Executive Committee;
2. The member has been consistently working with the animal;
3. The Executive Committee approves the substitution;
4. The fair classes remain the same.

Within the Managerial Project, members wishing to exhibit a horse and/or pony not belonging to them must have a Managerial Project Agreement signed by the owner of the animal stating that the Project member has been responsible for the care of the animal. A copy of the agreement is to be submitted by

~~May 1<sup>st</sup>~~ April 1 with the registration form. Any questionable situations shall be brought before the Executive

Committee for review and approval.

A horse and/or pony may be shared by two (2) members. The person that shares the horse and/or pony may enter any three-gaited classes, but only the Managerial Project member/owner may collect the premiums for any of the premium classes and be eligible to attend state events.

A Horseless Horse is described as:

- a) Project member who does not own or lease his/her own horse and/or pony;
- b) Project member who does not have regular access to a horse and/or pony.

Two (2) Horseless Horse members may not share the same horse or pony.

Two (2) members of the same family may enter the same animal, but the horse and/or pony must be shown by one (1) member in Horsemanship and by the other in Showmanship. Only one (1) member may enter Pleasure class. Both exhibitors may enter Trail class.

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## THE ADAMS COUNTY PREMIUM/QUALIFYING SHOW

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All Adams County Fair entry forms will be verified by the Executive Committee for accuracy of class enrollment. Classes may be changed only under Adams County Fair guidelines.

Show bills will be printed for everyone to have on the day of the show with the classes to run as they are printed.

Upon arrival at the fair, if a horse's or pony's health is questionable, the ~~Executive Committee~~ the judge shall call

a veterinarian, and ~~his~~ their decision will be final regarding whether or not the horse or pony stays or goes

home. The horse's owner/handler will be responsible for all Veterinarian expenses.

Exhibitors may be dismissed from the ring at the judge's discretion.

The Executive Committee retains the right to dismiss any exhibitor from the show that appears unable to

control their horse and/or pony.

It is mandatory that all horses and ponies brought to the fair be vaccinated for tetanus, encephalomyelitis, and influenza types A1 and A2, and possess a negative Coggins' test result.

Proper boots or hard-soled shoes (with a heel) are required when riding or driving on the grounds at all equine 4-H functions.

SEI approved helmets with chinstraps are required to be worn and properly fastened when riding or driving on the grounds at all equine 4-H functions.

All horses and ponies are to be worked only by the registered Project members assigned to that horse or pony.

All horses and ponies are to be worked in specified areas only on show day. Riding near food stand areas is prohibited. Upon violation, a warning will be issued. In the event of a second warning, the penalty assessed will be a drop of one placing.

All horses and ponies are to be watered using buckets. Do not use cattle water areas.

All exhibitors must be ready to enter the gate when the class is called. If you or your horse or pony must make clothing or tack change, have someone notify the in-gate person immediately.

Exhibitors are not to be coached from the rail. Encroachment of this rule may be cause for disqualification.

The Grand and Reserve ribbons given by the Adams County Fair Board at the Adams County Fair shall be given at the judge's discretion at the end of all judged classes. Exhibitors must designate only one (1) horse or pony on Fair Class Entry Form at the time of enrollment to be judged for these awards. The judge shall have guidelines that include but are not limited to:

1. Rider attitude and presentation;
2. Sportsmanship;
3. Properly fed, conditioned, groomed animal;
4. Properly tacked animal;
5. Properly attired rider;
6. Disciplinary actions enforced by the Executive Committee at the fair that may remove a rider from eligibility include but are not limited to:

- 1) Improper care of animal;
- 2) Inappropriate personal conduct.

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#### STATE EVENTS

To be eligible to show a horse and/or pony for state events, a member must be a member in good standing (see By-Laws).

To be eligible to show a horse and/or pony for state events in at least sixth grade at the time of qualifying and be a member in good standing. The grade you are in during the summer is the grade you

were enrolled in when school let out in the spring.

To be eligible to show a horse and/or pony at the State Horse Expo Show, a member must place first in at least one (1) qualifying class at the fair. QUALIFYING CLASSES: Showmanship, Pleasure (Hunter Under Saddle, Western, Saddle Seat), Equitation/Horsemanship, Driving, Reinsmanship, Obstacle Driving, Trail, Western Riding, Therapeutic (Trail & Walk Trot), Horseless Horse (Showmanship & Walk Trot Equitation)

To be eligible for other equestrian related events at the State Horse Expo Show, members must be in at least third grade.

Members meeting the requirements for the State Horse Expo Show must have state forms signed by himself/herself, parent/guardian, general leader, and 4-H Youth Agent/FFA Advisor. Class fees and/or deposits must be paid.

#### CODE OF CONDUCT

Unruly conduct will not be tolerated. If the governing body finds that you are not conducting yourself appropriately as a 4-H member or leader, one (1) warning will be given from the Executive Committee. The next action will result in suspension from the Adams County 4-H Horse and Pony Project for one (1) year. Unruly conduct includes, but is not limited to the following:

- a) The use of abusive language;
- b) Disrespect toward other people;
- c) Unnecessary disruption of meetings;
- d) Neglect or abusive treatment of your animal at any time

Smoking, drinking, or drug use by any member or leader during any 4-H event, including but not limited to meetings, clinics, horse shows, and trail rides will not be permitted. Violation may result in suspension from the Adams County 4-H Horse & Pony Project for one (1) year.

Any non-therapeutic substance used as a stimulant, depressant, tranquilizer or sedative for the purpose of altering a horse or pony's performance at any 4-H event is prohibited. Veterinary confirmation of such shall result in removal of the animal from the event. It is the Executive Committee's belief that consistently working with a horse or pony should aid in eliminating the need for use of such substances.

4-H youth development volunteers are expected to abide by the behavior standards established by UWExtension/4-H,

and to conduct themselves as positive role models for youth. All 4-H youth development volunteers are ultimately accountable to UW-Extension for their 4-H-related activities.

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