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## JUNEAU COUNTY 4-H HORSE & PONY PROJECT

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## ***Welcome to the Juneau County 4-H Horse and Pony Project.***

### **Eligibility:**

- This project is open to any enrolled 4-H member.
- This project is for members who signed up for any of the horse project sections. If you do not own a horse; you may be a “horseless” member. Both horse and “horseless” members may take photography, drawing, posters, painting, hippology, model horses, horse clothing, horse judging and other items as projects.

### **Communication:**

- Any questions with the horse project: contact one of the horse leaders via phone, email or facebook messaging. If you feel your question has not been answered please contact our 4-H Educator April Martell at the Extension office. In many instances, we are learning together so please don't expect us to have all of the answers. This is a team effort.
- Any questions in regard to fair: contact one of the horse leaders via phone, email or facebook messaging. If your question has not been answered contact one of the Juneau County Fair Horse Committee Members. If you still do not feel like your question has not been answered please attend a fairboard meeting.
- Facebook page: Juneau County 4-H Horse & Pony Project  
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### **Meetings & Educational Clinics:**

- Meetings and clinics will be scheduled as needed.

### **Forms:**

- A copy of current Coggins test is required at all events and clinics before you unload your horse. Please turn those in to the Horse leader or April Martell at the Extension Office.

### **Participation:**

- We encourage everyone to be involved. Feel free to ask questions; we want to help anyway we can. HORSES ARE FUN!!! We want our project to be fun, educational and a chance for everyone to make lots of new friends!

## **Wisconsin State 4-H Policy for Horse Project, Horse Activities and Horse Events**

### **A. Overview**

These policies and safety requirements apply to ALL youth and adults participating in 4-H Horse-related projects, activities and events, including, but not limited to Horseless Horse, clinics, shows, fairs, parades, open-houses, and petting-zoos. Specific events, fairs, facilities, and local 4-H programs may have additional guidelines.

### **B. General Safety Rules**

- Youth must be in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or higher to participate.
- The handler, rider or driver must have control over their horse during 4-H sponsored activities or events.
- No intact male horses (stallions) are allowed.

- No Bareback or riding double.
- No Reining or Team Penning classes/activities
- No horse may be left unattended when out of the stall or trailer.
- Leave at least one horse/pony length between animals.
- When holding a horse in hand, make turns to the right when more than ninety degrees.

### **C. Required Participant Safety Attire**

- SEI approved helmets, with harness fastened, must be worn at all times when mounted or driving.
- Close-toed shoes or boots are required when near a horse.
- Clothing appropriate for the activity which will protect the participants from the elements surrounding the event.
- Boots with a cut out heel must be worn when mounted.

### **D. Required Safety Tack and Appointments**

Horse tack and appointments appropriate to the activity are required:

- A saddle is required when mounted. Saddle which fits horse and rider with stirrups, girth or cinch properly attached.
- Appropriate headgear with reins attached are required when riding or driving a horse. Halters and tie-downs alone are not approved headgear for riding or driving a horse. See WI 4-H Horse Association rules for additional headgear guidelines.
- Twisted wire snaffle bits are prohibited.
- Adjustments to tack for a valid medical reason are permitted with written permission from a veterinarian or physician, provided lead volunteers or staff are notified, and approved, prior to participation.

### **E. Animal Welfare and Safety**

- Horses or Ponies must be serviceably sound and must not show evidence of broken wind (respiratory issues – COPD) or impairment of vision in both eyes.
- Coggins/Premise ID records for the open event must be maintained by the host organization for five years in compliance with Wisconsin law.
  - Equine animals from within Wisconsin need documentation of a negative EIA test done within the previous 12 months, which clearly identifies the animal by complete description, digital photographs, or an approved microchip (if a reader is available).
  - Wisconsin Premise ID should be written on the top of the coggins record for each horse.
  - Health certificates for out of state horses should be maintained with show records. Please visit DATCP website for more details: [https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/HorseOtherEquineMvmt.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/HorseOtherEquineMvmt.aspx)

### **F. 4-H Horse Project Concussion and Head Injury Policy**

- Wisconsin 4-H will annually distribute the 4-H Horse Project concussion and head injury information via the online enrollment system to:
  - every 4-H volunteer who is enrolled in the 4-H Horse Project and

- every 4-H member/parent that participates in the 4-H Horse Project and
- every youth/parent that participates in the 4-H Horse Program
- No youth may participate in the 4-H Horse Project unless the youth and parent agrees to and signs the 4-H Horse Project Concussion Agreement. Forms will be signed annually at the start of each program year or upon entry of a youth into the 4-H Horse Project via the online enrollment system or paper registration.
- All 4-H Horse project volunteers will annually agree to and sign the 4-H Horse Project Concussion Policy Acknowledgement Form via the online enrollment system or paper registration before they are approved to hold 4-H Horse Project riding or driving programs/activities.
- The supervising 4-H volunteer will immediately remove a participant from the 4-H Horse Project riding or driving project/activity if the 4-H volunteer determines that the 4-H member/participant exhibits signs, symptoms, or behavior consistent with a concussion or head injury –OR– the 4-H member/participant was separated from their horse and hit their head or their head was struck.
- A youth who has been removed from the 4-H Horse Program riding or driving program/activity related to a suspected and/or confirmed concussion or head injury – OR– the 4-H member/participant was separated from their horse and hit their head or their head was struck may not participate in any 4-H Horse riding or driving activities until he or she is evaluated by a health care provider and receives a written clearance to participate in the project/activity from the health care provider.
- Records shall be kept in the local Extension Office of all participants removed from a 4-H Horse project/activity for suspected and/or confirmed concussions and corresponding written clearances provided by health care providers to return to the 4-H Horse project/activity.

### **Wisconsin State 4-H Policy for Horseless Horse**

In addition to following all the applicable [Wisconsin 4-H Horse Policies](#), 4-H members may participate in Horseless Horse activities if they meet the following criteria:

1. A Horseless Horse activity participant is defined as a 4-H member who does not have one-on-one access to a horse. Neither they nor their family currently own, manage, or lease a horse.
2. All Horseless Horse activity participants must follow all 4-H Horse Project rules.
3. Youth members must be in 3rd grade or older to be a Horseless Horse participant.
4. The horseless horse participant must be an enrolled 4-H member paired with an enrolled 4-H youth member or 4-H horse project volunteer who is sharing their horse supervised by an active 4-H horse project volunteer.
  - Pairing of horseless horse members and volunteers is the responsibility of the persons involved in forming the agreement
  - Two horseless horse project members may not work with or show the same horse.
  - The buddy may not be a sibling that resides in the same household.
5. The 4-H adult horse or horseless horse volunteer leader must be present during all horseless horse activities and may not be alone with one youth at any time.
6. Horseless Horse participants are expected to work with the horse owner, 4-H Horse project leader to learn about the horse, groom, clean up, tack, ride, etc. The horseless horse members should also be encouraged to participate in horse project activities.
7. A member may change from a horseless horse buddy relationship to managerial, but the same horse may not be managed, leased, owned by two members.

8. Horseless participants are not allowed to lope or canter in 4-H sponsored event/activities.
9. Horseless horse participants may not be required to compete in contests or commit to multi-year participation.

In addition to 4-H sponsored educational events and activities 4-H Horseless Horse project members may participate in:

1. Horseless Horse showmanship classes
2. Horseless Horse walk/trot classes
3. Horseless Horse in-hand trail classes

4-H Horseless Horse Buddy and/or volunteer will:

1. Provide expectations to the Horseless Horse participant focused on how to work together in order to create a positive experience for all parties.
2. Determine if and when the Horseless Horse member is prepared to show in-hand “or walk-trot” classes.
3. Will not collect fees regarding the normal care and upkeep of the horse (feed, farrier, vet, etc.) charged to horseless horse 4-H participants by the club, county, buddy or owner. If any fees for the normal care of the horse are charged to the 4-H participant, this arrangement would be considered a managerial or leased project animal rather than a Horseless Horse activity.

- **Helpful Definitions**

**Meeting** - every month the project has a meeting during which we also have an activity if possible.

**Educational Clinic:** is an educational opportunity open to everyone, these are not horse attended clinics

**Horse Clinic** - is an educational opportunity open to everyone, typically at the fairgrounds. For most clinics you may bring your project horse(s).

**Project Horse** – is your 4-H project animal for the year. The horse you will be working with at 4-H activities and, hopefully, the fair.

**Horse Handbook** – information about what the project does throughout the year and has forms to be completed if you will be working with a horse at 4-H events and/or the fair.

**Juneau County Fair Book** – contains general information, guidelines, and rules for the fair and also has project specific information, guidelines, rules, and class lists.

**Premise ID** – a unique number assigned to locations where livestock congregate. For more information on premise id please go to: [http://datcp.wi.gov/animals/premises\\_registration](http://datcp.wi.gov/animals/premises_registration).

**State 4-H Horse Association** – a state association whose purpose is to plan, promote, and execute educational programs in the area of horse science for Wisconsin youth and their leaders. They work in conjunction with the UW Extension. The association began in December 1965.

**SEI Helmet** – (Safety Equipment Institute) Helmet, a form of protective headgear that has been crash tested and certified by the SEI.

## **GENERAL GUIDELINES**

These guidelines are to be followed at all 4-H sponsored events:

- Safety FIRST!!
- Proper riding boots must be worn when mounted. They are encouraged when leading or working around horses. NO thongs, flip flops or sandals are allowed! (Adults or Youth!!)
- Riding helmets that are SEI approved must be worn when mounted or driving in harness at any 4-H sponsored event in the State of Wisconsin. (Adults and Youth). This means that in any 4-H clinic, in any 4-H sponsored open show, and the fair, a helmet must be worn and properly fastened. Proper fit of helmets is essential for safety.
- A proper bridle must be used when riding. No riding with a halter and lead rope.
- Horses must be led with a lead rope. No leading by just the halter.
- Horse and horseless members may participate at all events.
- Be courteous to your fellow members and participants, know that your actions affect others learning experiences around you.
- SEE Page 4 & 5 for additional Wisconsin 4-H Horse Project Policies.

### **A 4-H Member's Commitment to Excellence**

I believe that participation in the 4-H Horse Program should demonstrate my own knowledge, ability and skill as a Handler of Horses.

I will do my own work to the full extent that I am capable and otherwise will only accept advice and support from others.

I will not use abusive, fraudulent, illegal, deceptive or questionable practices in the care and fitting and showing of my horse(s).

I will not allow my parents, my leaders, other members or any adult to employ such practices with my horse(s).

I will read and follow the rules without exception, of all 4-H Youth horse shows and competitions in which I am a participant and ask that my parents and my leaders of my project do the same.

I realize that I am responsible for:

- The proper care and treatment of my horse(s).
- Demonstrating sound moral character as an example to others.
- The pursuit of the development of life-skills.

### **Juneau County Fair**

- The fair is to show how much you have learned in the 4-H project
- To go to the fair, you need to enter classes under Dept. 6 in the fair book. Make sure you read the rules in the fair book. Fair entries are due to the Extension office by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Late entries are not accepted. Remember that your 4-H Club's general leader must sign the entry form and your club may have a different entry deadline.
- For more information and class list please see fair book.
- If you have questions about the fair please ask, please see communication info for further information
- The Juneau County Fair Horse Committee oversees all horse groups exhibiting at the fair.