

HORSE RULES

1. Members riding in Western and English may ride in the same level, or only one level above or below.
2. Member must be in Horsemanship Level II or higher to compete in bareback and trail class. Proper dress code is required for these classes. See dress code under showmanship rules.
3. Exhibitor number must be clearly visible.
4. No person other than the exhibitors and show officials will be allowed in the ring while the show is in progress.
5. Adults **ARE NOT** to be warming up, grooming, or training horses at any time.
6. Unsportsmanlike conduct, or abusive language or actions and/or abuse to any animal on the part of any 4-H exhibitor, parent, family member, or leader may result in being penalized by forfeiture of any award received and/or elimination from further competition of the 4-H member of those culpable.
7. The judge and/or ringmaster will dismiss from the ring any entry that is unruly or not in sufficient control to ensure the safety of handler and other exhibitors.
8. All judging in the county 4-H horse show is based on the member's ability to show his/her horse. The judge is encouraged to give constructive criticism and suggestions for improvement as well as point out superior performance to exhibitors whenever possible.
9. The judge's decision in all classes shall be final.
10. Green horse animals can show in the respective Colt-to-Maturity age classes; i.e. a four year old Green Horse shows with four – year old Colt –to-Maturity horses regardless of the Green Horse level it is enrolled in. The criteria used at the State 4-H Horse Show will be the same as the Colt-to-Maturity project.
11. A horse in the fifth year of Colt-to-Maturity may cross enter into Horsemanship VII if member has been assessed out of Horsemanship VI.
12. **IT IS MANDATORY THAT ALL HORSE MEMBERS WEAR HELMETS BEGINNING IN THE YEAR 2005. IF YOU ARE MOUNTED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS, YOU MUST HAVE A HELMET ON.**
13. The horse show schedule will be set up at the judge's discretion. The schedule is also subject to change.
14. All horse members are required to interview judge on interview judging day which is Wednesday, August 16.
15. For further information refer to the Rules and Regulations for Chouteau County 4-H Horsemanship Projects. (Available at the Extension Office).

SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

All members are required to wear black pants and white long sleeve shirts and a tie. Good western riding boots are also required. Vests are optional.

Helmets are required.

All horse members must compete in the appropriate showmanship class.

