

## Instructions and General Information for Participants of the 2017 State 4-H Miniature Horse Show

The State 4-H Miniature Horse Show takes place at the Michigan State University Pavilion for Agriculture & Livestock Education, south of the corner of Farm Lane and Mount Hope Road, **Sunday, August 20th**. This event includes classes of 4-H members and their projects competing on a statewide basis! The show coordinators are Taylor Fabus, Equine Extension Educator, with the assistance of Carla McLachlan, Events Manager, and all of the Dept. of Animal Science at MSU. Please read this booklet carefully to ensure that you know and understand all of the rules.

The objectives of the State 4-H Miniature Horse Show are:

- To develop leadership, initiative, self-reliance, sportsmanship and other traits of character.
- To experience the pride and responsibility of owning a horse or pony and to learn the care, feeding, management and health of the horse.
- To develop an appreciation of horseback riding and driving as a healthy and wholesome form of recreation.
- To learn skills in horsemanship and understanding of the training of horses.
- To increase knowledge of safety precautions to prevent injury to themselves, others and their mounts.
- To provide an opportunity to meet 4-H members, leaders and families from other parts of the state.
- To provide an opportunity to compete on a statewide level.
- To learn skills in horse show management.
- The knowledge the member has gained should be emphasized. The State 4-H Miniature Horse Show should assist members in evaluating their progress rather than being the major emphasis of their project.

Being selected to attend this show brings with it responsibilities as well as privileges. You should be “your own best exhibit.” Remember you represent your local 4-H club, your county, and the Michigan 4-H Horse Program. We hope you will learn from the show, and have fun while benefiting from it. Cooperation, safety, and good sportsmanship will be emphasized at the show. Members exhibiting poor sportsmanship, those not cooperating with show officials and other members, or those using unsafe methods will be subject to disqualification from competition by show officials.

We are fortunate to have the use of Michigan State University’s campus facilities for this show. Please observe the guidelines to ensure the safety of the show, the use of the facilities for future 4-H programs, and to have a day that will provide memorable experiences!

Each county is required to send volunteers to the State 4-H Miniature Horse Show to assist with the show. Please be sure to assist the county staff/coordinator in identifying volunteers.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to call or write to: Taylor Fabus, Equine Extension Educator, [tenlenta@msu.edu](mailto:tenlenta@msu.edu), 474 S. Shaw Lane, Room 1287, MSU, East Lansing, MI 48824-1225, (517)353- or contact Carla McLachlan, Events Coordinator at (517) 432-5402 or E-mail at [MCLACHL2@msu.edu](mailto:MCLACHL2@msu.edu)

The 4-H Staff and State 4-H Miniature Horse Show Programming Committee hopes that your day is enjoyable and educational. If you have any suggestions that will help make this experience run smoother, please feel free to submit it in writing to the committee or the Equine Extension Specialist.

**Michigan State University Extension nor Michigan State University will not individually, or collectively, be responsible for any loss, damage or injury to person, horses, or property incurred in connection with this show, and upon these conditions only, are entries accepted.**

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## Conduct Policy

Participants will adhere to the following general conduct policy: anyone participating in a state-sponsored 4-H activity who is caught in the act of theft or vandalism, or caught with illegal drugs or alcohol, or who is involved in other such offenses shall immediately be sent home at his/her own expense and if it is determined by 4-H staff, leaders, or persons in charge of the activity that the offense warrants it, the offender may be turned over to the proper authorities.

## MSU Pavilion

**South Barn - MSU Pavilion address:  
4301 Farm Lane, East Lansing, MI 48824**

**Local Hotels:** Please note – book hotel rooms early – at least 30 days prior to the State 4-H Horse Show.

Clarion Hotel  
127 & Jolly Road Exit  
(517) 351-7600

**Hotels are listed as a courtesy only.  
No endorsement is implied.**

Fairfield Inn  
196 & Okemos Road  
(517) 347-1000

Holiday Inn Express  
196 & Okemos Road  
(517) 347-6690

Quality Inn Lansing  
3121 E. Grand River  
(517) 351-1440

Comfort Inn  
196 & Okemos Rd  
(517) 349-8700

**Camping is available at the Pavilion, fees should  
be paid with entry.**

Candlewood Suites  
Forest Road, East Lansing  
517-351-8181

## Schedule of Events

Saturday, Aug 19

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Check-In Early Arrivals  
Arena open for warm up

Sunday, Aug 20

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Check-In  
Arena open for warm up  
8:30 a.m. Volunteer Orientation  
9:00 a.m. Exhibitor Meeting  
9:30 a.m. Show Begins



No dogs are allowed in the  
Pavilion or near any of the show arenas or in the  
stalling areas during the State 4-H Miniature Horse  
Show.  
Anyone with a dog in an area out side the camping area  
will be asked to leave.  
Service Dogs are Welcome.

MI 4-H State Horse Show Sportsmanship Recognition System. Throughout this event we will work to recognize the great sportsmanship all around us. Each year, participants and volunteers exemplify great sportsmanship and with our all new recognition system, we will be reaching out to show you just how much we appreciate this! Think you've witnessed great sportsmanship? Please let a committee member know!

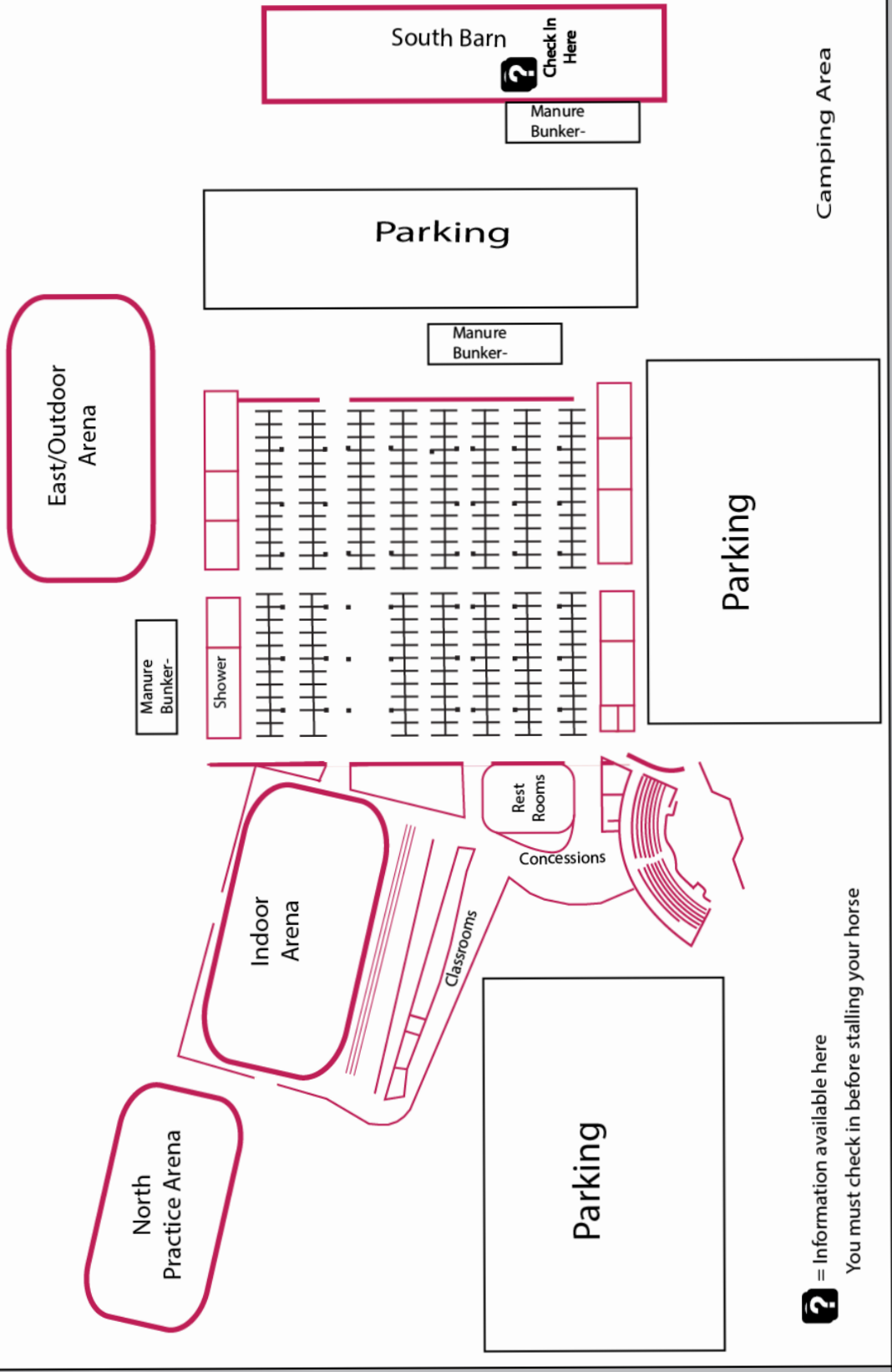
# State 4-H Miniature Horse Show

Check in and show will be held in South Barn

MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and  
Livestock Education  
4301 Farm Lane, East Lansing, MI

For layout purposes only...not drawn to scale

Farm Lane Road



## General Rules

1. You must be aged 13 or older in 2017 to participate in the State 4-H Miniature Horse Show. Exhibitor age will be determined as of January 1, 2017. You must be currently enrolled in a 4-H horse project in the county you represent.
2. Entry forms must be typed or printed and sent to your County Extension office by the deadline established by your county 4-H staff. Your county 4-H staff will confirm your entry and send it to the State 4-H Office. You will not be allowed to make changes in your entry after it reaches the Equine Extension Specialist.
3. You will not be permitted to show unless you have a completed entry on file in the office of the Equine Extension Youth Specialist before 5 p.m. on July 12, 2017. A completed entry includes a copy of a negative Coggins test taken on or after Aug 19, 2016.
4. There is a \$60 entry fee, which includes one stall fee, per exhibitor. For exhibitors showing Minis – if you will be sharing a stall (or horse) your entry fee will be \$45 – please note on the entry form who you will be stalling with. Your entry fee must accompany your completed entry form. No refunds will be given for any reason.
5. Your horse must have a negative Coggins test drawn on or after 8/19/2016 to participate in the show. You must send a photocopy of the test with your entry form, and you **MUST** bring the **original** test results to the show in accordance with Michigan laws. Original test results will be verified at check-in. It is recommended that your horse have the following vaccinations prior to the show: Eastern and Western Equine Encephalomyelitis, Rhinopneumonitis, Influenza, Tetanus and Rabies. Your veterinarian may suggest other vaccines as well.
6. Delegates chosen as alternates must send a completed entry form (photo copies are acceptable) with all other entries from the County. Do not send fees. If a delegate cancels, the County Extension staff must contact the Animal Science Office (517) 432-5402 by Tuesday, August 15 at 5 p.m. Alternates will not be eligible to participate unless notice is received from the County staff.
7. Four classes from the show section of classes (rail & leading classes) may be entered. A fifth class may be chosen from the Symposium section of classes corresponding to the day you exhibit your horse.
8. Helmets must be worn in obstacles, cones, and driving cones classes and are encouraged in all classes. You will not be penalized for wearing a helmet in any class.
9. Stallions are not allowed at the State 4-H Horse Show. No companion horses or foals are allowed.
10. **Only one horse per exhibitor may be entered at the State 4-H Miniature Horse Show. The horse must be in your continual care and designated as your project animal by the date specified in your county, which must not be later than May 1, 2017.**
11. Good sportsmanship will be emphasized at the show. Members, parents or guardians exhibiting poor sportsmanship will be disqualified from further competition by show officials & asked to leave grounds.
12. Code of conduct: anyone participating in a state-sponsored 4-H activity who is caught in the act of theft or vandalism, or caught with illegal drugs or alcohol, or who is involved in other such offenses shall immediately be sent home at his/her own expense and if it is determined by 4-H staff, leaders, or persons in charge of the activity that the offense warrants it, the offender may be turned over to the proper authorities.
13. Exhibitor Packet: Packets are available when you receive your stall assignment and check in at the show. **Do not unload horses until the exhibitor and/or parent/guardian has checked in at the Stall office and received a stall assignment.**
14. Stalling: Because of limited stalling, some counties will share the stalling area (and tack stall) with a second or third county. While we encourage you to show your county spirit with banners and decorations, keep in mind that many counties will not have a specific stalling area dedicated to them for the whole weekend. Be courteous to exhibitors from other counties. It is important that everyone have a good experience at the State 4-H Horse Show.
15. **You must use bedding in the stalls at all times** to absorb urine and assure a clean stall for the next person who uses it. You are welcome to bring bedding or it can be purchased at the Pavilion.
16. Fans cords or other electrical cords must be suspended, out of the reach of all horses. Cords may not be taped down on the floor as this creates an electrocution hazard.
17. DOGS: Dogs are allowed in the camping area only – on leash or secured at all times. **DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN STALLING OR ANY SHOW AREAS.**
18. Camping will only be allowed in the designated camping area. Camping fees should be sent with entries.
19. You are expected to clean up the area around your trailer and completely clean your stall before leaving the show grounds. Failure to clean stalls will result in the reduction of the county quota for the next State 4-H Horse Show.
20. P.A. System: It is the exhibitor's responsibility to be on time for all classes. A P.A. system can be heard in most areas and will be used for announcements and class calls.
21. Classes will be judged according to Michigan 4-H standards as outlined in 4-H Horse and Pony Project Show Rules and Regulations (**Revised 2016**), AMHR rules and the current equine dressage test. Copies of the dressage tests are available from [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org).
22. The judge will select the top five exhibitors in each class. Top 3 exhibitors will receive medals-gold (first), silver (second) and bronze (third). Ribbons will be awarded for fourth and fifth place. First and second place winners compete for champion and reserve champion awards in classes where they are offered. All competitors in the championship classes will be eligible to be champion or reserve champion. The show management reserves the right to combine or split classes as needed. You must show in your split.
23. Any protests or objections to rules, procedures or any aspect of the show must be provided in writing to a representative of the State 4-H Horse Show Committee and will be responded to no earlier than 1 hour after its submission. Any individual exhibiting unsportsmanlike or inappropriate conduct of any kind will be dismissed, along with their family/party members, from the grounds.
24. The show coordinator & the State 4-H Horse Show Committee reserve the right to make exceptions to the rules where necessary.
25. Judge's decision is final. Placing and/or disqualifications will not be changed or altered after judges cards have been turned in, nor will they be changed as a result of video playback, ring side protest, etc. The exhibitor should not approach the Judge for any reason until the ring is closed either for lunch or when the show is over. Problems should be brought to the attention of the show clerk or ring steward.

## General Rules

26. Only the 4-H member will be allowed to ride/drive/lunge the horse. Participants not adhering to this rule may be disqualified.
27. If a horse appears visibly ill while at the State 4-H Horse Show, the management reserves the right to ask the exhibitor to remove the horse from the show grounds.

28. Michigan State University Extension will not, individually or collectively, be responsible for loss, damage or injury to people, horses or property incurred in connection with the show, and only upon these conditions are entries excepted.

## Symposium Section

1. A maximum of four of the five classes which exhibitors are eligible to enter are Show Section classes (rail & leading classes), the fifth class (if exhibitors choose to enter, it is not required) must be selected from one of the following areas:

**A. Creative Writing** –Participants may submit an original piece of horse themed fiction, non-fiction, essay or poetry, not to exceed 10 double-spaced, typed pages in length (not including the Title Page and Bibliography). The Title Page must include name, county and 4-H age. If a piece of non-fiction is submitted, sources used must be listed on a Bibliography page. Creative Writing entries will be judged on creativity and neatness.

**C. State 4-H Horse Show T-Shirt Design** – Participants should submit an original design for consideration. Copyrighted characters are not allowed. Designs must be 8 ½ x 11 inches, either horizontal or vertical. All designs should be submitted in a single color – with a recommendation for shirt and design color. Winning entries will be kept by the State 4H Horse Show staff for consideration for use for the 2013 State 4-H Horse Show.

**D. Photography Contest** - Participants may submit a single photograph that includes a horse or horses. Photos must be no smaller than 5x7 inches and no larger than 8x10 inches. Photos must be firmly affixed to photographic mount board, mat board, or Form-Core board. Photo and mount board may be no larger than 11x14 inches. Photos should include name, birthdate and county of participant on the back. Entries will be judged on Technique, creativity and overall neatness/presentation.

2. Entries will be displayed in the hall/classroom area and should be picked up after judging is completed. Entries can be turned in at check-in, and should be picked up at the end of the show.

3. Results will be announced when judging is complete and awards will be available at the T-shirt tables.

## Sunday, August 20, 2017 Miniature Horse Show Section South Barn Arena

1. It is suggested that counties send the top 10% of their 4-H Miniature Horse project. For example, a county with 20 enrolled Miniature Horse Project members could send 2 delegates to the Miniature section of the State 4-H Horse Show. Miniature horse entries will be accepted in addition to the established horse quota. This show section will be divided into 2 height divisions: Division 1 – 34 inches and under, Division 2 – 34.1 to 38 inches for many of the classes. Horses must be 3 years of age or older to participate in driving, jumping, or speed classes.

**2. Miniature horse exhibitors will now be allowed to show a light horse or pony at the State 4-H Horse Show if selected as a county delegate. Miniature horses do not need to be registered with the American Miniature Horse Association to show at the State 4-H Miniature Horse Show.**

3. Miniature horses are NOT required to be body clipped for the State 4-H Miniature Horse Show.

4. The entry fee is \$60 which includes the stall fee and 5 classes (1 symposium class). If you will be sharing a stall or a horse the fee will be reduced to \$45. If you are planning to share a stall you MUST indicate on the entry form who you are planning to stall with. If you do not indicate who you will be sharing a stall

with – you are responsible for a \$60 entry fee. The State 4-H Horse Show staff will not be responsible for “matching up” individuals who would like to stall together. Dividers will not be provided by the show staff.

5. Not all classes in the Miniature Horse show section are eligible for Champion and Reserve Champion. Please refer to the schedule for details.

6. Show driving apparel should be neat and clean. For showmanship, long sleeve shirts must be worn as well as neat, clean pants, boots, and hat.

7. Patterns for classes will be provided in the information packet when exhibitors check in for the show.

8. Driven pleasure, reinsmanship and obstacle classes, certified helmets are highly recommended but optional. All driven speed classes; cones class and driven cloverleaf certified helmets MUST be worn.

9. Headers are required for all driving classes. Headers are required to enter the show ring at the judges/stewards direction, to stand at the horses head until dismissed.

10. An overcheck or sidecheck is required for all driving classes.

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11. A biothane or leather harness is allowed. An overcheck or side check is required for all driven classes. All lines must be buckled or taped at end for safety reasons.

12. Liberty Class: Liberty is demonstrating the natural beauty of the miniature horse. Horses are to be judged on style, grace, animation, gaits, presence, and ease of catching. The liberty horse is expected to perform at both a canter and a trot. It is the Steward's responsibility to time Liberty classes and to be in possession of a stopwatch. The Steward should be in the same location as the Judge(s) to adjudicate the class. Timing will begin when the halter is dropped, not when the music starts. When the 2 minute catch time has elapsed, the show announcer will announce TIME to signal the end of the catch if the animal has not been caught. If the catch is not completed in the 2 minute allotted time frame, the exhibitor is disqualified. Only the exhibitor and one assistant will be allowed in the arena with horse. Whips and shaker bottles are allowed, but touching the horse with aids or hands will result in disqualification. Only the exhibitor can touch the horse during the catch. The horse must be caught and halted by the exhibitor only within 2 minutes or be disqualified. The assistant may not touch the horse at any time. There will be "No Baiting" (no use of hay, grain, clickers, etc.) of Liberty horses during the catch or horse will be disqualified. **Music is required** in the form of a CD presented by the exhibitor at the start of the horse show. Music should be playable on a standard CD player and the State 4-H Horse Show does not guarantee that music downloaded from the internet etc. will be playable. No deliberate interference with the horse from outside the ring. Announcement is to be made prior to the class to specify that no outside assistance is allowed. All horses entered in liberty class must be at least one year old. Exhibitor and assistant should wear appropriate, tasteful attire. A safe costume or theme outfit is allowed for exhibitor and assistant only. The horse must be shown natural, no costume, no glitter, no ribbons. If the entered horse falls during its performance the entry is disqualified. Entry will be disqualified if horse leaves the ring during competition or catch time.

13. Versatility Specialty Class: The horse will be shown as a driving horse, in showmanship and as a hunter, in that order. Groom/handlers allowed in at the end of driving. Before un tack and grooming it shall be announced that horses are to remain in the same order for the rest of the class as the go on the rail both for showmanship and Hunter portions. At the end of the two minute un tack grooming period, grooms shall leave the arena with carts and all tack. Exhibitors are to follow the directions of the ringmaster and line up for the showmanship pattern. After showmanship is completed, exhibitors are to follow the ringmaster and proceed to the hunter course. There shall be a minimum of (2) two but no more than (4) four fences. Horses do not leave the arena between divisions. All three divisions to count equally. Horses must complete all three divisions without disqualifications to be eligible for a ribbon.

14. Cones Class: An obstacle pattern consisting of cones and balls. After passing through the start markers, the driver shall proceed through each obstacle in the pattern that is provided. Upon completion of the course, the driver must pass through the finish marker where time will be taken. Refusals and run outs will be penalized by 5 seconds. Canter more than 3 strides is a penalty of 5 seconds, cantering 3 times or more is an elimination. Course faults will be scored as penalty seconds and added to the driver's elapsed time. Placing will be determined on a total time basis. Ties for first place will be broken by a drive off.

15. Driven Dressage Exhibition: Please refer to rules and information provided by the American Driving Society at: [www.americanandrivingsociety.org](http://www.americanandrivingsociety.org). Training Level Test 2 will be driven.

16. In Hand Hunter. Please review the AMHR Hunter Scoring card for details regarding this class.

## Sunday, August 20, 2017 Miniature Horse Show Section South Barn Arena

### 9:00 a.m.

#### Showmanship

200. 13-15 years

201. 16-19 years

#### Championship Showmanship

#### Liberty Class

203. 13-19 years

#### In Hand Hunter

204. 34 inches and under

205. 34-38 inches

#### Championship In Hand Hunter

#### In Hand Trail

207. 34 inch and under

208. 34-38 inches

#### Championship In Hand Trail

#### Single Pleasure Driving

210. 34 inches and under

211. 34-38 inches

#### Championship Pleasure Driving

#### Reinsmanship

213. 13-15 years

214. 16-19 years

#### Championship Reinsmanship

Driven Dressage  
216. 13-19 Years

Driving Obstacles  
217. 13-15 years  
218. 16-19 years  
Championship Driving Obstacles

Driving Cones Class  
220. 13-19 years

Versatility  
221. 13-19 years

Driving Clover Leaf  
222. 13-19 years

In Hand Clover Leaf  
223. 13-19 years

In Hand Poles  
225. 13-19 Years

## Symposium Section

### Senior and Miniature Horse Exhibitors

Creative Writing  
932. 13-15 years  
933. 16-19 years

State Horse Show T-Shirt Logo Design  
934. 13-15 years  
935. 16-19 years

Photography Contest  
936. 13-15 years  
937. 16-19 years

### State 4-H Horse Show Planning Committee

### A Planning Checklist for SHS Participants

#### State 4-H Miniature Horse Planning Committee 2016-2017 members

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- ☐ Entry form is completed and signed by parent/guardian and County Staff. Up to 4 in hand classes and 1 symposium class are listed. (Keep one copy for your records).
- ☐ Rules for each classes entered as well as the schedule of classes has been reviewed by the participant. The Revised 2016 State 4-H Horse and Pony Rule Book will be followed.
- ☐ Photocopy of a current coggins test (Drawn after 8/19/2016) is attached to entry form. The Coggins must be provided at the time you check in, so bring it with you!
- ☐ All fees have been turned in to the County staff with entry forms. (Entry fee - \$60.00, Camping - \$20.00 per night, T-Shirt \$12.00 each).
- ☐ Bring your your Coggins test, and your symposium entries to the Check in area at the appropriate time.