**OCEANA COUNTY 4-H HORSE PROJECT REGISTRATION**

**(Due by 4:00p.m on June 1st, 2020)**

Current Year: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Member’s Age as of January 1 of the Current Year: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Received Parent Acknowledgement Form: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Negative Coggins Test: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Circle One:** Futurity Miniature/In Hand W/T 1st-2nd Yr. W/T 3rd-4th Yr.

W/T 5th Yr. and Up W/T/C 1st-2nd Yr. W/T/C 3rd-4th Yr. W/T/C 5th Yr. and Up

***(years are based on showing/competing at that level)***

Do you plan to attend the ***Oceana County Fair***? **Yes\_\_\_\_\_ or No\_\_\_\_\_**

If so, what division do you plan on showing at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**PICTURE OF HORSE**

Member’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Horse’s Breed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Horse’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Horse’s Age: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (Year foaled): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Markings: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**HEALTH CARE RECORDS**

*Negative Coggins tests are required for all horses, no exceptions.*

*All vaccines listed are strongly encouraged. Oceana County H.D.C & the Oceana County*

*Fair-board are not held liable for any infectious disease/biohazard outbreak. Please turn in this record with your Project Registration, whether your horse has been given the vaccines or not.*

***PLEASE STILL TURN IT IN BY JUNE 1st, 2020***

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| Test/Vaccination | Date Taken/Given |
| 1. Coggins Test |  |
| 2. Strangles Vaccination |  |
| 3. Tetanus Vaccination |  |
| 4. Rabies Vaccination |  |
| 5. Equine Influenza (EIV) |  |
| 6. Equine Herpies Virus (EHV 1 & 4) |  |
| 7. West Nile Virus |  |
| 8. Eastern Encephalitis (EEE) |  |
| 9. Western Encephalitis (WEE) |  |

**\* A copy of a negative Coggins test must be attached to this registration packet.**

**\*\* For items 3-9, proof may be in one of the following ways, attached to this form:**

**A. Dated, itemized bill with shots/vaccines from Veterinarian or pharmaceutical company. (Veterinarian or 4-H Leader’s signature required below.)**

**B. Veterinarian Certificate (Veterinarian signature required below.)**

*I certify that the horse \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, has been administered these vaccines, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,*

*given by a licensed Veterinarian on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

Veterinarian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

*I certify that the horse \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, has been administered these vaccines, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,*

*given by themselves or their 4-H Leader on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

4-H Leader Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM**

All 4-H Horse project members must return a signed acknowledgement slip to Oceana County MSUE Office in Hart. This is an Oceana County requirement for them to participate in the Horse Project. By signing, you acknowledge that you and your 4-Her are aware of all the rules and regulations that have been adopted by the Oceana County Horse Developmental Committee (HDC). If there is a concern about one of these rules, a parent may present that concern and/or request a rule change by the September or October meeting to be voted on at the October meeting. This is the ONLY time that there will be any rule changes, unless there is a flexibility stipulated in the rule. A parent may call the Extension office or the President of the HDC and request time on the agenda to present their request. Once the request has been presented the parent will leave, the committee will discuss and make a decision and the answer will be available in the morning. Please, as a parent, make sure that you take the time to become familiar with these rules. Please sign this form stating that you have read and understand them and return it to the Extension Office.

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Return to the MSUE Office

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have received and read the rules and

(Parent or Guardian Signature)

regulations contained in this document. I have also read the procedure for any requests to change a rule.

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(Name of 4-Her)

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(Signature of 4-Her)

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(Date)

DEADLINES TO REMEMBER

1. Your 4-H Horse Project Registration, Health Record and a copy of the Negative Coggins are due in the MSU Extension office *by 4:00 pm, June 1, 2020*. Remember, if your horse travels or competes at earlier events, you will need proof of Negative Coggins earlier than June 1. Make sure you have the test done in time to get the results to the office. A copy that this was done and you are awaiting results will not be accepted. No Coggins tests will be kept from the previous 4-H year.
2. The 4-H Little Buddy Horse registration deadline is June 1st of the current year. If planning to be a Little Buddy and you have not turned in your registration before the May show, please fill out the Little Buddy attachment form to your show bill at the May OCHDC horse show.
3. All written & riding level testing is to be completed and turned into the Extension Office by July 31st, 2020 by 4:00p.m. The rider’s level will be determined by members of the OCHDC committee by performing a riding test. If changing levels, the 4-Her must show in the new level prior to, or at, the July show. Also, State Horse Show delegates and alternates must have their project notebooks completed and presented to the MSU Extension Office by July 31st, 2020 by 4:00p.m.
4. All project members must turn in the original copy of their meeting/non club point sheet to the MSU Extension Office by the Monday before fair, by 4:00p.m. Those turning in notebooks for their projects will do so on the Entry Day at Fair, by 5:00p.m.

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OCEANA COUNTY 4-H HORSE PROGRAM

*This document is intended to contain all of the information that is necessary for 4-H Leaders, 4-H Members, 4-H Staff and 4-H Youth Council to rely on as an authoritative source.*

*This document is intended to be a continually updated source of information that will be updated as required by the evolution of the Oceana County 4-H Horse Program.*

*Readers should be aware of the fact that requests for changes to this document can be made through the Oceana County 4-H Horse Developmental Committee or the 4-H Youth Council. The actual changes will be considered and made once a year during the September and October meetings and will be voted on at the October HDC meeting. These changes will take effect immediately (before January 1st ).*

*Care must be taken to confirm that the most recent copy of this document is being used and that current activities (new rules) of the organizations cited above have had no factual effect on the information provided herein.*

*Sincerely,*

*Oceana County 4-H Horse Developmental Committee, November 1st, 2020*

# OCEANA COUNTY 4-H HORSE PROJECT MEMBER REQUIREMENTS

The Oceana County 4-H Youth Programs and Michigan State University Extension programs and materials are open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status or veteran status.

# AGE REQUIREMENTS

1. For County 4-H purposes, the age of a member shall be determined by the age that member is as of January 1st of the current calendar year. The calendar year shall be January 1st – December 31st 2020.
2. All members must be 7 years old as of January 1st of the current year to participate in the 4-H Horse Project at the Oceana County Fair.
3. 7 year olds can only show walk only or walk/trot in 4-H, for which they will receive a participation ribbon. 7 year olds are known as “Cloverbuds” in 4-H. All other 8-19 year old 4-H members may participate in their respective walk/trot or walk/trot/canter classes. Leaders may enroll younger members at their discretion and those members may participate in other planned County 4-H Horse activities on a non-competitive basis. Any 5-6 year old must have an adult on leadline in all activities. All 4-Hers 5-7 years old must have an adult in the ring at all times.
4. The following is the age policy established by the Oceana County Youth Council: If you are 19 as of January 1 of the current calendar year, you can still participate in the 4-H Horse project. This would be your last year that you are eligible.

## REGISTRATION

1. Registration consists of a member’s enrollment form and a separate form that has a place for a photograph of the member’s horse if the member has a project animal. This form includes a place to indicate that the member has been checked Level I, Level II, Level III or Level IV. It has a place to check for Negative Coggins test, which is required by the state. Also, there is a place to check that parents have received, reviewed and signed the Parent Acknowledgement Form.
2. Leaders are requested to have reenrollment forms submitted to the Oceana MSU Extension Office by November 15th. These enrollments determine the County mailing list and state show representative quota. New members may enroll any time during the year, prior to August 1st. (we need to follow this better IF possible)
3. To be eligible to show in 4-H classes at the Oceana County Fair, members and project horse must be registered, with proof of current negative coggins test, at the Oceana County MSU Extension Office by June 1st at 4:00 pm of the current year. Any changes to the horse after the June 1st deadline must be applied for and approved by the Oceana County Horse Developmental Committee by the July HDC meeting. This will allow for the new horse to be assessed prior to a show or clinic prior to or at the July show.
4. The 4-H Little Buddy Horse registration deadline is June 1st of the current year.
5. All 4-H horse project participants may register multiple horse projects & bring multiple projects to horse shows. But, they will only be given 1 4-H stall for the Oceana County Fair.
6. To participate in the 4-H Horse Project, a **PARENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM** must be completed by parents/guardians of 4-H Horse Project Members.

**4-H PROJECT HORSE REQUIREMENTS**

1. It is a requirement that all horses enrolled as project animals in the Oceana County 4-H Horse Project have proof of a negative Coggins on file in the MSU Extension Office by 4:00 pm on **June 1st** of the current year.
2. It is strongly recommended that all 4-H horses be vaccinated for Influenza, Eastern and Western Encephalitis, Tetanus, Strangles, Rabies and West Nile. OCHDC will not be held responsible for any disease or biohazard outbreak.
3. The horse selected for the 4-H project should be suitable in disposition and size for the rider.
4. Stallions may be shown only in the calendar year in which they are foaled.
5. Pony measurements shall be 56” and under. Any animal measuring over 56” shall be considered a horse (i.e. 56 ½”). All ponies must be measured to be sure that they are in the proper class. If an animal is sold; it can be reclassified.
6. **Point sheets are required by all to complete the project year and enter your horse at the Oceana County Fair. Notebooks are required for some** *(see below)*
   1. A Project Notebook is required for all project levels for the first year showing at that level, or in the event of a new project horse. Exceptions would be if the 4-Her is representing Oceana County at the State 4-H show. They must complete the corresponding level notebook to which they are showing, regardless of how many years that have been at that level. It is encouraged that all 4-Her’s complete a project notebook each year.
   2. All notebooks must be completed and will be checked and stamped by an OCHDC officer on entry day of the County Fair. They will receive a ranking of an A, B, or C award on judging day and the coinciding premium. Your ranking will reflect your individual efforts.
   3. Youth with projects that earn a “C” ribbon on their project notebooks will be required to give an oral report to the September HDC board meeting stating what they did and can be changed to do better.
7. Each 4-Her must accumulate a total of 10 points throughout the 4-H year. These are to be recorded on the Oceana County 4-H Horse Developmental Committee’s official point sheet.
   * + - 1. 6 meeting points, 1 point earned per meeting.
         2. 1 point for participation in an OCHDC sponsored event. Participation is defined as showing & completing a class/classes at an OCHDC sponsored show, or completing a full OCHDC clinic. Your 4-H Project horse must be used to earn the point. If you have a riding horse project, you must participate in a riding class/clinic. If you have an in hand horse project, you must participate in an in hand class/clinic. If you have a driving horse project, you must participate in a driving class/clinic.
         3. 2 points from non-club point list. At least one point must be earned in community service.
         4. 1 point by working at an OCHDC sponsored show either by working set up, tear down or 4 hours (ring master/jump crew/trail crew/ribbons/gates). The point may be earned by the 4-H’er or a family member representative. The point must be signed for by the OCHDC show manager.
8. **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP IS REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES**. Members not exhibiting good sportsmanship will be subject to disqualification for the rest of the day and possibly the rest of the year. Awards may also be forfeited. Family members and spectators can also be asked to leave if they represent poor sportsmanship, with no refunds given.
9. Classes for HDC sponsored shows and 4-H classes at the fair will be judged according to the current Michigan 4-H Standards and current AHSA dressage tests.
10. SEI approved helmets are required to be worn by those 4-H members 19 years and under in all Hunt Seat, Gymkhana or Bareback classes. ASTM-SEI approved safety helmets must be worn by youth aged 5-7 years old for all horse experiences.
11. A beginner horse is a horse that is 5 years old or younger as of January of the current year.

**LEVEL TESTING REQUIREMENTS**

1. All Oceana County 4-H participants, including Cloverbuds (ages 7), need to have successfully passed a riding test done by a HDC leader by July 31st, if going to the Oceana County Fair.
2. Participants must be tested on the horse at the level they wish to show at Fair.
3. Once a participant has passed a riding Level Test, they are not required to do a riding test again until they are advancing to the next level or showing a new horse.
4. Once a rider shows at Level 2, they cannot go back to Level 1 (Walk/Trot) unless it is a beginner horse.
5. **The written test & riding test must be completed and turned into the MSU Extension Office by July 31st.** No exception.

**STATE SHOW REQUIREMENTS**

# ADOPTED JANUARY, 2004; Amended February 2016, Amended November 2018

1. State 4-H Horse Show Delegates must reach 13 years of age or older by January 1st of the current 4-H year.
2. Only horses and members registered with the Oceana County Extension Office by 4:00 pm on the June 1st deadline are eligible, there will be **NO EXCEPTIONS** to this rule (State Level Rule).
3. Members must have completed Level 2 to be eligible to go to the State 4-H Horse Show.
4. To be eligible to ride as a State Horse Show Delegate, a 4-H youth must:
   1. Compete in 2 of the OCHDC shows (April, May or June) in the following 4 classes:
      1. State Delegate Qualifying Class
      2. Showmanship
      3. Any 2 elective riding classes
   2. All Project requirements must be complete (6 club meetings, 2 non club points, and 1 work-at-a-show point)
   3. Horse Project notebook must be completed and reviewed by the MSU Extension office by July 31st, 2020.
   4. 4-H participant must have received a “B” or better award on their most recent notebook to be eligible.
5. State 4-H Horse Show requirements can be found in the State entry book. Once State Show entry forms have been submitted to Michigan State University, **NO CHANGES CAN BE MADE**.
6. State 4-H Horse Show Representatives are eligible every other year, unless, because of an allotment, there are extra spots to fill. If a representative has participated in one class at the State 4-H Horse Show, they have represented the County.
7. Judges will place the class.
8. State 4-H Show Delegates will be announced after all requirements are verified and the judges’ placing’s tallied.
9. In case of a tie, the Delegate slot will go to the every other year rule, then by 4-H age if needed.
10. In addition to the Delegates, two alternates will be chosen. If, for any reason, the regular Delegate or their horse is unable to compete, the alternate will be sent.

**OCEANA COUNTY FAIR RULES**

*(Subject to change with the printing of the annual Fair Book)*

1. Ponies will be measured and shown in their proper classes (56” and under)
2. Any horse suspected by the light horse superintendent of having a contagious disease will be required to have a vet certificate before entering the fair.
3. Age of the horse is determined as of Jan. 1st of the current year.
4. The 4-H Project Horse shown at fair must be registered with the MSU Extension office by June 1st.
5. One horse and one rider, except for the Little Buddy project (one Little Buddy per 4-H Horse project member.)
6. Age of member (see age requirements)
7. 4-H members and project horse must show in the fitting and showmanship class at the fair.
8. Stallions may only show in the calendar year in which they are foaled.
9. Light horse superintendent reserves the right to combine classes with less than 3 participants or split classes deemed too large for safety reasons. Classes that are split will be done so according to participant’s age.
10. Exercise arena rules shall be posted and **WILL** be followed at all times. They are as follows:
    * 1. Horses are to be dismounted unless on the infield or in the horse arena.
      2. Exhibitor or immediate family members ONLY to ride or exercise horse, **NO ONE ELSE**, directly supervised by an adult.
      3. No riding double except for designated times, which will be provided.
      4. **BRIDLES MUST BE USED WHEN RIDING AT THE FAIR**
      5. Horses are to be in their horse stalls after 5:00 p.m. except during scheduled horse events.
      6. Appropriate footwear **(BOOTS)** must be worn when working around horses.
      7. SEI approved helmets must be worn by 19 years old and under in all Hunt Seat and Gymkhana or Bareback classes at the Fair, those 7 years old must wear SEI approved helmets while showing mounted for all horse experiences.
11. Leader and parents should be aware that the registration for the horse division differs from other entries at the fair. Check with leaders or MSU Extension on this.
12. All exhibitors must have their phone # listed on the stall reservation form in case of an emergency.
13. Unless there is a requested tack change, no classes will be held for a late exhibitor.
14. There will be no rule changes during the fair.
15. The order of classes will not be changed during the fair unless determined by the barn superintendent of light horses.
16. Times stated in the fair book will not be changed to an earlier time, they may however be held at a later time than posted due to weather or the use of the arena by other divisions.
17. **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP IS REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES**. Members not displaying good sportsmanship (as determined by at least 3 members of HDC, Superintendent or MSU Extension staff) will be subject to disqualification from further participation for the rest of the day and if behavior is deemed bad enough, the rest of the fair. Awards may also be forfeited.
18. **Written complaints**, pertaining to judge, show management, other competitors or rules must be filed with the barn superintendent within 14 days.
19. Level 1 riders only are eligible for the specified Walk/Trot classes.
20. Pre-registration for stalls at the fair is required. Stall committee makes all 4-H stall assignments. All non-filled stalls go back to committee for reassignment.
21. For other rules pertaining to the fair please see the fair book.
22. Each exhibitor is responsible to fulfill club duties during their assigned day at Fair.
23. In case of overcrowding at the Fair, Out of County youth will be bumped according to seniority.
24. Horse project notebooks must be checked in either Monday night at the end of the Fair setup/workbee or Tuesday, entry day, of Fair no later than 5:00 p.m. by a designated HDC representative.

(revised 11/2020)