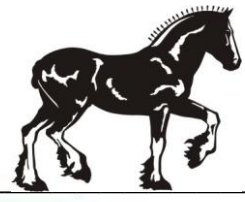
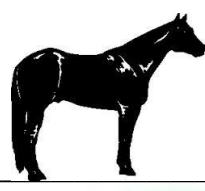


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Rules & Regulations

Suggested Changes

Suggested changes to the Macomb county 4-H rules and regulations shall be submitted to the acting President in writing for review at the October meeting and voted upon at the January meeting. All changes shall be shaded for the period of one year. Macomb County 4-H Project Rules and Regulations shall be revised and voted on yearly. Each year it will be the duty of the acting President to check the web addresses within these Rules and Regulations for current or changed web addresses and will be able to make the corrections of the web addresses as needed.

Mission Statement

Michigan 4-H Youth Development involves volunteers in providing positive, experiential, educational opportunities for and with youth. Our mission is to create environments, through collaboration, that build strong, healthy youth who are proactive in a complex and changing world.

Safety

The primary responsibility for the safety of the exhibitor rests with the exhibitor and with his or her parent or legal guardian. A judge may excuse any unsafe vehicle or equipment or any unruly horse from competition.

NOTE:

All equine-related state laws are to be followed at 4-H events. Counties or specific events may have additional health guidelines, and it is the responsibility of the exhibitor's family to be aware of these.

NOTE:

The MCHPC will take under advisement any matter not explicitly covered in any of the foregoing printed Rules and Regulations. Committee decisions are final.

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MACOMB COUNTY 4-H HORSE PROGRAM COMMITTEE BY LAWS

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this committee shall be the Macomb County 4-H Horse Program Committee, hereafter referred to as "the committee," a subsidiary body of the Macomb County 4-H Council, operating under its authority.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE/MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the horse program committee is to design, (including establishment of governing rules and regulations), promote, support financially, carry out, and regularly review informal, experiential educational programming in horse related project areas. (Mini / Lights / Draft) The mission of the organization shall be to provide assistance to 4-H horse leaders in helping young people carry out horse project activities.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to all without regard to: race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, or family status. All efforts will be made to have a diverse representation of Committee members.

All clubs/groups registered with Macomb MSUE who are engaged in programming that falls under the direction of this committee are entitled to be represented by the Club Leader or screened volunteer, in order to be eligible to vote at the January election of Officers / Rule change meeting. Each club must have representation present for the September or October meeting to be eligible to vote. New clubs/groups registering in the middle of a project year are immediately eligible to send representatives to the Committee and to participate in the Committee's activities.

When possible, it is desirable that the same adult and youths represent the club for the entire year; however, rotation of representatives will be permitted to encourage the involvement of all clubs at all meetings and activities. In the event a club's regular representatives cannot attend, the club may send any teen leader (*or qualified youth*) and/or any adult member (*or screened volunteer*) to represent the club. In the event the club representative decides not to or is unable to continue on as a member of the development committee, *any teen leader (or qualified youth) and/or any adult member (or screened volunteer)* to represent the club.

The 4-H Agent shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee. The Extension Director/4-H Agent can appoint up to three additional members to each program committee.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

A schedule of regular meetings will be approved in September of each program year. This schedule may be amended as needed.

A quorum shall be considered present if 50% +1 of the clubs are represented and 1/3 or more of the total number of committee members are present.

Each member of the committee shall have one vote. A simple majority of those present and voting shall be required to pass a motion or elect an officer.

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules In Plain English: A readable, authoritative easy-to-use guide to running meeting* by Doris P. Zimmerman, shall guide the decision making of the Committee unless these Bylaws contain other procedures.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

The officers of the Committee shall be, President-Adult & Youth, Vice President - Adult & Youth, Secretary, Point Secretary, Treasurer.

Officers should be committed to attending all meetings and should not be sharing/rotating with another representative from their club/group. The Officers of the committee must have one year of experience in the Macomb County 4-H Horse Program to be an Officer on the Committee.

Section A: Duties of Officers

President Shall set the agendas for and preside over all meetings, act as the Sergeant-At-Arms and see that members are properly informed of the yearly calendar of events, act as a liaison with the Metro Parks, appoint subcommittees, obtain appropriate supplemental insurance, and perform other duties as decided by the Committee.

Vice-President: Shall assist the President as needed, preside in his/her absence, become President should a vacancy occur in that office, and perform other duties as decided by the Committee.

Secretary: Shall record a list of enrolled members and screened volunteers, take attendance and minutes at Committee meetings, provide members, as needed, with current copies of the Committee's bylaws, handle all correspondence, prepare and submit all secretarial reports required by the 4-H Council, the Extension Office, and the Metro Parks, and perform other duties as decided by the Committee.

Point Secretary: Shall maintain, with the assistance of additional adult leaders of his/her choice, registrations and records pertaining to the 4-H point shows and perform other duties as decided by the Committee.

Treasurer: Shall keep an itemized account of all receipts, disbursements, and present a financial report at each meeting, chair the Budget subcommittee, file all financial reports required by the 4-H Council and the Extension Office, and perform other duties as decided by the Committee.

Section B: Nomination and Election of Officers

Nomination for officers will be made annually at the September / October meeting. If the Nominee is not present, the nominator must present a written statement of willingness to serve. The election of officers by secret ballot shall take place annually at the October / January meeting. A committee member who is not a candidate will conduct and count the voting.

Section C: Recall of Officers

A simple majority of those present and voting may recall an officer for nonfeasance or malfeasance. A recall vote shall be scheduled upon the President's receipt of a petition signed by five or more Committee members, representing five or more clubs/groups and indicating the reasons for the recall. Should the President be the subject of the recall petition, it should be given to the Vice President who shall preside over the recall election. If a recall petition is presented at a Committee meeting, the recall vote shall be taken at the next regularly scheduled meeting. If the petition is received between meetings, the vote shall be taken at the next regularly scheduled meeting, provided seven (7) days notice of the recall can be given. A recalled officer cannot be nominated to fill the resulting vacancy.

Section D: Vacancies

An office shall be considered vacant under the following situations: the death of the office holder, receipt of a letter of resignation, or a successful recall vote. Should a vacancy occur in any other office, a special election shall be held to fill it at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE VI: STANDING SUB-COMMITTEES

Members of the program committee will chair the following subcommittees:

Ad Book

Grounds

Judges (Mini, Draft / Lights)

Observation Ride

Patterns (Mini, Draft / Lights)

Fundraisers

Ribbons

Banquet (Mini, Draft / Lights)

Warm & Sunny Fun Show

Other sub-committees may be established as necessary to carry out the work of the Committee.

ARTICLE VII: HORSE SHOWS

The Macomb County 4H Horse Project Rules and Regulations, the Michigan State 4-H Horse & Pony Project Show Rules and Regulations and the American Mini Horse Registry (AMHR) shall govern all horse shows.

ARTICLE VIII: DISSOLUTIONS

In the event of the dissolution of the Committee, all assets shall be given to the Macomb-MSU Extension.

ARTICLE IX: ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws shall go into effect upon 2/3 positive vote of the Program Committee.

Changes to these bylaws may be proposed in the form of a motion at any committee meeting.

Those receiving a majority vote will be presented for formal adoption at the next scheduled committee meeting. Amendments shall go into effect immediately upon a 2/3 positive vote of the committee.

Proposed changes to the Macomb County 4-H Horse Project Rules & Regulations must be submitted in writing via the suggestion box or directly to the President of the Rules & Regulations subcommittee by October 1st of each year. Proposals will be presented to the full program committee at the October meeting and voted upon at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Changes shall go into effect immediately upon a 2/3 positive vote of the committee.

General Rules – All Horse Project Areas

Code of Conduct

- Any person / persons exhibiting disruptive behavior toward 4-H exhibitor's, people, animals and Judges, as determined by the officers (MCHPC), will be warned and or removed from the show grounds or possible suspension from 4-H functions. This is to include but not limited to all 4-H Horse Shows, 4-H functions, 4-H gathering and Social Media.
(Incidents must be documented and witnessed by at least two Leaders)

Participation Requirements-Light-Mini-Draft

- State 4-H age and non-discrimination rules apply.
- All exhibitors are to show by their 4-H age as determined by January 1st of the current year.
- Members must meet the attendance requirements of their club to participate in the point shows.
- No stallions of any age are permitted to show.
- Light Horse Members must have passed the Basic Observation Ride and/or Jump Observation to be eligible to participate in the point shows if showing in these riding classes.
- Mini Horse Driving Members for first year/new drivers are required to have a Basic Driving Observation. Drive Observation conducted by a qualified 4-H Board Member/s and or the parents and with at least two different 4-H Mini/Draft Leaders will be present for the observation.
- Observation results must be reported to the Point Secretary of the current year by May 1st with signatures or confirmation from participating parties to be compiled in that current year's records.
- Any new participant showing a non-registered **Mini** horse must have their horse measured by May 1st.
- Light Horse Appointments—see the current State 4-H Horse & Pony Rule Book at; http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_horse_pony_project_show_rules_regulations
- Mini / Draft Appointments-see State 4-H Horse & Pony Rule Book / AMHR Rulebook. https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/uploads/files/Miniature-Horse-Rule-Book-Final-2019.pdf
- The Point Secretary must receive **COMPLETED PRINTED** member registration packets **on or before May 1st** of the current program year to be eligible to show in the county 4-H point shows or at the State 4-H Horse Show. These items include **ALL** of the following:
 1. A completed registration form.
 2. A **PRINTED COLORED FULL VIEW** photo of the horse must be provided each year.
 3. Registration Fee.
 4. A current year negative coggins **OR** a Vet letter indicating that a coggins test was performed. If a letter stating a coggins was preformed a **PRINTED COPY** of the coggins must be submitted to the point secretary by the first show.
- **There will be a grace period from May 2nd through May 10th to turn in items missing from participant registration packets. ALL LATE OR INCOMPLETE REGISTRATION PACKETS WILL BE ASSESSED A \$20 LATE FEE. After May 10th, applicants with incomplete registration materials will be ineligible to show in the 4-H point shows and ineligible for the 4-H state show for that year.**

Registration FEE;

- Light Horse = \$ 60.00 - Mini Horse = \$ 40.00 - Draft Horse = \$ 40.00 - Lead Line = \$ 15.00

Basic Observation Ride / Jump / Drive-Light-Mini-Draft

- All members new to showing in Macomb County 4-H and those riders graduating to a Walk/Trot/Canter class are required to take a Basic Observation Ride of safety and equitation.
- First Year/New Drivers are required to participate in The Miniature Ground Driving Class for their first year. Exhibitors may Opt out of the Miniature Ground Driving requirement if they take the Driver Observation. **(Mini)**
- The Observation Ride/Drive and rain date to be determined/administered by the Program Committee.
- The Basic Observation Ride/Drive and or Jumping will be held at an agreed upon location. If not able to attend there will be a \$ 35.00 charge per rider to have the Observation Ride/Drive and or Jumping done at the Rider's barn.
- Introduction to Jumping Observation Ride and a Jump (Over fences and Hunter Hack) Observation Ride to be administered by screened and qualified 4-H Volunteers or Teen Leaders.
- Members are to provide a copy of a **negative Coggin's** test for the current year in compliance with Michigan State Law.
- Observation results must be reported to the Point Secretary of the current year by May 1st with signatures or confirmation from participating parties to be compiled in that current year's records.

Protective headgear

Protective headgear – All participants in all hunter (over fences, on the flat and bareback), dressage, bareback, saddle seat and gymkhana classes are required to wear properly secured protective riding helmets whenever they are mounted. The helmets must meet the specifications of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), must be manufactured and distributed by a participant in the certification program of the Safety Equipment Institute (SEI) and must bear the SEI certification label (SEI F1163 or above). The exhibitor (or his or her parent or legal guardian if the exhibitor is a minor) – not the local show officials or judge – is solely responsible for complying with the headgear rule. Show officials reserve the right to spot-check helmets at any time to verify compliance with this rule. This rule applies to when ever mounted on the horse regardless of age. All riders in the warm-up areas must have a helmet regardless of discipline.

Horse Behavior

- Owners/Riders of any horse exhibiting unsafe behavior toward other animals and/or people, as determined by the Executive Board, will be warned first and not limited to asked to remove their horse from the show grounds.
- If prior knowledge of a horse prone to kicking, a red ribbon shall be tied to the tail of the horse while showing.

Judges & Judging-Light-Mini-Draft

- All Light Horse classes will be judged according to Michigan 4-H Standards as outlined in the State 4-H Horse & Pony Rule Book
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_horse_pony_project_show_rules_regulations
- All Mini classes will be judged according to the AMHR Rulebook (for Miniature Horses)
https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/uploads/files/Miniature-Horse-Rule-Book-Final-2019.pdf
- All Draft Horses classes will be judged according to the State 4-H Horse & Pony Rule Book. (Draft Horses)
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_horse_pony_project_show_rules_regulations
- Each show should begin with the National Anthem and the colors will be presented and available.
- Judges must be selected from the current approved Horse Judges List from MSU.
<file:///I:/2020%204-H/Judges%20List/MI%204H%20Judges%20List%20Feb%2013.pdf>
- Judges are allowed to judge only one show per year and cannot judge a show for two consecutive years.
- Judges must not be, or have been, a Macomb County resident for at least two years prior to the show being judged.
- The Committee will determine the number of judges and rings used each year.
- A double-judged for Light Horse show will count as two shows for point accumulation.
- Any question for the Judge must be asked by the **SHOW CHAIR ONLY**
- Judges decisions are final.
- The judge must walk the course and has the right and duty to alter the course in any manner to remove or change any obstacle he or she deems unsafe or nonnegotiable.

Class Requirements – Light Horses

- Each 4-H exhibitor, with the exception of Lead Line and Walk Trot (see the Lead Line and Walk Trot section (below), is permitted to select unlimited classes.
- Any style of Fitting and Showing is mandatory for show points to be used toward State Delegate eligibility. A rider electing not to show in Fitting and Showing will not accumulate points toward State Delegate eligibility for that show. A Fitting & Showing class will be available for each seat.
- Entries cannot be submitted or changed after 12:00 noon. Scratches are allowed.
- Members must advise the Point Secretary - no later than one class prior - of any class the exhibitor scratches.
- Lead Line leader should be in the same discipline as the rider or minimally a long sleeve button up (collared) shirt, long pants and boots

Trail Class

- See State 4-H Horse & Pony Rule Book
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_horse_pony_project_show_rules_regulations

Dressage

- See State 4-H Horse & Pony Rule Book
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_horse_pony_project_show_rules_regulations

Equitation over Fences

- The height of fences for Ponies will be 2 feet and the height of fences for horses is not to exceed 3 feet.
- All exhibitors participating in this class must have passed a Observation Jump.
- All exhibitors must wear an approved SEI helmet.

Hunter Hack

- The height of the fence is not to exceed 2 feet 6 inches.
- All exhibitors participating in this class must have passed a Observation Jump.
- Exhibitors may also participate in equitation over fences.
- All exhibitors must wear an approved SEI helmet.

Reining

- See State 4-H Horse & Pony Rule Book
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_horse_pony_project_show_rules_regulations

Lead Line & Walk Trot

- These classes are for exhibitors ages 5 - 7 for Lead Line and ages 8 and over for Walk Trot.
- The rider is to show in one or the other of these classes.
- Lead Line and Walk Trot exhibitors may not show in any other riding class.
- Walk Trot exhibitors may show in non-riding classes such as Fitting and Showing.
- Walk Trot 7 and under and Lead Line 7 and under must wear an approved SEI helmet.
- A rider may register for walk/trot regardless of their registration in walk/trot/canter classes in prior years if walk/trot is more suitable to the ability of the rider.
- The decision to register in walk/trot by the rider must be made prior to the first point show and the rider must show walk/trot in all 4-H shows (including the Armada Fair) for the year.

For all other class information not listed above, refer to:

State 4-H Horse & Pony Rule Book See State 4-H Horse & Pony Rule Book;

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_horse_pony_project_show_rules_regulations

Class Requirements – Mini / Draft

- Appropriate show attire will be worn and will be neat and clean.
- Showmanship: Neat and clean clothes including hats, boots, long sleeve shirts are required. Gloves Optional
- All Headers and Drivers: No T-shirts, tank tops, shorts, sandals, or open-toed shoes.
- Showmanship is a required class for all exhibitors
- Exhibitors may show in club apparel for fun classes and relax dress per judge's discretion.
- An adult in proper show attire may accompany cart class entries of youth for first time drivers.

All age divisions are as follows:

- **Minis**
 - Cloversprout: Ages 5-7
 - All Cloversprouts are to receive Cloversprout Ribbons or 1st place in every class.
 - Juniors: Ages 8-12
 - Seniors: Ages 13-19
- **Drafts**
 - Cloversprout: Ages 5-7
 - All Cloversprouts are to receive Cloversprout Ribbons or 1st place in every class.
 - Ages 8-19
 - Relax dress is determined at the Judge's discretion. Attire has to still include long pants.

Miniature Horse Showmanship

- See https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/uploads/files/Miniature-Horse-Rule-Book-Final-2019.pdf

Draft Horse Showmanship

- State 4-H Horse & Pony Rulebook for details on this class.

Miniature Jumping

- See https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/uploads/files/Miniature-Horse-Rule-Book-Final-2019.pdf

Miniature In-Hand Trail

- See https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/uploads/files/Miniature-Horse-Rule-Book-Final-2019.pdf

Draft Driving Classes

- See State 4-H Horse & Pony Rulebook for details on these classes.

Miniature Ground Driving

- First Year/New Drivers are required to participate in this class for their first year.
 - Exhibitors may Opt out of the Miniature Ground Driving requirement if they take the Driver Observation.
 - Results must be reported to the Point Secretary of the current year by May 1st with signatures or confirmation from participating parties to be compiled in that current year's records.
- Minis should be harnessed, and will be asked to walk, trot, and extend the trot in both directions, as well as stop and reverse.

Miniature Open Driving Divisions

- Classes will not be divided by driving type or style, but rather by the age of the exhibitor.
- Headers are mandatory for all youth exhibitors. Headers need to be at least 16 years and older and should be dressed appropriately for the ring.
- See https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/uploads/files/Miniature-Horse-Rule-Book-Final-2019.pdf

Miniature Obstacle Driving

- See https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/uploads/files/Miniature-Horse-Rule-Book-Final-2019.pdf

Draft Under Saddle

- Can be shown with English or Western tack, with no driving bridles or bareback pads.
- Judged as a pleasure riding class at a walk and trot/jog both ways of the ring.
- Horse is to stand quietly and back easily.

Cloverleaf

- See pg. 99 of the State 4-H Horse & Pony Rulebook for details on this class.
- These classes are in-hand for both Miniature and Draft Horses.

Poles

- See pg. 102 of the State 4-H Horse & Pony Rulebook for details on this class.
- These classes are in-hand for both Miniature and Draft Horses.

Musical Buckets

- A game played like musical chairs.
 - 4 cones are set up in a square to determine boundary lines around jugs/buckets in the middle of the square.
 - Exhibitors must remain on the outside of the barriers, at a forward moving pace, until the music stops.
 - Exhibitors are disqualified if they let go of their horse, or if they hold on to more than two feet of lead from their horse's head.
 - Placings are determined by the order of exhibitors that leave the square.
- These classes are in-hand for both Miniature and Draft Horses.

Command

- A game played like "Simon Says"
 - The Judge will call out a command to the exhibitors (walk, trot, canter, stop, back, etc). by the rules of "Simon Says"
 - Placings are determined by the order of exhibitors that do not follow the command or that do not do the command within 3 seconds.
- These classes are in-hand for both Miniature and Draft Horses.

Costume

- See https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/uploads/files/Miniature-Horse-Rule-Book-Final-2019.pdf

Miniature Horse Guidelines

- Project is open to miniature horses 38" in height and under.
- Any new participant showing a non-registered horse must have their horse measured by May 1st.
- Registered minis will use the measurement on the horse's registration papers.
- AMHR guidelines for measuring apply. Representatives from two different horse clubs must witness the measure.
- Horses must be free of infectious and contagious diseases.
- Ownership of an animal is not required. A written permission slip from the owner must be on record with the Horse Program Committee.

Draft Horse Guidelines

- Horses must be free of infectious and contagious diseases.
- Ownership of an animal is not required. A written permission slip from the owner must be on record with the Horse Program Committee.

Rings

- The Board will set distribution of classes between two rings after the May 1st registration is received and totaled.
- If the show ring is not large enough to safely accommodate the entire class, classes can be split.
- All clubs will participate in the set up and take down of the show equipment at each show per Club Assignments.

Point Shows-Light-Mini-Draft

- The Committee will sponsor all shows, determine the number of point shows each year and set show dates.
- Age classes will be established after the May 1st registration to establish a show bill.
- The show bill for all 4-H Point Shows must remain as approved by the Committee.
- **All Light Horse** shows begin at 8 a.m. and will follow the current Showbill accordingly.
- **All Mini / Draft** shows begin at 9 a.m. and will follow the current Showbill accordingly.
- All English and Western classes will be billed together on the show bill.
- No classes will be combined unless determined by the Committee.
- In case of inclement weather and cancellation of a show, no makeup show will be held; no points will be given for the entire show and no refunds.
- Ring Assignments may be adjusted on day of show to keep show moving forward.
- **Lights** patterns such as Fitting & Showing, Trail Classes, Equitation over Fences, Reining Pattern, Saddle Seat Pattern and Dressage will be posted at the beginning of each show.
- **Mini / Draft** - Patterns such as Showmanship, Jumping, In-Hand Trail, Obstacle Driving, and Gaming will be posted at the beginning of each show.
- Gate calls (1 minutes) and Tack Changes (5 minutes) will be announced promptly by the Announcer. If exhibitors fail to enter the ring after the allotted time, the gate will be closed and the exhibitor disqualified.
- A current Rule Book will be available for reference at each show.
- Every member is responsible for their own back number.
- Placing will be awarded first through sixth and points will be assigned when the exhibited class has six or more participants.
- Points for classes that contain less than six exhibitors will be adjusted based on the number of exhibitors in the class and their placing. (i.e. If a class has only three exhibitors, 1st place will acquire only three points, 2nd place will acquire only two points, and 3rd place will acquire one point).
- Ribbons for all 4-H point shows and ribbons and trophies for the 4-H Fundraiser / Fun Show will be ordered and purchased by the Ribbon committee.
- The last point show will be prior to the State 4-H Horse Show entry deadline.

Ring Steward

- State 4-H Horse & Pony Rule Book at;
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_horse_pony_project_show_rules_regulations
- The ring steward should dress 4H appropriate.

Show Grounds Regulations – Light / Mini / Draft

- All 4-H members are to wear riding boots while in all rings.
- Registered 4-H youth only are allowed to ride their project horse.
- No glass containers are allowed on the show grounds.
- Dogs must be on a leash at six feet or less and remain behind the parking pole at all 4-H shows.
- No Horses under the shade huts.
- No gait above a walk is allowed anywhere on the grounds except in show and practice rings.
- No bareback riding or riding on any adjacent property is allowed.
- No riding double.
- No horses allowed on the gravel areas.

Project Horses

One Horse – Two Members - Lights

- Only one member is allowed to show the same project during a show season except:
 - When another member of the same family would be prevented from showing unless allowed to show the same project horse.
 - When the horse is also being used for Lead Line or Walk Trot.
 - Members from the same 4-H family must show in different classes.
 - The members must agree to exhibit the horse in a number of classes that will provide optimum safety and health for the animal.
 - If both members of the same family should qualify as State Delegates, both will be eligible.

Non-Siblings showing the same horse.

- Non-siblings members sharing the same horse must be determined by **May 1st**
 - Members must show in different classes.
 - Members must exhibit the horse in a number of classes that will provide optimum safety and health for the animal.
 - Both Members will be **ineligible** to qualify as State Delegates.
 - Members sharing the same horse will be **ineligible** as State Delegates even if only one member participates during the show season.
- Members sharing a horse for the purpose of a non-family member to show in Lead-Line or Walk-Trot will be **eligible** for State competition.
- The Project horse does not have to be owned by the exhibitor. A written permission slip from the owner must be on record with the Horse Program Committee.
- Any member exhibiting a broodmare must keep the foal out of the show area.

One Horse – Two Members - Mini-Draft

- Only one member is allowed to show the same project during a show season except:
 - When another member would be prevented from showing unless allowed to show the same project horse.
 - Non-siblings members sharing the same horse must be determined by **May 1st**.
 - Members must exhibit the horse in a number of classes that will provide optimum safety and health for the animal.
- Members can show in the same classes except those classes that ask for exhibitors to remain in the ring (ex: Driving). Members can show using the same horse and equipment in Grooms,. Both members should be in the arena at the same time.
- Both Members will be **eligible** to qualify as State Delegates.
- The Project horse does not have to be owned by the exhibitor. A written permission slip from the owner must be on record with the Horse Program Committee.

Changing a Project Horse – Light / Mini / Draft

- If during the course of the show season a member's horse is determined to be unsafe or unsound, and as a result cannot be shown for the remainder of the season, the member may continue to participate on a different horse for the remainder of the 4-H show season provided:
- Prior to the new project horse being shown, the Point Secretary has received the following:
 - A note from the General Leader of the member's club indicating his/her knowledge of reason or change of project horse.
 - A **PRINTED COLORED FULL VIEW** photo of the horse must be provided each year.
 - A new Registration form.
 - A documented veterinarian note.
 - A **PRINTED** negative Coggins on the substitute horse (A 12-month Coggins will be accepted with current re-test of substitute horse).
- Exhibitors changing horses for reasons of unsafe/unsound can accumulate points for year-end awards but will be **Ineligible** to qualify as State Delegates.
- If the exhibitor neglects to inform the Point Secretary before the day of the show that he/she has changed his/her project horse, any points earned will not be recorded.
- Each member may make only one change per 4-H show year.

Michigan State 4-H Show Eligibility and Delegate Selection – Light- Mini-Draft

- Macomb County Delegates must:
 - Be 13 years old by January 1st of the current program year.
 - The current registered 4-H project horse as of May 1st must be shown at the Michigan State 4-H Horse Show.
 - Must show in at least one Fitting & Showing (Showmanship) / Gymkhana Fitting & Showing (Showmanship) class per show for any points to count for that show.
 - Must show in at least 2 county 4-H horse shows and show in at least 3 classes at each show. At Least one Showmanship class per season. **(Mini Only)**
 - Delegates or representative are required to attend a **Mandatory** July meeting. **Lights and Mini's**
(Delegate / representative / Parent or guardian)
 - Delegates chosen as alternates must complete an entry form with all other entries from the County. If a delegate cancels, the County Extension staff must contact the Animal Science Office (517) 432-5402 by Tuesday, before the show weekend by 5 p.m. Alternates will not be eligible to participate unless notice is received from the County staff. The Macomb County Point Secretary will contact the Alternate Club Leader and the Club Leader will contact the delegate.
 - If a delegate / alternate notifies Macomb County Point Secretary too late to send the County's delegate quota they will forfeit their entry fee. **Lights and Mini's**

Mathematical formulation for those exhibitors that meet Delegate requirements: - Lights

- State Delegates will have the best three out of four shows used to tally points.
- For the three point shows used to tally points, the exhibitor's highest three eligible classes will be totaled regardless of style or number of classes shown.
- The recording secretary will calculate the grand total of the best three out of four scheduled point shows for each qualified exhibitor.

Example:

	Highest Three Classes	Points	Highest Three Classes	Points	Comments
Points Show #1	2 nd , 2 nd , 3 rd	14	1 st , 1 st , 3 rd	16	
Points Show #2	3 rd , 3 rd , 4 th	8	2 nd , 4 th , 3 rd	0	No F&S class
Double Judge	1 st , *2 nd , 3 rd	11	2 nd , 2 nd , 4 th	13	*Only two exhibitors
Double Judge	3 rd , *2 nd , 5 th	7	3 rd , 2 nd , 2 nd	14	*Only two exhibitors
Grand Total		40		43	

Note: These calculations are for purposes of determining state show delegates and not year-end awards. All points still apply to year-end awards given for each class.

- The Point Secretary will determine state Delegates. Club leaders will contact Delegates for **Mandatory** July Meeting.
- In the event of a tie, fitting and showing points will be used as the first criteria for tie breaking, the second criteria will be age with the oldest exhibitor selected as state delegate.
- Macomb County Horse Program Committee will fulfill the volunteer quota requirements from MSU for the State 4-H Horse Show.

Year-End Awards

- A High Point and Reserve High Point will be acknowledged for each class.
- An accumulation of total points for a particular class will be totaled for all exhibitors, from all point shows that particular year.
- Tie scores will be honored and awarded.
- Participation awards will be presented to all exhibitors.

Show Job Descriptions

The MCHPC will elect adult volunteers or leaders each year to fulfill these following positions. Each volunteer or leader is required to fulfill the job position for the entire year. Descriptions of each job position are as follows:

Adult or Youth Pattern Creator and Designer

1. In charge of creating, designing, and distributing the patterns for:
2. Senior & Junior **Mini** Jumping
3. Senior & Junior **Mini** In-Hand Trail
4. Cloversprout **Mini** In-Hand Trail
5. **Draft** Obstacle Ground Driving 9-19
6. **Draft** Cloversprout Ground Driving
7. Senior and Junior **Mini** Obstacle Driving
8. Trail Class – **Lights**
9. Walk Trot Trail Class - **Light**

Please reference the AMHR Rulebook (**for Miniature Horses**)

https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/uploads/files/Miniature-Horse-Rule-Book-Final-2019.pdf

and the State 4-H Horse & Pony Rule Book (**for Lights**)

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_horse_pony_project_show_rules_regulations

for more details and requirements.

- All patterns should be completed and voted on by the Horse Committee by the April meeting in order to be distributed and sent to the judges.

Judge Hiring Committee Chairperson

- Is responsible for hiring all judges for the show season.
- 2 weeks prior to each show, is responsible to send each judge a judge's packet which should include:
 1. Title Page.
 2. Directions/Address to Camp Rotary.
 3. Current Showbill.
 4. Rules & Regulations for **Light-Mini-Draft**.
 5. Copy of all patterns.
 6. Communicate to Judge to prepare patterns for Showmanship.
 7. Contact information of Chairperson.
- Responsibility at shows is to greet the judges and show them to lunch.
- After the show, pay and get the evaluation form from the Judge.

Show Chair

- In charge of addressing any conflicts, issues, or deciding factors that need to be addressed at all shows.
- A minimum of 2 other leaders must be present in all decision making.

Point Secretary

- Is responsible in collecting all registration paperwork (paperwork, fee, picture, copy of coggins) before May 1st.
- Makes sure exhibitor's age matches up with appropriate 4-H age.
- Keeps track of aging out 4-H members.
- Responsibility is to be present or have representation at all shows with paper or electronic documentation of all members showing and all placing at each show.
- Should be prepared at each show with:
 - Documentation/Records
 - Class Registration Forms
 - Class Pages
 - Showbills
 - Patterns
 - Judge's Cards
 - Add/Scratch Sheets
- Is responsible for all records and forms after each show.
- Must compose end-of-the-year points for all members and all classes.
- Points and records will be available to everyone.
- Points and records must be completed by September 1st of the current year in order to prepare for the Banquet Awards.

Announcer

- Works with the Point Secretary.
- Is responsible for running each show in a timely manner by following a current Showbill.

Ring Stewart

- Is the only communicator between the Judge and the Announcer.
- Should dress 4-H appropriate.
- Is not to interfere or converse with any exhibitors in the ring at any time unless permitted to do so.

****Glossary**

ASTM-SEI – The American Society for Testing and Materials – Safety Equipment Institute; the organization that sets specifications for safety helmets

bit – generally a piece of metal that is attached to a bridle and runs through the horse's mouth; used to signal the horse; bits are found in many styles and degrees of severity

bosal – braided rawhide or leather noseband used in lieu of a snaffle bit on horses aged 5 and under that curves around the nose and is knotted under the jaw; it is held on by a headstall and woven horsehair or rope reins are attached to the knotted heel of the bosal

bradoon – a small snaffle bit designed for use in a double bridle

breed standards – standards set by individual breed associations that describe the ideal representative of that breed

bumping the reins – a light check and release of the reins

cavesson – a noseband with two independent cheek pieces on the bridle

conformation – the build of an animal; the structure, form, balance and symmetrical arrangement of parts

danger zone – the area directly in front of or behind a horse in which it is dangerous to stand because of the danger of being kicked, struck or run over by the animal

diagonals – refers to the forefoot of the horse moving in unison with the opposite hind foot at the trot; when posting, the rider should rise as the forefoot on the outside of a turn comes forward

dressage – a style of riding whose object is the harmonious development of the physical ability of the horse resulting in a calm, supple, flexible animal, both longitudinally and laterally; evaluated by performing a specific performance test at the level of training the horse has accomplished

drop the bit – to remove the bit for the judge's inspection; always performed when the exhibitor is dismounted, usually before entering the ring or at the end of a class

fashion heels – heels on boots not designed for riding that may catch in a stirrup if a rider falls off a horse

fault – a decrease in points in an over-fences class, due to an error by horse or rider

gait – a way of going, either natural or acquired, that is characterized by a distinctive movement of feet and legs

ground poles – poles placed on the ground that a horse and rider may be called upon to go over

gymkhana – timed games on horseback with specific patterns and rules

halfbreed bit – a curb bit with a 1½- to 2-inch port that often has a roller or cricket

hunter hack – class in which a horse and rider are called upon to go over two jumps individually and then perform work on the flat as part of a group

impulsion – In order to have impulsion, a horse must engage his hind legs and allow the energy to come through his elastic back*

judge – impartial person hired or appointed by the show management to evaluate the performance of exhibitors at a 4-H horse show

jump cups – cup that holds a jump rail in place

jump pins – pin that holds a jump cup to a jump standard

kimberwick – a direct action English bit (see snaffle) that allows for the attachment of a curb chain, which can provide more of a leverage or curb effect

lead (loping or cantering) – the foreleg that is reaching out the furthest at a lope or canter; when circling to the right, the horse should be on the right lead, that is, the right foreleg should reach out slightly ahead of the left foreleg

lead chain – see "lead shank"

lead shank – a chain, rope, strap or combination thereof used for leading a horse

longe – the act of exercising a horse on the end of a long line, usually in a circle

longe line – line of not more than 30 feet long that may or may not have a chain at one end; used for longeing a horse

lugging on the bit – the action of a horse that consistently pulls on the bit, against the rider or driver's hands

martingale – a device used to assist in the placement of the horse's head; a running martingale is a type of tie down attached to the reins, a standing martingale is a type of tie down attached to the cavesson or noseband

mullen – a bit with a straight or slightly curved mouthpiece that applies pressure across the horse's tongue and bars only.

near side – the left side of a horse

off side – the right side of a horse

overcheck – a short rein passing from the bit to the saddle of a harness to prevent the horse from lowering its head

overflexion – a head and neck position in which a horse flexes its poll such that the muzzle is carried in toward the chest in an excessive manner

pelham – a one-piece bit equipped to handle four reins

(two snaffle reins for guiding the horse and lifting the head and two curb reins for control and for setting the head)

pumping the reins – using the arms to pull heavily on the reins

pylons – markers or traffic cones used to designate a pattern; often bright orange

ratcatcher – a tie worn at the neck in English apparel; generally wraps around the collar and may be held in place with a pin

ring steward – the judge’s assistant; person who works with the judge, announcer, gate person and exhibitors to help ensure that a horse show runs smoothly

romal – an extension of braided material or smooth leather attached to closed reins

rowels – multipointed metal spur attachment that revolves

safe/safety zone – the area in front, but off to one side, of a horse; area where an exhibitor is not likely to be struck if the horse rears or lunges forward

scratch – when an exhibitor withdraws from a previously entered class before the class begins

snaffle – a very mild bit with a jointed or solid mouthpiece that works on direct pressure to the corners of the mouth (as opposed to a leverage bit such as a curb) and does not have shanks or curb straps

snaffle rein – the leather straps that attach to the snaffle bit and allow the rider to guide the horse; when used in a pelham or full bridle the snaffle rein is the heavier rein that is used for guiding

sour ears – a sign of agitation in a horse in which the animal pins its ear back

spirit level (plumb bob) – a device used for determining true horizontal or vertical directions by the centering of a bubble in a slight curved glass tube or tubes filled with alcohol or ether; used to ensure that jumps are level; also called level

splint boots – protective boots worn on the horse’s front legs to prevent injury to the cannon bones

stock tie (or pin) – a tie or pin worn at the neck in western or English riding apparel

tack – riding equipment or gear for the animal such as a saddle, bridle, halter

traces – the parts of a harness that run from the collar to the singletree

trailer – an assistant to the exhibitor in a halter class who encourages draft horses and donkeys to move out energetically

* Harris (1993). *Horse Gaits, Balance and Movement*.

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