

**St. Joseph County**

**2023**

**Horse Project  
Rules**

(Specific to St. Joseph County)

**Note:** All other rules can be found in the ["Michigan 4-H Horse & Pony Project Show Rules & Regulations"](#)

Also available on-line at:

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/michigan\\_4\\_h\\_horse\\_pony\\_project\\_show\\_rules\\_regulations](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_horse_pony_project_show_rules_regulations)

# St. Joseph County 4-H Horse/Pony Project Rules

Developed and approved by the St. Joseph County 4-H Horse Council

## General 4-H Horse/Pony Project Rules

1. **4-H Member Project Enrollment Forms** (for any and all projects) are due in the St. Joseph County MSU Extension office by December 1 of the new project year.
2. Exhibitors in the horse and pony project area may own, borrow, lease or share their project animal(s). **\*Note:** See Horse Sharing rules.
3. All 4-H Horse/Pony project animals must be registered in the St. Joseph County MSU Extension office by May 1 of the current project year. Registration information must be submitted on the **4-H Horse/Pony Project Animal Registration Form** (available from your horse club organizational leader). Members are responsible for supplying the following information regarding each project animal: name, breed, sex, age, color/distinguishing markings, plus breed registration number and/or 4-H pony county registration number where applicable. A 3 ½" x 2 1/2" identifiable, **CLEAR FULL BODY SIDE VIEW COLOR PHOTO** must be attached to 4-H Horse/Pony Project Animal Registration Form.
4. Refer to 4-H Bulletin, **Michigan 4-H Horse, Pony & Miniature Project Show Rules and Regulations**, for 4-H horse show rules and regulations set forth by the State 4-H Horse Project Developmental Committee, including rules and regulations and information on appropriate tack and dress for a given class. **Note:** In general, the Michigan 4-H Horse/Pony/Miniature Project rules will be followed in any and all 4-H Horse Council-sponsored shows and in 4-H horse/pony/miniature classes at fair. However, the 4-H Horse Council has the authority to develop and approve, if deemed appropriate, 4-H Horse/Pony/Miniature Project rules specific to the St. Joseph County 4-H Horse Program which take precedence over state 4-H rules contained in this bulletin.
5. 4-H officials expect courteous and orderly conduct by exhibitors and attendees at 4-H Horse Project events/shows. Harassment, profanity or unsportsmanlike conduct toward show officials, judges, staff, leaders or other exhibitors will **NOT** be tolerated.

## Pony & Miniature Measurement Dates/Rules/Procedure

1. All 4-H project animals intended for show in **pony and miniature classes** at any 4-H Horse Council-sponsored shows (for which pony or miniature classes are offered) and/or at the St. Joseph County Grange Fair **must** be measured during the current project year in order to establish "show height". **NOTE:** If the project animal in question is five (5) years old or older, and an official St. Joseph County 4-H "show height" has been established for the animal previously, re-measurement is not necessary.
2. **Attention!** The **4-H Pony Measurement Check-In Form** must be completed and turned in to the pony measurement steward at the time of measurement. An official breed measurement card will be accepted from current year or to establish permanent show height of an animal 5 years and older. A copy must be turned in with May 1 sign ups.
3. A pony can be shown as a horse for the current year and remains horse for that year, but can be shown as a pony the following year after it is re-measured.

## St. Joseph County Rules Governing 4-H Project Animal Changes

1. All 4-H horse/pony project animals must be registered with the St. Joseph County MSU Extension office by May 1 of the current project year on the official **4-H Equine Project Animal Registration Form**.
2. **Eligibility for Requesting a Project Animal Change:** A given 4-H member may only make a formal project animal change request if he/she has no (zero) other project animal(s) registered in his/her name for the specific discipline.
3. **Procedure for Formal Change Request:** The procedure for making a project animal change request, for those 4-H members who meet the eligibility requirement for requesting a project animal change (as noted directly above), is as follows:  
Obtain a copy of the **4-H Equine Change Request Form** from the St. Joseph County MSU Extension 4-H website. The form requires submission once all sections of the form are filled out.  
[https://www.canr.msu.edu/st\\_joseph/4-h/4\\_h\\_horse\\_and\\_pony](https://www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_horse_and_pony)
4. **Submission of Completed Change Request Form:** Completed 4-H Project Animal Change Request Form (with veterinary slip attached where applicable) must be submitted to the St. Joseph County MSU Extension office, Centreville, Michigan at least one (1) working day prior to the next regularly scheduled 4-H Horse Council Meeting. The 4-H office will then notify the 4-H Horse Council President regarding the receipt of the change request form. (Call 269/467-5521 for assistance, if needed, in obtaining the date of the next regularly scheduled 4-H Horse Council Meeting.
5. **Last Date for Submitting a Project Animal Change Request Form:** The last possible date for submitting a 4-H Horse/Pony Project Animal Change Request Form to the St. Joseph County MSU Extension office is August 15 **of the current project year**.
6. **If there are extenuating circumstances surrounding a project animal change after the stated deadline, contact your leader and HC president/executive board to discuss options.**
7. **Change Request Review Process:** The 4-H Horse Council president will be notified that a project animal change request has been received. The president will notify the other members of the horse council executive board of the need for a meeting to be held prior to the next regularly scheduled 4-H Horse Council Meeting.
8. **Member Notification of Change Request Outcome:** The 4-H member and club leader will be notified of the outcome/decision.

## St. Joseph County 4-H Horse/Pony/Miniature Project Fair Rules

1. All project members, leaders and parents are responsible for reading and following all rules contained in the 4-H/FFA & Other Youth Fair Premium Book which pertain to the 4-H Equine Project, including:
  - St. Joseph County 4-H Participation/Conduct Policy
  - General Rules
  - General Animal Science Rules
  - Michigan Department of Agriculture Rules and Regulations for Exhibiting Livestock in Michigan
  - 4-H Horse/Pony Project Rules found under Department 16
2. **Required Leader Observation:** Each 4-H member wishing to exhibit a horse/pony in 4-H classes at the St. Joseph County Grange Fair must be observed working with the project animal(s) in question by his/her 4-H Horse Equine project leader during the current project year in order to be eligible to participate in 4-H horse/pony/miniature classes at the fair. **Attention:** Leader observation must be completed by September 1.
3. All 4-H horse exhibitors must stable a 4-H project horse/pony/miniature in the 4-H barns at the fairgrounds until **5:30 a.m. on Sunday** following fair. **Exceptions are at the discretion of 4-H Horse Superintendent, 4-H Program Coordinator and/or Veterinarian**
4. Exhibitors who remove their project animal(s) from the fairgrounds prior to this date and time without approval will forfeit their 4-H horse project-related premiums. **Note:** This is a St. Joseph County Grange Fair rule. Exhibitors are required to leave their exhibits on display in exchange for fair premiums.
5. **Required "Thank You" Notes for Trophies/Special Awards:** Each 4-H member who wins one or more trophies/special awards in 4-H horse/pony/miniature classes at the St. Joseph County Grange Fair is required to write a "thank you" note to the trophy donor(s). The completed, properly addressed, stamped "thank you" note for a given trophy must then be submitted during **4-H Trophy/Special Award Pick-Up** on the final Saturday of fair in 4-H still project exhibit building No. 43. The pick-up period will run from 10:00 - 11:00 p.m. Volunteers will be on hand to assist with accepting the "thank you" note in exchange for a given trophy/award. **Note:** Donor names/addresses will be posted in Building No. 43 during fair week.
6. **Required Leader Review of "Thank You" Notes:** All "thank you" notes **must** be reviewed by a 4-H Horse leader. The leader must initial the backside of the envelope if they approve of the content of the member's "thank you" note. If the leader does not approve of the content of the note, they need to work with the member (and the member's parents if necessary) on making improvements to the note. A given trophy/special award will only be distributed in exchange for a thank you note.

## Educational Resources:

The following 4-H bulletins are available at the following websites:

- Michigan 4-H Horse & Pony Project Show Rules & Regulations (revised 2016)  
([http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/michigan\\_4\\_h\\_horse\\_pony\\_project\\_show\\_rules\\_regulations](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_horse_pony_project_show_rules_regulations))
- Horse Science ([www.4-hmall.org](http://www.4-hmall.org))
- Horses and Horsemanship ([www.4-hmall.org](http://www.4-hmall.org))
- [https://www.canr.msu.edu/st\\_joseph/4-h/4\\_h\\_horse\\_and\\_pony](https://www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_horse_and_pony)

GENERAL RULES		
1	Contestant may be led into the show arena.	Passed March 2006
2	Ponies/Miniatures must be measured at a scheduled measurement date and will not be allowed to enter pony classes if measurement is not on file prior to show date. Failure to be measured will result in horse status for the current show year.	Passed March 2006 Amended 2019, 2023
3	Protective head gear and boots are required in all gymkhana, classical dressage, jumping, Hunt-style, competitive trail, saddle seat and bareback classes.	Passed March 2006; Amended 2017 Amended 2019
4	Breast collars are required for all horses/ponies in ridden gymkhana and competitive trail events.	Passed March 2006; Amended 2013, 2023
5	Participant must display correct county 4-H identification number and corresponding horse letter (or the assigned HC 3 digit number) for all classes at Horse Council sponsored shows. Noncompliance will result in forfeiture of all points accumulated in affected classes.	Passed March 2006 Amended 2023
6	No PVC pipe may be used for any obstacle in any class, except "in-hand" classes, pole bending and driving obstacles. ABS is acceptable.	Passed March 2006; Amended 2013 Amended 2019
7	Fairbook class changes to be applied as needed.	Passed October 2007; Amended 2017
8	In all classes, every exhibitor that enters the gate qualifies as an entry in the class-even if "DQ" or "no time" status occurs.	Passed March 2009
9	When there is a Qualifier show, points are not pro-rated. 1st place will be 6 points, 2nd will be 5points, etc., regardless of class size. Totals will apply to State Delegate selection only.	Passed November 2007 Amended 2023
10	Changes will not be allowed on Horse sign-up forms after the May 1 deadline.	Passed May 2008; Amended Feb. 2014
11	All donations, monetary and physical, will be considered St. Joseph County 4-H Horse Council/MSU Extension property from the date the donation is received. TheHorse Council Treasurer, upon the request of the donor, will issue a receipt.	Constitution May 2007
12	At this time, all 38" and under Miniature horses are allowed to participate at the State show, therefore, these participants will not be included in the total number of members allotted by the Extension office in Lansing. If, in the future, MSU Extension changes the allocation of delegates allowed to participate to include the Miniature horse delegates, the Horse Council will adhere to their policy.	Passed February 2008; Amended 2014, 2019
13	No new rules/programs may be put in action after the April Horse Council meeting of the current project year. Rules/Programs may be applied for and approved by the Horse Council after thatdate but will not be in effect until the next project year.	Passed March 2008 Amended 2016, 2023
14	Requirements for all Specialty areas must be met before September 1 of the project year.	Announced by MSUE October 2010
16	Any St. Joseph County 4-H measured Pony/Miniature, if shown in Horse classes, remains a horse for the calendar year and must be re-measured to re-qualify as a pony (original pony number should be re-activated).	Passed December 2011 Amended 2019
17	Show bills, forms, notices and additional information available online at: <a href="https://www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_horse_and_pony">https://www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_horse_and_pony</a>	Announced by MSUE October 2011; Updated 2014, 2017 & 2019
18	Returning 4-H Horse/Rider combo may forgo two (2) workout minimum <i>if</i> approved by Specialty Coordinator. Member is responsible for verifying approval with Coordinator.	Passed December 2011 Amended 2019
19	Non-4-H members (parents, siblings, etc.) are not allowed to ride at workouts. Although for safety in the Competitive Trail program, adults are allowed as outriders. Also, for safety in the driving program, a parent/adult is allowed in the cart with youth.	Announced by MSUE August 2008; Amended 2011, 2013, 2017 & 2019

**COMPETITIVE TRAIL**

1	All 4-H members are eligible to compete in competitive trail if approved by the competitive trail coordinators only. First year members must be seen at a minimum of two (2) Competitive Trail workouts. Returning 4-H horse/rider combination may forgo the two (2) minimum required workouts if approval is given by the competitive trail coordinators only. Member is responsible for verifying approval with the coordinators. The Judged Competitive Trail ride is held prior to Fair.	Passed March 2006; Amended 2013, 2014 & 2016
2	Protective head gear and boots are required.	Passed March 2006; Amended 2017 & 2019
3	Breast collars, halters and leads are required for all horses/ponies.	Passed March 2006; Amended 2013, 2017 & 2019
4	All members must know the competitive trail rules provided by the specialty leader.	Passed 2017

**DRESSAGE**

1	Members are encouraged to attend one (1) workout to participate in Ridden Dressage at fair.	Passed 2017 Amended 2022
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**DRIVING and IN-HAND**

1	All 4-H members & Cloverbuds are eligible to compete at fair in driving classes if approved by the driving coordinators. First year members must be seen at a minimum of two (2) Driving workouts. Returning 4-H horse/driver combination may forgo the two (2) minimum required workouts if approval is given by the driving coordinators only. Member is responsible for verifying approval with the coordinators.	Passed March 2006; Amended December 2011, 2014, 2016 Amended 2018 & 2019
2	All project animals for driving must be three (3) years or greater by January 1 of project year.	Passed 2017 Amended 2018
3	All 4-H members & Cloverbuds are eligible to compete at fair in in-hand classes after completion of a minimum of two (2) workouts. Returning horse/handler combinations may forgo the minimum required workouts if approved by the specialty leader.	Passed 2017 Amended 2018
4	Contestant may be led into the show arena.	Passed March 2006
5	All ponies 46" and under that will participate in any in-hand jumping classes must be greater than three (3) years of age by January 1 of the current project year.	Passed December 2011; Amended 2017
6	The lines that attach to the bit on the driving bridle must be attached with buckles (no clips or snaps are allowed).	Passed December 2011
7	Equines can at no time be tied with the cart/wagon still attached to the animal.	Passed February 2014 Amended 2019
8	A Mini/pony/horse is not to be lead without a driver in the seat holding the lines.	Passed February 2014 Amended 2019
9	A whip must be in the cart/wagon and accessible at all times.	Passed February 2014
10	No open toe shoes or sandals are allowed while working with your horse/pony.	Passed February 2014
11	Bridles are not to be removed until the equine is unhooked from the cart/wagon.	Passed February 2014 Amended 2019
12	First year drivers are encouraged to make one (1) established beginner workout.	Passed February 2014; Amended 2017
13	In-Hand Attire: Closed toed shoes mandatory, hats optional. Appropriate show attire suggested.	Passed 2017
14	Driven Dressage: Entry is limited to two (2) consecutive Dressage test levels	Passed 2017
15	Blinders, side check and over checks are suggested, but not required.	Passed 2019
16	Helmets are suggested for driving time events, but not required.	Passed 2019

<b>GYMKHANA</b>		
1	All 4-H members are eligible to compete at fair in gymkhana classes if approved by the gymkhana coordinators only. First year members must be seen at a minimum of two (2) Gymkhana workouts. Returning 4-H horse/rider combination may forgo the two (2) minimum required workouts if approval is given by the gymkhana coordinators only. Member is responsible for verifying approval with the coordinators. At least one (1) observation must be at 4-H workout.	Passed March 2006; Amended 2013, February 2014 & 2016
2	In gymkhana a five second penalty will be added for knocking over an obstacle.	Passed March 2006; Amended December 2011 & February 2014
3	Exhibitor must show in at least three gymkhana classes to be eligible to exhibit in gymkhana horsemanship and showmanship classes.	Passed March 2006
4	Indiana Flag Race: The flag must be placed and remain flag end up as the rider crosses the finish line to be considered a qualified ride.	Passed March 2006
5	Blindfolding a horse to get into the arena is not acceptable and is not allowed and will result in an immediate disqualification.	Passed 2017
6	In gymkhana, all snaffle bits (including O-ring, D-ring and eggbutts) are acceptable in gymkhana classes, but must not be severe.	Passed March 2006
7	Draw bits, gag bits, and hackamore combinations are acceptable in gymkhana classes.	Passed March 2006 Amended 2019
8	Long sleeve collared shirts, a tie, pin, choker, necklace, scarf or bolo must be worn in gymkhana classes for 4-H shows only (excludes fundraiser). <b>Belts are not required.</b>	Passed March 2006 Amended 2016, 2023
9	Speed and Action Class: Exhibitor may be disqualified if horse/pony does more than a quarter turn in the box. Judge's decision is final.	Passed March 2006 Amended 2016
10	Contestant may be led into the show arena while mounted on the horse.	Passed March 2006 Amended 2016
11	Breast collars are required for all horses/ponies in ridden gymkhana and competitive trail events.	Passed March 2006; Amended 2013 & 2017
12	<b>The Gymkhana championship will be based on a run-off between the youth with-the highest points for each age group (horse and pony).</b> Points include Gymkhana Showmanship and Gymkhana Horsemanship.	Passed March 2006 New March 2023
13	Protective head gear is required.	Passed March 2006; Amended 2017
14	Horse/Rider combination has one (1) minute after name is called to enter arena, or will be disqualified.- Monitored by appointed official.	Passed April 2016 Amended 2023

<b>JUMPING</b>		
1	Horse/Rider combination may show in only one of the following levels: cross poles, beginning hunter OR hunter over fences.	Passed March 2006 Amended 2023
2	No PVC pipe may be used for any obstacle in any class.	Passed March 2006; Amended 2013 Amended 2019
3	All 4-H members are eligible to compete at fair in jumping classes if approved by the jumping coordinators only. First year members must be seen at a minimum of two (2) Jumping workouts. Returning 4-H horse/rider combination may forgo the two (2) minimum required workouts if approval is given by the jumping coordinators only. Member is responsible for verifying approval with the coordinators.	Passed March 2006; Amended 2013, 2014 & 2016
4	Protective head gear is required.	Passed March 2006; Amended 2017
5	Horse must be four (4) years of age by January 1 of current project year.	Passed December 2011

**REINING**

1	Reining pattern #1 will be on odd years and reining pattern #2 will be on even years.	Passed 2013 Amended 2016 & 2019
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**COUNTY QUALIFER SHOW- Pending there is a show.**

1	A committee will review the County Qualifying Show, used to select delegates to be sent to the current year's State 4-H Horse Show, each year. Participants may qualify each year for the State Horse Show. All ties will be determined by 4-H age, oldest to youngest. Delegate must be 13 by January 1.	Constitution May 2007 Amended December 2011, 2013 & 2016
2	At this time, all delegate 38" and under Miniature horses are allowed to participate at the State show, therefore, these participants will not be included in the total number of members allotted by the extension office in Lansing. If, in the future, MSU Extension changes the allocation of delegates allowed to participate to include the Miniature horse drivers, the Horse Council will adhere to their policy.	Passed February 2008; Amended December 2011 Amended 2019







# Explanation of Miniature In-Hand Classes

[https://www.shetlandminiature.com/files/ugd/c40877\\_d90c0f71c45649d99898fdb9325b10e0.pdf](https://www.shetlandminiature.com/files/ugd/c40877_d90c0f71c45649d99898fdb9325b10e0.pdf)

**In-Hand Trail/Obstacles** (46" and under): Judged on the performance and way of going with emphasis on manners throughout the course. Responsiveness and willingness of project animal is to be considered.

- Pony/Mini to be shown in halter with appropriate lead, chain on lead is permitted.
- Pony/Mini to be penalized for any unnecessary delay or excessive time at an object. Judge can advance an exhibitor to the next obstacle team is taking excessive time at an obstacle.
- Maximum time of sixty (60) seconds per obstacle. Refusals do not constitute class disqualification.
- Off course is defined as:
  1. Taking an obstacle in the wrong direction.
  2. Negotiating an obstacle from the wrong side
  3. Skipping an obstacle unless directed by the judge
  4. Negotiating obstacles in the wrong sequence
  5. Off pattern
- Cause for elimination/disqualification:
  1. Carrying a whip or crop
  2. Handler physically moving or coercing the pony/mini by touching (handler must maneuver using the lead, halter or bridle only.)
  3. Willful abuse
  4. Major disobedience such as rearing.

**In-Hand Jumping** (46" and under only): Handler jogs beside the pony/mini on the left side with the pony/mini jumping the jumps. Pony/mini to be shown in halter with appropriate lead, chain on lead is permitted  
See rule book for list of acceptable objects.

- Jumpers are to be scored mathematically on accumulated faults and on time to complete the course. Circling once upon entering the ring and once upon leaving the ring is permissible, but not after crossing the start line. There will be one (1) round which will be both scored for faults and timed. Exhibitors will be placed in order of faults.
- Time is used to break any ties.
- Cause for elimination/disqualification:
  1. Three (3) total refusals
  2. Off course
  3. Fall of horse and/or exhibitor
  4. Failure to pass through the start/finish line
  5. Loss of control, dropping the lead, horse running away or horse exiting on its own.

**In Hand Hunter** (46" and under only): Hunters are to be judged on style, form over fences, manners, way of going and pace in that order. Preference given to those horses who cover the course at an even pace, with free-flowing strides, as in a brisk trot, canter, but must maintain same gait throughout the course. Circling once upon entering is permissible.

- Trot past the judge for soundness check is mandatory (done after all members have jumped and in jump order straight line).
- Cause for elimination/disqualifications:
  1. Three (3) total refusal
  2. Off course
  3. Crossing your own path
  4. Fall of horse or exhibitor
  5. Jumping of obstacle by exhibitor
  6. Carrying a whip
  7. An unsound horse
  8. Failure to pass through start/finish and/or knocking over cones.



# Competitive Trail

A Study Guide is available on the MSUE 4-H website and on the Competitive Trail Facebook page.

There is a written test to be completed after the judged trail ride (prior to fair)- Written Test is taken during fair.

## Rules:

1. Trial ride is to be done at a walk/trot- open to all w/t and w/t/c exhibitors
2. Exhibitor/Horse combination must attend at least two (2) qualifying trail rides before the official judged ride. Exhibitors may qualify on more than one horse. Qualifying rides must be completed on each horse to be considered eligible for the judged ride.
3. Returning exhibitor/horse combination may be allowed to attend only one ride per the discretion of the competitive trail leader. Exhibitor is responsible to confirm.
4. Up to eight placings will be awarded based on the overall ride. Points are based on the competitive trail scoring requirements.
5. In cars of a tie, the winner will be determined by the horse with the lowest pulse & respiration.

## Competitive Trail Scoring Information:

- 60%- trail ride, vet scoring on horses, health & condition of horse, trail equitation & handling of obstacles.
- 20%- test score and saddle bag of required items, grooming of horse & cleanliness of tack.
- 20%- based on ground handling/behavior and interaction between horse/exhibitor.
- Comments from vet and outrider

Required Items for Competitive Trail Ride	First Aid Kits should include the following
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Proof of Negative Coggin's</li> <li>2. Approved Riding Helmet</li> <li>3. Riding Boots (no tennis shoes)</li> <li>4. Breast Collar</li> <li>5. Halter &amp; 8-10 ft lead rope. Halter to be worn under bridle, lead rope tied around neck.</li> <li>6. Canteen or Water Bottle</li> <li>7. Saddle Bag (horn or cantle)</li> <li>8. Compass</li> <li>9. Watch</li> <li>10. Rain Poncho</li> <li>11. Hoof Pick</li> <li>12. Brush</li> <li>13. Sponge</li> <li>14. Leather Strips or Strings of Rope</li> <li>15. Fly Spray</li> <li>16. First Aid Kits for horse &amp; rider</li> <li>17. Map of Route</li> <li>18. Snack for Rider</li> <li>19. Baggie of Grain for Horse</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Waterproof Container or Zip Lock bag</li> <li>2. Gauze Roll or Vet Wrap</li> <li>3. Adhesive Tape</li> <li>4. 1-Pocket Knife/Leatherman/Wire Cutters</li> <li>5. Antibiotic Ointment</li> <li>6. 1 pair latex (rubber) gloves</li> <li>7. Band Aids</li> <li>8. Rubbing Alcohol or Peroxide Wipes</li> <li>9. Ibuprofen/Acetaminophon (Tylenol)</li> <li>10. Emergency Contact &amp; Phone Numbers</li> <li>11. Wet Wipes</li> <li>12. Gauze Bandage</li> <li>13. Benadryl or Equivalent for Bee Stings for Horse or Rider</li> </ol>

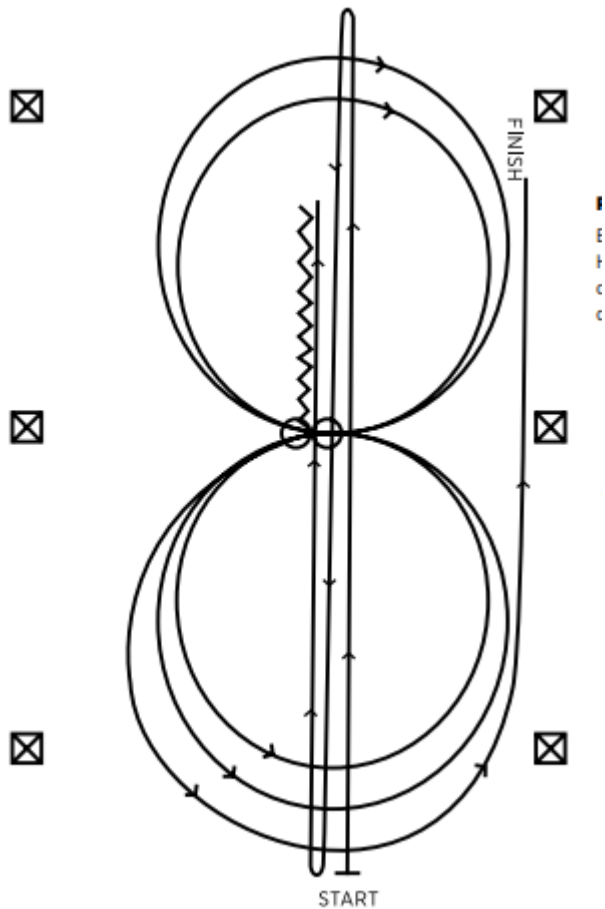
# Reining Pattern #1-

(Odd Year Pattern)

Pattern , scoring and rules are located in the Michigan 4-H horse & Pony Project Show Rules & Regulations

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Skid boots, splint boots and protective leg wraps are optional in reining classes.

 <p><i>Figure 18. Reining pattern 1.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Run with speed to the far end of the arena past the end marker &amp; do a left rollback-no hesitation</li><li>2. Run to the opposite end of the arena past the end marker &amp; do a right rollback-no hesitation.</li><li>3. Run past the center marker &amp; do a sliding stop. Back up to the center of the arena or at least 10 feet (3 meters). Hesitate.</li><li>4. Complete one spin to the right. Hesitate.</li><li>5. Complete one &amp; one-quarter spins to the left so that the horse is facing the left wall or fence.</li><li>6. Beginning on the left lead, complete two circles to the left, with the first circle large and fast, and the second circle small and slow. Change leads at the center of the arena.</li><li>7. Complete two circles to the right, with the first circle large and fast and the second circle small and slow. Change leads at the center of the arena.</li><li>8. Begin a large, fast circle to the left but do not close this circle. Run straight up the right side of the arena past the center marker and do a sliding stop at least 20 feet (6meters) from the wall or fence. Hesitate to demonstrate you have completed the pattern.</li><li>9. Dismount and drop the bridle to the designated judge.</li></ol>
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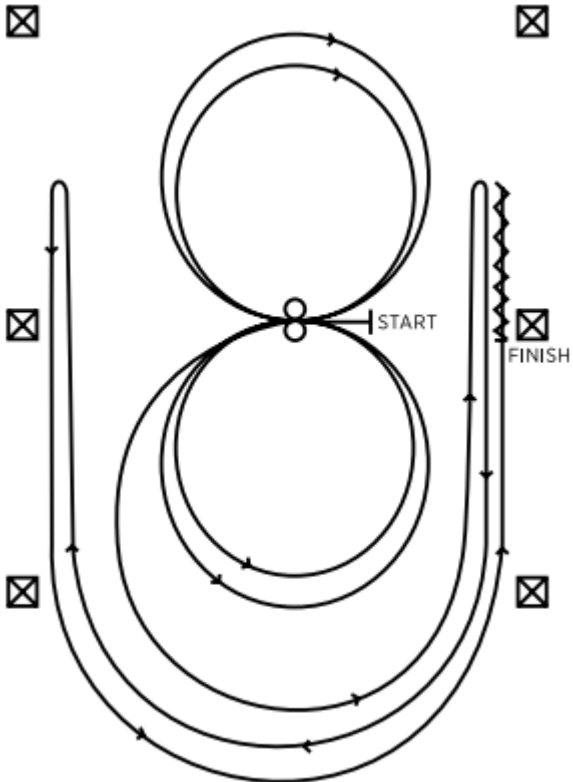
# Reining Pattern #2

(Even Year Pattern)

Pattern, scoring and rules are located in the Michigan 4-H horse & Pony Project Show Rules & Regulations

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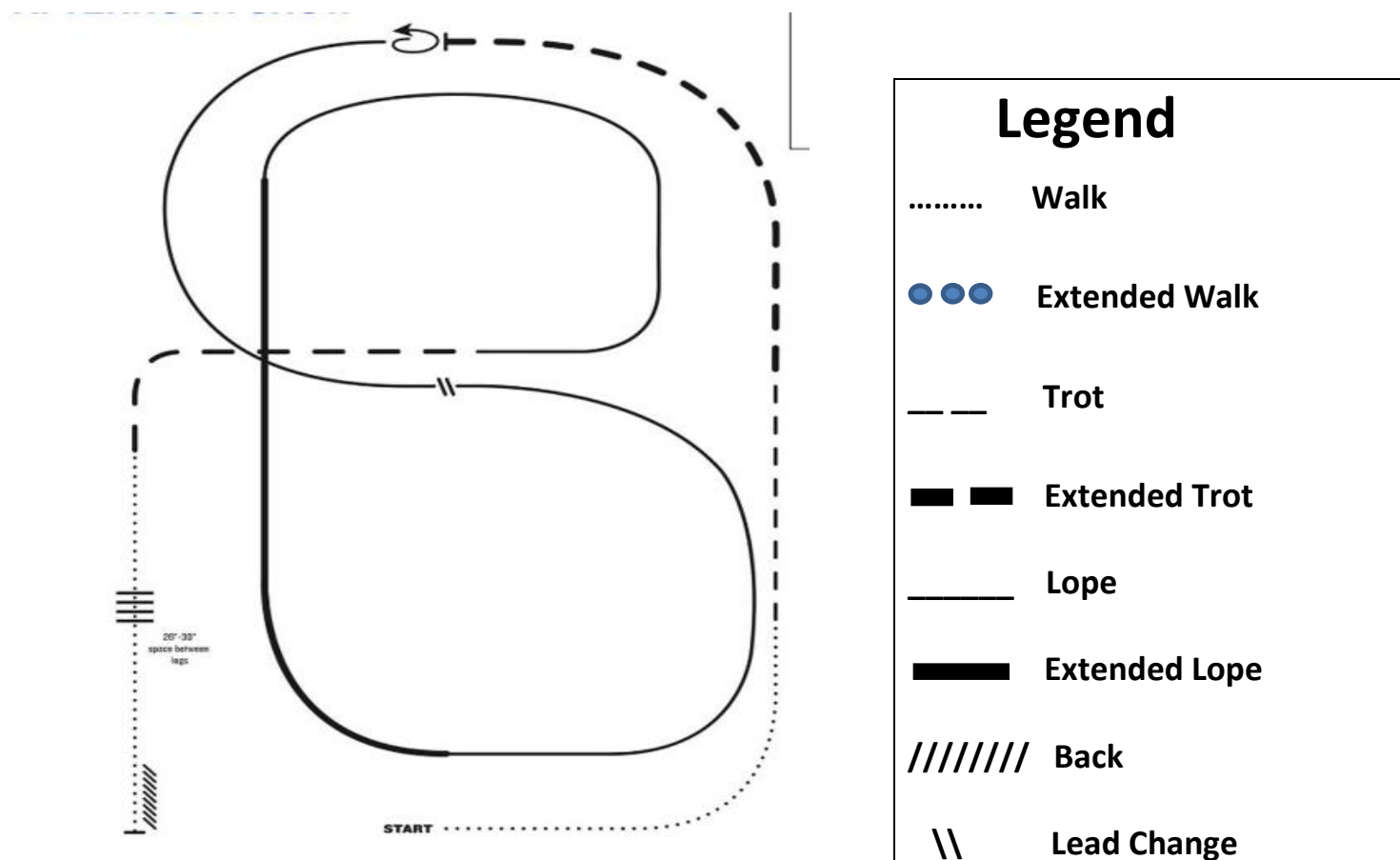
 <p>The diagram illustrates the path of a horse in a reining arena for Pattern #2. It starts at the center, facing the left wall. The path includes: a right spin, a left spin, two left circles (one large and fast, one small and slow), two right circles (one large and fast, one small and slow), a large fast left circle that is not closed, a right rollback, a left rollback, and a sliding stop followed by a back-up. The pattern ends with a sliding stop. There are six 'X' marks in the corners of the arena. The word 'START' is at the center and 'FINISH' is at the right wall.</p> <p><i>Figure 19. Reining pattern 2.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Complete one spin to the right. Hesitate.</li><li>2. Complete one spin to the left. Hesitate.</li><li>3. Beginning on the left lead, complete two circles to the left, with the first circle large and fast, and the second circle small and slow. Change leads at the center of the arena.</li><li>4. Complete two circles to the right, with the first circle large and fast, and the second circle small and slow. Change leads at the center of the arena.</li><li>5. Begin a large fast circle to the left but do not close this circle. Run up the right side of the arena past the center marker and do a right rollback at least 20 feet (6 meters) from the wall or fence- no hesitation.</li><li>6. Continue back around the previous circle but do not close this circle. Run up the left side of the arena past the center marker and do a left rollback at least 20 feet (6 meters) from the wall or fence- no hesitation.</li><li>7. Continue back around previous circle but do not close this circle. Run up the right side of the arena past the center marker and do a sliding stop at least 20 feet (6 meters) from the wall or fence. Back up at least 10 feet (3 meters). Hesitate to demonstrate that you have completed the pattern.</li><li>8. Dismount and drop the bridle to the designated judge.</li></ol>
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Exhibitors may walk or trot their horses to the center of the arena. Horses must walk or stop before starting the pattern. Begin at the center of the arena facing the left wall or fence.

# Ranchmanship Pattern #1

(Odd Year Pattern)

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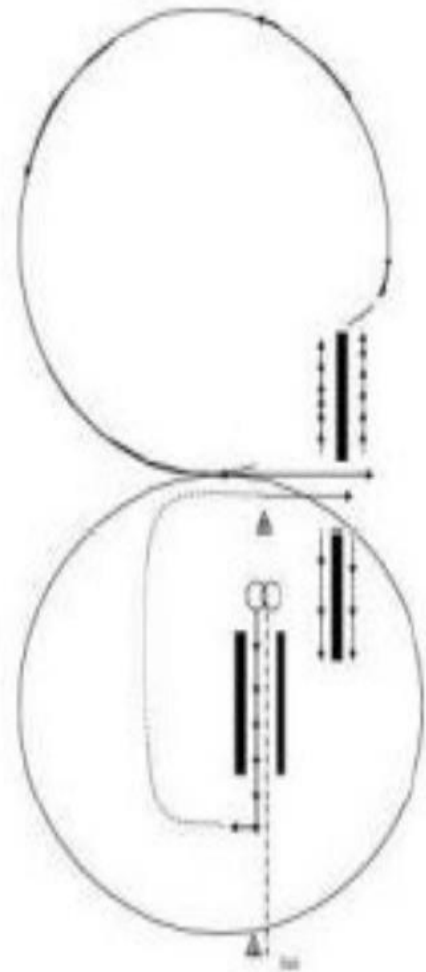
1. Walk
2. Trot
3. Extend the Trot, at the top of the arena, stop
4. 360\* Turn Left
5. Left Lead ½ circle, lope to the center
6. Change Leads (simple or flying)
7. Right Lead ½ circle
8. Extended lope up the long side of the arena (right lead)
9. Collect back to a lope around the top of the arena and back to center
10. Break down to an extended trot
11. Walk over logs
12. Stop and Back

# Ranchmanship Pattern #2

(Even Year Pattern)

Ranchmanship- purpose is to bring forth the versatility in both the ranch horse & exhibitor, in the task of performing the designated pattern constructed of both Ranch Trail obstacles & ranch riding maneuvers.

1. Extended trot from cone thru chute, Stop.
2. 1 Spin Left
3. 1 Spin Right
4. Back thru chute  $\frac{1}{4}$  turn left
5. Trot to cone
6. At cone, walk to side pass pole
7. Side pass left
8. Lope left lead
9. Change to right lead
10. Lope right circle, Stop at side pass pole
11. Side pass right
12. Stop, exit





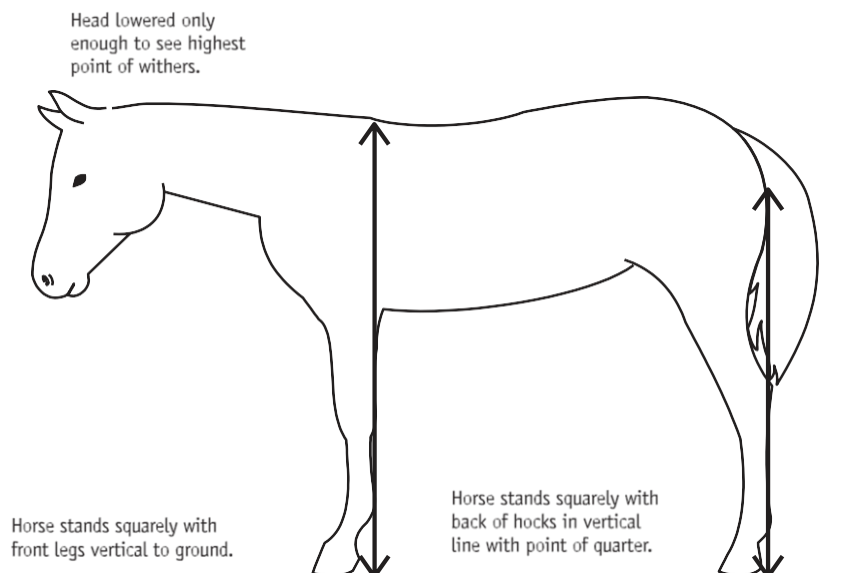
# St Joseph County 4-H Horse Council

## Official Height Measurement of the 4-H Project

### Horse/Pony/Miniature

Adopted March 2009

- 1 Stand the animal on a smooth, level surface so the front legs are vertical and the back of the hocks are in a vertical line with the point of the hip (see fig 1.)
- 2 Hold the animal's head only low enough to reveal the highest point of the withers and no lower. With the horse in this position, measure the vertical distance from the highest point of the withers to the ground. If the horse is deemed a miniature horse then it will be measured at the base or last hairs of the mane and shall be no taller than 38".
- 3 Place the arm of the measuring standard over the highest point of the withers, or if deemed a miniature horse, at the base of the last hairs of the mane. No measurement taken at any other point than stated above will be accepted.
- 4 The standard shall be a straight, rigid official measuring stick and should be provided with a plumb bob or spirit level to make sure the standard is perpendicular from the withers or base of the last hairs of the mane to the ground and that the crosspiece is parallel to the ground.
- 5 Ponies must measure 56 inches or less at the withers, miniature horses must measure 38 inches or less at the base of the last hairs of the mane.
- 6 Shod ponies or miniature horses will be allowed 1/2 inch for the thickness of the shoes.



*Figure 1. Measuring a horse.*

# WEATHER & WORKOUTS

Adopted March 2001; Amended 2013

This procedure is for any 4-H workouts.

The weather sometimes plays a big part in workouts which is why the following procedure is in effect for all council sponsored workouts:

- ★ **Any weather alert/advisory must expire two (2) hours before the workout begins or the workout is CANCELLED.**

Even if the weather looks good where you live, the weather can change very quickly.

This procedure will aid in any last minute planning and reduce the number of phone calls needed to contact all of the members/leaders involved with the workouts.

Monitor club and specialty facebook pages for updates, the 4-H website and look for text messages from the 4-H office (if you are not signed up to receive text alert messages, please do so). When in doubt text or call the leader for that workout/show to confirm it is still on.

