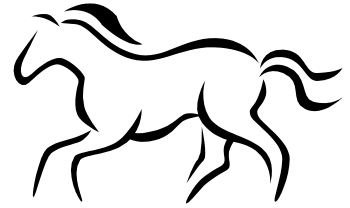




# St. Joseph County, MI 4-H HORSE COUNCIL



## Horse Sharing

### OBJECTIVES

- To develop leadership, teaching, and mentoring skills in 4-H members and families. To build teamwork and accomplishment among the 4-H youth exhibitors. To provide additional opportunities for youth to participate in the St. Joseph County 4-H Equine Program.
- This program is meant to provide the opportunity to participate to those who are interested in the St. Joseph County 4-H Equine Program, but who do not own/lease their own equine. Also, to provide the opportunity to enrollees who would like to explore another discipline within the program.
- It is hopeful that by allowing horse sharing, we can grow the St. Joseph County 4-H Equine Program.

### GUIDELINES

1. All participating horses must be registered to the participants on the May 1<sup>st</sup> sign-ups under BOTH members.
2. A completed Horse Sharing Approval Form must be turned in with the May 1<sup>st</sup> sign-ups. Once submitted, these forms must be approved by the club leader(s) and then by the Horse Council Executive Board.
3. A shared equine may only be shown by two (2) total participants.
4. One member will be indicated as the “primary participant” and one as the “secondary participant” on the Horse Sharing Approval Form.
5. All primary and secondary participants are subject to the rules and regulations of the St. Joseph County 4-H Equine Program.
6. All primary and secondary participants are subject to the approval rules, requirements, and guidelines of their specific club(s) and specialties.
7. **Any equine deemed not conditioned enough or not physically fit enough to complete a class safely and fairly by the discretion of the judge, specialty leaders, and/or Horse Council Executive Board will be excused from the class. This horse may be excused from the rest of the show day under these guidelines as well.**
8. **Primary and Secondary participants may not enter the same class (including showmanship) with the exception of one-at-a-time, set patterned classes. (examples: dressage tests, gymkhana pattern classes, in-hand jumping classes, trail, any class that does not require that both the primary and secondary participant be exhibiting in the arena at the same time, etc.)**
9. A walk/trot exhibitor may share a horse with another walk/trot exhibitor. This includes members in the Driving and In-Hand specialty as well as walk/trot exhibitors of different age groups. A walk/trot participant may also share a horse with a Cloverbud member.
10. A walk/trot/canter exhibitor may share a horse with a walk/trot exhibitor or a Cloverbud member.
  - a. The walk/trot exhibitor in this situation may participate in gymkhana evens but must remain at walk and trot gaits only.
11. A walk/trot/canter exhibitor may NOT share a horse with another walk/trot/canter exhibitor.
12. **Points may be awarded to the secondary participant for the following awards only.**
  - a. **Prairie Ponies In-Hand Award**
  - b. **Lewis Driving High Point Award**
13. Sharing is not limited to members within the same family or club.
14. **In the event that both participants qualify for a Championship Class, the primary participant has first choice to enter the class. The secondary participant may enter the Championship class if the Primary declines to.**

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