

## ***DEPARTMENT 17 – HORSES***

Classes in this department will be evaluated based on videos only. Videos should be no longer than 90 seconds and should be continuous in nature with no narrative. The exhibitors should utilize the camera person as the judge, moving the animal away and around the camera person as they would in a show ring. The video should include all angles of the animal in order for a judge to make an evaluation. Exhibitor should be in the video at all times. Show clothes typical for industry is recommended (see the Michigan 4-H Horse & Pony Rules & Regulations link below). More information on how to take a good video can be found at the MSU Extension Virtual Learning showcase and auction website. All videos must be uploaded to Youtube and link entered into the system. Youtube channel should be set to unlisted.

Rules:

- 1. No equitation patterns will be specified. Please find the showmanship patterns below. Equitation videos must show all three gaits (i.e. walk, trot, canter). Please feel free to use any previous video (with or without a pattern) displaying all three gaits.**
2. All animals must be under the control of the exhibitor and the exhibitor must show awareness of correct procedures to show the animal.
3. Classes will be judged according to the current Michigan 4-H Horse and Pony Project/Show Rules and Regulations and can be found at:  
[https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan\\_4\\_h\\_horse\\_pony\\_project\\_show\\_rules\\_regulations](https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_horse_pony_project_show_rules_regulations)
4. Exhibitors showing in Walk-Trot classes are not allowed to show in any three gaited classes.
5. Any exhibitor showing in any three-gaited class may not show in any walk-trot class.
6. It is highly recommended that all 4-H members participating in horse shows and practice events wear protective headgear. Please refer to Michigan 4-H rules noted above for specific age/class helmet requirements.