

MICHIGAN STATE 4-H HORSE JUDGES COMMITTEE

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

To become a candidate for the Michigan 4-H Horse Judge's Committee (referred to as Advisory Committee), a judge must be in good standing on the current Michigan 4-H Horse Judge's List, and not have been on probation for any reason within the past 5 calendar years. Superintendents and leaders are also invited to apply to the list. The Advisory Committee has traditionally maintained 2 superintendents and/or leaders on its list. This allows the Advisory Committee to maintain a dynamic perspective of both the judge and show/fair management.

All Advisory Committee members must attend 3 of the following meetings to remain in good standing once on the Committee: 4-H Horse Judges and Superintendents Conference; 4-H Horse Benefit Clinic; 4-H Horse Spring Galaxy; 4-H Horse Fall Galaxy; and/or the Annual meeting for Judge's Interviews.

There is a maximum of 12 committee members. A total of 3 judges and/or superintendents/leaders will rotate off every year. Rotations will occur on a voluntary basis and/or by length of term on the Advisory Committee. If there are not enough volunteers to rotate off, the duration on the committee will be reviewed, and those serving the greatest length of time will rotate off the Advisory Committee. It is suggested that only 1-3 individuals rotate off per year to maintain the knowledge base and history of the committee. Further, past members can reapply to the Advisory Committee after 2 years of their past term expiring.

It is fully expected that the judge and/or superintendent/leader remain in good standing while serving their term (i.e. not on Probation with the Advisory Committee, free of legal charges of any kind, etc.). Further, due to the sensitive nature of the content of Committee discussions, and that this group represents the approved 4-H judges in the State of Michigan, it is imperative that members maintain the highest level of discretion, conduct, and confidentiality while representing the Committee. **The Advisory Committee, by consensus, reserves the right to request a member resign if behavior and/or conduct is deemed inappropriate and/or illegal.**

Process for Advisory Committee Consideration:

1. Submit a Membership Interest Form to Karen Waite, Equine Youth Horse Specialist at MSU. This can be in hard copy and mailed to Karen at 1287 J Anthony Hall, East Lansing, MI 48824-1699, A form can be accessed via the website at http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs or requested from Karen directly. All requests should be received by MSU by (no later than) September 1 of each calendar year.
2. All submissions will be reviewed by the existing Advisory Committee at the Fall Galaxy meeting.
3. The number of needs will be evaluated at the Fall Galaxy Meeting, based on the number of individual's terms expiring at the end of the current year.
4. A vote will be taken on the submitted requests and the individual(s) receiving the most votes by the Advisory Committee attending the Fall Galaxy will be asked to join the Advisory Committee in the coming year.
5. The individual(s) will be notified by October 30 of the current year by the Equine Youth Horse Specialist, and begin their term on the Advisory Committee January 1 of the upcoming year.

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MEMBERSHIP INTEREST FORM

DATE: _____ **COUNTY:** _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ **E-Mail** _____

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A JUDGE/SUPERINTENDENT/LEADER _____

WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE MICHIGAN 4-H JUDGES ADVISORY COMMITTEE? WHAT TYPES OF INPUT, BACKGROUND, EXPERIENCE, ETC. CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THIS COMMITTEE? PLEASE EXPLAIN:

Note: the Michigan 4-H Horse Judge's Advisory Committee is a working committee, and requires a significant time commitment and participation on the part of its members. This includes attending a minimum of 3 primary 4-H horse functions held throughout the calendar year (i.e. Annual Kettunen Center Conference; 4-H Benefit Clinic; Spring Galaxy; Fall Galaxy; Annual Judge's Interview Session) .