

# Lewis County 4-H Horse Project Guidelines Book



HORSE DEPARTMENT



Co-sponsors WSU Lewis County Extension & Lewis County 4-H Council.

Cooperating agencies: Washington State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Lewis County Extension.

Programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported to your local Extension Office.

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## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### General Requirements:

#### 1. Enrollment

**Horseless Horse Project:** A youth may choose to enroll in the Horseless Horse project. Primary members (grades K–2 in WA) may enroll in the Horseless Horse project, but may have NO contact with horses.

**Beginning horsemanship:** all first year 4-H kids must enroll in this category.

**Horsemanship management and care:** for all youth showing a horse. They must be enrolled in this project. For current and other projects not listed, see 4-H Projects and Publications

2. **Class eligibility:** Class of fair exhibitor (Junior, Intermediate, Senior). Refer to 4-H Horse Contest Guide.

3. **Horse Certificates:** A horse certificate identifying the horse(s) and exhibitor participating at fair MUST be turned in or renewed to the Lewis County 4-H Extension Office **NO LATER THAN** May 1 of each year. If a member changes clubs, a new horse certificate must be turned in. Maximum number of certificates is three per discipline.

**Exception:** An equestrian member enrolled by April 1 of the current 4-H year whose horse dies, becomes injured or deemed unsafe may bring a request to the Procedures Committee for a decision regarding using a horse **without a certificate on file** for participation at the current year's SWW fair only. *These participants will ride for judge's comments only during that fair; they will not receive any ribbons or accumulate points towards a state fair berth. All issues of this nature shall be submitted to your 4-H horse leader and then presented to the Procedures Committee for approval.*

4. **Helmets:** "All Washington 4-H Youth participating in all equine projects and activities must wear American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM)/ Safety Engineering Institute (SEI) approved headgear when riding or driving. The headgear must have a chin strap and be properly fitted." Additionally, we very strongly encourage all equestrians (including adults) to wear headgear at all time when riding or working around horses. See 4-H Horse Contest Guide PNW 574.

5. Members enrolled in horse projects must abide by the insurance rule established in the Lewis County 4-H Policies. Referring to helmets and a leader/project leader must be present at all horse functions.

6. Age of horse to be determined as of January 1 of the current year.

7. You must own, lease or manage the horse used. Member must have complete access to the animal at anytime and must provide full care and management a majority of the time, whether the horse is owned or non-owned. Horse Certificates or club renewal form in the name of the exhibitor are due by May 1 of the current 4-H year in the county extension office.

8. There will be no training or showing by anyone other than the member using the horse to be shown at fair in their project classes after May 1 of the current year's fair. Anyone may ride a member's horse to analyze a problem, demonstrate a skill or correct a safety issue. This is not meant to condone long-term or regular training or showing by professional or non-professional riders: the member is ultimately responsible for all training or showing of their animals to be used at fair after May 1 of the current 4-H year.

9. Two 4-H members may use the same horse; it must be on a 50/50 basis for care of the animal. These two 4-H members may not compete in the same class or lot at fair. Each member must submit an individual Horse Certificate.

10. Horses under 6 years of age may be shown in bosals or snaffles and ridden with two hands. Any horse less than three years old CANNOT be ridden in any classes and may be exhibited only in the Colt Training segments of the fair.

11. No mares with foals allowed at SWW Fair.

12. The Lewis County 4-H Horse Fair is a closed fair and restricted to Lewis County 4-H members enrolled in a 4-H horse project by April 1 of the current year.

13. Classes require a pre-entry on Southwest Washington Fair entry forms by July 18 of the current year. Forms are available from the Extension Office. Fitting and Showing is a required entry to be eligible to compete in any division.
14. All exhibitors are required to read General Rules in the Exhibitor's Handbook book, the Lewis County Guidelines and the 4-H Horse Contest Guide PNW 574.
15. **Ground rules:** Leaders and parents: As a reminder, please make sure your members are aware of the following ground rules when participating in 4-H activities. It is suggested that these ground rules be posted at each and every 4-H function.

**BREAKING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING RULES MAY RESULT IN YOUR DISMISSAL BY SHOW MANAGEMENT FROM THE FAIR AND FORFEITURE OF ALL AWARDS. ALSO, ANY GROSS ABUSE OF THESE RULES MAY CAUSE THE DISMISSAL OF A 4-H MEMBER FROM THE 4-H PROGRAM.**

4-H events are provided for under the auspices of Washington State University Extension. For your safety, we ask that you help us enforce these rules:

- a. No dogs allowed on grounds.
- b. No alcoholic beverages.
- c. No drugs.
- d. No smoking or chewing tobacco in exhibit areas.
- e. No excessive abuse of animal on grounds.
- f. No coaching or instructing of children while they are in the ring or showing their animals including warm-up arena.
- g. Only the 4-H exhibitor may ride, groom, school, or handle a horse while on the show grounds.

**AN ADULT MAY ASSIST IN ANY SITUATION IN WHICH A CHILD OR HORSE IS IN DANGER.**

- h. The ring is off limits to everyone except working show personnel.
- I. Approach the judge for information only, not to dispute his/her placing and only after judging is completed.
- j. A visibly ill animal can be dismissed from participation by show personnel.
- k. All exhibitors will participate in Herdsmanship if offered.
- l. Leaders will ask any members of their club to leave the grounds if behavior is unacceptable.
- m. No riding horses double.
- n. No riding horses using halters only.
- o. No racing or running outside the show arena.

16. Horses are not allowed outside the immediate barn/arena after admittance to the SWWF. Exhibitors failing to comply with the rule will be disqualified for the entire fair. The exhibitor will also forfeit premiums and berths towards state fair, if applicable.

17. No vehicles allowed in barn areas during fair.

18. No barbecuing, open flame or outdoor cooking in the stall area, horse area, or on the fairgrounds.

**General abuse:** Any 4-H member, leader, or Parent who verbally or physically abuses or harasses show management, 4-H leader, parent, fair staff, or WSU Extension Staff WILL be asked to remove themselves and their horse from the fairgrounds by the Horse Superintendent and will be disqualified for the entire fair. The exhibitor will also forfeit premiums and berths towards state fair, if applicable. See Washington State 4-H Youth Development Program Policy: Introduction, page 1, paragraph five. **THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.** See Ground rules. The meeting at which the stalls are assigned will be considered the "warning" as all exhibitors will be given an outline of the following rules:

- a. If caught in an abusing act, the exhibitor will get a reprimand. This means a disqualification in their next class.
- b. A reprimand during a game ride means disqualification for that ride- a "no time."

- c. Two reprimands means no more riding at the fair and the exhibitor would be excused from the fairgrounds, horse to be taken home and loss of all premiums/state fair berths.
- d. Abuse in the arena will be determined by the judge.
- e. Abuse outside of the arena will be determined by show management.

19. **Complaint/ Concern:** Please use the Lewis County Equine Project Complaint/ Concern Form. Any complaint or concern must be in writing, signed by the affected youth member and a currently enrolled 4-H leader, submitted to show management within 12 hours of the alleged infraction with a \$25 check made payable to the Lewis County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee, and will then be addressed by WSU Lewis County Extension Staff and the Procedures Committee. Checks will be returned if complaint/concern is deemed valid.

### ***Procedures Committee:***

The purpose of the committee is to assist the Horse Superintendent with such problems as they arise concerning participation at the current year's fair when a group decision is needed. Complaints or concerns addressed to the Procedures Committee must be made in writing on the Lewis County Equine Project Complaint/Concern Form and must contain the signature of a currently enrolled 4-H Horse Club Leader.

The Procedures Committee will consist of one representative per district from the Lewis County Horse Advisory Committee, other project representative or current Council Vice-President., Horse Superintendent, and WSU Lewis County Extension Staff. The committee will be able to meet with a quorum of four.

The Horse Superintendent shall not be a member of this committee, but must be notified of any procedures meetings. The Procedures Committee chair shall be appointed by the WSU 4-H Agent for a period of one year. The chair shall convene and lead meetings as necessary but will not cast a vote unless needed to break a tie. Minutes will be kept at all meetings. Minutes shall be kept on file at WSU Extension Office for a period of three years.

### ***Ring Regulations:***

1. Arena entrance order will be 1<sup>st</sup> Junior, 2<sup>nd</sup> Intermediate, 3<sup>rd</sup> Senior divisions, unless otherwise announced.
2. Show management reserves the right to combine any class which has less than three entries. Each age group will be judged separately
3. All classes will be announced with a "first call, second call, and last call" to the arena gate. Each call will be done timely and the first call in the morning will be at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the beginning of the first class.
4. A pattern will be required in all equitation callback classes and will be posted prior to the class. The judge will choose the patterns from the Lewis County Pattern Book for the following classes: Bareback Equitation, Stock Seat Equitation, Hunt Seat Equitation, Saddle Seat Equitation and Showmanship.
  - a. Judging will be on Equitation in addition to the successful completion of the pattern. Any deviation from the posted pattern, by horse or rider, must be faulted, and will be considered off course or off pattern.
  - b. Off course or off pattern is anytime the pattern is not finished, or when maneuvers are left out or extra maneuvers are added or when maneuvers are performed out of order or in the wrong direction. (Examples: *starting, being or finishing, on the wrong side of a marker or turning in the wrong direction.*)
  - c. Being off course or off pattern is not a disqualification however a rider that is off course or off pattern is not to be awarded a placing above a rider that is on course or on pattern regardless of the equitation standard.

- d. Discrepancies in judging should be minimized by a brief review of these expectations with the judge prior to the start of classes and in addition a copy of the posted pattern and these expectations be handed to the judge.
5. Any exhibitor may scratch from a class, however must notify the horse show office prior to first call for the class. Once the class has been dropped, you may NOT re-enter.
  6. ANY exhibitor who is late for fitting and showing will be permitted to enter the arena, but will automatically **DROP ONE DANISH RIBBON PLACING**. If any exhibitor is late for any other class- once the gate is closed- he/she will not be allowed to show in that class.
  7. Only blue ribbon winners are eligible to be called back in classes for Champion, Reserve Champion and placings.
  8. A three minute gate hold may be requested by any exhibitor for the purpose of attire and/or equipment change. **GATE ATTENDANT MUST BE NOTIFIED AT LEAST ONE CLASS IN ADVANCE**. Gate will remain closed until all are assembled within the three minute time limit.
  9. Once the arena entrance gate is closed by the gate attendant, class is in progress and showmen may not leave any class without first obtaining permission from the judge.
  10. A rider will be penalized if their horse is stopped while in the line of ride on the wall. If rider experiences ANY problems, their horse is to be ridden out of line and to the center of the arena so as to avoid other riders on the wall.

### **Veterinarian Inspection**

1. In accordance with the Southwest Washington Fair Policy, all horses must undergo a vet check upon arrival at the fairgrounds. The check will be administered by the official fair veterinarian assigned by the 4-H Horse Division. The Horse Superintendent will recognize any veterinarian's decision to remove an exhibit and abide by all recommendations by the veterinarian. The inspection will be conducted prior to the horses being admitted to the fairgrounds. **INSPECTION TIMES TO BE ANNOUNCED AT STALL ASSIGNMENTS**. If this is not convenient, it is permissible for exhibitors to have a written vet certificate dated within five (5) days of admittance to the fair, certifying to the general good health of the animal to be exhibited. No stall will be assigned or stall card issued until this inspection is complete. **Vaccinations are strongly recommended.**
2. Any horse showing evidence of communicable disease after having been admitted to the fair shall be removed any time at the request of the veterinarian. **NOTE:** Horses, who in the opinion of the vet and show management, are too thin, too fat or show evidence of poor care or neglect will be sent home. Also, any horse deemed by show management to be exhibiting behavior dangerous to it, exhibitors, general public or other horses may be sent home.
3. Any exhibitor requesting removal of a horse after fair admittance (for health reasons), must have approval of Horse Superintendent and Veterinarian. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of premiums and future exhibiting privileges for the remainder of the year's fair.
4. Exhibitor may call a veterinarian to the fairgrounds for services, but is held responsible for contact and all financial charges incurred by the call. The fair veterinarian has no responsibility towards animals after the initial inspection.

### **Exhibit Identification:**

1. Stall identification cards will be given to each exhibitor at time of the vet inspection and must be displayed on stall doors at all times.
2. Exhibitor numbers will be assigned and must be worn whenever handling the horse. The number must be securely pinned to exhibitor's back and clearly visible at all time.
3. Every horse that kicks must wear a **RED RIBBON** in its tail at all times and are recommended to enter the arena last.

## **Safety:**

1. When mounted, bareback or in a saddle, rider will assume proper equitation seat **AT ALL TIMES** and wear Western or English boots, helmets, long pants and exhibitor number. Boots and exhibitor number must be worn at all times while doing anything with horse- i.e. cleaning stall, feeding, leading, etc.
2. Stallions are not permitted in any class other than Colt Training- foals of current Year.
3. Each barn must have a responsible adult present until midway closes each night of the fair.
4. Further reference regarding safety rules is available in the latest revised edition of 4-H Horse Contest Guide PNW 574.

## **Fire Protection:**

1. Horse Superintendent will be in charge of fire drill information and all 4-H parents, leaders and other members of show management will be so instructed.
2. Fire drill information will be reviewed at stall assignments and at Southwest Washington Fair Orientation. All exhibitors, leaders and parents will be informed on the procedure to be used in case of a fire.
3. All exhibitors, leaders and families or friends of 4-H members need to know where the fire extinguishers are stationed throughout the horse barn areas. All persons responsible for stall duty are to know where to get help in case of fire.

## **Stalls and Wash Rack:**

1. Stalls are assigned on a club basis by the Horse Superintendent. Each 4-H member attending fair will be assigned one stall. Any exceptions to this rule will be announced prior to the fair. Any problems experienced with stalls after fair opening must be directed to the Superintendent.
2. Assigned stalls can be readied anytime after their assignment. Bedding is furnished by the Southwest Washington Fair.
3. Wash racks are to be used by permission from club leader. There will be a responsible adult or Senior 4-H member present. Permission will NOT be granted to wash a horse if the horse is hot. The area must be left clean.

## **Herdsmanship:**

1. Herdsmanship will be performed and judged from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
2. No penalties will be assessed for clubs with all members in the show ring or on deck. Parents and leaders will be allowed to assist at the leaders' discretion, as follows: lift saddle to and from horses back and assist in bridling a horse if necessary. They may act as a post for holding horse while member grooms, cleans stall, mounts or prepares for class. **However, if the parent/leader(s) are helping in any other way, 50% of their club's Herdsmanship score for the day will be lost, along with the exhibitor's premiums for the day. AN ADULT MAY ASSIST IN ANY SITUATION IN WHICH A CHILD IS IN DANGER. Adults will be allowed to assist in stripping of stalls when fair is done and ready for haul out.**
3. Stall decorations, color scheme and artistic display are encouraged but shall "not outweigh" scoring of club member's appearance, sportsmanship, work and proper care of horses, stalls and equipment.
4. Club members need not wear club uniforms while on Herdsmanship duty however must be neat in appearance and wear shirts, long pants, Western or English boots and exhibitor number.
5. Stalled horses are not to wear a halter unless securely tied in the stall. The exhibitor or responsible adult must be present if animal is tied in the stall. There **MUST** be a halter and lead rope in plain sight for the benefit of emergency removal.
6. Feed in front of the horse at all times in not required. **FRESH** water must be available in the stall at all times. Any horse requiring a special feeding schedule may have instructions posted on stall door for benefit of Herdsmanship judge. A card will be furnished by the Horse Superintendent and all facts will be honored by show management and Herdsmanship judge.

7. Due to extreme safety hazard!!! **NO HAY NET AND ALL BUCKETS WITH HANDLES MUST BE SECURED TO THE WALL!!!** Absolutely no hay, alfalfa or straw (roughage) may be stored in or around barn areas.
8. Guidelines for scoring see the latest revised edition of the 4-H Horse Contest Guide PNW574.

### ***Exercising:***

1. Exercising may be done by 4-H members only and during daylight hours, between 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., in the arena and round pen at the discretion of show management. **ALL HORSES MUST BE IN THEIR STALLS BY 9:00 P.M. unless otherwise exhibiting.**
2. An adult or Senior 4-H member must be present when using the arena or round pen. Please limit round pen time to ten minutes.

### ***Release of Exhibits:***

1. The 4-H horse division will release exhibitors at a time to be announced by the Horse Superintendent.
2. Any exhibitors leaving before the designated release time **WITHOUT PROPER PREAUTHORIZATION** from WSU Extension Staff will not be checked out and will forfeit premiums and state fair berths earned at the fair. Staff will notify Superintendent and participant if they are authorized to leave. Release form must be completed, signed and turned in to WSU Lewis County Extension Office no less than 10 days before Southwest Washington Fair (haul-in day). Participants will be notified by the Wed. prior to haul-in
3. Once a horse has left the fairgrounds by early release, walking out, or after being removed by Superintendent it will not be allowed back on the grounds for the remainder of the 4-H show.
4. All horses and tack **MUST** be removed from the fairgrounds on the day the horses are released.
5. *Please remember that participating in fair is a privilege not a right; choosing not to participate at fair is your decision, fair is not a 4-H requirement.*

### ***Club Requirement:***

It is a club requirement that each **riding** member who turns in a horse entry form for fair entry, shall be required to pay \$50.00 to the horse advisory committee's treasurer by July 18<sup>th</sup>. The money will be non refundable after such date. Hardship cases may apply for a grant, in writing, to the procedures committee. This money does not go to the Southwest Washington Fair; it will be used for the following: fair expenses, part of the Judges fee, the herdsmanship Judge fee, special awards, advertising, arena expenses (fuel, maintenance, and equipment replacement), awards ceremony (excludes food), ring steward, Horse Dept. Office supplies, and miscellaneous expenses.

Guidelines for Procedures Committee for refund of \$50.00 fair requirement. Acceptable reasons: Recommendation of Club Leader. Doctor note if medical reason, vet note if animal reason, must come from the leader of the club.

### ***Safety Clinic Requirements:***

All Horse Advisory Committee reimbursable clinics must be held at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds. 4-H members are reminded that these clinics are for safety checks to ensure that both horse and rider are prepared and safe for 4-H classes at fair and are **not meant to be used for training sessions**. As safety checks, all clinics are Pass/Fail, you are not eligible to participate at fair just because you show up to the clinics you must pass the number of clinics required to attend fair.

Classes requiring clinics as a prerequisite to entering the fair are Driving, Hunter Hack, and Hunter Pleasure over fences, Hunt Seat Equitation over Fences, Western Games and Performance. The number of required clinics are listed under each event. Based on demonstrated proficiency and past exhibitor experience, clinicians may waive the multiple clinic requirements listed below.

The Clinician putting on the clinic is responsible for maintaining records on the approved clinician form (LCHP 1002) and for submitting them to the fair secretary at least two weeks prior to haul in of fair. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

All members are also responsible for maintaining their own record of their clinic attendance and it is recommended to use the Clinic Participation Form (LCHP 1002), which can be obtained through your leader or the 4-H office.

The 4-H members are allowed to attend approved and /or certified clinics outside of the county. They must have the clinician sign and date the Clinic Participation Form.

**Performance:** All exhibitors who have **not** received a flat blue in an equitation class at SWW Fair shall be required to complete one Ring Etiquette clinic.

**Driving:** The clinic requirements are as follows: First and second year drivers are required to attend one (1) safety clinic without their horse and three driving clinics with the horse they will use at fair. All drivers in their third year and beyond, who are enrolled in and have participated at fair in project driving for at least two (2) years consecutively are required to attend two (2) driving clinics with the horse they will use at fair.

**Hunter Hack:** The clinic requirements are as follows: First year jumpers are required to attend four (4) clinics, all of them with the horse they will use at fair. Second and third year jumpers are required to attend one (1) clinic with the horse they use at fair. All jumpers in their fourth year and beyond who are enrolled in and have participated in Hunter Hack for at least three years consecutively will be recommended to attend one (1) clinic each year with the horse they will use a fair; this is an optional clinic for fourth year and beyond.

**Hunter Pleasure over Fences and Hunt Seat Equitation over Fences:** The clinic requirements are as follows: Jumpers must attend with the horse to be used at fair four (4) jumping clinics during the current 4-H year.

**Western Games:** The clinic requirement areas follow: First year gamers are required to attend two (2) clinics, with the horse they will use at fair. Second and third year gamers are required to attend one (1) clinic with the horse they will use at fair. All gamers in their fourth year and beyond who are enrolled in and have participated in Western Games for at least three years consecutively will be recommended to attend one (1) clinic each year with the horse they will use at fair; this is an optional clinic for fourth year and beyond.

## ***Special Awards:***

### ***Ross Coie Memorial Championship Fitting and Showing***

The Ross Coie Memorial Trophy was established by the members of the former Ross Riders 4-H Club upon the death of Mr. Coie. He had been an active participant in the club's activities during their early years. The memorial fund is administered by the Lewis County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee.

The Ross Coie memorial trophy is presented to the 4-H Performance Horse senior exhibitor who is judged to be the GRAND CHAMPION in Fitting and Showing.

### ***Margaret Ann Smith Memorial***

The Margaret Ann Smith Memorial Trophy is a perpetual trophy presented each year to the 4-H horse exhibitor who best exemplified "Inspiration" to the total 4-H horse program. This memorial to Mrs. Smith was established by the members of the Ridge Riders 4-H club, family and friends. Mrs. Smith served as leader of the Ridge Riders 4-H club and gave many hours to the development of 4-H members who involved themselves with the 4-H horse project.

Nominations for this award will be due by 6 p.m. Friday night of the fair, the interviews will be conducted and a final selection will be made during fair and announced at the awards ceremony. All nominations for this award will be submitted on the Margaret Ann Smith Inspirational Nomination Form (LCHP 1000)

available from the show secretary. Selection of the recipient will be decided by the current year's Procedures Committee.

Nominees will participate in an oral interview and understand that submitting a current year's record book to be judged at the SWWF is a requirement.

### ***Performance Division:***

**See the latest revised edition of the 4-H Horse Contest Guide PNW 574 for correct tack, attire and class requirements. Exception: Chaps are not allowed.**

A 4-H member must enter and ride in at least three (3) working classes of performance in order to be eligible for state.

**Fitting and Showing:** There will be a separate fitting and showing class for those entered in the Performance Division Project. This is a required class to enter the performance division.

**Equitation: See the latest revised edition of the 4-H Horse Contest Guide PNW 574 for specific class requirements.**

### **Stockseat Equitation, Huntseat Equitation, Saddleseat Equitation, Bareback Equitation**

**Maiden Equitation:** Open to exhibitors who have not received a flat blue ribbon at fair in English/ Stockseat Equitation. No cross entry with other equitation classes. No pattern required.

### ***Pleasure:***

In pleasure classes, judging is based on performance of the horse. The horse must give the picture of being a pleasure to ride. All gaits must be performed willingly and with ease, cadence, balance and smoothness. Light contact must be maintained with the horse's mouth at all gaits. Horses must be sound. Refer to the latest revised edition of the 4-H Horse Contest Guide PNW 574 for full description of tack and attire.

**Western Pleasure:** Judged at a walk, jog/intermediate gait, and lope. Contestants are worked both ways of the ring at all gaits. Horses may be asked for an extended jog/intermediate gait. The order to reverse is executed by turning away from the rail. Riders should not be asked to reverse at the lope. After rail work is complete, entries line up as directed. Riders usually are asked to back.

**Huntseat Pleasure:** Contestants show their horses at a walk, trot/intermediate gait, and canter. They are worked both ways of the ring at all gaits. Horses may be asked for an extended trot/intermediate gait. The order to reverse is executed by turning away from the rail. Riders should not be asked to reverse at the canter. After rail work is complete, entries line up as directed. Riders usually are asked to back.

**Saddleseat Pleasure:** Contestants show their horses at a walk, trot/intermediate gait, and canter. They are worked both ways of the ring at all gaits. Horses may be asked for an extended trot/intermediate gait. The order to reverse is executed by turning toward or away from the rail. Riders should not be asked to reverse at the canter. After rail work is complete, entries line up as directed. Riders usually are asked to back.

### ***Practical Trail:***

Juniors must have a separate course from Intermediates and Seniors. Exhibitors may enter by lots. Horse to be ridden over, through or past course obstacles; judged on horse performance, manner, and ability to complete the course. Three refusals at any one obstacle will mean moving on to the next obstacle. There will be no rail work. The trail committee will design the course prior to fair. Course will be posted the evening before trail class at the latest. May use Western or English tack and attire. Refer to the 4-H Horse Contest Guide PNW 574.

***Driving Division: see the latest revised edition of the 4-H Horse Contest Guide PNW 574 for specific class requirements.***

A 4-H member must enter and show in at least (3) working classes of driving in order to be eligible for state.

**Fitting and Showing:** There will be a separate fitting and showing class for those entered in the Driving Division. This is a required class to enter the driving division

**Reinsmanship:** This class is designed to test the driver's knowledge and ability. Tests may be required. Horses to enter to the right (counter clockwise) at a working trot/intermediate gait and work both ways of the ring at the flat-footed walk, working trot/intermediate gait and trot on/increased intermediate gait. Reverse will be executed on the diagonal at a walk or a working trot from a designated corner at the direction of the ringmaster or the judge. Drivers line up where directed. Horses must stand quietly in line.

Tack and Attire: See the latest revised edition of 4-H Horse Contest Guide PNW 574.

**Pleasure Driving:** Horses enter to the right (counter clock-wise) at a working trot/intermediate gait and work both ways at the ring at the flat-footed walk, working trot/intermediate gait and trot on/increased intermediate gait. Reverse is executed on the diagonal at a walk or working trot from a designed corner at the direction of the ringmaster or judge. Drivers must line up in the center of the ring at the direction of the ringmaster or the judge. Horses must stand quietly in line.

Tack and Attire: See the latest revised edition of 4-H Horse Contest Guide PNW 574.

**Precision Driving:** Driven over the standard courses in the latest revised edition of 4-H Horse Contest Guide PNW 574. This competition tests the skill of the driver, the obedience and handiness of the animal and the accuracy with which the course is driven.

Tack and Attire: See the latest revised edition of 4-H Horse Contest Guide PNW 574.

***Jumping Division: See the latest revised edition of the 4-H Horse Contest Guide PNW 574 for specific class requirements.***

**Fitting and Showing:** There will be a separate fitting and showing class for those entered in the Jumping Division. This is a required class to enter the Jumping division.

***Hunter Hack:***

Course will consist of two jumps not to exceed 2 feet in height. Jumping will take place before the rail work. Class will be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, trot, canter or extended gaits. Hand gallop will be required but no more than eight are to be hand galloped at a time.

Three refusals at any one jump mean a possible elimination – no placing, no rail work. Judged on performance, manners, way of going and hunter jumping style. Supervised practice jumps will be provided. Judge may be asked to leave the ring during practice.

Tack and Attire: Same as Hunt Seat Equitation.

***Hunt Seat Equitation over Fences/Hunter over Fences (Height Level A & B):***

The horse is judged on an even hunting pace, manners and jumping style together with faults and way of moving over the course. The horse is also jogged unmounted for soundness. All horses are to be serviceable sound. Manners too are emphasized.

Tack and Attire: Same as Hunt Seat equitation. **Exception:** Safety vests may be worn in lieu of jackets and splint and bell boots may be used.

**Dressage Division:** see the latest revised edition of the 4-H Horse Contest Guide PNW 574 for tack, attire and specific class requirements. To qualify for a state fair berth, exhibitors must ride the same test as required at WA State 4-H Fair; test 3 for Int. and test 4 for Sr. using the current USDF tests.

**Fitting and Showing:** There will be a separate fitting and showing class for those entered in the Dressage Division. This is a required class to enter the Dressage division.

**Western Games Division:** See the latest revised edition of the 4-H Horse Contest Guide PNW 574 for tack, attire and specific class requirements.

The gaming events will follow the rules and regulations outlined in the latest revised addition of the 4-H Horse Contest Guide PNW 574.

A 4-H member must enter and ride in at least (3) working classes of Western Games in order to be eligible for state.

**Fitting and Showing:** There will be a separate fitting and showing class for those entered in the Western Games Division. This is a required class to enter the Western Games division.

The show secretary is responsible for computation/calculation for distribution of ribbons by times. The fast time as the standard 1.25 for blue, 1.75 for red for seniors/intermediates, and .2 between blue and red for juniors. Ribbons for off course will all be white.

Events for western games are: Figure 8, Key race, International flags, Texas barrels, Pole Bending, Two barrel flags

There will be a judge for all games events. The judge will have the right to disqualify a rider for abusing his/her horse. Quirts, bats and spurs are permissible with the understanding that no abuse of the horse will be tolerated.

Games courses may be changed for safety reasons and in such cases a rerun will be mandatory.

Two officially selected hand timers will be used during gaming runs and the faster of the 2 hand timed outcomes will be used should the electronic timer fail. Or a second electronic timer may be used in place of hand timers.

A thirty (30) foot starting box will be used with no angling to corners except in Texas Barrels where there will be a sixty (60) foot starting box. Rider must get their judges acknowledgement in the box, then may move outside the box to start the pattern. The rider MUST stop in the run out box.

### ***GREEN HORSE DIVISION:***

**Fitting and Showing:** This is a required class for those entered in the Green Horse Division.

### ***Three and Four year old (green horse) classes:***

To be eligible for this class, the 4-H member must have trained his/her project animal. The condition of the animal is very important. Overweight, underweight, wormy or hooves in poor condition will disqualify the animal from a blue placing. Three year olds must be shown in a curb, snaffle or a bosal.

**Equitation:** may be ridden in English or Western. To be judged at a walk, jog/trot or intermediate gait and lope/canter both ways of the ring. Judged on seat, hands, and position in motion and appointments of horse and rider.

**Pleasure:** may be ridden in English or Western. Judged on manners, performance and suitability of horse to rider. To be judged at a walk, jog/trot or intermediate gait and lope/canter both ways of the ring.

Tack and Attire: refer to appropriate equitation/pleasure section.

### ***Halter: foals, yearlings, two year old and three/four year old:***

Horses to be shown according to breed type in hand at walk and jog/trot/intermediate gait and are to be judged on type, confirmation, quality, substance and soundness. Hereditary or transmissible unsoundness shall

disqualify a horse. Horses are to be handled and shown throughout the entire class by only one and the same person. Halter mares must be lead out of sight/hearing of foal. (Green horse project leader guide EM 4689).

Tack and Attire: see fitting and showing section of the latest revised addition of the 4-H horse Contest Guide PNW 574. Exception: Whips are permissible according to breed type only if used properly.

### **Colt training:**

The purpose of this project is to develop trainers in our 4-H members, to encourage independent thinking in the use of aids, equipment and techniques of handling a horse and to allow the opportunity for a 4-H member to use his/her learned and applied training techniques.

Contestants must be enrolled in the current WSU 4-H "training" project. Check project enrollment book for proper project. Project open only to intermediate/senior members who have completed one year of Beginning Horsemanship and are currently enrolled in the 4-H Program. The 4-H member must have trained his/her animal(s) to be eligible for this class and is recommended to have kept all necessary project records and add sheets in his/her record book.

Condition of an animal is very important. Overweight, underweight, wormy or hooves in poor condition will disqualify the animal from a blue placing. Abusive handling of an animal will be cause for disqualification. A 4-H member may show more than one horse in this class, but no single horse may be shown by more than one handler. **NO STALLIONS OTHER THAN FOAL OF CURRENT YEAR.**

**Attire:** Refer to Fitting and showing section.

**Tack:** Horse to be shown in a halter with a throat latch. Chain cannot go over the poll, or through the mouth. Yearlings may be driven in halter with lines attached to sides and two year olds are to be driven with a snaffle bit. Lunge whips are optional.

**Judging:** All colt training projects are judged according to the age of the animal not the handler. Scoring will be on a point system based on animal learned skills, general animal behavior, handler's mannerisms and safety exhibited. Maximum time limited to show animals will be: Foals-7 minutes; Yearlings-12 minutes; and, Two Year old- 17 minutes. A one minute warning will be given for handler's convenience. Animal does not need to be shown the maximum time. However, if exhibitor goes over the allotted time, he/she will be penalized at the judge's discretion. Animal learned skills and the appropriate age are:

<b>Foals of current year:</b> (Minimum age 2 months)	Halter and tie up, groom for show, pick up feet, lead as directed, Sack out, showmanship using pattern judge designates
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**Yearlings:** All foal requirements above plus back up two lengths, ground drive in halter or work on lunge line at a walk and trot both ways of ring

**Two Year olds:** All foal and yearling requirements above plus yield to pressure, side step two steps each direction, work on a lunge line at a walk, trot and lope/canter both ways of the ring or Ground Drive in a snaffle bit, saddle and bridle or dress in full harness.

A copy of the scoring sheet can be requested by the leaders from the colt training committee.

### **Judging:**

The judging event may be held prior to the Southwest Washington Fair. Pre-registration is NOT required. This event is open to all 4-H members enrolled in any horse project. Participation is encouraged! This contest will feature fitting and showing, halter, riding and other applied interest classes. Written reasons are required for all exhibitors. Oral reasons are required for Intermediates and Seniors. The 4-H members are encouraged to study their WSU Horse Judging Guide, PNW575 publication to prepare for the contest.

## **Groom Squad:**

This event is open to senior members only and is held during the Southwest Washington Fair. Teams of three demonstrate their ability to work together in team competition grooming and preparing a horse for the show ring. Teams must register at fair and notify the Groom Squad Committee (GSC). The top team represents Lewis County at the state fair competition. If, for any reason, the entire winning team cannot participate in the state competition, the second place team will represent the county.

Selection of horses for this activity will be done by the GSC. Horses used for this contest must already be on the fair grounds. Horses will be assigned to a team by the GSC and cannot be exchanged after they are placed. The team members may or may not belong to the same club. The team must supply all grooming equipment and supplies. Groomers may use water. The judge will pre-measure the amount. All supplies will be inspected by the judge prior to the start of contest.

Time allowed: 30 minutes for a written quiz, 30 minutes for grooming and 15 minutes for practice; final show time to immediately follow. Team members may assist in the 15 minutes practice time, but only one may do the final showing. For further information refer to the latest revised edition of the WSU Groom Squad Contest Rules #61.

## **State Fair Selection:**

Intermediates and Seniors compete for berths on the team to represent Lewis County at the State 4-H Fair. The following classes are used to determine members of the team:

**Performance-** Fitting and Showing, Bareback Equitation, Stockseat Equitation, Huntseat Equitation, Saddleseat Equitation and Trail.

**Western Games-** Fitting and Showing, Texas Barrels, Figure 8, Pole Bending, Key Race and Two Barrel Flags, International Flags.

**Driving-** Fitting and Showing, Reinsmanship, Pleasure Driving and Precision Driving.

**Jumping-** Fitting and Showing, a flat blue in a Level B over fences class.

**Dressage-** Fitting and Showing, exhibitor must ride the same dressage test at state fair that is ridden at the SWW fair (Dressage test 3 for Int. and test 4 for Sr. using the current USDF tests).

In the event of a tie; the first tie breaker is showmanship, second tie breaker would be number of blues, and third tie breaker would be stockseat equitation/barrels/precision/equitation over fence class/highest test with best score.

State fair selection requires a **BLUE** in Fitting and Showing. In the unlikely event that there are not enough blue ribbon winners in Fitting and Showing who are able to represent the county at state fair, selection may be made from red ribbon winners. Best in class and second best in class do not accumulate points towards state fair berths.

Riders accumulate points for berths as follows:

Champion	12	Seventh	6
Res. Champion	11	Eighth	5
Third	10	Ninth	4
Fourth	9	Tenth	3
Fifth	8	Blue	2
Sixth	7	Red	1

For further information or clarification, see the state fair committee.

**MARGARET ANN SMITH MEMORIAL  
INSPIRATIONAL NOMINATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior: \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate: \_\_\_\_\_ Senior: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Has this member submitted a record book at this year's fair? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for nomination:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(LCHP1001)

**CLINIC PARTICIPATION FORM (LCHP 1002)**

RIDER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ HORSE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Age Division: Jr. Int. Sr. Number of consecutive years shown in this division.

Driving: \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Hunter Hack: \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Hunter Pleasure and Hunt Seat Eq. over fences \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Western Games \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Performance (ring etiquette) \_\_\_\_\_ n/a years.

CLINICIAN'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

***Clinician's Signature*** \_\_\_\_\_

*This form must be completed, signed by the clinician, and turned in to the 4-H Horse Show Secretary in order for you to be eligible to compete in classes that require clinic attendance.*

**CLINIC PARTICIPATION FORM (LCHP 1002)**

RIDER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ HORSE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Age Division: Jr. Int. Sr. Number of consecutive years shown in this division.

Driving: \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Hunter Hack: \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Hunter Pleasure and Hunt Seat Eq. over fences \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Western Games \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Performance (ring etiquette) \_\_\_\_\_ n/a years.

CLINICIAN'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

***Clinician's Signature*** \_\_\_\_\_

*This form must be completed, signed by the clinician, and turned in to the 4-H Horse Show Secretary in order for you to be eligible to compete in classes that require clinic attendance.*



LEWIS COUNTY EQUINE PROJECT

COMPLAINT/CONCERN FORM

Name of youth: \_\_\_\_\_ Date incident took place: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of youth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of event: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of currently enrolled 4-H Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Names & phone number of three witnesses:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Description of event: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(May use back of form if needed)

Where did this event take place: \_\_\_\_\_

Time incident took place: \_\_\_\_\_ AM / PM (circle one)

What policies apply?

Outcome person filing complaint/concern would like to see to resolve issue:

Return this form to the Horse Superintendant (for fair issues) or Extension staff (for other issues), along with a \$25 check made payable to the Lewis County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee.

LCHP 1003 (EW/PW 2009)

Cooperating agencies: Washington State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Lewis County. Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local Extension Office.



LEWIS COUNTY EQUINE PROJECT

Application for Early Release

Name of youth: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of application: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of youth: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of currently enrolled 4-H Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of event you and your horse wish to leave fair to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of event: \_\_\_\_\_

Date this event takes place/ dates you plan on participating? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will this event take place: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and contact information of show/event host: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a pre-registration for this event? Circle one: YES NO

If yes, what events have you registered to participate in? \_\_\_\_\_

Release of Exhibits from Southwest WA Fair:

- 1. The 4-H horse division will release exhibitors at a time to be announced by the Horse Superintendent.
2. Any exhibitors leaving before the designated release time WITHOUT PROPER PREAUTHORIZATION from WSU Extension Staff will not be checked out and will forfeit premiums and state fair berths earned at the fair.
3. Once a horse has left the fairgrounds by early release, walking out, or after being removed by Superintendent it will not be allowed back on the grounds for the 4-H show.
4. All horses and tack MUST be removed from the fairgrounds on the day the horses are released.
5. Please remember that participating in fair is a privilege not a right; choosing not to participate at fair is your decision, fair is not a 4-H requirement.

Office Use Only

Approved: YES NO Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Comments: \_\_\_\_\_
WSU Lewis County Extension Staff Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

LCHP 1004 (PW 2009)

Cooperating agencies: Washington State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Lewis County. Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination.

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