

Horse and Pony

1. Leaders will not be responsible for animals or children at any 4-H function.
2. Judges and leaders reserve the right to excuse a horse or rider from any 4-H function.
3. Members should enroll *online* by *January 15*. All fees must be paid in full by May 15th to be eligible for completion, awards or scholarships. Those who have not paid will not be eligible to show at County Fair.
4. All Allen County 4-H Horse and Pony Club meetings must be open to all persons connected with 4-H in Allen County.
5. The official Indiana State 4-H Horse and Pony Rule Book shall be used at the 4-H horse shows. **NOTE: Exception:** The Allen County 4-H Horse and Pony Leaders may change or adopt rules for their local show and these rules shall take precedent over any other rules.
6. Horse(s) and pony(ies) must be vaccinated by May 1st. For those members who give their own vaccinations a receipt and proof of purchase slip needs to be attached to the State Form along with the signature of the vet who administered the rabies vaccine. Horse(s) and pony(ies) may not participate in any activities prior to proof of vaccination.
7. Only one stall will be allocated for each exhibitor and an animal must remain on the grounds during the entire county fair. If the animal is removed prior to the release time, member will forfeit all points and awards.
8. *The 4-H member is required to complete a minimum of two activities in their Horse and Pony Activity Sheets according to their grade level. The completed Activity Sheet, which will also include the DECLARATION of their two project animals are due in the Allen County Extension Office no later than June 30. If June 30 falls on a weekend, the activity sheet and declaration are due on the first Extension's Office working day following June 30. Late activity sheets must be received by the end of Fair check in. Members NOT turning in Activity Sheet and declaration will be ineligible to show. Members with activity sheets and declarations which are late or incomplete will be allowed to participate in their designated completion class for participation ONLY. Members will NOT be allowed to participate in any additional classes; and the animal may not remain on the grounds and no stall will be allocated.*
9. **The project animal(s) selected must be identified *online* by May 15 of the current year and may not be substituted after that date, without 4-H leader approval.**
If a substitute horse has been approved by the leaders, the substitute horse will be ineligible for any championship on any level (i.e.: Grand and Reserve, High Point, Versatility, Showmanship and Team Tournament, etc.). A substitute horse will not be approved if a member already has a second horse project over 38".
10. Any animal to be used must be owned or leased by the member using the animal or in partnership with the member's father, mother, brother, sister, grandparent or guardian. *The animal or rider may not show twice in the same class.*
11. *Allen County 4-H members may co-lease a project animal, but project animal may not be shown twice in the same class. This is for County Fair ONLY. Both members must still complete in either a halter class or showmanship class and complete an individual activity sheet per their grade level.*
12. NO stallions are eligible to show except during calendar year foaled.
13. To be eligible to show at the Allen County Fair in any Driving, Jumping, or timed events, including speed/action, versatility and fun classes, members must bring each enrolled 4-H horse and pony project animal to two (2) outdoor riding meetings at the Allen County Fairgrounds and be qualified with each project animal. All 4-H Members who will be riding must qualify on their project animal, including those who are sharing the same horse. Members who will be competing in the Trail Class **must** attend one (1) Trail Class meeting. It is recommended that each exhibitor attend at least six meetings within the year. This should include indoor meetings, without their animal, workdays and outdoor meetings with their animal.
14. *Proper horse equipment must be used and proper attire worn by the member at all times while handling their animal at 4-H events. Reference Criteria for 4-H Events and Activities – Indiana 4-H Youth Program Policies and Procedures – General Terms and Conditions.*
15. Only 4-H Horse and Pony members may ride, lunge, or drive 4-H animals at 4-H events.
16. Allow Mini 4-H members to participate and show a live horse/pony at County Fair in compliance with State 4-H mini regulations.
17. All 4-H members are required to wear a properly fitted ASTM or SEI standard F1163 (or above) certified helmet whenever mounted or driving at a 4-H horse and pony event show or activity. The 4-H member is responsible to see that this specified headgear is properly fitted with the approved harness fastened in place whenever mounted. This policy applies to all county, area and state 4-H horse and pony events, shows and activities
18. A deposit will be required prior to stalling of the *animal(s) at the Allen County Fair*. Deposit will be refunded in full at the conclusion of the *fair* provided that the stall is left clean and undamaged.
20. Any suggestions for improvements will be appreciated and should be given in writing to the club leader. Suggestions will be brought up at leader meetings; however, any changes in the by-laws will have to be agreed on and voted upon by the leaders.
21. When or if an adult is interested in being a 4-H Horse and Pony leader, he or she should serve a one year apprenticeship with another leader. In the case of unusual circumstances it will be brought before the leaders.
22. Anyone not able to meet any rule above will be given due process to have their special circumstances reviewed by the Adult Leaders and, if necessary, the Allen County 4-H Clubs, Inc. Board.
23. All ponies and miniature horses under 8 years of age are required to be measured one time between March 1 and June 30. A height certification card must be on file and verified by two Allen County 4-H Horse and Pony Adult Volunteers. This measurement will be done once per season. Ponies are 56" and under. Miniature Horses are 38" and under. Any ponies and miniature horses over the age of 8 years or older with an Allen County height certification on file do not need to be remeasured.