

FAIR EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS

1. See Kent County 4-H Horse Project Requirements and Recommendations (Revised 11/2007) for the complete and detailed project guidelines. Following is a brief summary of those project guidelines.
2. See 4-H Bulletin 1145 (Revised 2001) for complete show rules and regulations.
3. (A.3) It is required all youth shall complete, with a minimum of 80% correct (in each of the areas – written, dismounted, & mounted), a minimum of the Novice Horsemaster Book requirements of the Kent County 4-H Horsemaster Project in July (date to be determined in Spring) prior to their participation in the Fair. It is the leader's discretion as to what level of completion beyond the **Novice Walk-Trot Level** is appropriate and necessary. **See General Rules for the Kent County 4-H Horsemaster Project for further guidelines.**
4. (A. 4) Each member exhibiting a horse/pony is also required to complete the Kent County 4-H Horse and Pony Project record Book which is to be submitted in July (date determined in Spring) prior to Fair.
5. (B. 3) It is required that each club must submit a completed **Project Declaration Form** or Intent to Declare Form with appropriate fees no later than **May 1** for each member who intends to participate at the fair. This form must include; exhibitor's name, address, 4-H 'showing' age, date of birth, club information; as well as the breed, registration numbers and type of project animal; breed, registration numbers and type of alternate animal; appropriate signatures of animal ownership; along with other pertinent exhibitor/project information. A member's 4-H 'showing' age will be determined by their age on January 1 of the current fair year.
6. (B. 4) All exhibitors are permitted to declare a primary project animal. A member may submit documentation to change from their primary project animal to an alternate project animal for the following reasons: Death, illness/injury or safety of the primary project animal. Documentation for illness/injury of primary project animal is a veterinary evaluation with complete diagnosis of illness or injury; Safety documentation will include a letter from the 4-H Leader AND a letter from a parent explaining the safety issue what has been done to solve the issue. All change requests to be handled by a member of the EC. After approval paperwork would be forwarded to show secretary to update his records. No other animals will be eligible to participate in ABC Grouping or any other part of the horse show program, including the State 4-H Horse Show. (See Kent County 4-H Horse Project Requirements for further information regarding ownership, etc.)
7. (B. 5) Exhibitors will exhibit only one animal – a foal, pony or horse. An exhibitor may exhibit a mare with a foal that was born after January 1 of the current fair year.
8. (B. 6) No stallions over 8 months of age on the first day of fair will be permitted at fair.
9. (B. 7) Horse ages are determined as of January 1 of the current fair calendar year except for the variation described in Item B.6.
10. It is required that all project horses be immunized against Tetanus and Eastern/Western Encephalomyelitis. Additional immunizations such as Potomac Horse Fever, Rhinopneumonitis/ Flu and Strangles are not required but are strongly recommended as well consult your veterinarian. It is further required that all project horses have a negative Coggin's test within the current calendar year of fair as required by Michigan Department of Agriculture Equine Infectious Anemia Law effective January 1, 2001. It is also recommended that horses should be dewormed on a regular basis.
11. (B. 14) All project animals must submit documented proof of the minimum required immunizations (B. 8) such as: copy of administering veterinarian's dated invoice, bill or certification; self-administered immunizations must include dated copy of purchase invoice or bill **AND** date immunization was administered to project horse. All project animals must also submit a copy of the current year's negative Coggin's. Two copies of immunizations and negative Coggin's must be submitted in July (date to be set in spring); one copy required in the Stable Record Book and a second copy given to club leader. Any animal arriving at fair in questionable health must submit to veterinary examination upon request from Horse Leader Executive Committee, Horse Superintendent or appropriate Fair Board Member and may be asked to leave the fairgrounds accordingly.
12. (B. 22) All members and visitors are to be out of the barns at closing time, 10:30 p.m., each night. Only Barn Captains and members of the Grounds and Safety Committee will have authorized identification for after hours.
13. (B. 24) No artificial devices or medical aids are to be used in a class on a horse or pony.
14. (B.29) Removal of ANY exhibit and/or project animal prior to the published release time and without prior approval, will mean forfeiture of a fine equal to the amount of premiums, ribbons, and trophies in ALL project areas. (See Kent County Youth Fair – Early Release Policy in the fair premium book.)

15. Each club is responsible to clean their own area in their horse barn including aisle ways and stalls at completion of fair removing all items, trash, debris, bedding and manure. The Fair Board has the right to fine a club the amount of premium and cost of clean-up if this is not complied with.

SECTION 1 - ABC GROUPING

CLASS NUMBER

400. Horse or Pony

PREMIUM

Schedule 25

SECTION 2 - HORSE RECORD BOOK

CLASS NUMBER

401. Record Book

PREMIUM

Schedule 55

SECTION 3 - HORSE SHOWMANSHIP

Champion and Reserve Champion will be the 1st and 2nd place of Section 3

CLASS NUMBER

403. Champion Showmanship Novice Walk-Trot

404. Champion Showmanship Novice Intermediate

405. Champion Showmanship Novice Advance

406. Champion Showmanship Junior Intermediate

407. Champion Showmanship Junior Advance

408. Champion Showmanship Senior (Intermediate & Advance Combined)

409. Champion Showmanship Horsemaster

PREMIUM

Sliding Scale C

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SECTION 4 – HORSE EQUITATION

Champion and Reserve Champion will be the 1st and 2nd place of Section 4

CLASS NUMBER

410. Champion Equitation Novice Walk-Trot

411. Champion Equitation Novice Intermediate

412. Champion Equitation Novice Advance

413. Champion Equitation Junior Intermediate

414. Champion Equitation Junior Advance Sliding

415. Champion Equitation Senior (Intermediate & Advance Combined)

416. Champion Equitation Horsemaster

PREMIUM

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SECTION 5 - HORSE CLUB EXHIBITS - Enter on **club premium statements only**.

1. Limited to clubs who have 5 members or more in this project.

2. Judging based on cleanliness and grooming of animals and cleanliness and neatness of stalls, alleyways and equipment.

3. Decorations that increase fire hazard will not be allowed.

Horse Club Herdsmanship Learning Objective:

1) To provide an opportunity for members to work as a club using teamwork and creativity by decorating their club stalls and section of the barn.

2) To provide an opportunity to demonstrate good equine care and cleanliness to the viewing public.

3) To provide an opportunity to provide explanations of knowledge of their project horse to a Herdsmanship judge.

4) To provide an opportunity to converse with the public regarding their individual project area and 4-H principles.

CLASS NUMBER

420. Horse Club Herdsmanship

PREMIUM

Schedule 20