

## SECTION 15: PROJECT REQUIREMENTS - Horses

179 Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows is available at the Extension Office.

### 4-H Project Requirements for all Horse Projects:

- 1) All Horse projects (including Horseless Horse) will be judged on Livestock & Skill-A-Thon Judging. See the 4-H Calendar for judging dates.
- 2) Completed project book and an exhibit of something learned in the project and present to the judge at interview judging
- 3) Show your animal at the fair (optional).
- 4) Horse project should be taken through 4-H Clubs specializing in horses.
- 5) The Horse Helmet Policy remains in effect. See the Wood County Fair website for more information.
- 6) One Equine Record Book (190R) should be completed by each member annually in horse projects 175 and higher.

### Junior Fair Requirements:

- 1) To participate in the Wood County Junior Fair, you must be a 4-H member in good standing and follow all Junior Fair requirements as listed in the fairbook and online.
- 2) Complete the County Fair Show and State Fair PAS Entry form by June 1 and turn in to your 4-H Advisor.
- 3) First year members in a horse project are required to participate in the Horse Safety and Ethics Program. Contact your Advisor or the Extension Office for more details.
- 4) Follow all rules listed in the fairbook.

### Project Books

#### **Horseless Horse 173**

**Guidelines:** Learn about horses without owning one. Over 20 different horse-related subjects are covered in easy-to-use worksheets. Also useful for the educational portion of club meetings. Written for the beginner but suitable for members of all ages.

#### **Beginning Horse Management 174**

**Guidelines:** This beginning-level project is for ALL youth starting in the 4-H horse program. The basics of caring for a horse, learning to ride, and Showmanship are covered in 170 pages, many with color photographs.

#### **Light Horse Selection 175**

**Guidelines:** Judge horses and classes after studying basic horse anatomy for a sound basis in the selection for pleasure or breeding stock.



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### **Basic Horse Training** 177

**Guidelines:** Train horses from birth to maturity. Understand horse behavior and how to use it to create a good relationship between horse and horseman. Includes the CD Basic Horse Training by Dr. Robert Kline.

**Judging Requirements:** Member may show their horse as a Horse Production project which would consist of only one class. If a member chooses, he may enter the horse in competition in a showmanship class at the fair or if the horse is ready, it may be entered in regular saddle horse competition. This decision must be made when fair entries are made in June.

### **Learning to Jump** 180

**Guidelines:** Want to put your horse skills to work on something new? This project starts with a foundation of proper riding techniques, then teaches you the basics of how to jump in an easy-to-understand sequence of exercises. Expert tips and a trouble-shooting guide keep you on track to have fun and stay safe while learning to jump.

### **4-H Draft Horse** 181

**Guidelines:** Are you fascinated with draft horses and want to know more about these magnificent giants? Learn about their care, feeding, harnessing, hitching, showing, and much more with this updated project book.

### **Small Equine** 182

**Guidelines:** This intermediate project is for a miniature horse, donkey, or mule. Learn the basics of caring for small equine, guiding in-hand and driving, and showmanship. Youth must complete 191R Horses, Safety, and You, and 174 Beginning Horse Management before taking this project.

### **Standardbred Horses** 184

**Guidelines:** Learn how to safely harness your horse to a cart and drive, whether it is a Standardbred racehorse or a pleasure driving horse.

### **Gymkhana** 186

**Guidelines:** Get started and succeed in competitive games on horseback! Check out this project! Learn how to take care of your horse, the patterns of gymkhana (including the barrel and flag races), and everything else you need to know to excel in gymkhana. Requires access to a horse and completion of a one-page report. Use with 190R Equine Record Book.

### **Roping** 187

Explore roping's rich history and its deep roots in the American West. Practice the basics of roping and put your skills to work by exploring roping events - ground roping, goat tying, tie-down roping, and team roping. May be repeated for up to three years as long as new learning takes place.

### **Trail Riding** 188

**Guidelines:** Team up with your horse for competition or pleasure trail riding. Learn the basics of conditioning your horse.

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### **Dressage** **189**

**Guidelines:** By patiently developing a horse's mental and physical abilities, youth work toward a perfect understanding between horse and rider. This project asks youth to "Complete a "Planning Your Project" section, several activities, learning experiences, and citizenship/leadership activities; keep records; and write a one-page report.