

2025 Wayne County 4-H / FFA / Jr. Fair Horse Project Rules and Information Packet

PROJECT CHECKLIST

- Enroll in 4-H** through 4-HOnline (<https://oh.4honline.com/>) by April 1st. (Each club may set an earlier date!)
- Quality Assurance: complete the required Equistep Course on Carmen Canvas by July 23 (please note if showing at the Ohio State Fair this is DUE JULY 1).** This counts towards your required Quality Assurance Training that must be completed every year. Link for Canvas Course will be released ASAP.
- Submit signed **Special Request Form** if you are requesting to share a horse or pony and/or for any other special accommodations. All special requests are due by **May 1 of current year** to the Extension Office.
- Junior Fair Book:** Obtain and read a Wayne County Junior Fair Book for rules and regulations for our county fair.
- Possession Date:** Obtain and care for your horse(s) and/or pony(ies) by **June 1 of current year.**
- Animal ID:** Enter ALL possible and eligible horses / ponies that you may bring to the fair through 4-HOnline by **June 1**. Help sheets are available at wayne.osu.edu/help.
 - **As part of entering your horses / ponies into 4-HOnline – upload the following photos and completed forms**
 1. Horse ID Registration form (drawing / sketch of markings) for each horse / pony.
 2. Photo of Front (head view), Photo of Left or Right (side view) of each horse / pony
 3. Copy of signed lease agreement (if you are leasing a horse / pony)
 4. Fair Requirements and Guidelines Form
- OHE:** All exhibitors who wish to participate in the Outstanding Horse Exhibitor program will take an exam on July 8 or August 5 at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, Event Center. Please visit go.osu.edu/wcjrfairoutstanding for more details.
- Project Completion:** Attend and participate in **one** of the following to be eligible to show at the fair. Wayne County 4-H Skillathon Interviews or State Fair Horse Skillathon. *Proof of State Fair Skillathon completion must be submitted to the Wayne County Extension Office by **August 6th**.*
 - ***New for 2025 *Outstanding Exhibitor Exams will NOT count for Skillathon completion.**
- Fair Entries:** Due by 11:59PM on Aug.1 of current year: Make ALL fair entries online at waynejrfair.fairentry.com for your animal(s).
 - ***New for 2025* there will be no changes/additions/corrections after Aug 1**
- Read and follow all rules pertaining to your project animal(s) in the Ohio 4-H Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows book, Wayne County 4-H Horse Project Guidelines, Horse Committee By-Laws, and Jr. Fair Book (this book should be given to you by your 4-H club advisor in July).



Get Connected

- Check the 4-H calendar for the most up to date information regarding our program
 - <https://go.osu.edu/4hcalendarevents>
- News and Notes Email Updates**
 - <https://go.osu.edu/newsandnotesemails>
- County Text Messages**
 - <https://go.osu.edu/wctextalerts>

What's New for 2025

- The classes have remained the same but the order of classes for Saturday's Contest Show has changed to better accommodate our Walk Trot members.
- Over Fences Jumping classes have been changed from Sr/Jr to Advanced/intermediate. Please take into consideration the heights of those jumps as noted in the Fair Book when making your Fair entries. Changes will not be allowed at the Fair. Pre-approval is still required!
- Western/Ranch Showmanship Classes have been split into separate classes. Remember, you may not show in more than one western style showmanship class per horse/rider combination. Contest Showmanship is considered a western style showmanship class.
- Best of Show Costume Class has been added.
- Freestyle Reining has been changed to Freestyle Performance. Pre-approval is no longer necessary but there are requirements for the class. Refer to Article VIII in the Rules and Regulations section of this document.
- Walk Trot Ranch Pleasure has been added to both the Fair and Fun Shows. You may not show in both Western and Ranch Pleasure classes at the same show.
- Western Riding classes, Sr and Jr, have been cancelled.
- Please note a change in classes within the Versatility Class. For this year, English Equitation has been replaced by English Pleasure.
- There will be an award for best stall/club decorations and clean aisles given out at the Fair. Let's do better in keeping our barns clean! More details to follow on this closer to the Fair.
- OHE Participation Forms are now due at Check-in at the Fair on Friday. Please refer to the OHE Guidelines for all steps necessary to compete in this program.

Other Reminders:

- Participants in Driving and Jumping Classes must seek prior approval. See additional information in Rules and Information Packet
- It is expected that you will exhibit and stall your project animals(s) at the Wayne County Fair. Refer to General Announcements and Reminders for more information regarding requests for hauling in.

- All horse exhibitors will be required to complete the Equistep Course on Carmen Canvas for quality assurance completion. If you are planning to show at State Fair, it must be completed by July 1. The deadline if showing only at the Wayne County Fair is July 23. Youth showing other livestock **MUST** complete another livestock QA session as well.

What's Included in this Horse Information Packet?

- Horse Project Guidelines
- Wayne County 4-H Horse Calendar of Events
- Ohio 4-H Horse Leasing Guidelines
- Wayne County 4-H Horse Committee By-Laws
- Wayne County 4-H Tuesday Night Summer Horse Fun Shows Information
- Horse Special Request Form (Due May 1st)
- Horse ID (Drawing / Sketch) Form – 2 copies, 1 for each horse/pony to be shown

Please note –all horse photos and forms (except the special request form) must be submitted online at oh.4honline.com. You will upload a photo of the front (head view) and a photo of the right or left (side view) for each horse / pony. You will also enter information about and upload forms for each horse / pony that you might bring to the fair. Help Sheets for uploading photos and forms are available on the Extension Office website wayne.osu.edu/help.

There are 2 copies of the Horse ID (drawing / sketch) forms included in this packet since youth are permitted to show two equine animals. However, you may ID more than 2 animals if you are not yet sure which animals you will be showing. To do this simply make copies of the forms included in this packet or request additional forms from the Extension Office.

General Announcements and Reminders

1. **It is expected that you will exhibit and stall your project animals(s) at the Wayne County Fair. Request for hauling in for show days only may be made by August 1. Requests will be reviewed by the Horse Committee with final approval from the Senior Fair Board. You will be notified if your request is approved.**
2. **FOR YOUR SAFETY**, it is **recommended** that Horse members wear smooth, hard-soled boots with a heel. These boots are designed to help prevent getting a foot caught in a stirrup should you fall off. The heel of the boot prevents your feet from going forward thru the stirrup and the smooth sole allows your foot to slide out of the stirrup to prevent from getting hung-up and possibly being drug by the animal.
3. **All youth age 19 and under, participating in any 4-H equestrian activity, are required to wear**

properly fitted protective headgear which meets or exceeds current ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials) and SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards with the chin harness securely fastened at all times while riding or driving an equine. *“If any exhibitor’s safety headgear falls to the arena floor while the rider is in the arena, he/she is disqualified”*.

4. Members be aware of the Body Condition Score requirements in the “Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows” p. 11 #36. If your horse/pony has a body score less than 4 – you will not be able to exhibit or show your horse/pony at the Fair or any 4-H Horse Show.
5. **4-H Horse members will once again be responsible for cleaning their own horse stalls prior to Fair and at the end of the Fair.**
6. **Reminder:** please review the Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows on page 7 - General Rules # 2– 8. Just to remind members and parents of prohibited substances, which cannot be used with horses being shown at 4-H shows.
7. **Outstanding Horse Exhibitor Awards** will be offered once again this year. More details are available on the Extension Office Website.
8. **Clothing Requirements/Restrictions** – Some of the enclosed show bills have clothing requirements and restrictions. If you have questions, refer to the Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows. Proper attire for contest riders is the same as Western Horsemanship: “Suitable Western attire including boots, shirts with a collar and long sleeves...”
9. **Contest Classes** – Whips will be allowed to be used at the Wayne County Fair this year under the guidance and supervision of the judge.
10. Participants in **Jumping Classes** must participate in an evaluation by an individual approved by the Horse Committee or present documentation of a qualifying score in jumping at a PAS show. Contact Lisa Miller at 330-465-9735.
11. **Driving Classes** - Participants must participate in an evaluation by an individual approved by the Horse Committee or have a qualifying score in driving at a PAS show. Contact Jennifer Frank at 330-347-5500 to be evaluated.

4-H Code of Conduct Reminders

4-H Youth participating in or attending local club, county, district, state, and national programs, activities, events, shows, and contests sponsored for youth by the Ohio State University Extension 4-H Youth Development Program are required to conduct themselves according to the 4-H Youth Code of Conduct. The code operates in conjunction with the guidelines and regulations of the specific event, show, program and/or activity.

4-H Sportsmanship, Safety, and Good Manners for Horse Projects

- Riding horses/ponies outside the arenas at a **WALK** only.
- Ride your horse/pony with a bridle (not a halter).
- Keep your horse/pony within the West side (barn side) of the 4-H Horse Barn Area.

- DO NOT RACE in the arena or any other area.
- Be aware of strollers and small children...we wouldn't want to run over anyone.
- Respect all competitors, parents, advisors, members of the public, show officials, and judges.

2025 WAYNE COUNTY 4-H Horse Calendar of Events

March

- 01 State 4-H Horse Bowl / Hippology / Judging Clinic and Communications Contest (Oral)/ Poster Contest and Year-End Achievement Awards Presentation – Animal Science Bldg 2029 Fyffe Rd, Columbus, OH

April

01 Wayne County 4-H Enrollment Deadline

- 5 State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest – Nationwide / Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, Columbus
5 State 4-H Hippology Contest – Nationwide / Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, Columbus

May

- 01 Special Request Forms Due to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m.

JUNE

01 Forms / Photos to be uploaded to oh.4honline.com website:

1. Wayne County 4-H Horse Identification Sketch Form
 2. Photo of front (head view) and left or right (side view) of each horse / pony
 3. Copy of your Lease (if leasing a horse/pony from someone)
- 03 Wayne County 4-H Tuesday Night Fun Show *Pleasure Classes*
- 6pm -Entry booth opens at 5:30 pm
- 10 Wayne County 4-H Tuesday Night Fun Show *Contest Classes*
- 6pm -Entry booth opens at 5:30 pm
- 17 Wayne County 4-H Tuesday Night Fun Show *Pleasure Classes*
- 6pm -Entry booth opens at 5:30 pm
- 24 Wayne County 4-H Tuesday Night Fun Show *Contest Classes*
- 6pm -Entry booth opens at 5:30 pm

JULY

- 01 *Ohio State Fair Jr. Horse Show Entries Due- **Equistep DUE for State Fair participants** – (must be completed on-line at the State Fair website and a copy e-mailed to (Diane Johnson johnson.9505@osu.edu or dropped off to Extension office by noon.)*
- 01 Wayne County 4-H Tuesday Night Fun Show *Pleasure Classes*
- 6pm -Entry booth opens at 5:30 pm
- 08 Wayne County 4-H Tuesday Night Fun Show *Contest Classes*

- 6pm -Entry booth opens at 5:30 pm
- 08 Wayne County Jr. Fair **Outstanding Exhibitor Exam**
- 5-9 pm, Event Center – Wayne County Fairgrounds
- 09 Wayne County Jr. Fair **Skillathon Interviews**
- 6-9 pm, Event Center – Wayne County Fairgrounds
- 14 State 4-H Judging Contests – Ohio State Fairgrounds 717 E 17th Ave, Columbus
- 22 Last chance Livestock Quality Assurance Session
- must complete QA to be eligible for 2025 Wayne County Fair
- 23 **Wayne County Equistep and Livestock Quality Assurance deadline by 11:59 pm**

AUGUST**01 WAYNE COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR ENTRIES DUE**

*** NEW FOR 2025* No additions or corrections after August 1 (must be submitted online at waynejrfair.fairentry.com)**

- 05 Rain Make Up Date (If Needed) for Summer Fun Shows
- 05 Wayne County Jr. Fair **Outstanding Exhibitor Exam** - 5-9 pm, Event Center – Wayne County Fairgrounds
- 06 Wayne County Jr. Fair **Skillathon Interviews** - 6-9 pm, Event Center – Wayne County Fairgrounds
- 07 Rain Make Up Date (If Needed) for Summer Fun Shows
- 14-18 Ohio State Fair Jr. Horse Show
- 17 Ohio State Fair Junior Horse Show – Classical & Western Dressage Show
- 23 State 4-H Groom and Clean Contest

SEPTEMBER

- 05 OHE Participation Forms are now due at Check-in
- 05-06 State 4-H Competitive Trail Ride
- 06-11 WAYNE COUNTY FAIR!!
- 16 Jr. Fair Work Night 1 - all clubs invited to help with this service 'clean up' project of the Wayne County Fairgrounds. Pizza and pop provided!
- 22 Jr. Fair Work Night 2 - all clubs invited to help with this service 'clean up' project of the Wayne County Fairgrounds. Pizza and pop provided!
- 26 Outstanding Record books DUE to the Wayne County Extension Office by 4:30p

OCTOBER

- 31 Action Committee Applications DUE to the Extension Office
- 31 Junior Fair Board Achievement Record Application DUE to the Extension Office

NOVEMBER

- 13 Wayne County 4-H Recognition Banquet

4-H Horse Leasing Guidelines

One purpose of 4-H horse projects is to teach young people how to feed, fit, show, and care for their animal(s). The more important purpose is to provide an opportunity for personal growth and development of the young person. Ohio 4-H realizes that some youth are unable to have an actual horse for their 4-H horse project. Options available to these individuals include:

- Lease a horse from another individual
- Horseless Horse Project (project number 173)

What Is The Purpose Of Leasing A Horse As A 4-H Project?

- A lease program is appropriate in the 4-H program when one or more of the following conditions exists:
 1. Youth does not have the financial ability to purchase a horse.
 2. Youth has a horse but it is unable to be used (lameness, pregnancy, too young, etc).
 3. Youth has a horse but it is the wrong type for the educational experience the youth wishes to obtain.

What Are Expectations Of The Horse Owner?

- An individual (lessor) who leases a horse must be willing to:
 1. Relinquish all rights to train, handle, and care for the horse in order for the youth to complete the requirements of a 4-H horse project. Potential owners should not lease horses they want to ride or show on a regular basis during the term of the lease.
 2. Not take the horse back prior to the end of the lease unless the youth agrees to return the horse.
 3. Have the youth (or parent/legal guardian) sign whatever agreements they decide upon in regard to care of the animal.
 4. Allow the youth to transport and show the horse in 4-H, open, or breed shows.

What Are Expectations Of The 4-H Participant?

- An individual (youth) who leases a horse as a 4-H project:
 1. To be responsible for the care of the animal in whatever manner is mutually agreeable to both the owner (lessor) and youth (lessee).
 2. To complete a horse identification form as required by local counties to identify the horse as a 4-H project.
 3. As a part of the educational experience of leasing a horse, to work in consultation with the owner (lessor) to develop a lease agreement on the horse selected for the Ohio 4-H program (see attached suggestions for developing a lease agreement).
 4. Prior to any deadline date established by your local County Extension Office, to submit to the local County Extension Office, a completed copy of the horse identification form and lease agreement for verification purposes ONLY.

What Should Be Included In A Lease?

- Every lease is unique in the items that must be covered to protect both the owner (lessor) and the youth (lessee). A lease should be drawn and signed by the owner and the youth to ensure adequate care of the animal, protect the investment of the lessor, and to detail the responsibility of the youth in regard to caring for the animal. It is wise to have a written lease agreement any time you are using someone else's horse, even if the owner is a family member. A lease can assist in preventing misunderstandings and unhappiness between the horse's owner and youth leasing the horse.
- We suggest the following issues, but not limited to these, be addressed in a lease:
 1. Identification of the horse (name, registration number if registered); the name, address, and phone number of the youth (lessee) leasing the horse; the name of parent/guardian if the youth is under 18 years of age; the name, address, and phone number of the owner (lessor).
 2. Who is responsible in case of injury or death to the horse. Who pays veterinarian bills, and what would be the maximum amount you are expected to pay in veterinarian costs if injury costs are your (lessee's) responsibility. In addition, if the animal is injured and unusable, who has to nurse the animal back to health? An owner (lessor) may require you to take out insurance on the horse with the owner as the beneficiary to cover possible loss due to the death of the horse.
 3. Where the horse will be housed and who is responsible for the daily care of the horse; any feed, health care (i.e. deworming, vaccinations, etc), foot care, and/or special stabling requirements made by the owner.
 4. The purpose(s) for which the horse will be used, and that it can be transported at the youth's discretion to shows.
 5. Any limitations that would be placed on the owner's use of the horse. Refer to the current Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows (Circular 179) for limitations caused by the animal being a 4-H project and include them or reference them in a statement and make a copy of the rules available to the owner of the horse.
 6. A statement on the time period covered by the lease and under what conditions and time frame the lease can be discontinued.
 7. The owner should have a statement included relieving them of liability in cases of property damage, injury to the youth, or injury to a third party while the horse is under the lessee's supervision.
 8. A place for signatures for the owner (lessor) and the youth (lessee) with a line for parent/guardian if the youth is under 18 years of age.

The above-mentioned issues are only suggestions, and we cannot advise you as to specific terms or wording in a lease agreement. You may even want to consult an attorney.

2025 Wayne County 4-H Horse Program Rules and Regulations

- All youth age 19 and under, participating in any 4-H equestrian activity, are required to wear properly fitted protective headgear which meets or exceeds current ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards with the chin harness securely fastened at all times while riding or driving an equine.
- It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian of the youth participant, to make sure that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use and is properly fitted and in good condition. The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, show committees, officials, Extension personnel, and volunteer leaders are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance.
- The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, show committees, officials, Extension personnel, and volunteer leaders make no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear, as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries in equestrian activities.
- The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, show committees, officials, Extension personnel and volunteer leaders may, at his/her discretion, check a participant's protective headgear for proper standards. If the youth is found to be wearing unapproved, defective, or improperly fitted headgear, he/she is not permitted to participate in riding or driving activities until proper headgear is acquired.

The Wayne County 4-H Horse Program will be governed by the Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows (4-H Pub. #179) and these Bylaws. The PAS State Fair qualifying shows and the State Fair 4-H horse shows will be strictly governed by the Uniform Rules only. Wayne County shows are also governed by the Uniform Rules, but some of these rules may have been adapted to meet our local needs and these are recorded in these Bylaws. The Bylaws will only supersede the Uniform Rules for the County 4-H horse shows.

ARTICLE I. Eligibility

- Any Wayne County boy or girl 8 years of age and in the third grade and have not passed their 19th birthday as of January 01 is eligible. A member's age for the 4-H year is his or her age on this date. Written approval of their parents is required. A non-resident who meets the above age requirements and has the permission of the Extension Educator is also eligible.
- Membership is open to all youth on a non-discriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or religious affiliation.

ARTICLE II. Enrollment and Projects

- Enrollment must be submitted to the Extension Office online via the oh.4honline.com website by **April 1st**. After **April 1st**, permission of the Extension Office is required, and certain restrictions will apply.
- Transfers from one club to another during the 4-H year may be made only upon agreement of advisors in both clubs concerned and with the approval of the Extension Office.
- Each year, the following forms / photos must be submitted for each horse / pony that a youth may show at the Wayne County Fair.
 - 4-H Horse I.D. form (Sketch) (one for each horse/pony)
 - A photo of the front (head view) and right or left (side view) of each horse/pony in 4-HOnline by June 1st
 - Horse Special Request Form (Due May 1st)
 - Lease Papers if applicable uploaded into 4-HOnline
 - Special Requests must be submitted for approval by May 1st
 1. Sharing a horse - See Article II, Section 5
 2. Other
 - All special requests for exceptions to these bylaws will be for one project year only and must be presented in writing to the 4-H Horse Committee and contain the following:
 1. Member's name, age, address, club membership.
 2. A list of all project horse names that have I.D. papers on file for current year.
 3. Written details of the reason(s) for the request.
 4. Signed by the 4-H member, parent and the Club Advisor.
 5. Contact phone number for parent/member.
 - The 4-H Horse Committee Officers and Steward(s) will meet to review requests. Until a special request has been granted in writing by the Committee, the unapproved request will not be allowed at any Wayne County 4-H Horse event.
- Requests for a change of project horse/pony after the June 1st deadline must be made with the approval of the 4-H advisor and the Horse Committee. If the change is granted, the new project horse/pony will NOT be eligible to participate at the Wayne County Fair, regardless of the reason for the change. The 4-H'er should be encouraged to participate in all other 4-H horse functions, Traditional Shows, 4-H Fun Shows, clinics, etc. See Article II, Section 3, b) &c)
- In the event of a need, 4-H members within Wayne County, OH may share/lease a horse or pony for their project with the approval of the 4-H Horse Committee, obtained annually prior to May 1st. See Article II, Section 3, a) & b). If it is found the approval has not been granted, or approval was made under deception, member will not be permitted to show that horse or pony at a Wayne Co. 4-H show the remainder of the calendar year.
- Regular training and care by anyone other than the 4-H member shall terminate by June 1st. We recommend regular riding lessons for the 4-H members to ensure their safety with their horse/pony

project.

ARTICLE III. Advisory Committee

- Twelve representatives will be elected for a three-year term and cannot complete more than three consecutive terms. Junior Fair in the following paragraph refers to all 4-H and FFA activities, not just those directly related to the Wayne County Fair. Activities also includes project instruction.
- The Horse Committee will have responsibility in planning Junior Fair activities; procedures and policies for these activities. Have responsibility for the activity so far as advising and counseling Junior Fair Board members and assisting where needed. Be responsible for evaluating Junior Fair activities; procedures and policies of each activity. Have authority to make decisions regarding procedures and policies for their project area. Committee decisions must be based on program policy as established by the Extension 4-H Committee in cooperation with representatives from the County Vocational Agriculture teachers, where applicable.
- Nominations and elections for the 4-H Horse Advisory Committee officers will be held at the first meeting of each year. All officers must be current members of the committee. The following offices will be nominated and elected: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. The committee shall also elect a Steward and Assistant Steward. If no one from the committee accepts the positions of Steward and Assistant Steward, the committee may choose to elect individual(s) not on the committee to either or both positions.
- Any problems concerning horse show rules, procedures, or class eligibility which arises will be handled by the Steward. The Steward may request assistance from the 4-H Horse Committee.
- The 4-H Horse Committee will meet a minimum of 4 times during a calendar year. The 4-H Horse Committee Chairman may call additional meetings as needed. All 4-H Horse Committee meetings will be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.
- All requests or proposals presented to the Horse committee must be signed.
- Any proposed changes or additions to the Bylaws, from other than Horse Committee members, are to be submitted in writing to the Committee.

ARTICLE IV. Protest Procedure

- Protests must be made in writing, signed by the party or parties making protest, and filed with the Junior Fair Office for fair related matters or the Extension Office for all other 4-H related matters by noon of the day following award or incident, accompanied by protest fee of \$100.00, which will be retained by the Wayne County Agricultural Society for fair related matters and the Extension Office for 4-H related matters. The Junior Fair Liaison Committee and Horse Committee shall hear protests for fair related matters and the Extension 4-H Advisory Committee and Horse Committee shall hear protests for 4-H related matters. All protests will be considered at a time set by the Junior Fair

Liaison Committee or Extension 4-H Advisory Committee and all parties will be notified. Protest may be made prior to the opening day of the fair by following the same procedure. The Horse Committee is not required to pay the \$100 fee when a majority of the committee agrees that a protest should be filed and the committee is the party bringing forward a protest. All other procedures will follow the *Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows*.

ARTICLE V. Horse Show Regulations

- A horse that is known for kicking should be identified by a red ribbon tied on its tail
- No horse shall be hit with hands. The use of crops, whips and bats shall be governed by the rules in the appropriate class in the *Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows* in PAS show and State Fair only. No whips, over and under, crops or bats shall be used at summer 4-H fun shows in gymkhana classes.
- Any eligible horse may appear only once in each class, excluding 4-H Fun Shows unless approved by the committee.
- No spectator, parents, or exhibitor are permitted to talk to the judge during a show. If there are any questions to be asked, they are to be taken to the Steward.
- An infraction of the rules will constitute elimination from a class by the Steward.
- Walk-trot is open to inexperienced, first year and second year saddle horse members only; exceptions to this rule are made by permission of the 4-H Horse Committee. See Article II, Section 3,a), 1,2,3.
- Any member showing a walk-trot project cannot enter any canter class and any member showing in any canter class cannot show a walk-trot project. Once a walk-trot member has entered even one canter class, at any show, they are ineligible for any walk-trot classes from that date forward. This shall apply to all shows (open, breed, or 4-H) during the project year, June 1st thru Wayne County Fair. The only exception to this rule is walk-trot members may show in any fun class at the Wayne County Fair.
- Members may only show in one Western Showmanship Class per horse/rider combination. Members must enter the division (contest/western/ranch) they predominately show in. Entries are subject to final approval by the 4-H Horse Committee. Tenderfoot showmanship may be a 2nd showmanship class if child qualifies. Tenderfoot is open to 1st year members not older than 10 years of age on January 1 of current year.
- Exhibitors showing in Beginner Canter may not cross enter into their age group unless that same class is not offered for the beginner division.
- Exhibitors may not show the same horse in Ranch Pleasure and Western Pleasure at the same show. Members will not be required to choose a seat style as outlined in rule 37 under general rules of the Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows.

ARTICLE VI. PAS (Performance Against Standards)

- PAS requirements for State Fair competition may be found on the State 4-H website horse.osu.edu

- *PAS Patterns are available on-line at <https://horse.osu.edu> and youth are encouraged to go to other counties to qualify for State Fair.*
- *Anyone choosing to go to an out of county PAS Show must have an out-of-county PAS form signed by an Extension Office 4-H Professional prior to going to the out-of-county PAS Shows.*

ARTICLE VII. Fair Regulations

- No member may bring more than (2) two equine to the fair. In case of a shortage of stalls, the 4-H Horse Committee may request that members stall only one animal in the 4-H barn. Note that Mare and Foal count as one equine. Currently Production Projects are not offered in our program, foals and weanlings are not permitted in the 4-H barns at the Wayne County Fair.
- No animals stabled on the fairgrounds will leave the fairgrounds during the fair without an approval by the fair veterinarian, which is to be posted on the stall before leaving the grounds. Anyone removing a horse before designated release time without that certificate will forfeit all premiums and will not be permitted to exhibit the following year.
- Members who stable a project at the Wayne County Fair and do not show in any class will be barred from showing at the Fair the following year and will forfeit their premium unless they can present an acceptable reason to the 4-H Horse Committee.
- Be aware of the Body Scoring Requirements in the Uniform Horse Rules p. 11 #36. If your horse/pony has a body score less than 4 – you will not be allowed to exhibit or show your horse/pony at the Fair or any 4-H Horse Show.
- Only the 4-H member can ride their own horse/pony until the completion of Thursday's show.

ARTICLE VIII. Special Wayne County Fair Classes

- Versatility Class
 - There will be four events – judge to provide patterns.
 - Showmanship - 4-H Rule Book
 - English Pleasure
 - Ranch Riding - 4-H Rule Book
 - Barrel Race (Cloverleaf) - 4-H Rule Book
 - Entire class is one entry, one rider basis. The same exhibitor must ride the same horse in all events.
 - Open to senior and junior members with advisors' permission. Walk-Trot members not eligible.
 - No entry is permitted to leave arena after class has started.
 - All tack changes will be made in the arena or other designated area. Two attendants will be permitted during tack changes to assist the rider. All changes must be made, and attendants must be out of arena within the 5-minute time limit or participant will be eliminated from the next event but must remain in the arena. The tack change time limit of 5 minutes will be

strictly observed.

- Events to be shown in appropriate tack and clothing.
- No person is permitted to ride entry or advise exhibitor during class (including five-minute breaks).
- Each event will be judged separately. The judge or judges will score separately and their scores will be combined for the placing in each event. Each of the judges placing for each event will award points as follows:

1st - 10 points	2nd - 9 points	3rd - 8 points	4th - 7 points
5th- 6 points	6th- 5 points	7th- 4 points	8th- 3 points
9th- 2points	10th- 1 point		

No points or placing awarded to exhibitor, if off course in barrels. The winner of the versatility class will be the entry with the highest number of points totaled from the four events.

- In case of a tie, the person who placed highest in showmanship will place higher.
- Judges decision is final.

- Freestyle Performance Class

- This class is open to Senior, Junior and Beginner Canter members. It is not open to Walk/Trot members. Exhibitors may choose showmanship, or riding, or a combination of the two to complete their routine. Summer Fun Show dress code applies to costumes.
- Each Freestyle Routine must be choreographed to a song that is less than 4 minutes long. The song must be pre-approved by a 4-H advisor.
- Each Routine must have (2) direction changes, a spin/pivot/or forehand turn each direction, changes in speed or transitions from one gait to another, (2) Stops, and a backup.
- Exhibitors must turn in a handwritten and/or drawn-out pattern for their routine and will be judged on their choreography, creativity, level of difficulty— bonus maneuvers, horses' willingness to perform and the exhibitor's ability to subtly cue their horse.
- Riders may two hand horses of any age in the freestyle class.

- Western Dressage

- These classes will run according to the WDAA rules with the following exceptions/additions listed below. Additional Western Dressage guidelines (concerning rules, criteria for judging, scoring procedures, and test sheets) are available from the extension office. New Western Dressage rules and tests can be found at <http://westerndressageassociation.org/western-dressage-rules-tests/>
- **2022**-Western Dressage Test-Introductory Level, Test 2 and Test 3 will be open for walk-trot project members only.
- **2022** Western Dressage Test – Basic Level, Test 1,2, and 3 are not open to walk/trot

members as these classes involve lope.

- No cross entering between the Western Dressage and the traditional Dressage classes.
- Western Dressage has a limit of 3 classes entered as is in the traditional Dressage classes.

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2025 WAYNE COUNTY 4-H Tuesday Night Summer Horse Fun Shows

2025 Wayne County 4-H Pleasure Fun Shows

Show dates: June 3, June 17, July 1

1. Senior Showmanship	9. Senior English Equitation	17. Senior Western Horsemanship
2. Junior Showmanship	10. Junior English Equitation	18. Junior Western Horsemanship
3. Beginner Showmanship	11. Beginner English Equitation	19. Beginner Western Horsemanship
4. Walk-Trot Showmanship	12. Walk-Trot English Equitation	20. Walk-Trot Western Horsemanship
5. Senior English Pleasure	13. Senior Western Pleasure*	21. Senior Ranch Pleasure*
6. Junior English Pleasure	14. Junior Western Pleasure*	22. Junior Ranch Pleasure*
7. Beginner English Pleasure	15. Beginner Western Pleasure*	23. Walk-Trot Ranch Pleasure
8. Walk-Trot English Pleasure	16. Walk-Trot Western Pleasure*	

* The exhibitor cannot show the same horse in Ranch Pleasure and Western Pleasure at the same show*

Rain Dates (only if Tuesday night gets canceled): August 5 & 7

2025 Wayne County 4-H Contest Fun Shows

Show dates: June 10, June 24, and July 8

1. Walk-Trot Barrels	6. Senior Poles
2. Junior Barrels	7. Junior Stakes
3. Senior Barrels	8. Senior Stakes
4. Walk-Trot Poles	9. Junior Keyhole
5. Junior Poles	10. Senior Keyhole

Time: 6:00 P.M. All Day Fee: \$15.00 or \$5.00 per class PLEASE KEEP THE SAME BACK NUMBER FOR ALL SHOWS

Make Entries Day of Show at Entry Booth

Walk Trot - Not Eligible To Canter **Beginner** – First Year To Canter (any age) Cannot Enter Jr./Sr. Classes
Junior – 13 years of age and Under As of 1-01-22 **Senior** – 14-18 years of age as of 1-01-22

Please Remember the Dress Code: NO Tank Tops, Crop Tops, Spaghetti Straps or Low Cut Shirts - Skin Showing Between your Jeans and Shirt is Not Acceptable (Make sure that the bottom of your shirt and the top of your jeans meet). *Violation of the Dress Code will Result in the Member Not Being Permitted to Show.*

YEAR-END AWARDS WILL BE PLACED 1-5 AND PRESENTED AT THE WAYNE COUNTY FAIR

TRAILERS MAY HOOK UP TO ELECTRIC FOR \$7.00. PLEASE CLEAN UP MANURE AND HAY AROUND YOUR TRAILERS SO WE MAY CONTINUE TO USE THE FAIRGROUNDS. BARN FACILITIES MAY BE USED, BUT MUST BE CLEANED BEFORE LEAVING. IF THIS POLICY IS ABUSED, THEN WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO USE THE BARN IN THE FUTURE.

The Wayne County 4-H Horse Committee, the 4-H Program, and the Wayne County Fairgrounds are NOT responsible for any Injuries, Damage or Loss to Exhibitor, Animals, Spectators or Equipment. ***REMINDER* No horse shall be hit with hands. The use of crops, whips, and bats shall be governed by the rules in the appropriate class in the Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows in PAS show and State Fair only. No whips, over and under, crops or bats shall be used at summer 4-H fun shows in gymkhana (Contest) classes. Alcohol is NOT permitted on the grounds.**

Ohio 4-H PAS Horse
Show Patterns and
other PAS Information
are available as PDF's
that can be printed and
downloaded from the
State 4-H Horse
website:

<https://horse.osu.edu>

2025 WAYNE COUNTY 4-H Horse Special Request Form

All special requests for exceptions to the Wayne County 4-H Horse Committee Rules and Regulations and/or other special accommodations for horse youth will be for one project year only and must be presented in writing via this form to the 4-H Horse Committee. Special Request forms should be turned in to the Wayne County Extension Office by **4:30 pm on May 1 of current year.**

4-H Member's Name: _____

4-H Member's Club: _____

4-H Member's Age as of January 1st of the current year: ____

4-H Member's Address: _____

Parent / Guardian's Name(s) _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

List the 4-H member's horse's name(s) below
(please list all horse name(s) registered to the member for this year.)

1. _____ 2. _____

Please describe what your special request is below (attach additional page if necessary):

4-H Member's Signature

Parent's Signature

Advisor's Signature

HORSE'S IDENTIFICATION FORM

4-Her's Name _____ County _____

Horse's Name _____ 4-H Club Name _____

Horse _____ Pony _____ Height _____ Sex _____ Age _____

Breed or Type (saddle, hunter, stock) _____

Basic Color _____ Face and Leg Markings _____

On Diagram Below, **OUTLINE** with Dark Solid Lines
ALL White Markings.
 Show **ALL** SCARS and BRANDS.

Check if leased horse

DRAW IN HEAD MARKINGS

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INDICATE ALL DARK SPOTS WITHIN WHITE AREAS

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