



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
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Douglas County

2021-2022 4-H Horse Project

Rules & Guidelines

The purpose of the 4-H Horse Project is to help youth learn how to properly care for and enjoy your horse while developing Life Skills. Through the 4-H Horse Project, youth can increase their knowledge and improve their horsemanship skills by learning basic safety and handling principles. As a member in the 4-H Horse Project, you will learn about your own horse, other horse breeds, safety, body colors and markings as well as health and care. Youth will also learn about facilities, grooming and training.

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Douglas County Visual Model of Colorado 4-H Code of Conduct



IMPORTANT DATES 2021-2022 4-H Year

October 1st – 2021-2022 4-H Year Registration opens in [4Honline](#)

November – Horse Safety 101 – STRONGLY suggested for all horse members

December 31st – Sign Up for 4-H before December 31st (returning members)

February 3rd – New Member / General Info Horse Project Meeting

February 17th – Horse levels written test study night and testing opportunity

March 1st – Sign up for 4-H before March 1st (no late entries will be accepted) \$50 first year members, \$75 returning 4-H members.

March 1st – Sign Up for the Horse Project by March 1st (no late exceptions will be allowed) Note – Youth must be registered “in both 4-H as a program AND the horse project. They are two separate steps.

April 1st – 4Honline Animal ID, Proof of Ownership, Lease paperwork, Animal Care & Housing, and show ring code of ethics due April 1st. Be sure to upload/provide to extension agent:

- Proof of horse ownership or completed lease agreement (lease must include date of signing, lease period “(start and “end date), and 3 signatures (horse owner, youth, and youth’s parent or legal guardian).
- Animal Care & Housing Form (required of all horse project youth. Youth who keep their animals at home will just fill out the first page. Youth who do not keep their animals at home must fill out the entire document.

April 1st – Highschool Seniors! DC 4-H Horse Scholarship Application Due

May 1st – Any project not planning on being completed must be dropped by May 1st. Projects not dropped by this date will be expected to be completed this 4-H year. Youth who do not complete a project will not be eligible to participate in the same project the following year.

May 2nd – Level 1 Ride Night & Testing. A night for youth who have passed their Level 1 written test and feel ready to take their Level 1 riding test.

May 11th – Registration for Horse Camp and Working Ranch Horse Clinic Due

June 1st – Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Registration Opens. Youth should register for ALL classes they are interested in. Classes CANNOT be added after the registration deadline. This is a SEPARATE registration than for 4-H.

June 6th – 12th – Horse Camp

June 10th – Working Ranch Horse Clinic

June 12th – Unleveled Horse Camp

June 15th – All riding levels testing is due. No leveling up will be accepted for entry to Fair past this date

June 16th – Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Registration Closes (NO LATE ENTRIES)

July 13th – Written Horse Test for Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Horse Highpoint Score (Youth who are interested in qualifying to earn a high point buckle at Fair are required to take this test) – Record Book Checks

July 22nd – Makeup Option for Fair Written Test Night for Horse & Record Book Checks

July 31st – Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Horse Show Day 1 (Tentative)

August 1st – Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Horse Show Day 2 (Tentative)

August 5th – Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Master Showmanship (Tentative)

September 1st – Record books due to extension Office & Achievement Night Award Nominations Due (Superior Horseman!)

Be sure to check the weekly 4-H blast for the most up-to-date information and new educational opportunities.

Dates subject to change

Where to find upcoming events & resources

Be sure to ask us about signing up for the weekly Douglas County 4-H newsletter!

Douglas County 4-H Website Calendar:

<https://douglas.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/resources/>

Douglas County 4-H Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/183640871675571/>

Douglas County 4-H Horse Project Website:

<https://douglas.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/programs-2/horses/>

Horse Record Book:

<http://co4h.colostate.edu/programs-areas/animals/>

Douglas County 4-H Buckle Series Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/dcbuckleseries>

Douglas County 4-H Buckle Series Website:

<https://douglas.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/buckleseries/>

4-H Project vs. Douglas County Fair & Rodeo

Many people get a bit confused – and we totally understand why! Throughout the year, youth who participate in the Douglas County 4-H program work on different projects. The horse project is just one of the awesome projects we are so proud to offer.

START

The purpose of the 4-H Horse Project is to help youth learn how properly care for and enjoy your horse while developing Life Skills. As a member in the 4-H Horse Project, you will learn about your own horse, other horse breeds, safety, body colors and markings as well as health and care. Youth will also learn about facilities, grooming and training.

In addition to being active members of their community club, youth work on various projects throughout the 4-H year. Some youth complete one project and some complete many. That is all up to you and your family!



To complete the Horse Project members must:

- Be active members in their community clubs (60% attendance)
- Complete a community service project
- Give a demonstration
- Complete Record Book
- Complete Showmanship

- The last step of completing the project is for the youth to complete a showmanship demonstration with their horse. **THIS** is where the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo comes into play!
 - Youth can complete their showmanship to their leader or the extension agent in June or July **OR**
 - Youth can complete their showmanship at the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo
- Fair is always a super fun community event and offers youth the opportunity to complete in not only showmanship, but also in a bunch of other classes! We fully encourage all Douglas County 4-H youth to participate if at all possible! ***NOTE- REGISTRATION FOR THE DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR & RODEO IS A SEPARATE REGISTRATION FROM 4-H!!***

4-H Project vs. Douglas County Fair & Rodeo vs. Colorado State Fair

4-H Horse Project



The horse project is just one of the many projects offered to the Douglas County 4-H community.

County 4-H programming policies are set following Colorado 4-H recommended policies. Some deadlines and other small adjustments may be made to best suit our County.

More Information:

<https://douglas.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/programs-2/horses/>

***Showing at the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo or Colorado State Fair is not a requirement of the project. However, they are a whole lot of fun if youth have the opportunity to participate.**

Douglas County Fair & Rodeo



Organized and run by the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Fair Board and the Douglas County Fair Office.

Rules & policies are recommended by the Show Management Committee and voted in by the Fair Board. The Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Horse Show is **not** a 4-H event and therefore rules might differ from 4-H rules or State Fair rules. Please be sure to fully read the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Competition Rules prior to registration and showing.

More Information:

www.FairAndRodeoFun.com

Colorado State Fair



Organized and run by the Colorado State Fair Manager and Horse Events Coordinator.

State Fair horse entries and procedures are dictated by the Colorado State Fair and it is up to individuals wishing to compete to look up all necessary requirements for entry and participation.

More Information:

<https://www.coloradostatefair.com>



4-H Horse Project Progression

Starting Out Beginner

- Learn the requirements of the 4-H Horse program
- Learn about horses
- Tips for choosing the appropriate horse
- How to identify the parts of a horse
- Identify breeds of horses
- Identify body colors and markings
- Learn parts of the hoof
- Learn about blemishes and unsoundness
- Learn about digestion
- Learn feeding tips
- Learn vital signs
- Learn about facilities
- Learn about grooming
- Learn about saddling and bridling
- 4-H Advancement levels program

Learning More Intermediate

- Characteristics and uses of various breeds
- Definitions and locations of blemishes, lameness and unsoundness
- Types of nutrients and value of them
- Basic requirements of a good pasture
- Common health problems, their symptoms, cause and treatment
- Gain knowledge of sound management practices
- Develop sportsmanship
- Develop public speaking skills
- Approaching and handling the horse
- 4-H Advancement levels program

Exploring Depth Advanced

- How to deal with current issues relating to raising a horse
- Gain leadership skills by helping others learn about horse
- Explore career opportunities in the horse industry
- Safety when handling horses
- Fire Safety
- Housing and fencing
- Learn about internal and external parasites



4-H Positive Youth Development Triangle



Competition

Recreation

Education

All three parts of the triangle are very important. However, the foundation should always be in education.

Considerations Before Starting the 4-H Horse Project



Have you considered the time and financial commitment that it takes to own or lease a horse?

Do you understand the 4-H policies on project animals regarding the youth providing primary care to the animal?

Have you discussed the type of horse that would best suit you with a trusted equine professional?

Have you given thought to your plan B if your horse becomes injured or sick? Are you okay not riding for a bit while your horse heals?

If you buy your own horse have you thought about what happens when you progress beyond their training or abilities?

What are your goals in the horse project and horseback riding? You want to be sure you find a horse that fits these goals.

Remember, even when you are busy, tired, or not feeling well your horse still needs to be cared for properly. There are no days off for good horsemanship.

Who can you reach out to for help, lessons, guidance, and education during your project?

4-H Horse Project Resources



What type of facilities do I need for my horse?

Shelter should protect the horse from the hot sun, wind or stormy weather. Shelter can vary from a three-sided loafing shed in the pasture to a barn with box stalls and a tack room. Make sure there is plenty of light and ventilation.

Horses should have access to water at all times. Water buckets should be hung high enough so the horse cannot get its hoof in the bucket. Fences should be sturdy, safe, visible, and well-maintained.



What do I need to feed my horse?

Provide high quality alfalfa or grass roughage with a complementing grain if needed to balance the horse's diet. Feed by weight, not by volume. On average, a horse will eat 2% of its body weight per day.

Always maintain at least half of the ration as roughage, such as hay or grass.

Never feed moldy or dusty hay, grass or grain. Horses should NEVER be fed lawn grass clippings.

Have fresh, clean water available at all times—except to a hot, sweaty horse. A sweaty horse needs to be given water slowly after being exercised hard.

Watch your horse while it eats and inspect feed containers daily to detect abnormal eating or drinking behaviors.

Proper exercise improves appetite, digestion, muscle tone, and mental health for horses.

Ration changes should be gradual—over a minimum of five days to prevent digestive problems.



How do I keep my horse healthy?

Parasite Prevention Tips

- Keep stalls clean, dry and well-bedded.
- Prevent fecal contamination of feed and water.
- Don't overstock or overgraze pastures.
- Deworm horses on a schedule and follow labels.
- Clip leg hairs with fly eggs attached.
- Drag pastures to break up manure piles.
- Consider having your vet test fecal samples if needed.
- Use fly spray regularly.

Regular hoof care

Trim or shoe your horse every six to eight weeks. Consider pulling shoes during winter months.

Vaccinations

Work with your veterinarian to properly vaccinate. Consider travel when deciding on vaccinations. **Highly recommended vaccinations include:** Flu/Rhino, West Nile, Rabies, Tetanus, Eastern and Western Encephalomyelitis (WEE and EEE).

Considerations for Choosing a Horse for your 4-H Horse Project

Select a healthy, sound and well-mannered horse. A pre-purchase exam conducted by a veterinarian is recommended to aid with general appraisal of a horse's health and soundness. You are not required to purchase a purebred or "registered" horse for a 4-H Project. Utilize horse leaders, professionals and your veterinarian when selecting a horse to buy - it is a big decision. Before buying a horse, keep in mind:



Make safety your top priority—look for a calm, well-broke horse.



Avoid auctions/horse sales for a first-time horse purchase.



Consider the rider's age, size and experience and intended use of the horse.



If purchase prices are prohibitive, consider leasing a quality horse.



4-H Horse Project Member Responsibility

To be eligible for participation in the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo

1. You must take and pass the horse level 1 written and riding test with an 80% or better in order to exhibit at the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo.
2. A member must pass the written and riding level tests for each discipline (English, Western or Ranch Horse) prior to deadline that they are showing in.
3. Grand Champions at the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo must pass the next level of written and riding tests to qualify for high point awards at the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo the next year (see fair rules for exceptions). Reserve Champions must pass the written test and attempt the riding test by deadline.
 - a. Exhibitors who move up an age classification will remain eligible to compete at the current riding discipline level.
 - b. An Exhibitor is exempt from this regulation if there are less than (5) Exhibitors in the Riding Discipline the year the Exhibitor won (previous fair year).
If you are in the Junior age division (8-13) Level 2 or 3 and have NOT won Grand or Reserve Champion in the Riding Discipline two consecutive years.
4. You are expected to have complete access to the project horse(s) at any time and must provide care and management a majority of the time whether you own or lease the horse.
5. You must have a horse I.D. on file on 4honline.com for every horse you intend to ride at Douglas County Fair & Rodeo. If you have two horses, it is encouraged to ID both, even if you intend on only taking one to fair. Every horse that is ID'd online must be entered into your record book. **If you are leasing a horse, you must have a lease agreement submitted to the Extension office (every year) by the ID deadline date and be included in your record book.**
6. You must attend at least 60% of chartered club meetings after your joining date.
7. You must give a demonstration, illustration, talk, or public speech at the club level.
8. You must submit your fair entries online and select your classes by the deadline date (do this early as no corrections can be made after the deadline).

What are the Different Classes at the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo?

Douglas County Fair & Rodeo classes are separated by age and level, so make sure you are signing up for the correct class. Fair written test score will count towards high point calculation in every division. For detailed descriptions of classes, look in the Horse Rule Book. Brief class descriptions are as follows:

English (Riders MUST wear a helmet) Riders must take the Fair Written Test, Showmanship, and English Equitation Classes to be considered for the highpoint

- ✓ **Showmanship:** In-hand class with a pattern
- ✓ **Equitation:** Pattern class judged on rider's ability
- ✓ **Control:** Advanced patter class judged on horse/rider
- ✓ **Show Hack:** Rail Class includes extension of gaits
- ✓ **Hunter Hack:** Pattern class over two jumps –
NOTE: Jumping is only available for those who have passed their Level 3 or Level 4 Jumping Hunt Seat Riding Test

Western Riders must take the Fair Written Test, Showmanship, and Horsemanship classes to be considered for the highpoint award

- ✓ **Showmanship:** In-hand class with a pattern
- ✓ **Equitation on the rail:** Rail class judged on rider's ability
- ✓ **Horsemanship:** Pattern class judged on riders ability.
- ✓ **Western Riding:** Advanced pattern class judged on horse/rider with focus on lead changes.
- ✓ **Reining:** Advanced pattern class includes spins & slides
- ✓ **Trail:** Pattern class; you must maneuver through a course with combination of obstacles.

Gymkhana (All events are timed -- Riders MUST wear a helmet – Riders must have passed Level 2 Written and Riding Tests)

Riders must take the Fair Written Test, Showmanship, and Horsemanship classes to be considered for the highpoint award

- ✓ **Barrel Race:** Clover leaf pattern class through three barrels.
- ✓ **Pole Bending:** Pattern class weaving through upright poles.
- ✓ **Flags:** Must pick up a flag and move to a different container.
- ✓ **Key Hole:** Must enter designated area

Working Ranch Horse (Riders must have passed Level 2 Written and Riding Tests) Riders must take the Fair Written Test and complete all five(5) WRH classes to be considered for the highpoint award

- ✓ **Ranch Showmanship:** In hand class with a pattern.
- ✓ **Ranch Cutting/Penning:** Rider “cuts” a cow out of the herd, shows the horse’s ability to “hold” the cow, then pens the cow at the opposite end of the arena.
- ✓ **Ranch Trail:** Pattern class requiring maneuvers through a course of ranch related obstacles.
- ✓ **Ranch Riding:** Pattern class which includes ability to demonstrate the extension of gaits.
- ✓ **Individual Cow Work:** Rider “boxes” the cow at one end of the arena, showing the horse’s ability to control the cow, then drives the cow halfway down the arena and stops.

Two horseshoes are illustrated in the upper left corner. Below them, the head of a brown horse with a white blaze on its face is visible, looking towards the right.

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How Do I Enter the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo?

www.FairAndRodeoFun.com

1. Must have completed all requirements for the 4-H project.
2. Beginners are not allowed to show at the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo. Only level 1 and higher riders are allowed to show due to safety of horse and rider.
3. Record books must be turned in for judging and be at least 50% complete to be eligible to complete the project and show at the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo.
4. Complete entry form online with all classes in your level that you are eligible for and want to compete in by the due date.
5. Members wanting to compete for high point must take the Fair written horse test. Whatever your highest level you are, at the time of the test, will be the level of test you will be required to take. For example, if you are a Level 3 Western Rider, you will be required to take the Level 3 test. That score will be used for Western, English, Gymkhana, and WRH.

Colorado State Fair Eligibility

<https://www.coloradostatefair.com/>

- Must be Level 2 or higher to attend. Requires Level 3 for some classes
- Requires 4-H Agent Signature
- State Fair entries are due in early August – be sure to check the website and get them in on time.

Project Guidelines & Details

Record Books

The 4-H Record book is an important and required part of completing the 4-H project. It is something that should be started as soon as the youth begins the 4-H year and frequently updated.

Horse Record Book

<http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/animals/>

Tips & Tricks

- Track Everything.
- Record mileage to ride nights, shows, meetings, the barn, etc.
- All horses ID'd must be included in the record book.
- START EARLY AND UPDATE OFTEN.

Record Books will be checked prior to the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo to ensure correctness & completeness.

Record Books will be due in their final form to the extension office by September 1st.

4-H Levels Program

<http://co4h.colostate.edu/resources/horse/CO-HorseAdvancementLevelsGuidelines.pdf>

The 4-H Horse Levels Program is a way for youth to learn by doing. When a member first joins, they are considered “unleveled”. Through working with their leader’s youth learn and progress their way up the levels by first preparing and passing their written level test. Upon passing the written level test youth may take the riding portion of that level test. Upon passing both the written and riding portion the youth is then considered a “Level One” rider (or whatever level they pass).

The speed of which youth progress through the levels is completely independent, we suggest one level per year at the most unless youth begin 4-H with prior experience and can progress through Levels One and Two a bit quicker. Safety for both youth and horse are always a top priority.

Written Portion of Levels Test

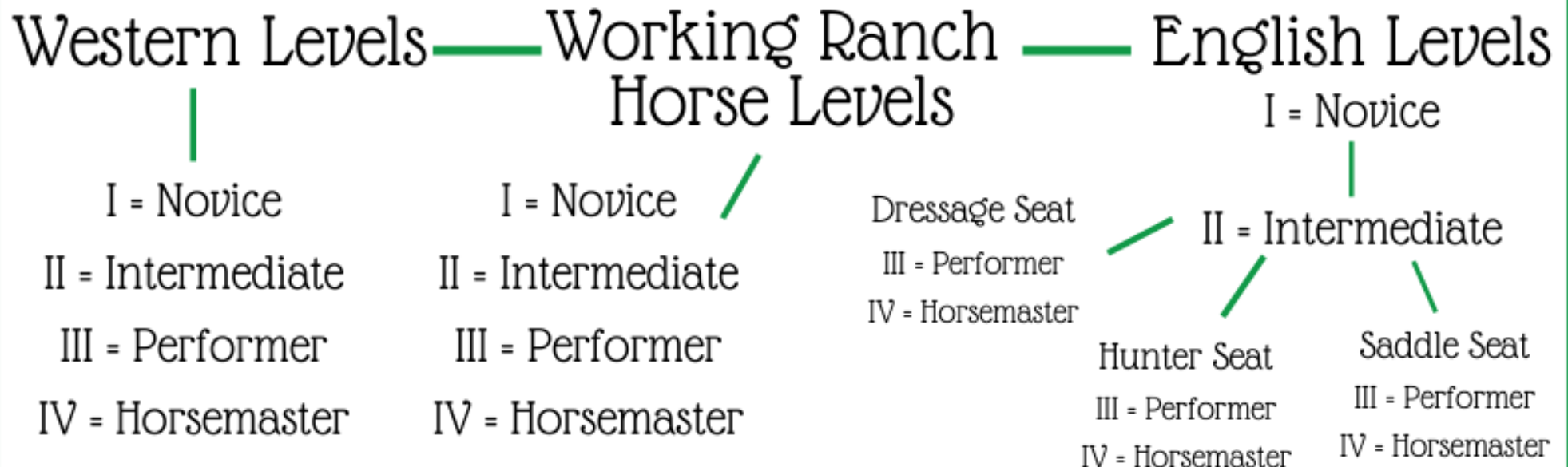
- Written level tests are comprehensive and cover information across all disciplines and are the same for all disciplines and progress from level 1 to level 4.
 - *Exception: the level 1 written exam has two sections of tack I.D.(English and Western). It is required that members take both tack I.D. sections of the test, regardless of which discipline they are pursuing.
 - **All Written Levels Exams must be taken at the Douglas County Extension Office or at County-organized Study/Exam night.
- Resources: <https://douglas.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/programs-2/horses/>

Riding Portion of Levels Test Information

- Level 1 riding tests must be scheduled with County-approved leaders through the Extension Office, while Level 2 and above riding tests must be scheduled with State-approved Level raters.
- Resources: <http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/horse-resources/levels-testing/>



Project Guidelines & Details – Riding Levels



Opportunities where A Certain Level is Required

- **Horse Camp** – Youth must be a Level 1 rider
- **Working Ranch Horse Clinic** – Youth must be Western Level 1 and can use clinic as opportunity to test for Working Ranch Horse Level 1 (contact the extension office for more details)
- **Douglas County Fair & Rodeo** – Youth must be a Level 1 rider to participate in the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo
 - **Gymkhana at DC Fair & Rodeo** – Youth must be Western Level 2
 - **Working Ranch Horse at DC Fair & Rodeo** – Youth must be WRH Level 2
- **Colorado State Fair** – Youth must be a Level 2 or higher (divisions require Level 3)



Project Guidelines & Details

Showmanship Demystified

Participating in Showmanship is a requirement for completing the Horse Project in Douglas County. Showmanship competition reflects how a well-trained horse should behave on the ground. Every horse should be easy to handle, work effortlessly off his handler's cues, allow others to approach and move around him without concern, and stand still when asked.

Class Requirements

In showmanship, your horse is not being judged directly, rather your ability to show him "in-hand" as a competitive team. Maneuvers include: squaring or setting up for inspection, pivoting, being led at the walk and jog, backing up, and upward and downward transitions between the jog, walk and halt. Showmanship patterns will include variations of all these maneuvers in a pattern format.

Showmanship Tips

- Perform the pattern that the judge has drawn. It is usually posted or handed out at the show.
- Don't wear your spurs: they are not only prohibited but are a tripping hazard.
- Maintain the quarter system during inspection and in line up. Change sides appropriately as the judge passes in front of or behind your horse.
- Keep your eye on the judge and wait for the judge to acknowledge you.
- Always move to the correct side of your horse before moving out of line up.
- Keep your horse set and alert looking and keep showing your horse until the class is over.
- For additional showmanship class explanation, including a description of the "quarter system", consult the 4-H Horse Manual and the State 4-H Rule Book.

Program Quote

"Completing the horse project taught me leadership, sportsmanship and discipline essential for my personal development and growth."

-Lisa J. – 4-H Alumni



General Terms, Rules, and Requirements Review

Levels Review

Every rider begins 4-H unrated and can level up throughout the year. But you must be at least level 1 to ride and participate at fair. So, schedule testing early. The test is two parts, a written and riding part. The rider must pass level written test before attempting the riding portion.

In order to receive an award for leveling up to level 3 or level 4, the member must be a member in good standing and complete the project.

Unrated members can come to most rides, workouts, and fun shows, though some workouts/clinics may require passing the Riding Safety Test to participate.

Please Note: For leveling up requirements see "Members Responsibility" in this guide.



General Horse Show Rules

- All 4-H Buckle shows will follow the CO State 4-H Horse Rule Book and Douglas County 4-H Horse project guidelines:
<http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/animals/>
- The Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Horse Show will follow the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Competition Rules:
www.FairAndRodeoFun.com
- A horse with a history of kicking must be identified by a red ribbon on its tail while on the Douglas County Fairgrounds.
- **Notice:** Show superintendent or show management reserves the right to excuse any horse deemed unsafe from any or all 4-H shows.

English Requirements

A properly fitting certified equestrian helmet with properly fastened safety harness in place is **REQUIRED** in all English classes, activities and practice sessions. After Level 2 English riders may choose from Dressage, Non-Jump Hunt Seat, and Jumping Hunt Seat for Level 3 and Level 4.

Jumping Requirements

Jumping is introduced in the English Hunt Seat Discipline during Level's 3 & 4. Please note – youth must pass the jumping specific Level 3 or 4 hunt seat riding test.

Gymkhana Requirements

All members who want to compete in gymkhana events at the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo must pass the level 2 written test and level 2 western riding test by **June 15th**. A certified properly fitting helmet with properly fastened chinstrap must be worn when practicing and competing in all gymkhana events.

Working Ranch Horse Requirements

To participate in WRH, riders must pass the Western levels written exams, and pass the WRH Division Riding Levels tests (available for Levels 1-4). Note: these riding levels tests have recently changed to be more specific to the skill set of the Working Ranch Horse. To compete at Fair, you must be WRH level 2.

Master Showmanship (Horse Qualifier Class)

If you enter this class you **MUST** be able to participate with your horse in the Master Showmanship contest, typically the Friday following the Horse Show. See the Douglas County Junior Division Competition Rules for additional information, date, and rules:

www.FairAndRodeoFun.com

Project Educational Resources & Opportunities

County Open Ride Nights

At Douglas County Fairgrounds Indoor Arena. Cost is \$5. Go to <https://eventscenter.douglas.co.us/> to check the events calendar online for weekly availability.

4-H Open Ride Nights

Sponsored by the Douglas County 4-H Horse Steering Committee

With the idea to give our Douglas County 4-H Horse project members more experience and educational opportunities the DC Horse Steering Committee sponsors a series of open ride nights each fall and spring at the Fairgrounds indoor arena. Each night will have a theme/topic and instruction will be provided by our amazing volunteer horse leaders.

Please note – These are nights dedicated to the education of the 4-H members, parents should be present, but please do not expect to ride. To give the 4-H kids the best atmosphere to learn and for safety, we ask that only active 4-H members in good standing participate in these ride nights.

Keep an eye on the 4-H weekly blast for upcoming ride night opportunities

Douglas County 4-H Horse Camp

June 6th – 12th 2022 (Register by May 11th)

Each year Douglas County Horse Steering Committee is proud to offer the DC 4-H Horse Project youth a fun and educational horse day camp opportunity!

IMPORTANT: Riders must be at Level 1 to attend camp. Please plan to pass the Level 1 written test and Level 1 riding test prior to camp week!

Working Ranch Horse Clinic

June 10, 2022 (Register by May 11th)

In combination with the horse camp the Douglas County Horse steering committee is proud to offer a yearly WRH clinic where youth have the chance to work with cattle prior to the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo.

IMPORTANT: Riders must be at Level 1 Western to participate in the WRH Clinic. Opportunities to test for the WRH Levels at the clinic *may* be available. Be sure to contact the extension office for more details.

Douglas County 4-H Buckle Series Horse Shows

Each year the Douglas County Horse Steering Committee is proud to run a 4-H horse show series throughout the winter and spring. The show series is a low key, fun, and safe environment for 4-H youth and community members alike to learn and progress with their horses. Check out the website for more information:

<https://douglas.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/buckleseries/>

4-H Horse Steering Committee

The Horse Steering Committee does exactly what the name suggests: “steers” the 4-H horse program in Douglas County as we seek to improve the program and provide more opportunities to our horse kids. There are no qualifications or nominations you simply show up and provide your input. If you have ideas, suggestions or changes you would like to see, please plan to join us this year.

Meetings are typically held the fourth Monday of every month at 6:30 pm at the CSU Extension basement. Be sure to check the blast for updated information. **All parents and members are welcome.**

Project Guidelines & Details

4-H Materials for your project

- Horse Manual
- Colorado Horse Rule Book
- Horse e-record
- Horse Project Guide/Rules

Remember to:

- Ask questions
- Find a 4-H member or leader to help you
- Read the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Competition Rules
- Read your newsletter and Thursday Blast
- Complete your record book.

4-H Rules

My performance goal is never to only beat someone else.

I respect and learn from other competitors more skilled than myself.

I don't criticize other competitors, officials, or judges.

I do my best always. I have fun.

I stay home if I am not able to follow the above rules.

Horse Animal ID

4-H Member must own or lease their horse in order to complete the 4-H Horse project.

An Animal ID MUST be entered into 4Honline by the county due date

4Honline Animal ID Includes:

- Fully filled out boxes of information
- Proof of animal ownership
- Lease paperwork (if applicable)
- Animal Care & Housing Form

Lease Paperwork Must Include

- Date of signing
- Lease period (start and end date)
- Three signatures (horse owner, youth, and youth's parent or legal guardian).

All ID'd animals must be accounted for in your record book.

Contact 4-H Livestock Agent ASAP if you have questions!

Animals MUST be ID'd by the ID deadline or youth may not be eligible to participate in county and state events.

Douglas County Horse Superintendent

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Interested in Horse Judging, Hippology, or Horse Bowl?

For more information please contact:

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303-590-4425

The Horse Project Guide/Rules has been created by the Douglas County Horse Steering Committee in conjunction with the Extension Office.

Colorado State University Extension programs are available to all without discrimination.

Help!

There is no shame in asking for help, clarification, explanations, tips, and suggestions! In fact, we would rather you ask for help early and often than feel like you are going at this alone!

Who should you reach out to?

- Other youth in your club with experience in the project
- Your Club Project Leader
- Your Club Organization Leader
- Other amazing leaders in Douglas County 4-H!
 - If you need help connecting with someone just let the extension office know!
- Your 4-H Agent or Extension Office
- The Fair Superintendent for your department
- The Fair Office



Extension Office (720) 733-6940

<https://douglas.extension.colostate.edu/>

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