

MINIDOKA COUNTY 4-H YOUTH HORSE PROGRAM GUIDELINES



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Minidoka County 4-H Horse Leaders*

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1. The Minidoka County 4-H Horse program supports and follows the District III 4-H/Youth Horse & Pony Guidelines.
2. To participate in the live horse project, the 4-H Horse Identification form **must** be turned in with the 4-H Enrollment Form no later than April 15.
3. All youth participants in Idaho 4-H horse activities or events must wear an ASTM-SEI approved equestrian helmet whenever mounted on an equine, or are in a vehicle (cart, wagon, buggy etc.) being pulled by an equine.
4. Horse record books, entry forms, and \$10 stall deposits are due into the Extension Office on the Friday two weeks before fair. All horse members are required to pay a \$10 refundable stall deposit at the time the record book is turned in. If the stall and the area around it are cleaned out according to specifications and the horse superintendent has approved it, the \$10 deposit will be refunded the following week. If the stall is not cleaned out and another person or club cleans it, the \$10 will go to that person or club.
5. The "General Equitation Focus Area Checklist - #72657" is required for all Minidoka County 4-H members enrolled in the live horse project. See Horse Project Requirement and Exhibit guidelines within the record book for other information.
6. Horse leaders are required to come into the Extension Office the week prior to fair to assemble information packets for club members. At this time, verify members are in the correct class. Class lists provided at the fair are final.
7. Stall cards are required on every horse exhibit. Stalls will be kept clean and presentable to the public. Haul ALL horse droppings and wet bedding to designated areas, to keep flies and odor at a minimum! Members receiving three red marks on their stall card forfeit all awards including district eligibility and high point. The exception being the sportsmanship award.
8. Store all tack and grooming equipment in its proper place.
9. No riding horses or playing in the barn area, grassy area south of the flower building, north of the Antique Bldg or sale barn, around any exhibit buildings or the food booth area.
10. Contestants will lead their horses to and from all barn areas and riding areas.
11. Horses may be washed at the Fairgrounds in front of stalls 7 and 8 only. When washing and grooming animals, keep the drains free of trash. When finished with your water hose, roll it up and put it away. Also all cleaning equipment.
12. 4-H Horse Members who keep their horse in a stall at the fairgrounds Monday through Thursday checkout are eligible to receive premium money in halter showmanship and one other class. A 4-H Horse member whose club decorates a stair step section or makes a display in the 4-H building will also be eligible to receive premium money in halter showmanship and one other class.
13. Classes with less than three participants may be combined with another but will be judged class, age, or level appropriate.
14. Classes that require equipment or animals to be brought in (i.e. – Barrels/Poles/Equitation Over Fences) will be the 4-H Horse Superintendents responsibility. Cattle will be provided for members participating in Versatility Ranch Horse. A cattle fee will be assessed, amount to be determined each year.
15. All participants will be able to walk (without horse) the trail course during the designated time.
16. No trainers, parents or coaches are allowed in the main arena or trail course during show times.
17. Members who received a white ribbon on their record book are not eligible to win high point nor are they eligible for the district horse show.

AWARDS

Awards that are given each year to Minidoka County 4-H Horse Members are as follows:

HIGH POINT

The High Point award is given to the highest placing individual in the Junior Horse, Walk-Trot, Miniature Horse, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions. **Members who received a white ribbon on their record book are not eligible to win high point nor are they eligible for the district horse show.**

Criteria are as follows:

- ONLY PROJECT HORSE (horse that is shown in showmanship and indicated with the letter A on the entry form) accumulates points
- All classes eligible except mixed-age group classes and quality; unless the class is judged age, class or level specific. (Exception: Walk-Trot)
- Points for Class Standing -- 1 – 6 places, 1st place gets 6 points, 2nd place gets 5 points, etc. If there are less than 6 participants; count the number and each person will get a point (i.e. 4 participants – 1st place gets 4 points, 2nd gets 3, etc.)
- Additional points will be awarded as follows – District Blue – 4 points, Blue Ribbon – 3 points, Red Ribbon – 2 points, White Ribbon – 1 point.
- In the event of a tie, the member who placed the highest in Halter Showmanship is declared the winner.

OVERALL HORSE WINNER

The Overall Horse award winner will receive \$20 cash from the 4-H Leader's Association. The awards are given to the individual who placed the highest in each of the following:

- Record Book
- Halter Showmanship
- High Point
- Interview

In the event of a tie, the individual who had the best record book score wins.

DONNA MCGUIRE HORSE SPORTSMANSHIP

Belt buckles are awarded to the boy and girl who show the most sportsmanship. These buckles are donated by the Kountry Kritters 4-H Club and given in memory of Donna McGuire.

NECK RIBBON ROSETTES

Neck ribbon rosettes will be awarded to the first place participant in each halter showmanship division. These rosettes are sponsored by Mike & Nicole Toner.

HALTER SHOWMANSHIP

A trophy is awarded to the Grand Champion Showman. This winner and the Reserve Showman are to compete in the round robin event that is held on Friday of fair week.

PLAQUES & DISCS

The Minidoka County 4-H Leader's Association awards plaques and discs to the winners of these categories:

- Overall Record Book, Top Record Book in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Age Divisions
- Junior Horse, Walk-Trot, Miniature Horse, Junior, Intermediate, Senior High Point
- Halter Showmanship

MOST IMPROVED 4-H HORSEPERSON

See criteria on following page. The participant with the most improved score will win a jacket sponsored by Scott and Stephanie Henderson. The jacket will be awarded at the annual Minidoka County 4-H Awards Program.

DISTRICT CONTEST

The District Contest is held in September each year following the completion of county fairs. The judge decides from the eligible classes who will be selected to attend District. This shall be deemed a District Blue.

Members receiving a white ribbon on their record book are not eligible to attend any District classes regardless of receiving a district ribbon at the county fair.

Most Improved 4-H Horseperson

Mission Statement

The goal of the Most Improved 4-H Horseperson is to encourage and reward hard work, sportsmanship, team work, and responsibility through commitment. The Most Improved 4-H Horse member is open to all first and second year Minidoka County 4-H Horse project members. These members have the opportunity to demonstrate their skills in Showmanship-at-Halter and Western Equitation or English at Hand Showmanship and English Equitation; the members will choose which discipline they will be judged on. The award will be given to the participant demonstrating the most overall improvement during the current 4-H project year (April 15 through August 1 – Minidoka County Fair).

The following rules will apply.

1. Must be enrolled in current year of the Minidoka County 4-H Horse program.
2. Must be a first or second year member of the live horse project. This does not include years as a Cloverbud member.
3. Participants must finish project to be eligible for award; this will include a completed record book, project interview, and Showmanship-at-Halter during the fair.
 - a. Each eligible participant will show a pre-set pattern in Showmanship-at-Halter and Western Equitation or English at Hand Showmanship and English Equitation after 4-H project enrollment deadline of April 15 of the current 4-H year.
 - b. The first phase of this award will be the last Saturday of April (time and place to be announced). The second phase of this award will be two – three weeks before the Minidoka County Fair and Rodeo (time and place to be announced). The same pre-set patterns will be used in each phase.
4. Attire/Tack - Western Show Attire and Tack is required for the Western Discipline. Boots, shirt (tucked in), safety helmet, belt and pants.
English Show Attire and Tack is required for the English Discipline. Helmet, stock and pin, shirt, belt, pants, boots, and jacket.
5. Scores from both Showmanship-at-Halter and Western Equitation or English at Hand Showmanship and English Equitation will be combined, for each phase. Scoring will be based on appearance, grooming, control, form and technique, and over all presentation of pattern.
6. Determination of the overall winner is as follows: the first score in both Showmanship-at-Halter and Western Equitation or English at Hand Showmanship and English Equitation phases will be deducted from the second score in both Showmanship-at-Halter and Western Equitation phases or English at Hand Showmanship and English Equitation.