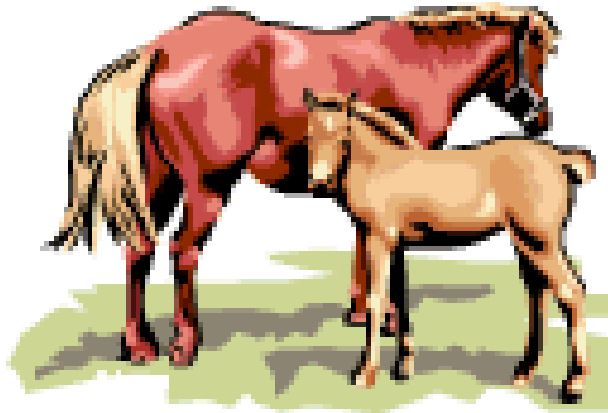


# **EL PASO COUNTY 4-H HORSE RULEBOOK – YEAR 2009**

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## **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL 4-H HORSE PROGRAM MEMBERS**

**ANY EQUINE ACTIVITY CAN BE DANGEROUS!!  
SEVERE INJURY IS POSSIBLE.**

**PLEASE THINK SAFETY AT ALL TIMES.**

**WE RECOMMEND AND SUPPORT THE USE OF APPROVED  
SAFETY HELMETS FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS AT ALL TIMES.**

**HELMETS WITH HARNESS ARE MANDATORY FOR ALL UNRATED  
EXHIBITORS AT ALL 4-H SPONSORED RIDING EVENTS WHILE MOUNTED.  
HELMETS ARE ENCOURAGED FOR ALL OTHER EXHIBITORS. ADDITIONAL  
RULES APPLY TO JUMPING, DRIVING, AND GYMKHANA EVENTS.**

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**EL PASO COUNTY 4-H HORSE PROGRAM  
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**1. REGISTRATION OF PROJECT HORSE**

**A.** Project horse is a horse that the 4-H member has:

1. Filed a horse certificate with the 4-H office by the designated deadline, **June 1**, of the current year.
2. Complete access to at all times.
3. **Responsibility** for the care and management of the horse.
4. Kept complete records for and turned in the record book to their leader or 4-H office by the required deadline to be announced by the club leader.

**B.** Change in designation.

Members may change their designated project horse(s) on or before **June 1** of the current year by filing a new horse certificate with the county 4-H office. After that date, changes in designation of project horse(s) will not be allowed for any reason. **NOTE:** It is best to register all horses you might use that meet the requirements for being a project horse.

State Fair Horse Show. Horse hardship substitutions at the State Fair Horse Show can only be horses identified as project horses by **June 1**, of the current year. See most current issue of the Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rule Book.

**C.** Sharing a horse(s) by more than one member is permissible provided each member is actively involved in the management, care, and training of the shared horse(s). **NOTE:** State Fair rules preclude sharing a horse; therefore, only one person may enter the shared project horse at State Fair.

**D.** Project year is from October 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**2. PROJECT REQUIREMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE 4-H PROJECT AT THE CLUB, COUNTY, AND STATE LEVELS**

**A. Club/County**

The member has completed his/her project if the following club requirements have been completed:

1. Member must have submitted a separate horse certificate for each project horse to the 4-H office by **June 1** of the current year.
2. Member must have submitted to horse project leader a completed and satisfactory record book, by the stated deadline. Members who participate in both the horse project and the miniature horse project are required to complete a record book for each project. Horse project record books must be graded by a horse project leader.
3. Member must have shown the project horse in showmanship at least once. This could be to a 4-H club-sponsored county –wide show or in the backyard under observation by a Horse Project Leader.
4. Member must have given a demonstration or public speech on a horse related topic. Members who participate in both the horse project and the miniature horse project are required to complete a demonstration for each project. 4-H member must notify their horse project leader that they have completed this requirement.

5. Member must have satisfactorily attended club meetings. Satisfactory attendance is up to the club leader.
6. A member who has begun the Horse Project, but did not satisfactorily complete the minimum requirements, will not be allowed to enroll in the 4-H Horse Project in El Paso County the following year. If the member has extenuating circumstances, the member can appeal to the Club Leader who will determine if the member completed the Horse Project for the areas that were in the member's control, and designate the member as completing the Horse Project. If the member does not agree with the decision of the Club Leader, he/she can appeal in writing and personally appear before the 4-H Horse Advisory Committee, on or before the November 4-H Horse Advisory Committee Meeting. If the member does not agree with the decision of the 4-H Horse Advisory Committee, he/she can appeal in writing and personally appear before the County Extension Agent, on or before December 15<sup>th</sup> of the current year. The decision of the County Extension Agent is final.

## **B. County Fair 4-H Horse Show**

1. The El Paso County Fair 4-H Horse Show is open to each member rated Novice or higher enrolled in an El Paso County 4-H Club who:
  - a. Is enrolled in the Horse Project for the current year.
  - b. Has completed the Horse Project requirements (see requirements for completing project) except for turning in current year record book, which is due after the county fair date.
  - c. Horse project members (both standard and miniature horses) must have shown each project horse they wish to qualify for County Fair in a class and taken the written test at one Horse Advisory Committee sanctioned 4-H horse show during the current 4-H project year.
  - d. Miniature horse project members who wish to participate in Driving at the 4-H County Fair Horse show must have taken and passed at least one written and practical test for Driving during the current 4-H project year before submitting their entry for County Fair.

**NOTE:** Showing at a "closed show" that was open only to those in the member's club, does not qualify a member to register for the County Fair 4-H Horse Show, even though it was sufficient for project completion. If a member wishes to show a second project horse at County Fair, it must have been used in at least one class at an Advisory Committee sanctioned 4-H horse show.

2. Only one entry per exhibitor per class, points accumulate on one horse one rider for Over-all and Reserve Over-all, and Divisions awards. It is possible if an exhibitor shows 2 horses to be declared Over-All, Reserve Over-All, Division High Point, or Reserve Over-All in different categories.
3. Exhibitors at County Fair must compete at the level passed as of the first day of the fair, regardless of the level at time of entry.
4. Once entries have been submitted, there will be no class changes allowed except those necessitated due to the level advancement of the exhibitor. Other circumstances to be taken into consideration by show management on a case by case basis.
5. The County Fair Horse Show, held over three days is considered to be one show.

6. The exhibitor must participate in both written test and showmanship if the classes are offered on any day of participation at the County Fair. In order to take the written test, contestant must participate in at least one class that day.

**C. State Fair** - See State Rule Book and State Fair Premium for additional details.

1. Exhibitors must show at the County Fair 4-H Horse Show to participate in the State Fair 4-H Horse show. Waivers of this requirement will be considered by the Horse Advisory Committee should extenuating circumstances arise that prevent exhibitor to show at the County Fair 4-H Horse Show.
2. Exhibitors should only sign up for State Fair 4-H Horse Show classes for which they are eligible to participate in.

### **3. HORSE SHOWS**

**A. Eligibility** - Exhibitors at 4-H horse shows in El Paso County must be:

1. Members in good standing of the 4-H Horse Program.
2. By January 1st of the current year be at least eight years of age and not reached their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday.
3. Junior members are ages 8-10, Intermediates are 11-13, and Seniors are 14-18.

**B. Show Rules and Standards**

1. Shows will be conducted in accordance with the El Paso County 4-H Horse Rule Book and the Colorado 4-H Horse Rule Books (available at County Extension Office) with the following exceptions:
  - a. Chaps are allowed in western horsemanship classes in county shows, except if prohibited by the Judge.
  - b. Must be Level I Western or above to participate in Gymkhana and Ranch Horse classes not involving livestock or cattle.
  - c. Must be Level II or above in the appropriate division to participate in any classes Over Fences (English) and in any Ranch Horse (Ranch Horse) classes involving livestock or cattle.
  - d. Hard hats are mandatory for all exhibitors whenever the horse is ridden in English tack, driving, and in all gymkhana events. Helmets with harness and hat strap that is fastened are mandatory for all unrated exhibitors while mounted and encouraged for all other exhibitors. The helmet must have a harness and hat strap, and it must be fastened at all times during any Over Fences, driving, and gymkhana classes.
  - e. In classes where rail work is performed, safety is the number one priority. If the number of exhibitors in the class could potentially pose safety issues, based on the size of arena or experience of exhibitors, show management should consult with the judge and either split the class or require pattern work with cuts made.
  - f. Only one entry per exhibitor per class, points accumulate on one horse one rider combination towards Over-all and Reserve awards. Each horse/rider combination is eligible for Over-all, Reserve Over-all, and Division Awards.
  - g. The written test is a required class of all exhibitors at all 4-H County shows including mini and working ranch horse shows. If not taken contestant will not be eligible for show awards or points.
2. There will be a 4-H Horse Advisory Committee member assigned to each show. The 4-H Horse Advisory Committee member and the Show Manager, with consultation with the 4-H Horse Advisory Committee members present, will ensure that the show is conducted in

compliance with these rules and regulations, according to the highest standards of horse show safety and ethics.

3. Challenge for alleged rule infractions at a show must be filed in writing with the show manager within 1 hour of alleged infraction and must be accompanied by a \$25.00 fee. 4-H Horse Advisory Committee members in attendance will consider the protest, and render a ruling as to its validity, or at their discretion may refer the protest to the next regular meeting of the entire 4-H Horse Advisory Committee. If the protest is deferred to the next regular meeting of the 4-H Horse Advisory Committee, all parties to the protest will be notified of the meeting time and place in advance. If the protest is sustained, the deposit will be returned; otherwise, the deposit will be forfeited to the 4-H Horse Advisory Committee. No checks. Cash or money order only. Please follow the protocol attached to the challenge form.
4. **Equine Drug Use.** Random drug testing can be administered at any county 4-H horse show. The Horse Advisory Committee will cover the cost of the initial testing.
  - Positive indicators of illegal drugs or failure to submit horse for testing will result in forfeiture of show awards and indefinite removal from the 4-H horse project. In such case, reinstatement must be approved by the Horse Advisory Committee.
  - Any costs to cover retesting to appeal an initial drug test failure will be the responsibility of the 4-H participant and their family.
  - Refer to the Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rulebook for more details.
  - 4-H Horse Show contestants must notify Show Management, Horse Advisory Committee Representative, and County Fair Vet if any horse being shown has been administered any commercially available or veterinary prescribed drug that could alter the performance of the horse and/or result in a positive drug test indication.
5. Only an animal's owner (a 4-H member) should prepare his/her project animal when it is being exhibited at a County Fair or 4-H show. If assistance is needed for safety by a junior member, it may be provided by another Colorado 4-H member, a parent, or a Colorado 4-H volunteer leader. Another Colorado 4-H member should be the first choice for assistance to a junior member. If assistance is provided the 4-H member enrolled in the project must be present to benefit from the teaching and instruction. Senior 4-H members should do all of the cleaning, grooming, fitting, harnessing, and showing of their animal, from enrollment through the end of the project year and it is essential they do all of their own cleaning, grooming, harnessing, fitting and showing of their animals at any show. Parents, professional trainers, and leaders will not coach from the rail, ride, **drive**, or warm-up a project horse in any way at a 4-H Horse Show. For the purpose of this El Paso County Rule Book, a professional trainer is defined as anyone who is not a 4-H youth and receives compensation for equine knowledge, training and services. If a person is seen not abiding by this rule they will first be notified by either the show management **or** the Horse Advisory Committee Representative at the show that the practice is not permitted. If the practice continues or occurs again the show management has the right to ask the individual or individuals to leave the grounds or see number 6 below. Adults are encouraged to assist youth without assuming control of the horse only to the extent needed for safety, taking into account ability of the individual youth. This does not preclude anyone from intervening when exhibitor safety is in question. 4-H members and other youth are encouraged to cheer and encourage their fellow exhibitors during classes but coaching from the rail is strictly forbidden.

6. Violation of these rules will result in the 4-H member forfeiting all show points and entry fees for the current show (including County Fair). The 4-H member can continue to ride in the classes for which they had registered, but they will not be judged or placed in the class.
7. Unruly horses will be dismissed from 4-H classes, clinics, and/or show if deemed a distraction or safety risk to other exhibitors by the show judge or Horse Advisory Committee Representative.
8. Classes for special needs exhibitors will be made available at all county 4-H shows if formally requested to the Horse Advisory Committee by the special needs exhibitor or their parent by March 1<sup>st</sup> of the project year. Any special needs exhibitor that chooses to participate in non-special needs classes will be required to follow all the rules and requirements for that class.

**C. Show Management** - Published show announcement will indicate by name the person appointed Show Manager by the sponsoring club. The Show Manager is responsible for the proper and safe conduct of the show, and for adherence to show rules. Show Management must annotate on the back of each horse certificate that it was shown at the show. Shows not following rules will result in show NOT being a Horse Advisory Committee sanctioned show. Refer to Show Management Handbook for more information.

**D. Classes** - Classes offered MUST be selected from the Colorado 4-H Horse Rulebooks, 4-H Gymkhana Guide, AMHR Rulebook, and the El Paso County 4-H Horse Rulebook. The following MUST be offered at every 4-H horse show sanctioned by the El Paso County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee:

1. Written test (prepared and administered by the Horse Advisory Committee Rep or appointee.)
2. Showmanship at Halter (either Western or English attire may be worn.) except when the show is strictly a gymkhana show then showmanship is waived. Showmanship in appropriate attire is required at Working Ranch and Miniature Horse Shows.
3. Classes with less than 3 contestants may be combined or canceled at show management's discretion. If canceled, entry fee for class will be returned.

It is recommended that 4-H shows have a variety of classes; English, Western, Working Ranch Horse, Cowhorse, Miniature, Gymkhana, Beginner, and Novice to meet the needs and interests of 4-H members. **NOTE:** This statement does not preclude a club show from being specialized (i.e., all English, all Western, all Novice, or a limited variety of classes).

**E. Clover buds** (ages 5-7) may not compete or participate in any club show or county horse activities. Cloverbud horse activities are not covered under our current accident insurance policy therefore they can not ride, lead or handle a horse in anyway. Non-horse activities are covered.

**F. Divisions** - Divisions may be split by age groupings (see 3 A. Eligibility), Levels, or both at the show management's discretion and may or may not include classes for Beginners and Novice.

1. English
2. Western
3. Gymkhana (also known as "speed" or "performance" events)
4. Working Ranch Horse
5. Miniature Horse

## **G. High Point Categories/Awards**

### **1. Show Overall High Point**

- a. Categories - Show management will decide how riders will be categorized at the show, i.e. Age Level, Riding Level, Age/Riding Level, or any combination thereof. Examples: 8-10 Level 1 & 2, 14-18 All Levels, Beginner, etc.
- b. To calculate the show overall and reserve overall award recipients for performance shows:
  - For each category of horse & rider combination, calculate the rider's total for each division using the guidelines specified in Computation of Show Points.
  - Add together the division total points for each horse/rider combination to come up with a total and then subtract out points for any class that is included more than once to get the final points for each horse/rider combination. For example, Grand Total = English Total + Western Total + Gymkhana Total – any classes such as the written test and showmanship that may be included more than once in the division totals. All classes should only be counted once in computing high point and reserve high point championships.
  - The horse/rider combination with the highest grand total is the overall high point winner for that category of rider. The horse/rider combination with the second highest grand total is the reserve champion.
  - Show management has the discretion to determine how many overall awards will be given out per category. The following awards are recommended: Overall High Point award and Overall Reserve High Point.
  - Overall high point award recipients (one horse, one rider combination) are not eligible for division high point awards. However, same rider different horse is eligible for division high point awards since they are a different horse/rider combination.

### **2. Division High Point**

- a. Categories - Show management will decide how riders will be categorized at the show, i.e. Age Level, Riding Level, Age/Riding Level, or any combination thereof. Examples: 8-10 Level 1 & 2, 14-18 All Levels.
- b. Divisions will be specified prior to the show and may include English, Western, and Gymkhana.
- c. To calculate the division high point award recipients:
  - For each category, calculate the horse/rider's total for each division as specified in the Computation of Show Points section.
  - The horse/rider combination with the highest total points in each division is the division high point award recipient for that category. The horse/rider combination with the second highest total is the division reserve high point award recipient. Exception: The show overall high point and reserve high point horse/rider combination award recipients are not eligible for division high point awards.
  - Show management has the discretion to determine how many division awards will be given out per category. The following awards are recommended: Division High Point and Division Reserve High Point.
  - Riders may show only one horse per class but multiple horses per show. Points will be accumulated on each horse rider combination. Each horse and rider combination is eligible to receive show high point/reserve awards.

### 3. Working Ranch Horse High Points

a. Categories - Show management will decide how riders will be categorized at the show, i.e. Age Level, Riding Level, Age/Riding Level, or any combination thereof. Examples: 8-10 Level 1 & 2, 14-18 All Levels.

b. To calculate the show high point award recipients:

- For each category, calculate the horse/rider's total using the guidelines specified in Computation of Show Points.
- The horse/rider combination with the highest total points is the high point award recipient for that category. The horse/rider combination with the second highest total is the reserve high point award recipient.
- Show management has the discretion to determine how many awards will be given out per category. The following awards are recommended: High Point and Reserve High Point.
- Riders may show only one horse per class but may show multiple horses in the show. Each horse and rider combination is eligible to receive show awards.

### 4. Miniature Horse Show High Points

a. Categories – Shows will be divided into age groups and/or levels.

b. To calculate the show high point award recipients:

- For each category, calculate the horse/exhibitor's total using the guidelines specified in Computation of Show Points.
- The horse/exhibitor combination with the highest total points is the high point award recipient for that category. The horse/exhibitor combination with the second highest total is the reserve high point award recipient.
- Show management has the discretion to determine how many awards will be given out per category. The following awards are recommended: High Point and Reserve High Point.
- Exhibitors may show only one horse per class but may show multiple horses in the show. Each exhibitor is eligible to receive show awards.

## H. Computation of Show Points.

1. Show points are computed using a ten point maximum system. Exhibitors will receive points based on the number of class participants. First place points will be equal to the number of class entries, up to a maximum of ten points. Each place below first will in turn earn one less point. If a contestant disqualifies, they are still counted as a participant.

**Example:** If there are six entries, first place gets 6 points, second gets 5 points, and so on with sixth place getting 1 point. If there are 10 entries, first place gets 10, second gets 9, etc. If there are more than ten entries, first place gets 10, second 9, etc. (NEVER exceed 10 points for first place).

2. High point awards will be calculated using points earned through tenth place.
3. Exhibitors may show multiple horses per show, but only one horse per class. Points for Overall and Reserve Over-all will be accumulated on a one horse, one rider combination.
4. The Written Test will be included as a class in all Club/County Show division award computations but only once for Club/County Show overall and reserve overall award computations. A Written Test will be administered and included as a class for all divisions at County Fair – as such, each will count towards respective division awards and all will

count towards County Fair overall and reserve overall awards. Written test points must be allocated to each horse/rider and horse/exhibitor combination.

5. Showmanship will be included as a class in Club/County Show English, Ranch Horse, and Western division award computations but only once for Club/County Show overall and reserve overall award computations. Showmanship will be conducted and included as a class during English, Ranch Horse, and Western days at County Fair and as such will count toward respective division awards and both will count towards County Fair overall and reserve overall awards.

## **I. Show Awards**

1. Class awards must be offered at a minimum through six places. There is not a maximum limit.
2. The class awards for the written test will be the same as the other events at all 4-H Horse Shows, including County Fair.
3. The choice of premiums, prizes or awards (ribbons, buckles, trophies, etc.) to be presented is left to the discretion of show management.
4. Awards for beginner and novice classes will be of noticeably less substance than awards for levels/age groups as there are usually fewer classes to generate funds in support of these awards and to help motivate youth to progress through the levels program.
5. Show management is required to list awards breakdown on their show bill.
6. Individual Ties. Tie breakers will be used as follows:
  1. The score for the written test.
  2. The placing in the showmanship class.

## **J. Entry Fees and Office Charges**

1. Pre-Entry fees may not exceed \$5.00 per class.
2. Show management may assess an office charge not to exceed \$5.00 per horse.
3. To encourage pre-registration, show management may assess a late entry charge or post entry class fees. Up to an additional \$2.00 per class.
4. Show management will determine stock charges.

## **4. BEGINNER, NOVICE AND LEVELS**

### **A. Beginner**

1. Beginner classes are for unrated riders only.
2. Beginner is a WALK/TROT division. Exhibitors in beginner classes may not lope, canter, or gallop.
3. Exhibitors riding beginner cannot compete in another division/age group at the same show.
4. A beginner may not change categories during a show.
5. Specific beginner riding control pattern will be used - listed in back.
6. Classes offered in age group English and Western divisions may also be offered in the Beginner Division, except that exhibitors may only WALK/TROT.
7. A beginner may move up to their age group or to the Novice division, but once they have shown in an age group class or novice class they may not move back to Beginner.
8. If a beginner moves to novice during the show season, they may show novice the following year if they desire. The year they began as a beginner does not count against their novice year

9. Members who earn high point or reserve high point honors at any 4-H club show will be required to move up to Novice or appropriate age group the following year.
10. Beginner classes will not be offered at County Fair.

#### **B. Novice**

1. Novice classes are for unrated riders only.
2. Exhibitors riding Novice division cannot compete in another division/age group at the same show.
3. Novice riders may move up to their age group, but once they have shown in an age group class, they may not move back to Novice.
4. Novice riders may not change to their age group during a show.
5. Specific Novice Riding Control Pattern will be used - listed in back.
6. Classes offered for age/levels groupings in English and Western divisions may also be offered in the Novice division.
7. Once a 4-H member has competed as a novice for 1 year, they must attempt level 1 testing for the following year and move up into an age/levels grouping.

**NOTE: Exceptions to A and B above may be made in regards to the 1 year time limit for special needs children.**

#### **C. Levels**

1. All members who earn High-Point –Overall honors in a level/age group at a club show must attempt to be rated at the next level prior to the next 4-H show season
2. All members who earn High-Point –Overall, Reserve Overall, High point Western, English, or Ranch Horse in a level/age group at the County Fair or State Fair Shows must attempt to be rated at the next level in the appropriate division prior to the next 4-H show season.
3. Exhibitors who are required to test up must attempt and pass the appropriate level written test or they will not be eligible for 4-H Club show or County Fair show awards and will not receive Achievement Award points for participating in the show. Exhibitors may show in these shows but will not be eligible for any awards. This showing restriction will remain in effect until the exhibitor passes the appropriate level written test.
4. Exhibitors who are required to test up must attempt the appropriate level riding test. Exhibitors that fail to pass the riding test will not be eligible for 4-H Club show or County Fair show awards after a second failed attempt. They will also not receive Achievement Award points for participating in the show. (Example: You win an award that requires you to move up, you test to move up but fail, the next year you compete at the same level and win an award that requires you to test to move up, you test again to move up and fail, the following year if you compete at the same level you are not eligible to win Club Show and County Fair Show awards.). Exhibitors may show in these shows but will not be eligible for any awards. This show restriction will remain in effect until the exhibitor passes the appropriate level riding test.
5. Exhibitors who are Level 3 riders in English, Western, or Ranch Horse and win a High Point or Reserve High point award that would require them to test up per paragraphs 4.C.1 and 4.C.2 above are not required to test up to Level 4 and will not have any show restrictions in subsequent show years. Such exhibitors are encouraged to test up as they reach the appropriate skill level for Level 4.

6. Requirement to move up can be waived if rider is also moving up to the next age level. Request for such a waiver must be submitted to and approved by the Horse Advisory Committee.
7. Levels rules for the Miniature Horse project will be an Addendum in 2008 to the El Paso County 4-H Horse Rulebook.

#### **D. Exemption**

Members may request an exemption to A, B and C by submitting their request in writing to the Horse Advisory Committee by the May meeting. There must be a legitimate and logical reason why the member is unable to attempt to be tested.

**5. JUDGE PROFESSIONALISM AND ATTIRE** Strong emphasis must be placed on the competence, objectivity, and professionalism of the judge(s) selected by show management. A judge's personal appearance must reflect the standard expected of exhibitors. Therefore, a judge is to be in proper English or Western attire. Judges must be reminded that they are to judge the exhibitor and not the horse, as explained in the Colorado 4-H Rulebooks.

**6. ACCIDENT INSURANCE** Accident insurance is carried on all 4-H horse members once enrollment forms have been handed in at the Extension Office. Claim forms and additional information are available in the 4-H office. Cloverbud members are not covered for horse activities therefore lead line classes or any other classes where a cloverbud interacts or has contact with a horse are not permitted. No participation in 4-H activities is permitted until enrollment forms are turned into the El Paso County 4-H Extension Office.

**7. RELEASE OF LIABILITY** All exhibitors enter a 4-H sponsored horse show entirely at their own risk, and parents/guardians must agree to this as a condition of entry. Therefore, each entry form must contain the following statement, signed by a parent or guardian:  
"I hereby indemnify and agree to hold harmless the management of this show, the El Paso County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee and CSU Cooperative Extension against all claims or demands, of any kind or nature that may grow out of any injury or loss to person or property at this horse show."

**8. SPORTSMANSHIP AND CONDUCT** Will be in accordance with the State 4-H Rules, Guidelines, 4-H Horse Show Rule Book and El Paso County 4-H Code of Show Ring Ethics.

**9. 4-H CLINCS** Clinicians must sign Code of Conduct on a special leader or activity leader enrollment form for insurance purposes. Clinician's enrollment fees are waived. It is recommended that clinicians not handle participant's horses unless agreed upon by owner and clinician. Watch newsletter for details on county wide clinics. For the purposes of Achievement Awards, a clinic can be either a club or county sanctioned clinic. For a clinic to be a county sanctioned clinic it must be approved by the Horse Advisory Committee. Clinic sponsors must provide sign-in sheets to record clinic participation. Sign-in sheets for county clinics must be turned in to the Horse Advisory Committee. Clinic participants are responsible for signing the sign-in sheets, failure to do so will mean that no credit will be given for clinic participation. Unruly horses will be dismissed from 4-H clinics if deemed a distraction or safety risk to other clinic participants by the clinician, clinic organizer, or Horse Advisory Committee Representative.

**10. ADVANCEMENT LEVELS** Refer to Project Book.

**11. HORSE JUDGING, HORSE BOWL, HIPPOLOGY, DEMONSTRATION CONTEST, PUBLIC SPEAKING** See State 4-H Rulebook, ask Leader, or contact the Extension Office for more details. The Horse Advisory Committee will purchase Colorado Champion jackets for all youth competitors and adult leaders who win a state championship in Horse Judging, Horse Bowl, Hippology,

Demonstration, or Public Speaking and go on to represent the state of Colorado at the 4-H National Western Round-up Contest.

### **A. Horse Judging Program**

4-H horse judging is a program designed to teach youth life skills through the art of judging a horse based on the breed standards, the ideal conformation characteristics and performance criteria. It is open to both junior and senior 4-H members. You will learn to organize your judging thoughts into a precise manner to present to a judge during a “reasons” class. There will be classroom work and also visits to horse facilities/events to gain “hands on” experience. We will enter county contests in the spring where we have both junior and senior teams participating. Finally, a team of four seniors will compete in the state contest held at Colorado State University in June. The senior team for the state contest will be selected by the coaches based on the following criteria: 1) participation in practice sessions 2) attendance at the weekend judging trips; 3) knowledge and ability concerning all common breeds; 4) Teamwork and Cooperation with coaches and other team members. Watch the 4-H Newsletter for more information and practice times.

### **B. Horse Bowl**

Horse Bowl is a program based on your knowledge in the field of equine science. It is open to both junior and senior 4-H members enrolled in the horse program. The team will take part in various county contests, as they are available. Senior teams will be selected to represent El Paso County at the state contest in June based on the following criteria: 1) Participation in practice sessions; 2) participation in county contests; 3) knowledge and ability to play the game; 4) Teamwork and Cooperation with coaches and other team members. Watch the 4-H Newsletter for more information and practice times.

### **C. Hippology**

The primary objective of this program is to provide a friendly but competitive setting where 4-H horse project members can demonstrate the breadth of their knowledge and understanding of the equine science and management and in particular, the practical application of this knowledge. The contest has four separate parts: a written exam, station identification, horse judging, and a team problem. Juniors and seniors may participate in the program, but only a senior team will be selected to represent El Paso County at the state contest at CSU in June. The state team(s) will be based on the following criteria: 1) participation in practice; 2) knowledge and ability; 3) participation in county contests; 4) Teamwork and Cooperation with coaches and other team members. Watch the 4-H Newsletter for more information and practice times.

### **D. Demonstration Contest**

All 4-H horse project members are encouraged to enter the county Demonstration Contest, check with your 4-H leader or the extension office for the scheduled date. There will be individual and team competition for both juniors and seniors. Rules for competition can be found in the Colorado 4-H Horse Rulebooks with the following exceptions: Juniors may compete in our county’s contest. Junior demonstrations need to be a minimum of 3 minutes and maximum of 8 minutes. Seniors are a minimum of 10 minutes and maximum of 15. The County winner in the senior division will compete in the state contest at CSU in June. If the senior division winner is unable to attend the state contest, then 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner may attend. Watch the 4-H Newsletter for more information.

### **E. Public Speaking**

All 4-H Horse project members are encouraged to enter the county’s Speech Contest. Check with your 4-H leader or the extension office for the date. Rules for competition can be found in the Colorado 4-H Horse Rulebook with the following exceptions: Juniors may compete in our county’s contest. Juniors’ speeches must be a minimum of 3 minutes and a max of 6 minutes. Seniors are a minimum of 7 minutes and a maximum of 10 minutes. The County winner in the senior division will compete in the state contest

at CSU in June. If the senior division winner is unable to attend the state contest, then 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner may attend. Watch the 4-H Newsletter for more information.

**12. PIKES PEAK SPRING SHOW** The Annual Pikes Peak Spring Show(s) is/are the 4-H Horse Advisory Committee's major fundraiser. This is an All-Breed open show for both youth and adults. Since the inception of the Spring Show, the 4-H Horse Advisory Committee has raised thousands of dollars in support of the El Paso County 4-H Horse Program. For information, contact the County Extension Office or the 4-H Horse Advisory Committee Chairman. Starting in 2008, the Pikes Peak Spring Show(s) will be qualifying show(s) for the 4-H County Fair Horse show. A written test will be offered in youth divisions and will count toward show(s)/series awards.

**13. STATE FAIR COUNTY IMAGE AWARD** – See state fair rulebook/Premium List

**14. COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS** The El Paso County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee offers annual scholarships. A selection committee determines the number of scholarships and amounts awarded with a maximum of \$1,500.00 in total scholarships awarded each year. Contact the 4-H office for an application. Applications are due by February 28<sup>th</sup> of the project year applying for the scholarship to the 4-H Horse Advisory Committee Chairperson, Scholarship Chairperson, or the County Extension Agent. Interviews will be conducted in March or April. Some of the past criteria for scholarships have been:

1. High school graduating senior or enrolled college freshman and in the El Paso County 4-H Horse Program the year applying.
2. Minimum of three years in 4-H (can be project other than horse).
3. Minimum of 3.0 out of 4.0 grade point average.
4. Participation in many 4-H events. Examples of some events include 4-H club show, the County and State Fairs, horse judging, hippology, horse bowl, public speaking and demonstration contests etc.
5. Participation in school and community activities outside of 4-H.
6. Completion of required application and letters of recommendation
7. Finalist may be asked to take a written exam on knowledge of horse science.

The criteria for the 4-H Horse Advisory Committee Scholarships will be distributed to Club Leaders not later than January 31<sup>st</sup>. Awarded scholarships must be claimed within one year of scholarship being awarded. Requests to extend this one year claim deadline must be submitted to the Horse Advisory Committee prior to expiration of the scholarship claim period. Such extension requests will be evaluated on a case by case basis but such extensions will not exceed one year. Any scholarship not claimed or extended within the one year claim period will be forfeited.

**15. EL PASO COUNTY 4-H ALL-AROUND HORSE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** The All-Around Horse Achievement Award is El Paso County's most prestigious honor. The award reflects the horseman's all around academic, riding, and participation pursuit. This program is consistent with the 4-H motto, "To Make the Best Better." The top 10% (minimum of 1 and maximum of 3) of individuals earning the most points for the year in each age group will be awarded the All-Around Horse Achievement Award. Points are awarded for each activity an individual enters according to the following chart. *Club/Project leaders must complete an Achievement Award Points Form for each 4-H member completing their project. This form must be submitted to the Horse Advisory Committee by September 30<sup>th</sup> for the just completed project year. Required form is included at the back of this Rule Book.*

## Point System for the All-Around Achievement Award

### Club Functions: (125pt max)

- |                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| 1. Meetings          | 2 per meeting  |
| 2. Horse Record Book |                |
| Blue                 | 15             |
| Red                  | 10             |
| White                | 5              |
| 3. Club Functions    | 2 per function |
| 4. Club Officer      | 10             |
| 5. Club Clinics      | 5 each         |
| 6. Record Book       |                |
| County Qualifier     | 5              |

### Horse Shows: (125pt max)

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|-------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Shows                | 1 per class |
| 2. County Fair          | 1 per class |
| 3. State Fair           | 2 per class |
| 4. Division High Point* |             |
| Club Show               | Ch 3 R 2    |
| County Fair             | Ch 4 R 3    |
| State Fair              | Ch 12 R 9   |
| 5. Over-All's           |             |
| Club Show               | Ch 9 R 6    |
| County Fair             | Ch 12 R 9   |
| State Fair              | Ch 20 R 15  |

\*Beginner and Novice are considered a division unless broken into specific riding disciplines.

### 4-H Educational Functions: (100pt max in each)

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|---------------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Sp/Dem, HB, HJ, Hipp meetings      | 1 each     |
| 2. Sp/Dem, HB, HJ, Hipp Clinics       | 5 each     |
| 3. Sp/Dem, HB, HJ, Hipp 4-H Contests  | 10         |
| 4. Sp/Dem, HB, HJ, Hipp. 4-H State    | 15         |
| 5. Sp/Dem, HB, HJ, Hipp. 4-H National | 25         |
| 6. Sp/Dem, HB, HJ, Hipp. Clinics      | 5          |
| 7. Individual / Team Overall          |            |
| County 4-H Contests                   | Ch 6 R 3   |
| State 4-H Contests                    | Ch 9 R 6   |
| National 4-H Contests                 | Ch 15 R 12 |

### Other 4-H Horse Activities: (100pt max)

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|-------------------------------------|---------|
| 1. Youth Rep(s) HAC                 | 15      |
| 2. HAC Approved Work days 1-5 hrs   | 3 each  |
| 3. HAC Approved Work days 5 hrs+    | 6 each  |
| 4. County Clinic                    | 10 each |
| 5. Advancement Level / Per Division |         |
| I                                   | 2       |
| II                                  | 5       |
| III                                 | 10      |
| IV                                  | 15      |

Points awarded for highest level completed by year end. Must have passed both written and riding test for level achieved. Multiple English ratings are possible starting at level III and multiple Western/Ranch Horse ratings are possible starting at Level II.

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|---------------------------------|----|
| 6. Record Book – County Placing |    |
| Champion                        | 10 |
| Res. Champion                   | 8  |

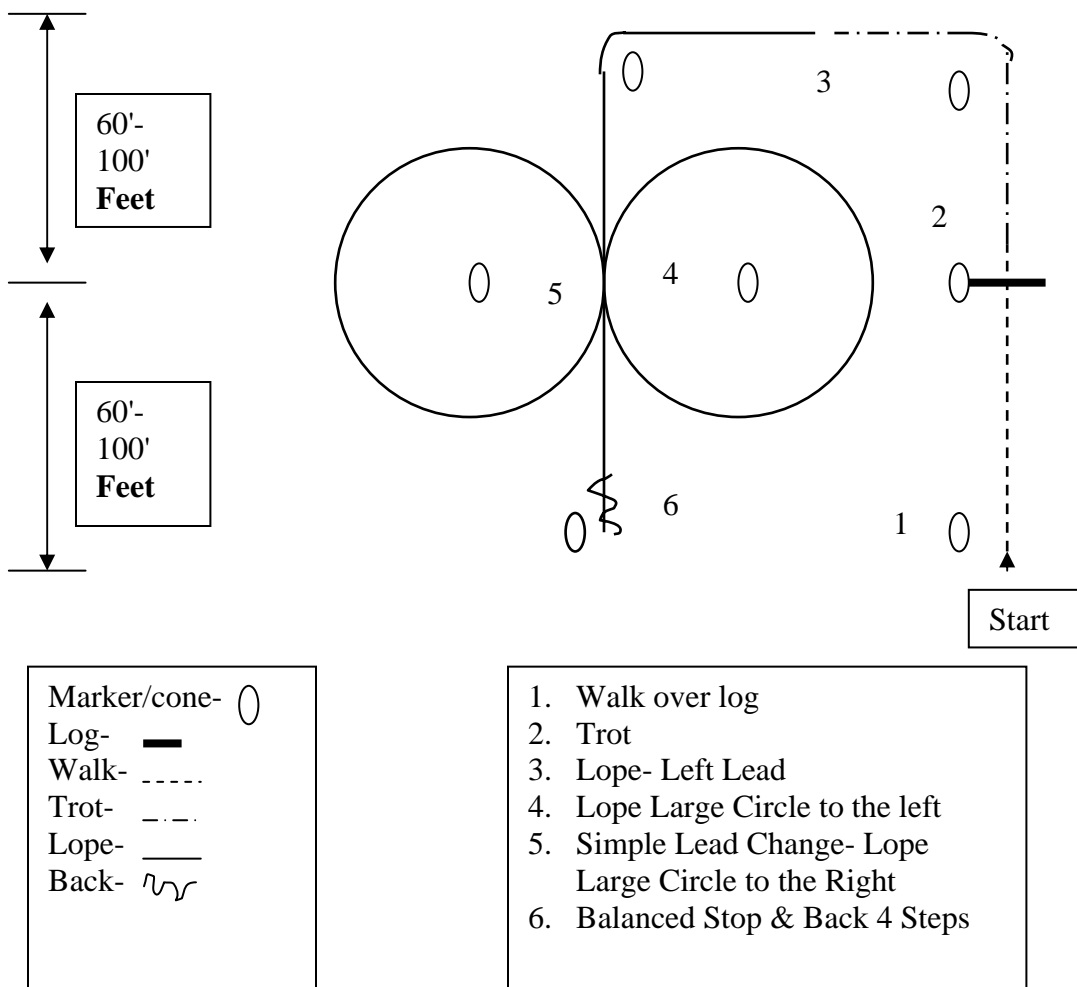
### Tie Breakers for all-Around Achievement Award:

1. Score in All Educational Functions;
2. Score in Horse Shows;
3. Score in Club Functions;
4. Score in Other 4-H Horse Activities

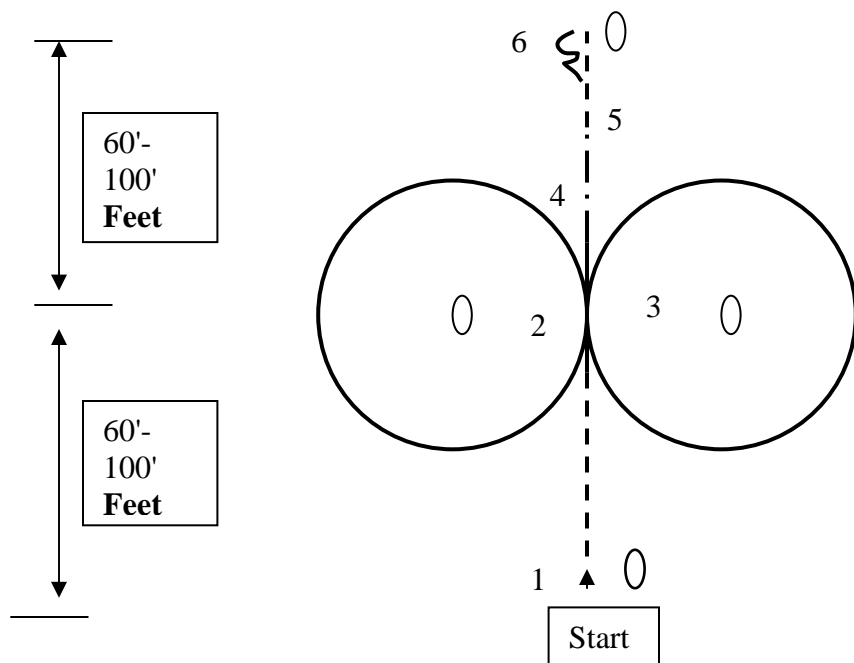
## Minimum Requirements for Freestyle Reining Class

- Maximum of 4 minutes in length.
- Give music cassette or CD labeled with your name, your pattern drawn and written instructions to the office by noon of class day.
- Must meet 4-H safety, tack, attire, and equipment requirements.
- Can ride any age horse one or two handed with any 4-H approved bit.
- Performance must include at least:
  - 1 sliding stop
  - 1 back of at least 20 feet
  - 1 slow small circle in each direction
  - 1 large fast circle in each direction
  - 1 rollback in each direction
  - 1 lead change in each direction
  - 2 spins each direction

## Western Riding Pattern for Novice Riders



**English Riding Control Pattern for Novice Riders and Beginner English/Western**  
**Riding Control Pattern**



Marker/cone- ○  
 Walk- - - - -  
 Sitting Trot- - . . . .  
 Rising Trot- - - - -  
 Back- wavy line

1. Walk
2. Rising Trot Circle to the Left (right diagonal English only)
3. Rising Trot Circle to the Right (left diagonal) (English only)
4. Sitting Trot
5. Walk
6. Halt & Back 4 Steps

**Please read your County Rulebook and the State Rulebook so you know the rules and regulations.**



## El Paso County Horse Achievement Awards \_\_\_\_ (year)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H age (Jan 1): \_\_\_\_\_ Overall Total Points: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Group (circle one): Junior (8-10)      Intermediate (11-13)      Senior (14-18)

**Club and Other 4-H Horse Activities:** (Club Leaders complete as much as possible)

<u>Club Functions (maximum 125 pts)</u>		<b>Pts / Event</b>	<b>Points</b>
Club Officer		10 pts	
Club Meetings		2 pts each	
Club Educational Clinics (Minimum 2 hours participation)		5 pts each	
Club Activities (Socials, Demos, Youth Leaders Activities, HAC Activities, Community Service Projects, Other Meetings)		2 pt each	
Horse Record Book (may have two scores if doing both miniature and standard horse projects)	Club Placement	Blue = 15 pts Red = 10 pts White = 5 pts	
Horse Record Book(s) (may have two scores if both miniature and standard horse record books submitted to County)	County Qualifier	5 pts	
		<b><u>Total Points</u></b>	

<u>Other 4-H Horse Activities (maximum 100 pts)</u>		<b>Pts / Event</b>	<b>Points</b>
Horse Advisory Committee Youth Rep(s)		15 pts	
County Work Days (HAC Approved)		3 pts (1-5 hrs) 6 pts (5+ hrs)	
County Educational Clinics (Minimum 2 Hours Participation)		10 pt each	
Horse Record Book (s) (may have two scores if both miniature and standard horse record book place at County)	County Placement	CH – 10 pts R – 8 pts	
Current Advancement Level Note: Points awarded for highest level completed. Must have passed written and riding test for level achieved. Note: Since Ranch Horse Levels II - IV involve a separate evaluation, two achievement levels can be earned if rated II or higher in both area.	Western & Ranch Horse	I = 2 pts II = 5 pts III = 10 pts IV = 15 pts	
Current Advancement Level Note: Points awarded for highest level completed. Must have passed written and riding test for level achieved. Note: Since English Levels III/IV involve a separate evaluation, three achievement levels can be earned if rated III or higher in each area.	English – Hunt Seat, Saddle Seat, Dressage	I = 2 pts II = 5 pts III = 10 pts IV = 15 pts	
		<b><u>Total Points</u></b>	

**Horse Show Points** (Completed by Horse Advisory Committee using the 4-H El Paso County Horse Achievement Points – Club, County, and State Show Forms submitted by Show Management) – Maximum 125 points

<u>Horse Shows</u>	<b>Points</b>
Club/County Performance Horse Shows	
Club/County Ranch Horse Shows	
Club/County Miniature Horse Shows	
County Fair Horse Shows (Performance, Ranch, and Miniature)	
State Fair Horse Shows (Performance and Ranch)	
<b><u>Total Points</u></b>	

**Educational Functions Points** (completed by Horse Advisory Committee using the El Paso County Achievement Points – 4-H Horse Educational Functions Activity Forms submitted by Activity Coaches) – Maximum 100 points each

<u>Educational Functions</u>	<b>Points</b>
Horse Bowl	
Horse Judging	
Horse Speech and Demo	
Horse Hippology	
<b><u>Total Points</u></b>	