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Colorado 4-H Horse Programs & Policies

REFERENCES

2006 Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rule Book
4-H Horse Project Manual (MA1500E)
Colorado 4-H Youth Development Policy Guide 2008/09
<http://equineextension.colostate.edu>

PURPOSE

The purpose of the 4-H Horse Project is to help youth learn how to care for and use their horse properly—and to have fun while learning. Through the 4-H Horse Project, youth can increase their knowledge & improve horsemanship skills by learning basic handling principles.

As a member in the 4-H Horse Project, youth are expected to learn about their own horse, and horse breeds, safety, body colors, health, markings, care and how to determine a horse's age. Youth will develop respect for their horse, responsibility in caring for their horse and discipline in the way youth handle horses.

A 4-H Horse Club consists of at least 5 currently enrolled members and, one or more, bona-fide trained adult volunteer leaders. The 4-H Horse Club abides by all of the Colorado 4-H rules & policies including but not limited to: Helmet policies, Insurance policies, Liability policies.

REQUIREMENTS

All 4-H Horse clubs/members are required to:

- Complete enrollment form and pay current fees every year
- Complete Animal Care & Housing Form
- Conduct regular club meetings
- Elect club officers
- Complete State 4-H Horse Record Books
- Complete Horse ID form by June 1, current year
- Pass State 4-H advancement level testing (Level 1 Written & Riding Tests—required)
- Participate in community service projects
- Host fundraisers with funds being used for educational purposes only
- Participate in county 4-H Horse show—encourage both Western & English disciplines
- Follow the 4-H Sponsored Horse Shows/Activities/Events procedures

NON-REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

Gymkhana events	Colorado State Fair
Open Horse Shows	National Western Stockshow
Field Trips	
Mountain Community Fair	