Lewis County
4-H Horse Project
Guidelines Book

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

General Requirements:
1. **Enrollment**
   - **Horseless Horse Project:** A youth may choose to enroll in the Horseless Horse project. Primary members (Grades K–2 in WA) may enroll in the Horseless Horse project, but may have NO contact with horses.
   
   **Horse Project:** For all youth exhibiting a horse. They must be enrolled in this project to show at the Southwest Washington Fair.
   
   **Equine Science Project:** Equine husbandry and science.

   For current and other projects not listed, see 4-H Projects and Publications.

2. **Class Eligibility:** Class of fair exhibitor (Junior, Intermediate, Senior). Refer to Pacific Northwest 4-H Horse Contest Guide.

3. **Horse Certificates:** A horse certificate identifying the horse(s) and exhibitor participating at fair MUST be turned in or renewed to the Lewis County 4-H Extension Office NO LATER THAN May 1 of each year. If a member changes clubs, a new horse certificate must be turned in. Maximum number of certificates is three per discipline. **Exception:** An equestrian member enrolled in the current 4-H year whose horse dies, becomes injured, or is deemed unsafe may bring a request to the Procedures Committee for a decision regarding using a horse **without a certificate on file** for participation at the year’s SWW fair only. Participants will ride for judge’s comments only during that fair; they will not receive any ribbons or accumulate points towards a state fair berth. All issues of this nature shall be submitted to your 4-H horse leader and then presented to the Procedures Committee for approval.

4. **Helmets:** “All Washington 4-H Youth participating in all equine projects and activities must wear American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM)/ Safety Engineering Institute (SEI) approved headgear when riding or driving. The headgear must have a chin strap and be properly fitted.” Additionally, we very strongly encourage all equestrians (including adults) to wear headgear at all times when riding or working around horses. See Pacific Northwest 4-H Horse Contest Guide.

5. Members enrolled in horse projects must abide by the insurance rule established in the Lewis County 4-H Policies; specifically regarding helmets **and** a leader/project leader must be present at all horse functions.

6. Age of horse to be determined as of January 1 of the current year.

7. You must own, lease, or manage the horse used. Member must have complete access to the animal at anytime and must provide full care and management a majority of the time, whether the horse is owned or non-owned. Horse Certificates in the name of the exhibitor are due by May 1 of the current 4-H year in the county extension office.

8. There will be no training or showing by anyone other than the member using the horse to be shown at fair after May 1 of the current year’s fair. Anyone may ride a member’s horse to analyze a problem, demonstrate a skill, or correct a safety issue. This is not meant to condone long-term or regular training or showing by professional or non-professional riders: the member is ultimately responsible for all training or showing of their animals to be used at fair after May 1 of the current 4-H year.

9. Two 4-H members may use the same horse; it must be on a 50/50 basis for care of the animal. These two 4-H members may not compete in the same lot at fair. Each member must submit an individual Horse Certificate.

10. Horses 5 & under may be shown in bosals or snaffles and ridden with two hands. Any horse less than three years old CANNOT be ridden in any class and may be exhibited only in the Colt Training...
segments of the fair. For further clarifications, refer to the current Pacific Northwest 4-H Horse Contest Guide.

11. No mares with foals allowed at SWW Fair.
12. The Lewis County 4-H Horse Fair is a closed fair and restricted to Lewis County 4-H members enrolled in a 4-H horse project by April 1 of the current year.
13. Classes require a pre-entry on Lewis County 4-H & Southwest Washington Fair Entry Forms by July 18 of the current year. Forms are available from the Extension Office. Fitting and Showing is a required class to be eligible to compete in any division.
14. All exhibitors are required to read General Rules in the current Exhibitor’s Handbook book, the current Lewis County 4-H Horse Project Guidelines Book, and the current Pacific Northwest 4-H Horse Contest Guide.
15. **Ground rules:** Leaders and parents: As a reminder, please make sure your members are aware of the following ground rules when participating in 4-H activities. It is suggested these ground rules be posted at each and every 4-H function.

**BREAKING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING RULES MAY RESULT IN YOUR DISMISSAL BY SHOW MANAGEMENT FROM THE FAIR AND FORFEITURE OF ALL AWARDS. ALSO, ANY GROSS ABUSE OF THESE RULES MAY CAUSE THE REMOVAL OF A 4-H MEMBER FROM THE 4-H PROGRAM.**

4-H events are provided for under the auspices of Washington State University Extension. For your safety, we ask you help us enforce these rules:

a. **AN ADULT MAY ASSIST IN ANY SITUATION IN WHICH A CHILD OR HORSE IS IN DANGER.**
b. No dogs allowed on grounds.
c. No alcoholic beverages.
d. No drugs.
e. No smoking or chewing tobacco in exhibit areas.
f. No excessive abuse of animal on fair grounds. Any abuse noted means a disqualification in the exhibitor’s next/current class or a “no time” time ride in the case of a Western Games event.
g. No coaching or instructing exhibitors while they are in the ring or showing their animals, including warm-up arena.
h. Only 4-H exhibitors may ride, groom, school or handle a horse while on the show grounds.
i. The ring is off limits to everyone except working show personnel.
j. Approach the judge for information only and only after judging is completed; not to dispute his/her placing.
k. A visibly ill animal can be dismissed from participation by show personnel.
l. All exhibitors will participate in Herdsmanship if offered.
m. With the consent of the horse superintendent, leaders may ask any member of their club to leave the grounds if behavior is unacceptable.
n. No riding horses double.
o. No riding horses using halters only.
p. No racing or running outside the show arena.
16. Horses are not allowed outside the immediate barn/arena after admittance to the SWWF without superintendent permission. Exhibitors failing to comply with the rule will be disqualified for the entire fair. The exhibitor will also forfeit premiums and berths towards state fair, if applicable.
17. No vehicles allowed in barn areas during fair.
18. **General abuse:** Any 4-H member or parent who receives two reprimands at fair will result in them being asked to remove themselves and their horse from the fairgrounds by the Horse Superintendent.
This removal will be a disqualification for the entire fair. The exhibitor will forfeit premiums and berths towards state fair, if applicable. **THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.** Any incidents of abuse should be reported to the Horse Superintendent or show management. Grounds for reprimands include:

a. Any 4-H member or parent who verbally or physically abuses or harasses show management, 4-H leaders, or another parent.

b. Any abuse in the arena which includes any abuse determined by the judge.

c. Any abuse outside of the arena on the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds.

19. **Protests:** Any protest must be in writing, signed by an adult, and submitted to show management within 12 hours of the alleged infraction and will then be addressed by the Procedures Committee.

**Procedures Committee:**
The purpose of the committee is to assist the Horse Superintendent with such problems as arise concerning participation at the current year’s fair and need a group decision. Addresses to the Procedures Committee must be made in writing through your 4-H horse club leader. Include club leader’s signature on the letter. (See form LCHP 1003 at the end of this document.)

The Procedures Committee will consist of 6 Lewis County 4-H Horse Leaders and 2 teen leaders from separate clubs. The committee will be able to meet with a quorum of four.

The Horse Superintendent shall not be a member of this committee, but must be notified of any procedures meetings. The Procedures Committee shall elect a chair to serve for one year. The chair shall convene and lead meetings as necessary but will not cast a vote unless needed to break a tie. Minutes will be kept at all meetings.

**Ring Regulations:**

1. Arena entrance order will be 1st Junior, 2nd Intermediate, 3rd Senior divisions, unless otherwise announced.

2. Show management reserves the right to combine any class which has less than three entries. Each age group will be judged separately.

3. All classes will be announced with a “first call, second call, and last call” to the arena gate. The first call in the morning will be at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the beginning of the first class.

4. A pattern will be required in all equitation championship classes and will be posted prior to the class. Patterns will be chosen from our Lewis County Pattern Book for the following classes: Bareback Equitation, Stock Seat Equitation, Hunt Seat Equitation, Saddle Seat Equitation, and Showmanship.

a. Judging will be on equitation in addition to the successful completion of the pattern. Any deviation from the posted pattern, by horse or rider, must be faulted, and will be considered off course or off pattern.

b. Off course or off pattern is anytime the pattern is not finished, maneuvers are left out, extra maneuvers are added, or when maneuvers are performed out of order or in the wrong direction. (Examples: starting, being or finishing on the wrong side of a marker or turning in the wrong direction.)

c. Being off course or off pattern is not a disqualification but a rider that is off course or off pattern is not to be awarded a placing above a rider that is on course or on pattern regardless of the equitation standard.

d. Discrepancies in judging should be minimized by a brief review of these expectations with the judge prior to the start of classes and in addition a copy of the posted pattern and these expectations be handed to the judge.

5. Any exhibitor may scratch from a class, BUT must notify the horse show office prior to first call for the class. Once the class has been dropped, you may NOT re-enter.
6. Late for Class
   a. Any exhibitor who is late for fitting and showing will be permitted to enter the arena, but will automatically **DROP ONE DANISH RIBBON PLACING**.
   b. Once the gate is closed for any other class, the exhibitor will not be allowed to show in that class.

7. Only blue ribbon winners are eligible to be called back in classes for Champion, Reserve Champion and placings.

8. A short gate hold may be requested by any exhibitor for the purpose of attire and/or equipment change. **GATE ATTENDANT MUST BE NOTIFIED AT LEAST ONE CLASS IN ADVANCE.** Gate will remain closed until all are assembled within the gate hold time period.

9. Once the arena entrance gate is closed the class is in progress and an exhibitor may not leave the class without first obtaining permission from the judge.

10. A rider will be penalized if their horse is stopped while in the line of ride on the wall. If rider experiences ANY problems, their horse is to be ridden out of line and to the center of the arena so as to avoid other riders on the wall.

**Veterinarian Inspection:**

1. In accordance with the Southwest Washington Fair Policy, all horses must undergo a vet check upon arrival at the fairgrounds. The check will be administrated by the official fair veterinarian. The Horse Superintendent will recognize any veterinarian’s decision to remove an exhibit and abide by all recommendations by the veterinarian. The inspection will be conducted prior to the horses being admitted to the fairgrounds. **INSPECTION TIMES TO BE ANNOUNCED AT STALL ASSIGNMENTS.** If this is not convenient, it is permissible for exhibitors to have a written vet certificate dated within five (5) days of admittance to the fair, certifying to the general good health of the animal to be exhibited. No stall will be assigned or stall card issued until this inspection is complete. **Vaccinations are strongly recommended.**

2. Any horse showing evidence of communicable disease after having been admitted to the fair shall be removed any time at the request of the veterinarian. **NOTE:** Horses, in the opinion of the vet and show management, who are too thin, too fat, or show evidence of poor care or neglect will be sent home. Also, any horse deemed by show management to be exhibiting behavior dangerous to it, exhibitors, general public, or other horses may be sent home.

3. Any exhibitor requesting removal of a horse after fair admittance (for health reasons), must have approval of Horse Superintendent and Veterinarian. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of premiums and future exhibiting privileges for the remainder of the year’s fair.

4. Exhibitor may call a veterinarian to the fairgrounds for services, but is held responsible for contact and all financial charges incurred by the call. The fair veterinarian has no responsibility towards animals after the initial inspection.

**Exhibit Identification:**

1. Stall identification cards will be given to each exhibitor at the time of the vet inspection and must be displayed on stall doors at all times.

2. Exhibitor numbers will be assigned and must be worn whenever handling a horse in the arena areas. The number must be securely pinned and **CLEARLY VISIBLE** at all times.

3. Every horse that kicks must wear a **RED RIBBON** in its tail at all times and are recommended to enter the arena last.

**Safety:**

1. When mounted (bareback or in a saddle), the rider will assume a proper equitation seat **AT ALL TIMES** and wear Western or English boots, a helmet, long pants, and exhibitor number. Boots must be worn at all times while doing anything with horse (i.e., cleaning stall, feeding, leading, etc.).

2. Stallions are not permitted in any class other than Colt Training- Foals of Current Year.

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3. Each barn must have a responsible adult present until midway closes each night of the fair.
4. Further reference regarding safety rules is available in the latest revised edition of Pacific Northwest 4-H Horse Contest Guide.

**Fire Protection:**
1. Horse Superintendent will be in charge of fire drill information and all 4-H parents, leaders and other members of show management will be so instructed.
2. Fire drill information will be reviewed at stall assignments and at Southwest Washington Fair Orientation. All exhibitors, leaders, and parents will be informed on the procedure to be used in case of a fire.
3. All exhibitors, leaders, families, and friends of 4-H members need to know where the fire extinguishers are stationed throughout the horse barn areas. All persons responsible for stall duty are to know where to get help in case of fire.

**Stalls and Wash Rack:**
1. Stalls are assigned on a club basis by the Horse Superintendent or designee. Each 4-H member attending fair will be assigned one stall *per horse*. Any exceptions to this rule will be announced prior to the fair. Any problems experienced with stalls after fair opening must be directed to the Barn Superintendent.
2. Assigned stalls can be readied anytime after their assignment. Bedding is furnished by the Southwest Washington Fair.
3. Wash racks are to be used by permission from club leader. There will be a responsible adult or senior 4-H member present. The area must be left clean.

**Herdsmanship:**
1. Herdsmanship will be performed and judged per the Southwest Washington Fair 4-H Exhibitors Handbook schedule.
2. No penalties will be assessed for clubs with all members in the show ring or on deck. Parents and leaders will be allowed to assist at the leaders’ discretion, as follows: lift saddle to and from horse’s back and assist in bridling a horse if necessary. They may act as a post for holding horse while member grooms, cleans stall, mounts or prepares for class. **However, if the parent/leader is helping in any other way, 50% of their club’s Herdsmanship score for the day will be lost, along with the exhibitor’s premiums for the day. AN ADULT MAY ASSIST IN ANY SITUATION IN WHICH A CHILD IS IN DANGER WITHOUT PENALTY.** Adults will be allowed to assist in stripping of stalls when fair is done and ready for haul out.
3. Stall decorations, color scheme, and artistic display are encouraged but shall “not outweigh” scoring of club member’s appearance, sportsmanship, work and proper care of horses, stalls and equipment.
4. Club members need not wear club uniforms while on Herdsmanship duty, BUT must be neat in appearance and wear shirts, long pants, Western or English boots, and exhibitor number.
5. Stalled horses are not to wear a halter unless securely tied in the stall. The exhibitor or responsible adult must be present if animal is tied in the stall. There MUST be a halter and lead rope in plain sight for the benefit of emergency removal.
6. Feed in front of the horse at all times in not required. FRESH water must be available in the stall at all times. Any horse requiring a special care may have instructions posted on stall door for benefit of Herdsmanship judge.
7. Due to extreme safety hazard **NO HAY NETS ARE ALLOWED AND ALL BUCKETS WITH HANDLES MUST BE SECURED TO THE WALL!!**
8. Guidelines for scoring: see the latest revised edition of the Lewis County Herdsman’s Almanac.

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**Exercising:**
1. Exercising may be done by 4-H members only. Exercising will be done in the arena and, if available, the round pen. ALL HORSES MUST BE IN THEIR STALLS BY 9:00 P.M. unless otherwise exhibiting.
2. An adult or senior 4-H member must be present when using the arena or round pen. Please limit round pen time to ten minutes.

**Release of Exhibits:**
1. The 4-H horse division will release exhibitors at a time to be announced by the Horse Superintendent.
2. Any exhibitors leaving or taking down decorations before the release time WITHOUT PROPER AUTHORIZATION from the Horse Superintendent will not be checked out and will forfeit premiums and state fair berths earned at the fair.
3. All horses and tack MUST be removed from the fairgrounds on the day the horses are released unless approved by the Horse Superintendent.

**Club Requirement:**
It is a club requirement that each riding member who turns in a horse certificate for fair entry, shall be required to pay a rider fee to the Lewis County Horse Advisory Committee by July 18th. The money will be non-refundable after such date. Hardship cases may apply for a grant to the Procedures Committee.

Guidelines for the Procedures Committee to refund the rider’s fee include acceptable reasons such as a recommendation of a club leader, a doctor note for medical reason, and a vet note for animal reason. The request for a rider fee refund must come from the leader of the club.

**Safety Clinic Requirements:**
All Horse Advisory Committee clinics should be held at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds weather permitting. 4-H members are reminded these clinics are for safety checks to ensure both horse and rider are prepared and safe for 4-H classes at fair. **Reminder:** Backup horses need safety clinics, too.

Classes requiring clinics as a prerequisite to entering at the fair are Driving, Hunter Hack, Hunter Pleasure over Fences, Hunt Seat Equitation over Fences, Western Games, and Performance. The number of required clinics are listed under each event. Based on demonstrated proficiency and past exhibitor experience, clinicians may waive the multiple clinic requirements listed below.

The clinician putting on the clinic is responsible for maintaining records on the Safety Clinic Participation Form (LCHP 1002A) or the Lewis County 4-H Horse Project Safety Clinic Log (LCHP1002B) and for submitting either or both forms to the fair secretary at least two weeks prior to haul in for fair. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

All members are also responsible for maintaining their own record of their clinic attendance and it is recommended to use the Clinic Participation Form (LCHP 1002A), which can be obtained through your leader or the 4-H office.

The 4-H members are allowed to attend approved and/or certified clinics outside of the county. They must have the clinician sign and date the Safety Clinic Participation Form. (See the form LCHP 1002A at the end of this book.)

**Performance Safety Clinic Requirements:** All exhibitors who have not received a flat blue in an Equitation class at SWW Fair shall be required to have one Ring Etiquette clinic.
Driving Safety Clinic Requirements: First and second year drivers are required to attend three driving clinics with the horse they will use at fair. All drivers in their third year and beyond, who are enrolled in and have participated at fair in project driving for at least two consecutive years are required to attend two driving clinics with the horse they will use at fair.

Hunter Hack Safety Clinic Requirements: First year jumpers are required to attend four clinics, all of them with the horse they will use at fair. Second and third year jumpers are required to attend one clinic with the horse they will use at fair. All jumpers in their fourth year and beyond who are enrolled in and have participated in Hunter Hack for at least three consecutive years are recommended to attend one clinic each year with the horse they will use a fair.

Hunter Pleasure over Fences and Hunt Seat Equitation over Fences Safety Clinic Requirements: Jumpers must attend four (4) jumping clinics with the horse to be used at fair during the current 4-H year.

Western Games Safety Clinic Requirements: First year gamers are required to attend two clinics with the horse they will use at fair. Second and third year gamers are required to attend one clinic with the horse they will use at fair. All gamers in their fourth year and beyond who are enrolled in and have participated in Western Games for at least three consecutive years are recommended to attend one clinic each year with the horse they will use at fair.

Special Awards:

Ross Coie Memorial Championship Fitting and Showing
The Ross Coie Memorial Trophy was established by the members of the former Ross Riders 4-H Club upon the death of Mr. Coie. He had been an active participant in the club’s activities during their early years. The memorial fund is administered by the Lewis County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee. The Ross Coie Memorial Trophy is presented to the 4-H Performance Horse senior exhibitor who is judged to be the GRAND CHAMPION in Fitting and Showing.

Margaret Ann Smith Memorial
The Margaret Ann Smith Memorial Trophy is a perpetual trophy presented each year to the 4-H horse exhibitor who best exemplifies “Inspiration” to the total 4-H horse program. This memorial to Mrs. Smith was established by the members of the Ridge Riders 4-H club, family, and friends. Mrs. Smith served as leader of the Ridge Riders 4-H club and gave many hours to the development of 4-H members who involved themselves with the 4-H horse project.

Nominations for this award will be due by 6 p.m. Friday night of the fair, the interviews will be conducted and a final selection will be made during fair and announced at the awards ceremony. All nominations for this award will be submitted on the Margaret Ann Smith Inspirational Nomination Form (LCHP 1001) available from the show secretary and at the end of this book. Selection of the recipient will be decided upon by the current year’s Procedures Committee.

Nominees will participate in an oral interview and understand that submitting a current year’s record book to be judged at the SWWF is a requirement.

Performance Division:
See the latest revised edition of the Pacific Northwest 4-H Horse Contest Guide for correct tack, attire, and class requirements. Exception: Chaps are not allowed.

In addition to Fitting and Showing, a 4-H member must enter and ride in at least (3) working classes of performance in order to be eligible for state.
**Fitting and Showing:** This is a required class to enter the performance division.

**Equitation:** see the latest revised edition of the Pacific Northwest 4-H Horse Contest Guide for specific class requirements.

**Stock Seat Equitation, Hunt Seat Equitation, Saddle Seat Equitation, Bareback Equitation**

**Maiden Equitation:** This is a walk and trot/jog/intermediate gait class open to exhibitors who have not received a flat blue ribbon at fair in English or Stock Seat Equitation. No cross entry with open equitation classes. No pattern required.

**Disciplined Rail English, Disciplined Rail Western:** See Washington State 4H Fair Rail Rules (LCHP 1005) at the end of these guidelines.

**Pleasure:**
In pleasure classes, judging is based on the performance of the horse. The horse must give the picture of being a pleasure to ride. All gaits must be performed willingly and with ease, cadence, balance and smoothness. Light contact must be maintained with the horse’s mouth at all gaits. Horses must be sound. Refer to the latest revised edition of the Pacific Northwest 4-H Horse Contest Guide for full description of tack and attire.

**Western Pleasure:** Judged at a walk, jog/intermediate gait, and lope. Contestants are worked both ways of the ring at all gaits. Horses may be asked for an extended jog/intermediate gait. The order to reverse is executed by turning away from the rail. Riders should not be asked to reverse at the lope. After rail work is complete, entries line up as directed. Riders usually are asked to back.

**Hunt Seat Pleasure:** Contestants show their horses at a walk, trot/intermediate gait, and canter. They are worked both ways of the ring at all gaits. Horses may be asked for an extended trot/intermediate gait. The order to reverse is executed by turning away from the rail. Riders should not be asked to reverse at the canter. After rail work is complete, entries line up as directed. Riders usually are asked to back.

**Saddle Seat Pleasure:** Contestants show their horses at a walk, trot/intermediate gait, and canter. They are worked both ways of the ring at all gaits. Horses may be asked for an extended trot/intermediate gait. The order to reverse is executed by turning toward or away from the rail. Riders should not be asked to reverse at the canter. After rail work is complete, entries line up as directed. Riders usually are asked to back.

**Practical Trail:**
Juniors must have a separate course from Intermediates and Seniors. Exhibitors may enter by lots. Horse to be ridden over, through, or past course obstacles. Judged on horse performance, manner, and ability to complete the course. Three refusals at any one obstacle will mean moving on to the next obstacle. There will be no rail work. The trail committee will design the course prior to fair. Course will be posted the evening before trail class at the latest. May use Western or English tack and attire. Refer to the Pacific Northwest 4-H Horse Contest Guide.

**Driving Division:** See the latest revised edition of the Pacific Northwest 4-H Horse Contest Guide for specific class requirements.
**In addition to Fitting and Showing,** a 4-H member must enter and show in at least (3) working classes of driving in order to be eligible for state.

**Fitting and Showing:** This is a required class to enter the driving division.

**Reinsmanship:** This class is designed to test the driver’s knowledge and ability. Tests may be required. Horses to enter to the right (counter-clockwise) at a working trot/intermediate gait and work both ways of the ring at the flat-footed walk, working trot/intermediate gait and trot on/increased intermediate gait. Reverse will be executed on the diagonal at a walk or a working trot from a designated corner at the direction of the ringmaster or the judge. Drivers line up where directed. Horses must stand quietly in line.

Tack and Attire: See the latest revised edition of Pacific Northwest 4-H Horse Contest Guide.

**Pleasure Driving:** Horses enter to the right (counter-clockwise) at a working trot/intermediate gait and work both ways at the ring at the flat-footed walk, working trot/intermediate gait and trot on/increased intermediate gait. Reverse is executed on the diagonal at a walk or working trot from a designated corner at the direction of the ringmaster or the judge. Drivers must line up in the center of the ring at the direction of the ringmaster or the judge. Horses must stand quietly in line.

Tack and Attire: See the latest revised edition of Pacific Northwest 4-H Horse Contest Guide.

**Precision Driving:** Driven over the standard courses in the latest revised edition of Pacific Northwest 4-H Horse Contest Guide. This competition tests the skill of the driver, the obedience and handiness of the animal, and the accuracy with which the course is driven.

Tack and Attire: See the latest revised edition of Pacific Northwest 4-H Horse Contest Guide.

**Jumping Division:** See the latest revised edition of the Pacific Northwest 4-H Horse Contest Guide for specific class requirements.

**Fitting and Showing:** This is a required class to enter the Jumping division.

**Hunter Hack:** Course will consist of two jumps not to exceed 2 feet in height. Jumping will take place before the rail work. Class will be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, trot, canter, or extended gaits. Hand gallop will be required but no more than eight are to be hand galloped at a time.

Three refusals at any one jump means a possible elimination – no placing, no rail work. Hunter Hack is judged on performance, manners, way of going, and hunter jumping style. Supervised practice jumps will be provided. Judge may be asked to leave the ring during practice.

Tack and Attire: Same as Hunt Seat Equitation.

**Hunt Seat Equitation over Fences/Hunter over Fences:** The horse is judged on an even hunting pace, manners, and jumping style together with faults and way of moving over the course. All horses are to be serviceably sound. This subdivision includes three classes of various heights. The heights will be set by the current year clinician.

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Maximum height of 2 feet, 9 inches.

Tack and Attire: Same as Hunt Seat equitation. Exception: Safety vests may be worn in lieu of jackets and splint and bell boots may be used.

**Dressage Division:** See the latest revised edition of the Pacific Northwest 4-H Horse Contest Guide for tack, attire, and specific class requirements. To qualify for a state fair berth exhibitors must ride the same test as required at WA State 4-H Fair.

**Fitting and Showing:** This is a required class to enter the Dressage division.

**Dressage Seat Equitation:** See the latest revised edition of the Pacific Northwest 4-H Horse Contest Guide for specific class requirements.

**Western Games Division:** See the latest revised edition of the Pacific Northwest 4-H Horse Contest Guide for tack, attire, and specific class requirements. In addition, the Lewis County 4-H Horse Department requires a breast collar.

**In addition to Fitting and Showing**, a 4-H member must enter and ride in at least (3) working classes of Western Games in order to be eligible for state.

**Fitting and Showing:** This is a required class to enter the Western Games division.

**Events for Western Games:** Figure 8, Key Race, International Flags, Texas Barrels, Pole Bending, 2 Barrel Flags.

The show secretary is responsible for recording times for gaming events. Blue, red, and white ribbon placings will be set by state 4-H western gaming standards. Ribbons for off course will be all white.

There will be a judge for all games events. The judge will have the right to disqualify a rider for abusing his/ her horse. Quirts, bats and spurs are permissible with the understanding no abuse of the horse will be tolerated.

Games courses can be changed for safety reasons and in such cases reruns will be mandatory.

One hand timer will be used during games or a second electric timer may be used.

The gaming events will follow the rules and regulations outlined in the latest revised addition of the Pacific Northwest 4-H Horse Contest Guide.

A run out box will be used for all events. Refer to the Pacific Northwest 4-H Horse Contest Guide for details.

**Green Horse Division:**

**Fitting and Showing:** This is a required class for those entered in the Green Horse Division.
Three and Four Year Olds (Green Horse) Classes: To be eligible for this class, the 4-H member must have trained his/her project animal. The condition of the animal is very important. Overweight, underweight, wormy, or hooves in poor condition will disqualify the animal from a blue placing. Three year olds must be shown in a curb, or a snaffle, or a bosal.

Equitation: may be ridden in English or Western. To be judged at a walk, jog/trot or intermediate gait, and lope/canter both ways of the ring. Judged on seat, hands, position in motion, and appointments of horse and rider.

Pleasure: may be ridden in English or Western. Judged on manners, performance, and suitable of horse to rider. To be judged at a walk, jog/trot or intermediate gait and lope/canter both ways of the ring.

Tack and Attire: refer to appropriate equitation/pleasure section.

Halter: Foals, Yearlings, Two Year Olds and Three/Four Year Olds: Horses to be shown according to breed type in hand at walk and jog/trot/intermediate gait and are to be judged on type, confirmation, quality, substance and soundness. Hereditary or transmissible unsoundness shall disqualify a horse. Horses are to be handled and shown throughout the entire class by only one and the same person. Halter mares must be lead out of sight/hearing of foal. (Green Horse Project Leader Guide EM 4689).

Tack and Attire: see Fitting and Showing section of the latest revised addition of the Pacific Northwest 4-H Horse Contest Guide. Exception: whips are permissible according to breed type only if used properly.

Colt Training Division: The purpose of this project is to develop trainers in our 4-H members; to encourage independent thinking in the use of aids, equipment, and techniques of handling a horse; and to allow the opportunity for a 4-H member to use his/her learned and applied training techniques.

Project open only to intermediate/senior members who are currently enrolled in the 4-H Program. The 4-H member must have trained his/her animal(s) to be eligible for this class and is recommended to have kept all necessary project records and add sheets in his/her record book.

Condition of an animal is very important. Overweight, underweight, wormy, or hooves in poor condition will disqualify the animal from a blue placing. Abusive handling of an animal will be cause for disqualification. A 4-H member may show more than one horse in this class, but no horse may be shown by more than one handler. NO STALLIONS OTHER THAN FOAL OF CURRENT YEAR.

Attire: Refer to Fitting and Showing section.

Tack: Horse to be shown in a halter with a throat latch. Chain cannot go over the poll, or through the mouth. Yearlings may be driven in halter with lines attached to sides and two year olds are to be driven with a snaffle bit. Lunge whips are optional.

Judging: All colt training projects are judged according to the age of the animal not the handler. Scoring will be on a point system based on animal learned skills, general animal behavior, handler’s mannerisms, and safety exhibited. Maximum time limited to show animals will be: Foals/7 minutes; Yearlings/12 minutes; and Two Year olds/ 17 minutes. A one-minute warning will be given for handler’s convenience. Animal does not need to be shown the maximum time. However, if exhibitor...
goes over the allotted time, he/she will be penalized at the judge’s discretion. Animal learned skills and the appropriate age are:

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<th>Foals of Current Year: (Minimum age 2 months)</th>
<th>Halter and tie up, groom for show, pick up feet, lead as directed, sack out, showmanship using pattern judge designates.</th>
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<td>Yearlings: above plus</td>
<td>Back up two lengths, ground drive in halter or work on lunge line at walk and trot both ways of ring.</td>
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<td>Two Year Olds: above plus</td>
<td>Yield to pressure, side step two steps each direction, work on a lunge line at a walk, trot and lope/canter both ways of the ring or ground drive in a snaffle bit, saddle and bridle or dress in full harness.</td>
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A copy of the scoring sheet can be requested by the leaders from the show secretary prior to fair.

**Judging:**

**Judging is a required class to show a horse at fair.** This event is open to all 4-H members enrolled in any horse project. This contest will feature fitting and showing, halter, riding, and other applied interest classes. Oral reasons are required for Intermediates and Seniors. The 4-H members are encouraged to study their WSU 4-H Horse Judging Manual (PNW575) to prepare for the contest. Exhibitor’s horses may be handled, ridden, or shown by non-exhibitors for use in judging classes for educational purposes.

**Groom Squad:**

This event is open to any 4-H member; however only senior member teams are eligible for state fair berths. This event is held during the Southwest Washington Fair. Teams of three demonstrate their ability to work together in team competition grooming and preparing a horse for the show ring. Teams must register at fair and notify the groom squad committee. The top senior team represents Lewis County at the state fair competition. If, for any reason, the entire winning team cannot participate in the state competition, the second place senior team will represent the county.

Selection of horses for this activity will be done by the groom squad committee. Horses will be assigned to a team by the groom squad committee and cannot be exchanged after they are placed. The team member may or may not belong to the same club. The team must supply all grooming equipment and supplies. Groomers may use water, but the judge will premeasure the amount. All supplies will be inspected by the judge prior to the start of contest.

Time allowed: 30 minutes for a written quiz, 30 minutes for grooming, and 15 minutes for practice. Final show time to immediately follow. Team members may assist in the 15 minutes practice time, but only one may do to the final showing. For further information refer to the latest revised edition of the Washington State 4-H Fair Groom Squad Contest.

**State Fair Selection:**

Intermediates and Seniors compete for berths on the team to represent Lewis County at the State 4-H Fair. The following classes, if offered by state 4-H, are used to determine members of the team:

**Performance**- Fitting and Showing (flat blue ribbon required), Bareback Equitation, Stock Seat Equitation, Hunt Seat Equitation, Saddle Seat Equitation, Disciplined Rail English, Disciplined Rail Western, and Practical Trail.

**Western Games**- Fitting and Showing (flat blue ribbon required), Texas Barrels, Figure 8, Pole Bending, Key Race, Two Barrel Fags and International Flags.

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Driving- Fitting and Showing (flat blue ribbon required), Reinsmanship, Pleasure Driving, and Precision Driving.

Jumping- Fitting and Showing (flat blue ribbon required), a flat blue over fences class for the height set by state 4-H for competition.

Dressage- Fitting and Showing (flat blue ribbon required), exhibitor must ride the same dressage test at state fair that is ridden at the SWW fair, Dressage Seat Equitation.

In the event of a tie, the first tie breaker is Showmanship; second tie breaker would be number of blues in the applicable division; and third tie breaker would be Stock Seat Equitation for the performance division, Barrels for the western games division, Precision Driving for the driving division, Equitation Over Fences for the height set by state 4-H for competition for the jumping division, and the highest test with best score for the dressage division.

State fair selection requires a BLUE in respective Fitting and Showing discipline. Prefair qualifying show blue counts only for state team qualification and points/premiums will not be awarded. Only one Fitting and Showing blue counts toward state team qualification in the respective division. In the unlikely event there are not enough blue ribbon winners in Fitting and Showing who are able to represent the county at state fair, selection may be made from red ribbon winners. Best in class and second best in class do not accumulate points towards state fair berths.

Riders accumulate points for berths as follows:

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For further information or clarification, see the state fair committee.

Nominations forms and clinic forms in pages to follow.
MARGARET ANN SMITH MEMORIAL
INSPIRATIONAL NOMINATION FORM

Name: ______________________________ Club: __________________________

Junior: _____ Intermediate: _____ Senior: _____ Years in 4-H: ___ Age: ___

Has this member submitted a record book at this year’s fair? Yes ____ No _____

Reason for nomination:

Signature: ___________________________________________________________________ Date: ___________

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Lewis County Equine Project

SAFETY CLINIC PARTICIPATION FORM (LCHP 1002A)

RIDER’S NAME: ________________________________

HORSE’S NAME: ________________________________  CLINIC LOCATION: ________________________________

Division Number of consecutive years shown in this division.

____ Driving ________ years.

____ HunterHack ________ years.

____ Hunter Pleasure and Hunt Seat Eq. over fences ________ years.

____ Western Games ________ years.

____ Performance (ring etiquette)____ n/a years.

CLINICIAN’S NAME: ________________________________  DATE: ____________________

Clinician’s Signature

This form must be completed, signed by the clinician, and turned in to the 4-H Horse Show Secretary no later than two weeks before fair haul in order for you to be eligible to compete in classes that require clinic attendance.

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**Division (circle one):**
- Performance
- Western Games
- Jumping
- Driving

**Horse Name**

**Previous Consecutive Years Showing This Discipline In Lewis County 4-H**

**Clinic Signatures:**
- ______________________________________

**Member Name**

**Horse Project Safety Clinic Log (LCHP 1002B)**

**Lewis County 4-H Horse Project Safety Clinic Log (LCHP 1002B)**
LEWIS COUNTY EQUINE PROJECT
COMPLAINT/CONCERN FORM

Name of youth: ________________________________  Date incident took place: __________________
Signature of youth: ________________________________
Name of event: _______________________________________________________
Signature of currently enrolled 4-H Leader: ________________________________
Names & phone number of three witnesses:
   Witness #1: __________________________________________________________
   Witness #2: __________________________________________________________
   Witness #3: __________________________________________________________
Description of event: ____________________________________________________
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(May use back of form if needed)
Where did this event take place: __________________________________________
Time incident took place: _________ AM / PM (circle one)
What policies apply?

Outcome person filing complaint/concern would like to see to resolve issue:

Return this form to the Horse Superintendent (for fair issues) or Extension staff (for other issues), along with a $25 check made payable to the Lewis County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee.

LCHP 1003 (EW/PW 2009)
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WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION
4-H Youth Development Program

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LEWIS COUNTY EQUINE PROJECT
Application for Early Release

Name of youth: ___________________________ Date of application: _________________
Signature of youth: ___________________________ 
Signature of currently enrolled 4-H Leader: ___________________________

Option A: Name of event you and your horse wish to leave fair to attend: ___________________________
Description of event: ___________________________

Date this event takes place/ dates you plan on participating? ___________________________
Where will this event take place: ___________________________
Is there a pre-registration for this event? Circle one:  YES  NO
If yes, what events have you registered to participate in? _______________________________________

Option B: Horse needs to leave fair early for the following reason (attach signed veterinarian note): _______________________________________

Name and contact information of show/event host or veterinarian: ___________________________
Phone: (______) ______________________________ e-mail: _______________________________________

Release of Exhibits from Southwest WA Fair:
1. The 4-H horse division will release exhibitors at a time to be announced by the Horse Superintendent.
2. Any exhibitors leaving before the designated release time WITHOUT PROPER PREAUTHORIZATION from WSU Extension Staff will not be checked out and will forfeit premiums and state fair berths earned at the fair. Staff will notify Superintendent and participant if they are authorized to leave. Release form must be completed, signed and turned in to WSU Lewis County Extension Office no less than 10 days before Southwest Washington Fair (haul-in day). Participants will be notified by the Wed. prior to haul-in
3. Once a horse has left the fairgrounds by early release, walking out, or after being removed by Superintendent it will not be allowed back on the grounds for the 4-H show.
4. All horses and tack MUST be removed from the fairgrounds on the day the horses are released.
5. Please remember that participating in fair is a privilege not a right; choosing not to participate at fair is your decision, fair is not a 4-H requirement.

Office Use Only

Approved: YES  NO  Date: _______________ Comments: ______________________________

WSU Lewis County Extension Staff Signature: ______________________________

LCHP 1004 (PW 2012)
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This is an equitation class in which the rider performs maneuvers as a group, as a rail equitation class (i.e. no individual work).

Disciplined rail is a class that tests the skills of both the horse and rider, as they execute specific gaits, transitions, and/or movements as requested by the judge. The horse should do what the rider asks with the least possible effort on the part of the rider and the least amount of resistance from the horse. The member will be judged on correct posture, smooth gait transitions, and effective use of aids, with special emphasis on light hands. The performance of the horse is not to be considered more important than the methods used by the rider in obtaining that performance.

The judge is encouraged to call for reasonable tests of horsemanship with the rider demonstrating overall equitation as related to seat and hands; performance; and member and appointments as per the Equitation division of the Pacific Northwest 4H Contest Guide, current edition.

This is not a game (i.e. “Simon Says”) or an elimination/out class.

Tack, Equipment, and Appointments: Same requirements as per the respective seats of the Equitation Division in the Pacific Northwest 4H Horse Contest Guide, current edition.

The following are some, but not all, of the maneuvers the judge may ask you to perform:
- Enter ring on right track
- Transitions to and from any gait, such as trot to canter, hand gallop to halt, halt to canter, trot to counter canter, etc. You may also be asked to perform a gait for a specific number of steps or strides.
- Extension and collection of any gait.
- Lope/canter on correct lead
- Starting and traveling on the incorrect lead/counter canter.
- Hand gallop/extended canter/extended lope (depending on seat and/or number of exhibitors)
- Change leads—simple, interrupted, or flying (Example: “As you pass in front of the judge, perform a simple change of lead.”)
- Ride without irons/stirrups and drop and pick up irons/stirrups
- Haunch or forward turn (need forward motion), judge may ask for specific number of degrees
- Turn on forehand and turn on hind quarter (once each way).
- Leg Yield such as away from and back to the rail.
- Side pass both away from the rail (at least five steps) and then back to the rail.
- Transition from any gait to a balanced halt/stop
- Starting into a lope from a halt.
- Reverse at a jog/trot (but not at lope)
- Change of diagonals (English)
- Back
- Walk “on the buckle”.
- Stand for inspection or stop and stand quietly on a loose rein.
- Mount and dismount
- Answer questions from 4H project materials
- Judge may ask for additional safe work reflective of horsemanship and equitation
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