

Skagit County 4-H Horse Division Handbook
Project year 2019 to 2020

Contact Information:

Skagit County 4-H Office – 11768 Westar Lane, Burlington
Skagit County 4-H Coordinator – Dorothy Elsner, (360) 395-2360
Horse Leaders – schorseleaders@gmail.com

*Skagit County follows Pacific Northwest 4-H Horse Contest Guide PNW 574, revised October
1st, 2015*

Horse Leaders meet the **3rd Tuesday** of every month (except August), meetings are subject to cancellation.

Each Horse project club shall have a horse project leader at each meeting.

Members and parents are welcome to attend any Horse Leaders meeting.

Executive Board:

President – Michelle Riddle (360) 540-7239
Vice President – Lauren Hedlin
Secretary – Sophia Swanson
Treasurer – Kim Blumenhagen
Fair Superintendent – Sharrie Nelson (360) 661-1914

Committee Chairs:

Games Division – Michelle Riddle, Sarah LaVoy, Jessica Bailes
Performance Division – Tabitha Whitford
Judges – Sharrie Nelson
Equine Extravaganza – Tabitha Whitford, Rebecca Swanson, Mary Hilliard, Sharrie Nelson
Games Medals – Maribeth Carlton, Kim Wedul
Performance Medals – Tabitha Whitford, Lola Whitford
State Fair Decorations – Becky Dutton, Rebecca Swanson, Sharrie Nelson, Kim Blumenhagen
Judging – Sharrie Nelson, Tabitha Whitford
Horse Bowl – Sharrie Nelson, Hannah Brown
Hippology – Tabitha Whitford

Enrollment Info:

- Enrollments are completed at 4honline.com
- New enrollments due **May 1st, 2020**
- Re-enrollments due **December 31st, 2019**
- All members must be enrolled prior to participation in 4-H events.

Ride Nights:

Ride nights at the County Fairgrounds begin the first week of May. Each weeknight is assigned to specific clubs by Horse Leaders.

Monday – VGA

Tuesday – ARR

Wednesday – BERR

Thursday – TB

Friday – HF/SVSR

Arena Guidelines

- A leader **must** be present for the whole ride night
- Only enrolled members and leaders are allowed to be horseback
- Members and leaders **must** wear helmets, boots, long pants, and t-shirts (no bare shoulders) when mounted
- Boots are required for any person handling horses
- Riding in the arenas only; no riding in the parking area or on grass areas
- Parents **must** wear close-toed shoes
- Dogs **must** remain in the parking area and on a leash at all times
- All children **must** be in eyesight of the club; please use good parental judgment!
- NO smoking anywhere on the fairgrounds

Committee Chairs for Skagit County Fair – August 11th – 15th, 2020:

Stall Assignments – Superintendent (Sharrie Nelson)

Haul-in /out – Fair Staff

Vet Check – Mary Hilliard

Club Responsibilities/Arena Jobs – Maribeth Carlton

Herdsmanship – Michelle Padilla, Marcie Marker

Tuesday Dinner – Sarah LaVoy

Exhibitor Numbers – Sharrie Nelson, Kim Blumenhagen

Code of Conduct – Superintendent (Sharrie Nelson)

Sub Horses – Horse Leaders Executive Board

Knowledge Test – Hannah Brown

Grievances – 4-H Office

Sportsmanship Award – Krista Purcell

Fair Awards – Superintendent (Sharrie Nelson)

All clubs work together to make the County Fair exhibit happen. Fair set-up and job assignments are handed out at the July Horse Leaders Meeting. Fair take-down assignments are made during the fair; leaders will be called to a meeting to discuss assignments as the schedule allows.

Fair MEMBER Participation Requirements

- Submit an up-to-date Record Book to Horse Leaders on or before the following date*:
 - May 19th @ Skagit County Fairgrounds, 5:30pm-6:45pm
- Participate in the county Public Presentation contest.
 - March 14th @ Where the Heart Is in Burlington, 9am-11:30am
 - March 17th @ Skagit Farmers Supply in Mount Vernon, 3pm-6:30pm
 - March 28th @ Where the Heart Is in Burlington, 9am-11:30am and 1pm-3pm
 - Online Registration, check with your leader for details
- Participate in a county Horse Bowl contest (all age divisions) or Hippology contest (intermediates and seniors only).
 - ~~Horse Bowl: February 12th @ Burlington Lutheran Church~~ Sharrie will make arrangements on an individual basis for those still needing this requirement.
 - Hippology: February 23rd @ Silver Quarters, 12:45pm
- Participate in a county Horse Judging contest.
 - April 19th @ Silver Quarters, 12:45pm (BERR, TB, and SVSR to volunteer)
 - May 2nd @ Silver Quarters, 8:45am (ARR, HF, and VGA to volunteer)
- Attend one Educational Event**
 - Equine Extravaganza – January 11th @ Skagit County Fairgrounds, 8:30am-3pm
 - Country Living Expo – January 25th @ Stanwood High School, 8:30am-4:30pm
 - Super Saturday - TBA
- Submit signed Guardian/Member Project Expectations Agreement (page 6 of this packet) to County 4-H office on or before May 1st (with your Blue Slip) before 4:15pm.
- FINAL MAKE-UPS – May 27th, 6pm at the Skagit County Fairgrounds: final chance to make up the Horse Bowl, Public Presentation, and Record Book requirements in order to show at the County Fair as a Complete Member.

* Members must make the May 19th submission deadline for Record Books. If book is found to be incomplete then the member has until the Final Make-Up date to complete the book. Books not turned in by the first deadline do not qualify for the extension and member will be considered “Incomplete”.

** Other equine-related events may qualify for this requirement IF member has gained PRIOR approval for the event from the Horse Leaders Executive Board (may go through your leader). Proof of attendance and a ½ page summary of topics covered at the event must be submitted either in-person or to schorseleaders@gmail.com on or before May 1st.

Fair HORSE Participation Requirements (Main and Back-up Horses)

- Complete an up-to-date Project Record in Record Book (1 per horse).
- Blue Slip with color photo submitted to County 4-H Office on or before May 1st before 4:15pm (1 per horse).
- Flu/Rhino vaccinations between June 12th and July 28th - must have signed documentation from your veterinarian. Horses without this record will not be admitted onto the Fairgrounds.

What is an “Incomplete” Member?

An Incomplete Member will show at the County Fair as a Substitute Horse, and will be required to help at a County event that is approved by the Horse Leaders committee.

- Did not submit an up-to-date Record Book, or did not submit a complete Record Book by the Final Make-Up date; OR
- Did not participate in one Public Presentation, Horse Bowl/Hippology, and Horse Judging contest, AND did not attend the Final Make-Up date; OR
- Did not attend an Educational Event; OR
- Did not submit a signed Guardian/Member Project Expectations Agreement

What is a “Substitute” Horse?

A Substitute Horse cannot win Grand or Reserve in any class at the County Fair, and does not qualify for any State Team. This includes horses substituted due to illness or injury after the May 1st deadline.

- Incomplete Member
- Does not have an up-to-date Project Record in member’s Record Book.
- A Blue Slip was not submitted by May 1st. All horses must have a Blue Slip submitted to correspond with their vaccination record.

State Fair Double Qualifying Opportunity

Members will have an opportunity to double-qualify for State Fair at the July Clover Classic. To qualify:

- Horse must qualify for the County Fair, see Fair HORSE Participation Requirements above.
- You must enter all qualifying events for that discipline at either the Clover Classic or Skagit County Fair.
- You must compete in a different discipline at the Clover Classic than you will compete in at the Skagit County Fair.
- You must attend and compete at the Skagit County Fair.
- ❖ The following State Fair classes may or may not be offered at the county level. Members may still qualify for State in those classes. If interested, contact the Fair Superintendent:
 - Dressage
 - Reining (seniors only)
 - Small horse classes (more info to come)

Other Dates You Should Know

- Fair Entries Due July 10th
- 4-H Achievement Night: a county-wide event celebrating our members’ achievements over the past year! Award applications can be found on the County 4-H website and are due with record books at the end of the 4-H year. Date TBA.
- Horse Leaders Games Series Fundraiser and Clover Classic
 - Games Show #1 – June 27th, event details TBA

- Games Show #2 – July 12th, event details TBA
- Clover Classic Showmanship and Western Games – July 25th, event details TBA
- Clover Classic Showmanship and Performance – July 26th, event details TBA
 - Concession duties are shared by all clubs and proceeds go to Horse Leaders Fund

Our County and State events are planned, managed, and staffed entirely by volunteers. Volunteers are usually Horse project leaders, alumni, members of the horse community, parents, friends, and relatives of horse project members.

It is expected that a parent, guardian, or other responsible adult associated with each member that is participating will provide support at horse project events. The intent of this is to set an expectation of volunteer service for the Horse project, as well as to facilitate smoothly-run events. Parent/adult representative participation is expected and is vital to a 4-H member's success. Each member needs an advocate and a support system!

Leaders should make parents aware of this expectation.

Leaders need to have a relationship with members and families. It is difficult to make a project, with as broad a scope as the Horse project, be successful if there is not a Leader/Member/Parent (adult) connection.

I have read, understand, and agree to the Skagit County 4-H Horse Division Handbook

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Member Signature Date

Member Name (printed) Club

This signed page is required with Blue Slip by May 1st, 2020