

# 2019 Cowlitz County 4-H Youth Horse Program

## DRIVING SKILLS CHECKLIST

Name of Driver \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Age: **Jr.** **Int.** **Sr.** (circle the correct age division)

Name of Horse: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

### VEHICLE:

\_\_\_ In safe, usable condition (no racing sulkies or roadster bikes)-must be two or four wheeled vehicle and fit animal to which it is attached

- Shafts (must have trace carriers and single tree or trace hooks)
- Frame (in good repair)
- Tires, hubs, and spokes (in good repair)
- Has basket/foot rest (minimum of 10 inches front to back and securely fastened)
- Shafts are proper length to animal—adequate room for animal's hind legs to move freely at all gaits and the shaft tips are at the point of the horse's shoulder

### HARNESS:

In safe, useable condition and properly fitted to animal—may be leather or nylon

- Bridle-leather in good condition
- Blinders or blinkers are required and must be centered and properly adjusted
- Bit appropriate to horse and to 4-H Driving Rules
- Reins buckled or stiched at end
- Overcheck or sidecheck—properly adjusted
- Bridoon (when used)—used with the overcheck or sidecheck rein
- Cavesson/noseband—fastened to headstall, snug, not tight
  - Crupper—not too tight or too loose
  - Thimbles or breeching—not too high or too low to interfere with Required unless vehicle has braking system
- Saddle/Bellyband—properly adjusted—not too tight or too loose
- Kay collar or Breast collar—collar properly fitted, correct size for horse
- Running Martingale (optional)—properly adjusted
- Kicking Strap (optional)—properly adjusted
- Able to harness horse and hitch horse to vehicle (may have helpers—4-Her to direct and instruct helper)
- Bridles horse before hitching to vehicle and attaches reins immediately

DRIVER:

- ❑ Properly fitted ASTM/SEI approved helmet with strap engaged
- ❑ Access to conservative attire or proper riding attire
- ❑ Riding boots or sturdy leather shoes

WHIP:

- ❑ Required (no lounging type of whip)—whip must be long enough to reach the animal's shoulder and carried in right hand
- ❑ Whip is to be held at a 45 degree angle to ground and horse
- ❑ Demonstrate use of whip as an aid in place of use of seat and hands
  - ✚ Demonstrate correct way of carrying when not in use

DRIVING:

Demonstrate the following gaits with control:

- Walk
- Slow trot/jog
- Working trot
- Strong trot
- Halt
- Back-up
- Circle to left and right—size appropriate to size of horse and vehicle
- 180 degree turn
- Reverse on the diagonal
- Demonstrates having the horse under control at all times

IDENTIFY AND SPELL:

CART

Shaft  
Singletree  
Shaft Tip  
Trace Carriers  
Kicking strap  
Holdback Strap Fittings  
Basket

HARNESS

Crupper  
Breeching  
Wrap straps  
Overcheck/sidecheck  
Blinders  
Terret hook  
Saddle

Technician Comments:

Technician Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

RESOURCES: 4-H Driving Manual, Revised PNW229

4-H Horse Contest Guide PNW574, October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2018. For 2018-19 has not been revised