

2024 CHANGE REQUEST FOR JUNIOR FAIR HORSE EXHIBITORS RIDING LEVEL FORM

Must be completed by the 4-H club advisor and turned in with the exhibitor's back number before the start of the mandatory meeting on the first day of the fair, Monday, July 15th. The 4-H Horse Advisory Executive Committee will review all forms no later than 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 16th. The rider/horse combination will **not** be allowed to participate in any horse related activity until the 4-H Horse Advisory Executive Committee has made a decision. Horse related activities include: lunging, bathing, leading, riding, showing and any other handling of the horse outside of the stall.

Name: _____ Club: _____

Number of Years in 4-H Horse Project: _____ Age: _____ (as of 1/1/2024)

Please check the Riding Level you want to **change to** for the 2024 Franklin County Junior Fair:

 Walk-Trot – Exhibitors (the 4-H member, not horse/rider combination) who have shown in a lifetime total of four or fewer cantering classes in previous fairs, open shows, IEA or IEA type shows. Walk-trot riders have never participated in any PAS State Fair qualifying shows. Exhibitors must be in their 1st or 2nd year of a horse project to declare walk-trot. Exhibitors who show in walk-trot classes are ineligible to show in any other riding classes at the current Franklin County Junior Fair. Walk-trot exhibitors are prohibited from loping/cantering their horse any time while on the fairgrounds. If walk-trot classes are combined with novice classes, then all appropriate riders may show in the combined classes, which will be limited to walk-trot. (see additional exceptions under *General Horse Exhibitor Rules* in the *Junior Fair Horse* book)

 Novice – Exhibitors (the 4-H member, not horse/rider combination) who have shown in a lifetime total of four or fewer cantering classes in previous fairs, open shows, IEA or IEA type shows. Novice riders have never participated in any PAS State Fair qualifying show. Exhibitors must be in their 1st through 4th year of a horse project. Novice riders will not be permitted to participate in Equitation Over Fences, Working Hunter or any Gymkhana classes (timed events). Exception: Fun show classes designed for novice and walk-trot riders. Novice riders will not be permitted to enter Versatility program. Novice riders will be permitted to participate in Hunter Hack classes but with cross rails only. These exhibitors may be expected to show their horse in a canter or lope. Exhibitors who show as novice riders may only enter into novice classes at the current Franklin County Fair. Exception: If novice classes are combined with walk-trot classes, then all appropriate riders may show in the combined classes, but only at walk-trot. (see additional exceptions under *General Horse Exhibitor Rules* in the *Junior Fair Horse* book)

 Age Categories – Exhibitors who select to ride in classes for their appropriate age must ride in the same age category of classes throughout the current Franklin County Junior Fair. Riders may not enter into more than one age category classes and walk-trot or novice classes. Entries will be divided into three appropriately equal size divisions (Junior, Intermediate and Senior) based on the age of exhibitors entered.

Mentally and/or physically disabled exhibitors are permitted to show in walk-trot or novice classes beyond the restrictions listed above contingent upon the approval of the horse show rules committee.

Reason for requesting a Riding Level change: _____

I have read the riding level guidelines and am requesting to change to the riding level most appropriate for me to compete in at the 2024 Franklin County Junior Fair. 4-H Guidelines require that Equine Protective Safety Helmets be worn whenever the exhibitor is handling or riding the horse/pony.

Junior Fair Exhibitor Signature

Date

I have read the riding level guidelines and agree that a change to the riding level above best describes my son/daughter's riding level for the 2024 Franklin County Junior Fair.

Junior Fair Exhibitor's Legal Guardian Signature

Date

I have read the riding level guidelines and agree to the change request to the riding level selected by the above exhibitor for the 2024 Franklin County Junior Fair.

Junior Fair Exhibitor's 4-H/FFA Club Advisor Signature

Date