

Horse Projects

2024 Project Completion Guidelines

Skill Level – N/A

General Requirements

- ✿ Member must participate in Horse Grading order for members to participate in the Franklin County Fair.

Franklin County Horse Projects Completion Requirements

Beginning Horse Management

1. Planning Your Project Section
2. All Interest Areas Complete
3. At least 2 learning experiences.
4. At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities.
5. One-Page Report
6. Be prepared to answer questions about your project, resource handbooks, and general 4-H knowledge.

Light Horse Selection

1. Planning Your Project Section
2. All Interest Areas Complete
3. At least 2 learning experiences.
4. At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities.
5. One-Page Report
6. Completed 190R Equine Record Book.
7. Questions on pages 55-57
8. Complete the judging description of your horse.
9. Be prepared to answer questions about your project, resource handbooks, and general 4-H knowledge.



Horse Training: How to Talk to Your Horse

1. Completed 190R Equine Record Book
2. Be prepared to answer questions about your project, resource handbooks, and general 4-H knowledge.

Learning to Jump

1. Planning Your Project Section
2. All Interest Areas Complete
3. At least 2 learning experiences.
4. At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities.
5. One-Page Report
6. Completed 190R Equine Record Book.
7. Be prepared to answer questions about your project, resource handbooks, and general 4-H knowledge.

Draft Horses

1. Planning Your Project Section
2. Complete Interest Areas
 - Interest Areas 1-5 & 7 for those taking the project for the first time.
 - Interest Areas 2-7 for those taking the project for the second time.
3. At least 2 learning experiences.
4. At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities.
5. One-Page Report
6. Completed 190R Equine Record Book.
7. Be prepared to answer questions about your project, resource handbooks, and general 4-H knowledge.



Small Equine

1. All Interest Areas Complete
2. At least 2 learning experiences.
3. At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities.
4. One-Page Report
5. Completed 190R Equine Record Book.
6. Be prepared to answer questions about your project, resource handbooks, and general 4-H knowledge.

Standardbred Horse

1. Planning Your Project Section
2. All Interest Areas Complete
3. At least 2 learning experiences.
4. At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities.
5. One-Page Report
6. Completed 190R Equine Record Book.
7. Be prepared to answer questions about your project, resource handbooks, and general 4-H knowledge.

Gymkhana

1. Planning Your Project Section
2. All Interest areas
3. At least 2 learning experiences.
4. At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities.
5. One-Page Report
6. Completed 190R Equine Record Book.
7. Be prepared to answer questions about your project, resource handbooks, and general 4-H knowledge.



Roping

1. Planning Your Project Section
2. First Year: Complete activities 1-4
Second Year: Complete activities 1-4 plus 2 additional activities.
3. At least 2 learning experiences.
4. At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities.
5. One-Page Report
6. Completed 190R Equine Record Book.
7. Be prepared to answer questions about your project, resource handbooks, and general 4-H knowledge.

Trail Riding

1. Planning Your Project Section
2. All Interest Areas Complete
3. At least 2 learning experiences.
4. At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities.
5. One-Page Report
6. Completed 190R Equine Record Book.
7. Be prepared to answer questions about your project, resource handbooks, and general 4-H knowledge.

Dressage

1. Planning Your Project Section
2. All Interest Areas Complete
 - Those taking this project for the first time must complete interest areas 1-4
 - Those taking this project again must complete all interest areas.
3. At least 2 learning experiences.
4. At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities.
5. One-Page Report
6. Completed 190R Equine Record Book.
7. Be prepared to answer questions about your project, resource handbooks, and general 4-H knowledge.



Franklin County Only Project Information

Partnership (Novice & Experienced)

1. Experienced partners must bring their completed summary sheet with the required activities. The organizational club advisor must sign the summary sheet.
2. Experienced partners must pass a knowledge test to be allowed to take this project.
3. Novice partners are not required to bring any written materials for evaluation.
4. Partners are to demonstrate horse knowledge through hands-on skill activities.

Horse Relationship Project

The Horse Relationship Project is a Franklin County only project. It was created by Franklin County Horse Advisors to provide an opportunity for a 4-H member to take a horse project and have fair participation without owning or leasing a horse. The following guidelines must be followed when 4-H members are taking a 4-H Horse Relationship Project.

- 4-H members may select project book #174 *Beginning Horse Management* (Pages 1-64 **or** Pages 1-94 **or** Pages 1-171) or book #187 *Roping*.
- 4-H members will maintain a record (Horse Relationship Project Record Sheet) of time spent and specific activities involving horses. Activities may include but are not limited to riding lessons, trail rides, pleasure rides, grooming horses, cleaning, and caring for horses. A minimum of 10 hours of direct contact with a horse is required.
- 4-H members taking this project do not exhibit a horse at the fair. 4-H members are evaluated on an educational exhibit, their log sheet, project knowledge, and a short-written project summary, 1- 2 pages. The summary should be about what the member learned and did throughout their project.

Bring to Project Evaluations:

- Project book.
- Educational Display.
- Horse Relationship Project Record Sheet.
- Written summary. 1 – 2 Pages.
- Be prepared to demonstrate horse knowledge during hands-on skill activities related to project information.



Horse Grading Information

- ✿ Refer to the Franklin County 4-H Horse Committee Website for grading information.
go.osu.edu/fchorse

EquiSTEP Requirement – REQUIRED ALL 4-H Horse Members

To Complete the EquiSTEP Program (Equine Safety, Training, and Education Program)

- EquiSTEP is an annual statewide requirement for all youth participating in Ohio 4-H Horse Program activities. EquiSTEP replaces the statewide requirement of reading the *Horses, Safety, and You* (191R) resource and viewing *Every Time, Every Ride* and *Horses, Kids, and Ethics* videos for youth and their families who are new to the 4-H horse program. The EquiSTEP curriculum focuses on helmet safety, equine safety & handling, equine health & nutrition, and sportsmanship and is designed to rotate topics every year. The topics for the EquiSTEP program are shared below and will rotate as the member completes the course annually.

STEP 1: Head (Helmet Safety)

- Helmet Safety Video (Every Year)
- STEP 2: Hands (Equine Safety & Handling)
 - YR 1 Equine Behavior
 - YR 2 Safety & Handling
 - YR 3 Tack & Equipment
- STEP 3: Health (Equine Health & Nutrition)
 - YR 1 Assessing Horse Health
 - YR 2 Preventative Health
 - YR 3 Nutrition
- STEP 4: Heart (Sportsmanship)
 - YR 1 Winning & Losing
 - YR 2 Discipline vs. Punishment
 - YR 3 Handling Adversity
- **Here is the link to enroll in/access EquiSTEP: go.osu.edu/equistep2024**
- To complete EquiSTEP individually, a participant must enroll using their own unique email address. (Participants should not use their school email addresses as the course enrollment invitation will be blocked by the school's email system.) Participants must view all five videos (introduction and STEPS 1-4) which last approximately one hour in total. Once the videos are completed, participants will be able to access the 10-question quiz. Participants must complete the quiz associated with the training and achieve a minimum score of 7 (out of 10) in order to pass the training. Once the quiz is successfully completed, participants will need to complete the course survey to trigger a certificate of completion. The certificate will be emailed to the participant's email address as well as their county's 4-H email address (countynamex4h@osu.edu). The participant must select their correct county to trigger the email to the correct email address and they must click on the submit button at the end of the survey to trigger the email.



Franklin County Horse Project Information

- ✿ April 1st is the possession and care date for all 4-H members' horses.
- ✿ A Horse Identification Form and a colored photo of the horse (minimum size 3"x 4") must be completed and on file at the Franklin County Extension Office by April 1st with all of a club's horse projects.
- ✿ Any horse projects that are leased must have a completed and signed horse lease agreement on file at the Franklin County Extension Office by April 1st. A Horse Identification Form and a colored photo of the horse must be completed and attached to the signed lease agreement.
- ✿ VACCINATIONS and a NEGATIVE COGGINS TEST are required to show at the Franklin County Fair.
- ✿ If a 4-H member has a project animal die or injured at the time of county evaluations, the member must provide a veterinarian's certification of illness or some written or visual verification of the animal's death at evaluation. This will allow the member to complete horse evaluations. The member will complete the horse evaluation under the Not On Special Exhibit category and bring an educational display in lieu of the horse evaluation. Another horse may not be substituted after the April 1 enrollment deadline."
- ✿ 4-H members may enter to exhibit two horses at the county fair. However, second horse exhibits will only be allowed at the county fair if stalls are available.
- ✿ 4-H members must declare a riding level at the time of Junior Fair Entry for participation in Junior Fair Horse Events and Shows. The riding level declared will determine class entry for all Fun Shows, Junior Fair Horse Show, Team Tournament, and Special Horse Shows and Events at the county fair. Riders may not switch riding levels after entry.
- ✿ 4-H rules require the use of an equine approved safety helmet whenever riding or driving a horse/pony.
- ✿ Members who have qualified for the State Fair 4-H Horse Show and go through county evaluations held at the fair with their qualifying horse and project(s) will receive State Fair Selection ribbons and awards.

Family Horse Project Guidelines

- ✿ Children from the same family unit may share a horse under the Franklin County Family Horse Project guidelines.
- ✿ Only one child may participate in the county PAS show(s), the other child(ren) would not be eligible for PAS participation in a given year.
- ✿ All children sharing the family horse project may participate in the Junior Fair Horse Shows and events as long as they are not competing in the same class, with the exception that only one child may participate in Horse Royalty.
- ✿ All children would need to participate individually in county 4-H horse evaluations and be enrolled individually in a horse 4-H project (171-189). Members may be enrolled in up to two Family Horse Projects.

Ohio 4-H Headgear Policy



- ✿ Required Protection Headgear - All 4-H horse members are required to wear an approved equine safety helmet whenever riding a horse/pony. It is the 4-H member and their legal guardian's responsibility to provide the required safety-riding helmet. When buying protective headgear, the buyer should look for the letters ASTM and SEI, which indicates that the headgear has met safety standards. NO 4-H MEMBER WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE HORSE RING AT A FRANKLIN COUNTY 4-H OR JUNIOR FAIR HORSE EVENT WITHOUT THE APPROVED PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR. Improperly fitting helmets have been suspect of inflicting injury to a fallen rider; we therefore strongly discourage swapping of safety helmets.

Ohio State Fair Participation

- ✿ Horse project 4-H members earn the privilege of participating in the State Fair via the Performance Against Standard Process (PAS). 4-H'ers may select up to four specific classes and participate in one or two Performance Against Standard Horse Shows. Members are scored on their specific events at the PAS show and anyone who passes in at least two specific events may show at the State Fair 4-H Horse show.

Requirements With A Horse

- ✿ To participate in any 4-H horse activities including the county fair all horse project members and parent/guardian are required to read and sign the following:
 - ***Permission To Participate In 4-H Horse Activities Disclosure and Release of Claims Form, &***
 - ***Equine Activities Disclosure And Release Of Claims Form***
- ✿ Complete all tasks as outlined in the project guidelines section of their project book or this project requirement guide.
- ✿ 4-H members may take one or multiple 4-H horse projects with the same or with different 4-H project animal horses.
- ✿ 4-H members may possess and care for more than one 4-H horse project animal but must determine for PAS purposes which animal they are using **on the PAS Entry Form** by the required date. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Bring to Project Evaluations (Grading):

- ✿ Members with horses should bring their horse project animal(s).
- ✿ Members without a horse and members whose project animal died or has a documented injury should bring an educational display.
- ✿ All members should be prepared to demonstrate horse knowledge during hands-on skill activities related to project information.

Unless noted below, most horse projects will go through grading before the fair.



- ✿ The following items will be graded on the **Monday of the fair**:
1. Properly turn horse 360° (all projects)
 2. The horse is healthy, alert, and in good flesh, cleanliness and appearance of the coat (all projects)
 3. The correct appearance of exhibitor, tack, and equipment (all projects)
 4. Partnership Goals
 5. Horseless Horse Projects
 6. Horse Relationship Projects

