

Division F – Jr. Fair Equine

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Equine Potluck	First Saturday at noon
Mandatory Equine Meeting¹	First Saturday @ 1pm
Groom and Clean ²	First Saturday @ 2 pm (horse needs muddied by 12 PM)
Contesting (Barrells and Poles)	Sunday @ 10am
Ranch	Sunday-to follow Contesting- Time TBD
SaddleSeat/Driving ³	Monday @10am
Dressage	Monday-to follow Driving- Time TBD
Western ⁴	Tuesday @10am
Donkey and Small Equine	Tuesday to follow Western - Time TBD
Hunter	Wednesday @ 10am
Equine Showman of Showman	Wednesday after the jumping and Hunter Showmanship classes
Versatility	Wednesday to follow Hunter - Time TBD
Equine Freestyle Show ⁵	Wednesday @ 5pm
Contesting (Stakes and Keyhole)	Thursday @10am
Trail ⁶	Thursday to follow Contesting - Time TBD
4-H 101	Friday
Equine Fun Show ⁷	Friday to follow 4-H 101
Equine Awards	Second Saturday @ 9am

¹ Equine meeting will be held at the Horse Area Announcer Stand. Exhibitors and one parent/guardian **ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND** and sign-in at the meeting. Bring your bridle for bit check (unless done at skillathon). Clubs are required to help volunteer for gates/set up and tear down of shows.

² Rules are defined further in this Fair Book.

³ Can only enter 1 showmanship/pleasure/equitation class per horse per show day.

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⁵ Registration and song choice are due to the announcer booth by Sunday at @6pm. Songs can be no more than 3 minutes in length and cannot contain any explicit language or innuendo. Complete rules are available at the extension office.

⁶ Exhibitors may show each equine project in EITHER in hand OR ridden trail but not both.

⁷ Fun Show classes will be posted prior to the day of the show. Exhibitors will use their back numbers from the fair classes. No signups are necessary for individual classes. All classes will be divided into junior/senior and walk/trot and in-hand classes when needed. Exhibitors will enter any appropriate class when called to the gate. Prizes will be awarded.

DIVISIONS

Sunday @ 10am Contesting (Barrels and Pole Bending) and Ranch

Contesting

101 Barrel Race – Horse/Pony 14-18

102 Barrel Race – Horse/Pony 8-13

103 Barrel Race – Horse/Pony WT

104 Pole Bending – Horse/Pony 14-18

105 Pole Bending – Horse/Pony 8-13

106 Pole Bending – Horse/Pony WT

Ranch

107 Ranch Showmanship – Horse /Pony 14-18

108 Ranch Showmanship – Horse/Pony 8-13

109 Ranch Showmanship-Horse/Pony WT

110 Ranch Horsemanship- Horse/Pony 14-18

111 Ranch Horsemanship- Horse/Pony 8-13

112 Ranch Horsemanship-Horse/Pony WT

113 Ranch Horse Pleasure – Horse/Pony 14-18

114 Ranch Horse Pleasure – Horse/Pony 8-13

115 Ranch Horse Pleasure – Horse/Pony WT

116 Ranch Riding – Horse/Pony 14-18

117 Ranch Riding - -Horse/Pony 8-13

118 Ranch Riding - -Horse/Pony WT

Monday @ 10am SaddleSeat/Driving and Dressage

201 Easy-Gaited Showmanship – Horse/Pony All Ages

202 Saddle Type In-Hand/Halter – Horse/Pony 14-18

- 203 Saddle Type In-Hand/Halter – Horse/Pony 8-13
- 204 Saddle Type In-Hand/Halter – Horse/Pony WT
- 205 Saddle Type Showmanship – Horse/Pony 14-18
- 206 Saddle Type Showmanship – Horse/Pony 8-13
- 207 Saddle Type Showmanship – Horse/Pony WT
- 208 Draft Showmanship – Horse/Pony All Ages
- 209 Saddle Seat Equitation – Horse/Pony 14-18
- 210 Saddle Seat Equitation – Horse/Pony 8-13
- 211 Saddle Seat Equitation – Horse/Pony WT
- 212 Saddle Seat English Pleasure – Horse/Pony 14-18
- 213 Saddle Seat English Pleasure – Horse/Pony 8-13
- 214 Saddle Seat English Pleasure – Horse/Pony WT
- 215 Easy Gaited/Standardbred Pleasure – Horse/Pony 8-18
- 216 Easy Gaited/Standardbred Equitation – Horse/Pony 8-18
- 217** English Draft Horse Equitation - All Ages
- 218 English Draft Horse Pleasure – All Ages
- 219 Pleasure Driving – Horse All Ages
- 220 Pleasure Driving - Pony All Ages
- 221 Driving Reinsmanship – Horse/Pony All Ages

Dressage

- 222 Classical Dressage – Horse/Pony—All ages
- 223 Western Dressage – Horse/Pony—All ages

Tuesday @ 10am Western/Ranch and Donkey/Mule/Small Equine

- 301 Western Showmanship – Horse/Pony 14-18
- 302 Western Showmanship – Horse/Pony 8-13
- 303 Western Showmanship – Horse/Pony WT

- 304 Western Horsemanship – Horse/Pony 14-18
- 305 Western Horsemanship – Horse/Pony 8-13
- 306 Western Horsemanship-Horse/Pony WT
- 307 Western Pleasure – Horse/Pony 14-18
- 308 Western Pleasure – Horse/Pony 8-13
- 309 Western Pleasure – Horse/Pony WT
- 310 Western Riding – Horse/Pony 14-18
- 311 Western Riding – Horse/Pony 8-13
- 312 Western Riding – Horse/Pony WT
- 313 Reining – Horse/Pony All Ages
- 314 Western Horsemanship Easy-Gaited – Horse/Pony All Ages
- 315 Western Pleasure Easy-Gaited – Horse/Pony All Ages
- 316 Western Draft Horse Horsemanship—All ages
- 317 Western Draft Horse Pleasure—All ages
- Donkey/Mule/Small Equine**
- 318 Donkey Showmanship – 14 -18
- 319 Donkey Showmanship – 8 –13
- 320 Mule Showmanship – All Ages
- 321 Donkey Halter
- 322 Mule Halter
- 323 Color Class – Donkey /Mule All Ages
- 324 Western Pleasure Riding – Donkey/Mule All Ages
- 325 Western Horsemanship Riding -- Donkey/Mule All ages
- 326 In Hand Jumping – Donkey 14-18
- 327 In Hand Jumping – Donkey 8-13
- 328 Small Equine in hand – Jumpers – All Ages
- 329 Small Equine in hand – Hunters – All Ages

- 330 Coon Jump – Standards and Mules over 36” All Ages
- 331 Coon Jump - 36” and under 8-13
- 332 Coon Jump - 36” and under 14-18
- 333 Barrels Riding – Donkey/Mule All Ages
- 334 Barrels Lead Line – Donkey 14-18
- 335 Barrels Lead Line – Donkey 8-13
- 336 Scramble Lead Line – Donkey 14-18
- 337 Scramble Lead Line – Donkey 8-13
- 338 Trail Lead Line – Donkey 14-18
- 339 Trail Lead Line – Donkey 8-13
- 340 Trail Riding– Donkey/Mule All Ages
- 341 Driving Trail – Donkey/Mule All Ages
- 342 Driving – Donkey/Mule All Ages

Wednesday @10am Hunter/Jumpers and Versatility

- 401 Over Fence 2’6” – Equitation – Horse/Pony
- 402 Over Fence 2’6” – Hunter – Horse/Pony
- 403 Over Fence 2’3” – Equitation – Horse/Pony
- 404 Over Fence 2’3” – Hunter - Horse/Pony
- 405 Over Fence 2’ – Equitation – Horse/Pony
- 406 Over Fence 2’ – Hunter – Horse/Pony
- 407 Over Fence 18” – Horse/Pony – Novice Rider/horse
- 408 Hunter Hack 2’- Horse/Pony
- 409 Cross Rails – Horse/Pony – WT Rider/horse
- 410 Ground Poles – Horse/Pony – WT
- 411 Hunter In- Hand Showmanship – Horse/Pony 14-18
- 412 Hunter In- Hand Showmanship – Horse/Pony 8-13

413 Hunter In- Hand Showmanship – Horse/Pony WT

Showman Of Showman Showmanship Final-No Registration Needed

414 Equitation Hunter – Horse/Pony 14-18

415 Equitation Hunter – Horse/Pony 8-13

416 Equitation Hunter – Horse/Pony WT

417 Hunter Under Saddle – Horse/Pony 14-18

418 Hunter Under Saddle – Horse/Pony 8-13

419 Hunter Under Saddle – Horse/Pony WT

Versatility

420 Versatility—Horse/Pony 14-18

421 Versatility—Horse/Pony 8-13

Wednesday @5pm Musical Free Style Horse/Donkey/Mule

501 Free Style 14-18

502 Free Style 8-13

503 Free Style WT

504 Free Style Lead-In

Thursday@ 10am Contesting (Stakes and Keyhole) and Trail

601 Stake Race - Horse/Pony 14-18

602 Stake Race – Horse/Pony 8-13

603 Stake Race – Horse/Pony WT

604 Keyhole Race – Horse/Pony 14-18

605 Keyhole Race – Horse/Pony 8-13

606 Keyhole Race – Horse/Pony WT

Trail Horse/Pony

607 Trail in Hand - Horse/Pony 14-18

608 Trail in Hand – Horse/Pony 8-13

609 Trail in Hand – Horse/Pony WT

609 Trail – Horse/Pony 14-18

610 Trail – Horse/Pony 8-13

611 Trail – Horse/Pony WT

612 Driven Trail- Horse/Pony All Ages

613 Horseless Horse Project

Friday @10am

4-H 101

Fun classes.

4:30 Showman of Showman

Check-in procedures:

- Check in at the announcer's booth. At check-in you will confirm the classes in which you are entered. **Negative Coggins and Health Certificate are to be turned in with Horse ID forms and are due by Skillathon.** Please report to the Jr. Fair Office for Back Numbers (use Same Number all week).
- Confirm all stall assignments.
- If there are concerns about your stall assignment, please bring them to the committee's attention BEFORE moving your equine into the fairgrounds if possible.
- Tack stalls will be assigned as long as stalls are available.
- It is important to keep up-to-date emergency contact information on file for not only the exhibitor but also the animals. This information will be accessed by the 4-H volunteer staff in the event of an emergency on the fairgrounds. **Emergency Contact Cards must be completed each year and turned in at the Equine Meeting.**

Jr. Fair Equine General Rules and Regulations

1. All equine projects will stay on the fairgrounds for the duration of the fair. This includes equine projects to be exhibited for State Fair recognition regardless of qualifying in Madison County or another county. **Any request to move equine projects in late or to leave early must be taken to and approved by the Senior Fair Board by June 15th.**
2. The PAS (Performance Against Standards) shows serve as the qualifying show for the Ohio State Fair. Both 4-H and FFA youth are eligible to participate.

3. All equine projects must be groomed and cleaned for judging.
4. Exhibitors must ride their own project horse for PAS, as well as the Jr. Fair Equine Show. They must use the exhibitor number assigned to them. No one but the 4-H/FFA exhibitor may compete in any show that week.
5. Exhibitors carrying production projects may show in any class as well as the production class according to Ohio State equine production guidelines.
6. You are allowed a combination of 3 equine projects consisting of horses, donkeys and/or mules, not to exceed 3 total.
7. Judges' decisions are final.
8. All exhibitors and their parents are responsible for reading and being aware of the information presented in the fair book, *Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows*, and State Fair/Junior Equine show rules. This information can be acquired at the extension office.
9. Feeding, watering, cleaning of stalls, and bathing can be done by the exhibitor or their parents, guardians, siblings, another exhibitor, or advisor. Feeding and cleaning of stalls must be done before 9am.
10. Lunging of an exhibitor's project horse can only be done by an exhibitor, parent, guardian, sibling, advisor as long as Exhibitor is Present. No trainers, except if they are a parent/guardian, sibling of the exhibitor may lunge a project horse during the fair. It is **required** that the exhibitor be present during this activity. Junior Fair is a learning process, and they cannot learn if they are not present. Violation will result in a possible disqualification of showing. Violation will also disqualify the exhibitor from the State Fair if qualified.
11. Riding of a project horse can only be done by the exhibitor during fair week. If the exhibitor qualifies for the State Fair, this rule applies until after they have shown the respective classes at the State Fair. Violation will result in exclusion from the Jr. Fair Equine Show and the State Fair if qualified. The only exception to this rule is during the Jr. Fair Equine Fun Show. The only riders permitted are an advisor, exhibitor, parent or guardian- provided the equine project did not qualify for the State Fair. The exception will only apply if the exhibitor is having a safety issue with an animal and needs assistance, and **this should not be a recurring event**.
12. During the Fun Show only one person is permitted to show the same equine project in a given class. A \$5 donation is required to participate in the Fun Show. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of prizes and awards for the Fun Show classes.
13. All rules stated in the Madison County Fair Book override rules in the *Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows*. The *Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows* governs any rules not covered by the Madison County Rule Book.

Equine/Family Partnership

The purpose of a Family Partnership is for families with only one equine animal to allow siblings to participate in the Junior Fair. A multiple member partnership consists of two or more sibling 4-H and/or FFA exhibitors caring for a single equine project animal.

1. A 4-H or FFA member may not participate in more than one multiple member partnership equine project and may not participate in a multiple member equine project in addition to an individual member equine project or family equine project. Members of the partnership may not participate in county PAS shows for State Fair qualification.
2. Members of the multiple member equine partnership may share the equine project to participate in the Junior Fair Equine Show and any Junior Fair Fun Show, as long as members of the multiple equine partnership are not required to exhibit at the same time, in the same class.
3. Each member of the multiple member equine partnership is required to complete their own project and record books.
4. Only the exhibitors of multiple member equine partnership may ride the equine project at the show.

Equine Hardship Rule

The Equine Division will follow the hardship cases for all livestock exhibitors as denoted in the Madison County Junior Fair Book. Exhibitors using the Equine Hardship Exception will not be eligible for Ohio State Fair representation, Showman of Showmen or High Point awards.

Barn and Stall Policies

1. Equine projects will be assigned stalls by the Equine Committee. You are required to clean your stall at the end of the fair before moving out, if not done you will be charged \$50.00. Equine advisors are to ensure their club's participation in working arena in and out gates, moving equipment in/out of the arena and maintaining the cleanliness of the equine show area including picking up trash at the end of each day.
2. All bedding must be furnished by the exhibitor. Shavings or sawdust is preferred.
3. All stalls must be cleaned by 9am daily.
4. Clubs, or individuals, will be responsible for the cleanliness around their stall areas.
5. No equine projects may be turned loose in the arena at any time.
6. Tack stalls will be assigned as available.
7. No sleeping in barns overnight.
8. NO SMOKING IN THE BARN.
9. Junior Fair Board, Senior Fair Board, and the Equine Committee will have the final decision on all discrepancies concerning barn rules.

10. Only 4-H and FFA equine projects will be permitted to be stalled on the fairgrounds during the fair.
11. **There will be a mandatory barn meeting at 1pm on the first Saturday of fair for exhibitors and one parent/legal guardian.** This meeting is only for those exhibitors stalling an equine on the fairgrounds during the fair.
12. Any 4-H equine member requesting to haul in late must submit the request to the Senior Fair Board by June 15th and obtain permission to do so.
13. Riding or working an equine project requires boots. No tennis shoes, sandals, or bare feet.
14. When riding an equine project, a bridle or hackamore must be used.
15. Equine helmets are mandatory for youth ages 19 and younger. Helmets are to be worn at all times while riding or driving.
16. Any 4-H participant showing in contesting, trail, jumping, or any other class needing equipment in the arena is requested to have a parent or guardian present to assist with the set-up and tear down of this equipment.
17. A tentative practice time schedule will be decided on for all participants in their respective riding styles/classes. Example: All Walk Trot, All Reining, All Contesting, etc. This will be posted on the board by the announcer's stand.
18. The Main Arena will remain open from 6am to 12pm but may close for watering and dragging.
19. Any exhibitor using the wash rack must clean up any mess they or their equine makes. Limit your use of the wash rack to 15 minutes so others will have the opportunity to use the facility.
20. Absolutely no riding of horses outside the arena area. This includes in the barn or by the make-up pen.
21. There is no bareback or double riding permitted on the fairgrounds.

3 Strike Rule

- **These rules are set in place for the safety of the exhibitors and equine.**
 - **These rules apply to exhibitors, parents/guardians, advisors and Equine Committee Members.**
 - **At least two Equine Committee members will make determination that an infraction has occurred.**
 - **The Extension office will be notified of each infraction.**
- 1) The first time a rule is broken, the exhibitor, parent/guardian and club advisor will receive a verbal warning which will be signed by.
 - 2) The second time a rule is broken, the exhibitor, parent/guardian and club advisor will receive a written warning.

3) The third time will result in disqualification from the current year fair and exhibitor will not be allowed to return to fair the following year.

Junior Fair Equine Show Procedure

- Dress code for the Jr. Fair Equine Show will be as stated in the Uniform Horse Rulebook.
- English classes, where indicated, include exhibitors showing saddle and hunt seat.
- Exhibitors cannot add or change classes after May 15. Any drops should be reported to the Junior Fair Board Equine Division prior to the day of the show.
- A second riding horse cannot be exhibited in classes originally entered for another horse.
- Exhibitors should be prepared to do individual patterns as per the judge's request for some classes.
- Judges' decisions are final.

***Novice or Walk-Trot (W/T) Division** is only for exhibitors (the 4-H/FFA member, not horse/rider combination) who have shown in a lifetime total of 4 or less cantering classes in previous fairs, open shows, IEA or IEA type shows and/or 4-H horse shows. Exhibitors must be in their 1st or 2nd year of a horse project (not including Horseless Horse Project) to enter into a Walk-Trot class/event. If an advisor deems after an exhibitor's second year of a horse project that they are not prepared to advance out of the W/T classes and all other requirements are met, an exhibitor may participate a 3rd year. Exhibitors who show in W/T classes are not eligible to show in any other class types during the current Madison County Junior Fair Equine Show. W/T exhibitors are not eligible for Showman of Showmen.

†Once an exhibitor has registered for an Over Fence class at 18" or greater height, they may not participate in W/T ground poles or W/T cross rails. **Within these heights, an exhibitor may not participate in more than two height divisions per horse.**

- Hunter Hack Over Fences class is two jumps set at 2 feet
- Classes may be split or combined at the discretion of the Equine Committee and Junior Fair Board advisor. Classes may be combined if there are less than 5 exhibitors in a class. If the combination of classes occurs, it would normally mean the Seniors and Juniors in that class will show in the arena at the same time, but will be judged separately.

Equine Showman of Showman

- Equine Showman of Showmen will be determined through a Showman of Showmen final class to be held on Wednesday after all regular showmanship classes. Walk-Trot exhibitors are not eligible.

- Any exhibitor who placed first or second in any of the junior or senior showmanship classes are eligible to return to the ring for the Showman of Showmen final. The judge in this class will determine the Equine Showman of Showmen.
- The exhibitor who wins the Equine Showman of Showmen is required to compete in the Grand Showman of Showmen competition on Friday.

Dressage Show

1. Both Classical (English) and Western dressage classes will be offered and arena will be set up to 20m x 40m size
2. Exhibitors may choose amongst the following tests:
 - a. Classical Dressage (USDF-2023 tests)
 - i. Introductory Test A, B or C
 - ii. Training Level Test 1, 2 or 3
 - b. Western Dressage (WDAA-2022 tests)
 - i. Intro Level Test 1, 2, or 3
 - ii. Basic Level Test 1, 2 or 3
3. Copies of the tests will be available in the show office. Exhibitors must choose which test they will be performing and fill out the form by 5 PM of the day before the Dressage Show.
4. All Classical Dressage tests will be performed first followed by Western.
5. Exhibitors may request someone from show office to be a caller to read their test for them or may provide their own caller.
6. Placings will be determined by score earned, and each test will be placed as a separate class.
7. Follow *Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows* guidelines as well as USDF/WDAA guidelines.

Versatility Competition

1. The *Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows* suggests two years of “project work with horses” before competing.
2. If a rider has any infraction that would disqualify them from an individual class (see *Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows*) they will receive no score for that portion of the event, but may continue to show in the Versatility Competition and are still eligible for overall placing.
3. Grooms: A participant may elect to use up to 2 grooms. Participants and their grooms will be required to wait in a designated area away from all spectators. No participant or groom is permitted to leave the designated area during tack changes or after the class has started. If a groom leaves the designated area, they cannot return and the exhibitor can continue to show with only one groom. If the groom should leave the designated

area and then return, the exhibitor will be disqualified from the complete Versatility Competition. Talking between grooms and participants is allowed.

4. Wheelbarrows, carts, and/or wagons are to be used to carry tack. No trucks will be permitted. All tack must be brought into the designated area before the start of the class. No one other than the exhibitor and their grooms are allowed to enter the designated area, and nothing is allowed to be passed into the designated area during versatility. Water is permitted in the make-up arena. **Any infraction of this rule will disqualify the participant from the Versatility Competition.**
5. Tack changes: Each tack change will be given 5 minutes. All tack changes must be made in the arena. Grooms may assist with tack changes. If an exhibitor is not ready (mounted, (unless an in-hand class) fully prepared to compete) at the end of the tack change, they will be eliminated from the Versatility Competition. Appropriate tack, attire, and equipment based on the *Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows* is required (tack change time limits may be shorter than 5 minutes if all exhibitors and judges agree). At the completion of tack change, grooms will be asked to step away from the horse and return to the designated area and competitor so there is no question that a groom was assisting after tack change was complete.
6. A rider, while mounted, may adjust stirrups, tighten girth, fix reins, etc.; even after tack change. If it is a safety concern, address the key leader/judge for assistance.
7. The committee/judge will be the ultimate decision maker for questions that participants/grooms have during the competition.
8. Sweat marks are excused.
9. In case of a tie, Skillathon scores will be considered the tie breaker. For scoring and point tallying, classes will be placed 1st through 10th.
 - a. Point values: 1st – 10; 2nd – 9; 3rd – 8; 4th – 7; etc.
 - b. See *Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows* for more information

Divisions

Juniors 8 – 13 y/o

Seniors 14 – 18 y/o

Classes*

Western Pleasure

Equitation

Showmanship

Barrels

*Exhibitors must use the same horse for all classes

Groom and Clean Competition

Junior and Senior divisions. Will follow State Fair guidelines other than attire can be casual. Attire should be teams choice of matching shirts and jeans.

Equine High Point Award

To award the 4-H or FFA member from specific areas that demonstrate the highest level of knowledge and involvement in their project. It allows the individuals to excel in all aspects of their project and allows for more emphasis on total project awareness.

- To increase knowledge of the animal exhibited.
- To recognize excellence in all areas of competition.
- To reinforce proper care and knowledge of an animal project.

This award is a way to encourage the exhibitors to participate and expand their skill in as many classes as they can by earning points in every class they place in. This showcases the All-around Exhibitor.

Thirteen Equine High Point Award winners will be chosen:

- English Horse High Point Award, Junior Division
- English Horse High Point Award, Senior Division
- Western Horse High Point Award, Junior Division
- Western Horse High Point Award, Senior Division
- Gaited Horse High Point Award
- Saddleseat Horse High Point Award, Junior Division
- Saddleseat Horse High Point Award, Senior Division
- Donkey High Point Award, Junior Division
- Donkey High Point Award, Senior Division
- Mule High Point Award
- Versatility Over all
- Contesting High Point Award, Junior Division
- Contesting High Point Award, Senior Division
- Ranch Horse High Point, Junior Division
- Ranch Horse High Point, Senior Division

These Trophies are rotating and must be returned each year.

Criteria for Equine High Point Awards

- **Class Placement:** The top five exhibitors from each class will be placed and receive points. Points earned in driving classes, trail and dressage classes will go toward the

attire and equipment style you showed in for that class. Musical Freestyle points do not go toward high point awards.

- **Point values:** 1st – 100; 2nd – 90; 3rd – 80; 4th –70; 5th – 60; 6th - 50
- **Skillathon:** Exhibitors will be placed 1st through 5th place, Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions.
 - Point values: 1st – 100; 2nd – 90; 3rd – 80; 4th –70; 5th – 60; 6th - 50
- **EquiSTEP** required starting 2023 for all exhibitors.
- **Interview Judging:** Each participant will receive a score from the Interview Judges and those scores will be applied toward their final score.
- **Tie Breaker:** In the event of a tie, all members with the tied score will be brought together to take a quiz that is compiled from questions provided by the judges for the week.
- ANY DISCREPANCIES WILL BE RESOLVED THROUGH THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE AND 4-H EXTENSION OFFICE IN A TIMELY MANNER. ALL DECISIONS ARE FINAL.

Outstanding 4-H Equine Person Award

1. Any Madison County 4-H member is eligible to apply after completing four years in the horse project area. Only applicants that have passed their 14th birthday and have not passed their 19th birthday on January 1 of the current year of application will be eligible.
2. The award is based on: general 4-H activities, leadership, citizenship, and various horse project participation. A 500-word essay is to be typed or written legibly. Applicants should show evidence of project development and educational growth.
3. Members will be eligible to win only once and only one award will be presented per year.
4. Applications may be picked up at the OSU extension office.
5. Applications are due to the OSU extension office by 4pm of June 15.
6. Anonymous judges will be hired for scoring and selection.

Outstanding 4-H Horse Person Award is a rotating trophy presented in memory of Debbie Leach and Lori Walding. An individual trophy will be awarded to the winner.