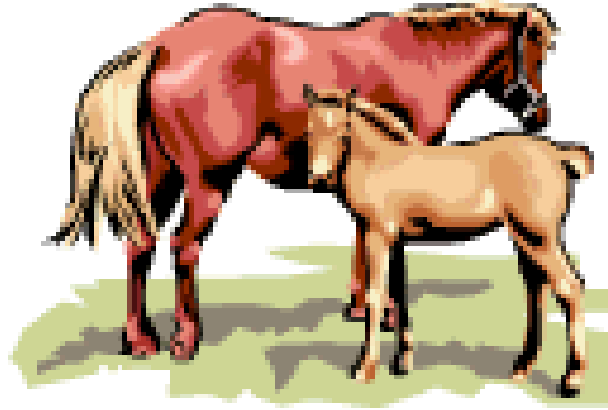


EL PASO COUNTY 4-H HORSE RULE BOOK – YEAR 2017

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL 4-H HORSE PROGRAM MEMBERS

ANY EQUINE ACTIVITY CAN BE DANGEROUS!!
SEVERE INJURY IS POSSIBLE.

PLEASE THINK SAFETY AT ALL TIMES.

WE RECOMMEND AND SUPPORT THE USE OF ASTM / SEI APPROVED
SAFETY HELMETS FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS AT ALL TIMES.

ASTM / SEI HELMETS WITH HARNESS ARE MANDATORY FOR ALL
EXHIBITORS AT ALL 4-H SPONSORED RIDING EVENTS WHILE MOUNTED.

ADDITIONAL RULES APPLY TO JUMPING, DRIVING, COMPETITIVE TRAIL
RIDING, AND GYMKHANA EVENTS. Please see the **Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rule
Book (LA1500J, 2015) page 2** for the additional requirements and the recommended
type of safety helmet.

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EL PASO COUNTY 4-H HORSE PROGRAM RULES AND REGULATIONS

Any Rules and/or Policies that are established at the county level supersede the rules and regulations in this document if there is a discrepancy between the two documents. If there is confusion the 4-H County Extension Agent will make the final decision.

HELMET POLICY

Any equine activity can be dangerous! Severe injury is possible. Please think safety at all times. We recommend and support the use of ASTM / SEI approved safety helmets for all participants at all times. **ASTM / SEI Approved helmets with harness are mandatory for all exhibitors while mounted at ALL 4-H sponsored riding events. This includes all 4-H sponsored clinics, practices, shows, open rides ...any 4-H event where a member is mounted.** Additional rules may apply to Jumping, Driving, Competitive Trail Riding and Gymkhana Events. Please see the Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rule Book (LA1500J, 2015) page 2 for the additional requirements and the recommended type of safety helmet.

1. **REGISTRATION OF PROJECT HORSE**

A. Project horse is a horse that the 4-H member has:

1. All members must submit photos and identification information on their project animal to the 4-H Online application and must upload any other State required forms. **There is an April 15th El Paso County Deadline for Horse Identification.** This is to allow El Paso County to review and confirm all members had identified horses to meet the Colorado State May 1st deadline to identify your project horse. If you plan to show in a 4-H Horse Show prior to April 15th all of your in registration information must be complete prior to entering any 4-H Horse Show. This page must be printed and included in the record book therefore it is mandatory for all members to complete this process. **After May 1st in an extenuating situation another horse may be consider by HAC and the county extension Agent, it would only be considered for El Paso County Shows.**
2. Complete access to at all times;
3. Responsibility for the care and management;
4. Kept complete records for and turned in the record book to their project leader by the required deadline to be announced by the project leader.
5. Every project Horse registered with 4-H Online must be included in the record book. Every Horse included in the Record Book must be registered through 4-H Online by the May 1st Deadline or Prior to showing in any 4-H Horse show whichever date comes first.

B. Change in designation.

Members may change their designated project horse(s) on or before **May 1st** of the current year by filing a new horse certificate with the county 4-H office and notifying your leader. **A change in horse designation between April 15th and May 1st must be done through 4honline.com.** The member provide a copy of the identification to their leader and must **notify HAC so they can update the Horse ID Binder.** **NOTE:** It is best to register all horses you might use that meet the requirements for being a project horse.

C. Member must have submitted a separate horse certificate for each project horse to their Horse Project Leader by **April 15th**, deadline. **Changes between April 15th and May 1st must follow the directions in "B".**

Project year is from October 1st through September 30th.

2. PROJECT REQUIREMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE 4-H PROJECT AT THE CLUB, COUNTY, AND STATE LEVELS

A. SAFETY DAY FOR UNRATED RIDERS AND MEMBERS NEW TO THE COUNTY

- a. Safety Day Training for Unrated Riders is required for unrated riders/members and new members moving into El Paso County who wish to participate in a HAC Approved Clinic, Club Show or County Fair in the current 4-H year. Attendance is only required once not annually.
- b. Unrated Members must participate in a Safety Day Meeting and pass a practical test with a Horse Project Leader at a later time as arranged by the rider and leader. The rider must demonstrate the safe handling of their animal before they are allowed to participate in a HAC Approved Clinic or Show. This may include both ground and riding skills. If a member wishes to compete in Showmanship ONLY the practical test will be given accordingly, and that member will not be allowed to be mounted at any HAC Approved Clinic or Show. Mini Horse members must complete the ground works skills portion of the practical test.
- c. The Class will be offered once in the Fall and once in the Winter/Spring. Information and details will be sent to all Horse Members and Leaders by the HAC Chairperson.
- d. If a 4-H Member has missed the available SAFETY DAY training or if they do not have a Horse Project Leader they may contact the Horse Advisory Committee (HAC) Safety Day Contact Person for more information. Their contact information will be on the El Paso County website with the HAC Contact Information.
- e. Horse Members who have achieved a Level I or above rating are encouraged and welcomed to attend.
- f. Attendance is **mandatory** for members enrolled in the Miniature Horse Project. Mini Horse members will be required to complete the ground work portion of the practical test check list.
- g. HAC does not give Achievement Points for Attendance.

B. Club/County

Conditions of completion have been standardized by the Extension Office to be uniform throughout the County and encompassing all projects. Refer to the *Policy for Success* available at the Extension Office for details and clarification.

C. County Fair 4-H Horse Show

1. The El Paso County Fair 4-H Horse Show is open to any member enrolled in an El Paso County 4-H Club who:
 - a. Is enrolled in the Horse Project for the current year.
 - b. Has completed the Horse Project requirements set forth in the County Fair Premium, as well as those listed in the Policy for Success,
 - c. Horse project members (both standard and miniature horses) must have shown each project horse they wish to qualify for County Fair in a class and taken the written test at one Horse Advisory Committee sanctioned 4-H horse show during the current 4-H project year or complete the Open Show Qualifier Form before County Fair. (Form included in Rule Book and available on the County Website.
 - d. Miniature horse project members who wish to participate in Driving at the 4-H County Fair

Horse show must have taken and passed at least one written and practical test for Driving during the current 4-H project year before submitting their entry for County Fair.

NOTE: Showing at a “closed show” that was open only to those in the member’s club, does not qualify a member to register for the County Fair 4-H Horse Show. If a member wishes to show a second project horse at County Fair, it must have been used in at least one class at an Advisory Committee sanctioned 4-H horse show.

2. Only one entry per exhibitor per class, points accumulate on one horse one rider for Over-all and Reserve Over-all, and Divisions awards. You must compete in the written test, showmanship and one mounted class to be considered as competing in a division. A rider must ride in two or more divisions to qualify for overall awards. It is possible if an exhibitor shows 2 horses to be declared Over-All, Reserve Over-All, Division High Point, or Reserve Division High Point in different categories.
3. Exhibitors at County Fair must compete at the level passed as of **July 1st**, regardless of the level at time of entry. . Members wanting to Level Test between the Fair Entry due date and Fair must have Level Testing Completed by July 1st to allow the El Paso County Fair Show Management time to prepare entries for fair.
4. Once entries have been submitted, there will be no class changes allowed except those necessitated due to the level advancement of the exhibitor. Other circumstances to be taken into consideration by show management on a case by case basis.
5. The County Fair Horse Show, held over three days is considered to be one show.
6. The exhibitor must participate in both written test and showmanship if the classes are offered on any day of participation at the County Fair. In order to take the written test, contestant must participate in at least one class that day.
7. Round Robin selections will be filled with the Champion of Champions of each Age Group. Champion of Champions qualifications are an Addendum to the **“El Paso County Fair 4-H Horse Exhibit Premium”** Miniature horse participants are the first and second place exhibitor/horse combination for each age group. Refusal to participate in Round Robin results in forfeiture of County Fair Horse Achievement points and awards.

D. State Fair - See State Rule Book and State Fair Premium for additional details.

1. Exhibitors must show at the County Fair 4-H Horse Show to participate in the State Fair 4-H Horse show. Waivers of this requirement will be considered by the Horse Advisory Committee should extenuating circumstances arise that prevent exhibitor to show at the County Fair 4-H Horse Show.
2. Exhibitors should only sign up for State Fair 4-H Horse Show classes for which they are eligible to participate.

3. HORSE SHOWS/COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDE

A. Eligibility - Exhibitors at 4-H horse shows in El Paso County must be:

1. Members in good standing of the 4-H Horse Program.
2. By January 1st of the current year be at least eight years of age and not reached their 19th birthday.
3. Junior members are ages 8-10, Intermediates are 11-13, and Seniors are 14-18.

B. Show Rules and Standards

1. Shows will be conducted in accordance with the El Paso County 4-H Horse Rule Book and the Colorado 4-H Horse Rule Books (available at County Extension Office) with the following exceptions:
 - a. Must be Level I Western or above to participate in Gymkhana.
 - b. Must be a Level I Ranch Horse or above to participate in Ranch.
 - c. Must be Level II or above in the appropriate division to participate in any classes Over Fences (English) and in any Ranch Horse classes involving livestock or cattle.
 - d. **Approved (ASTEM/SEI) helmets with harness and hat strap that is fastened are mandatory for all exhibitors while mounted. The ASTEM/SEI approved helmet must have a harness and hat strap, and it must be fastened at all times. Please see the Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rule Book (LA1500J, 2015) page 2 for the additional requirements and the recommended type of safety helmet. It is the responsibility of show management to determine whether a helmet is approved helmet per the state rule book requirements.**
 - e. In classes where rail work is performed, safety is the number one priority. If the number of exhibitors in the class could potentially pose safety issues, based on the size of arena or experience of exhibitors, show management should consult with the judge and either split the class or require pattern work with cuts made.
 - f. Only one entry per exhibitor per class, points accumulate on one horse one rider combination towards Over-all and Reserve awards. Each horse/rider combination is eligible for Over-all, Reserve Over-all, and Division Awards. You must compete in the written test, and two other classes to be considered as competing in a division at the County Fair. You must compete in two or more divisions to qualify for over-all awards.
 - g. The written test is a required class of all exhibitors at all 4-H County shows including miniature, working ranch horse, and Competitive Trail Ride. If not taken, contestant will not be eligible for show awards or points.
 - h. Miniature Horse Shows utilize AMHR rules as guidelines.
 - i. Competitive Trail Rides follow Colorado 4-H Competitive Trail Riding Rules and Regulations.
 - j. Members should post Emergency Contact Information on their horse trailer to include: member's name, parent's name, horses name and emergency contact phone numbers. This should be posted on the trailer at all 4-H Shows, competitions, clinics, open rides, practices, etc. This is in the event an horse is loose or injured while the member is away from the trailer.

Refer to Colorado 4-H Competitive Trail Riding Rules and Regulations Document)

http://www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/clover_guide/psg-livestock/horse/CTR-RideRulesAndRegulations.pdf

2. There will be an adult 4-H Horse Advisory Committee member assigned to each show and Competitive Trail Ride. The 4-H Horse Advisory Committee member and the Show Manager, with consultation with the 4-H Horse Advisory Committee members present, will ensure that the show is conducted in compliance with these rules and regulations, according to the highest standards of horse show safety and ethics
3. Challenge for alleged rule infractions at a show must be filed in writing with the show manager within 1 hour of alleged infraction and must be accompanied by a \$25.00 fee. 4-

H Horse Advisory Committee members in attendance will consider the protest, and render a ruling as to its validity, or at their discretion may refer the protest to the next regular meeting of the entire 4-H Horse Advisory Committee. If the protest is deferred to the next regular meeting of the 4-H Horse Advisory Committee, all parties to the protest will be notified of the meeting time and place in advance. If the protest is sustained, the deposit will be returned; otherwise, the deposit will be forfeited to the 4-H Horse Advisory Committee. No checks. Cash or money order only. Please follow the protocol attached to the challenge form.

4. **Equine Drug Use.** Random drug testing can be administered at any county 4-H horse show or Competitive Trail Ride. The Horse Advisory Committee will cover the cost of the initial testing.
 - Positive indicators of illegal drugs or failure to submit horse for testing will result in forfeiture of show awards and indefinite removal from the 4-H horse project. In such case, reinstatement must be approved by the Horse Advisory Committee.
 - Any costs to cover retesting to appeal an initial drug test failure will be the responsibility of the 4-H participant and their family.
 - Refer to the Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rulebook for more details.
 - 4-H Horse Show contestants must notify Show Management, Horse Advisory Committee Representative and County Fair Vet at the time of check-in if any horse being shown has been administered any commercially available or veterinary prescribed drug that could alter the performance of the horse and/or result in a positive drug test indication.
 - “The Colorado 4-H Horse Program and show will follow the USEF guidelines for drugs and medications. See the USEF website for a Complete Guide.” Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rule Book (LA1500J, 2015)
5. It is the Intent of the 4-H program for Youth to be the primary care provider for the project animal. To the greatest extent possible the project member should prepare their animal for each show. Parents/adults to assist and educate 4-H members.
 - a. An animal’s owner/leaser (a 4-H member) should prepare his/her project animal when it is being exhibited at a County Fair or 4-H show. If assistance is needed for safety, it may be provided by another Colorado 4-H member, a parent, or a Colorado 4-H volunteer leader. Another Colorado 4-H member should be the first choice for assistance to a younger member. If assistance is provided the 4-H member enrolled in the project must be present and/or working/participating in the activity to benefit from the teaching and instruction. Senior 4-H members should do all of the cleaning, grooming, fitting, harnessing, and showing of their animal, from enrollment through the end of the project year and it is essential they do all of their own cleaning, grooming, harnessing, fitting and showing of their animals at any show.
 - b. Parents, professional trainers, and leaders will not coach from the rail, ride, drive, or warm-up a project horse in any way at a 4-H Horse Show. For the purpose of this El Paso County Rule Book, a professional trainer is defined as anyone who is not a 4-H youth and receives compensation for equine knowledge, training and services. If a person is seen not abiding by this rule they will first be notified by either the show management or the Horse Advisory Committee Representative at the show that the practice is not permitted. If the practice continues or occurs again the show management has the right to ask the individual or individuals to leave the grounds or see number 6 below.
 - c. Adults are encouraged to assist youth without assuming control of the horse only to the

- extent needed for safety, taking into account ability of the individual youth. This does not preclude anyone from intervening when exhibitor safety is in question.
- d. 4-H members and other youth are encouraged to cheer and encourage their fellow exhibitors during classes but coaching from the rail is strictly forbidden.
 6. Violation of these rules will result in the 4-H member forfeiting all show points and entry fees for the current show (including County Fair) First violation – verbal warning; Second Violation – Written Warning; Third Violation – Dismissal from the Show.
 7. Unruly horses will be dismissed from 4-H classes, clinics, and/or shows if deemed a distraction or safety risk to other exhibitors by the show judge or Horse Advisory Committee Representative.
 8. Classes for special needs exhibitors will be made available at all county 4-H shows if formally requested to the Horse Advisory Committee by the special needs exhibitor or their parent by March 1st of the project year. Any special needs exhibitor who chooses to participate in non-special needs classes will be required to follow all the rules and requirements for that class.
 9. Adherence to the 4-H dress code is required even when member is not in the show ring. Dress Code Policy is found on the State and El Paso County Websites.
 10. Show management may submit names for members not competing at a show who volunteer for show management to receive HAC work day achievement points, 1-5 hours = 3 points, 5+ hours 6 points. Names and hours worked should be submitted on the show report form. These Points will be recorded under the “Horse Show” section of the Achievement Points. Members who do not compete in all divisions can volunteer for part of the show, i.e. if only competing in Western Division they could volunteer during English and Gymkhana.

C. Show Management - Published show bill, preapproved by HAC, will indicate by name the person appointed Show Manager by the sponsoring club. **The Show Bill/Entry Form must include emergency contact information for the parent of guardian of the 4-H member.** The Show Manager is responsible for the proper and safe conduct of the show, and for adherence to show rules. The show HAC Representative must annotate on the back of each horse certificate that it was shown at the show. Shows not following rules will result in show NOT being a Horse Advisory Committee sanctioned show. Refer to Show Management Handbook for more information.

D. Classes - Classes offered MUST be selected from the Colorado 4-H Horse Rulebooks, 4-H Gymkhana Guide, AMHR Rulebook, and the El Paso County 4-H Horse Rulebook. The following MUST be offered at every 4-H horse show sanctioned by the El Paso County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee:

1. Written test (prepared and administered by the Horse Advisory Committee Rep or appointee.)
2. Showmanship at Halter (either Western or English attire may be worn.) except when the show is strictly a gymkhana show then showmanship is waived. Showmanship in appropriate attire is required at Working Ranch Horse and Miniature Horse Shows.
3. Classes with less than 3 contestants may be combined or canceled at show management’s discretion. If canceled, entry fee for class will be returned.

It is recommended that 4-H shows have a variety of classes; English, Western, Working Ranch

Horse, Cowhorse, Miniature, Gymkhana, Beginner, and Novice to meet the needs and interests of 4-H members. **NOTE:** This statement does not preclude a HAC approved county show from being specialized (i.e., all English, all Western, all Novice, or a limited variety of classes).

E. Clover buds (ages 5-7) may not compete or participate in any HAC approved county show or county horse activities. Cloverbud horse activities are not covered under our current accident insurance policy therefore they cannot ride, lead or handle a horse in anyway. Non-horse activities are covered.

F. Divisions - Divisions may be split by age groupings (see 3 A. Eligibility), Levels, or both at the show management's discretion and may or may not include classes for Beginners and Novice.

1. English
2. Western
3. Gymkhana (also known as "speed" or "performance" events)
4. Working Ranch Horse
5. Miniature Horse

G. High Point Categories/Awards

See **4-H Horse Show Organizational Guide, from CSU Extension on the El Paso County Web Site.**

H. Competitive Trail Ride Points

- a. Categories – Age levels
- b. Pre-approved North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC) Region III Novice 'A' or 'B' CTRs will be recognized as 4-H competitive trail ride competitions until such time as three (3) CTRs are sponsored by El Paso County.
- c. As a statewide project, 4-H CTR competitors will receive points for participating in 4-H CTRs in other parts of the state.
- d. To calculate the Trail high point awards:
 - i. Points for 4-H CTRs will only be awarded to those who complete the ride and take the written test.
 - ii. Refer to Colorado 4-H Competitive Trail Riding Rules and Regulations Document) http://www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/clover_guide/psg-livestock/horse/CTR-RideRulesAndRegulations.pdf
- e. Competitive Trail Conditioning Log Link: <http://elpasoco.colostate.edu/4h/4h-horse.shtml>

I. Show Awards

1. Class awards must be offered at a minimum through six places. There is not a maximum limit.
2. The class awards for the written test will be the same as the other events at all 4-H Horse Shows, including County Fair.
3. The choice of premiums, prizes or awards (ribbons, buckles, trophies, etc.) to be presented is left to the discretion of show management.
4. Awards for beginner and novice classes will be of noticeably less substance than awards for levels/age groups as there are usually fewer classes to generate funds in support of these awards and to help motivate youth to progress through the levels program.
5. Show management is required to list awards breakdown on their show bill.

6. Individual Ties. Tie breakers will be used as follows:
 1. The score for the written test.
 2. The placing in the showmanship class.

J. Entry Fees and Office Charges

1. Show management may determine entry fees per class or charge a day rate.
2. Office Charge per horse may apply
3. Show management will determine stock charges
4. Bad Checks – If a check is returned for insufficient funds Show Management may pursue collecting funds per the El Paso County Extension Office Policy for bad checks.

4. BEGINNER, NOVICE AND LEVELS

A. Beginner

1. Beginner classes are for unrated riders only.
2. Beginner is a WALK/TROT division. Exhibitors in beginner classes may not lope, canter, or gallop.
3. Exhibitors riding beginner cannot compete in another category/age group at the same show.
4. A beginner may not change categories during a show.
5. Specific beginner riding control pattern will be used –An example pattern is in the back of rule book.
6. Classes offered in age group English and Western divisions may also be offered in the Beginner Division, except that exhibitors may only WALK/TROT.
7. A beginner may move up to their age group or to the Novice division, but once they have shown in an age group class or novice class they may not move back to Beginner.
8. If a beginner moves to novice during the show season, they may show novice the following year if they desire. The year they began as a beginner does not count against their novice year.
9. Members who earn high point or reserve high point honors at any 4-H HAC approved county show having five or more contestants participating in that category, will be asked to move up to Novice or appropriate age group the following year. If they chose to stay a Beginner they will not be eligible for overall awards in future years.
10. Beginner classes will be offered at County Fair.
11. A snaffle bit may be used on any horse of any age shown in a Beginner Western Class. A Beginner may show two-handed in a snaffle bit as long as they have the proper equipment and hold the reins according to the Colorado State 4-H Horse Show Rule Book. (LA1500J, 2015)

B. Novice

1. Novice classes are for unrated riders only. You can only compete in Novice one year.
2. Exhibitors riding Novice division cannot compete in another category/age group at the same show for points. However, the Exhibitor may show at a beginner level in another category for no points, and for exhibition only, at the discretion of Show Management.
3. Novice riders may move up to their age group, but once they have shown in an age group class in a Division, they may not move back to Novice in that Division. Example a Level 1 Western Rider who never competed in English may compete in an Age Group/Level 1 Western and Novice English in the same show.
4. Novice riders may not change to their age group in a division during a show.
5. Specific Novice Riding Control Pattern will be used – an example listed in back of the

rule book.

6. Classes offered for age/levels groupings in English and Western divisions may also be offered in the Novice division.

C. Unrated/ Age Group

Once a 4-H member has competed as a novice for 1 year, they must attempt and pass the Level 1 written test and attempt the Level 1 riding test for the following year and move up into an age/levels grouping. Exhibitors who fail to pass the riding test the first year may continue to show. If, in the following year they still have not passed the next level (because they can attempt as many times as they want), the Exhibitor may continue to show but will not be eligible for show awards at 4-H HAC approved county shows or County Fair. They will also not receive Achievement Award points for participating in those shows.

NOTE: Exceptions to A, B and C above may be made in regards to the 1 year time limit for special needs children.

D. Levels

1. Riders who are the top two finishers in each Division (English, Western, Ranch Horse) at the County Fair will face eligibility requirements for High Point Awards in that division or Overall Awards in that level/age group in subsequent years.
 - a. Level 1: Can win First or Second in a Division (English, Western, Ranch Horse)"(One Year) per Division they must then attempt to 'level up.' If winners do not level up, they will not be eligible to receive High Point Awards or Overall Awards again in Level 1 of that Division, although they can win classes/ribbons at the county fair.
 - b. Level 2: Can win First or Second in a Division (English, Western, Ranch Horse) twice (Two years) per Division (they must then attempt to 'Level Up.' If winners do not level up, they will not be eligible to receive High Point Awards or Overall Awards again in Level 2 of that Division, although they can win classes/ribbons.
 - c. Level 3 & 4: are eligible for High Point and Overall Awards each year without discrimination, no restrictions at the county fair.
2. Riders will become eligible for awards again upon moving to a new Division, whether it is due to age or an increased Level. Riders who are ineligible for High Point/Overall awards at the County Fair may still compete at the County Fair and will be eligible for placing's in any classes the rider participated in. Riders ineligible for High Point/Overall Awards will still be eligible for Achievement Award Points for the County Fair.
 - a. **Exception:** Riders who earn a high point award in a division with less than five or less contestants will be eligible in that division in future years.
3. Levels rules for the Miniature Horse Project are an Addendum to the El Paso County 4-H Horse Rulebook.
4. Participants in Competitive Trail Ride *mounted* clinics and CTR competitions must be rated Level I or higher.
5. Levels are to be tracked and reported by members, his/her horse project leader and must be filed with the CSU Extension Office in El Paso County
6. HAC will track and notify members, and their leaders, who are being asked to move to a different division.

E. Exemption

Members may request an exemption to A and B by submitting their request in writing to the Horse Advisory Committee by the May meeting. There must be a legitimate and logical reason why the member is unable to attempt to be tested or advanced.

5. JUDGE PROFESSIONALISM AND ATTIRE Strong emphasis must be placed on the competence, objectivity, and professionalism of the judge(s) selected by show management. A judge's personal appearance must reflect the standard expected of exhibitors. Therefore, a judge is to be in proper English or Western attire. Judges must be reminded that they are to judge the exhibitor and not the horse, as explained in the Colorado 4-H Rulebooks.

6. ACCIDENT INSURANCE Accident insurance is carried on all 4-H horse members and leaders once enrollment forms have been handed in at the Extension Office. Claim forms and additional information are available in the 4-H office. Cloverbud members are not covered for horse activities therefore lead line classes or any other classes where a Cloverbud interacts or has contact with a horse are not permitted. No participation in 4-H activities is permitted until enrollment forms are turned into the El Paso County 4-H Extension Office.

7. RELEASE OF LIABILITY All exhibitors enter a 4-H sponsored horse show entirely at their own risk, and parents/guardians must agree to this as a condition of entry. Therefore, each entry form must contain the following statement, signed by a parent or guardian:

"I hereby indemnify and agree to hold harmless the management of this show, the El Paso County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee and CSU Cooperative Extension against all claims or demands, of any kind or nature that may grow out of any injury or loss to person or property at this horse show."

8. SPORTSMANSHIP AND CONDUCT Will be in accordance with the State 4-H Rules, Guidelines, 4-H Horse Show Rule Book and El Paso County 4-H Code of Show Ring Ethics, and Show Premiums.

9. 4-H CLINCS Clinicians must sign Code of Conduct on a special leader or activity leader enrollment form for insurance purposes. Clinician's enrollment fees are waived. It is recommended that clinicians not handle participant's horses unless agreed upon by owner and clinician. Watch newsletter for details on county wide clinics. For the purposes of Achievement Awards, a clinic can be either a club or county sanctioned clinic. For a clinic to be a county sanctioned clinic it must be approved by the Horse Advisory Committee and notice available to all 4Hers through the Newsletter or News Blast. Clinic sponsors must provide sign-in sheets to record clinic participation. Sign-in sheets for county clinics MUST be turned in to the Horse Advisory Committee. Clinic participants are responsible for signing the sign-in sheets, failure to do so will mean that no credit will be given for clinic participation. Unruly horses will be dismissed from 4-H clinics if deemed a distraction or safety risk to other clinic participants by the clinician, clinic organizer, or Horse Advisory Committee Representative. 4-H dress code is required. Helmet use is required by all mounted riders at all Competitive Trail Ride clinics regardless of level, age, or experience of rider.

10. ADVANCEMENT LEVELS Refer to Project Book.

11. HORSE JUDGING, HORSE BOWL, HIPPOLOGY, DEMONSTRATION CONTEST, PUBLIC SPEAKING See State 4-H Rulebook, ask Leader, or contact the Extension Office for more details. These are 4-H Activities and are opportunities for any 4-H members; they don't have to be enrolled in Horse/Mini Horse. These activities for competition are divided in to Junior, age 8-13, and Senior, age 14-18. Requests for funds may be made by participants (individuals or team) for expenses for competition at the State or National Level.

A. Horse Judging Program

4-H horse judging is a program designed to teach youth life skills through the art of judging a horse

based on the breed standards, the ideal conformation characteristics and performance criteria. It is open to both junior (8-13 years old) and senior (14-18 years old) 4-H members. You will learn to organize your judging thoughts into a precise manner to present to a judge during a “reasons” class. There will be classroom work and also visits to horse facilities/events to gain “hands on” experience. We will enter county contests in the spring where we have both junior and senior teams participating. Finally, a team of four seniors will compete in the state contest held at Colorado State University in June. The senior team for the state contest will be selected by the coaches based on the following criteria: 1) participation in practice sessions 2) attendance at the weekend judging trips; 3) knowledge and ability concerning all common breeds; 4) Teamwork and Cooperation with coaches and other team members. Watch the 4-H Newsletter for more information and practice times.

B. Horse Bowl

Horse Bowl is a program based on your knowledge in the field of equine science. It is open to both junior (8-13 years old) and senior (14-18 years old) 4-H members. The team will take part in various county contests, as they are available. Senior teams will be selected to represent El Paso County at the state contest in June based on the following criteria: 1) Participation in practice sessions; 2) participation in county contests; 3) knowledge and ability to play the game; 4) Teamwork and Cooperation with coaches and other team members. Watch the 4-H Newsletter for more information and practice times.

C. Hippology

The primary objective of this program is to provide a friendly but competitive setting where 4-H members can demonstrate the breadth of their knowledge and understanding of the equine science and management and in particular, the practical application of this knowledge. The contest has four separate parts: a written exam, station identification, horse judging, and a team problem. Juniors (8-13 years old) and seniors (14-18 years old) may participate in the program, but only a senior team will be selected to represent El Paso County at the state contest at CSU in June. The state team(s) will be based on the following criteria: 1) participation in practice; 2) knowledge and ability: 3) participation in county contests; 4) Teamwork and Cooperation with coaches and other team members. Watch the 4-H Newsletter for more information and practice times.

D. Demonstration Contest

All 4-H horse project members are encouraged to enter the county Demonstration Contest, check with your 4-H leader or the extension office for the scheduled date. There will be individual and team competition for both juniors (8-13 years old) and seniors (14-18 years old). Rules for competition can be found in the Colorado 4-H Horse Rulebooks with the following exceptions: Juniors may compete in our county’s contest. Junior demonstrations need to be a minimum of 3 minutes and maximum of 8 minutes. Seniors are a minimum of 10 minutes and maximum of 15. The County winner in the senior division will compete in the state contest at CSU in June. If the senior division winner is unable to attend the state contest, then 2nd place winner may attend. Watch the 4-H Newsletter for more information.

E. Public Speaking

All 4-H Horse project members are encouraged to enter the county’s Speech Contest. Check with your 4-H leader or the extension office for the date. Rules for competition can be found in the Colorado 4-H Horse Rulebook with the following exceptions: Juniors (8-13 years old) may compete in our county’s contest. Juniors’ speeches must be a minimum of 3 minutes and a max of 6 minutes. Seniors (14-18 years old) are a minimum of 7 minutes and a maximum of 10 minutes. The County winner in the senior division will compete in the state contest at CSU in June. If the senior division winner is unable to attend the state contest, then the 2nd place winner may attend. Watch the 4-H Newsletter for more information.

12. PIKES PEAK SPRING SHOW The Annual Pikes Peak Spring Show(s) is/are the 4-H Horse Advisory Committee's major fundraiser. This is an All-Breed open show for both youth and adults. Since the inception of the Spring Show, the 4-H Horse Advisory Committee has raised thousands of dollars in support of the El Paso County 4-H Horse Program. For information, contact the County Extension Office or the 4-H Horse Advisory Committee Chairman. **If designated as a HAC approved show a written test will be offered in youth divisions and will count toward show(s)/series awards. If not a HAC approved show a written test may be offered by show management in youth divisions and would count toward show(s)/series awards.**

13. STATE FAIR COUNTY IMAGE AWARD – See state fair rulebook/Premium List.

14. COLLEGE/HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS - The El Paso County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee offers annual scholarships. A selection committee determines the number of scholarships and amounts awarded with a maximum of \$1,500.00 (HAC funds only) in total scholarships awarded each year. For years in which HAC receives additional donations for the benefit of the Scholarship fund the maximum total amount to be awarded will be increased accordingly. Applications for members planning to attend College, Vocation School or Professional Certifications may be considered.

Contact the 4-H office or check the El Paso County Extension Website for an application. The current Scholarship Application should include a deadline and timeframe for awarding the scholarship(s). Applications will be due as determined by current Scholarship Committee. Interviews, if needed, will be conducted in March or April.

Past Scholarship Committees have considered the following criteria. However these are not minimum standards, all applications will be considered.

1. High school graduating senior or enrolled college freshman and in the El Paso County 4-H Horse Program the year applying
2. Minimum of three years in 4-H (can be project other than horse).
3. Minimum of 3.0 out of 4.0 grade point average.
4. Participation in many 4-H events. Examples of some events include 4-H county shows, the County and State Fairs, horse judging, hippology, horse bowl, public speaking and demonstration contests etc.
5. Participation in school and community activities outside of 4-H.
6. Completion of required application and letters of recommendation
7. Finalist may be asked to take a written exam on knowledge of horse science.
8. Recipient(s) of the HAC Scholarship must complete the Horse Project in good standing for the 4H year in which they were awarded the scholarship.

The criteria for the 4-H Horse Advisory Committee Scholarships will be distributed to Club Leaders not later than January 31st. The scholarship will be awarded after the first semester of college or after proof of completion of a non-traditional program. A transcript or proof of completion/certification must be submitted to the Horse of Advisory Committee. The Scholarship recipient will then receive the scholarship money. Awarded scholarships must be claimed within one year of scholarship being awarded. Requests to extend this one year claim deadline must be submitted to the Horse Advisory Committee prior to expiration of the scholarship claim period. Such extension requests will be evaluated on a case by case basis but such extensions will not exceed one year. Any scholarship not claimed or extended within the one year claim period will be forfeited.

15. EL PASO COUNTY 4-H ALL-AROUND HORSE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD The All-Around Horse Achievement Award is El Paso County's most prestigious honor. The award reflects the horseman's all around academic, riding, and participation pursuit. This program is consistent with the 4-H motto, "To Make the Best Better." The top 10% (minimum of 1 and maximum of 3) of members enrolled in the horse project earning the most points for the year in each age group will be awarded the All-Around Horse Achievement Award. Under 20 members = 1 award, 20-29 members = 2 awards, 30 or more members = 3 awards. Points are awarded for each activity an individual enters according to the following chart. "Members wishing to qualify for Achievement Awards must submit a **completed** record book (**hard copy not email**) to their leader by September 1st. The Record book is to be reviewed by their horse project leader and submitted to the Extension Office by the Extension Office Deadline. The project leader should make sure that the member's Achievement Awards Points Form, Open Show Qualifier Form and Competitive Trail Log (if applicable) are in the front of the record book."

Members who wish to be considered for the Achievement Award should be proactive in asking their Club and Project Leaders to complete the Achievement Award Points Form. **Members must receive points in 3 out of the 4 categories to be considered for the All-Around Achievement Award**

The Horse Advisory Committee will offer and/or approve HAC Approved Fundraising Activities members may participate in and receive Achievement Points. All proceeds from these events will go into the HAC general account to help with costs of Achievement Awards, County Fair Awards and other HAC approved expenditures. This will include specific events to raise money or groups of members and leaders going out to business's to solicit sponsorships. A data base of Sponsorship Contacts will be updated and available so members and leaders know which businesses have been contacted to avoid having the same businesses contacted over and over.

Club/Project leaders/educational activity coaches must complete an Achievement Award Points Form for each 4-H member completing their project. This form must be submitted to the Horse Advisory Committee by the announced date for the just completed project year. Required form is included at the back of this Rule Book.

Miniature Horse: forms will be submitted to the project superintendent by the specified date.

Members not in good standing with their club are not eligible to receive awards.

Point System for the All-Around Achievement Award

Members must receive points in 3 out of the 4 categories to be considered for the All-Around Achievement Award

Club and Project Functions 125 points Max Reported by Club and Project Leaders

Achievement Point Forms for each member must be completed and submitted by October 1st of the current 4-H year. Leaders should retain documentation of attendance of activities, and submit to HAC upon requested.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES reported by PROJECT LEADER	
All Meetings, Clinics, Activities and Community Service Must be available to all club members	
Project Meetings (includes book meetings, riding meetings, committee Meetings, HAC meetings-if not HAC Rep)	2 points per meeting
Project Clinics (minimum 2 hours, participation starts at arrival)	5 points each
Project Community Service (this is separate from Club Community Service, sponsored by horse leader for horse members horse related)	2 points each
If member is in both horse and miniature horse, each leader will fill out this section on separate forms	

CLUB ACTIVITIES reported by CLUB LEADER	
Club Officer (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Youth Rep, Historian, Reporter)	10 Points
Club Meetings (General Meetings, Committee Meetings, Officer Meetings)	2 Points each
Club Community Service (community service activities for entire club)	2 Points each
Club Activities (Officer Training, Socials, Demos, Youth Leader Activities)	2 Points each

Project & Club Leaders **DO NOT** need to document or maintain information about Horse Shows, 4-H Educational Functions, or HAC Functions/Activities. That information is submitted separately.

4-H EDUCATIONAL FUNCTIONS: 400 Point Max SPEECH, DEMO, HORSE BOWL, HORSE JUDGING & HIPPOLOGY

Points must be submitted in writing by October 1st of Current Year to the Achievement Award Committee by the **EDUCATION FUNCTION LEADER**. Educational Leaders must document attendance of activities, to include Meetings, Practices, Clinics, and Contests with Dates, Arrival and departure times; and attach to 4-H Educational Functions Form that is submitted on October 1st of the current year

1. Educational Meetings (A meeting is 2 hours, if split meeting i.e. 1 hour Horse Bowl/1 hour Hippology can receive 1 point each)	2 Points each
2. Educational Clinics Participation (example: mock contest)	5 Points each
3. 4-H Contest Participation	10 Points each
4. State 4-H Contest Participation	15 Points
5. National 4-H Contest Participation	25 Points each
6. Individual Division or Team Division Awards County 4-H Contest State 4-H Contest National 4-H Contest	Individual Division or Team Division Champion/Reserve Champion Champion 3 points; Reserve 2 Points Champion 12 Points; Reserve 9 Points Champion 15 Points; Reserve 12 Points
7. Individual or Team Overall Awards County 4-H Contest State 4-H Contest National 4-H Contest	Champion 9 Points; Reserve 6 Points Champion 20 Points; Reserve 15 Points Champion 25 Points; Reserve 20 Points

HORSE SHOWS-COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDES (400 Point Max)

Show Achievement Point Forms must be filled out by Show Management and submitted to HAC. The form is on the county web site. Show Achievement Point Form for State Fair Show is submitted by HAC State Fair Committee.

1. HAC Approved 4-H Show	2 Points per class
2. County Fair	2 Points per class
3. State Fair	3 Points per class
4. Division High Point * HAC Approved 4-H Show/CTR County Fair State Fair	Division Champion 3 points; Reserve 2 points Division Champion 4 points; Reserve 3 points Division Champion 12 points; Reserve 9 points
5. Over-All High Point HAC Approved 4-H Show County Fair State Fair	Champion 9 points; Reserve 6 points Champion 12 points; Reserve 9 points Champion 20 points; Reserve 15 points
6. Completed Competitive Trail Rides “A” Rides “B” Rides	20 Points Each 10 Points Each
7. HAC Approved Show – Volunteer Hours (Volunteer for show management on day of show) Must be documented on Show Achievement Point Form	1-5 Hours = 3 Points 5+ Hours = 6 Points
* Beginner and Novice are considered a “Division” unless broken into specific riding disciplines	

OTHER 4-H HORSE ACTIVITIES: (100 Point Max)

Points will be tracked by HAC and documented on paper for review if requested. HAC Approved Clinic attendance must be submitted to HAC/Achievement Point Committee in written form by the leader running the clinic.

1. HAC Youth Representative	15 Points
2. HAC Approved Work Days <u>or Fundraising Event</u> -Fairground Clean-up and other events as designated by HAC (All <u>Fundraising Proceeds must go to HAC</u>)	1-5 Hour = 3 Points 5+ Hours = 6 Points
3. HAC Approved Fundraising Contacting Businesses for donations (all proceeds go to HAC) Business Contact Form must be submitted to HAC	3 Points per each 5 Businesses Contacted Businesses must not have been contacted previously. Check HAC database
4. HAC Approved Clinic (2 hour minimum)	10 Points Each
5. Advancement Levels/Per Division * Level 1 Level 2 Level 3 Level 4	English, Western, Ranch, Mini Driving 2 Points per Division 5 Points per Division 10 Points per Division 15 Points per Division
6. <u>Project Completion – Record Book Complete and hard copy submitted to Extension office by Extension Office Dead Line</u>	15 Points
7. <u>Open Show Qualifier(s) - All requirements are included on the “Open Show Qualifier Form.” Forms must be attached to Year End Achievement Point Form and submitted with the record book.</u>	5 Points per show 15 Point Max for the year
8. CTR Conditioning Record^ 50-100 hours 100-150 hours 150 + hours CTR Conditioning Record must include all pulse and respiration monitoring for each entry	5 Points 10 Points 15 Points Arena riding does not count only conditioning rides on the trail.

* Points awarded for highest level completed by year end. Must pass both written and riding test for each level. Multiple English ratings are possible starting at Level III.

^ CTR Conditioning Records to be turned in by member/leader with Achievement Point Forms **and a copy placed in record book**

Tie Breaker for All-Around Achievement Award - Combined Score for Horse Shows/CTRs & Educational

Must be submitted by October 1st

Revised for the 2016-2017 4-H Year

El Paso County Horse Achievement Awards ____ (year)

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

4-H Club: _____ 4-H age (Jan 1): _____

Age Group (circle one): Junior (8-10) Intermediate (11-13) Senior (14-18)

HORSE PROJECT FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES:

All meetings, clinics, activities and community service must be available to all club members. Private Lesson do not count.

This section to be filled out by **HORSE PROJECT LEADER**

Project Functions	# of	Pts / Event	Points Awarded
Project Meetings		2 points each	
Project Clinics (minimum 2 hours participation, time starts at arrival)		5 points each	
Project Community Service (not club)		2 points each	
<i>Members who are both in miniature and horse may have more than one project leader form</i>		Project Functions Total Points	

CLUB FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES:

This section to be filled out by **CLUB LEADER**

Club Functions	#	Pts / Event	Points Awarded
Club Officer (Pres, VP, Sec, Treas, Youth Rep, Historian, Reporter)		10 points	
Club Meetings		2 points each	
Club Educational Clinics (minimum 2 hours participation) Non-project specific		5 points each	
Club Activities (Socials, Demos, Youth Leader Activities, HAC Activities, Community Service Projects, Other Meetings (officer, committee...))		2 points Each	
		Club Functions Total Points	

Project & Club Leaders DO NOT include points for Horse Shows/CTR's, 4-H Educational Functions, HAC Functions/Activities or Shows. THAT INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED SEPARATELY.

Total Points = Total Horse Project Points + Total Club Activities (125 points maximum) _____

Leaders should retain documentation of attendance of activities, and submit to HAC upon requested.

HAVE HORSE PROJECT REQUIREMENTS BEEN COMPLETED?

Demonstration		Current Riding Level	
Record Book		# Horse ID's turned in	
Community Service			

COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDE - If the 4-H Member Participated in Competitive Trail Ride a Competitive Trail Conditioning Record documenting conditioning hours must be attached to this form and a copy in record book

Open Horse Show Qualifier – Form original must be submitted with this “El Paso County Horse Achievement Award” Points Form to receive Open Show Points from HAC.

Minimum Requirements for Freestyle Reining Class

- Maximum of 4 minutes in length.
- Give music CD labeled with your name, your pattern drawn and written instructions to the office by noon of class day.
- Must meet 4-H safety, tack, attire, and equipment requirements.
- Can ride any age horse one or two handed with any 4-H approved bit.
- Performance must include at least:
 - 1 sliding stop
 - 1 back of at least 20 feet
 - 1 slow small circle in each direction
 - 1 large fast circle in each direction
 - 1 rollback in each direction
 - 1 lead change in each direction
 - 2 spins each direction

GUIDELINES FOR HAC APPROVED CLINICS

Adult Clinician preferred with an overview of professional qualifications

Clinic must be at least 2 hours long

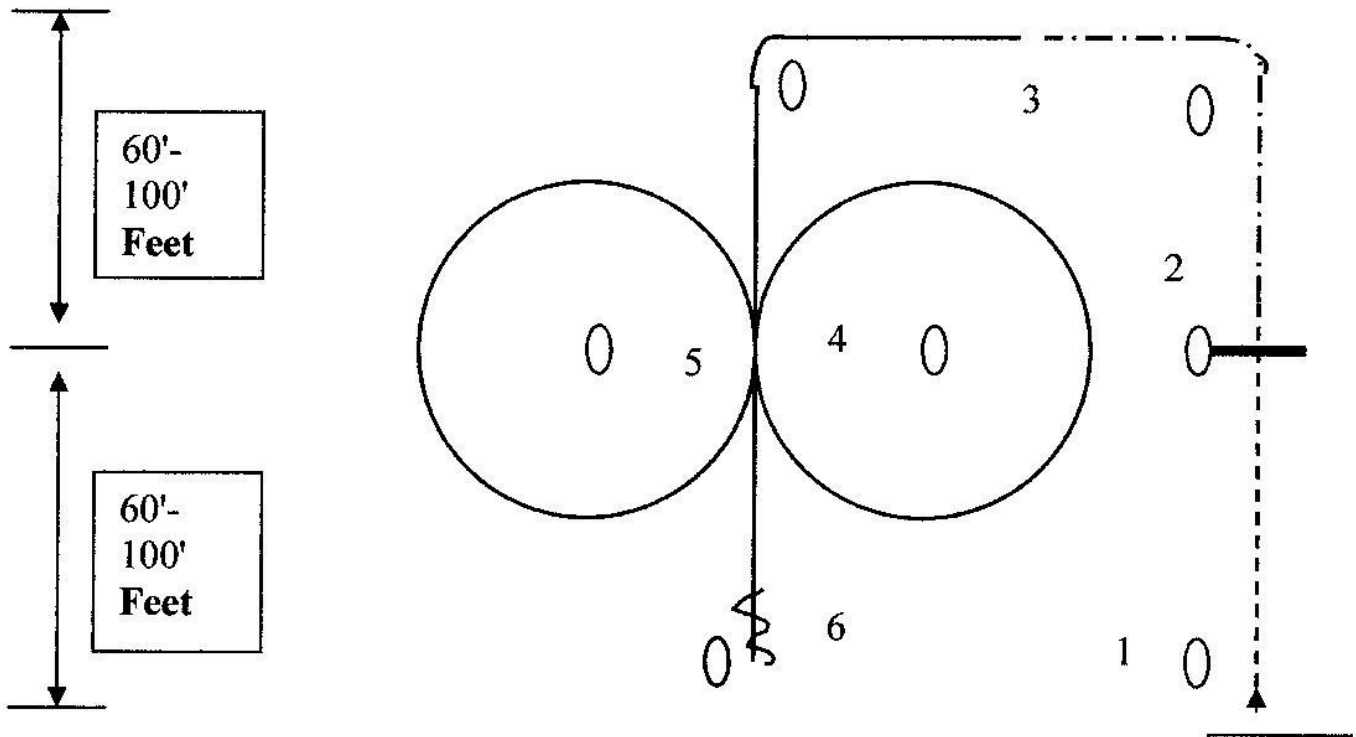
Clinic must be open to all 4-H Horse Project Members

Clinic will be non-breed endorsement

Optional donation to support Equestrians in El Paso County donated back to HAC if a profit is derived from clinic

Requests for HAC Approved Clinics should be presented at least 2 weeks prior to proposed clinic date at a scheduled HAC meeting. A flyer advertising the clinic with clinician(s) Bio(s) should be presented to HAC and be available in electronic form for email distribution to members. It should contain any requirements for attendance.

Riding Pattern for Beginner & Novice Riders
English and Western



Marker/cone- 0

Log-

Walk-

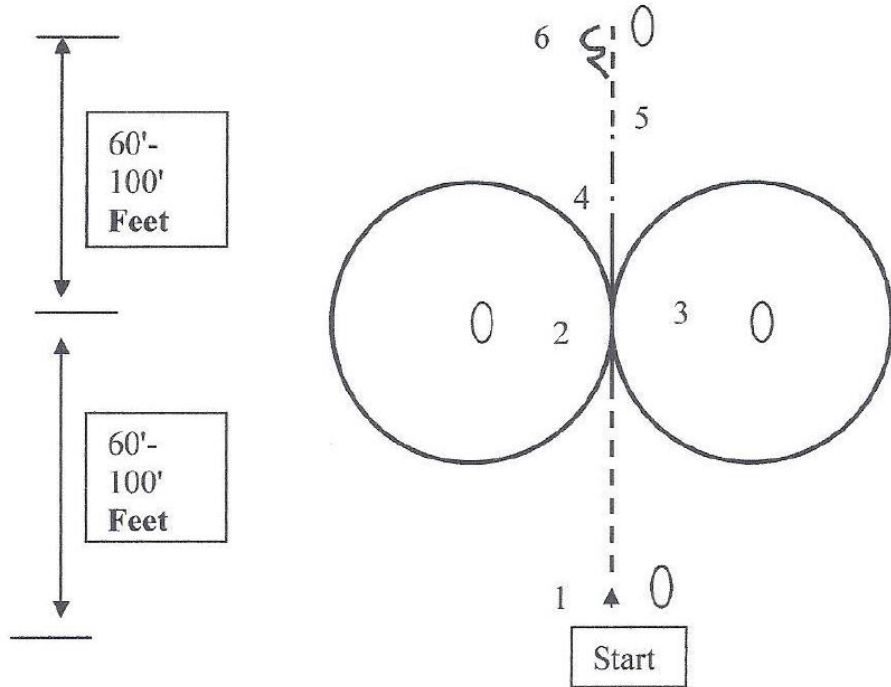
Jog/Rising Trot

Lope-

Back-

1. Walk over log
2. Jog/Rising Trot
3. Lope- Left Lead
4. Lope Large Circle to the left
5. Simple Lead Change- Lope Large Circle to the Right
6. Balanced Stop & Back 4 Steps

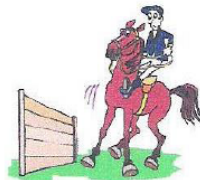
Riding Control Patterns for Novice and Beginners
English & Western



Marker/cone- 0
 Walk- - - - -
 Jog/Sitting Trot - - - -
 Jog/Rising Trot - - - -
 Back- w

1. Walk
2. Rising Trot Circle to the Left (Right Diagonal English only) (All Western Riders Jog)
3. Rising Trot Circle to the Right (Left Diagonal English only) (All Western Riders Jog)
4. Sitting Trot (All Western Riders Jog)
5. Walk
6. Halt & Back 4 Steps

Please read your County Rule Book and the State Rule Book so you know all the rules and regulations.



Open Horse Show Qualifier 2016-17

2016-17 El Paso County 4-H Open Horse Show form confirms a 4-H member participated in up to 3 Open Horse Shows in El Paso County. These shows will count as qualifiers for El Paso County 4-H Horse Project Members to participate in the El Paso County Fair 4-H Horse Show. Show Management will sign off on the form verifying the member showed the indicated horse at the show.

Contestant _____

Horse Shown _____

Show Date _____

Show Management signature _____

Contestant _____

Horse Shown _____

Show Date _____

Show Management signature _____

Contestant _____

Horse Shown _____

Show Date _____

Show Management signature _____

If you are using one of the above shows to qualify for the El Paso County Fair 4-H Horse Show, you must attach a copy to your Registration Form(s).

The original must be turned in with your “El Paso County Horse Achievement Award” Points Form.