

## SMALL EQUINE PROJECT GUIDE

All Equine less than 46 inches at the withers are eligible including Donkeys, small mules, and horse/ponies. (American Shetland pony standards)

If your not showing an equine at the fair you can make an educational poster for judging and to exhibit at the fair.

Small equine must show in at least 1 premium class on Mondays 4-H premium day to complete their 4-H requirements. There is also a Small equine show on Tuesday.

Participants in this project must complete list below in order to exhibit Small equine at the Fair:

1. An Equine Project Book (#1897 for small equine project or other horse project book)
2. Equine Record Book 190R
3. Interview judging
4. All Registration, safety, Body-scoring & other forms – Due by May 15<sup>th</sup>

Forms to be turned in no later than May 15, to the extension office or your club advisor. The forms will available online at <http://richland.osu.edu/topics/4-h-youth-development> or <http://richland.osu.edu/topics/4-h-youth-development/2010-jr.-fair-family-horse-guide>

**Checklist - for items that MUST be turned in with registration.**

- 1. Signed Registration form
- 2. Permission to participate form
- 3. \$25 Registration fee
- 4. Send 3-4 pictures of your horse, donkey, or mule showing, left and right sides, head, and markings.
- 5. Class entry form – Please check any class you are interested in entering, this form is to get an idea of the class sizes. Class entries can be adjusted at the show.
- 6. Safety and Ethics Signed form, if not already on file in the OSU Ext. office for the current year. This form is available at OSU Extension office.
- 7. Body scoring form

Class rules are taken from the Uniform Rules for 4-H horse shows, if class isn't listed in the 4-H rulebook, then the class rules will be followed from the ASPCA/AMHR and ADS official rules.

Once entries are tallied, large class may be divided 1 of 3 ways:

1. Animal's height
2. Exhibitors age 9-13 and 14-18
3. Donkey/mule



**Class Descriptions not available in uniform 4-H horse show rules or on the show bill:**

**Ground Driving Reinsmanship- Rail work and a pattern demonstrating control, transition of gait, stopping and backing.**

1. Once equine/handler combination has entered in any cart driving class they will no longer be eligible for the ground driving class.
2. The driver is on foot and will maintain at least a six foot space from the horse's rear legs at all times for safety.
3. Tack can be either a halter or bridle with snaffle bit (no shanks on the bit; no metal curb straps or metal of any kind over the nose or under the jaw). A surcingle, harness, or saddle may be used through which the driving lines will pass. Lines may be leather, rope, or nylon without chains. The lines must not be connected together and need to be 25 feet long. (Long enough to allow 6ft between horse and driver.)

**Obstacle - driving/Ground driving – Exhibitor drives the equine through a series of obstacles and patterns that are determined by the judge, and will be posted the day of the show.**

**Horse Smarts - obstacles and equine questions. (Know things from your book Parts, breed requirements, colors, grooming tools, etc. )**

**Liberty – demonstrates the beauty and elegance of the style of movement that is natural to the particular equine. Some may gallop wildly, buck, and rear, while others may go through various gaits including the canter. The selection of music should suit the style of the equine. The exhibitor and handler enter the ring with the equine, at the first sound of the music, the exhibitor removes the halter and the horse runs "free" in the arena demonstrating various gaits, or just trotting to the music. The exhibitor's musical choice should be taped to end at exactly one and a half minutes. The exhibitor has exactly two minutes to catch and halter the horse. A handler may assist the exhibitor in the ring to keep the horse in motion but may not catch or halter the animal. Neither the exhibitor nor the handler may touch the horse in any way during the performance. Shakers and whips are allowed but the must not touch the horse. Baiting to catch the horse is not permitted.**

**Simon Says - will have an educational touch :)**

**Uniform rules for 4-H horse shows will be the rulebook used at all 4-H shows. If not in the 4-H rules the class will follow ASPC/AMHR or ADS Rules.**

**All ASPC/AMHR, AMHA, & competitive driving rules available Online at:**

<http://www.shetlandminiature.com/registries/aspc-registry/classic> ,

<http://www.shetlandminiature.com/about-us-photo/rule-book> and

<http://americandrivingsociety.org/EventsResources/Resources/RuleBook.aspx>

