

2024 Ashtabula County 4-H Equine Project Guidelines

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Requirements to Complete an Equine Project

- March 15th – 4-H Enrollment Deadline
 - [Click here to enroll in 4-H](#)
- April 1st – Last day to change a project
- May 1st – Equine Safety and Ethics (EQUISTEP) Training due
 - [Click here to enroll in EQUISTEP](#)
 - Each member must use a unique email address
- May 1st – Online parent and advisor training due
 - [Click here to complete the Online Parent and Advisor training](#)
- June 1st – Horse Registration Form due
 - [Click here to complete the Horse Registration Form](#)
 - Horseless Horse projects must designate horse being used
 - Lease Paperwork due (if applicable)
 - Basic Horse Training goal sheet due (if taking the 177 Basic Horse Training project)
- July 1-31st - Mandatory in-person parent and advisor training at a club meeting.
Each club will have one designated meeting facilitated by the equine committee representative. Parents and advisors may attend any club's training.
- July 1st – Class Registration Form due
 - [Click here to complete the Horse Fair Class Registration Form](#)
 - Must register for a minimum of four classes to complete your project
- July 13th – Skillathon
 - Skillathon is from 9 to 11 am
 - Horseless Horse projects must arrive at 9 am for their test
- July 25th - Project books, reports, and stall checks due (posters turned in at fair)
- Vet check completed within thirty days of fair
- Show horse at Fair or be home judged by September 1st

An equine project may be taken by a 4-H member that owns, leases, or shares a horse. A 4-H member may also complete a Horseless project. The 4-H equine project is designed to teach youth how to properly care for a horse, including but not limited to: proper feed, veterinary care, and learning to ride and show in-hand.

All equine 4-H members will be judged and awarded placings based on two categories: (1) Skills and (2) Performance or Horse Handling.

EQUINE SKILLS

Equine Skills will be measured by:

1. Completing the REQUIRED Skillathon testing (See county calendar for Skillathon date). Participants may earn up to 100 points for the Skillathon Test. All efforts should be made to attend the scheduled Skillathon, as no makeups will be permitted.
2. Barn judging, project review, and interview will be conducted at barn judging. Participants with a project horse may earn up to 100 points for this portion. Participants taking a Horseless project may earn up to 80 points for barn judging and 20 points for the Horseless knowledge test taken the same day as Skillathon.
3. Completed project books, 100-word minimum report for juniors (ages 13 and under) or 200-word minimum report for seniors (ages 14 and over), and poster or trifold. Project books and reports will be turned in by July 25. Poster/Trifold will be judged during barn judging and displayed at the fair.

Equine Skills will be judged according to the following divisions:

Beginner	A member that is 8-9 years old as of January 1 of the current year
Junior	A first- or second year member in horse 4-H that is 10 years or older
Intermediate	A third-, fourth-, or fifth- year member in horse 4-H
Senior	A sixth- year and up member in horse 4-H

*There is no separate Horseless division. Horseless projects will compete in the appropriate skills division for their age and experience.

Equine Barn Judging Criteria

1. Project horse grooming
2. Skills interview
3. Project book, scored after July 25
4. Poster and report, based on your selected project topic
5. Tack cleanliness and knowledge

Beginner and Junior Skills Interview Details

(Horseless project members will have the same skills interview).

1. Members will be asked to locate five parts of the horse from the Skillathon kit.
2. Ability to pick up horse's feet.
3. Safety knot (all horses should have a halter on and a lead rope without a chain).
4. Two questions from the Supplemental Skills Division Information [available here](#).

Intermediate and Senior Skills Interview Details

1. Members will be asked to locate ten parts of the horse from the list in the Skillathon kit.
2. Ability to pick up horse's feet.
3. Safety knot (all horses should have a halter on and a lead rope without a chain).
4. Two questions from the Supplemental Skills Division Information [available here](#).

EQUINE PERFORMANCE

Equine Performance will be measured by:

1. Members must select a minimum of four and maximum of six classes from the class registration form in order to complete their project.
2. Classes are judged by an independent judge and placed through six places. Points will be assigned as follows: six points for first place, five points for second place, four points for third place, three points for fourth place, two points for fifth place, one point for sixth place.
3. Points for up to six classes will be recorded and tallied for week-end awards. If there are any ties, they will be broken by the most first places, second places, et cetera.
4. Each member may add additional non-point classes to their list of classes. These classes will give members the chance to try a different discipline than the one in which they would normally ride. The member may place in the class, but no points will be given towards the week-end awards.

Equine Performance will be judged according to the following divisions:

Beginner Walk/Trot, or first or second year with a small equine (ages 8-11)

Intermediate Walk /Trot, or first or second year with small equine (ages 12 and older)

Once the Walk/Trot week-end award has been won twice with the same horse, a member will no longer be eligible to receive a week-end award in the Walk/Trot Divisions. The member would be eligible for the week-end award in the Walk/Trot divisions in subsequent years if a new horse is acquired.

Novice A member who is competing in their first or second year with a canter or loping project, or third and fourth year competing in small equine.

Senior A member who is competing in their third or fourth year with a canter or loping project, or fifth or sixth year competing in small equine.

Advanced A member who is competing in their fifth year and up with a canter or loping project, or seventh year and up competing in small equine.

Classes will be assigned based on enrollment.

Regardless of age, members can be put in a division determined by their riding or horsemanship skills. The member's head advisor will make a determination of their skills. If a level cannot be agreed upon, the Executive Committee will make the final decision.

If a 4-H member is cantering or loping their project horse at any 4-H show, open show, fun show, or work session, they cannot be in a walk/trot division with their project and must register for canter classes for the fair.

A list of classes will be available on the Horse Fair Class Registration Form.

EQUINE PROJECTS AND REQUIREMENTS

All equine project areas are for 4-H members involved in Horse 4-H. Any 4-H member that wishes to take a Horseless Horse project as a general project (meaning the member is not in the Equine program) should follow the general project guidelines on the ashtabula.osu.edu website and not use these guidelines.

REQUIREMENT FOR EACH ENROLLED PROJECT:

EQUINE MEMBERS MUST COMPLETE A REPORT (SUBMITTED BY JULY 25) AND A POSTER OR TRIFOLD (SUBMITTED AT BARN JUDGING). THE REPORT AND POSTER MUST CORRESPOND TO THE PROJECT TOPIC.

- **JUNIORS (AGES 13 AND UNDER): 100-WORD MINIMUM REPORT AND A POSTER OR TRIFOLD**
- **SENIORS (AGES 14 AND OVER): 200-WORD MINIMUM REPORT AND A POSTER OR TRIFOLD**

Horseless Horse Project

Overview: Horseless members will compete against other Horse 4-H members in the appropriate skills division. Horseless projects must have the project horse that they will use for barn judging designated on the Horse Registration Form that is due June 1.

Requirements:

1. Take a Horseless Horse knowledge test on the same day as Skillathon, at 9 am at the same location as Skillathon. The test may cover any topic in the 174 project book between pages 9 and 64.
2. Participate in Barn Judging. See the appropriate division section for requirements. Additional information may be posted to the Equine section of the Extension website by January 1.
3. Complete a project book according to the requirements listed for their experience level in Horse 4-H:

174 - Beginning Horse Management

Overview: This book is the foundation for success in a 4-H equine experience. It is required for all first- and second-year members, regardless of whether they are taking a horseless, draft horse, saddle horse, or a small equine.

Requirements:

First year members

1. Complete pages 9-64 in the 174 project book. All pages must be complete.
2. Complete the 190R Equine Record Book.
3. Riding projects must complete a showmanship and a horsemanship class at fair; non-riding projects must complete a showmanship class at fair.

Second year members

1. Complete pages 65-103 in the 174 project book. All pages must be complete.
2. Complete the 190R Equine Record Book.

Third year members

1. Complete pages 104-171 in the 174 project book. All pages must be complete.
2. Complete the 190R Equine Record Book.

175 - Light Horse Selection

Overview: This project is generally best suited for more experienced 4-H Members. Members will learn horse anatomy, horse feature correlations, correct horseman terms, unsoundness and defects, horse judging and giving oral reasons for judging. Members will learn how to correctly describe a horse.

Requirements: Complete the 190R Equine Record Book.

177 – Basic Horse Training

Overview: This project is available to members 14 and older who have sufficient basic horsemanship skills to train a young horse or older horse that has training needs.

Requirements:

- 1) A Basic Horse Training Goal Sheet (available [here](#)) must be submitted by June 1 and approved by the 4-H Equine Committee at the June Committee meeting.
- 2) Complete the 190R Equine Record Book.
- 3) The member must register for the Basic Horse Training class for fair.

180 - Learning to Jump

Overview: Learning to jump is an intermediate level project that may be taken multiple years until completed. When this project is completed, members are encouraged to take a self-determined jumping project to further their skills. This is the only jumping class available for walk/trot riders. The height of jumps will be determined by horse size and skill level.

Requirements:

1. Complete the 190R Equine Record Book.
2. The member must register for a jumping class for fair.

181 - Draft Horse

Overview: Teaches nutrition and breeds of draft horses. This book contains information on harnessing and fitting for a horse for show. This project is designed for a member with a draft horse, but the book can be taken by any member.

Requirements: Complete the 190R Equine Record Book.

182 – Small Equine

Overview: This intermediate project is for a miniature horse, donkey, or mule. Learn the basics of caring for small equines, guiding in-hand and driving, and showmanship.

Requirements: Complete the 190R Equine Record Book,

184 - Standardbred Horse

Overview: This project is for the member that wants to gain knowledge of the Standardbred breed.

Requirements: Complete the 190R Equine Record Book.

186-Gymkhana

Overview: Get started and succeed in competitive games on horseback! Learn how to take care of your horse, the patterns of gymkhana (including the barrel and flag races), and everything else you need to know to excel in gymkhana. This is an intermediate level project which requires access to a horse.

Requirements: Complete the 190R Record Book.

187 – Roping

Overview: Explore roping's rich history and its deep roots in the American West and the rodeo. Learn how rope is made and understand how each type of rope is used. Once you have practiced the basics of roping, put your skills into action by exploring the different types of roping events—ground roping, mounted competition, breakaway roping, goat tying, tie-down roping, and team roping. May be repeated up to three years as long as new learning takes place. This project can be completed without a horse. Project animal required for mounted roping activities..

Requirements: Complete the 190R Equine Record Book for mounted roping activities.

188 – Trail

Overview: Intermediate level project to learn the basics of conditioning and partnering with your horse for competition or pleasure riding.

Requirements: Complete the 190R Equine Record Book.

189 - Dressage

Overview: For older youth with good riding skills, this project focuses on further development of horse and rider so the two become one working unit. Members must provide their own test. The 179 Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows rulebook for dressage will be followed, with additional guidance from USDF rules.

Requirements:

1. Complete the 190R Equine Record Book.
2. Member must turn in a copy of their test and any necessary music to their advisor before the start of fair. Advisors should turn these items in at the first advisor meeting at fair.
3. Members using the same horse must move up a test level every year.

365H - Self-Determined

Overview: This project is used to allow the expansion of currently offered 4-H projects. Members must select a topic based on the subjects offered each year. Topics will be available each year on the 365H Self Determined Horse Project Topics, available [here](#).

Requirements:

1. Complete the 190R Equine Record Book.
2. Complete the Ohio 4-H 365 Self Determined Project Guide, available [here](#).

COUNTY AND STATE OFFERINGS

State Fair Selection - PAS Classes

Members, 4-H and FFA, wishing to exhibit their horse at the Ohio State Fair Junior Horse Show must first qualify in a sanctioned Performance against the Standard (PAS) show. State Fair registration must be submitted/verified by the Extension Office and necessary documentation must be uploaded to 4-HOnline by noon on July 1st.

State Fair Selection – Dressage

Member must take Dressage as a project and must have earned at least one score of 60% or higher on that particular test from one approved judge, while riding in dressage competition or schooling shows during the current calendar year. Member must notify the Extension Office of their qualification.

State Fair Skillathon

Hippology Team Competition

Equine Judging Team Competition

Horse Bowl Team Competition

Horse Communications Contest

Poster Contest

Groom and Clean Team Contest

Competitive Trail Ride

County level competition will follow the rules and regulations of the state competition. Interested contestants should visit <http://horse.osu.edu> for more information.

COUNTY 4-H AND FAIR REGISTRATION DEADLINES

***Please visit <http://ashtabula.osu.edu> for the correct forms.

1. County 4-H Enrollment and Annual Permission to Participate in Horse Activities Form is due **March 15** to the OSU Extension Office.
2. No project changes may be made after **April 1**, including Horseless projects.
3. All equine members must complete and submit proof of Safety and Ethics (EQUISTEP) training by **May 1** to the OSU Extension Office. Approved materials may be reviewed as a club or individually.
4. At least one parent/guardian of each equine member and all advisors must attend the Online Parent and Advisor Training by **May 1**. Attendees must go through the entire presentation and verify their attendance at the conclusion.
5. Horse Registration Form is due **June 1**. No late entries will be accepted. All areas on the Registration Form must be completed, with the Horse ID Form attached.
 - a. Horse changes may be made up until **June 15** without penalty. Any horse change after June 15 must be due to injury or a safety issue and must go through the Equine Committee. Members may take up to two equines. Members only qualify for awards with their primary points horse registered by June 1. Second horses must be approved at the May Equine Committee meeting and cannot be replaced for any reason. It is recommended that first year members do not take two horses. If a member is approved for two project horses and their primary points horse cannot attend fair, the second horse may still attend fair, but there will be no class changes after July 15 and the member is not eligible for performance awards.
6. Class Registration Form is due **July 1**. No late entries will be accepted. Classes may not be changed or added after this date. Classes may be dropped at any time.
7. A member using a horse NOT owned by their family must file a lease paper at the OSU Extension office by **June 1**. Example lease forms are available at the OSU Extension Office.
8. At least one parent/guardian of each equine member and all advisors must attend In-Person Parent and Advisor Training by **July 31**. Each club will have one designated meeting facilitated by the equine committee representative. Parents and advisors may attend any club's training.
9. Any and all concerns for safety of the youth with handling and/or riding must be brought before the Executive Committee for review prior to July 15. The Executive Committee has the authority to render a decision regarding the suitability of any project animal for fair.
10. In order to be eligible to bring an equine project to fair, regardless of the discipline, all members must be seen with their horse at the fairgrounds at two work sessions, and attend 50% of club meetings. There will be a section on the bottom of the Fair Class Registration Form for signatures of the advisor, parent, and member, stating that the member has worked on project areas for the fair.

MIDDLE BARN ELIGIBILITY

Earning a stall in the middle barn is accomplished by going above and beyond the requirements in one's 4-H experience. Below is the ranking for the experiences that will earn a middle barn stall. Ties will be broken by years in Horse 4-H, then age, then date of birth. Members must be in good standing with their club.

1. Immediate prior year's Equine Royalty Senior Winner and First Attendant and the Equine Royalty Junior Winner and First Attendant.
2. Top 4-H'er (if equine member)
3. Immediate prior year's Fair Queen, King, Prince, or Princess (if equine member)
4. State Fair PAS Qualifiers* and State Fair Dressage Qualifiers* (must notify committee upon qualification).
5. Competitors that compete at the state level in Judging, Hippology, Horse Bowl, and State Skillathon of the current year are eligible. Groom and Clean or Competitive Trail competitors qualify for a stall the following year.
6. Horse Communications Contest Participants – (Public Speaking, Individual Presentation, Team Presentation, and Poster Contest).
7. Junior Fair Board Members – Declared to be in good standing.
8. Participants from all above contests with the most seniority in Horse 4-H (including Equine Royalty participants of the current year).
9. Members taking an approved second horse of all of the above.
10. Last year age eligible to participate in 4-H, if enrolled in Horse 4-H a minimum of three years.
11. Number of years in Horse 4-H.

If the stall assigned is not going to be used by the member's horse one week prior to fair, the stall will be discussed by the Head Advisors from each club to render a decision for its use. If a horse cannot come to fair, the stall will be forfeited and returned to the pool for stall picking.

* In order to keep the stall, the member must compete at state fair in the competition that earned the stall.

4-H EQUINE RULES AND REGULATIONS

These rules are all important and will be strictly enforced at ANY 4-H sponsored or sanctioned event, including fair. Any member may be reprimanded by any advisor and will be asked to identify themselves and their club. The matter will then be reported to their head advisor and dealt with accordingly. Following any violations of the 4-H Code of Conduct or Junior Fair Rules, the 4-H Equine Committee will work with the 4-H Educator to determine consequences. A first offense may result in a written warning from the Equine Executive Committee. A second offense may result in removal from contention for awards. Additional consequences are outlined in the Code of Conduct and may include the member not being permitted to attend 4-H programs and events or fair. Depending on the severity of the incident, the Executive Committee has the discretion to escalate the consequences of the incident.

1. The use of ASTM/SEI Helmets is MANDATORY for any rider or driver in any 4-H related activity while mounted or driving a horse. This includes the week of fair and club work sessions, and is not limited to 4-H members, i.e. Open Show participants.
2. Any member may be reprimanded by an advisor and will be asked to identify themselves and their club. The matter will then be reported to their club advisor and dealt with accordingly.
3. Stallions may be exhibited ONLY if less than one year old and within the year born.
4. A horse with a red ribbon in its tail means it has the propensity to kick. All horses with this propensity are required to have a red ribbon in their tail.
5. No bareback riding is allowed, except for designated fair classes.
6. No riding double, except for designated fair classes.
7. When working with horses on the ground or in the stall, no flip flops or sandals will be permitted. Boots are preferred for any work around a horse.
8. All riders must wear Western or English boots when riding.
9. All riders must have proper riding apparel.
10. No spaghetti strap shirts, open sided or cut-off t-shirts, or shorts when riding. All straps on clothing must measure at least three fingers wide.
11. Horses are to be walked in all areas except in the rings.
12. Dump manure in manure pit only.
13. Any questions regarding a rule or class should be directed to the show committee. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD AN EXHIBITOR OR ANYONE ELSE APPROACH THE JUDGE AT THE SHOW WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The Judge's decision is final.
14. Members parents & advisors must follow 4-H code of conduct and the Junior Fair Board Rules.

RULES SPECIFIC TO COUNTY FAIR

All rules apply on the Sunday prior to fair until the Monday after fair.

1. Patterns will be posted by June 1 at [this link](#).
2. It is strongly recommended that horses going to fair have yearly inoculations. Horses should have Rabies and five-way shot (Tetanus, Eastern and Western Encephalitis, Rhino, and Influenza) with record of the inoculation. Shots should be given at least thirty days prior to fair.
3. All shared horses must have a lease paper on file with the Extension Office unless they are owned and shown by members of the same family. Each member may only share one horse. If a member is approved by the Equine Committee to take two horses and wants to lease and share a horse with another member, the horse may be used as a points horse for the equine performance awards by either or both members. Equal care for the horse must be provided by both youths. Members must compete in different classes, except for Reining, Trail, Dressage, and Gymkhana classes. Only one member may try out for state fair. That member must be designated by June 1.
4. No parking in designated fire lanes between the ring and the barn, camper areas, or in specifically posted no parking areas. Violators will be towed at their expense.
5. While we encourage 4-H members to receive outside instruction, no trainers are permitted to ride, lunge, or school the 4-H member or horse in the ring at fair. This applies to the entire week of fair.
6. If, for safety purposes only, a 4-H member needs assistance with an unruly animal, an alternative handler designated by the Equine Executive Committee may assist the member in calming the horse. This may include riding or lunging. The member and the club advisor must be present. This rule is applicable when the horse arrives at fair until the end of project judging Thursday afternoon.
7. The Equine Executive Committee will decide what procedure to follow should weather or other conditions prohibit a safe, fair judging.
8. Tack boxes size cannot exceed 36 inches width by 50 inches height and 30 inches depth.
9. Tack boxes cannot be brought in before the time designated by the Senior Fair Board.
10. Small equine projects may only use hay bags, not hay nets.
11. All horses must be on the fairgrounds by the time designated by the Senior Fair Board. Late arriving animals will not be allowed to stay at the fair.
12. No horses are allowed in the parking lot or camping area.
13. No member is to be mounted on a horse except for the area north of the arena. This includes under the barn overhangs.
14. No horses are to be in the center aisle of the Arena Barn.
15. No lunging is permitted while shows are in progress.
16. The warm up paddock is limited to the entrants in the next two upcoming classes.
17. Any member working with an equine project must have a parent or guardian with them while working with their animal.
18. Front small ring is designated for draft horses and small equines only. A schedule will be available for front ring usage during the fair.
19. All equine projects must be stalled during the draft hitch classes.
20. The West Ring is designated for junior fair exhibitors riding horses, except when draft horses are showing.
21. Draft horse projects may be handled and shown in the draft horse program by someone other than the 4-H member, but it will not affect the member's project. This includes the parade.
22. 4-H members who have signed up for walk trot classes may not canter in any open shows at fair.
23. All stalls are to be cleaned throughout the week of the fair. There should be no more than two piles of manure in the stall. Water buckets should be kept clean and at a minimum half full of water. The area around the stall and tack areas are to be kept clean. Each equine advisor is responsible for their club's stall conditions.
24. Barn lights will be turned off at 12:30 am.
25. Ashtabula County Fair Board will not furnish a veterinarian to 4-H members for treatment of animals, but the fair vet may be called for emergency situations at a cost to the member or member's family.
26. Any horse project may be home judged. Home judged projects cannot compete for any riding award, but the 4-H member may compete for the skills award for their age division.
 - The home judged project must be completed by September 1. Member will be judged by a barn judge of the current year who is not an advisor for the member's own club.
 - A project will ONLY be home judged with a written excuse either from a doctor for the member, or a veterinarian for the project. The home judged project will receive an A, B, or C grade ribbon/score and is not eligible for any other awards, e.g., Equine Royalty or the CLASS Award.

27. Should an animal have to leave the grounds for health reasons, the fair veterinarian and a designated member of the Senior Fair Board must give permission via a release form. The club advisor and 4-H Educator must also be notified.
28. One equine representative for Super Showman will be selected based on the rules specified in the Fair Book. Once selected as the Super Showman for equines, 4-H members may not compete again for two years.
29. Animals may not leave the fairgrounds until the time designated by the Senior Fair Board. Early departure without permission will result in the exhibitor being barred from showing the following year.
30. ALL STALLS must be clean and empty by 6 pm the Wednesday following fair. A stall deposit of \$25.00, payable by check, is due July 25. The deposit will be returned when stalls are cleaned and other close out projects are completed. A work sign-up sheet will be available for all horse members taking a project to fair. Approximately two hours of work per family will need to be completed before the \$25.00 deposit will be returned. If the above is not completed, the money will be forfeited.
31. No full-sized refrigerators or other full-sized appliances are permitted in the camping area.
32. All families that are camping are reminded to remove all items from their campsites when they leave.
33. No decorations may be removed before 9 pm Sunday. All decorations must be removed by 6 pm on the Wednesday following fair.

FAIR CLEAN AREA / CLEAN AISLE AWARD

Exhibiting a project at the Ashtabula County Fair is a reward for the hard work put into a project and horse for the entire year. While the week of fair is a fun week, animals and project areas must be cared for and members should strive to portray to visitors a clean, well-fed and cared-for animal, and clean area surrounding the animal.

Each day of fair between 10 am and 2 pm, two representatives assigned by the Equine Committee will walk through the barns and evaluate the cleanliness and care of the animals. The following items will be judged, with twenty possible points for each section and one hundred total points available each day.

Aisle and Area: Area is free of litter, paper, hay, straw, shavings, and manure. Aisles need to be clean.

Clean Fresh Water: Water buckets must be at least half full and free of dirt, hay, or debris. Buckets should be in a place that is visible without going into the stall.

Tack in Tack Box: Pitchforks, rakes and shovels should be in the tack stall. Cleaning and grooming supplies for your horse must be neatly put away in tack boxes.

Clean Stall: Two piles of manure are allowed. Stalls should be dry, free of debris, clean, and neat.

Horse Cleanliness: Horses should be well-groomed, clean, and in healthy condition. Horse pajamas, sheets, and sleazies are okay, but the horse must be clean underneath. These covers should not be used to hide sweat marks or dirt. If the horse is not in the stall due to showing, bathing, or being loved on by their kid, full points for the horse will be given.

Fifty points will be deducted from a score if any parents are seen cleaning the member's stall or area.

Clubs are divided by Big Club, ten horses and over, and Little Club, nine horses and under. The previous day's winners will be announced at the next morning advisor meeting. At the awards ceremony, the winner for the entire week will be recognized and receive a \$100.00 donation to a charity of the winner's choice.

FAIR DECORATION AWARD

Each club's decorations will be judged by two assigned judges. Winners will be announced Tuesday at the morning equine advisor meeting. The Equine Committee will purchase pizza for the winning club and recognition will be provided. Decorations must remain in place until 9 pm the Sunday of fair. Judging criteria for the 4-H Equine Decoration Award will be available on the Ashtabula.osu.edu website.

COMPLAINTS AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

While we strive to make 4-H members' experiences throughout the entire year a fun, learning, team-building, and character-building experience, we recognize that there will be instances where complaints and/or conflicts arise. A parent, guardian, or member may voice their concerns in the following order:

1. 4-H Club volunteer/advisor
2. 4-H Equine Executive Committee
3. 4-H Educator (Ashtabula County OSU Extension)
4. Fair Board Director or Superintendent (if applicable)

REQUIRED EQUINE ADVISOR TRAINING

Each equine advisor must attend a minimum of one Equine Committee and one educational meeting.

Failure to complete the training will result in the loss of advisor in good standing status and the free fair pass that is provided to the advisor.

EQUINE CLUBS AND ADVISORS, LISTED BY SENIORITY

1. Rhythm Riders
 - a. Audrey Felicijan (Committee President, Species Chair) – 440-474-2126 audreyfelicijan@yahoo.com
 - b. Kelly Williams – (Event Correspondent) 440-228-6187
 - c. Jen Allan – 440-789-2362
 - d. Renee Cole – 440-812-0644
2. Vaqueros
 - a. Valerie Stehura– 440-812-9406 valeriewcs2011@yahoo.com
3. Bits N' Tails
 - a. Linda Fee (Committee Treasurer) 440-812-3089 keekenfee@yahoo.com
 - b. Sydney Hummer 440-858-5361
4. Runnin' Free
 - a. Bernie Kranauer– 440-228-2510 berniekranauer@outlook.com
 - b. Becky Hooper – 440-415-1406
 - c. Julie Aveni – 440-840-1515
5. Dusty Riders dr4hclub@gmail.com
 - a. Shannon Jones (Committee Secretary) – 440-417-2643
 - b. Harley Buckley (Committee Vice President) – 440-381-9671
6. Barnyard Buddies
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Any new club must be chartered through the OSU Extension and the 4-H Educator, and is required to be mentored by an existing club assigned by the Ashtabula County 4-H Equine Committee in conjunction with the 4-H Educator.