

Wood County State Qualifying PAS Show Rules

1. You must be a Wood County 4-H or FFA member and use your 4-H or FFA project to participate.
2. Any 4-H member planning to participate in the State Fair 4-H Horse Show must have been enrolled in 4-H the previous year as well as the current year. Exception: First year members are eligible.
3. One Judge will be used.
4. Judging will be done in accordance with the Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows modified by state performance against the standard rules.
5. ****All youth age 19 and under, participating in any 4-H equestrian activity, are required to wear properly fitted protective headgear which meets or exceeds current ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards with the chin harness securely fastened at all times while riding or driving an equine. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian of the youth participant, to make sure that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use and is properly fitted and in good condition. The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance.**
****The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders make no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear, as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries in equestrian activities.**
****The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders may, at his/her discretion, check a participant's protective headgear for proper standards. If the youth is found to be wearing unapproved, defective, or improperly fitted headgear, he/she will not be permitted to participate in riding or driving activities until proper headgear is acquired.**
6. Any complaints or protests must be filed according to the New Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows No. 179 article 19 under General Rules on page 10 which states as follows:
 1. Complaints will be handled through the show steward, who will clarify rules and arrange for the exhibitor to visit with the judge if the steward feels the request is justified.
 2. If any complaint cannot be resolved at the steward level, a written protest should be filed with show management.
 - a. Protests must be made in writing and signed by the party or parties making the protest.
 - b. A \$100.00 fee must accompany the protest. The fee will be retained by the show management and used to pay the costs of investigating the protest.
 - c. The protest and fee must be filed with the show manager the same day of the show. The protest will be considered at the time designated by the show manager and will include the accused, the accuser, an Extension representative, and any other needed parties. If any party cannot attend, a representative must be sent.
 - d. A judge's decision on how a class is placed, or a decision on disqualification of an exhibitor based on the judge's interpretation of the rules for that class, shall not be protested.
 3. The show manager has the right to prohibit an exhibitor from showing if there is evidence that the exhibitor has violated 4-H horse show rules that would make the exhibitor ineligible to show.
7. The Judge's decision is final and non-disputable.

8. All entries must be turned into 4-H and FFA advisor by June 1. Entries need to be made for all classes. They may sign up for Six (6) classes.
9. A youth may only use one horse to try out in PAS shows and cannot replace a horse for any reason after they have shown in their first PAS class.
10. In case of hardship, horses changed after June 1st are not eligible to participate in the show.
11. All members showing western projects may dress in western show clothes of their choice with western hat and boots. Ties and scarves are optional. Members showing English must dress according to the Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows. Chaps are optional for Western Horsemanship, Ranch Horsemanship, Trail, Pleasure, Western Riding and Reining.
12. Each individual will be assigned a number and must be displayed on each side of the saddle pad.
13. Electric timers will be used for contest classes.
14. To be eligible to show at the State Fair, the youth must qualify in two (2) classes offered at the State Fair.
15. If qualified in more than two (2) classes, the youth can select which classes (maximum of four) they will enter in the State Junior Horse Show. Youth will only be allowed to show in classes for which they qualified.
16. All Wood County 4-H and FFA members qualifying for the State Fair must show at the Wood County Fair. **ANY EXCEPTIONS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE WOOD COUNTY JR & SR FAIRBOARD COMMITTEES.**
17. The judge will dismiss from the ring any entry he/she feels is unruly or not in sufficient control for the safety of the handler or other exhibitors.
18. Unsportsmanlike conduct towards judges, show management, exhibitors, or physical abuse of the project horse will not be tolerated. Violators will be dismissed from the show and/or subject to further actions appropriate to the offending action by the show steward.
19. All equine may be subject to random drug testing.
20. Members that have qualified to show at state are required to fill out an online entry and pay the stall fee by 1p.m., July 1, 2025. Exhibitors must upload a copy of their equine's current negative Coggins test (dated on or after January 1st of the current calendar year) and horse ID to 4-H Online.
21. A member may go to another county to qualify for any reason, but they must follow the current guidelines in the Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows.