

## **DEPARTMENT 40**

### **4-H PERFORMANCE HORSE**

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*Please fill out your 4-H Horse Entry Forms and return to the Fair Office by July 23, 2009. Postmarked by July 20, 2009.*

#### **Points Allowed:**

Showmanship: Blue-100 Red-80 White 60

Mare-Foal Showmanship: Blue-80 Red-60 White-40

Performance Classes: Blue-40 Red-30 White-20

*The following equine event descriptions are included here to give horse members some details about available classes. Please refer to the Horse Events Schedule.*

#### **Showmanship:**

- The show person is to demonstrate the ability to lead, turn and control their animal as the judge directs.

See The Horse Contest Guide, for the elaboration of the following Basis For Scoring:

25% The 4-H Member

25% Horse and Equipment

50% Showing

- These classes are not transferable and represent separate Project areas. The Showmanship Class entered will determine the division for which the rider will be receiving 4-H premiums and qualifying for State competition. One rider may have one principal horse and one or more substitute horses for each project entry (up to three). The same horse may be used in all projects. Project horses must be identified for Gaming, Performance and/or Dressage Jumping by May 15th on Official 4-H Horse Certificates. In the event one rider qualifies for both divisions, they may only attend one division at State (this is a State rule).

#### **Mare and Foal Showmanship:**

4-H project member and one handler enter the arena with mare and foal, 4-H member leading the foal. 4-H member presents the foal as in a regular showmanship class, then takes the mare from the handler and presents her as in a conformation class. The class will be judged on the improvement of the foal over the dam. The 4-H member handler should be prepared to answer questions regarding the project.

#### **4-H Hunt Seat Bareback Equitation:**

Riders to be judged on hands, seat and general horsemanship. All riders may be asked to execute any appropriate test the judge may deem advisable. May be Hunt Seat or Saddle Seat attire.

#### **4-H Hunt Seat Equitation:**

Rider should have a workman-like appearance. Judged on form, hands, seat and general horsemanship.

#### **4-H Saddle Seat Equitation:**

Rider should give the impression of effective and easy control. To be judged at a walk, trot and canter.

#### **4-H Dressage:**

Dressage Performance Test requirements are the same for juniors, intermediates, and senior members. Test is to be ridden and judged according to USEF tests. Tests are usually updated by USEF every 4 to 5 years. Exhibitors should make sure they are using the most current test each year. Tests may be read, but must be limited to reading each movement one time only, as it is written. Ride is to be judged on horse's gait, impulsion and submission; the rider's position and seat; and the correctness and effectiveness of the aids. Each movement is scored (0 to 10 points) to establish whether the movement performed was insufficient (4 or below) or sufficient (5 or above). Additional information on how to ride the test and how the test is to be judged can be found in the Oregon 4-H Dressage Manual, 4-H 1311. For current copies of tests, see your 4-H leader or Extension Office.

#### **4-H Stock Seat Bareback Equitation:**

Riders are to be judged on hands, seat and suitability of horse and rider. Basic position same as stock seat. Chaps are not allowed in bareback classes.

#### **4-H Stock Seat Equitation:**

Riders will be judged on seat, hands, and appointments of horse and suitability of horse to ride. Good hands are paramount.

#### **4-H Trail:**

The trail class is a mounted test of horse control and the rider's ability to guide the horse through a series of obstacles.

#### **4-H Pleasure Harness Driving**

Please refer to Harness Driving Manual (EM4881) for a complete list of rules and requirements.

#### **4-H Equitation Over Fences:**

- Senior Fence Height will be 2 ft. 6 inches
- Intermediate Fence Height will be 2ft. 3 inches
- Junior Fence Height will be 18 inches

*(State Fair fence heights will be 3 feet or less)*

The performance begins when the horse enters the ring or is given the signal to proceed after entering the ring. Except for refusal, jumping faults of the horse will not be considered unless it is the result of the rider's ability. Three cumulative refusals will eliminate the horse and rider. Course will consist of at least six obstacles with at least one change of direction.