2024 Ingham County 4-H State Horse Show Delegate Process

> **REQUIRED CRITERIA**
> - ✓ Be a registered Ingham Co. 4-H member
> - ✓ Complete Exhibitor Horse/Pony form
> - ✓ Complete a State Show Application
> - ✓ Volunteer ≥4 hours
>
> - ✓ Take the written test: 1-10 points
> - ✓ Show your horse in qualifying shows and classes: earn points from your top 6 classes, and/or participate in IC4H Twilight shows

Open Shows with classes eligible for State Show qualifying points:
- **4-H Leaders Show** – Fri-Sat, June 21-22 (Gymkhana Friday, full show bill Saturday.)
- **CHUM Dressage Show** – Sat-Sun, June 29 & 30 (pre-registration required by June 15)
- **IC4H Twilight Shows** (participation points):
  - Tues. May 21   ● Tues. June 11   ● Tues. July 9

RULES

1. Rider 13-19 years old must be a registered Ingham County 4-H member and completed an Exhibitor Horse /Pony Registration Form by June 1, including Coggins and pictures. Walk Trot exhibitors are not eligible.

2. Horse changes may be requested up to Leaders Show, in the event of a horse injury or death. A new State Show application, Exhibitor Horse/Pony Registration form, coggins, pictures, veterinary statement and letter requesting a change must be submitted to the State Show Delegate Committee for approval.

3. **State Show Application**:
   a. Complete form by June 1 and submit with Exhibitor Horse/Pony Registration form. One horse per rider.

4. **Volunteer Hours**:
   a. 4 hours minimum of community service between September 2023 and the 2024 Leaders Show.
   b. Submit completed State Show Volunteer Hour Log by June 22 to 4-H office or Leaders Show office.

5. **Written Test** of Horse Science, Horsemanship and Rules knowledge.
   a. Test to be given during Horse Camp on Thursday, June 20 at 6:00 p.m.
   b. There will be a make-up test event offered for extenuating circumstances. You must request a make-up test with the State Show Delegate Committee no later than June 20.
   c. 1 to 10 points. See Ingham County 4-H Horse Handbook for point scale.

6. **Shows & Points**:
   a. Overall top 6 classes to be calculated per rider at the Leaders Show and CHUM Dressage show.
   b. Class points: ≥6 riders per class: 1st place receives 6 points with 6th place receiving 1 point. When less than 6 riders the point max will be set at the number or riders present (e.g., if a class has 3 riders, 1st place will receive 3 points with 3rd receiving 1 point).
   c. Eligible classes for Gymkhana: Barrels, Flags, Down & Back, Speed & Action, Poles and Keyhole.
   d. Eligible classes for Performance: Showmanship, English Pleasure, English Equitation, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Ranch Riding, Ranch Horse Pleasure, Trail*, and Dressage Seat Equitation. (*in-hand trail is not eligible).
   e. Eligible classes for Dressage: Training Level Test 1, 2 & 3, First level Test 1, 2 & 3, Western Basic Level 1 & 4. Western Level 1, Test 1. Intro Level and musical freestyle are not eligible classes.
      i. Only 2 dressage test placings will be calculated in top 6 overall classes for points.
   f. Bonus Points for participating at the Twilight shows of 2 points per show.

7. **Delegate Selection:** State Show Delegate Committee will verify criteria has been met and calculate points from the written test, top 6 classes and Twilight show participation. State Show Delegates will be announced no later than July 10.
   a. Per Michigan 4-H Extension, the Ingham County quota for delegates for 2024 is 18 riders.
      i. The top 18 riders qualify as Delegates. 4 alternates with the next highest point totals will be identified if one or more of the delegates is unable to compete at the State 4-H Horse Show.
      ii. State show delegates must submit appropriate paperwork online and payment by July 14, 5p.m.

Question may be directed to Jenny Baker, State Show Delegate Committee Chair at 517-896-5265.

Ingham County State Show Application

Must be turned in with the Exhibitor Horse Registration paperwork by <u>June 1, 2024.</u>

Name:					
D.O.B		4-H Age:		Rider Phone #:	
Email				Parent Phone #:	
Club:				Leader:	
Horses Name: *(Reg & Nickname)*					
Section Qualifying:	*(Circle one)* Performance Gymkhana				

Explain in 150 words or less, why you want to compete at the Michigan State 4-H Horse Show:
(may attach separate sheet)

Michigan State 4-H Horse Show

What is it? The MI State 4-H Horse Show brings together delegates from each county. Each delegates slot may only compete 1 day of the event. You may arrive the night before and depart the day of. Stalls must be cleaned.

When is it?

<u>Friday, August 16, 2024</u> – 13-19 yrs. Gymkhana

<u>Saturday, August 17, 2024</u> – 16-19 yrs. Sr Showmanship, Equitation, Pleasure, Trail, Dressage and 13-19 yrs. Ranch

<u>Sunday, August 18, 2024</u> – 13-15 yrs. Jr Showmanship, Equitation, Pleasure, Trail, Dressage

Who can participate? Registered Ingham County 4-H members ages 13-19 that are identified as Delegates and meet the criteria.

How do I become a Delegate for Ingham Co?

1. Exhibitor must submit an Exhibitor Horse/Pony Registration form & State Show Application by June 1.
2. Must complete a minimum of 4 volunteer hours in the current program year and submit documentation.
3. Must take the State Show Written Test. The Test will be offered to all 4-H members Thursday, June 20, 6pm fairgrounds. An alternative date will be offered for exceptions only.
4. Exhibitors may compete at Leaders Show and CHUM Dressage show and their top six (6) placing/point will be used to calculate State Show points from designated classes. Bonus Points will be awarded for participating in Twilight Shows.
5. The top 18 exhibitors, based on points earned, will represent Ingham County as delegates to compete at the MI State 4-H Horse Show.

State Show Volunteer Hour Log

Must be turned in to the 4-H office or Leaders Show Office by <u>Saturday, June 22, 2024.</u>

Name:					
D.O.B		4-H Age:		Phone #:	
Club:				Leader:	

4-H Volunteer Activities:

Volunteer hours must be performed in the current 4-H year. Paid jobs, or Club fund raisers are not considered volunteer activities. Contact a member of the State Show Delegate Committee if you have questions about specific activities.

Date	Hours	Activity	Supervisor signature & phone #

I have verified that the above information is true and accurate. I understand that failure to record complete, accurate and true information will result in loss of points.

_____   _____

Rider Signature   Date

_____   _____

Parent Signature   Date

_____   _____

Leader Signature   Date