

Allegan County 4-H Draft Horse



Project Rules & Guidelines

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OBJECTIVE OF THE 4-H DRAFT HORSE PROJECT

To develop leadership, initiative, self-reliance, and sportsmanship.

To experience the pride and responsibility of owning a draft animal and to learn to care, feeding management, and how to maintain the health of the animal.

To learn safety precautions to prevent injuries to themselves, to others and to their animals.

To prepare for citizenship responsibilities by working together in groups and supporting community projects and activities.

To appreciate a draft horse as a healthy and wholesome form of recreation as well as to gain an appreciation of our conservation, history and natural resources through draft horses.



LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES & RIGHTS

A. Responsibilities

1. Assist and provide opportunities to the members to learn and improve the necessary skills required to participate in various draft horse activities.
2. Be aware of all available draft activities, resources, programs etc and relay this information to members.

B. Rights

1. Schedule 4-H Draft horse project meetings or activities minimum 5 per year.
2. Limit size of club and stay with in 5 members from 2 different families to be considered a 4-H club.

Leader has the right to dismiss a member from an activity or meeting for disruptive, unsafe or un-sportsmanlike behavior. Dismissals to be reported to the 4-H office.

MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Responsibilities

1. Attend scheduled meetings.
2. Members will provide their own transportation or make their own arrangements for transportation of their animals to and from entered events.
3. Members will utilize safety rules and procedures at all times.
4. Members should be actively participate in all club fund raising and/or all other designated functions.
5. Members have the right to know reason and disciplinary action that will be taken as a result of infractions of the rules.

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIANS RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Parent/legal guardians will accompany their youth to all events in which their youth participates.

2. It is recommended that all members under the age of 13 years be accompanied by an adult.
3. Parents/legal guardians should be supportive and assist in enforcing all 4-H Rules.
4. Parents/legal guardians will provide transportation or make arrangements for transportation of their youth to and from all 4-H activities, meetings, practices, etc.

ALLEGAN COUNTY 4-H DRAFT HORSE RULES & REGULATIONS

REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

1. Youth who plan to show at the Allegan County Fair must be enrolled by July 1.
2. Project draft animal must be identified by July 1st of the current year.
3. Open to the major draft horse breeds, including grades; draft ponies and draft mules.
4. Ownership is not required, but strongly suggested. Written permission slip of owners must be available. Youth must be working with their project animals throughout the year. It is recommended that daily records be kept of care and involvement with project draft animal. Completed Draft Animal Project Record Book is due to the draft leader by August 15th.
5. It is **MANDATORY** to attend five (5) draft animal meetings held October through August.
6. Showmanship is a required class for all exhibitors. A designated whipman will be furnished for all exhibitors. All cart and hitch class entries must be accompanied by an adult in proper attire.
7. Obstacle Class will be required to do individual maneuvers. Exhibitor's attire will be neat and clean. One team is offered for all youth entered.
8. **NO** stallions over one year of age may be entered. (Age computed as of January 1 or current year.)
9. Yearly notebooks are encouraged by not mandatory.

STABLING OF HORSES DURING THE FAIR

1. Draft horses are required to be stabled at the fairgrounds. Animals must have Flu, Tetanus, WEE, EEE, PHF, and current year coggins test are required. West Nile and Strangles are recommended.
2. Horses will be released when open class draft animals are released. No early releases without permission.

PROPER SHOW ATTIRE AND BEHAVIOR

1. Each exhibitor will be required to be in proper dress code (NO BLUE JEANS) when in show ring. Exception will be for Obstacles. Girls will be dressed as ladies and boys as gentleman.
2. Shirts with a collar, dress slacks, leather shoes or boots, hats are optional. Girls are encouraged to wear dresses or skirts for cart and hitch classes. NO SHORTS IN ANY CLASSES.
3. Everyone is expected to lend a helping hand where it is needed. Respect other's opinions; you can agree to disagree. Avoid put-downs of others. Respect other people's privacy. Judges decisions are final.