

Green County 4~H

Horse & Pony and Horseless Horse Project Manual



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4~H Horse Policy

The health and safety of all of our participants is extremely important. Therefore, our 4-H policies and safety requirements apply to ALL youth and adults participating in 4-H Horse-related projects, activities and events, including, but not limited to Horseless Horse, clinics, shows, fairs, parades, open houses, and petting zoos.

General Safety Rules

- Youth must be in 3rd grade or higher to participate.
- The handler, rider or driver must have control over their horse during 4-H sponsored activities or events.
- No intact male horses (stallions) are allowed.
- No Bareback or riding double.
- No Reining or Team Penning classes/activities
- No horse may be left unattended when out of the stall or trailer.
- Leave at least one horse/pony length between animals.
- When holding a horse in hand, make turns to the right when more than ninety degrees.

Required Participant Safety Attire

- SEI approved helmets, with harness fastened, must be worn at all times when mounted or driving.
- Close-toed shoes or boots are required when near a horse.
- Boots with a cutout heel must be worn when mounted.
- Clothing appropriate for the activity which will protect the participant from the elements surrounding the event.

Required Safety Tack and Appointments

Horse tack and appointments appropriate to the activity are required:

- A saddle is required when mounted. Saddle which fits horse and rider with stirrups, girth or cinch properly attached.
- Appropriate headgear with reins attached are required when riding or driving a horse. Halters and tie-downs alone are not approved headgear for riding or driving a horse. See WI 4-H Horse Association rules for additional headgear guidelines.
- Twisted wire snaffle bits are prohibited.
- Adjustments to tack for a valid medical reason are permitted with written permission from a veterinarian or physician, provided lead volunteers or staff are notified, and approved, prior to participation.

Animal Welfare and Safety

- Horses or Ponies must be serviceably sound and must not show evidence of broken wind (respiratory issues – COPD) or impairment of vision in both eyes.
- Coggins/Premise ID records for the open event must be maintained by the host organization for five years in compliance with Wisconsin law.
 - Equine animals from within Wisconsin need documentation of a negative EIA test done within the previous 12 months, which clearly identifies the animal by complete description, digital photographs, or an approved microchip (if a reader is available).
 - Wisconsin Premise ID should be written on the top of the Coggins record for each horse.
 - Health certificates for out of state horses should be maintained with show records. Please visit DATCP website for more details: https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/HorseOtherEquineMvmt.aspx

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4-H Horse Project Concussion and Head Injury Policy

- Wisconsin 4-H will annually distribute the 4-H Horse Project concussion and head injury information via 4-H Online to:
 - every 4-H volunteer who is enrolled in the 4-H Horse Project and
 - every 4-H member/parent that participates in the 4-H Horse Project and
 - every youth/parent that participates in the 4-H Horse Program
- No youth may participate in the 4-H Horse Project unless the youth and parent agrees to and signs the 4-H Horse Project Concussion Agreement. Forms will be signed annually at the start of each program year or upon entry of a youth into the 4-H Horse Project via the online enrollment system or paper registration.
- All 4-H Horse project volunteers will annually agree to and sign the 4-H Horse Project Concussion Policy Acknowledgement Form via the online enrollment system or paper registration before they are approved to hold 4-H Horse Project riding or driving programs/activities.
- The supervising 4-H volunteer will immediately remove a participant from the 4-H Horse Project riding or driving project/activity if the 4-H volunteer determines that:
 - the 4-H member/participant exhibits signs, symptoms, or behavior consistent with a concussion or head injury ~~–OR–~~
 - the 4-H member/participant was separated from their horse and hit their head or their head was struck.
- A youth who has been removed from the 4-H Horse Program riding or driving program/activity related to a suspected and/or confirmed concussion or head injury ~~–OR–~~ the 4-H member/participant was separated from their horse and hit their head or their head was struck **may not participate in any 4-H Horse riding or driving activities until he or she is evaluated by a health care provider and receives a written clearance to participate in the project/activity from the health care provider.**

Records shall be kept in the local Extension Office of all participants removed from a 4-H Horse project/activity for suspected and/or confirmed concussions and corresponding written clearances provided by health care providers to return to the 4-H Horse project/activity.

Project Deadlines

April 1—Registration deadline for State Speaking, Demonstration, Hippology & Horse Bowl Contests

April 1—**Pay Project Fees:** Youth who intend to bring a horse to any 4-H clinics, 4-H Ride Events, 4-H Pre-Fair Show, or 4-H Games Day, wish to be eligible for the 4-H High Point Contest, or have sponsor or tack stall fees for State 4-H Shows paid by the 4-H Horse Committee, will need to **pay Project Fees** of \$30 per individual or no more than \$50 per family. Fees help to cover costs of clinicians, judges, awards and more. We accept cash or checks made payable to “*Green County 4-H Adult Leaders.*”

May 1—**Submit Coggins with Premise ID:** Youth who intend to bring a horse to any Green County 4-H Horse event MUST submit to the Extension Office a paper copy of **current Coggins** for each horse, with the Premise ID where the horse is stabled written on top of each form. Electronic Coggins forms must be in color and the photo clear. Carbon copies are allowed with correct markings and colors noted.

May 15—Registration deadline for State 4-H Hunter & Dressage Show & Clinics

May 22—Registration Deadline for the Green County Fair

August 1—Registration Deadline for State 4-H Horse Expo (Riding, Judging, Posters, Art, Photography etc.)

August 1—Registration deadline for State 4-H Gymkhana

October 1—Deadline to turn in High Point forms to the Extension office

Educational Events without a Horse

Members are encouraged to check out the numerous opportunities available to 4-H Horse Project and 4-H Horseless Horse Project members to explore and express your interest in horses, including...

- WI State 4-H Horse Association (<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/large-animals/horse-project/wisconsin-4-h-horse-association/>)
 - Education Days: Speaking, Demonstration, Hippology & Horse Bowl—May 3-4 at UW-Green Bay
 - State 4-H Horse Expo Educational Contests: Art, Creative Communication, Judging, Model Horse, Photography, Team Problems—September 12-14 at Wisconsin State Fair Park
 - WI 4-H Horse Leadership Conference—November 8-9 at UW-River Falls
- Green County Fair (<https://greencountyfair.net/>)
 - Horse Educational Exhibits (Creative writing, Scrapbooking, Educational poster, Drawing & Painting, Photography, Woodworking) - See Dept. 10, Class F
 - Equestrian Attire (Sew articles for the rider, horse, etc.) - See Dept. 26, Classes K-N

Educational Events with a Horse

Project fees are required if 4-H members are going to participate with a horse in Green County 4-H Clinics or Shows, wish to be eligible for the 4-H High Point Contest, or have sponsor or tack stall fees for State 4-H Horse Shows paid for by the 4-H Horse Committee. The project fees help to pay clinician and judge fees, purchase necessary equipment and awards, and help with arena maintenance at the fairgrounds. NOTE: We rely on project members like you to volunteer with arena set-up and tear down.

Educational opportunities available with a horse include....

- FREE riding clinics with experienced clinicians. Registration 4 days in advanced is required to participate in clinics. See the links on the Calendar page to sign up for the clinics you'd like to attend.
- Green County 4-H Horse Shows offer youth fun, supportive opportunities to compete in a variety of horse riding forms. Some of these shows are fundraiser for the project, with class fees, and others are FREE.
- WI State 4-H Horse Association (<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/large-animals/horse-project/wisconsin-4-h-horse-association/>)
 - WI 4-H Hunt & Dressage Show & Clinics—June 27-29 at Sheboygan County Fairgrounds, Plymouth
 - WI 4-H Gymkhana—September 6 at State Fair Park, West Allis
 - WI 4-H Horse Expo—September 12-14 at State Fair Park, West Allis
- Green County Fair (<https://greencountyfair.net/>) - Trail, Showmanship, Halter, Driving, English, & Western

4~H High Point Contest

The 4-H High Point Contest is intended to encourage participation of all 4-H Horse Project and 4-H Horseless Horse Project members and reward a commitment to learning and involvement inside and outside the arena.

RULES:

Participants must be an enrolled Green County 4-H member by January 15, 2025 and have paid their 4-H Horse Project Fees by April 1, 2025.

There are three divisions in which members can participate, including:

Jr. Jr. - Grades 3-5

Jr. - Grades 6-8

Sr. - Grades 9-13

Each division will award a Champion High Point winner based on the number of points accumulated during the current project season, beginning at the Kick-off Open House and ending November 30th of each 4-H year.

Points may be earned by participation in 4-H sanctioned opportunities:

- Attending Green County 4-H Horse & Pony Project sponsored clinics, workshops and shows
- Attending WI State 4-H Horse Association sponsored events and contests
- Volunteering at 4-H Horse Project shows and events
- Attending Green County 4-H Horse Project committee meetings

It is required that a clinic or event representative signs the member's High Point Form the day of the event.

Only 4-H sanctioned events are eligible.

By December 1, 2025, mail or deliver your High Point form to:

Extension Green County

2841 6th St

Monroe, WI 53566

or email your High Point form to: ellen.andrews@wisc.edu

Forms turned in after December 1, 2025 are ineligible for awards.

Winners will be announced and awarded at the Horse & Pony Project Kick-Off event of the following year.

Horse Committee Contacts

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4~H Project Calendar



When you see the horse icon, you are welcome to bring your horse to this event.
If you do not see the horse icon, please leave your horse at home.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event/Clinician</u>	<u>Location</u>
February 8, 2025	11:00am-1:00pm	Horse Project Kick Off Event	Green County Justice Center
 May 3, 2025 May 3, 2025 Candy Benner	10:00am-12:00pm 12:30pm-2:30pm Register by April 29 at: https://go.wisc.edu/1il64g	Showmanship Clinic Trail Clinic	Storybook Farm W2435 Greenbush Rd. Juda, WI
 May 4, 2025 May 4, 2025 Crimson Pulver	10:00am-12:00pm 12:30pm-2:30pm Register by April 29 at: https://go.wisc.edu/u364iv	English Pleasure Clinic English Equitation Clinic	Country View Equest. Center N2192 Clarno Rd. Monroe, WI
 May 17, 2025 May 17, 2025 Carla Melvin	10:00am-12:00pm 12:30pm-2:30pm Register by May 13 at: https://go.wisc.edu/shbk4f	Western Pleasure Clinic Gymkhana Clinic	Green County Fairgrounds 2600 10th St. Monroe, WI
 May 31, 2025 Judge: Gary Gibson	9:00am-3:00pm Register by May 27 at: https://go.wisc.edu/t2hf62 Rain date: June 1, 2025	Fun Show	Green County Fairgrounds 2600 10th St. Monroe, W
 June 29, 2025 Judge: Gary Gibson	9:00am-3:00pm Register by June 24 at: https://go.wisc.edu/l6a802	4-H Pre-Fair Show/Clinic	Green County Fairgrounds 2600 10th St. Monroe, W
July 9, 2025	5:30pm Register by May 22 via FairEntry online entry system. See link on Green County Fair website: https://greencountyfair.net/junior-class/ (Dept. 10)	Horse Educational Exhibits Judging	Green County Fairgrounds 2600 10th St. Monroe, W
July 10, 2025	Approx. 6:30pm Register by May 22 via FairEntry online entry system. See link on Green County Fair website: https://greencountyfair.net/junior-class/ (Dept. 26)	Equestrian Attire Judging	Green County Justice Center 2841 6th St. Monroe, W
 July 12, 2025	8:00am Register by May 22 via FairEntry online entry system. See link on Green County Fair website: https://greencountyfair.net/junior-class/ (Dept. 6)	Green County Fair Show	Green County Fairgrounds 2600 10th St. Monroe, W
 July 13, 2025 Carla Melvin	8:00am Register by July 6 at: https://go.wisc.edu/97923f	4-H Games Day	Green County Fairgrounds 2600 10th St. Monroe, W