



## 4-H Information

### \*\*\*\* WI 4-H State Horse Association Website \*\*\*\*

#### **Horse Handbook – Equestrian Guidelines**

URL route: WI 4-H; Ag & Animal Science; horses; horse association handbook; equestrian guidelines (near bottom of page)

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4haganimalscience/wi-4-h-horse-assn-handbook/>

Tack & equipment requirements are listed in the general rules for Western & English; they are not repeated with every class description.

- Less popular breeds follow specific breed standards.
- Guideline review and changes will be made every other year; changes will be highlighted from previous publication.

- State recommended **Trail** pattern & scoring (renewed every year)

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4haganimalscience/files/2014/06/2017-Horse-Expo-Trail-Class-Pattern.pdf>

- State recommended WI 4-H WR: see details 2017 updates

- Recommendations for **Gymkhana** classes: see State Gymkhana show rules

URL: WI 4-H; projects; horses; horse association handbook; Gymkhana rules  
<http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4haganimalscience/files/2014/06/2017-Gymkhana-Rules-Class-List-1.pdf>

WI State 4-H Policy (Helmet, age ruling, no stallions, etc) 'Program Safety Regulations'

<http://4h.uwex.edu/files/2016/09/WI4HYouthDevelPolicies-updated-1-2017.pdf>

### DATCP

**To judge at a county junior fair, you must be an approved judge thru DATCP.**

**DATCP info on county fairs:-Debbie Gegare**

Application form: (url route: DATCP; Growing WI; Fairs & shows)  
[https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Growing\\_WI/FairsAndShows.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Growing_WI/FairsAndShows.aspx)

*For more excitement at the DATCP site (info for fair boards): link for info about county fairs (animals, fairs & shows, scroll down to ATCP 160) Junior Horse info: 160.56*

[https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin\\_code/atcp/140/160/IV/56](https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/atcp/140/160/IV/56)



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### **Active judges lists:**

- 1) Junior fair county fair judges list at DATCP site: distributed to fair secretaries.  
(see above application form URL).
- 2) WSHC judges certification list; WHC website

*While most youth entering classes at the county 'junior' fair are 4-H youth, junior fair can also include other youth organizations such as FFA, scouts, etc. Some county fairs have elected to adopt and follow 4-H rules for all youth showing at junior fair, as the requirements for showing in 4-H typically exceed most other youth organization requirements. However, each county fair has the flexibility to organize their junior fair to accommodate the specific needs of their county, creating some differences in format.*

**You are a role model to the young people in the show ring.**

**Be a positive role model for future judges.**

### **Rules of Horse Show Judging**

1. *If you are a judge, you are always a judge, not just when you are in the ring.*
2. *If you really don't enjoy judging youth, decline the job offered and utilize your talents judging shows you prefer to judge*
3. *Know the rules and what is expected of you for each individual show.*
4. *Know the classes you will be expected to judge and the ideal for expected breeds.*
5. *Respect all breeds that you judge.*
6. *Be professional, businesslike, and consistent.*
7. *Don't talk too much.*
8. *Great judges are honest, especially to themselves.*
9. *Influence from a great judge will be positive and constructive by consistently placing the most correct horse and rider at the top of the class.*
10. *All participants in the ring have paid to be there and deserve to be evaluated.*

**THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR TIME AND TALENTS WITH OUR YOUTH!  
THEY ARE THE FUTURE OF THE HORSE INDUSTRY!**

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## Current 4-H Horse and Pony Project Updates

### WI State 4-H Horse Association Horse Handbook

**Western Riding: Update starting 2017**, the WI 4-H Western Riding WR (added as a State 4-H class in 2011) will continue with the previous lead change modification recommendations, but will be using AQHA Level I WR Pattern 1,.

- In accordance with the State 4-H Horse Associations recommended EQUESTRIAN GUIDELINES (WI State 4-H HA website) there are suggested modifications to the original WR discipline requirements. Simple change of leads is permitted, flying lead change is preferred and may result in a higher maneuver score. *County shows have the option to select their own guidelines vs following state rules, so check with show management about judging criteria for WR at that show.*
- AQHA Level I WR Pattern 1 has been designated as the pattern to be used at Expo for safety purposes related to arena size.

#### **Driving: Trot Cones vs obstacles**

- rules, scoring, pattern posted in Equestrian Guidelines of Horse Handbook

**Trail:** Trail class at the 4-H State Expo uses a similar scoring method as AQHA, with slight modifications. (posted in WI State 4-H HA Eq. guidelines)

*County shows have the option to select their own guidelines vs following state rules, so check with show management about judging criteria for TRAIL at that show*

**NO** intact males horses allowed in 4-H sponsored shows or 4-H co-sponsored shows

- WI State 4-H Policy 'Program Safety Regulations'
- Helmet rules, age ruling, no stallions, tack requirement, etc

<http://4h.uwex.edu/files/2016/09/WI4HYouthDevelPolicies-updated-1-2017.pdf>



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