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TO: All Clinton County Youth interested in Horse, Pony, and Mule project

RE: Horse Updates and Workshop Attendance

A member in your family is interested in the horse project. There are few steps you need to complete in order to exhibit.

#1 – Identify your horse(s) by May 15th

#2 – Attend at least one workshop offered by the horse committee

#3 – Enter classes through FairEntry by July 1st (open in June)

Upcoming Workshop Dates

For 2024, the horse committee has chosen a few dates for workshops. Exhibitors must attend **at least one**. Dates are weather dependent and watch for an email if they are postponed or cancelled. Workshop dates are:

- April 7, 1 pm at the Fairgrounds Vaccine clinic and open riding
 - Dr. Ashley will be available to administer vaccinations. Please call her for additional information.
- April 28, 1 pm at the Fairgrounds vaccine clinic and open riding
- June 5, 6 pm at the Fairgrounds topic TBD
- June 11, 6 pm at the Fairgrounds topic TBD
- June 26, 6 pm at the Fairgrounds topic TBD
- July 7, 6 pm at the Fairgrounds topic TBD

The committee is also planning a fun show on June 29. The time is TBD, and it does not count to workshop attendance. More information to come.

Horse Department Rule Updates

The Extension Council has approved the rules included in this packet. The full fair book is posted online: www.extension.iastate.edu/clinton/county-fair. Changes include:

-#25 – New rule – "Like at the Iowa State Fair, Horses completing a run must be brought to a full stop in the area between the entry gate and time line prior to the exhibitor dismounting. Failure to do so with any part of the horse recrossing the time line between or outside the time line markers shall result in a broken pattern and "no time" given."

-#26 – New rule – "Exhibitors must participate in a showmanship class (510:12 or 510:13) in order to participate in performance or speed division classes (511: and 512:)."

-#27 – New rule – "For speed events, exhibitors must walk their horses/ponies into the arena and mount/dismount in the arena."

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Halter Division

- -Removed former class 500:01 Yearling and under class.
- -Adjusted remaining class numbers accordingly.
- -Classes +1 year to all years listed

Performance Division

- -Added Class 511:26 Jr. Ranch Pleasure/Rail and 511:27 Sr. Ranch Pleasure/Rail
- -Adjusted remaining class numbers accordingly.

Speed Division

-Correct class numbers for obstacle race, jr. flag race, sr. flag race.

Important Deadlines!

Before May 15:

- 1. 4-H members, must enroll in 4hOnline (https://v2.4honline.com)
- 2. 4-H members, must pay enrollment fees
- 3. 4-H AND FFA should review 4H 202 (Animal Identification, Weighing and Exhibiting Requirements) found at https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/194
- 4. Identify your horse(s).
 - a. If you want to exhibit as a 4-H member,
 - i. Log into 4hOnline (https://v2.4honline.com)
 - ii. Identify your animal under the member's animal tab on the left side.
 - iii. Make sure you hit submit! You'll receive an email confirmation.
 - b. If you want to exhibit as a FFA member,
 - Log into FairEntry with a previously created account. If this is your first year AND you are not a 4-H member, create an account. If this is your first year and you ARE a 4-H member, use your 4hOnline login information.
 - ii. Website: https://clintoniowa.fairentry.com You'll see a Spy Your Potential logo.
 - iii. You'll register as an exhibitor and then be able to identify animals.
 - iv. Please note, you won't select your FFA chapter yet. That will happen in June. FairEntry does not send you a confirmation email. If you'd like to confirm your animal is identified, ask your advisor or contact me.

Between June 1 – July 1:

Both 4-H and FFA members must **create the entries** to exhibit. Creating an entry tells staff which class you plan to exhibit your animal in.

- 1. Log into FairEntry at: https://clintoniowa.fairentry.com You'll see a Spy Your Potential logo.
- 2. Your animal information will be there. Sign up for which class each specific animal will be entered in.

Additional Notes for Horse Exhibitors

Check-In via Phone Call on 7/15

It worked well last year for Extension Staff to call you to check in your entries. Be prepared to answer a phone call on July 15 between 9 am-3 pm.

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Requirements/Limits

- Maximum of 5 head can be identified.
- 4-H Online (or FairEntry) ID required by May 15.
- ALL horses are required to have photos uploaded by May 15 (both county and state fair).
- Animal cannot be identified under both 4-H and FFA.
- Animal can be identified by more than one 4-H member (immediate sibling or step-sibling only), but cannot be identified as 4-H under one sibling and FFA under another sibling.

Additional Rules that apply to Horses

Judging in horse and pony classes will align with the 4H-511C, "Rules and Regulations for Equine Shows in Iowa". Horse project members are encouraged to review 4H-511C, which may be downloaded at: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/horse

Record Book Entries

The record book process starts today! For Clinton 4-H record book overview, please visit www.extension.iastate.edu/clinton/record-keeping. This worksheet is intended for intermediate and senior 4-Hers allowing for more complete management information on multiple horses. You can find the form online at: https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/432

Continue Learning

More resources to develop your horse project are available online at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/horse-and-pony. Find tips to expand your knowledge and start working on an indoor exhibit in the Horse Project Guide on that site!

As always, please reach out with questions,

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