

Clay County Horse Program Code of Conduct and Commitment Form

4-H is a youth development organization, not a horse show organization. There are many opportunities for you in the 4-H Horse Program, participating in showing is just one of those opportunities. In order for you to get the most out of your 4-H experience, the following are required of you as a Clay County 4-H member to participate in the County, Area B, State, and or Regional Horse Shows. **It is the not the responsibility of the 4-H Leader to make sure that these requirements are met but that of the member and their parents/guardians.** Failure to meet the guidelines, requirements, and deadlines will result in disqualification from show participation. [PAGE 5 due back to Clay County 4-H Office by December 31st.](#)

MEMBERSHIP:

1. 4-H'ers must be 8 years of age or older as of September 1st of the current 4-H year to participate in large animal projects.
2. All enrollment paper work must be completed and in the 4-H Office **by 2:00 P.M. on December 31st.** This includes enrollment form, parental consent form, CCHP Code of Conduct and Commitment form, and the horse ownership forms and lease forms. Consideration will only be given for those youth whom are joining Clay County 4-H, for the first time, after the deadline.
3. Manage the care of at least one horse of any age or breed as a 4-H Horse Project. Only 4-H Project horses are eligible to be shown at qualifying shows. Members may manage & show more than one horse at the County Horse Show, but you will only be able to show one horse at the Area B Show. The horse that is shown at the Area B show is the only horse eligible for the State show.

OWNERSHIP & LEASING:

1. Horses/ponies must be owned prior to December 31st of the current 4-H year. A completed Project Qualification must be on file in the 4-H Office by **December 31st.** **(NO EXCEPTIONS will be made for current year 4-H members)**
2. Leased horses are permitted with the following:
 - Both a certified lease; on file **by 2:00 P.M. December 31st.**
 - 4-H Project Qualification Forms; on file **by 2:00 P.M. December 31st.***Dual leasing is allowed with approval of the State Office.

PARTICIPATION:

1. All youth must be members prior to **December 31st.** New members who join after December 31st will be considered on a case-by-case basis with regards to participating in the Area B Show.
2. Member must attend a minimum of 75% of their 4-H Club meetings from the time they join the 4-H Club to the event/activity date in question.
3. Members must present a demonstration. While demonstrations may be given on the club level, all members are encouraged to present their speeches or demonstrations at **COUNTY EVENTS or county level meetings.**

4. Members must review the Clay County 4-H Horse Program BMP PowerPoint and submit the acknowledge form to the 4-H Office by December 31st.
5. Members must complete a Clay County 4-H Horse Record Book on their project horse(s) prior to the Area Horse Show. **This record book deadline date is March 31st, 2017.** It is the responsibility of the member to see that books are submitted to the 4-H Office by the required due date. *******Finished Record books are due in June (TBA) and must be completed and turned in to be eligible to show next year.*******
6. Members must participate in **ONE NON-HORSE SHOW County, District, or State 4-H activity.** This can include Special Interest Workshops, County Events, Teen Leadership Council meetings, Camps, Share the Fun, etc and submit the appropriate form with signatures back to the 4-H office. If there are questions regarding the acceptability of an activity to meet this requirement, call the 4-H Office. **Do not wait until the last minute to complete this requirement, as there may not be an activity available for you to attend to meet this requirement.**
7. It is the responsibility of 4-H members to know and follow the rules and guidelines stated in the current Florida State 4-H Horse Show Official Rule Book. Copies are available from the 4-H Office or your club leader.

Only those horses shown at the Area B Horse Show can be shown at the State Horse. Counties can allow for the substitution of a project horse prior to the Area Show if a veterinarian certifies in writing that the horse/pony unsound **and the 4-H Agent has verified and approved the substitution.** Substituted horses must meet all the horse project criteria other than the January 1st ownership date. See your agent and the Florida 4-H Horse Show Rule Book for details.

8. Your club leader may add additional requirements. These are listed below and must also be met in order to participate in the CCHP and shows.

Leader Name: _____

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PARENTAL/GUARDIAN PARTICIPATION:

9. **PARENTAL SUPPORT:** Parents are expected to play an active role in the horse program in addition to supporting and encouraging their child through this program. This can be accomplished by thing activities such as helping the club leader organization and host equine events, organizing county wide equine educational events, volunteering at 4-H equine educational events.
10. **VOLUNTEER HOURS:** Parents and members are asked to volunteer a minimum of 4 hours during the Open County shows, Area B Show, or with County 4-H Horse Program activities. Because the 4-H program is a volunteer led youth development program we need the support of parents to operate our horse shows and activities. Horse Shows **are not** the sole responsibilities of 4-H club leaders or the members of the Horse Program Committee. We know that many parents contribute countless hours to the 4-H Horse Program and it is because we want to preserve them and the standards of our shows that we ask for all parents and youth to step up and volunteer... WITH EVERYONE'S HELP WE WILL HAVE THE SUPPORT AND ENERGY TO OPERATE A SUCCESSFUL SHOW YEAR AND PROGRAM.

****Club leaders will be asked to turn in your parent volunteer hours prior by the March 31st. Members not meeting the volunteer requirement, barring extenuating circumstances, will be ineligible to advance to the Area and State Shows. ****

- 11.** Parents and/or guardians (or other designated adult) will support and guide youth in meeting their horse program obligations, in addition to helping the youth complete their horse record book if necessary.

CODE of CONDUCT:

Members of the Clay County 4-H Horse Program will abide by the following Code of Conduct. If members cannot or will not comply with the code of conduct set forth they will be ineligible to participate in the Clay County 4-H Horse Program, Shows, and activities.

- 1.** 4-H members will wear an appropriate and approved, by leaders and/or 4-H agent, helmet while on horseback. Age of the youth is not a factor with regards to this guideline. Repeat incompliance may result in the removal of said youth from the Clay County 4-H Horse Program and Shows.
- 2.** 4-H members will wear appropriate foot wear while in the barns or in the presence of horses. If appropriate foot wear is in question the youth will respectfully be asked to change shoes or remove themselves from the event. Repeat incompliance may result in the removal of said youth from the Clay County 4-H Horse Program, Shows, and activities.
- 3.** 4-H members will be appropriately dressed while on horseback and in the barns. Review the Clay County 4-H Horse Program Dress Code and Florida 4-H Dress Code. If appropriate attire is in question the youth will respectfully be asked to change their clothes or remove themselves from the event. Repeat incompliance may result in the removal of said youth from the Clay County 4-H Horse Program and Shows.
- 4.** 4-H members will be respectful to all volunteers and event coordinators.
- 5.** 4-H members will adhere to the rules and policies set forth by Clay County 4-H Policies and Procedures, CCHP Code of Conduct, and the current Florida State 4-H Horse Show Official Rule Book.
- 6.** Youth will represent themselves and Clay County 4-H ethically, respectfully, and will be accountable for their actions and behaviors when participating in and associating near a 4-H function.

As a Clay County 4-H Horse Program participant I have read the above guidelines and understand what the requirements are in order to participate and show my horse as a Clay County 4-H member. I realize that if I do not meet these requirements I will not be eligible to advance to the Area B and State Horse Shows and may be removed from the program. I also agree to exhibit good sportsmanship and a friendly competitive spirit when participating in 4-H shows and activities.

4-H Member Signature

Date

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Parent Signature

Date

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4-H Member Signature

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4-H Member Name (Print)

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

For Office Use:

Attended Meeting in: December _____ January _____

Volunteer Hours:	Event	# hours	Verified By:
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	_____	_____	_____

Comments:
