

April 2, 2018

Attention all leaders/members involved in the 4-H horse project:

The Grand Forks Fair Horse Show has been scheduled for Friday, June 22 at the fairgrounds. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the show will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Each 4-H'er must comply with the following polices in order to show at the fair horse show. Failure to comply will result in loss of premiums, awards or show privileges.

Please **follow** the 4-H Horsemanship Show guidelines and rules found in the State Fair Book, the Grand Forks County Fair Book and the North Dakota 4-H Horse Show Rules and Judging Guide . The ND Horse Show Guide can be found at <http://www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/4h/Contests/GBH092.pdf> or purchased at the Extension office for \$2.00. The State and County Fair Books will be mailed out to families the end of April.

Care of Your Horse: It is the 4-Her's responsibility to provide care, feeding, grooming, training, and exercising for your horse(s) beginning no later than May 1, 2018. The exhibitor, whether owner or otherwise, shall be responsible for and be the absolute insurer of the condition of the horses they enter and exhibit regardless of the acts of third parties.

Coggins tests: All horses on the grounds are REQUIRED to have a negative coggins test done prior to events. Please carry a copy with you at all times. A copy of your coggins is due at the Grand Forks County Extension office with your ID Form by April 27.

ID form: Your horse must have an ID Form on file at the Grand Forks County Extension office by April 27 in order to participate at a clinic.

Safety Clinics:

All exhibitors, regardless of years in the project, **must be safety checked in the tack & gaits they will be showing in and attend at least 2 County Horse Clinics, per horse (including backup horses)**. Safety checks do not need to be completed in one evening. It is a work in progress throughout the clinic schedule. If you do not pass the first time, try again next time. We encourage you to attend as many clinics as possible, for the exposure, knowledge and some fun learning/riding.

All tack must be checked off on each horse and shown in use in order to use it during the fair show. Including but not limited to: show halter, lead, chain, bridle, bit, saddles, breast collar and back cinch. If you get a new piece of tack after you have been checked off, you will need to get that checked off as well.

Check out the safety videos from Olmsted County at:

<https://www.co.olmsted.mn.us/extension/4H/horseproject/Pages/default.aspx> .

In order for exhibitors to participate in the games, they must pass all steps required for games, especially the lope. Tack & gaits have to be checked off, which can be done at other clinics not just the game clinic. (If you show in Walk/Trot classes you will NOT be able to participate in games even if you have been signed off at the lope.)

Helmet (ASTM/SEI approved) must be worn at all times while on your horse at the grounds. No helmet = no riding (**includes parents**). Helmets can replace the western hat for Halter events. **Boots with a heel** are required at all times. No fashion boots or tennis shoes. No boots = no riding, or participation in a clinic. Failure to follow dress code as listed in the State Fair, County Fair and ND Horse Show books will result in reduced premiums equivalent to one lower ribbon placing.

All Clinics will start on time. Please DO NOT be late. **Do not mount your horse until your tack has been checked off.** Have your horse tacked, warmed up and ready.

Fair Show:

4-H members are required to stall their horses during the fair. Cloverbuds are encouraged, but not required to stall their horses. Cloverbuds and walk/trot participants are allowed only one horse.

Only riders who have completed the safety checks on their horse will be allowed to ride during the fair.

Code of Conduct: Any infraction of the ND 4-H Horse Show rules or 4-H Code of Conduct will be dealt with at the discretion of the Extension Agent. Breaking the barrier or any unnecessary whipping, jerking reins, talking or any noise making, slapping, jerking rope, or any unnecessary action to induce the horse to perform better will be considered a fault and scored accordingly. When an exhibitor is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct, they shall be penalized accordingly at the discretion of the judge.

In any approved performance class, the judge shall have the authority to require the removal or alteration of any piece of equipment or accessory which, in their opinion, would tend to give a horse an unfair advantage or which they believe to be inhumane.

The judge determines patterns for Horsemanship, Reining and Halter Showmanship which will be posted at the Horse Show announcer's stand and in the barn.

4-H members will receive a blue, red or white ribbons during the 4-H Horse Show. Grand and Reserve places (based on horse and rider combo) will be awarded in Showmanship, Pleasure and Game divisions.

4-H'ers may advance to the State 4-H Horse Show and exhibit in any class they receive a blue ribbon in at the county level.

If you have questions please contact Carrie at Carrie.Knutson@ndsu.edu or 701-780-8229.

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Grand Forks County 4-H Horse Project

2018 Clinic Schedule

(Clinics are as listed. No other dates will be offered.)

All exhibitors, regardless of years in the project, **must be safety checked in the tack & gaits they will be showing in and attend at least 2 County Horse Clinics, per horse (including backup horses).**

	Type of Clinic	Date	Instructor	Time and Location
1	Western	Tuesday, May 1	Jenna Mickleson	6:30 p.m. Fairgrounds
2	English	Tuesday, May 8	Mikala Wodarek	6:30 p.m. Fairgrounds
3	Showmanship	Thursday, May 24	Kayt Winkels	6:30 p.m. Fairgrounds
4	Games	Tuesday, May 29	Mara Ettl	6:30 p.m. Fairgrounds
5	Western	Tuesday, June 5	Mara Ettl	6:30 p.m. Fairgrounds
6	Trail	Saturday, June 9	Ivers	10:00 a.m. Fairgrounds
7	English	Tuesday, June 12	Mikala Wodareck	6:30 p.m. Fairgrounds

Other Dates to Keep in Mind:

- April 27** Coggins Test and ID Forms due in the Extension office
- May 23** Fair Registrations due in the Extension office
- June 20** Fair Livestock and Horse Meeting, Livestock Barn
- June 20-24** Greater Grand Forks County Fair
- June 22** Horse Show, registration at 8:30 a.m. and show at 9:30 a.m.
- June 23** Music in Motion, 5:00 p.m.



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SIGN-OFF PAGE FOR HORSE SAFETY CHECKS

*Do not bring this sheet to the clinics. Copies for each 4-H'er will be in the Safety Check Binder.

4-H Member:					
Club:					
Horse:		Is this a Backup Horse? Y or N			
Coggins: () On File () Expiration					
GENERAL / GROUND		RIDING: ENGLISH			
Date	Completed By	1. Halter fit	Date	Completed By	1. Walk / Trot
Date	Completed By	2. Demonstrate haltering	Date	Completed By	2. Canter
Date	Completed By	3. Safety tie	Date	Completed By	3. Tack
Date	Completed By	4. Walk around and safe grooming positions	Date	Completed By	4. Jump at Age Height <small>*According to the ND 4-H Horse Show Rules</small>
Date	Completed By	5. All 4 feet handled	Date	Completed By	5. Attire (boot / helmet)
Date	Completed By	6. Lead: Walk / Stop			
SHOWMANSHIP		GAMES			
Date	Completed By	1. Tack (chain ?)	Date	Completed By	1. Lope
Date	Completed By	2. Walk / Stop / Turn in correct direction	Date	Completed By	2. Tack
Date	Completed By	3. Trot / Stop	Date	Completed By	3. Attire (boot / helmet)
Date	Completed By	4. Attire			
RIDING: WESTERN					
Date	Completed By	1. Walk / Trot			
Date	Completed By	2. Lope			
Date	Completed By	3. Tack			
Date	Completed By	4. Attire (boot / helmet)			
KEY: * = Not yet achieved (make notations) NA = Not necessary to complete, not showing at this level / category					



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GUIDELINES FOR HORSE SAFETY CHECKS

GENERAL / GROUND

1. Proper fit / sturdy lead rope and snap.
2. Halter safely and properly.
3. Quick release knot / proper height, length when tied.
4. Walk around safely and safe grooming positions.
5. Demonstrate handling all 4 feet.
6. Walk and stop under control / horse at safe distance.

SHOWMANSHIP

1. Nylon or leather halter and lead, chain optional (correct use of chain over or under nose okay) or English bridle.
2. Lead under control / turn in correct direction.
3. Trot on command / stop under control.
4. Boots

RIDING: WESTERN

1. Safely under control – walk / trot.
2. Safely under control – lope.
3. Curb bit (w/shanks), western saddle and bridle (bosal or snaffle for 4 year old or younger horse).
4. Helmet, western shirt, jeans or western pants, boots, belt (chaps worn in pleasure class only).

RIDING: ENGLISH

1. Safely under control – walk / trot.
2. Safely under control – lope.
3. Hunt seat saddle and bridle w/snaffle or Pelham bit or full bridle (must have canvesson).
4. Helmet, English blouse or shirt, breeches or riding pants, boots, belt, hunt coat.

GAMES

1. Lope.
2. Western saddle and bridle (ok: bosal, hackamore, tie down, martingale, skid and shin boots).
3. Helmet, western boots, dress or western shirt, western pants or jeans, and belt.
4. If you have been signed off at a lope with the tack you will use for games, you don't have to be signed off for games.



Music in Motion

Guidelines

GENERAL INFORMATION

4-H'ers must register by contacting Carrie by Tuesday, June 20 with song and horse information. Music in Motion is a unique event where a 4-H horse project member choreographs a riding routine set to music of his or her choice. It is not a judged event. All 4-H members showing horses at the fair are eligible to participate.

4-H'ers must be checked off on walk/trot/lope before attending a Music in Motion clinic. 4-H'ers must ride their own horse. Music in Motion will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2017 from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

ROUTINE REQUIREMENTS

Basic rules for walk/trot and walk/trot/lope divisions are described in the following pages. Riders may enter whichever division they have qualified for on their check-off sheet. **If a rider entered walk/trot classes and did not get checked off for lope/canter they need to show in the walk/trot division with no lope/canter being allowed in their routine.**

Walk/trot and walk/trot/lope have two aspects to consider—artistic and horsemanship. Each division has separate requirements which must be incorporated into the routine and additional optional elements maybe used. Participants should use the entire arena and balance their routine so that they are not using any part of the arena more than other parts.

Riders are required to begin inside the arena and acknowledge the audience at the beginning and at the end of their performance.

Any riding style may be used as long as it is safe and appropriate for the GF County Fair, i.e. bareback riding is not allowed, no dismounting of your horse before you are done and leave the arena. **4-H'ers need to be seated on their horse the whole time.** Any legal tack for western or English rail classes can be used in this event. You may use a snaffle bit with a western saddle. Sidesaddle and dressage are allowed. Performances will be limited to a single performer or duo.

Costumes are optional but encouraged along with decorating your horse and saddle. **However, costumes and decorations must be safe! Masks are not allowed. Riders must wear boots and helmets.**

****PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU TRY YOUR COSTUME WITH YOUR HORSE SEVERAL TIMES WITH LOUD MUSIC BEFORE THE FAIR!****

MUSIC REQUIREMENTS

THERE IS A TIME LIMIT OF YOUR SELECTION PLEASE KEEP IT TO 4 MINUTES OR SHORTER. This is a requirement for each division.

Music must be appropriate for all age levels! Good rule of thumb: if grandma would like it, then it will work. If you have any questions about this, just give Lisa Ivers a call at 701-599-9059 or email at jivers44@gmail.

Items to consider when making your routine from both
a technical and an artistic standpoint.

WALK/TROT

ENTRY

QUIET ARENA ENTRY
SALUTE TO START
SALUTE TO END

SKILLS TO HIGHLIGHT

WALK
TROT
BACK 3 STEPS
180° TURN ON THE HAUNCHES
FIGURE 8
CLEAN STOP
BENDING LARGE/SMALL CIRCLES
REVERSE ON THE RAIL
360° TURN ON THE HAUNCHES

GENERAL HORSEMANSHIP

RIDING POSTURE
QUIET USE OF HANDS/LEGS
SUBTLETY OF CUES
SMOOTH ENTRY/EXIT OF SKILLS COMPLETION
HORSE'S ACCEPTANCE OF CUES

QUALITY

GOOD USE OF ARENA
OVERALL PICTURE/QUALITY OF PERFORMANCE

ARTISTIC IMPRESSION

CHANGES IN MUSIC TEMPO
FLOW OF RIDER OVER THE ARENA
ENTERTAINMENT VALUE
MUSIC FIT WITH HORSE/RIDER COMBO
COMPLETION OF MOVES AND FLOW
APPROPRIATE MUSIC TO ROUTINE

ORIGINALITY

TIMING OF MANEUVERS TO MUSIC

WALK/TROT/LOPE

ENTRY

QUIET ARENA ENTRY
SALUTE TO START
SALUTE TO END

SKILLS TO HIGHLIGHT

WALK
TROT
LOPE/CANTER
180° TURN ON THE HAUNCHES
BACK 6 STEPS
CLEAN STOP
ROLL BACK
BENDING LARGE/SMALL CIRCLES
REVERSE ON THE RAIL
FIGURE EIGHT AT LOPE/CANTER W/SIMPLE LEAD
CHANGE EXTENDED TROT
360° TURN ON THE HAUNCHES
2 - POINT

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Horse Stall Decorating Contest

YOU get to choose the theme!



4-H'ers are encouraged to decorate their horse stall at the 2018 GF County Fair.

A prize will be awarded to the
Pre-teen and Teen 4-H'er
with the best decorated stall.



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GRAND FORKS COUNTY 4-H HORSE ID FORM

Return by April 27, 2018

To: 4-H Youth Development
Grand Forks County Extension Service
151 4th St. South S302
Grand Forks, ND 58201-4715

Your Name _____ Club Name _____

Name	Horse 1:	Horse 2:	Horse 3:
Breed			
Registered or Grade			
Registration Number			
Birth Date (or approximate age)			
Mare or Gelding			
Height			
Approximate Weight			
Color			
Ownership (yourself or family)			

Ownership

A 4-H project horse may be either owned or leased. The horse doesn't have to be member or family-owned for county or state level participation.

Leasing

If someone outside the family owns a horse, review the **Grand Forks County Animal Lease Program** information, **complete a 4-H Animal Lease Agreement for each animal** and return it to the Extension Office by May 1, 2018.

I have read the Grand Forks County Horse Program Information and I agree to the conditions listed.

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