

## REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN 4-H EQUINE EVENTS

**This is for all members in the 4-H Horse program that plan to participate with a horse in any 4-H show, any 4-H classes at all other shows and all 4-H sponsored events.**

1. Current members (Juniors 8-13 years, Seniors 14-18 years as of January 1) enrolled in a recognized 4-H club or project must:
  - A. Have cared for the project animal since at least **April 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year**. Seniors who are in college must have a conversation with their County Educator if they cannot fulfill this requirement.
  - B. Fill out the 4-H Equine Identification / Approval form and submit it to your local Extension office by May 1st of the current year for approval by the local 4-H Educator. Attach photo on the back of the form which should be a side view with face markings also visible. The 4-H member should also be identifiable.
  - C. Must complete a copy of the Vermont 4-H Equine Lease/loan if the member is not the owner of the equine and turn it in at the local Extension office on or before May 1st with the 4-H Equine Identification/Approval form.
  - D. Present their approved 4-H Equine Identification/Approval form when entering 4-H Equine classes or 4-H events.
  - E. Proof of rabies vaccine and negative Coggins from current year must be shown before unloading the animal(s) at all 4-H sponsored events.
2. Project animals shall **NOT** be switched during the year. In exceptional cases (death of the project animal or long-term unsoundness with a note from the veterinarian) a new form may be filled out. This animal cannot be shown in a 4-H class or 4-H show until 30 days after the application is filed in the local Extension Office.
3. No more than two unrelated youth may lease/loan the same animal for showing, exhibiting, or competing.
4. Make sure that the entries you are exhibiting are properly approved 4-H animals and are, to the best of your ability, handle and prepared by you for all 4-H classes. Help may be sought from other 4-H members.
5. Lead-line classes will be for youth 5 years and older.
6. Remember for all shows if you hear thunder/see lightning use the no see/no hear for ½ an hour rule.

4-H Educators will review the Identification/Approval form and stamp it with the Assumption of Risk Stamp. (The form will be invalid without this stamp). A copy of the Identification/Approval form will be made and kept in the local extension office and the original sent back to the 4-H member. 4-H members will be required to show this form to enter 4-H classes or 4-H events.