

## 2012 District and State 4-H Horse Show Rules

1. New England 4-H Horse Show Rules & Guidelines will be followed at all District and State 4-H horse shows. Eastern States Exposition (ESE) applications, New England 4-H Horse Show Rules & Guidelines and other detailed information on RI 4-H Horse Shows is available on the RI 4-H Horse Program website <http://www.freewebs.com/ri4-hhorseprogram/index.htm> . All RI 4-H riders/in hand/drivers must be active 4-H members (currently enrolled) prior to registering for a District or the State 4-H Horse Show. Changes/clarifications to this year's rules are highlighted.
2. Age of riders and drivers shall be determined as of January 1, 2012:
  - Senior - 14 to 18 years
  - Junior - 8 to 13 years
  - Novice (Showmanship) – first or second year showing in a district or state 4-H show
3. Animal Health: All horses must have had a rabies vaccination within one year and at least 30 days before a show and present a vaccination certificate at the show. Proof of negative Coggins test is required (within 12 months for in-state and 6 months for out of state horses) and must be presented at show time. No stallions or nursing mares may be shown by a 4-H member in any 4-H event or show and are not permitted on the grounds.
4. Walk/Trot riders may not participate in any division requiring a canter.
5. **All riders, In Hand and drivers must participate in Fitting and Showmanship** – this applies to both district and state shows.
6. Riders must complete the Trail Class within the designated times at each show.
7. In order to qualify as a rider/driver/in-hand for participation at ESE, a 4-H member must participate at the Rhode Island State 4-H Horse Show and 1 of the 3 District 4-H Shows as rider/driver/in hand or the State 4-H Horse Clinic (riders only). In order to qualify as a teen leader for ESE, a 4-H member must participate at the State 4-H Horse Show and 1 of 3 District 4-H Shows or the State 4-H Horse Clinic (rider only) either as a rider, driver, in-hand or volunteer. Points will not be awarded for volunteering. See the Teen Leader Score sheet for more information.
8. On the day of the show, classes may be split, combined or cancelled at the show manager/superintendent's discretion. If classes are combined individual rider points will be assigned to the appropriate year end division.
9. Any and all coaching from the rail is **prohibited**.
10. ASTM-SEI approved hard hats are required for all riders regardless of discipline and for drivers and the driver's passenger. All drivers **must** be accompanied by a passenger 19 years of age or over – the passenger rule does not apply to mini's.
11. **Neat attire and proper boots are required of exhibitors at all RI 4-H Horse Shows**. Proper attire is encouraged at the state and district shows - see appointments under discipline ridden in NE Rulebook.
12. Martingales are prohibited in flat classes.
13. **All decisions of the Judge or Steward are final**. No person/rider/driver shall approach the judge without the permission of the show manager/superintendent/steward.
14. Lyrics must be approved by the show manager. Please check the individual 4-H Horse Rules to see how far in advance the lyrics must be submitted. Please consider using music without lyrics.
15. Exhibitors must have their horses under control at all times. Issues with unruly/dangerous animals will be handled by the show manager. These animals may be excused from the grounds at the show manager's discretion.

16. Dogs must be under the owners direct control at all times. Please check the individual 4-H Horse Show rules to see if dogs are not allowed on the grounds or required to be on a leash at all times.
17. 4-H exhibitors are to prepare and manage their own project animals to the extent of their ability. In regards to safety justifying assistance, that intervention will be at the discretion of the participant's parent or designee (required designee form is posted on the RI 4-H Horse Website and must be made available to the horse show management at the 4-H District and State Horse Shows or submitted to the State 4-H Office for the 4-H Horse Show Season) or themselves if they have attained majority. Exception to the above wording would be any ESE participant who must be able to manage their horse in all state and regional phases of ESE selection and competition. In Rhode Island ESE riders and drivers are expected to assume sole management of their program horse at district and state shows.
18. Horses that kick must wear a red ribbon on tail.
19. The URI CELS Cooperative Extension/State 4-H Office, 4-H Show Management, property owners, volunteers, and employees shall not be held liable for injury to or death of animals or persons or damage or theft of property of such. **All participants and spectators enter the show grounds at their own risk.**
20. Entry fees are non-refundable.
21. Only 4-H-Carded Judges will be used at the RI District and State 4-H Horse Shows.

## **HORSE CLASSES:**

**The following list of horse classes will be offered at all District and State 4-H Horse Shows.** It is the decision of the district horse show's management as to whether non-RI 4-H members will be allowed to compete in 4-H classes. 4-H members from other states will be allowed to participate in the State 4-H Horse Show. Open show classes may be added. Review the specific district horse show information posted on the RI 4-H horse website <http://www.freewebs.com/ri4-Horseprogram/index.htm> for what will or will not be offered.

### **CLASS LIST**

1. Senior Fitting and Showmanship
2. Junior Fitting and Showmanship
3. Novice Fitting and Showmanship
4. Fitting and Showmanship Championship
5. In Hand Suitability (comparable to Equitation)
6. In Hand Obstacles (mini's and ponies 12 hands and under only)R
7. Reinsmanship (limited to 2 wheel driving vehicles)(comparable to Equitation)
8. Senior Equitation (includes pattern for ESE delegate qualification – State 4-H Horse Show Only)
9. Junior Equitation (includes pattern for ESE delegate qualification – State 4-H Horse Show Only)
10. Walk-Trot Equitation 11 and over
11. Walk-Trot Equitation 10 and under
12. Pleasure Driving (limited to 2 wheel driving vehicles)
13. Driving Obstacles
14. Senior Pleasure
15. Junior Pleasure
16. Walk-Trot Pleasure 11 and over
17. Walk-Trot Pleasure 10 and under
18. Bridlepath Hack
19. Working Hunter Under Saddle
20. Senior Command
21. Junior Command
22. Walk-Trot Command 11 and over
23. Walk-Trot Command 10 and under
24. Western Handiness (Pattern on page 40 of 2011 NE Horse Show Rules on RI Horse Website )
25. In Hand Over Fences (mini's and ponies 12 hands and under only)
26. Hunter Over Fences (fences not to exceed 2'6")
27. Senior Trail
28. Junior Trail
29. Walk-Trot Trail 11 and over
30. Walk-Trot Trail 10 and under