

2006 RULEBOOK RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE STATE 4-H HORSE COUNCIL TO THE ANIMAL SCIENCES COMMITTEE

According to the 2005 State 4-H Horse Program Leaders Guide, all recommendations considered will be voted on at the November meeting of the State 4-H Horse Council. Thereafter, they will be considered by the Animal Sciences Committee, and changes will be made according to the committee's decision.

Comments from the Animal Sciences Committee meeting are posted in italics under each rule that was passed by the 4-H Horse Advisory Council Meeting in November of 2005.

The meeting of the Animal Sciences Committee was called to order at 2:00pm on Friday, January 20th, 2006. The first item of discussion was the State 4-H Horse Show rulebook recommendations that passed through the State 4-H Horse Advisory Council.

DISTRICT THREE

Recommendations:

- 1) Add the USDF Intro Test B Walk/Trot for 1 more option for the walk/trot kids in the Hunter Division. This is so they will have 1 more option for their 4th class rather than jumping.** *Approved by the Animal Sciences committee.*
- 2) Change Walk/Trot to 9-18 with the 1 time only rule and 1 division only. Therefore all walk/trot classes would be the same across the divisions.** *Approved by the Animal Sciences committee.*
- 3) Place Drill teams to 10th place, like all other classes at the state show.** *Approved by the Animal Sciences committee.*
- 4) In the English Division Green Rider Class, allow the use of a standard running martingale with a snaffle bit.** *Approved by Animal Sciences committee-suggests to evaluate this change after 1 year.*
- 5) To change the rule of governance to all a delegate and/or officer to serve beyond their terms especially if there is no one else who wants to serve.** *Animal Sciences committee suggests that they be able to serve an additional one (1) year term, but any term length beyond that must be approved by the State 4-H Horse Program Office.*

DISTRICT FOUR

Recommendations:

4) Change the wording in the Hunter Division Yearling Halter to Horse OR Pony (all classes should be horse, pony or mule). *Animal Sciences Committee approves.*

DISTRICT FIVE

- 1) Western Contest Speed Events 10 pg WC-Pages 2 & 3-change to read “The shirt must not allow midriff skin to show, must be buttoned or snapped, and must be tucked in and stay in as the run begins”.** *Approved by Animal Sciences committee.*
- 2) Would ask the State Show committee to consider having 1 class that is specific for the gaits of the Paso Fino breed of horse.** *Rejected by the Animal Sciences Committee-would like to know how many Paso Finos show at the District level to determine necessity of this class before making a change.*

DISTRICT SIX

1) Create a trail class competition as a Special Event. It could be held on the same date as Team Penning. This might draw more people to compete in Team Penning. In addition to adding a class that has been repeatedly requested the past few years, staging it in Bowling Green would remove any strain from the State 4-H Horse Show in July. *Animal Sciences committee refers to the Minutes from the meeting in November of 2000 for a similar recommendation which reads “The Animal Sciences committee feels that 4-Hers will not travel to the Special Event for just one ride in a Trail class and having Trail at the Special Event may not be a true reflection of 4-Her participation and interest. The committee asks each 4-H District to host a Trail Class during their District 4-H Horse Show. A complete class description and guidelines will be provided for this class. Each District should then report back to the State 4-H Horse Office with the number of Trail contestants, contestant ages broken down into the following: 9-11, 12-14, & 15-18, and the number of riders represented in each of our four showing divisions: Walking/Racking, English, Hunter and Western. This information will help target the true participation and interest in such a class as well as provide us with the information needed to consider inclusion of Trail in the State 4-H Horse Show”.*

DISTRICT SEVEN

- 1) **As soon as possible, schedule Teen Conference and Horse Contests so that they are not at the same time. This may mean looking three years down the road to new contracts, but don't just put it off year after year. Alternative: Horse Contests on Monday and Tuesday then Teen Conference start on Tuesday and go until Friday. *Animal Sciences committee agrees and this is being looked into by the State 4-H Horse Program staff and Teen Conference staff.***
- 2) **Recommend a pattern for Walk/Trot horsemanship and equitation. *Animal Sciences Committee amends to read that "Patterns should be at the discretion of the judge" in Horsemanship, and "All equitation classes will follow USEF rules".***

The 2006 State 4-H Horse Show t-shirt design was voted on with a total of 27 entries!!! The winning drawing was by Jessie Kolb of Oldham County-Ms. Kolb will received a \$100 prize.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kristen M. Janicki, Extension Associate, Equine.