

Northwest 4-H Region

Horse Project Book Competition Guidelines

March 2007

Objectives:

To encourage members to provide complete and accurate information about all aspects of their own club year .As well as records pertaining to their project.

Age group categories

Record books will be judged in the following categories:

Junior: 9-11 years of age as of January 1st of the club year.

Intermediate: 12-13 years of age as of January 1st of the club year.

Senior: 15-20 years of age as of January 1st of the club year.

Description

1. For consistency, only the pages that were printed in the book or available on line should be used. Redesigning or reprinting pages on different colored backgrounds, ect are discouraged.
2. Computer generated books will be allowed in all categories. Consideration should be given to computer-generated books that the language is equivalent to the level of the member.

Eligibility

1. All members in the region will enter project record books within their own club level. To qualify for the next level on competition level project books must have placed first in their category.
2. Each Northwest club with the horse project may enter their top junior; intermediate, and senior level books in the regional competition.
3. Books are due by June 15Th to the Barrhead 4-H office. They will be judged prior to the Northwest region horse show. They will be ready for to pick up at the show office after the show.

Awards

1. The names of the top placing books in each category for the year are engraved on trophies that the members may keep for one year. The top six placing record books in each category are awarded ribbons.

Changes

If any changes are to be made to the project book competition guidelines, the proposed revisions are to be presented at the regional council annual meeting. A review of the guidelines and marking guide should be done every 2 years to encourage consistency

Northwest Regional Horse Project Marking Guide

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Level of Competition: club ___ district ___ region ___

Name _____ Age _____ category _____

Page in Record Book	Points	Member Score
Outside cover – name, club, age, level	1	
Stock Keepers Creed	1	
About Me	1	
About My Club and Club Executive	2	
More About Me	2	
About My Project Horse	3	
Project Photos or Drawings	2	
Written Description of Your Project Horse	2	
Health and Growth Indicator Record	4	
Monthly Feed Record – Mark six months	-----	-----
A. Feed record	-----	-----
a) Month correct	1	/6
b) Name of horse	0.5	/3
c) Kgs or lbs circled	0.5	/3
d) Total (C) entered correctly	1	/6
Body of feed record	3	/18
B. Project related Costs of Income	-----	-----
a) E and D filled	1	/6
b) Body of chart	2	/12
C Health Record	2	/12
D Project Activities	5	/30
E Member's Questions or Comments	1	/6
F Club and Other Activities	5	/30
G Do not Mark	-----	-----
Financial Summary	-----	-----
A Income record	-----	-----
G, H, I filled. List of months. (If no income, zero indicated)	5	
B Expense Record	-----	-----
O J, K, L, I, M must be filled. (Zero if appropriate)	10	
Equipment Inventory	5	
Story of Your Project – goals met or not	10	
Your Clipping Page	10	
Overall Appearance/Neatness – break ties here	10	
Total:	200	

Deductions:

Spelling errors – deduct 0.5 points for each different word
 Calculation errors: deduct 1 point for each different error (If same error repeated, deduct only once throughout book)

Judge's Comments

Marked by: _____

Date: _____

Horse Project Record Book Tips for Members

Outside cover – name, club, age, and level

Pictures/Drawings – include front, both sides, and hind views.

Health and Growth Record – entered 4 times /year. Body condition scoring – remember 9 is the best; 1 is the worst.

Monthly Record – 6 months to be marked.

- A) **Feed Record** - Fill in name of month, name of horse, and circle kgs or lbs on each month. If no weight unit determined (ie pasture mineral block, etc) must indicate so by N/A. In this case, determine price/day and indicate it in appropriate columns. Include bedding under project related costs as per instructions on page 5.
- B) **Project Related Costs or Income** – anything used up in one year. Should include bedding here. Could include fees, gas, lunch, etc. costs. If there is no income enter zero.
- C) **Health Record** – If no cost for a month put N/A. Include observations here.
- D) **Project Activities** – Anything done with our horse project goes here or directly related to your horse project (halter making) goes here. Not judged on quantity of events but on quality of brief description of events / member involvement in the activities
- E) **Member's Questions or Comments** – Must put something here – may just be “no questions at this time.” Try to give a comment.
- F) **Club and Other Activities** – Anything done with your club (without your horse project) goes here. Not judged on quantity of events but on quality of brief description of events / member involvement in the activities
- G) This section will not be marked.

Financial Summary

- A) **Income Record** – Fill in G, H and I. If no income enter zero. Must list months.
- B) **Expense Record** – Fill in J, K, L, I and M. If no cost or income must enter zero. Please note: $L \text{ minus } I = M$

Equipment Inventory – anything kept more than one year.

Story of Your Project – as stated in the book. It should be personal and cover the highlights as well as reflect on your goals.

Clipping Page – as stated in the book. It's your chance to make your book unique. Should include copy of communication activity, judge's comments, programs, news clippings. Explain why they were used and give the date and source of articles.

Overall Appearance /Neatness –hand written books and computer word-processed books are equally acceptable. Consideration should be given to computer-generated books that the suitability of information presented as it relates to the age/ability of the member. Another chance to make your book unique.

Deductions – Spelling errors – 0.5 point deducted for each different word. Calculation errors – 1 point for each different error. If the same error is repeated, deduct only once.

Club may determine deductions for lateness

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