

# Northwest Regional 4-H Horse Council

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## Purpose:

- ⌚ to review rules and regulations to ensure that the needs of the Northwest Region 4-H horse clubs are met.
- ⌚ to organize workshops and clinics for 4-H members and leaders.
- ⌚ to assist with the hosting of the Northwest 4-H Regional Horse Show along with the horse show committee
- ⌚ to attend the Northwest Regional 4-H Council meetings.

The Regional Horse Council is elected at the annual Northwest Regional Meeting held each November. Members of this council must be actively involved in a 4-H horse club.

## The council consists of the following:

- ⌚ **6 adult members** - elected or volunteered - serve a 2 year term, with 3 members alternating off the committee on alternate years: that is, 3 new members are elected or volunteered for a 2 year term each year. Adult members must be from different clubs in the region whenever possible. Regional horse chairman is considered part of the North West region executive Committee .The chairman shall chair the meetings of the regional horse committees, oversee the activities of their committees and ensure the annual committee reports are prepared. They attend executive, annual, general and special council meetings.
- ⌚ **2 senior 4-H members** - elected or volunteered - serve on the council for 1 year. The 4-H members must be from different clubs in the region.
- ⌚ After serving a two-year term, members must sit off the council for one year before being eligible for re-election or volunteered for another term. With the exception of the provincial horse council representatives
- ⌚ Voting power at regional meetings: 1 adult member and 1 4-H member per horse club.

## General Northwest Regional Horse Rules

### 1. RULE BOOKS

- ⌚ The Regional 4-H Light Horse Show will be governed by the latest updated Northwest 4-H Horse Show Rules. These rules are to be reviewed every 2 years.
- ⌚ Provincial 4-H, current AWS & GA Rules and Northwest Regional 4-H Horse Rules take precedence over the current Equine Canada (CEF) Rules that are used as guidelines.

### 2. HORSE IDENTIFICATION FORM

- All members must submit a **Horse Identification Form** that is signed correctly by member and leader. This form is to be kept by the general club leader and brought to the Northwest Regional Horse Show. Any member who has not submitted a form will not be allowed to attend any regional horse function.

### 3. MOUNTS

- **Project Horse:** A light horse club project member in the Northwest Region must have only one project horse, until completing Horsemanship level 3. For Levels 4 to 7 the member may have more than one project horse.
- **Ponies:** 13.2 hands high and under
- **Stallions:** use of stallions over 1 year of age in 4-H projects is **prohibited**.

### 4. 4-H RIDING LEVELS

- Will be distinguished as per the present program.
- Once a rider has established a riding level and has participated at a 4-H show including Achievement Day; that rider **may not** drop to a lower level of riding.
- **A member will compete at the Regional Horse Show at the level the member is currently working on.**

### 5. MOUNT REPLACEMENT

- A member's 4-H project horse may be replaced for any of the following reasons:
  - If a member's horse is deemed unsuitable for that member, the horse may be replaced up to May 1 of the current project year.
  - horse medically unfit or long term unsoundness
  - loss of a leased project horse: The leaser must be the person to break the lease.
  - death of a project horse

**Procedure for a mount replacement for any of the above listed reasons:**

- A letter of approval signed by the club leader and any two executive members of the club is to be sent to the NW Regional Horse Council chairperson. A new Horse Identification form is to be given to the club general leader.

**6. BRIDLES**

- Must have a **throatlatch** and either be a **browband** or a **split-ear** headstall.

**7. DISQUALIFICATIONS OR ELIMINATIONS**

- Any member may be disqualified or eliminated from any 4-H event (totally or portion of) by the ring steward, judge, regional council member or 3-4 leaders for misconduct.
- Some infractions which result in discipline are:
  - a. unsportsmanlike behavior
  - b. racing
  - c. inconsiderate behavior which results in danger to others.
  - d. unnecessary or harsh disciplining of a mount
  - e. inconsiderate treatment of horse or pony
  - f. use of foul language
  - g. consumption of alcohol or drugs by humans or horses
  - h. use of a non-registered project horse

**NORTHWEST REGIONAL 4-H HORSE SHOW  
GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Purpose of the Regional Horse Show:**

To provide an opportunity for 4-H horse club members, with common interest, to meet other members on an annual basis for a friendly competition.

4-H Members should view this event as a means to:

- develop self-confidence
- work in harmony with parents, leaders, and other club members
- compare project skills
- learn from others
- demonstrate friendship and sportsmanship at an inter-club level.

**Who can participate?**

All 4-H members who:

- are members of a horse club or a multi-club registered with a horse project.
- have a completed a current year record book
- have participated at achievement day with project horse

**How to qualify for the NW Regional Show?**

- All 4-H horse members who have registered their project animal by December 1 of the current 4-H year.

• Leaders and members will decide on how and who participates at the regional show. The Regional Horse Council suggests that all 4-H members wishing to participate be given the opportunity.

**NORTHWEST REGIONAL SHOW COMMITTEE**

Each year, representatives from the horse project clubs along with the Regional Horse Council, hosts, organizes and carries out the duties related to hosting the Northwest 4-H Regional Horse Show. One representative from every horse project club in the region that is participating in the Regional Horse Show must attend 70% of the show committee meetings which include the November and March Northwest Region horse project meetings.