

HORSELESS HORSE GUIDELINES

Horseless Horse classes **MUST** only be entered by a project member who meets the following criteria. (It is strongly suggested that each county follow this guideline for their fair classes to avoid confusion when entering the State 4-H Horse Expo.)

1. All horseless horse exhibitors must wear an SEI approved equestrian helmet when mounted.
2. A horseless horse project member is defined as a 4-H member who has no **one on one** access to a horse. They **do not** own their own horse. Their family does not own or lease a horse. (Cloverbuds may not be horseless project members.)
3. Horseless horse project members **MUST** show only in horseless horse classes.
4. The horseless horse person must be working with a current 4-H horse project member (Buddy) or leader. The same horse may be shown by both members. This is the only horse the horseless horse member may show. (Two Horseless Horse members may **NOT** show the same horse.)
5. The “buddy” may **not** be a sibling that resides in the same household. (If two siblings are showing the same horse, that is family owned or managed, both siblings are classified as horse project members.
6. Horseless horse members are expected to work with the horse owner, 4-H horse member or leader to learn about the horse, (including grooming, clean up, tack, riding, etc.).
7. Horseless horse members are expected to participate in horse project activities.
8. There are no fees regarding the normal care and upkeep of the horse (feed, farrier, etc.) charged to the Horseless Horse 4-H member by the Club, County, buddy or owner.

If fees for the normal care of the horse are charged to the 4-H Youth this would be considered a Managerial Project or leased animal **NOT** Horseless Horse. Contact your County UWEX Agent for specific rules regarding these project areas.

The following 4-H horse members are **NOT considered horseless horse members:**

1. They own and are showing their own horse or show a leased horse.
2. They are showing a horse owned or leased by a family member. (Two family members may show the same horse - see Expo Rules & Class List “General Rules for Horse Show”.)
3. They are showing a horse that is owned or leased by someone other than a current 4-H horse project member or leader.
4. Leased or Managerial: Defined as a youth who exhibits a horse that no other 4-H Horse Project youth is using and that is owned by someone other than the exhibitor or a family member of the exhibitor. The youth is responsible to ensure the horse is taken care of properly. Contact your county UWEX agent for specific rules regarding these project areas.