

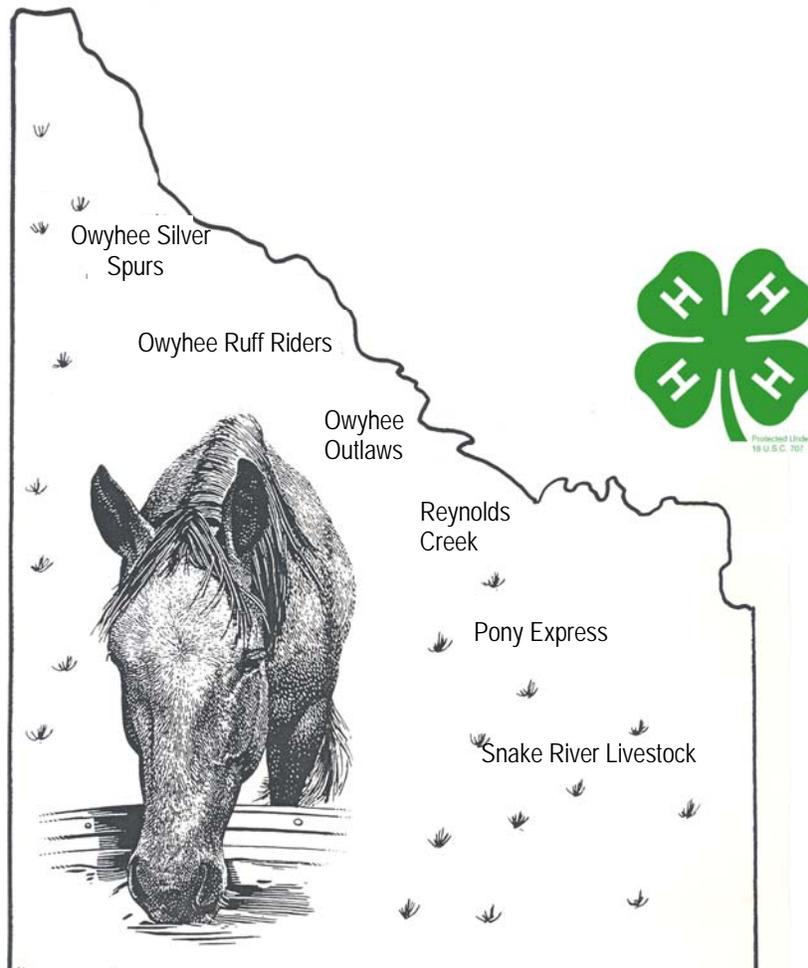
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OWYHEE COUNTY 4

2016 HORSE SHOW

GUIDELINES &

REQUIREMENTS



January 28, 2016

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

- To provide life time skills and learning experiences for the 4-H Horse and Horseless Project members, families and their leaders.
- To promote 4-H Horse project participation at the club, county, district and state levels.
- To market the 4-H Horse program to youth throughout the county.
- To promote, provide and learn safe horsemanship skills.



ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The 4-H Horse Program is part of the 4-H program in general, and thus must follow the policies and guidelines of the Owyhee County 4-H Youth Development program.

. . . from the Owyhee County 4-H Horse Leaders Bylaws,
Restated January 1, 2016



4-H PLEDGE

*I pledge my head to clearer thinking,
my heart to greater loyalty,
my hands to larger service,
and my health to better living.
For my club, my community, my country, and my world.*

REQUIRED:

ASTM/SEI equestrian-approved helmet.

*Some scholarship funds are available to purchase helmets.
Contact your club leader for more information.*

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OWYHEE COUNTY 4-H HORSE PROGRAM

Welcome to the Owyhee County 4-H Horse Program! Whether you have never taken a horse project or you are a returning veteran, we plan to help you meet new friends, learn important lessons, and have a successful 4-H year!

This guidebook has been written to help leaders, parents/guardians, and members find important information quickly. An informed member is a confident member, and this confidence translates into success — in 4-H and in life.

As 4-H leaders, we are here to help all 4-H members, so feel free to contact any Club Leader for help or information.

Owyhee County 4-H Horse Clubs

Owyhee Outlaws	Jackie Engle	697-0488
	Heather Packer	350-0425
Owyhee Ruff Riders	Amber Clay	570-1587
Owyhee Silver Spurs	Ginger Loucks	896-5416
Pony Express	Debbie Carter	880-6232
Reynolds Creek	Bob Goodwin	896-4668
Snake River Livestock	Heather Field	834-2122

OCHL Officers

Chairman.....Julie Morton
 Vice Chair.....Ginger Loucks
 Secretary.....Jackie Engle
 Treasurer.....Megan Volkers

Owyhee County 4-H Horse Superintendent..... Tony Fisher

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Cost:

DUE NO LATER than March 1:

\$16 enrollment fee, payable to: *Owyhee County Extension*

DUE at April Horse Leader meeting:

\$25 fair entry fee, payable to: *OCHL*

In addition to the costs outlined above, each member **must** bring in at least one Award Sponsorship of \$25 (see paragraph, below, for more information). This sponsorship fee may be paid by the family.

AWARD SPONSORS. The quality of the awards given at our horse show at fair is due to our great sponsors! It is important that they are contacted in a timely manner. We are dividing this task among all of our clubs. ***Each club is REQUIRED to bring in an amount equal to \$25 per horse member.*** We have prepared a "sponsorship letter" that provides all the information. This is available on our webpage, at the Extension Office, or from your horse leader. PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN YOUR NAME AND THE NAME OF YOUR CLUB. When the sponsorship funds are received, they will be credited to you and your club. This greatly assists in tracking this information — and ensures you will get credit for sponsors you bring in!

Enrollment Requirements

No later than March 1 each year:

1. Enroll or re-enroll at Idaho.4honline.com and sign the 4-H Code of Conduct
2. Pay 4-H dues of \$16, payable to Owyhee County Extension, **to your club** (they will submit as one payment for your club to the Extension Office). Your \$16 dues will be distributed as follows: \$5 to Owyhee County Extension; \$5 to Idaho State 4-H Youth Development; \$2 for insurance; \$2 for District and \$2 for State horse association dues.

The enrollment requirements must be completed and submitted by March 1 in order for enrollment to be approved and for you to participate.



Materials Needed for Horse Project

These are available in PDF format on our web page.

- Owyhee County 4-H Horse Show Guidelines and Requirements (this book)
- The PNW 4-H Horse Contest Guide
- Owyhee County 4-H Horse Project Record Book
- Project Horse Identification Designation page (included in Record Book)
- Owyhee County 4-H Horsemanship Phase Evaluation (included in Record Book)
- 4-H Involvement Report (**ONE** report includes information from **ALL** 4-H projects. You may include a photocopy with your horse record book.)

Additional Projects, Activities and Resources:

- Horses are Fun! (For those who want to learn more about horses, but do not have access to a horse.)
- Ranch Horse
- Green Horse (Same record book as Horse Project. In addition, complete the Green Horse page)
- Cloverbud Horse Activity (for ages 5-7)
- Horse and Horsemanship (\$4.50 or set of 2 for \$7.95)
- Horse Science (\$4.50 or set of 2 for \$7.95)

Color Coding. In an effort to streamline events, we typically “color code” paperwork. Members should learn their “color” for the year — which indicates their division (**age as of January 1**). Our color designations are:

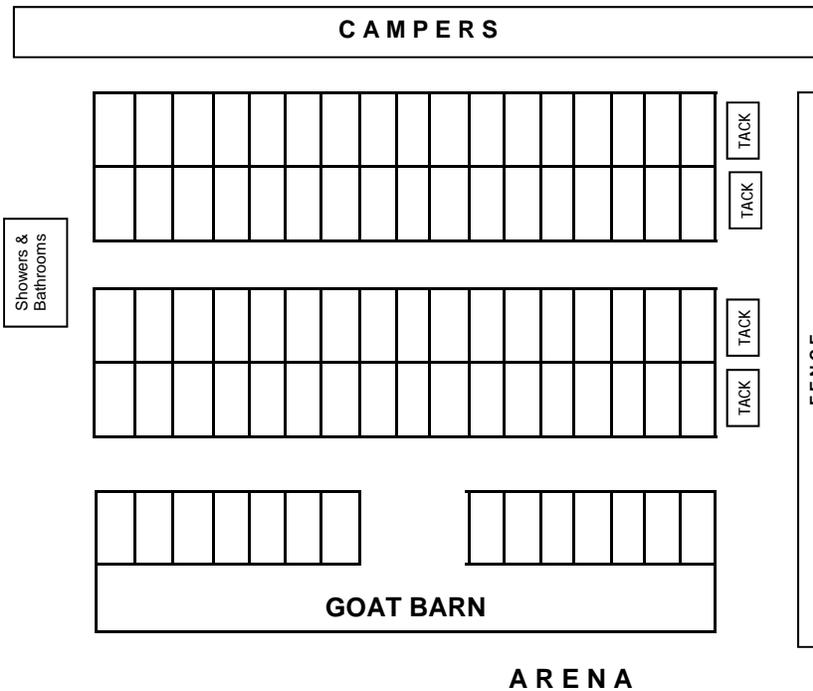
Cloverbuds (5-7)	ORANGE
Junior 1 (8-9)	GREEN
Junior 2 (10-11)	PINK
Intermediate (12-14)	YELLOW
Senior (15-18)	BLUE

CAMPER SPACES AT FAIR. The Fair Board is responsible for the camper space assignments at the Fair. They typically provide us with the Camper Space Reservation forms to post on our web page prior to fair. Priority for camper space assignments is given to those traveling the greatest distance, not by those who turn their applications in first—though you are encouraged to submit applications in a timely manner. Completed forms and fees should be submitted to the Fair Office, PO Box 695, Homedale, Idaho 83628. If you have questions, contact the Fair Office at 337-3888 or Ginger Loucks at 941-4522. The Fair Manager position is part-time, so you may need to leave a message and she will contact you.



HORSE STALLS AT FAIR will be assigned by club at the discretion of the Owyhee County 4-H Horse Superintendent. Priority will be given to members traveling the greatest distance. Stalls will be assigned to local clubs on the basis of availability.

Stalls must be cleaned and animals removed from the fair grounds by noon on Wednesday.



GRAND ENTRY AT THE FAIR shall be by club, in alphabetical order according to the club name. The gate supervisors should have a diagram of the order of the clubs. The clubs enter and leave by the white gate at the north end of the arena. After clubs are lined up in the arena, Cloverbud members and Horses are Fun! members shall enter through the green gate and line up under the announcer's stand for introductions and the flag salute. These members will be excused from the arena before the members





CALENDAR

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5/2 7:00 pm Horse Leaders meeting (Marsing)
 5/30 MEMORIAL DAY - Extension Office Closed
 5/24 County Oral Presentations (Bruneau)
 5/26 County Oral Presentations (Marsing)
 5/2 Registration for District II Horse Camp DUE
 5/4 Registration DUE for Horse Judging and Hippology (to Ada Co. Extension)
 5/21 District Horse Judging and Hippology Contests (Gem County Fairgrounds)

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2/1 7:00 pm Horse Leaders meeting (Marsing)
 2/27 Horse Judging (Canyon County fairgrounds, Caldwell)
 2/5 Idaho Horsemanship Award apps DUE
 2/22-26 Idaho Horsemanship Award testing week
 2/24 Registration DUE for District Horse Bowl (to Ada County Extension)

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6/6 7:00 pm Horse Leaders meeting (Marsing)
 6/16-19 District 2 Horse Camp at Cascade Lake 4-H Camp

9/5 LABOR DAY - Extension Office Closed
 9/12 7:00 pm OCHL Fair Wrap-up meeting (Marsing)
 9/1 Scholarship applications due for national contests to Ada County Extension
 11/1 All Club and OCHL 4-H Financial Reports DUE to the Extension Office



March

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- 3/1 4H enrollment deadline. Enroll at idaho.4honline.com (Leaders submit dues of \$16 per member or \$4 per Cloverbud, payable to the Extension Office. ALL other fees payable to OCHL — see page 2.)
- 3/7 7:00 pm Horse Leaders meeting (Marsing). Donations for buckles DUE
- 3/12 District Horse Bowl Contests (Fruitland Middle School)

July

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- 7/4 INDEPENDENCE DAY - Ext. Office Closed
- 7/11 7:00 pm Horse Leaders meeting (Marsing). Turn in:
 - Permission slips (Boxing & Cow Work)
 - Most Inspirational Senior nominations
 - Girl Sportsmanship nominations
 - Boy Sportsmanship nominations
 - Number of stalls your club will need
- 7/8 State Horse Contests—OP, HB, H— (Lewiston)
- 7/9 State Horse Contests - Judging and Hippology (Lewiston)
- 7/17 Idaho Horsemanship Award—performance phase (location TBD)

April

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- 4/5 7:00 pm Horse Leaders meeting (Marsing)
 - Deadline to designate project horse & spare
 - Deadline to designate Green Horse
- 4/8 District 2 scholarship applications for Horse Camp DUE to Ada County Extension
- 4/13 Registration DUE for District Oral Presentation Contests (to Ada Co. Extension)
- 4/30 District Oral Presentation Contests (Emmett Middle School)

August

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- 8/2 Record Book Interviews for all projects (Bruneau)
- 8/4 Record Book Interviews for all projects (Homedale)
- 8/7 8:00 pm Horse Leaders meeting (covered arena at the fairgrounds)
- 8/8 MANDATORY meeting for all Horse Leaders during the Western Riding class (meet in the announcer's stand)

NOTES:

- District 2 4-H Youth Horse Council meetings are held the second Tuesday in Sept, Nov, Jan, Apr, June
- District and State dues are DUE June 1 (Paid by Owyhee County Extension from your initial \$16 dues)



OWYHEE COUNTY 4-H HORSE SHOW GUIDELINES & REQUIREMENTS

PURPOSE

This rulebook is a guide that provides leaders, parents, and members with minimum expectations of what must be done to successfully complete a 4-H horse project and how the show will be conducted. We hope this provides an opportunity for members to fully demonstrate their skills and to be fairly evaluated. This booklet serves as a guide to all of the volunteers who give generously of their time to conduct the show. Everyone must read carefully all of the guidelines in the rulebook in order to be aware of the rules that govern the conduct of the Horse Show.

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH LEADER, PARENT OR GUARDIAN, AND MEMBER TO BE AWARE OF THE GUIDELINES PROVIDED BY THIS RULEBOOK.

CLUBS AND MEETINGS

To become a chartered 4-H Club, a club must have at least one 4-H club member and no less than five total 4-H members, and one volunteer leader.

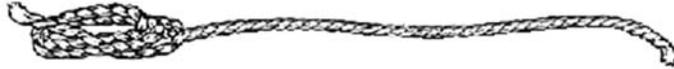
Once chartered, all clubs must elect officers and conduct at least 6 club meetings.

OWYHEE COUNTY HORSE LEADERS

The Owyhee County 4-H Horse Leaders Council (OCHL) is made up of all Owyhee County 4-H Horse Clubs and Owyhee County 4-H Leaders. The Council assists the Owyhee County Extension Office with the 4-H horse program. This includes assisting with contests, and raising funds to support the program. The developments, revisions, interpretations and enforcement of the rules will be through the Extension Office. Typically, the OCHL meetings are held on the first Monday of the month, January through September. Additional meetings may be scheduled as needed to conduct the business of the council. Leaders, **or designated representative**, must attend at least six OCHL meetings during the 4-H year (October through September) for club members to be eligible to participate in the Owyhee County 4-H Horse Fair.

ELIGIBILITY – MEMBERSHIP

The opportunity to participate in and/or work with Extension's Idaho 4-H Youth Development is a privilege and an honor, not a right. Volunteers and advisors are to be positive role models. Youth, parents/guardians, and leaders are expected to demonstrate appropriate behavior at all



times and will be required to a) sign and abide by the Owyhee County 4-H Code of Conduct; and, b) sign a U of I Extension 4-H Horse Event Waiver (once each year) before they may participate.

1. 4-H age is the age of the individual on January 1 of the current calendar year, and will remain in effect for the entire 4-H year. 4-H members ages 8-18 years are eligible to participate in all programs offered by 4-H, including competitive activities and events. Youth must be at least 8 years old to participate in the competitive 4-H program. Individuals older than 18 who have special needs, or are still enrolled in high school, are eligible to participate in 4-H. Junior I (8-9 years), Junior II (10-11 years), Intermediate (12-14 years), and Senior (15-18) years.
3. All 4-H horse members shall own or manage an animal, unless they are enrolled or transferred into a non-animal horse project book such as "Horses are Fun."
4. All 4-H horse project members, including Green Horse and Horses are Fun members, shall complete a 4-H Horse Record book.
5. Members must give a demonstration at the club level and should give a demonstration at the county level. County demonstrations must be designated Horse or Ag when registering. If participating in both divisions, two demos must be given.
6. Members may participate in another horse show, pre-approved by the Extension Office, in order to complete their horse project. However, in order to participate in the Owyhee County 4-H Horse Show, youth must participate in the showmanship class there.
7. Project, spare and green horses must be designated with ID papers by APRIL 1 and registered with the Owyhee County Extension Office by APRIL 15. If this criteria is not met, the member will be considered ineligible to compete in the 4-H Horse program in the current year.
8. Fair entry fee is due to the OCHL Treasurer by the APRIL OCHL meeting.
9. Members shall participate in the Owyhee County 4-H Horsemanship Phase Evaluation program to complete their project.
10. Each member must attend at least 6 club meetings.

ELIGIBILITY – PROJECT ANIMALS

1. Ponies and horses are suitable for this project.
2. Animals do not need to be registered.
3. A family owned horse may be managed by more than one member on a fifty-fifty basis. This means feeding, grooming, exercising, training and access to use.
4. The member, at least 75% of the time, must manage a project horse. This means exercising, feeding, grooming, training, and access to



use.

5. Members must designate one project horse and may designate one spare horse (or one spare for the immediate family members) at that time. The spare animal may be substituted for the project horse for reasons of health or safety, but must be approved by the Extension Office. If no spare horse was declared, the member may complete the project year by fulfilling the requirements for the "Horses are Fun" project. Green horses must also be designated.
6. Vaccinations: All horses must be vaccinated for 4 Way and Rhino. Evidence must be provided to the 4-H Horse Superintendent these vaccinations were done within 90 days prior to Fair, but no earlier than May 15. Horses shall be free from any signs of infection or communicable disease.

ELIGIBILITY AND EQUIPMENT

1. No stallions or wet mares are permitted to exhibit.
2. A 4-H exhibitor must exhibit the same horse during the entire horse show, this includes any Ranch Horse classes. The Green Horse is the only exception to this rule. If a spare horse must be substituted during fair week, it must be with Owyhee County Extension approval and horse must be visibly sick or injured.
3. Horse must be ridden with a grazing, snaffle, curb, half-breed, bar, spade bit, or hackamore. However, no wire curbs, no gag bits, no hackamore bits (regardless of how well padded or taped), no cavesson or bosal under bridle, no chinstrap narrower than ½ inch, no tie downs, no draw reins, and no running martingales are permitted. Chain curb straps must be flat. Hobbles and rope or riata are optional. Silver mounted equipment may be used, but will not be given preference over good working equipment.
4. Any type of approved bit may be used, but no changing will be allowed. Any bit with a shank that applies pressure on the chin strap shall be ridden one handed.
5. Show halters with chains may be used in showmanship. The chain can not be placed over the horse's nose or under the chin.
6. Spurs are permissible, but must be dull and rowels free moving.
7. No quirts, bats or whips are permitted. No leg protection for horse -- except in reining and cow horse.
8. Except in an emergency, NO one (other than officials) are allowed in the show ring while a class is being judged without permission of the 4-H Horse Superintendent.
9. **The decision of the Judge and/or 4-H Horse Superintendent will**



be final. All comments or complaints must be submitted to the 4-H Horse Superintendent in writing, and be signed.

RULES OF CONDUCT

1. The exhibitors shall act as young ladies and gentlemen at all times.
2. Good sportsmanship shall prevail at all times. The 4-H Horse Superintendent or the Owyhee County Extension Office may disqualify a participant from the show and from award eligibility for acts of poor sportsmanship or disrespect.
3. Unnecessary roughness or abuse of a horse may result in dismissal from the show.
4. **Under no circumstances shall any person contact the judge personally.** Such action may result in disqualification from the event in question. This does not include constructive remarks from the judge or a member expressing appreciation to the judge.
5. No visiting between contestants will be allowed during classes, including the judging contest. Failure to follow this rule may result in disqualification.
6. Contestants must get leader approval and complete a medical form to report use of any drug for their horse to the superintendent prior to the show. Failure to follow this rule may cause disqualification.
7. No riding double will be permitted on the fairgrounds at any time.
8. Horses must be tied at all times when in stalls, and butt chains must be properly fastened.
9. Only 4-H members may ride, groom, school, or handle a horse while on the show grounds.
10. No one is allowed to coach contestants while the contestants are in the show ring.
11. The following is an excerpt of the Code of Conduct which has been adopted by the Owyhee County Fair Board. All 4-H youth, leaders, and parents/guardians have signed and agreed to:
 - Work with youth, families, volunteers and Extension personnel in a cooperative, courteous, respectful manner demonstrating good sportsmanship and behaviors appropriate for a positive role model.
 - Accept supervision from Superintendents, the Fair Board, and Extension personnel regarding fair events/activities and cooperate with others. In addition, parents and youth will accept supervision from certified leaders and FFA advisors.
 - Maintain open, honest communication with members, leaders, parents and Extension personnel.
 - Uphold every individual's right to dignity, appropriate self-expression and individual development.
 - Refrain from verbal or physical abuse of others and report such abuse, if observed. Such action as conviction for child abuse or neglect, violent crimes, unethical behavior, substance abuse, verbal abuse, physical abuse, mismanagement of 4-H funds, or other serious offenses, will not be tolerated.
 - Respect, adhere to, and enforce the rules, policies and guidelines established at the local and



state levels for the 4-H Youth Development program, FFA Conduct Code and school district policies.

- Promote the spirit of inclusion and welcome participation of other individuals from all backgrounds. Comply with equal opportunity and anti-discrimination laws.
- Refrain from consuming alcoholic beverages, use of tobacco products and/or a controlled substance at 4-H events and activities. Being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs while in the presence of 4-H members at or during 4-H programs or activities is not acceptable.
- Inform Extension personnel of any incidents that may violate 4-H/FFA policies.
- Treat animals humanely and encourage all participants to provide appropriate and ethical animal care.
- Operate machinery, vehicles, and other equipment in a safe and responsible manner when working with youth and adults participant in 4-H Youth Development and FFA programs.
- Ensure that 4-H and FFA participants are not required to purchase materials, equipment, animals or services from any specific places of business.
- Comply with all applicable laws of the city, county, and state of residence and/or location of 4-H/FFA activity.
- Handle all concerns regarding local/area 4-H/FFA program management internally within the University of Idaho Extension system and/or the FFA chapter sponsoring school district.

Violating the Code of Conduct shall be grounds for action up to or including immediate removal from the 4-H activity/program, termination and removal from the fairgrounds for the duration of the Fair.

10. All 4-Her's on the fairgrounds will be under the supervision of their parents/guardian or leader at all times. No 4-H member shall leave the fairgrounds without the consent of their leader.

DRESS REQUIREMENTS. Appropriate western attire is required in all classes. This consists of: a long sleeved shirt, western pants, a belt, boots and appropriate head gear (either a western hat or an approved helmet). Chaps and spurs are optional. Members will receive an automatic white ribbon if they do not show in western attire (including the green horse class). In addition, western attire is also required at oral presentations, horse judging, and record book and phase evaluations. If members do not wear appropriate western attire at the awards ceremony at fair, they will not receive their awards. Removal of hat is optional after introduction at Oral Presentations.

FAIR CLASSES

SHOWMANSHIP: Jr 1, Jr 2, Intermediate, Senior

REINING: Jr 1, Jr 2, Intermediate, Senior

TRAIL/OBSTACLE: Jr 1, Jr 2, Intermediate, Senior

WESTERN EQUITATION: Jr 1, Jr 2, Intermediate, Senior

BAREBACK EQUITATION: Jr 1, Jr 2, Intermediate, Senior

Owyhee County Fair offers four advanced classes. **All require members to pre-qualify. All "qualifiers" must be approved and designated by the Owyhee County Horse Leaders.** Members may participate in only 1 of the following classes:

WESTERN RIDING: Open to any age with leader permission



LEVEL 1 JUNIOR BOXING: Open only to Jr 1 and Jr 2
(must be qualified)

LEVEL 2 BOXING: Open to any age (must be qualified)

COW WORK: Open to any age (must be qualified)

Optional class includes:

GREEN HORSE: Open to any age with leader permission

RANCH HORSE: Open to any age with leader permission.

INDIVIDUAL CLASS DESCRIPTIONS.

1. **Horse Judging** is held in the spring. The members will judge groups of four in conformation classes and performance classes. Top scorers will be eligible to compete in the district horse judging competition.
2. **Oral Presentations (formerly Demonstrations)**. Each member **must** give a club oral presentation. In order to be eligible for awards, they must also give an oral presentation at the county level.
 - Oral Presentations will be scored on the following points: a) introduction; b) organization; c) content and accuracy; d) stage presence; e) delivery; f) visuals and props; and g) summary.
 - Time requirements: Jr 1 and 2 (ages 8-11) 5-8 minutes, Intermediates (ages 12-14) 8-12 minutes; and Seniors (ages 15-18) 10-12 minutes.
3. **Record Book**.
 - A) Each member must complete ONE horse record book. Complete records must be included for member's project horse, any spare horse and/or green horse.
 - B) Record books should be hand written **solely by the member** in either pencil, one color of pen, or erasable ink. The Involvement Report may be typed.
 - C) Record books will be judged as follows: *Completeness* = 25 points; *Accuracy* = 15 points; *Story & Project Plan* = 25 points; *Neatness* = 10 points; and *Oral Interview* = 25 points.
 - D) The member shall bring their completed record book to Record Book Evaluation Day.
 - The purpose of the interview is to review the records that the member has completed.
 - Speaking ability and communication skills will not be considered as part of the interview points.
 - The evaluator may ask questions related to the project and the record keeping process.
 - The oral interview will be scored on: member's goals, understanding of record keeping, knowledge of recorded



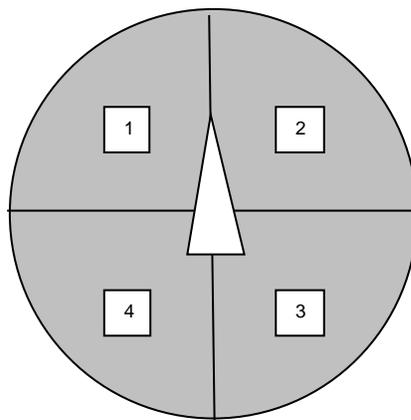
items, overall attitude toward record keeping, eye contact and appropriate dress.

- E) If a member is unable to be present at the Record Book Evaluation Day, the member must schedule an Oral Interview prior to fair with the Extension Office. It will be the member's responsibility to make arrangements for this interview. The Record Book must be turned in and the interview completed prior to Fair in order to compete in the horse show.

SHOWMANSHIP

Fitting and Showmanship

1. Class divided by age as defined under Eligibility - Membership.
2. Only the showman and his work will be judged. The horse is a tool to demonstrate the 4-H's ability as a showman.
3. Appearance of horse: The horse should be in good condition, hair and coat should be clean and well brushed, the mane and tail clean and free of tangles, trimming should enhance the horse's appearance, tack should be neat, clean and in good repair. Hooves should be trimmed properly or if shod, shoes must fit properly and clinches should be neat.
4. Appearance of exhibitor: Clothes and person should be neat and clean with suitable western attire.





Possible Maneuvers: Walk; trot; stop; back; set up; inspection; $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, or full turn to the right; $\frac{1}{4}$ turn left.

Showmanship Procedure

The showman should remain in quarters 1 or 2 and next to the judge at all times. Example: if the judge is in quarter 1, the showman should be in quarter 2; or if the judge is in quarter 3, the showman should be in quarter 2.

Posing

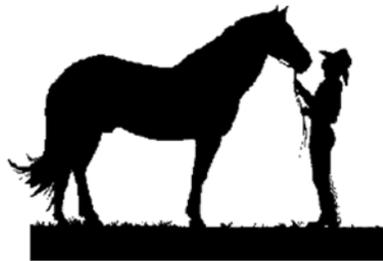
1. When posing your horse, stand toward the front but not directly in front of the horse, but always keep in a position where you can keep your eye on the judge.
2. Pose horses and ponies with their feet squarely under or as breed standards specify.
3. Do not crowd the exhibitor next to you.
4. When judge is observing other animals, let yours stand if posed reasonably well.
5. Be natural. Over showing is objectionable.

Poise, Alertness and Merits

1. Keep alert and be aware of the position of the judge at all times. Do not be distracted by persons or things outside of the arena.
2. Show animal at all times, not yourself.
3. Respond with ease and correct faults in horse's pose.
4. Be courteous and sportsmanlike at all times.
5. Respond quickly to requests by judge and officials.
6. Show horse at all times in the ring. Do not leave the ring until excused.

Grand Champion Showmanship.

See the current year's Owyhee County Fair Horse Show Book and the Owyhee County Fair Book Large Animal Round Robin Rules for complete definitions and rules.





PERFORMANCE CLASSES

Faults against the horse

1. Breaking gaits of horses
2. Refusing to change leads
3. Anticipating signals
4. Stumbling and falling
5. Wringing tail
6. Bouncing or sideways stop, lack of smooth sliding stop
7. Backing sideways
8. Knocking over stakes or markers
9. Excessive jawing
10. Open mouth or head raising

Faults against the rider (which may, at the judge's discretion, result in a white ribbon)

1. Changing hands on reins (the use of hands should remain the same throughout the class.)
2. Losing stirrup
3. Touching horse or saddle with hands
4. Any unnecessary aid by the rider to the horse such as unnecessary talking, petting, quiring, jerking of reins, etc.) to induce the horse to perform will be considered a fault.
5. Any contestant using illegal gear shall be excused from the ring.
6. Two hands on reins (other than Snaffle or Hackamore), or breaking the pattern will be considered a fault.

WESTERN EQUITATION

1. Riders will be judged on seat, hands, and ability to control and show horse. Results as shown by the performance of the horse are not to be considered more important than method used by the rider in obtaining them.
2. No posting at the trot will be permitted
3. All horses are to enter at a walk and be judged at a walk, trot and lope (lope optional to judge for Junior I). They shall be worked both ways of the ring and shall be on the correct lead. The reverse is to be executed away from the rail. The horse should be in perfect balance at all times, working entirely off his haunches. The neck and head should be in direct line with the body, with mouth closed and head at normal height. Exhibitors will have the option of not loping and may pull to the center of ring for safety reasons, but may receive a white ribbon for doing so.
4. After the horses have been worked in a group, they will be lined up in the center of the ring. Horses shall be required to back up in a straight line.



5. The judge may ask each horse to work individually. These individual works shall be any of the maneuvers normally required in a stock horse class (e.g. figure eight's or square stops). It must be remembered that above all a stock horse is one that responds smoothly and instantly to all aids and cues.
6. Intermediate and senior riders may be asked to dismount and mount.
7. Only one hand (either left or right) may be used on the reins; hands must not be changed during class. Hand is to be around reins that are joined together such as roping reins, or rawhide and split reins that are tied together. One finger is permitted between split reins. Spurs and romal shall not be used forward of the cinch. While in the ring, rider's hands shall be free of the horse and saddle.
8. Snaffle Bit horses may be ridden with either one hand or two (one on each rein). IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT TWO HANDS (or one on each rein) IS THE PROPER METHOD OF USING THE SNAFFLE BIT REINS. However, in this show the use of one hand will not be discriminated against, but NO switching is allowed during the class.

BAREBACK EQUITATION

1. Riders will be judged on seat, hands, and ability to control and show horse. Results as shown by performance of the horse are not to be considered more important than method used by the rider in obtaining the result.
2. Junior 1 will walk and trot only.
3. Class procedures will substantially follow those for Western Equitation.

ENGLISH EQUITATION/WALK TROT/PLEASURE

Classes

These classes are to evaluate the rider's ability to execute, in concert with their horse, a set of maneuvers prescribed by the judge with precision and smoothness while exhibiting poise, confidence, and maintaining a balanced, functional and fundamentally correct body position.

Rider Attire

1. Rider should dressed conservatively.
2. Dark coat or jacket. At the discretion of the judge, jacket may be waived if heat or humidity is very high.
3. A light colored buttoned shirt with a stand-up collar. Choker or a stock tie may be worn. Short-sleeved or sleeveless shirts cannot be worn when the jacket rule is waived.
4. Headgear required. Required ASTM/SEI-approved headgear with safety fastened.
5. Tall brown or black jodhpur style boots or straps with breeches or jodhpur pants.



REINING PATTERN

Junior 1

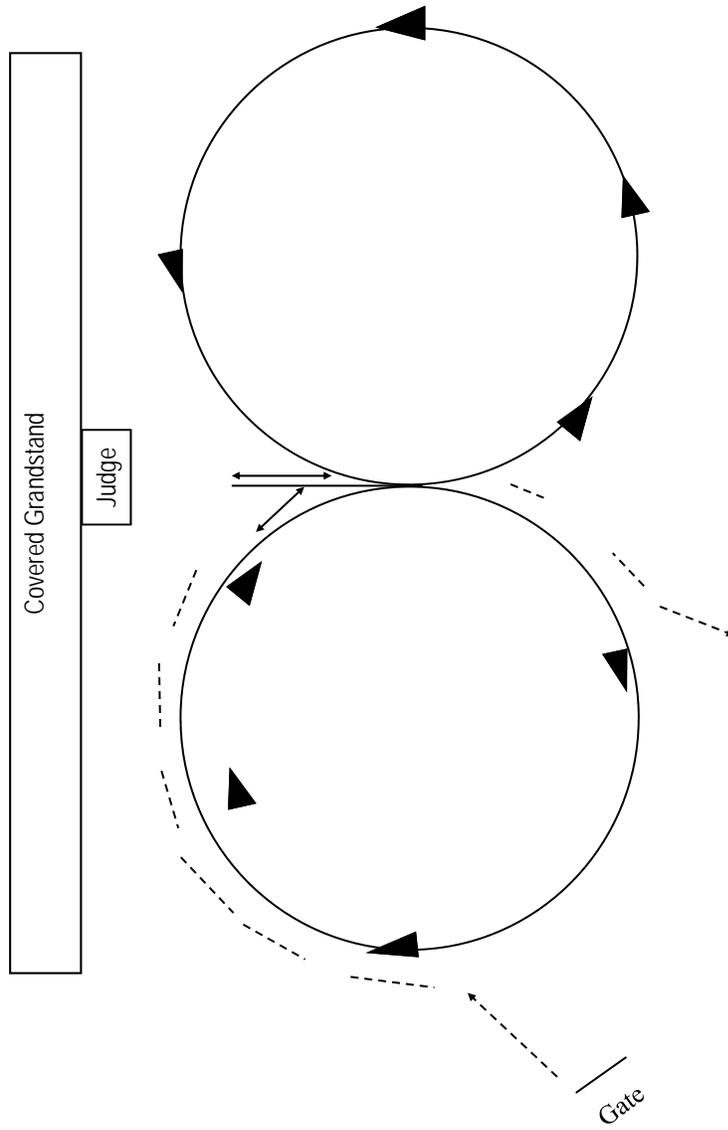
1. The contestant will perform the required pattern.
2. Each horse will be judged on the neatness, dispatch, ease, calmness, and speed with which it performs the pattern.
3. Only one hand (either left or right) may be used on the reins; hands must not be changed during class. Hand is to be around reins that are joined together such as roping reins, or rawhide and split reins that are tied together. One finger is permitted between split reins. Spurs and romal shall not be used forward of the cinch. While in the ring, rider's hands shall be free of the horse and saddle.
4. Snaffle Bit horses may be ridden with either one hand or two (one on each rein). IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT TWO HANDS (or one on each rein) IS THE PROPER METHOD OF USING THE SNAFFLE BIT REINS. However, in this show the use of one hand will not be discriminated against, but NO switching is allowed during the class.

RIDE THE PATTERN AS FOLLOWS

1. Enter the arena to the left.
2. Trot to center. Stop.
3. Beginning at the center, facing right wall or fence, take a right lead and do one large slow circle at a lope.
4. At the center of the arena, change leads (either simple or flying lead) and do one large slow circle to the left at a lope.
5. At the center stop.
6. Back 10 steps.
7. Do a quarter turn to the right.
8. Do a quarter turn to the left.
9. Pause, then leave the arena.



REINING - Junior 1





REINING - Junior 2, Intermediate, and Senior

1. The contestant will perform the required pattern.
2. Each horse will be judged on the neatness, dispatch, ease, calmness, and speed with which it performs the pattern.
3. Only one hand (either left or right) may be used on the reins; hands must not be changed during class. Hand is to be around reins that are joined together such as roping reins, or rawhide and split reins that are tied together. One finger is permitted between split reins. Spurs and romal shall not be used forward of the cinch. While in the ring, rider's hands shall be free of the horse and saddle.
4. Snaffle Bit horses may be ridden with either one hand or two (one on each rein). IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT TWO HANDS (or one on each rein) IS THE PROPER METHOD OF USING THE SNAFFLE BIT REINS. However, in this show the use of one hand will not be discriminated against, but NO switching is allowed during the class.

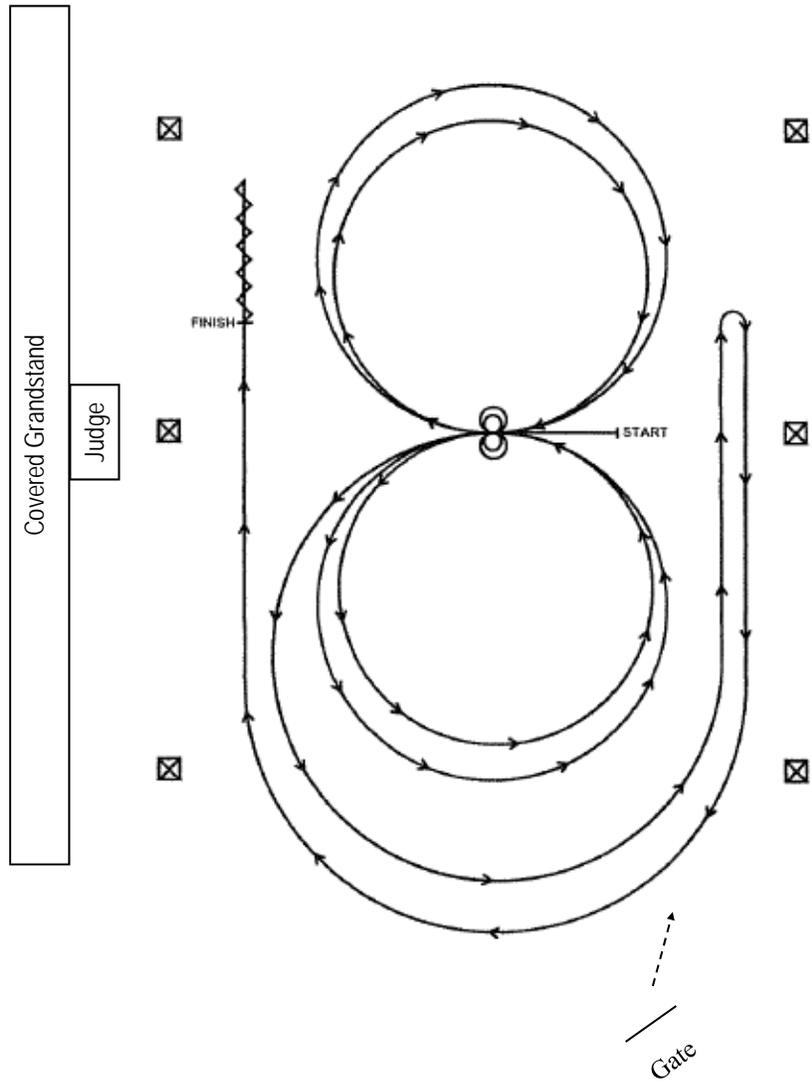
RIDE THE PATTERN AS FOLLOWS

Junior 2, Intermediate, and Senior

1. Enter arena at a trot to the right and stop in center.
2. Two spins to the right.
3. Two spins to the left.
4. Take left lead. Complete one small slow circle, then a larger, faster circle. In center change lead (simple or flying are acceptable) to right.
5. Complete one small slow circle, then a larger faster circle. In center change lead (simple or flying are acceptable) to left.
6. Go around end of arena, run down right side past center marker. Stop and rollback to the right.
7. Continue around the end of the arena down the left side past the center marker. Stop. Back up one horse length. Hesitate to show completion.



REINING PATTERN - Junior 2, Intermediate, and Senior



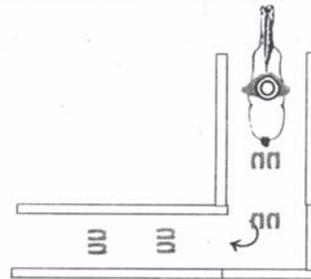


TRAIL/OBSTACLE COURSE

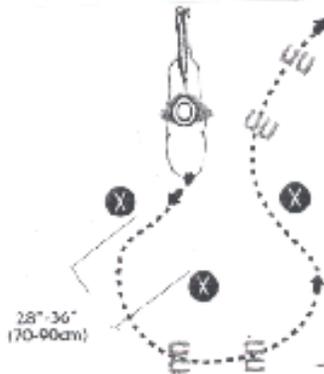
The class will consist of 7 obstacles. Each age division will demonstrate the ability to complete obstacles. Obstacles may include any of the following or others approved by OCHL.

1. Open, passing through and closing a gate on horseback.
2. Riding across a bridge. Bridge will be a non-moving obstacle meaning no rocking bridges.
3. Demonstrate "BACKING" through any one of the following patterns:

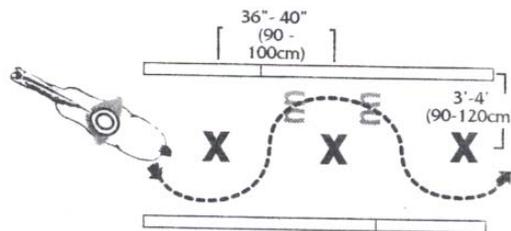
a. The "L" back. The horse will be backed through an "L" shaped course made of logs.



b. Triangle: Three barrels or cones set in a triangle pattern.

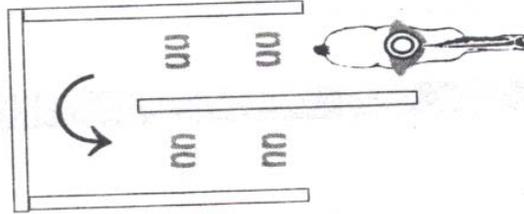


c. Back horse through 3 barrels or cones set in a straight line.





- d. Box Back:
Four poles 6' to 8' long. Two parallel poles and 36" from connecting pole and side pole.



Intermediate/Senior: Start back between center pole and side pole, when the horse is parallel to connecting pole, side-pass both ways and complete back as described in first diagram. These obstacles may be used in any variation or order within the trail class.

1. Water Hazard – Large enough for all four feet in it at one time.
2. Carry Object – Any object, other than animal or fowl, and of reasonable size and weight may be carried to a specified point.
3. Slicker
4. Logs
 - a. Junior I: Walk over logs
 - b. Junior II: Trot over logs
 - c. Inter/Seniors: Lope over logs
5. Barricades or Jumps
6. Side Pass – Objects such as poles, etc.
7. Mail Box
8. Inside Circle – Require turn on the forehand with front feet inside the circle and hind feet on the outside of the circle.
9. Square – Ride into, make a 360° turn and ride out.
10. Drag or Pull – Drag or pull a sack of sand 10 feet.
11. Dismount
12. Pick up feet and clean them



GREEN HORSE

1. The purpose of this class is to encourage members to train a young horse for future use. The class is open to any age member with club leader approval.
2. Any colts must be weaned and horse colts must be gelded in order to be eligible to show. This class is for members to show their young horses with competition between members.
3. Horses must be no older than 4 years old the first year entered, and may only be shown in Green Horse for 3 consecutive years.
4. Green Horse animals must be designated by April 1 and fulfill any eligibility requirements that a primary horse project must complete, such as vaccinations and Horse Identification papers.
5. Members must include Green Horse information, including the age of the horse, in their Green Horse Record Book.
6. All Green Horse members will show their project animal in the Green Horse Showmanship class, and may show the animal in their age division of Showmanship IF the Green Horse project is their primary horse project.
7. After Green Horse showmanship, all Green Horse members will show their project animal in Green Horse free-style reining, or will lead their animal into the arena if the project is not broke to ride. Member may demonstrate various accomplishments, such as saddling or picking up the horse's feet during the free-style time.
8. Awards will be given for Green Horse. To be considered for second or third year awards, the same horse must be entered in consecutive years.



COW WORK

Entry requires leader approval prior to the show. Cattle work may be done immediately following each individual's pattern work or immediately after completion of pattern work by all horses being exhibited (at the discretion of the judge). The cattle working procedures will be as follows:

1. At the judge's discretion, any member may be whistled off their cow for safety reasons.
2. A contestant shall hold the animal at one end of the arena long enough to indicate to the judge that the horse and rider are alert to movement of the cow.
3. The cow then shall be allowed to run down the side of the arena and the contestant shall turn the animal twice each way against the fence.
4. The cow then shall be taken to the center of the arena and circled once each way.
5. Cattle charges must be paid at the time the member qualifies for the Cow Work class.

BOXING, Level 1 Junior or Level 2. Entry requires leader approval prior to the show. The purpose of the Boxing classes is to prepare members to compete in the Cow Work class. With this in mind, a member may only win either Boxing class one time.

1. At the judge's discretion, any member may be whistled off their cow for safety reasons.
2. Each contestant will perform dry work using the Level 1 Junior Boxing or Level 2 Boxing cow work reining pattern.
3. Cattle work will immediately follow completion of the dry work pattern by each contestant.
4. A contestant shall hold the animal at one end of the arena long enough to indicate to the judge that the horse and rider are alert to the movement of the cow.
5. A designated safety line will be marked approximately 1/3 of the way down the arena. If the animal being worked crosses the safety line, contestant shall pull up and stop their horse. Boxing work is considered complete at that time and contestant will be scored accordingly. The judge or announcer will signal to stop by blowing a whistle or horn. Any contestant not stopping when signal is given or who continues to work their animal will be disqualified.
6. Cattle charges must be paid at the time the member qualifies for either Boxing class.

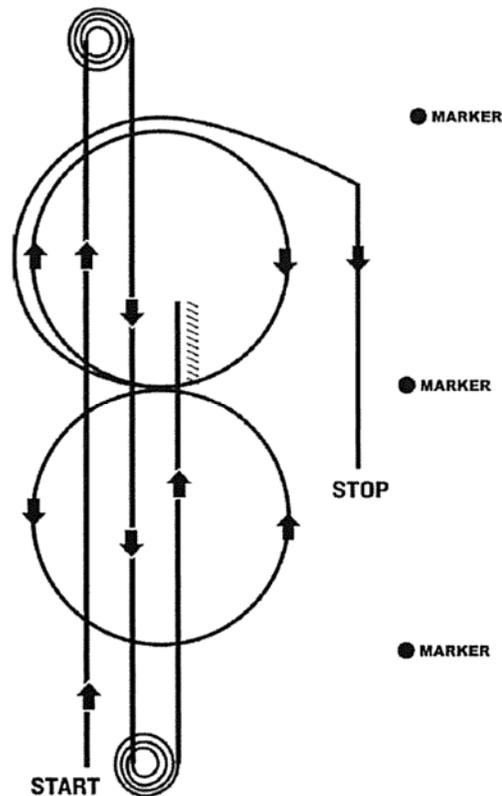


Level 1 JUNIOR Boxing

RIDE THE PATTERN AS FOLLOWS:

1. Start at end of arena.
2. Run down the middle of the arena, past the end marker and come to a sliding stop.
3. Complete 1 1/2 spins to the right.
4. Run to the other end of the arena, past the end marker and come to a sliding stop.
5. Complete 1 1/2 spins to the left.
6. Run back to the middle of the arena, past the center marker and stop.
7. Back at least 10 feet. Hesitate.
8. Complete 1/4 turn to the left.
9. Beginning on right lead, complete one circle to right, change leads. Complete one circle to left. Change leads and begin a large fast circle to the right, but do not close this circle.
10. Run straight down the right side of the arena past the center marker and do a sliding stop at least 20 feet (6 meters) from the wall or fence.
11. Hesitate to show completion of the pattern.

LEVEL 1 JUNIOR BOXING PATTERN





LEVEL 2 BOXING and LEVEL 3 COW WORK PATTERN

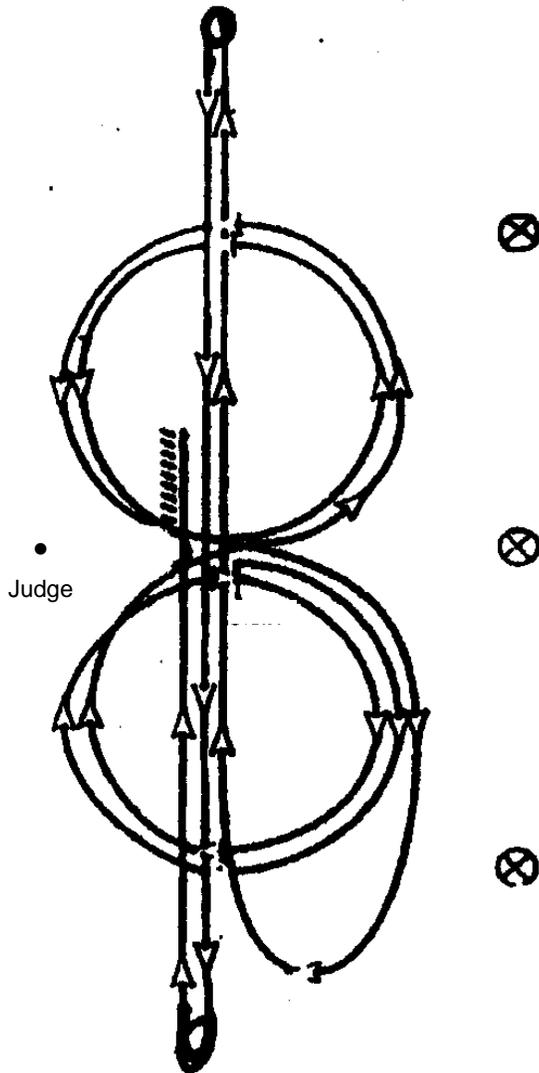
Ride Pattern as Follows:

1. Trot to center, stop and hesitate.
2. Begin at center, facing wall or fence, take right lead and do two circles to the right, away from the judge. First circle small and slow. Second circle large and fast.
3. At center of the arena, change leads and do two circles to the left. First circle small and slow. Second circle large and fast.
4. At the center of the arena change leads.
5. Go to the end of the arena without breaking gait or stopping and begin run down in the center of the arena. Run past the end marker.
6. Do a square sliding stop.
7. Do 1 ½ spin to the left.
8. Begin run to the opposite end of the arena past the end marker.
9. Do a square sliding stop.
10. Do 1 ½ spin to the right.
11. Begin a run down, past center marker of the arena.
12. Do a sliding stop and back up at least 10 feet.
13. Hesitate to show completion of the pattern.

BOXING AND COW WORK

Approved Qualifiers

Tom or Carmen Buckingham, Bruneau 208-845-2310 or 208-599-3611
Wade Black, Homedale 208-859-3624
Aaron Marts, Homedale 208-880-9665
Walter Miller, Caldwell 208-941-4027
Douglas Rutan, Jordan Valley 208-583-4444
Dan Jolley, Nampa 208-466-2697





RANCH HORSE classes will help promote the continuing use and appreciation of the traditional customs and practices that are still used today. The Ranch Horse classes will also emphasize quiet methods of working cattle and horses. **For complete details see the Owyhee County 4-H Ranch Horse book.**

REQUIREMENTS. Members in the Ranch Horse class must:

1. be enrolled in the basic 4-H Horse program;
2. complete all necessary elements of the 4-H Horse Project, including club demonstration, record book, horsemanship phase evaluation, participation in showmanship and any other project requirements listed in the current Owyhee County 4-H Horse Project Rules and Guidelines;
3. must attend at least one approved Ranch Horse clinic. This can be accomplished by attending a clinic or participating in a clinic;
4. exhibit the same project horse and bridle during the Ranch Horse competition as they used in the 4-H horse show at the fair;
5. provide their own equipment, including necessary tack, ropes, etc.

Participants may be required to pay a cattle charge to compete in the Ranch Horse classes. This fee may be waived at the discretion of the OCHL.

Any adult handlers and helpers in the arena will be expected to abide by the Owyhee County 4-H Youth Development Code of Conduct, as well as respecting the same rules set forth for members regarding required dress and legal gear and horse equipment in the current Owyhee County 4-H Horse Show Guidelines and Requirements and the PNW 4-H Horse Contest Guide.

RANCH HORSE LEVELS. The Ranch Horse classes shall be divided by experience, rather than by age. To ensure the safety of the members and to promote opportunities to teach cattle handling skills, all Ranch Horse members must ve signed off at a Ranch Horse Qualifier Day. These events will be scheduled by the OCHL during June or July, and will be held in at least two areas of the county to insure that each member has an opportunity to qualify before the July deadline.

Level 1 is open to approved members of any age, but only members in the Junior 1 or Junior 2 division who completed in the Level 1 Boxing





Class will be eligible to receive the Top Hand buckle.

Level 2 is open to any approved member who competed in the Level 2 Boxing class at the fair.

Level 3 is open to any approved member who competed in the Level 3 Cow Work class at the fair.

CLASSES OFFERED:

- Dummy Roping on Foot, ages 7 and under
- Ranch Calf Roping (on foot), Level 1
- Ranch Calf Roping, Level 2
- Ranch Calf Roping, Level 3
- Team Branding, Level 2 & 3 (if offered)
- Ranch Rodear Sorting, Levels 1, 2 and 3

RANCH HORSE CLASSES & AWARDS

- **Dummy Roping on Foot**, participation ribbons
- **Levels 1, 2, 3**, Rosettes for 1st through 6th places will be awarded in Ranch Calf Roping and Ranch Rodear Sorting
- **Level 1 Top Hand Buckle** will be awarded to the participant (Junior 1 or Junior 2) with the highest combined scores from the following classes:
 - ◇ Level 1 Junior Boxing (*class placing points*)*
 - ◇ Level 1 Calf Roping on Foot
 - ◇ Level 1 Ranch Rodear Sorting
- **Level 2 Top Hand Buckle** will be awarded to the participant with the highest combined scores from the following classes:
 - ◇ Level 2 Boxing Class (*class placing points*)*
 - ◇ Level 2 Ranch Calf Roping
 - ◇ Level 2 Ranch Rodear Sorting
- **Level 3 Top Hand Buckle** will be awarded to the participant with the highest combined scores from the following classes:
 - ◇ Level 3 Cow Work (*class placing points*)*
 - ◇ Level 3 Ranch Calf Roping
 - ◇ Level 3 Ranch Rodear Sorting

*Class placing points:

1st = 12; 2nd = 11; 3rd = 10; 4th = 9; 5th = 8; 6th = 7



PHASE EVALUATION is required to complete a 4-H horse project in Owyhee County. The purpose of the Phase Evaluation is to teach horsemanship skills. A checklist for each phase will be used by leaders, horsemanship evaluators, and oral interview evaluators as a guide to progress in horsemanship knowledge and skill as well as personal development. Members are allowed to work in two levels at one time, but must complete Phase 1 before beginning Phase 3. *[NOTE: The Phase Evaluation checklists are now included in the Horse Project Record Book.]*

The ultimate goal of Phase Evaluations is to prepare the member for the highest award in the state 4-H horse program, which is the Idaho Horsemanship Award.

SCORING PROCEDURES FOR ALL CLASSES. There will be an award to the top scorer and rosettes to the top six. This applies to every class except Green Horse, which is a exhibition only class.

Judging Contest: Each member who judges at the county judging contest will receive ribbons as follows:

75 - 100% =	Blue
50 - 74% =	Red
0 - 49% =	White

Record Book: The judge will score record books from 1 to 100 points. Blue ribbons are awarded for scores of 75 or higher, Red ribbons for scores of 74 down to 50, and White ribbons for scores of 49 or less.

Oral Presentations (formerly Demonstrations): Each demonstration will be scored from 1 to 100 points by the judge. Blue ribbons are awarded for scores of 85 or higher, Red ribbons for scores of 84 down to 70, and White ribbons for scores of 69 or less.

AWARDS. Presentation of all 4-H horse awards will be made following the completion of the show at the Fair on Tuesday afternoon. In addition to the class awards, other awards presented will be:

Hard Luck Award. This award will be voted on by the OCHL on Tuesday afternoon of the Fair. While many unfortunate circumstances may occur to members or their animals during the 4-H year, only hard luck at the Fair will be considered for this award.



Most Inspirational Senior Award. Recipients of this award must complete an application; be an active member of an Owyhee County 4-H Horse Club; be in the Senior Division; have completed at least three 4-H horse project years during their 4-H career; must have a short recommendation from each: 4-H Horse Leader, parent or guardian, and one adult who has worked with the applicant in a volunteer position at some time. Applications will be reviewed by the Owyhee County Sheriff's Department, and they will choose the recipient.

Sportsmanship Award. To qualify for this award, a member should: belong to an Owyhee County horse 4-H club for three years or more; show courtesy during all meetings; be prompt and dependable; help ALL members of their club and other clubs at the Fair; be supportive and encouraging use positive remarks, and step in when needed; show outstanding sportsmanship at the Fair towards all Fair participants and their projects; show respect for the judge and the judge's decisions at all times; and never be abusive or cruel to his/her animal. An individual may be nominated by a leader more than once; however, they may only receive the award one time. Nominations for one boy and one girl per club will be submitted to the OCHL by their last regular meeting two weeks prior to the Fair.

All-Around Award. Members must compete in all of the classes listed below to be eligible for the All-Around Award: 1) Judging; 2) Demonstrations; 3) Record Book; 4) Showmanship; 5) Reining; 6) Trail/Obstacle Course; 7) Western Equitation; and 8) Bareback Equitation.

For each of the four age divisions, ribbon points and placing points will be combined to determine the winner of the All-Around and Reserve All-Around Awards.

Placing Points: 1st = 6, 2nd = 5, 3rd = 4, 4th = 3, 5th = 2, and 6th = 1. In the event of a tie among the 6 places, the All-Around Award points will be totaled for the places tied and divided between the members tied. (Example: in a tie for 3rd and 4th, the points will be totaled 4+3=7 and each member gets 3.5 points plus their respective ribbon points). No placing points or rosettes shall be given for white ribbon award in any class.

Ribbon Points: Blue = 6, Red =4, White = 2.

NOTES AND REMINDERS . . .

