

# Code of Conduct

To be eligible to show at the Qualifying Show, participants must pay Horse and Pony Project fees, turn in identification forms, attend one (1) mandatory meeting, and three (3) clinics (approved by the Walworth County 4-H Horse and Pony Committee) per discipline you plan to show in. Requirements apply to all members, including Horseless Horse youth.

**HORSE HARDSHIP POLICY** – To apply for hardship, the youth member/parent/guardian must contact any adult member of the Horse & Pony Committee and request a hearing.

Coggins will be required at Fun and Qualifying Shows and/ or your first clinic.

Parents: The committee asks that parents and guardians volunteer to assist with at least one 4-H event, such as: annual lock-in, weekly clinics, fun show, fundraising events, Walworth County qualifying show, State 4-H Horse Expo, year-end banquet. Additional assistance is needed to make these events run smoothly.

One representative from each family is required to work a minimum of one (1) hour during the qualifying show.

No riding or driving unless designated adult clinician or adult committee member is present.

All participants must wear an SEI approved helmet whenever they are involved with their project animals on clinic nights.

All riding and driving participants must wear closed toe shoes that have a 1/2" heel.

All riding participants must wear long pants/riding skirts.

All participants must wear a suitable shirt, such as a T-shirt or sweatshirt. Revealing shirts will not be tolerated, and the participant will be asked to change. All shirts/tops must have a minimum 1" shoulder strap.

Clinician or committee member has the right to excuse a participant for inappropriate attire.

Riding participants must use a bridle and saddle on clinic nights. No bareback riding allowed at any 4-H event.

Only 4-H Horse & Pony Project members and 4-H leaders may ride or drive at clinics. FFA members may participate with proof of insurance. Leaders must wear a helmet when riding or driving.

**No riding or driving beyond arena areas, this includes grass areas and draft arena when supervision is not available.**

Clean up after yourself. If you use a stall you must clean it before you leave.

The arenas are the property of the Walworth County Agricultural Society. They are kind enough to allow us to use these facilities, free of charge, for our clinics and shows. Please respect the property and help us show the Walworth County Agricultural Society and Fair Board that we appreciate their support of the Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Project. This includes the fairs no alcohol policy.

4-H accident liability insurance covers only registered participants. Parents – please be aware of this.

- **Horses must be service-ably sound to participate at clinics.**

Requirements for all 4-H sponsored or co-sponsored horse activities and events: Effective October 1, 2015. a) A saddle (mounted) and bridle (mounted/cart) are required when riding and driving a horse. b) No intact male horses can be shown.

I have read and understand the Program Safety Rules and Regulations on pages 5 & 6.

**Failure to comply with any of the above rules and regulations will result in a meeting with the 4-H Executive Board.**

I understand and agree to follow the rules listed above.

Youth signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_