

2011 Steuben County Leadline & Walk/Stop Horse Show Rules

Steuben County 4-H members who are 6 or 7 years old as of January 1, 2011 can participate in the Steuben County 4-H Horse Qualifying Shows Leadline Class providing they meet the requirements below. Steuben County 4-H members who are 7 years as of January 1, 2011 can participate in the Steuben County 4-H Horse Qualifying Shows Walk/Stop Class providing they meet the requirements below. No other precedence will be set for any other 4-H event concerning cloverbud members showing animals.

Leadline: The 4-H member is mounted and led by a side walker, who is 18 years of age or older and has horse related experience. A properly fitted halter must be over the bridle and a lead line must be attached to the ring at the bottom of the halter, not on the side or to the bit. Youth must be capable of holding the reins in their hands. Youth will not be asked to back their horse. Youth at this level cannot qualify for State Fair.

Walk/Stop: The child is mounted and must have a header who is 18 years of age or older and has horse related experience walking alongside them the entire class. Youth must be capable of holding the reins in their hands and asking the horse to walk and stop. These classes will only be offered at qualifying shows. Youth will not be asked to back their horse. Youth at this level cannot qualify for State Fair.

The 4-H member must wear an approved ASTM F 1163 SEI helmet and proper equestrian footwear having a distinguishable heel at all times when mounted or handling a horse in a riding arena whether on the ground or mounted. Special care should be taken to help ensure that the horse or pony is of appropriate size, disposition and level of training for the ability level of the child. Competent supervision, in a controlled environment, should be easily accessible to the 4-H member at all times when they are mounted. All riders, regardless of seat, can use snaffle bits and two hands on the reins in Leadline or Walk/Stop classes.

The Leadline class and Walk/Stop Class will be for exhibition only and the 4-H members will not be ranked or placed.

- **All exhibitors must be members of a recognized Steuben County 4-H by MONDAY, May 2 of the current 4-H year to be eligible to participate in any Steuben County 4-H Horse Show. Cloverbud members are exempt from the horse educational event participation requirement.** All exhibitors must be supervised by their parent(s) or a designated adult. Direct adult supervision must be maintained throughout the show, including arrival, warm-up and departure activities. **All exhibitors must have the parent's signature on the Horse Show Entry Blank.**
- **All horses that a 4-H Leadline or Walk/Stop member wishes to show must be registered as a project equine with the Steuben County 4-H office by 4:30 p.m. on May 27th, 2011 by completing the State 4-H Horse Certificate to be eligible to compete at the Steuben County 4-H Horse Shows.** A copy of the current Coggins test papers and a Rabies Vaccination Certificate must be included with the 4-H Horse Certificate. These will not be returned. Coggins tests dated 2010 or 2011 are valid. Only rabies vaccinations dated 2011 are valid. Cloverbud members are encouraged to complete a cloverbud horse record and may receive special recognition for doing so.
- 4-H Leadline & Walk/Stop Cloverbud members need **two evaluations** (“On the Ground Skills” and “Riding Level Skills”)
 - The 4-H member **must** score **at least a 2 in all** of the categories **and** a score of **3 or 4 in at least half** of the categories on the evaluation form before the 4-H member is considered to be a candidate to ride a horse.
 - After the 4-H Leadline member has adequately demonstrated the “on the ground skills” necessary to work safely with equines and show respect for the equine they will also be evaluated using the “NYS 4-H Horse Program Riding Level Evaluation Form”.
 - The “On the Ground Skills Evaluation” and the “Riding Level Evaluation” will be done at the Bath Trailblazers Schooling Show on May 29th at the Bath Fairgrounds from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. If you are unable to participate during the Bath Trailblazers Schooling Show, arrangements will need to be made to schedule the evaluations at the June or July Qualifying Shows. **You do not have to be participating in the schooling show to be able to have the evaluation done. Your parent/legal guardian needs to be present for the evaluations and you need to bring the evaluation forms with the first page filled out including your parent/guardian signature with you.**