

**2025**

## **RULES FOR SALT LAKE COUNTY 4-H HORSE SHOWS**

### **1. GENERAL STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Salt Lake County 4-H horse shows is to help 4-H youth solidify some of the learning experiences gained in their local 4-H clubs. Education is our primary purpose. The rules of our shows are established with the idea that we reach that purpose in a safe manner. It is hoped that citizenship and sportsmanship will also be learned at our 4-H horse shows. 4-H standards will be enforced at all times for both adults and youth.

### **2. GENERAL ARENA POLICIES**

The Salt Lake County 4-H Horse Council has two arenas at the Bastian Agricultural Center available each week for registered clubs to use for practice. Each club shall pay to the Horse Council a \$125.00 fee to use an arena one day each week for a two and a half hour period. Clubs may coordinate with each other to share arena space. The arena fee is due by April 1, failure to pay the arena fee forfeits that club's time slot and will be open to replacement by other clubs at discretion of Executive Horse Council and program needs. Auxiliary Programs will be given one time slot at no charge if time is available.

Any club who wants a 4-H designated time slot at the Bastian Agricultural Center needs to contact the President prior to or at the January rules meeting. First priority will be given to clubs that had reservations for the previous year, and paid the previous fee in full, for their existing time. If there is a time slot available, and more than one club requests the same time there will be a drawing to determine who will receive that reservation.

### **3. GENERAL RULES FOR WESTERN HORSE SHOWS**

The basic rules contained in the Utah State 4-H Western Horse Rule Book will be followed, and the attached rules are a supplement for use in Salt Lake County. Show management and judges have authority to excuse from shows those who refuse to follow these rules. The show management and grievance committee will interpret all rules and have the final say in all matters.

3.1- The Utah 4-H year will begin on September 1<sup>st</sup> and end on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Utah 4-H membership will be based on a child's age as of September 1<sup>st</sup>. Youth are eligible to participate in large animal 4-H between the ages of 8 and 18. Youth in the 3rd grade who are 7 years old, and turn 8 during the 3rd grade school year may enroll in large animal 4-H, but can only show if they are in 3rd grade AND 8 years old 30 days prior to the horse show. JUNIORS: Members Grade 3rd-5th (Homeschool: age 8 – 10), INTERMEDIATES: Members Grade 6th-8th (Homeschool: age 11 – 13), SENIOR: Members Grade 9th-12th (Homeschool: age 14 – 18). Youth who have graduated from High School may participate in all activities through the summer of their graduation year.

3.2- As per State 4-H Guidelines, special needs individuals may join 4-H and continue on throughout their life, regardless of age. Consideration is given for special needs members for the creation of classes for all competitive events (test, two handed and individual events).

3.3- Any 4-H member enrolled in a 4-H horse project in a Salt Lake County Club may participate in any Salt Lake County 4-H horse show unless otherwise instructed. Each member must show proof of vaccination and deworming of project horse or horses to their 4-H Leader prior to registration for their first Show.

3.4- Enrollment (ZSuite-4-H registration platform) should be turned into the 4-H Extension Office by September 1<sup>st</sup>. All members enrolled must participate in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> show to be eligible for awards. Late registrations due to relocation will have eligibility decided by the 4-H Horse Council.

3.5- It is strongly encouraged that all parents sign up as volunteers through the USU website to have them covered by USU insurance policy.

3.6- One parent/guardian of every enrolled member must attend a mandatory parent workshop before the members first Salt Lake County sanctioned show for the member to be eligible to show, as coordinated through the county extension agent and the club leader.

3.7- Certificates will be made by the registrar when requested by the youth, that showcase ribbons received in classes at the 1<sup>st</sup> show, 2<sup>nd</sup> show, 3<sup>rd</sup> show, and High Point Show. Stewards will raise a flag at the judge's discretion to indicate placing received. However, the final ribbon will be what the judge has written on the judge's form/scoresheet.

3.8- To be eligible to enter the High Point Show a member must participate in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> Show. NO EXCEPTIONS. Members must have completed at least Rank 1 during the current year in the Horsemanship Rank Advancement Program.

3.9- Participants will be grouped as: Seniors, Intermediates, Juniors, they will be judged by their grade groups, in the 1st show, 2nd show, 3<sup>rd</sup> show and High Point shows. If a participant is home schooled their group will be determined by age of participant as of September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Seniors 14, 15, 16, 17, 18

Intermediates 11, 12, 13

Juniors 8, 9, 10,

3.10- A 4-H project horse may be used by only one 4-H club member in any project year. An exception to this rule will apply if only one horse is available to two 4-H members and permission is obtained from the Horse Council in advance. The horse would be shown in 'Showmanship at Halter' (also known as 'Fitting & Showmanship') by both members, since Showmanship is a mandatory class. Showmanship and Test are mandatory. NO TEST! NO SHOWMANSHIP! NO SHOW! If both participants qualify for Regional Team or State Individuals, only one participant shall be eligible to participate at Region or State. That participant is to be determined by participants.

3.11- Each member may use only one project horse in any project year in competition. Approval for a horse substitution must be obtained by the club leader and the Executive Horse Council and the USU Extension Agent. Only under special circumstances and with a veterinarian note would the rider be

allowed to keep points. Notification must be given to registration prior to the start of that show.

3.12- The state rule book will be followed for attire and will be incorporated into the program. Any 4-H member not complying with state dress code will be docked one ribbon point in judged events or 5 second penalty in timed events. Helmets will be required for all western under saddle and bareback events occurring at 4-H sponsored horse events/shows. Helmets must be approved by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) and Safety Equipment Institute (SEI) and worn with harness fastened properly under the chin. Riders without helmets will not be allowed to enter the event arena and will be disqualified from their class.

3.13- Stalls may be available, but not necessarily will be available, and assigned per club. Any stall not stripped and cleaned 1 hour after the show concludes will be charged a \$25.00 per stall fee that will be used to hire a stall cleaner. Shavings will not be provided, however may be available for purchase from the venue at the participants' expense. Shavings **MUST** be put in the stall if a horse is being held in that stall. The club leader is responsible for assigning the stalls of the club block and making sure they are clean and if not, collecting the \$25. If they are having problems with that collection they can ask the council for help, youth who were in uncleaned stalls will not be allowed to show until the fee is paid. Any member that fails to clean a stall more than once will lose their privilege to get a stall in the future for the remainder of the current show season and the entire following show season.

3.14- Salt Lake County Horse Show Fees - Members have multiple options for paying: Registration must be done through ZSuite (4-H registration platform), <https://4h.zsuite.org/> payment can be made online, by phone, or in person through the 4-H USU office.

**Payment Option #1 “Pay Up Front” on ZSuite as “Advanced Pricing-Pick Your Show(s)”**

- \$20.00 Per Rider, Per Show: Regular & Novice (to be paid separately)
- \$16.25 Per Rider, Per Show: Two-Handed (to be paid separately)
- \$5.00 Per Rider, Per Show: In-Hand Program (to be paid separately)
- Can pick any combination of shows (within rule guidelines)
- Must be paid online 15 days ***before the 1<sup>st</sup> show.***
- **NON-REFUNDABLE – Exceptions will be made in the event of the death of a horse or participant, and no replacement is available.**

**Payment Option #2 “Pay-As-You-Go”:on ZSuite as “Pay-As-You-Go”**

- \$30.00 Per Rider, Per Show: Regular & Novice (to be paid separately)
- \$25.00 Per Rider, Per Show: Two-Handed Shows (to be paid separately)
- \$10.00 Per Rider: Per Show: In Hand Program (to be paid separately)
- Must be paid online 10 days before each show.
- **NON-REFUNDABLE - Exceptions will be made in the event of the death of a horse or participant, and no replacement is available.**

**Payment Option #3 “Between day 9 to day 5 before the show” REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE – NO EXCEPTIONS on ZSuite as “Last Chance” it starts the day following “Pay As You Go” option ends, and this officially closes 5 days before the**

**show day.**

- \$45.00 Per Rider, Per Show: Regular & Novice (to be paid separately)
- \$35.00 Per Rider, Per Show: Two-Handed Shows (to be paid separately)
- \$15.00 Per Rider: Per Show: In Hand Program (to be paid separately)
- o The only option for within 9 days of show registration/payment.
- o **NON-REFUNDABLE - Exceptions will be made in the event of the death of a horse or participant, and no replacement is available.**

➤ Online registration is the easiest and most convenient way for our participating families to get registered and make their payments ahead of time to avoid any issues. Those who pay in advance do see an incentive in cost.

➤ Online registration ensures the most accurate information for each participant such as age, grade, & emergency contact info.

➤ Any uncertainty of participation should be discussed with the council no less than 5 (five) days prior to the day of show.

➤ No refunds will be issued for any member that does not participate in a show. - **Exceptions will be made in the event of the death of a horse or participant, and no replacement is available.**

3.15- All 4-H clubs are to be insured and are to pay fees at the time of enrollment. A Code of Conduct form and a standardized registration form is to be completed online by each participant, their parents, and leaders at the beginning of the year.

3.16- All participants must be enrolled in a 4-H Horse Club and must pre-register with the show management at least five days before each show.

3.17- Regular Project Horse REGISTRATION will include:

- 1) Name of club 5) Specify if Novice participant
- 2) Name of 4-H member 6) Rank being worked on
- 3) Age/Grade of 4-H member 7) Complete birth date
- 4) Name of project horse or pony 8) Price of show

3.18- Two-Handed/ In-Hand REGISTRATION will include:

- 1) Name of club 6) Rank being worked on
- 2) Name of 4-H member 7) Name of two-handed/In-Hand horse
- 3) Age-grade of 4-H member 8) Price of show
- 4) Complete birth date 9) How many years has the horse been shown 5) As per all Breed Standards, the horses' age is determined as of Jan 1st

3.19- At county horse shows if the exhibitor does not have contestant number on when entering the arena, it will result in a drop of one ribbon in judged events or a 5 second penalty in speed events.

3.20- As per Utah State 4-H Western Rule Book ALL Complaints regarding procedures must be made in writing accompanied by a \$25.00 check, No Cash, to contest officials or grievance committee. No

cameras or any type of video camcorders will be accepted to substantiate a grievance. The money will be refunded only if the grievance committee acts in favor of the complaint.

#### GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE:

The purpose of this committee is to:

- react to written protests;
- watch for and react to abusive behavior towards horses or people by parents, exhibitors, guardians, helpers or horse handlers inside or outside of the arena; and
- watch for and react to the administering of performance altering drugs or substances. If there is a conflict with one of the grievance members, they should find an additional member to serve on the committee and abstain from voting.

#### 3.21- Show Officials:

The show officials will not allow an unruly or unsafe animal to be shown or an unsafe situation to exist anywhere on the grounds. If a horse is pulled by the judge or any management official, it may not go into another class for the same event.

The show officials will not allow an unsound or unfit animal to be shown. If a horse is identified by a judge or any management official as being unsound or unfit, a meeting will take place with the Grievance Committee, the 4-H participant, and their parent/guardian. A plan of action will be formulated and a decision to continue will be based on the outcome of the committee. Before the next show, proof of improvement, or a vet's certificate stating that the unfitness or unsoundness cannot be corrected, and that the vet feels the horse is safe to be shown, must be given to management officials. If neither of the above is provided and the same condition exists, entry in the show with said horse will not be allowed.

3.22- Members are encouraged to talk to the judge about his/her problems before leaving the arena. If a judge is not available, then a member is encouraged to talk to the judge about his/her problem immediately following the conclusion of the respective age group class. Parents cannot talk directly to the judge and if parent or youth harassment of the judge occurs, the member will be disqualified.

3.23- If accommodations need to be made for a participant to leave the show early, they must notify show management **prior to the show starting**. Accommodations may be made but they will be required to show with the show schedule and arena schedule in their respective age group.

3.24- Gate calls will be in numerical order, unless otherwise changed by show management in certain conditions for specific events. Numerical order may be reversed for different events. If the event is meant to be in numerical order and a member is out of numerical order, they must go to the end of the line or at the discretion of the gate judge, **without a ribbon or placing penalty. (Note: this differs from the state 4-H western horse program rule, page 9 #16 which outlines there is a penalty at a state/region show.)**

3.25- January Rules Meeting is open to parents, leaders and 4-H members. Rules can be changed at that January meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present with voting power. Voting on the proposed rule changes will be according to By-laws.

3.26- All horses moving at an inappropriate gait should move to the inside of the arena and reposition

to one horse length.

3.27- Written notice of donations for prizes at horse shows must be submitted in writing to the 4-H Office for thank you letters and other tracking to be completed. Must also follow all the Extension and 4-H charitable donation handling policies.

3.28- Any event may be changed in these rules to the same event the State Horse Council will use at state horse shows. This change will occur automatically and without vote.

3.29- For any judged events that require a pattern, the pattern will be published AT LEAST 2 weeks (14 days) before the show they are to be used for.

#### **4. JUDGED EVENTS**

##### **REGULAR PROJECT HORSE CLASSES INCLUDE:**

**Fitting and Showmanship (aka Showmanship @ Halter)**

**Western Rail Work**

**Western Horsemanship (2025/2026)**

Rules as established in the Utah State 4-H Western Horse Rule Book. (Except those not adopted by the Salt Lake County 4-H Horse Program, these are specially noted.)

4.1- No in-county judge may be used unless no others can be found.

4.2- Every effort will be made to not have the same Judge, judge an age group more than once during the show day.

4.3- At the County Fair<sup>1</sup>, participants may be recalled for recognition and competition for 1st through 6<sup>th</sup> place in the class, at the judge's discretion.

4.4- Every effort will be made to not duplicate judges during the year - per division.

4.5- Every effort will be made to get judges that have no direct affiliation with any 4-H'er including lessons, training, relatives.

4.6- Every effort will be made to get judges from the certified list of Judges from the County Extension office.

4.7- A broken pattern in any judged event will be a disqualification and will be awarded an orange ribbon.

- A broken pattern is defined as not performing an obstacle or maneuver in the correct order, missing or eliminating an obstacle or maneuver, failing to attempt to perform an obstacle or maneuver, being on the wrong side of a cone or marker with no attempt to correct it.
- A failed attempt at a maneuver or obstacle in a judged event is not a broken pattern and it will not result in a disqualification; however, score reduction will be reflected for failed attempts.
- Only 2 attempts per obstacle are permitted in judged events. If refused on the 2nd attempt, the exhibitor should advance with it reflected in the maneuver score as a failed attempt.

\*Please note: the horse council will make every effort before the show to remind the judges on the difference between a broken pattern (skipping a maneuver or obstacle entirely) and a failed attempt (which would be reflected in the maneuver score, but not as a DQ), but ultimately the judge determines whether an exhibitor broke the pattern.

## **5. TWO-HANDED**

5.1- Two-handed rules will be the same as in the Utah State 4-H Western Horse Rule Book. Events include: Test (mandatory), Showmanship at Halter (mandatory), Western Rail Work, Trail and Western Horsemanship.

5.2- Two Handed horses can compete in Salt Lake County for four years but can only go to State Individuals three years.

5.3- Two Handed shows will be open to all other counties for participation. State awards will not be available to kids outside of Salt Lake County.

5.4- There will be three contestant age groups-Junior, Intermediate, and Senior. If any age group is smaller than 10 exhibitors, the exhibitors may be combined in the arena to perform the class(es) at the same time at the discretion of show management. However, they will remain judged as their individual age group, tests will be given as their individual age group and awards to be given as the separate age groups.

## **6. IN-HAND**

6.1- In-Hand rules will be the same as in the Utah State 4-H Western Horse Rule Book. Events include: Test (mandatory), Showmanship at Halter (mandatory), Longe Line, and In Hand Trail.

6.2- There will be three contestant age groups-Junior, Intermediate, and Senior. If any age group is smaller than 10 exhibitors, the exhibitors may be combined in the arena to perform the class(es) at the same time at the discretion of show management. However, they will remain judged as their individual age group, tests will be given as their individual age group and awards to be given as the separate age groups.

6.4- Horses competing in the In-Hand show must be registered in the county as a project horse according to the county's deadline. Any 4-H contestant meeting these criteria and having county approval may participate at the State In-Hand Show.

6.5- The purpose of these classes is to give 4-Her's an opportunity to exhibit a young horse they have trained. The in-hand classes demonstrate the partnership between the youth and horse and provide opportunity to give young horses a solid foundation. It is intended that the 4-Her be responsible for the primary training effort assisted by individuals with experience starting horses.

## **6.6 In-Hand Class Rules**

6.6.1- Horses must be 1, 2, or 3 years old, with a limit of two years of eligibility in the In-Hand show. The age of a horse is computed by the calendar year starting on January 1 of the year foaled. A horse is considered a weanling during the calendar year in which it is foaled and a yearling (1-year-old) during the first calendar year following foaling date, regardless of actual birthdate.

6.6.2 - Stallions are prohibited at any 4-H sponsored event.

6.6.3- To be eligible for in-hand classes, horses **cannot** have been ridden under saddle at any 4-H sponsored event.

6.6.4- The 4-H member should own or lease their In-Hand project horse and be the principal handler, with the guidance of an experienced horse trainer or other expert.

6.6.5 - During in-hand classes, touching the horse with your hand, a whip, or any other equipment will be a penalty unless otherwise noted in the class rules. Striking the horse with your hand, a whip, or any other equipment will result in disqualification and excusal from the arena.

## **7. TIMED EVENTS**

### **CLASSES INCLUDE:**

**Pole Bending**

**Barrels**

**Gymkhana Gig (2025/2026)**

Rules as established in the Utah State 4-H Western Horse Rule Book. (Except those not adopted by the Salt Lake County 4-H Horse Program, these are specially noted.)

7.1- Appropriate attire includes an approved helmet, western traditional boots, long pants, and a shirt with enough sleeves to put a 4-H patch on.

7.2- If a contestant's event pattern has been interfered with, they have the option for a re-ride under show management and executive horse council approval.

7.3- The official timers are the judges for any abuse, broken patterns and penalties, with the exception of the Keyhole event, where line judges will be used.

7.4- Straight 1/3 will be used to score speed events including DQ's.

7.5- In speed events all of one age group must run on the same track.

7.6- In speed events a RAKE PATTERN after every ten (10) but no more than fifteen (15) contestants – at contestant's discretion – to be used.

7.7- No youth shall be a judge in a timed event without adult supervision.

7.8- All times must be recorded (even broken patterns).

7.9- If needed for the safety of horse and rider, contestants/handlers may lead their horse into the arena and mount the horse prior to running.

7.10- A horse will be allowed to continue in a forward motion in an established alleyway 20 to 25' in length. The gate must be closed immediately upon the horse entering the arena.

7.11- A broken pattern is a disqualification and always earns an orange ribbon. A broken pattern is not doing an obstacle or maneuver, not in the correct order, or not on the correct path. A pattern is considered broken even if the horse and rider turn around or back up to retrace steps to the point of error and correct the pattern without prematurely crossing the finish line. Using a lateral movement to correct a pattern going astray before passing an obstacle is acceptable, but once an obstacle is passed it is considered a broken pattern because it will necessitate some form of reversed progression on the path, or an addition of maneuvers.

7.11.1- Speed events which contain a jump will be permitted 2 refusals per jump. Refusals are defined as stepping back with one or more feet which does not disturb an obstacle or pass an obstacle. After 2 refusals the unsuccessful third try will result in disqualification. Lateral movements are permitted and not considered a refusal. Circling is considered adding a maneuver and it is an automatic disqualification as the pattern has now been broken.

7.12- Once an exhibitor has entered the arena, they will have 2 attempts per obstacle to complete the speed event pattern, if refused on the 2nd attempt the exhibitor should advance to the next obstacle and if the refusals continue without forward motion towards the next obstacle they will be dismissed from the arena. Broken pattern and disqualification rules from page 9, sections 7.11 & 7.11.1 will apply to the 2 attempts.

## **8. SHOW SCHEDULES:**

8.1- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Shows: All age groups will compete in a ONE DAY show (Saturday). Two-Handed Shows: All Two-Handed & In-Hand age groups will compete on a separate date (Friday).

8.2- High Point Show (formerly County Fair): Seniors, Intermediates, Juniors, Novice age groups - traditional two-day show (test & judged events on Friday, speed events on Saturday). All Two-Handed age groups including In-Hand to be held on a separate date to be determined by the Executive Council.

8.3- English and Working Ranch Horse, will be held on separate days.

8.4- A class for volunteers MAY be added to the County Fair<sup>1</sup> who give 15 or more hours of service prior to the County Fair<sup>1</sup>. A form must be signed by a club leader or council member to certify that the volunteer gave 15 hours of service by helping at shows, clubs, serving on the horse council, or other approved 4-H functions. The Volunteer class would participate in the County Fair<sup>1</sup> only. Volunteers who wish to participate must pre-register so class size can be determined. The class would follow one of the other age groups based on size. Awards (if any) would be determined by budget. Subject to regular 4-H rules, and each class requires a minimum of 5 to hold an event.

8.5- Show time to be determined.

8.6- 1st show of the year will be a “No Bath, No Bling Show,” if held earlier than June.

8.7- When Bareback Rail Work is part of the show, it must follow the Western Rail Work.

## 9. TESTS

### GENERAL:

9.1- ANYONE cheating will automatically be disqualified from the show.

9.2- The questions for the test will be from the Utah 4-H Horse Program Study Material. All tests could also have questions from anywhere in the Utah State 4-H Western Horse Rule Book, and the Utah 4-H Bio-Security Policy. All Novice (A&B) will follow the Juniors for pages that test questions will come from at each show. In Volume 2 of the Utah 4-H Horse Program Study Material there are QR codes that will lead to additional resources, these may be used to create bonus questions. The chart below outlines what pages test questions will be from at each show based on age group.

2025	Show 1	Show 2	Show 3
<b>Junior &amp; Novice</b>	Volume 1: pg 1-33 & Utah 4-H Rulebook: pg 1-46	Volume 1: pg 34-66 & Utah 4-H Rulebook: pg 47-98	All pages for Volume 1 & Utah 4-H Rulebook
<b>Intermediate</b>	Volume 1: pg 1-33, Volume 2: pg 1-32 & Utah 4-H Rulebook: pg 1-46	Volume 1: pg 34-66 Volume 2: pg 33-73 & Utah 4-H Rulebook: pg 47-98	All pages for Volume 1 & Volume 2 & Utah 4-H Rulebook
<b>Senior</b>	Volume 1: pg 1-33, Volume 2: pg 1-32 & Utah 4-H Rulebook: pg 1-46	Volume 1: pg 34-66 Volume 2: pg 33-73 & Utah 4-H Rulebook: pg 47-98	All pages for Volume 1 & Volume 2 & Utah 4-H Rulebook
All tests could also have questions from the Utah State 4-H Western Horse Rule Book and the Utah 4-H Bio-Security Policy			

9.3- Each contestant will take only one test (no matter how many western division(s) they are competing in. i.e.: Two-Handed, In-Hand, Western Individual) if there is an ONLINE TEST FORMAT, and that test score will be used for each division the contestant competes in. However, if there is an IN\_PERSON test format there will be separate tests for Two-Hand/In-Hand division and Western Individual division. Separate test to be given for English and Working Ranch Horse by grade group.

9.4- Test score will be used to break all ties.

9.5- No active 4-H member can grade the tests.

9.6- Test scores are added together from the best show between 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>, plus High Point Horse Show and used to break ties for State Individuals when needed.

9.7- Ties on test, at High Point Show, will be broken by adding the best 2 shows of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> show test scores to High Point Show test scores. If a tie still exists, the Test Coordinator will pre-determine a section on the test to be used for breaking ties.

9.8- Test ribbon placings will be awarded in exact thirds. When this is not possible due to a tie all contestants in the tie will be given the higher ribbon placing. When exact thirds are not possible due to the number of participating contestants, the break should be made with the majority of participants being given the higher ribbon placing.

9.9- Test for all age groups will consist of 45 questions.

9.10- If there is an error on the test, everyone will be awarded a point for this question. Salt Lake County did not adopt the rule from the state rule book that says: “After the first person finishes the test then no other tests will be handed out and anyone that has not started the test at that time will be disqualified from the show”

**PAPER/IN PERSON TESTS:** \*Paper was scratched to say In Person only because in the event that we are able to use a Laptop/iPad/Chromebook/Surface type of electronic device to administer the test to the youth in person at the showgrounds instead of a printed paper test, to still uphold the in person facilitation.

9.11- ALL age groups to be in their designated areas at show starting time in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and High Point Show(s), in the stands. A 4-H patch must be worn on the left sleeve at the test or participant(s) will be docked one (1) ribbon point. (Do not have to be in show attire).

9.12- Members needing special attention should contact the leaders or agent and they will assign someone to help. Parents are not allowed to read the test to their own child.

9.13- All written tests will be graded and returned as soon as possible on the day of the test. The test will be available for review with the test coordinator at registration within 3 hours after the completion of test grading. The participant's leader or parent/guardian may accompany the participant for support. Any changes in score must be directed to the Registrar for recording at the current show. In 2-Handed, the test will be available for review within 1.5 hours after the completion of the grading or until the completion of the last class of the show, whichever is longer, unless the 2-Handed show is combined with the regular show day.

9.14- No electronic devices allowed during the test. Once the test is started, if caught using an electronic device it will be considered cheating. Any form of cheating will automatically be disqualified from the show. The participant caught cheating may be allowed to show exhibition only at discretion of the executive council.

### **ONLINE TESTS:**

9.15- Online tests will be given a designated testing window for the youth to complete prior to the start of the show. The deadline to take the test will end the day before the 2-Handed/In-Hand show at 10 pm.

9.16- Juniors and Novice will have 40 minutes to complete the test, Intermediates 35 minutes to complete the test, and Seniors 35 minutes to complete the test.

9.17- Due to the online format the test is technically considered open book, but youth will still be expected to do their own work, follow the 4-H Honor Code, and take the test by themselves without any guidance or help (aside from a test reader or technical assistance if needed).

9.18- The test committee will make their best effort to try and create the test with measures to avoid ties, however, if there is a tie the contestants may be asked to stay in the bleachers after the morning meeting and take a written tiebreaker test.

9.20- As decided upon by the executive council, a youth may make a request to the Executive Horse Council and Extension Office to take the test in person by paper/pencil with a reader. Accommodations will then be made for such youth to take the test on the evening of the 2-Handed/In-Hand show, but before the start of that show, with a one (1) hour time limit. As with the online format, in person youth may have their book(s) with them. Please know this is a special request only and should be made only in such circumstances that the child is in need of the extra care of the paper/pencil test taking skill. If you enter the online access code at any point you will be required to take the test in that format.

9.21- If you feel that a question got marked wrong and should be correct you will need to download the test, print it out, and bring it to the show office for review with the test coordinator during the test corrections window of time. Any dispute will only be taken at the show with the printed test in hand. The participant's leader or parent/guardian may accompany the participant for support. Any changes in score must be directed to the Registrar for recording at the current show.

## **10. HIGH POINT SHOW JUDGING POINT SYSTEM**

10.1- Each class will be placed on the DANISH SYSTEM:

Blue 15 points

Red 10 points

White 5 points

Orange 1 point (orange ribbon for disqualification only)

10.2- Each class will also be placed first through sixth by the AMERICAN SYSTEM. The top six ribbon winners in each event will be placed 1st through 6<sup>th</sup>, and will receive extra points as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> place 6 points

2<sup>nd</sup> place 5 points

3<sup>rd</sup> place 4 points

4<sup>th</sup> place 3 points

5<sup>th</sup> place 2 points

6<sup>th</sup> place 1 point

10.3- The High Point Show ribbons and 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> place points will decide All-Around Winners. The point system is to be used to determine the High Point winners of High Point Show only.

10.4- Scores from the best 2 of 3 shows (if 3 county shows are held in the year), or 3 of 4 shows (if 4 county shows are held) will decide State Individual Winners.

10.5- In each age group, *grand and reserve champion recognition plus rosette through sixth* will be given to the following: (1-6 points apply to these classes)

**Project Horse:**

- Test
- Showmanship at Halter
- Western Rail Work
- Judged event chosen for the current year
- Barrels
- Poles
- Timed Event chosen for the current year

**Portfolio:**

Will include Project horse, 2-Handed, and In-Hand youth who submit a portfolio. Will still be broken out into their respective age groups, but not additionally broken out into the separate show divisions (western individual, 2-Handed, In-Hand).

10.6- Grand and reserve champion recognition will be given to the following:

10.6.1- These will be recognized for each of the age groups for Grand and Reserve. If the age group is more than 10 exhibitors, Grand and Reserve champion recognition prize plus rosette through sixth will be given (1-6 points apply in these classes). If less than 10 exhibitors in the age group, just Grand and Reserve champion will be awarded a prize plus rosette, but placings with points will be awarded to the remaining number of exhibitors.

**Two-Handed**

Test (2-H and In-Hand youth combined, but still in their respective age groups for this recognition)

- Showmanship at Halter
- Western Rail Work
- Trail
- Western Horsemanship

**In-Hand Program**

- In-Hand Showmanship
- In-Hand Trail
- In-Hand Longe Line

10.7- Judged events all-round recognition includes points from the following: Showmanship at Halter ribbon points plus placement points, Western Rail Work ribbon points plus placement points, Judged event for year ribbon points plus placement points. Test used ONLY for tie breaker.

10.8- Timed events all-round recognition includes points from the following: Barrels ribbon points plus placement points, Poles ribbon points plus placement points, Timed events for year ribbon points plus placement points. Test used ONLY for tie breaker.

10.9- Awards for All Around Timed and Judged events will be grand and reserve awards. Awards for placing's 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> are optional. Places 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> for judged and timed all-around do not count for the all-around trophies for the day.

10.10- The High Point Show All-Around 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup>, for the whole show, will include ribbon points from each event, including the test, plus 1 thru 6 points received in each event.

## **11. RIDING TEAM CRITERIA**

### **(2016)-North Central Region (Suspended pending future interest)**

11.1- Senior, Intermediate and Junior teams consist of sixteen (16) members plus four (4) alternates in each age group. (Two teams of 8 known as A & B). If a situation arises that a person or project horse cannot participate, the next ranked horse/rider combination will move up.

11.2- Team members must participate in all events (7) as per state rule book.

11.3- Selection of individuals to participate on the Salt Lake County teams is to be based on ribbon (points) for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Shows. Total test score used to break ties.

11.4- Team Jackets may be a standard type and color or color combination for all age groups may be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those with voting power and in attendance at the first June council meeting. The Horse Council will pay 1/2 the jacket cost plus the cost for the current year to be added for the top sixteen in each age group. Any alternate who shows as a member of the team will pay the full cost and then be reimbursed for half. Any additional year(s) the member would like added are the member's financial responsibility.

### **STATE TEAM - North Central Region**

State Team as offered by state, per state rules.

## **12. RIDING TEAM COACHES**

12.1- Team coaches must be actively involved in the 4-H program to be eligible for team coach.

12.2- Nominations for team coaches to be taken at the June and prior to the July 4-H Council meeting.

12.3- Elections for team coaches to be held at the First June 4-H Council meeting.

### **13. STATE INDIVIDUAL CRITERIA**

13.1- To determine which bracket the county program fits into, and thus the number of qualifying riders that can be sent to state, the average horse show attendance for each age group, rounded up to the nearest whole, should be taken over a 2-year period and should be reevaluated on odd years (2021, 2023, 2025 and so on). County 4-H Staff and County Horse Councils are responsible for working together to find the average participants for each age group in order to determine the qualifying riders that will be eligible to attend the Western Individual Show. In situations arising that the person cannot show, the next ranked rider will move up.

**2025 Western Individual Qualifying Spots: Juniors: 10, Intermediate: 10, Senior: 10.**

13.2- Any 4-H member who has registered a Two-Handed or In-Hand project horse in the county during the current year is eligible to participate in the State Two-Handed or In-Hand horse show that year. However, only the top **three (3)** overall ribbon scores from the best 2 of 3 shows (if 3 county shows are held in the year), or 3 of 4 shows (if 4 county shows are held) in each grade group will receive entry fee reimbursement. Participants are responsible for their own stall fees. If they do not attend the show, they will forfeit the fee.

13.3- Top Individuals will be chosen based on their best 2 of 3 shows (if 3 county shows are held in the year), or 3 of 4 shows (if 4 county shows are held). All ties will be broken from their two or three (depending on total number of county shows) highest scoring shows test.

13.4- The **top five (5)** individuals in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior age groups based on the best 2 of 3 shows (if 3 county shows are held in the year), or 3 of 4 shows (if 4 county shows are held) are to receive awards in Western Individual. This may also include the Two-Handed and In-Hand if they have more than 10 participants per age group. The **top three (3)** individuals based on the best 2 of 3 shows (if 3 county shows are held in the year), or 3 of 4 shows (if 4 county shows are held) are to receive awards in the Two-Handed and In-Hand If the State Horse Council allows more than 5 individuals to go to the State Show those additional members who qualify will get an award as well, funds permitting. The Horse Council will pay the Western Individual Project participant's entry fee of the top **three (3)** individuals. Participants are responsible for their own stall fees. If they do not attend the show, they will forfeit the fee.

13.5- If a participant is unable to show at State Individuals, they are to advise the Horse Council President by September 1<sup>st</sup>. They may keep the award but are ineligible for any entry fee reimbursement. The next eligible participant may participate in the State Individual show. Fee paid by Horse Council if in the top 3. Next eligible participant is responsible for their own stall fees. If they do not attend the show, they will forfeit the fee.

13.6- The State Rule Book will take precedence over county rules.

### **14. SALT LAKE COUNTY 4-H NOVICE HORSE PROGRAM**

14.1- The Salt Lake County Novice program will follow the same rules and regulations as the regular

program, as outlined in the Utah State 4-H Horsemanship Contest Rule Book and the Salt Lake County 4-H Western Show Rules.

14.2- To be eligible for the Novice program a participant may not have won ten or more blue ribbons/1st places in their horse show career, including 4-H, open shows, breed shows, rodeo or other equine related events. Blue ribbons on the test do NOT disqualify an individual from participating in the Novice program.

14.3- Participants may change divisions prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> show but points earned in the 1st show will not transfer.

14.4- When registering for horse shows, members must check the Novice box on the registration form if they are participating in the novice program.

14.5- Novice participants will not be eligible for regional team or state individual's contests. They are, however, eligible for Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, Horse Demonstrations, Horse Public Speaking, Hippology, Project Ambassadors, English Program, and the Working Ranch Horse Program.

14.6- Any Novice group (A or B) with 5 or less participants may be combined with another Novice Group in the arena but will be judged and awarded in their respective Novice group (A or B).

14.7- At the High Point Horse Show, all classes will be placed 1-6 regardless of blue, red or white ribbon placing. If less than 5 exhibitors in a Novice group (A or B) then only Grand and Reserve recognition will be given but placings with points will be awarded to the remaining number of exhibitors.

14.8- Novice participants will have their own tests for all shows, separate from the regular program.

14.9- Novice groups will be divided as such:

Novice A: grades 3-7

Novice B: grades 8-12

## **15. SALT LAKE COUNTY 4-H ENGLISH HORSE PROGRAM**

15.1- The Salt Lake County English Horse Program will follow rules and regulations outlined in the Utah 4-H English Horse Rulebook: <https://extension.usu.edu/utah4h/programs/horse/english>

15.2- Salt Lake County 4-H members already registered with a 4-H Western Horse Club in Salt Lake County do not need to register with an English Club. However, all members must register with the Salt Lake County 4-H Horse Council **30 days** prior to the English show to be eligible to compete. Exceptions must be approved by the Salt Lake County 4-H Horse Council.

15.3- Budget must be approved by the Horse Council.

15.4- The English Program will have a designated practice time in the 4-H allotted arenas for all English riders in all clubs to come and practice.

15.5- One show will be offered. Show date and time to be arranged by the English Coordinator.

15.6- Classes offered will be those offered at the State 4-H English Show.

Note: Classes are divided by ability not age group. Classes will be offered only if resources allow.

15.7- Show awards will be determined as follows: Classes 1-6 will be placed on the Danish system (Blue, Red, White, and Orange) with all participants receiving a ribbon (certificate). 1st thru 5<sup>th</sup> place in each class will receive points. (American System)

1<sup>st</sup> = 5 points

2<sup>nd</sup> = 4 points

3<sup>rd</sup> = 3 points

4<sup>th</sup> = 2 points

5<sup>th</sup> = 1 point

All around awards will be determined by total points received. Hunter all around awards will be given in each division combining scores earned in classes 1-5.

## **16. WORKING RANCH HORSE PROGRAM**

Working Ranch Horse program rules as per state Working Ranch Horse Gathering Rules.

<https://extension.usu.edu/utah4h/programs/horse/working-ranch>

## **17. HORSE CLASSICS:**

Horse demonstrations, horse public speaking, horse bowl, horse judging, and hippology will follow Utah 4-H state contest (horse classics) rules. Senior age division to also follow national rules.

• <https://extension.usu.edu/utah4h/events/state-contests/index>

## **18. PARADE AND DRILL TEAM**

18.1- If clubs want to develop a parade and/or drill team, they are encouraged to do so.

18.2- There should be eight or more members to make a team.

18.3- If teams want to participate at County Shows, they must pre-register to do so.

## **19. MOST IMPROVED RIDER**

Leader is asked to submit one member's name, but no more than two, to be recognized on Achievement Night. Submit the names to the 4-H Extension Office, Horse Council President and awards coordinator. First member's award will be paid for by the Horse Council. Second members will be paid for by their Club.

## **20. 4-H ROYALTY/AMBASSADOR CONTEST RULES:**

This program is now covered under 4-H Project Ambassador as of 2010 and will not be reinstated unless by vote at regular Horse Council Rules Meeting. As of 2023 the specific rules that outlined how the contest ran have been archived, but are available in previous years rules to be added back in if reinstated.

## 21. AWARDS MATRIX

The List of Awards will be updated and approved at each year's March meeting.

### **DATES FOR 2025: Subject to change, contact County 4-H office with questions**

Senior Portfolios due for State 4-H Contest Competition	<b>March 15, 2025</b> , submit on Zsuite– State 4-H Office. <a href="https://extension.usu.edu/utah4h/more/4-h-portfolios">https://extension.usu.edu/utah4h/more/4-h-portfolios</a>
USU Scholarship Application Due	Various dates–State 4-H Office. <a href="https://extension.usu.edu/utah4h/more/4-h-scholarships">https://extension.usu.edu/utah4h/more/4-h-scholarships</a>
Utah 4-H Horse Program Training)	<b>March 27-29, 2025</b> @ Spanish Fork Fairgrounds. Register on ZSuite. Judges track, youth track, adult track.
County Contest for Horse Public Speaking & Demo	<b>Prepared Speech: January 16, 2025</b> <b>Demonstration: March 20, 2025</b> <b>Register on ZSuite</b>
County Contest for Horse Bowl, Judging & Hippology	<b>All combined in one night.</b> <b>June 5, 2025</b> <b>Register on ZSuite</b>

1 <sup>st</sup> Event	2-Handed/In-Hand: <b>May 30, 2025</b> Regular/Novice: <b>May 31, 2025</b> At Bastian Agricultural Center <b>**Clinic &amp; Mock Show, not a pointed show)**</b>
1st Show	2-Handed/In-Hand: <b>June 13, 2025</b> Regular/Novice: <b>June 14, 2025</b> At Bastian Agricultural Center
2nd Show	2-Handed/In-Hand: <b>July 1, 2025</b> Regular/Novice: <b>July 5, 2025</b> At Bastian Agricultural Center
High Point Show	2-Handed/In-Hand: <b>July 31, 2025</b> Regular/Novice: <b>August 1 &amp; 2, 2025</b> At Bastian Agricultural Center
State Horse Ambassador Applications	<b>Submit via ZSuite July 7-August 7. If selected, mandatory training retreat November 6-8th.</b>

4-H Classic (state contest for FCS, STEM, Livestock, Horse, Speech)	June 23-25 in Utah County. Register on ZSuite. <u>Must do the corresponding County Contest and earn a blue ribbon to be eligible.</u>
State Eventing show	Date & Location TBD–Check Utah 4-H Website
State English Hunter Show	September 17-20th , Bastian Agricultural Center (South Jordan)
State Working Ranch Horse Show	September 17-20th , Bastian Agricultural Center (South Jordan)
State 2-Handed & In-Hand Show	September 17-20th , Bastian Agricultural Center (South Jordan)
State Western Individual Show	September 17-20th , Bastian Agricultural Center (South Jordan)

## 22. **WEB LINKS:**

State event calendar:

- o [Utah 4-H State Calendar | USU](#)
- o [Utah 4-H Events | USU](#)

State Website:

- o Horse: [Utah 4-H Horse Program | USU](#)
- o Portfolio: [More Opportunities | 4-H Portfolios | USU](#)
- o Project Ambassador: [4-H State Project Ambassadors](#)

County Website: [USU Extension Salt Lake County 4-H](#)

- o Horse: [Horse Program | USU](#)

County Facebook: USU Extension - Salt Lake County 4-H

County Instagram handle: saltlakecounty4h

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