

Utah 4-H Horse & Livestock Program Rank Advancements

Frequently Asked Questions:

- Do the sign off dates of each individual requirement within a rank need to be different dates or can multiple requirements be signed off in a single day?
 - Answer: An entire level (or more for senior aged youth) may be passed off in a single day. The only requirement is that all the requirements are passed off a maximum of three years prior to completion of the rank.
- For youth with multiple horses or livestock species that only want to complete 1 rank book, can they use their multiple horses/species to demonstrate their skills and pass off ranks within a single book or do they need to use a single horse/species for a single rank book?
 - Answer: The rank book is tied to the youth, not the project animal. For example, an individual could use a variety of different horses to complete the horse/handler team skills for any given rank.
- Can similar requirements within the same rank level be combined and performed once?
 - Answer: Youth may pass off multiple requirements with one performance. For example, in the Horse Programs Rank Advancements: Level 2, if a youth tacks up, mounts, walks, trots, halts, backs up, and dismounts, while showing proper horsemanship, a certified leader could pass off both requirements. Another example is if the youth teaches their club or presents a demonstration showing where the parts of the horse are. This could count as two requirements for Mastery and Education in a single demonstration.
- Can the youth work on two different levels at the same time if they finish the lower level before completion of the higher level?
 - Answer: The only requirement is that youth complete the subsequent level before they can complete another. Youth may only pass off 1 level per year *unless* they are a 4-H senior. Because the requirements must be done within 3 years of completion, youth may complete all the requirements for levels 1 – 3 in one year, but if they are not a senior, they would only complete 1 level, for the next three years.
- In the horse program, what is the difference between a contest and an event? For example, in Level 3 a requirement is to “Participate in any of the Utah 4-H Horse Classic Events (Triple Crown) in 3 or more different contests (i.e. horse judging, horse bowl, and horse demos)”
 - Answer: A contest refers to the specific contest category (horse judging, horse bowl, etc.). An event is a specific day where the contests are held. Youth could compete in 1 event doing 3 different contests in one day, or they could compete in all 3 Triple Crown events, with 1 different contest each time, to fulfill this requirement.