

Prince William County Requirements for Exhibiting at the Virginia District & State 4-H Horse Shows

The Virginia State Horse Show is a privilege and not a right granted by enrollment in the PWC 4-H program. The following requirements must be fulfilled to be eligible to apply and attend the District and State 4-H Horse Shows. The Prince William Co. Horse Selection Committee declares the following:

PWC 4-H Horse Project Club Level Requirements

1. A bona fide 4-H horse project club meets on a planned and scheduled basis – minimum of 4 meetings. The 4-H year is October 1 through September 30.
2. Horse Project Club member enrollments for current year must be received by the Extension office by **January 1, 2014.**
3. 4-H horse project club members **are solely responsible** for seeing that 4-H Project Horse Eligibility / Declaration form is submitted to the Prince William Co. Extension Office by May 1. It must have all signatures and a proper photo ID of the horse attached. http://pubs.ext.vt.edu/406/406-125/406-125_pdf.pdf Members may declare more than one 4-H horse project animal. Prince William Co. staff will enter your declaration information into the online registry. *We request that you **do not enroll your own horse declaration(s) when that information link is released by the State.***
4. Members with horses (owned or leased) must keep an up-to-date Horse Management book and present these records to the County Horse Project Selection Committee with registrations for the District and State Horse Shows.
5. Members must attend a minimum of **FOUR of their club's 4-H horse project meetings** to qualify for District and State Horse Shows and obtain their 4-H horse project club leader's signature on those entry forms.
6. Every horse club that sends members to the county, district or state show must provide one volunteer for every five (5) entries or portion thereof to help with the show.
7. Members must adhere to superior sportsmanship and horsemanship conduct.

4-H District Qualifying Show or Clinic Requirements

(In addition to meeting the above requirements, members must meet the following requirements.)

1. Members can qualify and enter more than one horse as long as each declared horse project is recorded and up-to-date in their Horse Management Book.
2. Members who are siblings, immediate family only, may have the opportunity to share a project animal and show such animal at district and state levels, per the rulebook (please read for each show). It is the members' responsibility to ensure there are no class conflicts.
3. Members must have read and agree to the rules of the show: Rules are listed with the horse show entry information and also refer to other specific recognized horse show rule books.

Virginia 4-H State Show Requirements

In addition to meeting the above requirements, members must meet the following state rule book requirements. (NOTE: This is a truncated list.) Please refer to the entire Virginia State 4-H Horse & Pony Show rule book posted online at http://www.4-h.ext.vt.edu/programs/anscience/horse/Events/State_Horse_Show/state_4h_horse_show.html)

1. Beginning in 2013, 4-H'ers in Virginia who have not previously shown at the state level with their current project horse will be required to complete Horsemanship Skill Levels 1 & 2 in order to be eligible for the 4-H Championship Horse & Pony Show.
2. Must attend the required State 4-H Horse Show Registration meeting hosted by the PWC 4-H Extension Agent(s) usually held in early July. Proper paperwork must be provided at this time to include:
 - a. Up-to-date Horse Project Management Record Book on horse being exhibited at State.
 - b. Horse Declaration must have been submitted before May 1
 - c. Proof of being in at least your 2nd year of the horse project.
 - d. Birth Certificate
 - e. Horse Measurement Green Card
 - f. Horse Coggins
 - g. 4-H Equine Waiver
 - h. Health History Form

- i. Entry Form with check and signatures (or Horse Show Hero checks)
 - j. Proof of 4-H Qualifying District Show or 4-H Qualifying Clinic Participation within the current 4-H year and before this July required meeting.
 - k. Proof of Participation in a County or District Contest (not including District Shows or Qualifying Clinics) within the current 4-H year and before this July required meeting.
 - l. Proof of Community Service Activity via a signed statement by the community service event coordinator or 4-H leader; must have been completed within the current 4-H year and before this July required meeting.
3. 4-Her must be a bona-fide 4-H horse project member in Virginia. The member must be enrolled in the unit from which entered.
 4. 4-H member must submit an up-to-date Virginia Horse Project and verified by the club project leader or by the Extension Agent for lone star members at the time of entry for the State 4-H Horse Show.
 5. 4-H member must have completed one full year and be enrolled in the second year of a 4-H horse project. The one year as a Cloverbud does not count towards eligibility for the State 4-H Horse Show. Determination of enrollment is to be established and verified solely by the county selection committee and agent and all decisions be retained at that level. The 4-H project year is from October 1 to September 30 of the next year. (This rule has been lifted and waived for 2013 until further notice - first year members may attend the state horse show)
 6. 4-H member must be qualified in a 4-H district show or state approved 4-H clinic (member and horse).
 7. 4-H member must have participated in one county, area, or state 4-H event other than the 4-H district horse show.
 8. On the show grounds, care and preparation of the horse is the responsibility of the exhibitor with minimal assistance from other 4-Hers. Non-4-Hers must not engage in the preparation and care of the project animal.
 9. Only the exhibitor of the horse entered in the show may mount and ride the horse during the course of the horse show.
 10. Age. Junior horse show exhibitors must turn at least 10 years of age during the 4-H year (before September 30). The Jr. Youth must not have reached his/her 14th birthday during this 4-H year to ride in the Junior division. Unit selection chairperson and extension agents will verify all ages by inspecting birth certificates before approving entry. Senior exhibitors are those 14 years of age or older before October 1st. All age brackets are the age as of October 1st of the current year. Senior eligibility terminates on Dec. 31 of the year the member has his/her 19th birthday.
 11. The horse must be the project animal of the 4-H member. It may be owned, leased, or rented. Eligibility/Declaration form for the project animal shown must be on file at the county office, as well as submitted on-line by May 1.
 12. The program is open to all breeds and types of horses, ponies, mules, and donkeys.
 13. The equine must be healthy and serviceably sound.
 14. No stallions are allowed. No Dogs are allowed on the State Horse Show grounds at any time.
 15. Horses must have a negative Coggins Test for EIA within 12 months of State Show. Bring two copies to the state show.
 16. Two members of an immediate family may show one animal but this animal must be their 4-H horse project, and may be shown only one time in each class for which it is eligible. Both members with this animal must qualify by showing at their district qualifying show. Each individual exhibitor will pay the \$125 entry fee.
 17. Must participate in at least one 4-H competition. These include: A County Horse Show, Hippology, Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, Presentation Day, District Contests, and Share the Fun talent show (other than the District Shows or Qualifying Clinics).

I have read and agree to these above stated county, district, and state show requirements as set forth by the Prince William County 4-H Extension Office.

4-H Member Signature

Date

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date