

# Hudsonville Fair

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## 4H HORSES & PONIES

### *Horse and Pony Rules for Show: Revised December, 2005*

1. Each 4-H member may show in four premium classes with a minimum of one halter class at each fair. (Exception: fifth class only if foal of that year's current project.)
2. No Stallions over weanling age allowed.
3. No person may treat a horse in an inhumane manner. A disqualification may result. (Artificial appliances are not to be used on the show grounds).
4. Clubs members must have their horses under control at all times. Horses are to be ridden or schooled by exhibitors only and only in designated areas. Offenders may be disqualified.
5. Member's age is the age they are on January 1<sup>st</sup>.
6. If there are over 22 members and if safety warrants it, class will be split. Junior horses will be given special consideration.
7. We reserve the right to combine classes as needed.
8. All project animals must have an identification card on file with the horse committee by May 1 to show project animal in current calendar year.
9. Any project animal that is ridden is ineligible for In Hand Trail Class.
10. Ponies exhibiting in the Pony ring must be 56" or under (1/2" allowed for shoes). Horses under 56" may choose the Horse or Pony ring but not both. They then must stay in the same ring for all fairs.
11. One horse, one rider.
12. Member must receive an "A" award in their qualifying class to enter a state points or trophy class.
13. All cases of sickness, loss, injury, or a veterinarian's certificate verifying the animal's inability to participate for the rest of the fair season will be left to the discretion of the Horse Committee. Once a project animal has received a premium at a fair, no further change may be made. Consult your local leader and the County 4-H Horse Committee concerning permission to procure a new project animal after the May 1 deadline.
14. In the case of a new horse, members will be entitled to show in all classes except trophy or any state points or runner-ups. Once a member has received a premium on an animal in the current year no changes will be made.
15. For clarification, see the State 4-H Rules.
16. Any exception to the above is at the discretion of the Horse Committee.
17. Any 4-H member transferring from any county into Ottawa County must be approved by the Ottawa County 4-H Agent and the Horse Committee. Approved transfers must show in Ottawa County one full year to be able to show at the State 4-H Horse Show or compete in the Trophy Championship Classes at each fair.

### **Definitions:**

Foal	-	Offspring of current year's project mare, less than one year
Yearling	-	At least one year of age but under two
Junior Horses and Ponies	-	Animals five years old and under. May not be shown in age division classes except for Trail and Reining.

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- Miniature Horses - 38” and under
- State Show Points Class - Class in which members accumulate points toward becoming a State Show delegate.
- State Points Runner-Up Class - Members not accumulating enough points from the State Show Points Class to Attend the State show.  
(Minimum of four entries to run).
- Trophy Class - This class is for members not eligible to go to state show or who do not wish to go to state show. Members participating in the trophy class will be eligible to win a limit of two trophies, one in showmanship and one horsemanship at the fairs during the summer.
- Novice Class - First year riding member may be entered first season only. Entries in this class may not have shown in regular age group at previous fair during current season and will not be eligible for state points or Trophy class.