



Procedures for Rule and Program Changes Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Program

Suggested changes or proposals must be submitted by individuals or county representatives to the respective district 4-H horse committee and discussed at district meetings. Proposed rules/changes approved by each district must be forwarded to the Extension Horse Specialist no later than February 15 of each year to be included on the Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Program Advisory Committee meeting agenda. Recommendations and proposals are considered by the Advisory Committee each year at a statewide meeting held at Penn State in late April. Proposals from all districts are distributed to district representatives and each county extension office for review, approximately one month prior to the Advisory Committee meeting (provided the district proposals are received by February 15).

The Advisory Committee is composed of one volunteer leader and one extension educator from each of the ten 4-H horse districts in the Commonwealth. The district representatives are elected or appointed by their district for a one year term on the Advisory Committee. These persons represent their district at the Advisory Committee meeting and should be able to discuss their district's suggestions and vote on program concerns and rule changes proposed at the meeting. Please note that any leader, parent, or 4-H member is welcome to attend the state meeting, but each district is allowed only two voting delegates.

Proposals approved by the ADVISORY Committee are then forwarded to the Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Program DEVELOPMENT Committee for final consideration. Rule changes approved by the Development Committee in one calendar year become effective the *following* calendar year. (Beginning in 2006, rule changes will become effective *only* every *two* years and no supplements will be distributed.) Exceptions: the Development Committee may enact rule/program changes that are effective immediately and are outside of the usual rule making process, in the event of extraordinary circumstances or concern for the safety and/or welfare of program participants.

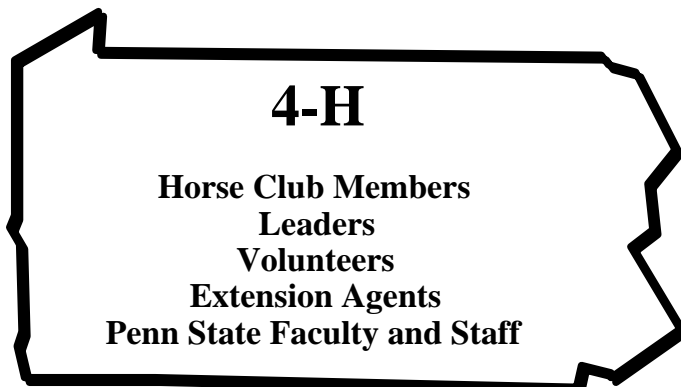
Please note: Recommendations and suggestions may be made for:

- ✓ Any state 4-H horse program, event or activity
- ✓ State show rules, special exhibitions, judges, etc.

Advisory committee members (extension educators and volunteers) are responsible for communicating information from the Advisory Committee meeting at their respective district meetings. Extension educators and volunteers are also responsible for distributing information from the state extension horse specialist (youth) to leaders and 4-H members in their county and district.

All participants in the Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Program are encouraged to participate in this process and provide constructive input. Advisory and Development Committees are composed of volunteer leaders, extension educators, Penn State faculty and staff, and equine industry professionals with much experience in working with youth and horses. These individuals are committed to supporting the objectives of the Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Program and providing a positive educational experience for all youth.

Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Program



County 4-H Horse Clubs



4-H Horse Districts (10)



4-H Horse Program Advisory Committee

10 Volunteers

10 Extension Agents



4-H Horse Program Development Committee

5 Volunteers

3 Extension Agents

1 State 4-H Horse Show Manager

2 Penn State University Representatives

1 Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Representative



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Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Districts

<p><u>One</u> Berks Bucks Chester Delaware Lehigh Montgomery Northampton Philadelphia</p>	<p><u>Three</u> Carbon Lackawanna Luzerne Monroe Pike Schuylkill Wayne</p>	<p><u>Four</u> Bradford Sullivan Susquehanna Tioga Wyoming</p>	<p><u>Five</u> Centre Clinton Columbia Juniata Lycoming Mifflin Montour Northumberland Snyder Union</p>	<p><u>Six</u> Adams Cumberland Dauphin Franklin Lancaster Lebanon Perry York</p>
<p><u>Seven</u> Bedford Blair Cambria Fulton Huntingdon Somerset</p>	<p><u>Eight</u> Cameron Clearfield Elk Jefferson McKean Potter</p>	<p><u>Nine</u> Clarion Crawford Erie Forest Lawrence Mercer Venango Warren</p>	<p><u>Ten</u> Armstrong Butler Fayette Indiana Westmoreland</p>	<p><u>Eleven</u> Allegheny Beaver Greene Washington</p>

For more information on Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Program:

Contact your local Penn State Cooperative Extension office or see the Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Program web site at: www.das.psu.edu – go to 4-H programs, then horses!