4-H Horse Show Entry and Event Requirements

Detailed health requirements for 4-H shows/events are in the current Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Show Rule Book and will apply for 2012 with some exceptions as noted.

Veterinary Client Patient Relationship Form (VCPR) from Pennsylvania Dept. of Agriculture (PDA) must accompany each animal. VCPR form is on the 4-H Horse Program website. VCPR status should be verified in the county extension office. Forms should also be available at shows/events and may be completed upon arrival at the show/event.

There are situations where Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA) health regulations supersede 4-H rules and are required for some 4-H shows. The following five (5) (PDA) health regulations apply only to animals exhibited at 4-H shows at County and Community Fairs receiving funding from the Commonwealth. Note: there may be some exceptions to this policy; some fairgrounds or facilities may have requirements that are the same as or exceed the PDA regulations:

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) A (CVI) issued after May 1, 2012 is required.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases.
3. An Animal Owner or Caretaker’s Veterinary Client Patient Relationship Form VCPR form must accompany each animal, and must be presented upon arrival at the exhibition.
4. Negative EIA test results (Coggins Test): All animals must be test negative for EIA by an official test within the 12 months prior to the opening date of the exhibition. Laboratory test results must accompany each animal (a copy of the original lab report is acceptable). Foals less than six months of age accompanied by a dam which meets the above requirements are exempt from EIA testing requirements. If the foal is not accompanied by the dam, a copy of the dam’s test results must accompany the foal
5. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is required for animals three months of age and older. However, if a mare was currently vaccinated against rabies when she foaled, the foal is not required to be vaccinated until six months of age, with a second vaccination administered two-four weeks later. All vaccine label directions must be followed, and all rabies vaccinated equine animals must be accompanied by a rabies vaccination certificate or the vaccination information must be included on the CVI. The certificate must contain legible name and contact information of the veterinarian who administered the vaccine and the veterinarian’s signature. A copy of the original rabies vaccination certificate is acceptable.

CVI, documentation of EIA status and rabies vaccination must be provided by the attending veterinarian. Originals must accompany animals and must be presented upon registration at the event. Counties may keep copies in the extension office.

PDA requirements above do not apply to: regional production shows or the state 4-H show, or to district 4-H shows unless the facility has these requirements as noted in the exception above.

In situations where PDA requirements above do not apply, health rules in the current Pennsylvania 4-H Horse show Rule Book will apply. See rule book and enclosed details.
**Please be aware of the following for 2012:**

1. Counties may use hard copy forms or e-data for horse project enrollment. The county should determine the enrollment procedures that will be used and distribute information to all 4-H horse participants within the county as needed.

   **If hard copy forms are used for enrollment:** Original health documents (CVI, EIA/Coggins, rabies, etc.) should accompany animals to events. Other paperwork should be maintained as noted.

   **If e-data is used:** Original health documents (CVI, EIA/Coggins, rabies, etc.) should accompany animals to events. It is not necessary to maintain hard copies of other forms, unless access to e-data is not available at shows or other 4-H events.

2. **Please enter breed and type information in computer program.** This feature provides information about breeds and types in order to assess program needs and determine future plans. This will benefit youth who participate in breed and other equine activities. We will be able to generate reports for organizations that recognize participation in the state show and other selected activities.

   Acknowledgement of Risk forms are unchanged for all program participants for 2012.

3. **An Acknowledgement of Risk Form must be completed for all adult participants in 4-H shows.** This applies to all adults that are participating/assisting in exhibiting a horse in the ring during a show; i.e. attendants in driving classes and aides in therapeutic riding classes. Forms should be completed for all aides or attendants, including the driving attendant in the cart as well as any attendant that enters from the rail to head a horse in the line. *This does not apply to show officials and volunteers helping with the show.* Forms are available on the 4-H Horse Program website and in the Policy Manual on the 4-H SharePoint website. (Forms are also available with e-data.)

4. **An Acknowledgement of Risk Form must be signed and completed once per year for all 4-H members participating in 4-H horse program events and activities.** This form is in the 4-H Horse Project Enrollment Packet and is also on the website. The original forms should be kept on file in the county extension office or in the e-data system.

   It is not necessary for 4-H members to complete additional Acknowledgement of Risk forms for each 4-H show, 4-H sponsored open show, or 4-H equine activity provided the original form is on file in the county office. The status of the Acknowledgement of Risk Form must be entered in the computer program for qualifying shows advancing to the district, regional or state level to verify that the 4-H member has a signed form on file.

   4-H members should keep a copy of their signed Acknowledgement of Risk Form(s) and bring the form with them to all 4-H equine events in case questions arise.

5. **It is not necessary to include copies of code of conduct agreements with show entries, provided signed forms are on file in the county office or in the e-data system.** The standard state 4-H member enrollment form includes these forms. The code of conduct applies to all 4-H events and respective event rules.

6. **It is not necessary to submit copies of photo release agreements with show entries.** Copies of photo release agreements do not have to be included with show entries provided signed forms are on file in the county office or in the e-data system and the status of forms is included in the computer program for shows. Since the photo release forms are optional, if no photo release form is submitted and on file, simply enter “No” in the photo release field in the computer program for shows.
See following pages for all requirements & procedures for entering 4-H horse shows.

4-H members and families are encouraged to practice proper health management practices for all project animals. Consult a licensed equine veterinarian to plan preventive health practices and obtain recommended vaccinations and health care.

Resources on equine health care are available from:

Licensed veterinarians

American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP)  http://www.aaep.org/

Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture  http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us
See Bureaus, then Bureau of Animal Health & Diagnostic Services

United States Department of Agriculture:  http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/
FOR ALL 4-H HORSE SHOWS & EVENTS

County extension educators/leaders should review enrollment information and verify status for:

☐ 1. Acknowledgement of Risk Form(s)
☐ 2. Code of conduct and signed code agreement
☐ 3. Photo Release
☐ 4. Medical Information and Authorization for Emergency Medical Care
☐ 5. Rabies vaccination by licensed veterinarian
☐ 6. Negative EIA test (Coggins Test)
☐ 7. Veterinary Client Patient Relationship Form (VCPR Form; PA Dept. of Agriculture)
   *(VCPR form should also accompany animal to event.)*
☐ 8. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)
   *(Only if required for show or by show grounds/facility as noted on page 1.)*
☐ 9. Therapeutic Riding Division Forms (TRD 1, 2, & 3) for youth in Therapeutic Riding Division
   *(If applicable)*

*Verification of Acknowledgement of Risk Form(s), Code of Conduct Agreement, Photo Release Form, Medical Information and Authorization for Emergency Medical Care should be maintained in the county office/e-data system. It is *not* necessary to submit copies of Acknowledgement of Risk Form, Code of Conduct Agreement, Photo Release Form, and VCPR with entries/for events **IF** status is verified in county extension office and included in computer show program.*

☐ A *copy* of completed and signed medical/emergency consent form for *each* exhibitor *must* accompany all entries.

☐ 4-H members must keep *original* animal health documents. These documents should accompany animal at all times as required and in case questions arise.

☐ **If the PDA requirements apply to the event:**
   Rabies vaccination verification, negative EIA test results, CVI and VCPR forms *must* accompany the animal and must be presented upon registration at the show or event

☐ **In situations where the PDA requirements do not apply:**
   Copies of rabies vaccination verification, negative EIA test results, and VCPR forms should be submitted to the county extension office to verify status.

   It is *not* necessary to submit copies of these forms with entries/for events where PDA requirements do *not* apply **IF** status is verified in county extension office/e-data and included on entry forms/computer show program. However, some facilities and/or shows may require paper copies of rabies verification, negative EIA test results, and/or other documents with entries. Please abide by respective facility, county, regional and/or district requirements.

☐ 4-H members should bring a copy of the Acknowledgement of Risk Form(s) to all events.

☐ See current *Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Show Rule Book* for details regarding rabies vaccination, negative EIA status and any other health requirements as applicable for 4-H shows or events.
PRODUCTION SHOW ENTRIES

- Animals should be enrolled in the production project using the current 4-H Horse Project Enrollment method.
- **Production Show Entry Forms** (blue, pink, yellow cards) should be used for production show entries. Cards available from: Publications Distribution (AgPubsDist@psu.edu or 814- 865-6713).

**Entries for the Regional Production Shows:**

- 1. VCPR, rabies vaccination and negative EIA status must be verified as noted on page 3; *See current 4-H Horse Show Rule Book for details.* VCPR form should accompany animal.

  *Copies* of the following must* be *included* with entries:

- 2. Completed and signed medical/emergency consent form for each exhibitor
- 3. Registration papers or application for registration as per current rule book (registered classes)
- 4. Horsemanship Skills Evaluation Sheet for youth under 12 *(may be submitted at the show)*

For 4-H members **under 12 years of age**, a copy of the Level 1 Horsemanship Skills Evaluation Sheet must be included with entry forms or submitted at the show for each animal. **Youth under 12 years of age will not be permitted to show without a completed evaluation sheet indicating mastery of Level 1 handling skills and/or riding skills as applicable for each animal.** *(See current Rule Book and 4-H Horse Production Guidelines and Testing Information for details.)*

**Youth under 12 years of age must re-test annually with the project animal(s) they intend to show.**

The Evaluation Sheet must include signatures of 3 certified Horsemanship Skills examiners and indicate that the youth has passed all applicable handling skills. **ONLY evaluation sheets signed by certified examiners who have successfully completed Level 1-2 examiner training are acceptable to fulfill the production show requirements for youth under age 12.** County listings of trained Horsemanship Skills Examiners are available from county Penn State Extension offices or on the 4-H Horsemanship Program website.

- *Copies* of registration papers, medical consent forms and Horsemanship Skills sheets should be made in the county office and sent with entries to the regional production show chairman by the show entry deadline. *(Exception: Horsemanship Skills Evaluation Sheets may be submitted at the show).*

  It is *not* necessary to submit copies of Acknowledgement of Risk Form(s), Code of Conduct Agreement, Photo Release Form, and VCPR for regional and state show entries *IF* status is verified in county extension office/e-data and included on entry forms/computer show program.

**Entries for State Production Show:**

- 1. Completed, signed medical/emergency consent form for each exhibitor must be included with entry.
- 2. VCPR, rabies vaccination and negative EIA status must be verified as noted on page 3. *See current 4-H Horse Show Rule Book for details.* VCPR form should accompany animal.

  *Note:* Horses that were less than six months of age at the regional show, but are six months of age or older by the state show *must* submit verification of negative EIA status and rabies vaccination upon arrival at the state show *IF* these requirements were not previously verified prior to or at the regional or state show.

- 3. See information about other forms on page 2.
PERFORMANCE SHOW ENTRIES

Entries for district shows and State 4-H Horse Show:

☐ 1. VCPR, rabies vaccination and negative EIA status must be verified as noted on page 3; See current 4-H Horse Show Rule Book for details. (Refer to PDA requirements if applicable for details.) Copies of the following must be included with entries:

☐ 2. Completed and signed medical and emergency consent form for each exhibitor

☐ 3. Copies of Therapeutic Riding Division Forms (TRD 1, 2, & 3) should be attached with all entries in Therapeutic Riding Division.

☐ Copies of medical and TRD forms should be made in the county office and sent with entries to the district show. The district show secretary should send copies to the state show secretary with state show entries.

It is not necessary to submit copies of Acknowledgement of Risk Form(s), Code of Conduct Agreement, Photo Release Form, and VCPR form with district and state show entries IF status is verified in county extension office/e-data and included on entry forms/computer show program.

It is not necessary to submit copies of animal health forms with entries/or events where PDA requirements do not apply IF status is verified in county extension office/e-data and included on entry forms/computer show program. However, some facilities and/or shows may require paper copies of rabies verification, negative EIA test results, and/or other documents with entries. Please abide by respective facility, county, regional and/or district requirements.

For additional information not included in this packet, see the 4-H Horse Program website. www.das.psu.edu – 4-H Programs - Horses

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