



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 2014 with some exceptions as noted.

Verification of Veterinarian-Client Patient-Relationship (VCPR)

The VCPR form is no longer required and has been replaced by a statement verifying that a Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship exists for all animals exhibited.

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, 2014 is required.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases.
3. An Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of **Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR) statement** must be signed for animals exhibited at fairs. The statement will be included in the respective fair registration form.
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: the junior horse championship show or 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 2014:

1. Standard hard copy forms should be used for *horse project (animal)* enrollment.

Original health documents (CVI, EIA/Coggins, rabies, etc.) should be kept by 4-H members and the documents (CVI, EIA/Coggins, rabies, etc.) should accompany animals to events. *Other* paperwork should be maintained as noted.

The health information of the horse should be recorded on the enrollment form as noted. Counties should keep copies of health documents as needed.

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 2014.

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.

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.

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 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 Access 4-H 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 *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) aaep.org/

*Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture agriculture.state.pa.us
See Bureaus, then Bureau of Animal Health & Diagnostic Services*

United States Department of Agriculture: 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. Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship Statement (signed)
- 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 extension office. 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 *must* accompany the animal and must be presented upon registration at the show or event. VCPR verification is included with fair registration materials.

- In situations where the PDA requirements do not apply:***
Copies of rabies vaccination verification, negative EIA test results should be submitted to the county extension office to verify status. VCPR verification is included in horse project enrollment form.

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 **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.

JUNIOR HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW ENTRIES

- Animals should be enrolled in the junior horse project using the 4-H Horse Project Enrollment forms.
- Junior Horse Championship Show Entry Forms** will be used for junior horse show entries. *Entry forms and instructions will be distributed to all counties and posted on the 4-H Horse Program website when available.*

Entries for the Junior Horse Championship Show:

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

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*)

4-H members must be 12 years of age or older *or* have passed *all* applicable Level 1 Horsemanship Skills with *each* junior horse project animal to show at the Junior Horse Championship Show. Youth under 12 that are showing animals *in-hand or driving only*, must pass *applicable* Level 1 handling skills *only* (i.e. bridling / saddling / mounted skills are not required *if* the animal is not ridden). Youth under 12 that are *riding* animals in any classes at the Junior Horse Championship Show must pass *all* handling *and* riding skills in Level 1. Youth that are *driving* are encouraged to have passed the Level 1/2 Driving Skills test and all driving exhibitors will have a mandatory safety and equipment check at the Junior Horse Championship Show.

Youth under 12 years of age must retest the appropriate Level 1 skills on an annual basis with each junior horse project animal to be shown.

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. The Evaluation Sheet must include signatures of 3 approved Horsemanship Skills examiners and indicate that the youth has passed all applicable skills. ONLY evaluation sheets signed by certified examiners who have successfully completed Level 1-2 examiner training are acceptable to fulfill the junior horse 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 Horse 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 junior horse show chair/show secretary 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, and Photo Release Form for the junior horse show **IF** status is verified in county extension office **and** included on entry forms/computer show program.

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 4. *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, and Photo Release Form with district and state show entries **IF** status is verified in county extension office **and** included on entry forms/computer show program.

It is **not** necessary to submit copies of animal health forms with entries/for events where PDA requirements do **not** apply **IF** status is verified in county extension office **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.

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