

# Overview of Requirements to Compete at the State 4-H Championship Horse and Pony Show

## Youth

- Enrolled in 4H Online by February 1<sup>st</sup> of current year in the “Horse – State Horse Show” project.
- Must Submit an up to date Virginia Horse Project: Horse Management Record Book, verified by the club project leader or the VCE Agent at the time designated by the Unit VCE Agent.
- Must Qualify in a 4-H District Qualifying Show or Clinic OR an Outside Qualifying Show (Approval/Forms housed within District Horse Councils)
- Must have passed Horsemanship Skills Levels 1&2, if they have not previously shown at the state level. Those showing in the miniature division must only complete Level 1, and anyone riding or driving must pass both Levels 1&2.
- Must participate in one Unit, Area, District, or State level Horse-focused 4-H event other than the district qualifying show in the same State Show 4-H Calendar Year
- Age:
  - Junior exhibitors are ages 9-13 as of September 30 of the show year.
  - Senior exhibitors are ages 14-18 as of September 30 of the show year, with some 19 year olds being eligible. Virginia 4-H membership terminates December 31 of the calendar year the member has his/her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Check with Club Leaders and/or District Horse Council for extra qualifications above and beyond the ones required at the state level.

## Horse

- Any horse shown at the State 4-H Horse Show must be the project animal of the 4-H member and be over 1 year of age. ALL horses showing at the State 4-H Horse Show **MUST** have a negative Coggins Test within 12 months of the current year’s State 4-H Horse Show.
- Eligibility/Declaration of the horse must be completed prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> through the exhibitor’s online account at v2.4honline.com. Exhibitors may declare more than one horse, but any horse shown at the State 4-H Horse Show **MUST** have been declared prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Every horse at the State 4-H Horse Show must have a green 4-H measurement card or an approved outside organization measurement on hand. (USEF, etc.)

## Entries

- Entries are due in Fair Entry by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.
  - Includes: Entry Fees/Horse Show Hero Forms/Senior Stampede/Leg Up Nomination/Art/RecordBook/Portfolio
    - Jumper Forms must be uploaded ANNUALLY
    - Trail Forms are only required once per horse/rider combination.
- Orientation Checklist submitted online by Club Leader or VCE agent within 48 hours of entry submission/orientation meeting.

