

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

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- Enrolled in 4H Online by February 1st 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 with each horse being shown (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 19th 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 1st 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 1st.
- 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 31st, 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.

