

**APPLICATION FOR HOSTING
4-H HORSEMANSHIP SKILLS EVALUATIONS**

Please complete and return to your District Horse Council

County: Chesapeake

Contact Name: Sylvia Hofmann-
Cole _____

Address: 5479 Blackwater
Loop _____

City: Virginia Beach _____ State: Virginia _____ Zip:
23457 _____

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Proposed Evaluation Date: June 4, 2017, 2 pm - 4 pm. Alternate Date(s):N/A _____

Proposed Evaluation Location:5379 Blackwater Loop _____

Does your facility have an outdoor riding arena? ___yes If yes, how many? _1

Indoor arena? No _____

Adequate parking for trailers? Yes _____

Stalls for participants? Yes _____

2:00pm meet and greet
2:15pm start evaluating grooming skills
2:30 pm safe handling of the horse
2:45 pm observe tacking up
3:00 pm skills riding tests
4:00 pm complete test and present evaluation
sheets with

Appropriate footing? Yes _____

Appropriate fencing? Yes _____

Safe warm-up area? Yes _____

Restrooms? Yes _____

Accessible water for horses? Yes _____

Quick/easy access for rescue personnel? Yes _____

Will you offer an official horse measurer? Yes

Who will be your evaluator(s)? Please list name, county.

A. Sylvia Hofmann-

Cole _____

B. Susan

Holloway _____

C. _____

D. _____

Maximum number of riders being evaluated? 10

What is your volunteer source to manage this horsemanship skills evaluation? _____

Parents and 4 H AI

Attach a tentative agenda for your event.

The following individuals will be required to pass Horsemanship Skills levels 1&2 in order to be eligible for the 2016 State 4-H Championship Horse & Pony Show:

- All **under-saddle** horse/rider combinations who have not previously attended the State 4-H Championship Horse & Pony Show. This includes:
 - 4-H Members who have not previously attended the state show
 - 4-H Members who *have* previously shown at the state level, but not with their current project horse.
- ****Please note: In the case of a substitution, the substituted horse must have also previously attended the state horse show or have already passed Horsemanship Skills levels 1&2 with that rider in order to be eligible for substitution.**

Following are the minimum requirements that must be met to be considered to host a 4H Horsemanship Skills Evaluation:

1. The evaluation must focus and provide testing on Skill Level 1 and Skill Level II. All 4-H members must complete these before testing can be considered for Skill Level III and Skill Level IV.
2. The evaluation must provide the opportunity for each rider and horse a safe contained area for the horse to be turned out with no halter.
3. The evaluation may include an opportunity for 4-H members to have their horses officially measured.
4. The evaluation must provide participants with feedback in the form of the official Horsemanship Skills Evaluation sheet. Sample evaluation sheets can be found on the State 4-H Horse Program website.
5. Event coordinators **MUST** send a completed form for evaluated riders electronically to Leona Ransdell at leonar@vt.edu within two (2) weeks following the event. *If this form is not received, youth are not eligible for the State 4-H Horse Show!* This form is available online on the State 4-H Horse Program website.
6. Evaluations must follow all VCE and VA 4-H Horse Program policies.
7. Evaluations must have signed equine waivers from all participants, evaluators, and helpers (adults and youth).
8. Applications for hosting 4-H Horsemanship Skills Evaluations will be posted on the State 4-H Horse website.
 - a. These forms must be completed and forwarded to your District Horse Council for evaluation approval.
 - b. Approved evaluation information will be sent to Leona Ransdell at leonar@vt.edu by the evaluation organizer so that it can be added to the 4-H Horse Program calendar.
9. Official Horsemanship Skills Evaluation forms must be ordered from your District Horse Council or the State 4-H Horse Program office at least one week prior to the evaluation date.
10. The cost of a Horsemanship Skills Evaluation to participating 4-H members should be determined by district horse councils as needed to cover expenses.
11. Two trained Horsemanship Skills Evaluators must be on-site for all evaluations.
12. Once completed, official Horsemanship Skills Evaluation forms should be distributed in the following order:
 - a. Evaluators should keep the first copy (white)
 - b. 4-H Members should keep the second copy (yellow)
 - c. Extension agents should be sent the third copy (pink)
 - d. 4-H Leaders should keep the fourth copy (gold)

All Horsemanship Skills Evaluations must be hosted prior to the State 4-H Horse Show entry deadline.