

## Peer-Reviewed Junior and Senior 4-H Horse Record Books Information Sheet - 2017 Revisions

Skill

Targeting

Self-esteem

responsibility

Cooperation

Communication

- Both the Junior and Senior Horse Record Books
  - Now editable, updated on October 1, 2017.
  - To use as an editable version:
    - First download and save a copy onto your computer
    - Then close the document and then open the document directly from your computer to ensure the edited copy is saved on your computer.
  - To use as a handwritten document:
    - Print the document out in its entirety.
- **The Extension agent will determine** if either a handwritten or digital typed copy is acceptable at the Unit level.
  - A typed copy or handwritten copy is acceptable for the State Show record book judging.
- **Both Junior and Senior record books** introduce the language of **Body Condition Scoring**. With this information, the 4-Her can assess their horse according to what they perceive is their horse's BCS, and enter a BCS number at the time they assess their horse.
  - There is not an absolute right or wrong answer and this serves the purpose of simply introducing this language.
  - Using the BCS is a quick assessment tool to evaluate the body condition of your horse for its usefulness.
- Senior record book changes includes the addition of two new pages for 4-Hers to use as an evaluation tool to assess their project's pasture, soil and hay (page 11 & 12).
  - The soil test or the hay analysis is not required, however it is there for the 4-H member to explore if they are able.
- In addition, a barter value adds (page 5 & 19) an opportunity to capture an actual trade in service that many senior 4-Hers may experience for the care and board of their horse. All other information collected is the same as in the previous record book, however somewhat reorganized.



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