

St. Joseph County, MI 4-H HORSE COUNCIL



Horse Sharing

OBJECTIVES

- To develop leadership, teaching, and mentoring skills in 4-H members and families. To build teamwork and accomplishment among the 4-H youth exhibitors. To provide additional opportunities for youth to participate in the St. Joseph County 4-H Equine Program.
- This program is meant to provide the opportunity to participate to those who are interested in the St.
 Joseph County 4-H Equine Program, but who do not own/lease their own equine. Also, to provide the opportunity to enrollees who would like to explore another discipline within the program.
- o It is hopeful that by allowing horse sharing, we can grow the St. Joseph County 4-H Equine Program.

GUIDELINES

- 1. All participating horses must be registered to the participants on the May 1st sign-ups under BOTH members.
- 2. A completed Horse Sharing Approval Form must be turned in with the August 1st sign-ups. Once submitted, these forms must be approved by the club leader(s) and then by the Horse Council Executive Board.
- 3. A shared equine may only be shown by two (2) total participants.
- 4. One member will be indicated as the "primary participant" and one as the "secondary participant" on the Horse Sharing Approval Form.
- 5. All primary and secondary participants are subject to the rules and regulations of the St. Joseph County 4-H Equine Program.
- 6. All primary and secondary participants are subject to the approval rules, requirements, and guidelines of their specific club(s) and specialties.
- 7. Any equine deemed not conditioned enough or not physically fit enough to complete a class safely and fairly by the discretion of the judge, specialty leaders, and/or Horse Council Executive Board will be excused from the class. This horse may be excused from the rest of the show day under these guidelines as well.
- 8. Primary and Secondary participants may not enter the same class, with the exception of one-at-a-time, set patterned classes. (examples: dressage tests, gymkhana pattern classes, in-hand jumping classes, trail, any class that does not require that both the primary and secondary participant be exhibiting in the arena at the same time, etc.)
- 9. Sharing is not limited to members within the same family or club.

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