

Rock County 4-H Horse & Pony Project
EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST
(Including Ponies)

CLASS	REQUIRED	OPTIONAL	PROHIBITED
Hunt seat equitation Hunter under saddle	Coat Breeches/jodhpurs Boots SEI approved helmet (with safety harness securely fastened) Hunt Saddle Bridle (see text)	Spurs, unroweled Crops or bats Gloves Boots & conservative colored bandages (Equitation only)	Martingale Tie-down Flash nosebands

Tack: Regulation snaffles, pelhams & full bridles, all with cavesson nosebands are recommended. Kimberwickes are permitted. Non-conventional types of bits or nosebands may be penalized at the discretion of the judge. Saddle must be a hunter or forward seat style with or without knee rolls or padding.

HUNT SEAT SHOWMANSHIP: Hunter style bridle with plain leather browband & regular cavesson noseband. Bit may be a snaffle (no shanks), a pelham (two sets of reins), or a full bridle (two sets of reins, separate bits & cheekpieces). Curb chains must be at least 1/2" wide and lay flat against the animal's jaw. If using a pelham or full bridle, the snaffle rein is across the withers and the animal is led with the curb rein. Showmanship attire - SEI helmet recommended but not required for showmanship. However, a hunt helmet is required. Follow guidelines for Hunt Seat Equitation (spurs are prohibited). Spurs are prohibited in showmanship.

Saddle seat Equitation Saddle seat pleasure	Coat & Jodhpurs (same color/conservative) <u>or</u> Pleasure coat & Jodhpurs Necktie, Vest & Gloves Jodhpur Boots (ankle high) SEI approved helmet (with safety harness securely fastened) Bridle (see text) Saddle (flat English type with or without cutback)	Spurs, roweled or blunt Crop or whip Tie bar or tack, lapel pin or boutonniere, hair bow or net Pelhams Curbs	Martingale or similar Tie-downs Forward seat, Western & sidesaddles
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Tack: Bridle consists of headstall with browband, cavesson, and buckled or stitched together reins. If using a full bridle, the curb rein is to be narrower in width than the snaffle rein.

SADDLE SEAT SHOWMANSHIP: Show halter or bridle should be clean, properly adjusted & fitted. Showmanship attire – SEI approved helmet or hat. Follow guidelines for Saddle Seat Equitation (spurs are prohibited). Whips are permitted. Jackets are optional.

Stock seat Equitation Western pleasure	Long-sleeve shirt Trousers/pants <u>or</u> One-piece equitation suit Boots Belt (under loops) Tie (see text) SEI approved helmet (with safety harness securely fastened) Western saddle Western bit (see text)	Coat/vest/sweater Spurs Chaps Rain Coat Lariat/reata (attached to Saddle fork) Curb chain Snaffle (see text) Bosal (see text) Closed reins (hobbles Attached below cantle)	Martingale Tie-down Mechanical hackamore Hackamore bit Draw Reins Nosebands(cavesson-type) Tapaderos
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Tack: Necktie, kerchief or bolo tie is recommended. There shall be no discrimination against any standard western bit. Horses & ponies, 5 and under, may use a snaffle bit (no shanks) or bosal. The use of shoes, other than standard horse shoes is discouraged. Curb chains may be used but must be at least 1/2" wide & lay flat against jaw of the horse. No wire, metal or rawhide device is permissible in conjunction with or as part of the leather chin strap which must be 1/2" wide.

STOCK SEAT SHOWMANSHIP: Show halter should be clean, properly adjusted, fitted & suitable for breed standards. Showmanship attire - SEI approved helmet or hat. Follow guidelines for Stock Seat Equitation (spurs are prohibited).

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Pleasure Driving (English & Western) Driving Reinsmanship	Dress pants Long-sleeve shirt Belt SEI approved helmet (with safety harness securely fastened) 2 or 4 wheeled one horse/pony pleasure type vehicle (see text) Equipment suitable to vehicle Full collar or breast collar Harness Standard bridle (with blinkers & bit) Whip (must be hand-held)	Gloves Dresses or skirts Lap robe or apron Tie Coat Check reins Breaching Overcheck Sidecheck (with or without separate overcheck bit) Running martingale Cavesson nosebands	Wire curbs & hand holds on the lines Stirrup-type carts & sulkies Short skirts

Tack: The exhibitor is the only person permitted in the vehicle (except for valid medical reason). A Country driving horse/pony may only have non-weighted shoes & an English driving horse/pony may have weighted shoes. Bit may be snaffle, Liverpool, Buxton, elbow or other standard driving bit. If a curb chain is used, the chain must be at least 1/2" in width and be flat against the jaw of the horse/pony. Bridle and/or lines cannot be removed from horse while it is hitched to cart/vehicle. Horse must be attended to at all times.

DRAFT HORSE SHOWMANSHIP: Horses are clipped & fitted according to breed standards. Traditionally, draft horses are decorated for the show ring. Mares - tails are tied (manes may be rolled). Geldings – tails are tied, manes rolled & decorated. Horse should be shown in a leather show halter, rope show halter or clean halter and lead. A show stick, approximately 3/4 to 1" in diameter and 14" long, used for setting up the horse is optional. No whip or whip person is allowed. Dress shirt and slacks with a belt is preferred. Hard-sole boots or shoes must be worn. Hair should be neat and contained. Hats, gloves, tie and coats are optional.

DRAFT HORSE – CART CLASS: Draft horse harness (with either a full collar or breast collar), bridle with blinkers, over check or side check (with or without a check bit) is required. Bridle and/or reins cannot be removed from horse while it is hitched to cart/vehicle. Driving whip is required & must be carried in driver's hand. Horse must be attended to at all times.

Appointments and tack for all classes should be clean, neat, properly fitted and in good repair.

Not Allowed: Shorts, skirts, sleeveless shirts or tank tops, farm names or personal exhibitor identification.

These guidelines are current as of previous project year. Updated Wisconsin 4-H Equestrian Guidelines may be available later this project year at www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/horses. Double click on HORSE to access "Youth Programs"