



Horse Project FAQs

- When do I have to have my horse ID'ed?
 - Horses must be ID'ed by June 1 each year. The Horse Identification Certificate can be found at <https://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/P1039.pdf>. 4-H'ers must have a certificate for each horse they plan to show during that 4-H year. This form can be filled out and then re-signed each additional year.
 - **Local identification deadlines supersede state deadlines for local shows. (I.e., if your county requires May 1 as a deadline, you must have your paperwork in by May 1.)**
- What if my horse gets injured after the ID deadline?
 - Unfortunately, if your horse gets hurt after the deadline, you cannot emergency-register a new horse. All horses must be registered by June 1.
- How does leasing work?
 - You may lease a horse if you do not have access to family-owned horses. If you lease a horse, you must care for the horse 75% of the time between June 1st and September 30th. The leased horse must still be ID'ed by June 1st.
 - Please refer to page 7 the of the [Kansas 4-H Horse Show Rulebook](#) for complete leasing rules.
- What is the horse safety exam deadline?
 - The Kansas 4-H Equine Webinar Safety episode and the accompanying quiz must be completed by the State 4-H Horse Show entry deadline.
- How do I qualify for the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show?
 - "Exhibit a properly identified horse at a horse show during the current 4-H year in a class group. Doing so will qualify the 4-H'er to exhibit at the State Fair in any class included in that group. For example, if a 4-Her competes successfully in barrels at a local show, then that 4-H'er could enter all Group 5 classes at the State Fair, including barrels, poles, and flags. The 4-H'er does not need to earn a specific placing in order to qualify for the State Fair; they must simply complete the class successfully without being disqualified. The horse show need not be a "4-H" show. Shows may include open shows, circuits, local associations (SCSHA, etc), breed/discipline associations (AQHA, APHA, NRHA etc.). Qualification for each group is based on one horse/rider combination. 4-Hers should obtain proof of successful horse show participation for submission with their State Fair entries utilizing the Horse Show Qualifying Affidavit. While placings are not necessary, it is necessary to verify that the 4-H'er was not disqualified." (Kansas 4-H Horse Show Rulebook, Page 17-18)

- Can we switch horses at the district or state show?
 - You are NOT allowed to switch horses at the state show.
 - Page 18 of the [Kansas 4-H Horse Show Rulebook](#) states “The 4-Her must show in the same Class Group(s) with the same horse in which they qualified at the indicated show. There will be no substitutions and no exceptions.”

- If my 3-year old project gets hurt and is unable to be shown at the Kansas State Fair show, can I still participate in the interview portion?
 - Yes! These projects are educational and even if you are unable to show your project horse for any reason, we still want you to be able to gain interview experience and share your learning and understanding with our judges. We highly encourage you to participate in the interview even if you don’t bring your horse with you for the show.

- Can other people ride my 3-year old project horse?
 - After the June 1st deadline, project horses can only be shown and ridden by the 4-H member. We encourage you to seek advice from outside sources, but you must not let others ride your horse after the ID deadline.
 - 3-Year-Old Project rules are on pages 85-86 of the Kansas 4-H Horse Show Rulebook.

- Can I show in both traditional Western classes and the Ranch Horse classes?
 - Yes, you can show in both the traditional and ranch type classes. However, please keep in mind that the ideal look and movements for these types of classes are different. If you take a traditional western horse in a ranch class, the horse may not do as well in these classes. The same is true for the reverse. A ranch style horse would not do as well in the traditional western classes.
 - We encourage you to read the rules for both Western classes and Ranch classes in the [Kansas 4-H Horse Show Rulebook](#) to determine which classes are the best for you and your horse.