The objectives of the Texas 4-H Horse Program include providing means for 4-H members to:

1. Acquire horsemanship and horse training skills.
2. Gain knowledge concerning science related subjects including horse production management training evaluation and use.
3. Prepare for citizenship responsibilities and community service.
4. Develop leadership initiative self-reliance sportsmanship and other desirable life traits.
**4H Horse Point Show Dates for 2020-2021**

- Jingle Bell Fun Run: December 5th
- First Point Horse Show: January 23rd
- Second Horse Point Show: February 20th
- Third Horse Point Show: March 27th
- Fourth Point Show: April 17th
- Gallopalooza: May 1st

The Brazoria County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee (HAC) reserves to its leaders the final and absolute right to interpret all rules and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with, or incident to the Brazoria County 4-H Horse Shows. The HAC reserves the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. If necessary, the HAC will give an on-the-spot decision that shall be accepted as final.

The 4-H Horse Point Shows will be conducted according to the official rules of the 2020 edition of the Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations, plus additional rules outlined here. It is the responsibility of the 4-H member and their parents to become familiar with the rules and to abide by them.

**Horse Project Participation**

To be considered a member of the Brazoria County 4-H Horse Project, individuals must meet the following requirements:

1) **Be a member of Brazoria County 4-H:** Members must have completed a 4-H membership profile on 4-HConnect. Link to 4-HConnect can be found on the Brazoria County 4-H website: [https://agrilife.org/brazoria4h/](https://agrilife.org/brazoria4h/).

2) **Be in good standing with their Brazoria County 4-H Club:** To be eligible to participate in a 4-H Horse Point Show or other 4-H contests/events, each 4-H'er must be in good standing with his/her 4-H club. This includes attendance of at least 50% of his/her 4-H club meetings. Failure to attend local club meetings shall result in leader declining the entry for participation in contest, events, or award programs. This recommendation is to be considered a minimum requirement. Clubs may require higher attendance figures. If a 4-H'er falls from good standing in his/her club, he/she must re-establish good standing with that original club before joining a new club or wait until a new 4-H year (September) before re-enrolling in the original or a different 4-H club.

3) **Show in at least one 4-H Horse Point Show:** Members must show in at least one of our four 4-H Horse Point Shows to demonstrate participation in our county program. This requirement is waived for Clover Kid members.

Membership in the Brazoria County 4-H Horse Project is required to attend the 4-H Horse Point Shows, as well as the District 9 4-H Horse Shows and Texas State 4-H Horse Shows. Membership will also determine eligibility for end-of-the-year recognition.
**4-H Horse Project Age Divisions**
1) Members must compete in their appropriate age categories based on grade as of August 31, 2020
   a) Clover Kids: kindergarten, grades 1 and 2
   b) Junior/Intermediate: grades 3, 4 and 5 (Junior) and 6, 7, and 8 (Intermediate)
   c) Senior: grades 9, 10, 11, or 12

   **PLEASE NOTE** - Due to a Texas State 4-H rule, Clover Kids are no longer eligible to show at our 4-H Horse Point Shows. They can still be members in the Brazoria County 4-H Horse Program, learn from other members, and participate in non-riding horse activities.

**4-H Horse Point Show Requirements**
1) **Horse Ownership Requirement:** Horses must be owned or leased by December 1, 2020 to be eligible to show. **Documentation of this will need to be provided during the Horse Validation process (such as registration papers, bill of sale and/or lease agreement).** Ownership requirements do not apply for horses shown in exhibition classes only.

2) **Horse Validation:** The Horse Validation process for each horse that will be shown at a 4-H Horse Point Show must be completed prior to the first show the 4-H member will participate in. It is encouraged that members validate ANY eligible horses that may serve as secondary horses that in case of unfortunate illness or death of the primary project horse. Link to online form can be found on the Brazoria County 4-H website: [https://agrilife.org/brazoria4h/](https://agrilife.org/brazoria4h/). Validation will include the three pictures of the horse (front, left side, and right side) along with the following:
   a. For Registered Horses – registration papers (front and back) showing current owner of the horse
   b. For Grade Horses – Grade Horse ID form and Bill of Sale showing current owner of the horse
   c. For horses that are leased, the current lease agreement must also be submitted as part of the validation process

   **PLEASE NOTE** – Leased horses are NOT eligible for showing at 4-H District or State Horse Show events. Please see the 2020 Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations regarding horse ownership.

3) **Scholastic Eligibility (House Bill 72 “No Pass/No Play”):** Texas 4-H is recognized by the Texas Education Agency as an approved extracurricular activity and is therefore subject to House Bill 72 "No Pass/No Play" guidelines. **In order to participate in competitive activities during the scholastic year, a member must present proof of scholastic eligibility at each activity.** Forms are available for this purpose from 4-H leaders, from the Brazoria County 4-H website, or the Brazoria County 4-H Office and need to be signed by a school official. **A printed copy of the member’s current grades is unfortunately NOT acceptable.**

4) **Coggins Test:** This is a Texas Animal Health Commission ruling and is not negotiable. Effective January 1, 1997, all equine, regardless of origin, entering any show, fair and/or exhibition must have a negative test for EIA conducted within the previous 12 months (Coggins or AGID test). **A current paper copy of these test results will need to be submitted at each horse show.**
5) Other Documents Required by the First 4-H Horse Point Show: During the 4-HConnect registration process, members should verify that they have completed the following:
   - Acknowledgement of Rules
   - Minors Release Acknowledgement and Consent

4-H Horse Point Show Registration, Fees, and Classes

1) Show Entries: Entry forms can be found on the Brazoria County 4-H website, from the 4-H Club Managers, or on page 5 of these rules. Paper forms will be completed and submitted to the 4-H Club Manager so that membership standing can be verified before each 4-H Horse Point Show. Managers must submit the clubs’ entries to 4-H office by Monday at 4 pm the week of the 4-H Horse Point Show. Leaders can deliver the entries in person or electronically via e-mail to the Brazoria County 4-H office. Any entry after Monday at 4pm, will be assessed a $20 late fee. Entries are not final until the Club Manager or Club designee confirms the member’s good standing and eligibility.

2) Show Start and Books Close:
   a) Performance will start at 8:30 am with books closed at 8:00 am.
   b) Invitational and Drill – books close at 10:30 am.
   c) Speed will not start before 1 pm with books closed at 12:30 pm.

3) Class Fees:
   a. Qualifying classes: flat fee of $40.00 per horse/rider team
   b. Invitational classes: $7.00 per class
   c. Drill and Quad: $7.00 per horse/rider team per event
   d. Exhibitions (to be run before each event): $5.00 each

4) Classes:
   a. Performance Qualifying Classes
      1. Showmanship
      2. Halter
         • Foals excluded from Performance Qualifying Classes
      3. Western Pleasure (Walk/Trot/Lope, Novice Horse, or Snaffle Bit – must select only one class)
         • Novice Horse and Snaffle Bit horse must be eligible based qualifications detailed below in “4-H Horse Point Show Performance Rules” on page 8.
      4. Western Horsemanship

   b. Invitational Classes
      1. Foal Halter
      2. Stock Horse Pleasure
      3. Reining
      4. Trail
      5. Hunter Under Saddle
      6. Hunt Seat Equitation
      7. Hunter Hack

   c. Drill and Quad
      1. See Appendix B.

   d. Speed Qualifying Classes
      1. Straight-Away Barrels
      2. Cloverleaf Barrels
      3. Pole Bending
      4. Stake Race
# 4-H Horse Point Show Registration

**ONE RIDER/ONE HORSE TEAM PER FORM**

submit more than one form if showing more than one horse

Exhibitor Name (please print): _________________________________________________

Horse Name (please print): ____________________________________________________

**Point Show (circle one):** 1st  2nd  3rd  4th

**Age Group (circle one):** Jr./Int.  Sr.

**Club Leader Signature:** ____________________________________________________

## PERFORMANCE

**Qualifying Classes - $40 flat fee**

- [ ] 1. Jr./Int. Showmanship
- [ ] 2. Sr. Showmanship
- [ ] 3. Halter Registered Mares 5 years & over
- [ ] 4. Halter Registered Mares under 5 years
- [ ] 5. Halter Grade Mares (all ages)
- [ ] 6. Halter Registered Geldings 5 years & over
- [ ] 7. Halter Registered Geldings under 5 years
- [ ] 8. Halter Grade Geldings (all ages)
- [ ] 9. Novice Western Pleasure (must be “green” horse/rider)
- [ ] 10. Snaffle-Bit Western Pleasure (must be “green” horse 4 years or younger)
- [ ] 11. Jr./Int. Western Pleasure
- [ ] 12. Sr. Western Pleasure
- [ ] 13. Jr./Int. Western Horsemanship
- [ ] 14. Sr. Western Horsemanship

**Invitational Classes - $7/class**

- [ ] 1. Foal Halter – all breed
- [ ] 2. Stock Horse Pleasure
- [ ] 3. Reining
- [ ] 4. Trail
- [ ] 5. Hunter Under Saddle
- [ ] 6. Hunt Seat Equitation
- [ ] 7. Hunter Hack

## SPEED

**Qualifying Classes - $40 flat fee**

- [ ] 1. Jr./Int. Straight-away Barrels
- [ ] 2. Sr. Straight-away Barrels
- [ ] 3. Jr./Int. Cloverleaf Barrels
- [ ] 4. Sr. Cloverleaf Barrels
- [ ] 5. Jr./Int. Pole Bending
- [ ] 6. Sr. Pole Bending
- [ ] 7. Jr./Int. Stake Race
- [ ] 8. Sr. Stake Race

**Exhibitions will run up to 30 minutes prior each event. $5 each run, must purchase tickets.**

**ENTRY FEES:**

- Qualifying Classes: $40 x ____ = ____
- Invitational Classes: $7 x ____ = ____
- Drill Team/Quad: $7 x ____ = ____
- Exhibitions: $5 x ____ = ____

**TOTAL:** _____

## Reminders!

- Registration deadline is the Monday at 4pm the week of the show, a $20 late fee will be added after that date.
- E-mail or mail completed, SIGNED registration to: Brazoria County 4-H 21017 County Rd 171 Angleton, TX 77515
- Payment can be sent along with mailed registration or paid day of show (check or cash only!)
- Please make checks payable to “Brazoria County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee”

**DRILL TEAM:**

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**QUAD TEAM:**

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**TOTAL:** _____
4-H Horse Point Show General Rules and Points

1) SAFETY IS OUR UTMOST RESPONSIBILITY!! Please bring any concerns regarding safety to the show office immediately so that it can be addressed.

2) No two 4-H members may ride the same horse in the same age group. Only one child/one horse per entry form. However, one horse can be used for two 4-Hers if they are in different age groups (e.g. one junior and one senior showing the same horse) or different divisions (e.g. two juniors – one speed, one performance showing the same horse), as long as ownership eligibility requirements are met.

3) Attire will be determined by the 2020 Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations guidelines. A 4-Her may have the option of rolling sleeves up or wearing a short sleeve button up polo style, collared shirt while not in competition, but must be fully attired while competing. Shirts must still be tucked in at all times. Wearing a jacket if the judge allows in cool weather is permissible. Fat Baby Boots are discouraged at 4-H Horse Shows.

4) Rules regarding appropriate bits and equipment can be found in the 2020 Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations and is summarized in Appendix B. Please review to ensure that all equipment is within these rules, if there are any questions – please ask a 4-H Club leader or a HAC member for clarification prior to showing.

5) While helmets are not required, wearing helmets are strongly encouraged.

6) The use of small rubber bands to aid in holding rider's boots in stirrups is allowed. However, any such aids deemed excessive will not be allowed at any time. No exhibitor may be tied, buckled, or fastened in the saddle in any manner or by any means. 4-H exhibitors need to be aware that this practice may or may not be allowed at District and State 4-H shows and train accordingly.

7) When an exhibitor, exhibitor's parent, or leader is guilty of poor sportsmanship, the Brazoria County 4-H Office Representative may suspend such exhibitor's rights to participate in future classes and/or shows for such a period as deemed appropriate. This included instances of animal abuse (deemed so by the HAC).

8) The HAC has the authority to suspend, at any time, any member of the 4-H Horse Project for violations of the Rules and Guidelines or for lack of cooperation with the adult leaders, judges, or anyone assisting with the work of the Horse Project or any Horse Project activity.

9) During the show, exhibitors and parents are not allowed to talk to judges unless a HAC member is present.

10) Small children that are not competing in the 4-H show will not be allowed in the alleyway, the back pens, or the arena.

11) Visitors will be the responsibility of the 4-H family they are with. If a visitor is warned more than once, it could result in the 4-H'er being excused from the show. Please be conscious of anyone being brought to the show.

12) No dogs are allowed under the covered stands and arena. Failure to comply will result in a $100.00 fine. If the fine is not paid within 30 days, it will result in a disqualification of the exhibitors for the respective show. If it is necessary to bring a dog to a horse show, they MUST be restrained on a leash at all times and stay at the trailers.
13) Judges for 4-H Horse Point shows shall be determined by the Brazoria County 4-H Office. A maximum of $300.00 will be allowed for judges for each show with an additional $50 allowed for expenses. A copy of 4-H rules will be sent to all judges by the County Extension Agent.

14) All protests must be filed in writing, accompanied by a $200.00 cash fee, during or immediately upon conclusion of the event. If the protest is upheld by the Protest Committee, the deposit shall be refunded to the protester. If the protest is overruled, the deposit shall be forfeited. The Protest Committee will be comprised of leaders from each 4-H Club with Horse Project participants. If, the main group leader is unable to vote, he or she should designate someone to vote in his/her place. A "one vote per member" voting policy will be exercised by the Protest Committee in making decisions.

15) Points shall be accumulated in this manner for participation in Qualifying Classes:

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16) At each 4-H Horse Point Show, awards will be given for class placings and overall Top 10 high point exhibitors in each division and age group.

17) In case of death, injury, or illness of a 4-H member’s Primary Project Horse:
   a) The 4-H member may use a secondary, eligible and validated horse providing a certified, dated letter from a veterinarian stating that the Primary Project Horse is unable to perform at the 4-H Horse Point Show in question. The letter from the veterinarian must be submitted to the 4-H Office within seven days of the 4-H Horse Point show in question. Once this is complete the secondary horse may acquire points at said show.
   b) In the event that the Primary Project Horse is still unable to perform at future 4-H Horse Point Shows, a new certified, dated letter from a veterinarian will need to be provided following the same process in 17a) for points to be counted.
   c) In the event of death of the Primary Project Horse, the 4-H member may substitute the primary horse with approval from the HAC.

4-H Horse Point Show Performance Rules

1) No contestant's name shall be called during the judging on performance events. Contestants shall be identified by numbers.

2) Contestants must display their numbers on their backs or saddle pads for performance events or the rider will be disqualified.
3) A member can enter an individual horse in only one Western Pleasure Class in each Horse Point Show.

4) Novice Western Pleasure will be held for beginning riders only (see 6) below).

5) Snaffle Bit Western Pleasure may be ridden in by novice or experienced riders, although horses must be 4 yrs. old or younger as of the First Horse Point Show date.

6) End-of-Year 1st place winners in Novice Western Pleasure must advance to a "higher level" pleasure class the following year.

7) No stallions shall be allowed on show grounds on the day of the show, unless competing in the foal halter class.

8) If for some unforeseen reason we have a double show on the same day, there will be two judges on the premises and each class will be double judged (two judges judging simultaneously). The classes will not be run twice.

9) Invitational classes do not count in accumulating points for the Top 10 Awards. Junior/Intermediate and Senior members will both compete in the same invitational class unless age breaks are designated.

10) If a member has two or more halter horses entered in the foal halter class, he/she may have another member of the Brazoria County 4-H Horse Project show one of his/her horses for him/her.

4-H Horse Point Show Speed Rules

1) Contestants will be called by name for all speed events. Once the rider’s name is called they have 10 minutes to complete their run or they will receive a no-time for the class.

2) The back alley gate will remain closed during each run.

3) Contestant will enter and exit through the alleyway, unless advised otherwise.

4) Exhibitions will run before each speed event. Tickets for exhibitions must be pre-purchased in office prior to run.

5) Exhibitions will be run for up to 30 minutes for each speed event category.

6) During exhibitions the alley way must remain clear.

7) Exhibitions are timed and announced, but they are not required, recorded or put towards points for the awards - it is strictly practice.

8) If for some unforeseen reason we have a double show on the same day, the horse and rider team will run each class twice. The rider has the option to carryover the time from the first run to the second show. However, the office must be notified of this intent PRIOR to the first run or it will not count towards the second show.
**4-H Horse Point Show Drill/Quad Rules**

1) **Participation:** Membership in the Drill and Quad Teams is a commitment! Please see Appendix A for specific rules regarding participation in these teams. Both Drill and Quad teams will follow the rules set forth in the 2020 Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations. Brief descriptions of Drill and Quad are below.

2) **Drill Team:** Drill team is comprised of 10-20 members who perform a routine to music that is up to 10 minutes long. Points are awarded based on horsemanship, precision of execution, difficulty of drill, and appeal to audience.

3) **Quad Team:** A Quad team is comprised of 4 members performing between 4 and 6 minutes to music. The routine may contain any number of maneuvers; however, it must include at least three of the following six maneuvers: Pinwheel, Thread the Needle, Circle, Dizzy Serpentine, Whip, Wave.
   - NOTE: Each county is only allowed 3 Quad Teams to compete at the District and State 4-H Shows. In the event that we have more than 3 Quad Teams that the County level, we will have a competition to identify the teams that advance.

**4-H Horse Point Show End-of-Year Awards Program**

1) **Participation:** To be eligible for End-of-Year awards, a 4-H horse/rider team must show in three out of four 4-H Horse Point Shows.

2) **Sponsorship:** Each 4-H member must secure and submit sponsorships of at least $100.00 to be eligible for End-of-Year awards. Sponsorship forms are available on the Brazoria County 4-H website – please use the current year’s form. **Sponsorship money will be due to show secretary or Brazoria County 4-H Office before the exhibitor’s first competitive class at the Third Horse Point Show held.** Sponsorship money may be turned in late at the Fourth Horse Point Show but must include a $50.00 late fee.

   Sponsorship funds support our ENTIRE 4-H Horse Project! Without these funds, we would not be able to put on four horse shows, two play days, and end-of-year awards. Funds are used for ribbons and high-point trophies, insurance coverage, arena rental, tractor drivers, judges, equipment (barrels, timers, poles, trailer, etc.), and everything else that goes into a successful and vibrant 4-H Horse Project. Although the minimum requirement is $100 at the Third Horse Point Show, we welcome any additional sponsorship funds at any time throughout the year.

3) **Work Points:** Each contestant is required to accumulate designated work points for each division they compete in per show to be eligible for End-of-Year awards. Members must sign up the day of the show prior to book close. Work points may be satisfied by the contestant, his/her parents, associated friends, relatives, or kindly benefactors! Don’t forget!
   - Please note, Int./Jr. 4-H members are not allowed to work within the arena due to safety concerns, but can fulfill work points requirements with other responsibilities outside of the arena.

4) **Awards:**
   a. End-of-Year Awards based on total points accumulated from four 4-H Horse Point Shows: Top 10 All-Around Awards for Jr/Intr. and Sr. Speed and Jr/Int. and Sr. Performance participants. These awards may include saddles, belt buckles, or other awards if funds permit.
b. Invitational Event Awards: Appropriate awards will be given to participants in the Invitational classes based on available funds and overall participants in those classes.

c. Drill/Quad Team: Appropriate awards will be given to participants in the Drill/Quad Team based on available funds and overall participation.

d. Sponsorship Awards: Depending on availability of funds, awards are given to 4-Hers who bring in sponsorship funds totaling over $300. We encourage members to reach out to family members, friends, local business, and other individuals for support of our 4-H Horse Project!

5) Tie Breakers: Tie Breakers will be based on the number of placing’s. i.e. participant who has three first place wins would win over someone who only has one first place win. If the number of first place wins are the same, then the Tie Breaker will consider the number of second place wins and so on as needed.

6) Perseverance Award: This award will be presented at the 4-H Awards Banquet if warranted. Each club may nominate up to two 4-H members by writing a small essay explaining why that 4-Her should be chosen. A final voting on Perseverance Award will be made before the Awards Program. Award nomination must be received by the HAC before the last day in May.

7) Senior Scholarships: To recognize the achievements of our 4-H Horse Project Seniors, the HAC strives to recognize graduating seniors with scholarships with amount depending on availability of funding. The graduating senior must be an active member of the Brazoria County 4-H Horse Project in good standing with their club for the past two years. Scholarship application forms can be found on the Brazoria County 4-H website and are due via e-mail to bc4hhac@gmail.com by April 1st.

4-H Horse Advisory Committee (HAC)

1) All are welcomed and encouraged to support the Brazoria County 4-H Horse Project! This includes 4-H Horse Project members, family, friends, and other interested individuals who support the mission and purpose of the 4-H Horse Project.

2) The HAC will meet at 6:30 pm at the Brazoria County 4-H Office. Please check the calendar on the Brazoria County 4-H website to verify dates meetings. Individuals do not need to be a HAC member to attend the HAC meetings! ALL 4-H Horse Project member parents are encouraged to attend these meetings.

3) A "one vote per HAC member" voting policy will be exercised in making all decisions at any meeting of the HAC.

4) Hardship Clause: The HAC has the authority to rule if a hardship exists or to clarify any situation that may arise that is not specifically covered by these rules. If such an event occurs, the 4-H member must notify the 4-H County Extension office in writing providing information on the hardship/situation and the resolution being requested. The HAC will review the provided information, requesting additional information if needed, and make a decision.

5) Financial year for the Brazoria County 4-H Horse Project will be from September 1 through August 31. HAC leaders will also serve September 1 through August 31.

6) 2020-2021 Brazoria County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee (HAC) leaders:
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Appendix A. Drill/Quad Rules
Brazoria County 4-H Riders

Our objective is to promote better horsemanship, leadership, sportsmanship, skills and how to function as a team.

1) **Membership:** ALL RIDERS must be registered on 4-HConnect in order to participate. All team members and riders MUST belong to a Chartered 4-H group or club and meet that group/clubs attendance and meeting requirements for membership prior to a performance. If a team member belongs to a 4-H club outside of Brazoria County, it is that team members responsibility to file all necessary paperwork with 4-H to be able to participate with the Brazoria County 4-H Riders (BC4R).

2) **Commitment:** There will be an annual commitment date set in October of each year as determined by the Drill Masters. At that time, the Drill Masters and coaches will schedule a date for a group meeting, initial practice, assignment of teams, and the signing of Commitment Letters.

3) The **Commitment Letter** will include the following:
   a) As of the commitment date, you are committed to membership of the BC4R through August 1st of that year's 4-H season.
   b) If it is determined by the team coaches that a tryout will be necessary to determine team placement, the tryouts will be completed prior to the commitment date. In the event that alternates are selected, they will be required to sign the commitment agreement and abide by its terms.
   c) If you quit after the commitment date, you will not be allowed to return to any team(s) for the commitment season.
   d) Exceptions to this rule can be made at the discretion of the Drill Masters and coaches in the event the rider experiences medical issues that would prevent the rider from riding.

4) Parents and all participants MUST read and sign a copy of the Commitment Letter and Rules to be turned into the team coaches and a copy will be forwarded to the 4-H County Extension Office and the Horse Advisory Committee by the commitment date. NO EXCEPTIONS

5) **Attendance:** All team members must attend all practices. Excused absences are at the discretion of the team coaches and on a case by case basis.
   a) Notice of absences prior to practices must be given within 24 hours to a team coach.
   b) School activities will be considered on a case by case basis by the team coaches. However if the school related absences are extensive and have prevented the rider from learning the drill routine the rider will not be allowed to perform.
   c) If you miss a practice, it is your responsibility to call a team coach to find out about any practice changes or other information that might have been discussed.
   d) ATTENDANCE RECORDS WILL BE KEPT

6) **Leadership:** The BC4R point of contact is the Drill/Quad Team HAC Chairs. They will serve as Drill Masters and coordinate all Drill/Quad Team functions.
   a) The assigned and established teams and coaches will remain intact throughout the 4-H year/season. Assigned and established team members are prohibited from branching out of or off the team to participate or practice with other teams.
   b) The assigned team coaches shall be in complete control of all practices and performances.
   c) Team captains will be selected by the Drill Master and team coaches.
   d) Discipline of a team member will be at the discretion of the Drill Master and team coaches.
e) Team coaches have the authority to dismiss any team member displaying improper conduct or any willing to abide by the rules. This includes arguing, complaining, negative remarks, etc.
f) There will be no extreme confrontations at any practices or performances. If a problem arises, bring it to the attention of any team coach to be resolved.

7) **Safety:**
   a) Parents are to be responsible for their children riders and siblings at all practices, events and performances. All spectators and participants will abide by arena rules at all times.
   b) All team members must ride in long pants and cowboy boots at all times.
   c) Any horse displaying consistent misbehavior or lack of control by the rider will be dismissed from the team at the team coach's discretion.
   d) There will be NO stallions allowed at any team functions.
   e) Negative Coggins is required on any horse brought to a 4H function.
   f) All team members are encouraged to wear a helmet.
   g) Horses that show signs of illness (cold, distemper, etc.) or lameness should be kept at home. Team members are required to attend practice whether his/her horse can attend or not. In most cases, team members are required to attend will be allowed to ride a backup horse. Call your team coach before practice if your horse cannot attend.
   h) A doctor's release can be requested at any time by the team coaches for injury or illness sustained either at practices or elsewhere if the team coaches feel it is necessary for the overall safety of the rider or team membership.

8) All horses must be clean and well-groomed at every practice and performance.

9) Team members cannot bring in a new horse within 60 days prior to a major show or competition without approval from the team coaches. All horse changes, at any time, must be approved by the team coaches.

10) Team fundraisers are to benefit every team member, and their parents are expected to participate in order to reach the team goals.

11) Dress code will be enforced for all fundraisers, practices, and competitions. Shorts that are within 5" of the knee are allowed during fundraisers booths. Team members and coaches must wear a 4-H or team t-shirts to fundraisers. NO tank tops allowed.

12) The use of tobacco (E-cigs & vaping), drugs or alcohol is STRICTLY PROHIBITED. NO EXCEPTIONS. Any consumption of drugs or alcohol of any team member will be dismissed immediately.

13) All money paid to the team or raised will be forfeited if you are dismissed or if you quit the team.

14) **ALL RULES ARE SUBJECT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE DRILL MASTER AND TEAM COACHES.**
Appendix B. Bits and Equipment
Bits and Equipment

Texas State 4-H Horse Show
Rules and Regulations

NOTE: Rules and regulations regarding 2-year old and 3-year old futurity classes offered at District and State have been removed from these slides, please see full information on the State 4-H Horse Show website.

Snaffle Bit

A bit where the headstall, keeper and reins all attach to one ring and are free-moving

Uses direct pressure, not leverage
Curb Bit

A bit where the headstall, curb chain and reins attach at different locations

Uses leverage

Western Performance Classes

Curb  Legal Bits  Spade  Half-breed
Western Performance Classes

Legal Bit Examples

Western Performance Classes

Curb bits
- Shanks no longer than 8½” (total of upper and lower shank)
- Port no higher than 3”
- Curb chains and straps at least ½” wide and lie flat
Western Performance Classes

Curb bits

Mouthpieces
Round, oval or egg shaped
Smooth and unwrapped metal of 5/16” to ¾” in diameter measured 1” from the cheek
Nothing may protrude below mouthpiece
(ex: extensions or prongs)
May be 2 or 3 pieces
3 piece connecting ring of 1 ¼” or less in diameter, or a connecting flat bar of 3/8” or ¾” (top to bottom) with a maximum length of 2” which lies flat in mouth is acceptable

Western Performance Classes

Illegal Equipment
Snaffles
Western Performance Classes

Illegal Equipment
Bosal

Western Performance Classes

Illegal Equipment
Mechanical hackamore
Western Performance Classes

Illegal Equipment
Gag bits

Western Performance Classes

Illegal Equipment
Prong Bits
Western Performance Classes

Illegal Equipment
Excessive Port

Western Performance Classes

Illegal Equipment
Twisted mouthpieces
Western Performance Classes

Illegal Equipment

Martingale  Tie down  Noseband

Western Performance Classes

Illegal Equipment

Draw reins
Western Performance Classes

Illegal Equipment
Protective boots and leg wraps

Not allowed in halter, showmanship, western pleasure, western riding or trail

Timed Event Classes

Western-type equipment must be used
Mechanical hackamore, gag bit or other bridle is contestant’s choice
Tie downs are legal
Hunter Performance Classes

Legal Equipment

- Snaffle
- Kimberwick
- Pelham
- Full bridle

Note: Pelham bits and Full bridles must be used with two sets of reins.

Hunter Performance Classes

Legal Equipment

- Cavesson noseband (mandatory)
- Breastplate (optional)
Hunter Performance Classes

Mouthpieces

Nothing may protrude below mouthpiece
Solid and broken mouthpieces must be between 5/16” to 3/4” diameter
May be inlaid, synthetic wrapped, including rubber or plastic or incased, but must be smooth
On broken mouthpieces only, connecting rings of 1 1/4” or less in diameter or connecting flat bar of 3/8” to 3/4” (top to bottom) with max length of 2” which lie flat in mouth are acceptable
Snaffle bit rings no larger than 4”
Any bit with fixed rein requires curb chain
Curb chain must be at least 1/2” in width and lie flat

Hunter Performance Classes

Legal mouthpieces

Smooth round
Slow twist
Corkscrew
Single twisted wire
Double twisted wire
Straight bar or solid
Maximum 1 1/2” port
Hunter Performance Classes

Illegal mouthpieces
  Cathedral bits
  Donut bits
  Prong bits
  Rough or sharp edges
  Square stock, metal wrapped
  Polo bits

Hunter Performance Classes

Illegal Equipment
  Martingales
    (not allowed in flat classes or hunter hack)
Hunter Performance Classes

Illegal Equipment
Draw reins

Hunter Performance Classes

Illegal Equipment
Mechanical hackamore
Hunter Performance Classes

Illegal Equipment
Protective boots and leg wraps

Exception: boots or leg wraps are legal in open jumping

Resources

http://www.avilaproshop.com
http://www.bitandbridleshop.com
http://www.davismanufacturing.com
http://www.greenrivertack.com
http://www.horsetackinternational.com
http://www.hought.com
http://www.kyhorse.com
http://www.rein-aid.com
http://www.tackranch.com
http://www.tackroominc.com
http://www.thinklikeahorse.org