

Nevada County 4-H Horse Project
Policies and Procedures
(These Policies and Procedures for the Nevada County
4-H Horse Project will go into effect July 1, 2004)
Amended Policy 4/13/05

1. In a memorandum addressed to the University of California Cooperative Extension Directors, Vocational Agriculture Teachers and Department Directors, Grange Youth Fair Leaders, and Fair and Exposition Administrators and Staff located in the California 4-H Policy Handbook, to be able to show a project at an endorsed fair and exposition or other sponsored event, it must be owned and supervised according to the following requirements:
 - Poultry** – must be owned for not less than 30 days and be enrolled in the project for not less than 60 days.
 - Rabbits** – must be owned for not less than 30 days and be enrolled in the project for not less than 60 days.
 - All Feeder and Breeding Animals** (except rabbits and poultry) – must be owned and supervised for not less than 60 days.
 - Market Sheep, Swine, Veal and Goats** – must be owned and supervised for not less than 60 days.
 - Market Beef** – must be owned and supervised for not less than 120 days.
 - Horses** – must be owned/leased and supervised for not less than 120 days.
2. The minimum requirements for the Nevada County 4-H Horse Project, the member must be enrolled in the Horse Project, and the member must attend 80% of their Horse Project Meetings to be eligible to show and qualify for the Nevada County Fair Horse Show or the State qualifying Motherlode Horse Show, or any other sponsored Horse event. If a member cannot make 80%, they may contact the Nevada County Horse Project Coordinator for attendance options.
3. Members of the 4-H Horse Project in Nevada County are encouraged to participate in the achievement programs made available to them by the Nevada County 4-H Horse Project. These programs are the 4-H Horse Proficiency Program and the 4-H Horse Mastership Program. The Nevada County 4-H Proficiency Coordinator administers the self-guided horse proficiency program, while the Nevada County 4-H Horse Project Coordinator administers the Horse Mastership program. A 4-H Horse Project member may participate in the Proficiency Program during the year as outlined by the Proficiency Coordinator. The 4-H Horse Mastership Program will be administered twice a year with an optional make-up. New members may take the initial 2 levels (Levels 1 and 2) of the Horse Mastership Skills and Written Tests to accommodate the varying ability and Mastership of the new member. After Level 2, a member may test in only one Horse Mastership Level per year consistent with other proficiency programs.
4. The Nevada County 4-H Horse Project Coordinator and 4-H Horse Project Volunteers in the Nevada County 4-H Horse Project, wish to make the horse experience a positive youth development component and may request nonparticipation in the 4-H Horse Project if the member (amended addition 4/13/05), the member's parents or guardian or their horse might provide significant risk to the safety, learning, or enjoyment of other 4-H Horse Project participants.

5. For a member to participate in the Nevada County 4-H Horse Project, it is strongly suggested and recommended that the parent/guardian of the 4-H Horse member attend and orientation meeting held by the Nevada County 4-H Horse Project coordinator. The orientation meeting will be held at the beginning of each Horse Project year prior to any activities in the Horse Project. Each 4-H Horse project member and their parent/guardian must first read and agree to the policies set forth in these policies and procedures established by the Nevada County 4-H Horse Project. This recommendation will include returning 4-H Horse Project members and their parent/guardian.

6. Prior to participating in the mounted meetings in the Nevada County 4-H Horse Project, members and their parent/guardian will need to attend an orientation meeting held by the Nevada County 4-H Horse Project Coordinator. The orientation meeting will be held at the beginning of each 4-H Horse Project Year and will cover the participation and safety guidelines for the Nevada County 4-H Horse Project. 4-H Horse Project members and their parent/guardian must read and agree to the policies set forth in the Policies and Procedures established by the Nevada County 4-H Horse Project. This requirement will include returning 4-H Horse Project members as well as new members.

7. The Nevada County Horse Project will be limited to fifty (50) participants annually. Returning members will have a project enrollment priority over new enrollees. New enrollees will be accepted on a first come basis, with preference being given to mounted riders. A waiting list will be formed once the Horse Project is full. If an enrolled member's participant drops below eighty (80) percent in the Nevada county Horse Project, the Horse Project County Coordinator reserves the right to replace them with a 4-H member from the Horse Project waiting list. Consideration will be allowed for special circumstances. However, these will be reviewed on an individual basis and do not guarantee a members placement in the program. (added policy 4/13/05)

8. The aforementioned Nevada County 4-H Horse policies and procedures may be amended at the discretion of the Nevada County 4-H Horse Project Coordinator with the approval of the Nevada County 4-H Council, in accordance with University Policies, and the County and 4-H YDP staff.

I have received and read a copy of the Nevada County 4-H Horse Project Policies and Procedures. By signing my name below, I acknowledge that I understand and will abide by these program policies.

Print Participants Name

Signature of Participant

Date

Print Guardians Name

Signature of Guardian

Date