



# Equine Project

## Project Information Page



Members will learn about safe handling, grooming, judging, showing, and caring for equines. Members are also encouraged to explore equine industry related topics as part of their project whenever possible. All disciplines and types equines are welcome to participate in this project, including donkeys, mules, draft horses, and miniature horses.

### Project Completion Requirements (PCR)

- Riding Pattern OR Driving Pattern OR In Hand Agility Pattern
- Showmanship Pattern
- Judging
- 2 Industry or Animal Husbandry Educational Activity
- Industry and Animal Husbandry Activity Page *\*6 years of the project only*
- Project (1) Page specific to Animal Projects

If in hand only members do not have an animal suitable for the In Hand Agility Pattern this requirement can be substituted with an additional Industry or Animal Husbandry Educational Activity.

### 4-H Year Completion

The following must be on display at the Club Achievement Day in order to complete the 4-H year

- Complete the **PCR's (Project Completion Requirements)** as outlined above
- Complete a **Communication** (public speaking) Project
- Complete a **Community Service** Activity
- Complete an **Agriculture Awareness** Activity
- Complete the **Member Documentation** (4) pages found in your Portfolio or on the website

### Exhibition Requirements

Members show their animal(s) or a borrowed animal(s).

*Note: Members can share horses with other members for classes consisting of pattern work, but not for classes that require rail work (i.e. pleasure, command, etc.).*

**Members are strongly encouraged to participate in the 4-H Classes at PEI Fairs & Exhibitions.**

**Please check with your Project Leader or visit [www.pei4h](http://www.pei4h) for more Exhibition information.**

**Remember to review [General Livestock Rules](#) and [Equine Rules & Classes](#) found on the website.**

**Updated rules, entry forms and class lists available in May each year.**

### General Notes

- Leader Resources are available on the website or by contacting your 4-H Specialist
- Each month on the 15th (or thereby) a Provincial Newsletter is released with up to date information
- The Provincial Website [www.pei4h.ca](http://www.pei4h.ca) is regularly updated and the home of the Provincial Newsletter
- The second last Saturday in July each year is the deadline for Members to submit project work and portfolios to their 4-H Specialist for completion and to remain as a member in good standing. Only members in good standing can participate in summer exhibitions and be nominated /apply for special awards.

## COMPLETING MORE THAN ONE EQUINE PROJECT OPTION A YEAR

If members are really keen and wish to do more than one equine project option (i.e. Driving & Riding) in the same year then they are only required to do one equine project, but must complete all that the pattern work required for each project at their Achievement Day.



## Patterns for Achievement Days & Exhibitions

- ⇒ The patterns to be used each year will be available on the 4-H PEI website in May.
- ⇒ The same patterns will be used for both Achievement Days and Exhibitions.

**Riding Project**—The two levels of riding & showmanship competition are: **Novice & Advanced**

**Driving Project**—The two levels of driving & showmanship competition are: **Novice & Advanced**

**In Hand Only Project**—The two levels of in hand agility & showmanship competition are: **Novice & Advanced**

The member (with the help of their leader) will be responsible for deciding what level (novice or advanced) they wish to test for each year. Each riding, driving, in hand agility, and showmanship level has a corresponding exhibition pattern to be performed at the member's Achievement Day. Whichever pattern the member chooses to do at their Achievement Day is the pattern they will be permitted to do in 4-H classes at exhibitions. The showmanship patterns correspond to the riding/driving/in hand agility pattern chosen (i.e. if the member chooses to do the advanced showmanship pattern then they must also do the advanced riding pattern).

**NOVICE RIDING** - Patterns will consist only of walk and trot/jog gaits. Other maneuvers that may be included are halt, rein back, turn on the haunches and/or forehand, circles, and leg yielding.

**ADVANCED RIDING** - Patterns will consist of walk, trot/jog, and canter/lope gaits. Other maneuvers that may be included are halt, rein back, turn on the haunches and/or forehand, circles, leg yielding, and simple lead changes.

**NOVICE DRIVING** - Patterns will consist of walk and trot gaits. Other maneuvers that may be included are halt, rein back, turns, circles, and lengthening and shortening of stride in both gaits.

**ADVANCED DRIVING** - Patterns will consist of walk and trot gaits. Other maneuvers that may be included are halt, rein back, turns, circles, and collecting and extending of stride in both gaits.

**NOVICE & ADVANCED SHOWMANSHIP** - Patterns will consist of walk and trot/jog gaits. Other maneuvers that may be included are halt, back up, turns, pivot turns, circles, and set up for inspection. Often the member is will also be asked to identify parts of the horse.

**NOVICE & ADVANCED IN HAND AGILITY** - Patterns will consist of walk and trot/jog gaits. Other maneuvers that may be included are halt, back up, turns, pivot turns, circles, side pass, carrying objects, and going over, under, through, or around various obstacles.

**4-H PEI members & leaders participating in any 4-H equestrian activity must wear an approved helmet whenever they are mounted on an equine or are in a vehicle (cart, wagon, buggy, etc.) being pulled by an equine.**

An approved helmet meets the minimum performance standards imposed by the American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM) and includes certification and labeling required by the Safety Equipment Institute (SEI). The helmet must be properly fitted with the harness engaged and properly fastened. Closed toed footwear must be worn at all times when working with or around the animals.

Although not mandatory, it is strongly recommended that members also wear a safety riding vest when riding or driving, as well as a helmet at any time they are working with or around the animals, and gloves when leading an animal.

