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## OHIO 4-H STATE DRESSAGE SHOW

A State 4-H Dressage and Western Dressage Horse Show will be held during the Ohio State Fair Junior Horse Show at the Ohio Expo Center. Requirements to participate in either show are: 1) Enrolled in the 4-H Dressage Project; 2) Have at least completed the first year requirements of the 4-H Dressage Project; and 3) Must have had at least two scores of **58%** or higher in tests under at least two different judges, while riding in dressage competition or at schooling shows during the current year. The judge had to be a 1) USEF approved judge, 2) a USDF "L" graduate, 3) WDAA approved judge, or 4) be a judge on the Ohio 4-H Horse Judge's List with a dressage designation.

The state show will offer Introductory Level (test C), Training Level ( tests 1-3) ,First Level ( tests 1-3) and Percentage classes for Classic Dressage and Basic Level (tests 1-4) and Level 1 ( tests 1-4) for Western Dressage. You may ride in two tests. If it is your first year at the State 4-H Dressage Show, you may choose which tests to ride; but, you cannot compete with the same horse in lower tests in the following years. Ties will be broken first on the highest score earned on the second test ridden and then on who rode the more difficult second test.

The tests are not in the Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows. Copies of the dressage tests must be purchased from The U.S. Equestrian Federation (USEF), The Kentucky State Horse Park, 4047 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511, or call 859-258-2472 to get ordering information. Western Dressage tests can be purchased on the Western Dressage Association of America (WDAA) website: <http://www.westerndressageassociation.org>. Each youth with the dressage project needs to order a copy of the tests for which they will be training. The tests are revised every four years.

Because The State Fair Show is a state championship contest, riders must ride the test from memory; readers will not be used.

Participation in the State Show is open entry and a rider can enter every year as long as they meet the requirements listed above. The rider could also show in the non-dressage part of the Junior Horse Show if they qualified to do so in a PAS show with their dressage horse. They could bring two horses; one qualified for dressage and another qualified under PAS or a production horse, as long as both horses are 4-H projects.

Entries need to be made by the deadline indicated on the entry form and to the person indicated on the form. Riders will be contacted before the show with their ride times for the show. If riders fail to show and ride they are not allowed to show the following year as well (Emergency situations with verification will be considered by show management for exceptions.).

For additional information, check rules for dressage in the 4-H Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows, circular 179. Riders may also want to contact the various dressage organizations in their area.



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