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## OHIO 4-H STATE DRESSAGE & WESTERN DRESSAGE SHOWS

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. Each show is limited to 60 rides on a first come, first serve basis.

In order to participate in either show, an exhibitor must meet the following requirements:

- 1) Be **CURRENTLY ENROLLED** in the 4-H Dressage Project.
- 2) Have completed the first year requirements of the 4-H Dressage Project.
- 3) For each test an exhibitor wishes to enter at the State 4-H Dressage and/or Western Dressage Show, they must have earned at least one score of 60% or higher on that particular test from one approved\* judge, while riding in dressage competition or schooling shows during the current calendar year.
- 4) A rider can only qualify for Classical AND Western dressage on the SAME horse.

\*An approved judge is 1) a USEF approved judge, 2) a USDF "L" graduate, 3) WDAA approved judge, or 4) a judge on the Ohio 4-H Horse Judge's List with a dressage designation.

The State 4-H Dressage Show will offer Training Level Tests 1-3 and First Level Tests 1-3. The dressage tests are available from the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) through their website [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org).

The State 4-H Western Dressage Show will offer Basic Level Tests 1-3 and Level 1 Tests 1-3. The Western dressage tests are available from the Western Dressage Association through their website [www.westerndressageassociation.org](http://www.westerndressageassociation.org).

An exhibitor may ride a maximum of four (4)-two(2) Classical & two(2) Western tests at the State 4-H Dressage Show. As the State 4-H Dressage is considered a separate show within the Ohio State Fair Junior Horse Show, an exhibitor may also show in the non-dressage part of the Junior Horse Show if they qualified to do so in a PAS show with their designated 4-H project horse.

If it is an exhibitor's first year at the State 4-H Dressage Show, they may choose which tests to ride; however, they 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. Because the State Fair Junior Horse Show is a state championship contest, exhibitors must ride the test from memory; readers will not be used.

Entries must be submitted to the online registration by the July 1 deadline. Ride times will be posted online at [www.horse.osu.edu](http://www.horse.osu.edu) one week prior to the show. If riders fail to show and ride they are not allowed to show the following year. Emergency situations with verification will be considered for exemption by the Extension Equine Specialist. For additional information or rules, refer to the 4-H Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows (publication 179) or visit [www.horse.osu.edu](http://www.horse.osu.edu).

