

# MA Addendum to NE Rulebook

## Rider/Age Divisions pg.10

1. Leadline for riders age 5 and older. Person leading must be at least 14 years of age. Not to be judged, all exhibitors receive participation awards. **Cloverbud classes are for those ages 5-7.**
2. **Junior- Ages 8-13**

## Eligibility of Members and Animals for 4-H Shows and Competitive Activities pg.11

12. Pony and Horse classes shall be designated according to the following:  
**Western Pony.....14.2 and under**  
**Western Horse..... over 14.2**  
**Small Equine.....12 hands and under**  
**Miniature horse..... less than 38inches**

## Health Precautions for Horse Shows and Events pg.13

**Rabies is *suggested* but not required in the State of Massachusetts**

## 4-H Fitting and Showmanship pg.15

Appearance of the Exhibitor: **Gloves are *optional* for all divisions including small equine.**

## Driving Division pg. 51

### **4. Gloves are optional**

#### General Specifications pg. 52.

**K. The exhibitor will not be eliminated, a 2-minute hold will be allotted to fix equipment.**

**For all driving classes the gait walk is just that, with no emphasis given to it being “flat-footed”**

## Small Equine pg.66

### A. Required

1. **Approved protective helmet required for *driving only***
2. **Gloves are optional**

## Pole Bending pg.75

**Poles are to be spaced 21 feet apart with 21 feet to the start pole.**

**Walk-Trot Division – This Division is limited to 4-Hers ages 8 and up who are beginner riders.**

**A. Appointments**

1. Rider: ASTM/SEI helmets and hard soled boots with heels are required.
2. Rider: Clothing must be appropriate to the style of tack, either Hunt, Saddle Seat or Western.
3. Tack: See Tack Requirements for Hunt Seat, Western and Saddle Seat.

**B. Class Routine for Walk-Trot Classes**

1. Exhibitors should enter the ring in counterclockwise direction at the walk.
2. Horses or ponies should be shown in both directions of the ring at the walk and trot/jog only. The order to reverse may be executed by turning toward or away from the rail as appropriate to the seat.
3. Entries will line up on command. May be asked to back in the line up.

**C. Judging**

1. Equitation shall be judged on rider's form and ability to direct the horse or pony at the walk, trot or jog. Diagonals will count. The only test that may be given is to rein back (back the horse).
2. Pleasure class must give the appearance of being a safe and suitable mount for the class. Safety of the exhibitors is the primary concern in all walk, trot or jog classes.

**D. General Rules**

1. Riders must never have been judged on any horse or pony in a class requiring a canter or lope and may not participate in any other division.
2. Exhibitors may not canter or lope on the show grounds at any time whether performing in a class, an exhibition, a performance or competition of any type.
3. For safety reasons, green horses are not allowed. They should be entered in a green horse division.
4. 4-Hers must participate in appropriate Fitting and Showmanship class.
5. Walk-trot division may also include In Hand, pleasure, equitation, trail and command classes. Walk-trot entries may enter any classes not requiring a canter or lope.
6. Walk-trot classes may be divided by age or ability at show management discretion.
7. In timed events, *after three continuous strides of canter*, the exhibitor will be eliminated.