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:

**Miniature horse…………………………. less than 38inches**

**The term miniature and small equine may be used interchangeably.**

**General Rules pg. 12**

Shared projects are allowed across all divisions

**Safety Precautions pg.12**

12. Tongue tying is allowed per breed standard and should be done only by an experienced adult or experienced youth over the age of 14 with permission of the show committee.

**4-H Fitting and Showmanship pg.15**

Use of one judge scoring system for ALL fitting and showmanship classes.

**For ALL Fitting and Showmanship using the Uniform Scorecard:**

**One Judge Scoring**

Blue = 90-100

Red = 80-89

White = 0-79

**All 4-H Fitting and Showmanship classes are to be offered free of charge.**

**Costume Class pg 47 :**

Costume should be appropriate, and 4-H themed, should also follow the 4-H Safety & Dress code.

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

**For all tack and appointments see specific discipline section.**

**A. 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.

**Bit Guide**

**Hunter division**

**1.**An English snaffle (no shank), kimberwick, pelham, or full bridle (Weymouth) must be used. The use of a bit converter (a U-shaped piece of leather that fastens between the snaffle ring and the curb ring at the end of the shank on the Pelham) is not illegal, however, it is not considered correct amongst most judges, and therefore may be penalized. Snaffle bit rings may be no larger than 4ʺ in diameter.