

**Jefferson County 4-H and Junior Fair Ride-Day Checklist**

**This checklist has been adopted to assist with providing a safe environment at all Jefferson County Junior Fair/4-H horse-related activities. It does not ensure safety, as horses are naturally an animal of flight. Please be aware there are inherent risks associated with all equine-related activities.)**

- Participant can lead and stop the equine in a safe and correct manner.
- Participant is using tack that is safe and appropriate for the discipline.
- Participant can maintain control of equine while mounting and dismounting with the intent of the equine to stand for the process.
- Participant to demonstrate proper alignment in the saddle to ensure the rider is balanced in the seat.
- Participant to be able to use aids/ques for stop, turn and different gaits that apply to their project.
- Participant to know when and how to perform and emergency stop. (This is in case of accident or if a horse becomes loose.)
- Participant demonstrates an understanding of appropriate distance from other equine and bystanders.
- Equine shows no aggression; and the animal consistently demonstrates reactions that prove it can be used for a safe and positive end.

The AAHS (American Association Of Horsemanship Safety) has a book of recommendations for teaching safe horsemanship. These are a few of the skills or goals from the AAHS. Some of these skills may overlap or be touched on more than once.

Ride Day 1 (date)\_\_\_\_\_

Approved Signatures Below

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

Ride Day 2 (date)\_\_\_\_\_

Approved Signatures Below

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(Approved signatures are only allowable by Cindy Stingle, Erin Ogden, Carl Glenn, Debbie Hukill, Debbie Grimes, Gail Rine.)