



2025-2026 4-H Horse and Mini Horse Commitment Form

Due to the MSU Extension Office no later than March 1st for re-enrollment of members and at time of enrollment for new members before June 1st.

The **requirements** for Flathead County 4-H youth to participate in the 4-H Horse or Mini Projects are as follows:

- Be in good standing with their club.
 - “good standing” = in good compliance with their club’s by-laws
- Comply with all age requirements.
 - Be at least 8 years old by October 1st
 - If a youth is 19 years old on or before October 1st of the 4-H year, he / she is not eligible to re-enroll in 4-H unless he / she is still in high school

Select One Option:

- ☐ Does the member plan to participate in the Northwest MT Fair 4-H Horse Show/Mini Horse Show
- ☐ Does the member NOT plan to participate in the Northwest MT Fair 4-H Horse Show/Mini Horse Show
- ☐ Is the member not sure if participating in the Northwest Fair 4-H Horse Show/Mini Horse Show

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL HORSE/MINI PROJECT MEMBERS:

- Complete a 4-H Horse and Mini Horse Commitment Form due to the MSU Extension Office by March 1st for re-enrolled members or at time of enrollment for new members before June 1st.
- Complete a Horse/Mini Horse Card for each Project Animal and turn into the Extension Office by June 1st.
- Complete Helmet Policy Form and turn into the Extension Office before participating in a ride meeting or by June 1st.
- Watch Every Ride Every Time Video (if applicable) All members must watch Every Ride Every Time video during their first registered year as a Junior member in the horse project **and** again during their first registered year as a Senior member.
- Complete any Assessments for each Horse Project by June 1st.
- Turn in completed record sheets to Club Organization Leader by September 30th.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THOSE COMPETING AT 2026 NWMT FAIR 4-H HORSE SHOW IN AUGUST 2026:

- Register by August 1st in Show Works on the NWMT Fair website.
- Have 4-H records sheets up to date and checked by your horse project leader or Org. Leader and signed off after June 1st and before August 1st.
- Attend two horse/mini horse clinics during the current 4-H year (starting October 1, 2025) by June 1st.

Detailed Requirements: Due before attending any clinic or ride meeting with a horse

1. **Enrollment:** Members must enroll in all interested horse or mini projects in ZSuites and pay any fees associated before attending any clinic. Enrollment in the correct horse project in ZSuite (games, ranch horse, western English) is required in order to compete in the 4-H horse show in the respective competition.
2. **Clinics:** All members are required to attend or serve as an instructor during at least two Flathead County 4-H Horse/Mini Horse specific clinics each 4-H year. Clinics will be offered throughout the 4-H year up to June 1st. Members must sign in at each clinic they attend for proof of attendance. Look for clinic dates and information in the monthly MSU Extension newsletters, emails, Facebook, Horse Project Remind app.
3. **4-H Horse and Mini Horse Commitment form:** All members must turn in this 4-H Commitment form to the Flathead County Extension Office no later than March 1st unless a new member is enrolling for the first time, no later than June 1st. Member should keep a copy of the signed Horse Commitment Form with Record Sheets.
4. **Record Sheet:**
 - To participate in the NWMT 4-H Horse Show, members must submit an up to date, My 4-H Yea **AND** 4-H horse record sheet with a financial journal for each horse project to the 4-H member’s horse project leader or org leader for review and approval prior between June 1st and Aug. 1st
 - All members must submit a completed record sheet(s) with a financial journal for all horse projects to their horse project leader or org leader by Sept 30th.

5. **Horse Card:** All members must have a horse card on file in the MSU Extension Office, declaring what horse they are using for each horse/mini horse project. It is recommended to have no more than 2 horse per project.
6. **Horse Assessment Forms:** Horse Assessment Forms are found in each of the Horse Project Books. The 4-H Horse Project assessment is a way to evaluate the skills of a horse and rider. It should be a positive learning environment for a member to demonstrate that they can properly execute or perform the horsemanship skills required in their project from one level to the next. An assessment does not compare the skills of one member against another member. It is an assessment of an individual's skills. Assessment levels are used to determine which level the youth can compete in during the NWMT 4-H Horse Show each year. Horse Project book completion and up to date record sheets must be completed to complete an assessment. Assessment Forms can only be filled out by a qualified Flathead County 4-H horse assessment leader. A copy of the completed Horse Assessment form must be turned into MSU Extension office by June 1st to be eligible to compete in the next level of competition for the NWMT 4-H Horse Show in August.
7. **Helmet Release:** All members must sign a helmet release form every year before participating in any horse riding activity. First year junior and senior members must watch Every Time Every Ride video. Must be turned in by any riding clinic or June 1st.
8. I understand my horse/mini horse project is a learning experience and I agree to accept the outcome, even if I disagree with the judge's opinion or assessment.
9. Failure to act appropriately by my parent(s) / guardian (s) or me will result in my removal from any event/clinic/show and could also prohibit me from attending and participating in future events.

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Other Rule Info: I don't remember what this is. Maybe from State? Are there other rules that are required?

Project List vs electives information for zSuite enrollment

I confirm that I read and agree to follow the guidelines on this Horse and Mini Commitment Form.

Project Member's Printed Name

Project Member's Signature

Parent or Guardian's Signature

Date