

## **2020 Changes for the Horse Project:**

### **Changes to come:**

**Ownership** - Youth may own the horse themselves, or use a family-owned horse (immediate family: parent, stepparent, brother, sister, stepsibling, grandparent, or legal guardian).

Rationale – family dynamics have changed, therefore providing the most opportunities for youth.

**Leasing** - If a 4-H member identifies a family-owned horse, 1 additional horse may be leased and identified.

Rationale – Families with multiple youth cannot always share a horse, plus leasing provides youth an opportunity try another training method offered through 4-H.

**Entering District Horse Shows** - 4-H members may participate in their county/district designated District Horse Show plus one additional District Horse Show of their choosing. But before entering the Kansas State Fair, 4-H members must indicate through which District Horse Show. There will be no picking of classes from each district, only results from one of the districts attended will be used.

Rationale – Youth have conflicts and bad days – providing another opportunity increases potential mastery.

**Senior Horse Western Pleasure** – Eliminated

Rationale – Class was based on horse's age causing conflict.

**Junior Horse Western Pleasure** – Eliminated

Rationale – Class was based on horse's age causing conflict.

**Ranch Horse Pattern and Reining** – Patterns changed.

**Costume, Roping Classes** – All information to be added to the web site and not included in the rule book.

**Two-Year Old Snaffle Bit** – Reminder that the class was phased out.

Finally, with input and cooperation from the East Central District, the number of District Horse Shows has been reduced from 7 to 6 districts – Northeast, Southeast, North Central, South Central, Northwest and Southwest. The counties/districts that made-up the East Central District have been reassigned to the Northeast and Southeast Districts. The following are the assignments:

**Northeast** - Douglas; Frontier District (Garnett, Lyndon, Ottawa); Johnson; and Lyon

**Southeast** - Coffey, Marais des Cyngnes (Mound City, Paola)

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