

Erie County Cloverbud Horse Show Rules

1. In an effort to encourage young riders' early participation and safety it is highly recommended and expected that a cloverbud division of classes will be offered at every Erie County 4-H Horse show. There are two divisions, walk/halt and walk/trot, however they will be in the arena together.
2. Cloverbud exhibitors have to be between the ages of 5-7 years as of January 1st of that calendar year.
3. Cloverbuds have to pass a ground safety evaluation in order to compete.
4. Cloverbuds are eligible to receive a participation ribbon only, they are not placed. The expectation is that the judge gives them constructive criticism to improve.
5. Cloverbuds have to have an adult (18 years or older) in the ring with them when showing, and an adult side-walker when doing trail.
6. Cloverbuds are required to have an adult with them at all times when handling their horse.
7. A cloverbud horse cannot be ridden, schooled or trained by an adult (parent, trainer, etc.) or a non-4-H Exhibitor, unless given special permission by the Horse Show Manager. The exception is that horses can be lunged by an adult or older 4-H member.
8. The cloverbud will be subdivided into the following divisions:
 - a) Fitting and Showmanship-English
 - b) Fitting and Showmanship-Western
 - c) English (Hunt Seat or Saddleseat) Performance
 - to include Equitation and Pleasure only
 - d) Western Performance
 - to include Equitation and Pleasure only
 - e) Games
 - f) Trail
9. All rules regarding a rider's eligibility for the Cloverbud division are subject to overridden by the Erie County 4-H Horse Leaders Committees, in an effort to ensure the riders safety.