



1. What ownership/lease requirements and supervision requirements are there to show or exhibit a horse at an endorsed fair, exposition, sponsored show or sponsored event?

The 4-H Policy handbook requires that horses must be owned/leased and supervised for not less than 120 consecutive days prior to the endorsed fair, exposition, sponsored show or other sponsored event ([Ch. 7,IV,E,6](#)).

2. Do the CDFA State Rules for California Fairs outline additional requirements regarding leased horses?

Yes. According to the State Rules for California Fairs, “4-H, FFA, Grange and Independent exhibitors may show leased horses, provided the member has responsibility for the care and management of the horse during the period of the lease; and the signed lease between owner and member, with a clear picture of a side view of the horse or some permanent identification is filed at least 120 consecutive days prior to the fair or event/horse show if held separately from the fair, at the County 4-H, FFA, or Grange office, or with a person designated by those offices” ([Ch 7,32.c](#)).

3. I plan on showing my horse at my county fair which is a CDFA Division of Fairs and Expositions sponsored event; do I need to have a lease agreement on file with my County 4-H Office?

Yes, the State Rules for California Fairs require 4-H members to file a lease agreement with their County 4-H Office or with a designee of that office at least 120 consecutive days prior to the fair or event.

4. I do not plan on showing my horse at a CDFA fair or event; do I still need to have a lease agreement on file with my County 4-H Office?

No, 4-H members only need to have a lease agreement on file if they plan on exhibiting at a CDFA Division of Fairs and Expositions sponsored fair or event, or if the fair, exposition, or event that they are exhibiting at requires them to have a lease agreement on file with their County 4-H Office. 4-H members do not need to have a lease agreement on file with their County 4-H Office if they are showing at a 4-H Youth Development Program sponsored show, e.g., the State 4-H Horse Classic. However, 4-H members must still follow the horse ownership/lease requirements outlined in [Chapter 7](#) of the 4-H Policy Manual.





5. Does the University of California Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR) 4-H Youth Development Program (4-H YDP) have an official equine lease agreement?

Yes. As of July 1, 2016 all counties are to use the [4-H Equine Lease Agreement](#). This agreement contains the necessary fields to satisfy the lease agreement requirements outlined in the CDFA State Rules for California Fairs. This will ensure continuity and consistency statewide.

6. Can I continue using the horse lease agreement that my County 4-H Office created?

No. Going forward, all counties are to use the [4-H Equine Lease Agreement](#). However, if your local fair, exposition or event requires youth to file an alternative lease agreement with their County 4-H Office, counties may use the agreement required by their local fair, exposition, or event.

7. What is the duration in which Equine Lease Agreements must be retained by the County 4-H Office?

Equine Lease Agreements should be retained for one year from the date in which the lease expires.

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