



2026 – Washakie County 4-H Horse Guidelines



For the safety of all, and to maintain a 4-H horse program within the guidelines of the state program and the Washakie County Fairgrounds, these guidelines must be followed in order for us to continue to have a 4-H horse program and the use the fairground arenas. These guidelines were developed by the County Horse Committee for improving the educational and safety aspects of the horse project.

- 1) The current Wyoming 4-H horse rules will be used for patterns, tack and class rules (can be found online at: <https://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/projects/animal-science/horses.html>).
- 2) During 4-H horse meetings, all riders must be 4-H members or 4-H leaders. NO riding bareback.
- 3) Arena attire must be worn. Heeled boots (no fat baby boots or twisted x shoes) and long pants are mandatory. Long sleeve shirts are suggested for practices.
- 4) It is required that all 4-H horse members who plan to exhibit at the Washakie County Fair Horse Show attend at least 3 supervised horsemanship practices, which may include 4-H Trail rides, clinics, etc. If you choose to ride English, it is required that you attend 3 supervised practices.
- 5) It is required in order to compete in the horse project at the Washakie County Fair and Wyoming State Fair; members **must** complete the Horse ID and Safety Certification.
- 6) It is required that all senior 4-H horse members who plan to exhibit in the working cow horse, roping or ranch sorting classes at the county fair must attend at least 3 supervised practices. This is a senior 4-H member event only during county fair; however, junior and intermediate members are encouraged to attend practices.
- 7) It is required that all members planning to exhibit in the hunter hack classes at the county fair attend at least 3 practice jumping sessions supervised by qualified leaders. All jumping will be done under adult supervision and with the appropriate equipment and attire. An approved safety helmet must be worn.
- 8) The Washakie County Fairboard is not responsible for accidents occurring on the fairgrounds.
- 9) **4-H meetings are not the place for parents or leaders to train horses. Please do this on your own time. We need to consider the safety of all people in the arena. If a 4-H Horse Leader feels a horse is unsafe, they will be dismissed from the arena.**
- 10) All arena use must be cleared through the fairboard. The arena use is first come, first served, by reservation only. Stall use is allowed for a fee and permission from the fairboard.
- 11) A fee will be charged to any group or person who uses the arena lights.
- 12) **Horse Safety Certification needs to be completed before July 10th to be eligible to participate at the Washakie County Fair and Wyoming State Fair.**

Important Notice

A supervised horsemanship practice may be any meeting at which a leader is present and all horse members from your club have been invited to attend. The meetings at the fairgrounds are for all horse members of all clubs.



DO NOT THROW AWAY!!

2026 Washakie County 4-H Horse Leaders



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Do you have questions? Contact one of these leaders!

We use the remind app to text everyone with important dates, changes, etc, so be sure you are signed up!

Bring horses every Tuesday night be ready to ride (warmed up) by 6pm.
Each practice will have a different topic (tentative)

June 16 – Rules and expectations and showmanship and grooming

June 23 – Basic Horsemanship

June 30 – Basic Horsemanship

July 7 – Basic Horsemanship

July 14 – Basic Horsemanship

July 16 – Basic Horsemanship – if needed

July 18 – Show Day

7am – be at the fairgrounds to groom & prep your horse

7:40am – meet in the bleachers – Q&A about the day – Pictures

8am – Show start with Showmanship (no halter classes), Trail, Western Pleasure, Reining(int and senior), Ranch Riding, Barrels and Poles

August 10-12 – Wyoming State Fair in Douglas, WY

English classes/cow classes/goat glasses – TBA (if there is an interest)

Check newsletter/email for other special horse meetings!



Remember Safety First!
Ride, Ride, Ride!



Please remember we have a wide range of ages and abilities in the horse program and we ask everyone to be patient and kind to other riders. Please be willing to setup patterns, help with cleanup and other duties as needed.

