

2004 WASHINGTON 4-H COUNCIL “Action Taken” on Recommendations

A. GENERAL 4-H

1. **Project Enrollment**—Pierce. County offices need to be more vigilant in enforcing ageappropriate enrollment in projects, following guidelines in EM2778.

Rejected by 4-H Council. The guidelines are already in place as to age appropriateness for each project listed. Refer also to EM0758, Washington State 4-H Policy.

2. **Boards/Committees**—Island. The responsibilities and benefits of the Horse Advisory Council and its relationship with the State Fair Board should be clarified.

Accepted by 4-H Council.

Referred to Core Committee, who developed the following operational philosophy:

WA 4-H Conflict Resolution Principles

It is to be expected that the dedicated groups working within the 4-H Management Structure may occasionally encounter area/topics/issues of differing perspectives. When those differences arise the following criteria are to be the guiding principles:

- a) The relevant groups are expected to pro-actively, respectfully communicate with each other to find a mutually agreeable solution.
- b) Each group is to respect the jurisdictional leadership of each other group with preferred resolution be arrived at by the lowest level.
- c) Issues are expected to be resolved in a time appropriate manner.
- d) Integrate the 4-H Management Structure Principles and domains of the 4H Professional Research and Knowledge base competencies in conflict resolution.
- e) The 4-H Management Structure is not a hieratical system but rather an interrelated matrix.
- f) When an issue cannot be resolved in a mutually agreeable manner, it will become the responsibility of the 4-H Director to resolve the situation. The 4-H Director will make every effort to engage the 4H Core Committee in consultation prior to resolution.

Referred to State 4-H Director.

Action Pending. The State 4-H Fair Board and the State 4-H Equine Committee are continuing a dialogue to determine their roles and responsibilities.

- 3. Boards/Committees—Snohomish.** Establish clear areas of responsibility of State boards and committees.

Accepted by 4-H Council.

Referred to Core Committee.

Referred to State 4-H Director. See Item A.2.

- 4. State 4-H Rules—Island.** Recommends that state contests abide by state rules.

Accepted by 4-H Council.

Referred to Core Committee.

Referred to State 4-H Director. See Item A.2.

- 5. State 4-H Rules—Snohomish.** Require that all state 4-H contests abide by state 4-H rules for classes.

Rejected by 4-H Council. Send recommendation back for clarification.

B. GENERAL 4-H FAIR

- 1. Rules Changes for State 4-H Fair—King.** The State 4-H Fair Board should follow the same procedures for changes for State Fair as other 4-H proposed rules, by going through the WA 4-H Council recommendation process.

Rejected by 4-H Council. It is too restrictive for functioning of State 4-H Fair and too cumbersome for effectiveness.

- 2. 4-H Equine Rules—Skagit.** The State 4-H State Fair Board and management shall be required to follow the State equine 4-H rules as written in the *4-H Equine (Horse) Contest Guide*.

Rejected by 4-H Council. Too restrictive for management, as it would require change to be presented at State 4-H Council Meeting.

- 3. 4-H Equine Rules—Spokane.** Recommends that EB1974, *4-H Horse Contest Guide*, be followed in full by the State Fair Board for the 4-H Horse Contests at Puyallup.

Accepted by 4-H Council.

Referred to State 4-H Fair Board.

Accepted with modification that the State 4-H Fair will follow EB1974, 4-H Horse Contest Guide, as appropriate for the State 4-H Fair's individual needs and constraints.

C. LIVESTOCK

1. **Pygmy Goats—Thurston.** Recommends having a State 4-H Program-approved score sheet for pygmy goat fitting and showing.

Accepted with modification by 4-H Council

Recommends having a State 4-H Program-approved score sheet available for Pygmy Goat Fitting and Showing such as C0544 is available for Dairy Goat Fitting and Showing. (Draft included with recommendation.)

Referred to 4-H State Staff

Accepted. A draft will be made available for the 2006 fair season.

D. EQUINE

1. **Dress Code—King.** Eliminate the conflicting rule per the *2004 WA State 4-H Fair Premium List*, pg. 56, Section 21 (State 4-H Fair Equine Dress Code), and follow the attire guidelines per the *4-H Horse Contest Guide*, pg. 5-10.

Accepted by 4-H Council.

Referred to Core Committee.

Referred to State 4-H Director. See Item A.2.

2. **Dress Code—Island.** The State 4-H Horse Exhibit should abide by the dress code and rules as expressed the 4-H Horse Contest Guide.

Accepted by 4-H Council.

Referred to Core Committee.

Referred to State 4-H Director. See Item A.2.

3. **Dress Code—Snohomish.** Establish the dress code in the 4-H Horse Contest Guide as the dress code for the State 4-H Horse Exhibit classes.

Accepted by 4-H Council.

Referred to Core Committee.

Referred to State 4-H Director. See Item A.2.

4. **Western Games**—Island. Western Gaming events at State Fair (except Texas barrels) should be run with two lanes, marked with appropriate lane lines.

Rejected by 4-H Council. Safety concerns and size of State 4-H Fair arena.

5. **Western Games**—Snohomish. Use lane lines and run two (2) lanes at State 4-H Western Games sections.

Rejected by 4-H Council. Safety concerns and size of State 4-H Fair arena.

6. **Western Games**—Spokane. Recommends that all horses, regardless of age, may be shown in a snaffle or bosal.

Rejected by 4-H Council. Current procedures are adequate.

Further explanation/update: Horses 6 years old or older must be ridden in a proper curb bit.

Horses under 6 years may be ridden in a snaffle or bosal. PNW574, *4-H Horse Contest Guide*, pg. 7.

7. **Western Games**—Snohomish. Add international flags to State 4-H Horse Exhibit Western Games section.

Accepted by 4-H Council.

Accepted by State 4-H Fair Board with modification: Add international flags to the State 4-H Fair as an exhibition class, ribbon awards only, and as time allows.

8. **Western Games/Contest Guide**—Snohomish. Change the 4-H Horse Contest Guide to make ties optional for Western Games riders in the events.

Accepted by 4-H Council with modification: Change 4-H Horse Contest Guide to make ties, pins, or decorated collars optional for Western Games riders in the events.

Accepted by State 4-H Equine Advisory Committee. This is currently printed in PNW574, *4-H Horse Contest Guide*, pg. 6, "Tie, pin, or 'decorated' collar (i.e., embroidered or beaded) is required except in Western Games."

9. **Contest Guide**—Snohomish. Change the 4-H Horse Contest Guide to make a check rein optional equipment for harness.

Accepted by 4-H Council with modification: Check rein includes both over check rein and side check rein.

Accepted by State 4-H Equine Advisory Committee. See PNW574, *4-H Horse Contest Guide*, pg. 22.

10. **Horse Exhibitor Numbers**—Island. 4-H horse exhibitors at State Fair may have exhibitor numbers on their back or both sides of the saddle pad. Any extra numbers required must be supplied by the exhibitor.

Accepted by 4-H Council.

Accepted by 4-H Fair Board with modification. The second number will be provided by the State 4-H Fair and be placed on the back or side of the pads. Donations will be sought for the second set of numbers.

11. **Horse Exhibitor Numbers**—Snohomish. Allow Performance Horse exhibitors at State Fair to wear numbers on both sides of pad (second number supplied by exhibitor).

Rejected by 4-H Council. Stated more clearly in C.10. Does not allow use of only one number.

12. **Bowl Scheduling**—Snohomish. Alternate dates for State Horse Bowl and Hippology between 1st Saturdays of April and May.

Rejected by 4-H Council. Established, reliable dates are needed for these annual events for the ease of family/club planning.

13. **Showmanship**—State 4-H Horse Advisory Committee. Change the term, 'Fitting and Showing,' in the State 4-H Fair Premium book to 'Showmanship' for the 4-H Horse Exhibit.

Accepted by 4-H Council.

Accepted by State 4-H Fair Board with modification. The term used for all animals in the State 4-H Fair Premium Book is 'Fit & Show/Showmanship. The 4-H member should have prepared the animal for the show. The word "fitting" means more than just feeding the animal for slaughter.

Getting the animal in shape for the project, even cavies have fit and who. Fit and Show is a unique term used in 4-H and to change now would not fit the consistency in all 4-H projects. The definition comes from the state level and it is their duty to inform all people. The work "showmanship" is an open class term and does not matter who got the animal ready for show.

14. **Flags**—Snohomish. Change level of can to "full" instead of "3/4" in international flags in 4-H Horse Contest.

Rejected by 4-H Council. So we can continue to maintain a high level of program uniformity in the Pacific Northwest's equine policies.

15. **Flags**—Snohomish. Change length of stake in international flags in 4-H Horse Contest Guide from 14" to 18".

Accepted by 4-H Council.

Rejected by the State Equine Advisory Committee. So we can continue to maintain a high level of program uniformity in the Pacific Northwest's equine policies.

16. **Jumping**—Clark. Make jumping separate from the Performance section and be given its own time and allotment, as with Harness. If time and space are an issues these events can be held before State Fair begins or soon after.

Rejected by 4-H Council. Currently our contract with Western Washington State Fair does not permit 4-H to extend the use of facilities before or after the Fair. We believe that the current horse sections represent the largest horse projects.

17. **Nosebands**—Wahkiakum. Recommends that English classes, hunt seat, dressage, etc. be allowed to use flash nosebands and figure-eight nosebands, in addition to cavassons and drop nosebands.

Rejected by 4-H Council. Hunt Seat and flat classes should use traditional and industry accepted equipment, as currently stated in *4-H Horse Contest Guide*, PNW574.

18. **Hunt Seat Equitation**—Spokane. Recommends that heights of fences match those used by Oregon in Hunt Seat Equitation.

Rejected by 4-H Council. WA State rules are adequate as written. The present policy gives the most flexibility to local 4-H horse shows.