

1999 WASHINGTON 4-H COUNCIL “Action Taken” on Recommendations

A. GENERAL 4-H

1. **Judging Contests** - Lewis. Recommends that all 4-H judging contests require introduction of the member for oral reasons; introduction must include name, age, club, and years in project.

Rejected by Council: Judging contests should be as unbiased as possible; including name and/or other personal information could give unfair advantage to a contestant.

2. **Animal Science Policy** – State: Recommends on page 2, Horse/Livestock Management and Ownership, EM0758 "Washington State 4-H Youth Development Program Policy":
 - a. The title of the section be changed to "Animal Science Management and Ownership."
 - b. Addition of the statement: "The administration of any drug, medication, or herbal substance which could affect an animal's disposition or performance, and could result in taking unfair advantage of another exhibitor, is not acceptable in the 4-H Youth Development Program."

2a. Accepted by Council. Change has been made on EM0758 revision, 3/00. Section is titled "Animal Management & Ownership."

2b. Rejected by Council. More definition is needed for "herbal substance."

2. **Livestock Policy** - State. Recommends that on page 2, Horse/Livestock Management and Ownership, EM0758 "Washington State 4-H Youth Development Program Policy," the addition be made: "The administration of any drug, medication, or herbal substance which could affect an animal's processed meat is not acceptable in the 4-H Youth Development Program."

Rejected by Council. See 2b.

4. **Photography** - Lewis. Recommends changes to the Photo Label (C0890) to include:
 - a) change film type to film speed; b) change automatic exposure to auto exposure,

Accepted by Council.

Accepted by State Staff with suggestions from Photography Superintendent to be considered when label is revised.

5. **Photography** - Snohomish. Recommends that a Black & White Class for photographs be created at State Fair.

Accepted by Council

Rejected by State 4-H Fair Board: Black and White photos are already provided for in the existing photography classes; they are separated and judged against a standard, not in comparison to colored photos.

6. **Quiz Bowl** - Island. Recommends that Quiz Bowl be reinstated in the 4-H State Fair program.

Rejected by Council: There is not adequate space or volunteer help to hold quiz bowls at the State 4-H Fair.

7. **Pet Rats** - Island. Recommends that Pet Rats be added to the State 4-H Fair.

Rejected by Council: There is not a WSU curriculum for a Pet Rat project. The State 4-H Fair doesn't have space for this activity. There are no standards of quality for rats.

8. **Poultry/Pocket Pets** - Spokane. Spokane County 4-H offers to host the 4-H State Fair events for poultry and pocket pets, starting in summer 2000.

Rejected by Council: 4-H poultry exhibits are currently shown in the Junior Poultry Exposition at Puyallup. We do not have a curriculum for pocket pets. Spokane County is encouraged to host a PNW Poultry/Pocket Pet exposition that focuses on Youth Development, and whose timing does not conflict with the Junior Poultry Show and the State 4-H Fair.

B. FAMILY LIVING

1. **Clothing & Textiles** - King. Recommends that a new State committee be formed or a subcommittee be created within the current WA State Clothing and Textile Committee for the purpose of upgrading/adding clothing activities to the State Fair Premium Book based on current available curriculum.

Rejected by Council: A committee has already been established and is addressing this subject; the State Clothing & Textile Team is co-chaired by Kay Hendricksen and Jan Hiller. Christy Price is giving leadership to this subcommittee of the CT team.

2. **Clothing & Textiles** - King. Recommends that a version of "Creative Consumer of Fashion" be added to the clothing activities at State 4-H Fair. This activity would complement and supplement the current Daily Fashion Revue (and possibly State Fashion Revue), and could utilize Daily Fashion Revue judges following this activity's morning time slot.

Accepted by Council: Referred by State 4-H Fair Board to State Clothing & Textile Team for activity development. Christy Price is giving leadership to this subject committee.

3. **Clothing & Textiles/Foods** - King. Recommends that a 'Clothing Bowl' activity and a 'Foods Bowl' activity or a combined 'Family Living Bowl' activity be added to the Family Living activities (in separate departments or combined under Family Living activities.)

Accepted by Council with modification: Activity to be coordinated by volunteers.

Rejected by State 4-H Fair Board: Recommendation rejected based on the lack of facilities at State 4-H Fair to accommodate bowl activities. Bowls for other subject matter areas are organized and held at locations and times separate from the State 4-H Fair.

4. **Food Preservation** - Lewis. Recommends that the wording on the "Dried Food Judging Sheet" (C0538) be changed to "prevents contamination under normal conditions."

Rejected by Council: The recommendation is unclear and has nothing to do with how the child has prepared their product. Contamination occurs when the judge opens the package.

C. DOGS

1. **Guidelines** - Pierce. Update and republish EM4796 "Guidelines for Washington State 4-H Dog Program."

Accepted by Council with modification: Incorporate changes in the draft in the updated publication and refer this to the State Dog Leaders Committee. Implementation is already in progress.

2. **Score Sheets** - Pierce. Review, correct, and republish 4-H Dog Obedience Score Sheets, replacing all existing ones. Change paper color of new sheets and notify all counties.

Accepted by Council: Refer to State Dog Leaders Committee for final approval and then forward to WSU for publication.

Accepted with Modification by State 4-H Staff: Dog score cards are reviewed regularly (usually at least once every two years), with revisions made as recommended by the State Dog Leaders Committee as stock runs low. Efforts will be made to keep the most current versions of scorecards available to download from the 4-H publications website, <http://cahedb.wsu.edu/infoPub/scripts/webSubject.asp?category=800>.

3. **Scoring** - Pierce. Change the Blue Ribbon requirements in the Dog Project from a score of 90-100 to a score of 85-100.

Rejected by Council: Current scores are satisfactory. Committee feels there is more of a conflict between school and 4-H events and that is why quotas are not filled to capacity.

4. **State Fair Requirements** - Pierce. Change the requirements in the State Fair Premium Book to allow counties to determine which dog will be taken to State Fair when a member brings two dogs to County Fair and qualifies in Obedience with both.

Rejected by Council: WA State guidelines are in conflict with the State Fair Premium book.

State 4-H Fair Action: Correct the State 4-H Fair Premium Book to reflect the current guidelines for WA State 4-H Dog Program in this situation.

State 4-H Staff: Support the action of the State Fair Board.

5. **Dog Agility** - Pierce. Create classes for Dog Agility in the State Dog Program.

Accepted by Council with modification: Refer to the State Dog Leaders Committee for program development.

Accepted by State Staff: Could be added as time and facilities allow, based on AKC materials.

State Fair Board: Will instruct superintendent to set up and run a few agility obstacles in the evenings as time permits, for "fun and prizes," not for premiums or ribbons. Will replace the older equipment with standard agility obstacles.

6. **Guide Dogs** - Whatcom. Recommends that youth in Guide Dog/Service Dog projects be allowed to show another guide dog in Fitting and Showing if their puppy may not be able to attend.

Rejected by Council: Current State 4-H Fair rules are sufficient. The service dog that qualifies at the designated county qualifying event is the only dog eligible to be exhibited at State 4-H Fair.

7. **Guide Dogs** - Whatcom. Recommends that 4-Hers involved in the Guide Dog/Service Dog project be allowed to wear dress slacks or culottes for Fitting and Showing.

Rejected by Council: Current State 4-H Fair rules and Guide/Service Dog Fitting and Showing scorecard already allow this.

D. EQUINE

1. **Dressage** - Cowlitz. Recommends that a statewide dressage project and competition for 4-H equine participants be created.

Accepted by Council with modification: Recommend a statewide committee be formed to create the dressage project curriculum and competitions for 4-H equine participants.

Accepted by State 4-H Staff: Leaders are encouraged to communicate with one another via the horse listserv and face-to-face meetings to determine the curriculum and events to be developed. Leaders should be prepared to make recommendations to the State 4-H Staff by July 2001.

2. **Equine Fair** - Lincoln. Recommends that an EMT or ambulance be on site at the arena for all 4-H horse events at State Fair.

Rejected by Council: We already have an emergency response time of 1-2 minutes; procedures and emergency protocols are in place and are the responsibility of the Puyallup Fire Department.

3. **Equine Fair** - Pierce. Recommends that Senior Equine be scheduled before Intermediates at the State 4-H Fair.

Rejected by Council: Does not address performance or gaming. Needs to be more specific. Scheduling needs to be left to Fair management, depending upon arena availability.

4. **Performance Horse** - King. Recommends that mules be included in the 4-H program, be listed in the "Performance Horse Manual," and be included in all classes and the county and state fairs.

Accepted by Council with modification: Mules be included in all 4-H equine programs and information be placed in all 4-H equine manuals.

Accepted by State 4-H Staff: Mules are equine, therefore they are included in the 4-H equine program and state curriculum will reflect this more consistently as materials are revised.

5. **Performance Horse** - King. Recommends that all breeds of horses that do not trot or canter naturally, be included in all 4-H classes, listed in the "Performance Horse Manual," and referenced on pg. 7 (Gaits) and on pg. 30 (Intermediate Gaits).

Accepted by Council

Accepted by State 4-H Staff: Currently in the 4-H Equine program, intermediate-gaited horses are included in 4-H Performance Classes; the curriculum will more clearly reflect that as future revisions are made.

6. **Performance Horse** - Spokane. Recommends that Intermediate and Senior Jumping be added as a state qualifying events, to include Fitting and Showing, Hunter Hack, Working Hunter, and Equitation Over Fences.

Accepted by Council

State 4-H Fair Action: Modify the original recommendation to add an Equitation Over Fences Class to the Senior Performance Horse section of the State 4-H Fair, with no change in the maximum number of classes that may be entered per exhibitor.

State 4-H Staff: Supports action of Fair Board.

7. **Western Games** - Pierce. Recommends that in the Two Barrel Flag Event, that each flag must be removed from its respective barrel; if a flag is not removed, it would result in an off course, and no time recorded.

Accepted by Council with modification: In the two barrel flags event, each flag must be removed from its respective barrel. If a flag is not removed, it would result in a 10-second penalty, rather than the current 5-second penalty.

Accepted by State 4-H Staff and implemented.

8. **Western Games** - Spokane. Recommends that EM4610, "Western Games," pg. 31, Section II. A. (2nd sentence) be changed to read: Contestants must enter the arena at a walk or collected trot, but leave the arena dismounted and leading with reins (off the neck) in hand.

Accepted by Council with modification: Contestants must enter the arena at a walk or collected trot, but may leave the arena dismounted and leading with reins (off the neck) in hand.

Accepted by State 4-H Staff and implemented.

9. **Western Games** - State. Recommends a number of revisions to EM4610, "Western Games Youth Manual and Class Rules" (itemized below).

- a. **Page 45, Texas Barrels** - Change the labeling on the patterns to designate Figure 38 as the Alternate Course, and Figure 39 as the Regular Course.

Accepted by Council.

Accepted by State 4-H Staff and implemented.

- b. **Page 22, Ribbons and Awards** - Add: "Participation ribbons will be given for a ride that has received a disqualification."

Rejected by Council: (No reason noted on committee report.)

Changed by State 4-H Staff, with the recommendation of horse leaders, to allow three classifications of disqualification. Disqualification with white ribbon, disqualification with participation ribbon, and disqualification with no award (see Disqualification section in the 2000 revision of "Western Games," EM4610).

- c. **Page 24, #17. Add:** "The judge will first give a mandatory warning; if the rider does not comply, a disqualification will be given."

Accepted by Council

Accepted by State 4-H Staff and implemented.

- d. **Page 26, Personal Attire** - Change requirement to: "a long-sleeved, button-down shirt," eliminating the collar requirement.

Rejected by Council: We accept all collars.

Accepted by State 4-H Staff.

e. **Page 28-29, Section 4 - Equipment and Attire.** Add to item A: "All equipment is to be checked before the rider enters the arena."

Rejected by Council: (No reason noted on committee report.)

Accepted by State 4-H Staff. The current rules are adequate.

f. **Page 30, Section 6 - Ties.** Change to read: "The procedure for breaking ties is either a runoff or a coin toss. In the event that a coin toss is picked, the loser of the toss will take the next lower position."

Accepted by Council

Accepted by State 4-H Staff and implemented.

g. **Page 31, Section 8 - Rerides.** Add: #3. Course measured incorrectly. Add: #4. Unsafe arena conditions.

Accepted by Council with modification: Delete #4. Unsafe arena conditions.

Accepted by State 4-H Staff and implemented.

h. **Page 31, Section 11 - Arena Safety.** Add: "When rider dismounts, reins must be taken off the horse's neck for safety."

Accepted by Council with modification: Add that this item be placed in the ground rules for all 4-H equine events.

Accepted by State 4-H Staff and implemented.

i. **Page 32, Judges' Duties.** Add: #6. The judge is to make sure that the arena is safe and that all gates are closed. Add: #7. The judge is the only person with the authority to give the green flag as a signal that the course is ready for the rider to start.

Accepted by Council

Accepted by State 4-H Staff and implemented.

j. **Page 35, Section 13B. Change to read:** "Failure to have the horse under control at the start and close of the running portion of the event." (OMIT the rest of the sentence - "by stopping the horse at the end of runout lane.")

Rejected by Council: (No reason noted on committee report.)

Changed by the State 4-H Staff and implemented to be a disqualification with a participation ribbon.

k. **Page 35, H. Add:** "It is recommended that the judge first give a mandatory warning to the rider so that there is no doubt in the rider's mind how the judge sees the rider's actions."

Accepted by Council

Accepted by State 4-H Staff and implemented.