Northwest Regional Horse Record Book
Competition Guidelines

2012 (minor revisions 2014)

(Revised 2022 for new books)

Objectives:

1. To encourage members to provide complete and accurate records and information pertaining to their horse project or projects and their own club year
2. To recognize the record keeping efforts of 4-H members.

Age Group Categories:

Junior: ages 9 - 11 as of January 1st of the current 4-H year.
Intermediate: ages 12 -14 as of January 1st of the current 4-H year. Senior: ages 15 - 20 as of January 1st of the current 4-H year.

Description:

1. For consistency, only the pages that were printed in the book or available on line should be used. Redesigning or reprinting pages on different colored backgrounds, etc. are discouraged.
2. Computer generated books will be allowed in all categories. Consideration should be given to computer-generated books that the language is equivalent to the level of the member. Hand written books should maintain the ink choice throughout the book.

Eligibility:

1. All members in the region will enter project record books within their own club level. To qualify for the next level of competition level project books must have placed first in their category.
2. Only books that have placed first at the District level may compete at the Region level in all three age categories.
3. Books are due by October 1 to the Northwest Regional Area Coordinator.

Awards:

1. The names of the top placing books in each category for the year are engraved on trophies that the members may keep for one year.
2. First and Second place receive a gift item for the Northwest 4-H Regional Council
3. All participants receive Northwest 4-H Record Book Certificates.

Changes:

If any changes are to be made to the project book competition guidelines, the proposed revisions are to be presented at a Northwest Regional Horse Committee meeting. A review of the guidelines and marking guide should be done every 2 years to encourage consistency.

Horse Project Record Book Tips for Members

Outside Cover – name, club, age, and level

About my Equine Project – Fill in all blank spaces. If nothing is to written use N/A instead of blanks.

Health and Growth Indicator Record – entered 4 times /year. Correct fitness /body score 1 - 9. Remember 9 is the obese; 1 is starving.

Pictures/Drawings – include front, both sides, and hind views. Properly label & date photos

Project Plan – This is a plan page only. Dates for treatments or completions are not required. Just goals and plans.

Budget – As stated this is for Senior members only. If Juniors or Intermediates fill this in it is for learning only and will not be marked. Place zeroes in spots where no number is needed.

Record of Equine Progress – Can use this to note project activities that happened with your horse. Comments on what was learned or not as well as questions are to go here. Fill one in per month of feed record minimum. Can add extra pages if needed.

Monthly Record – 6 months to be marked.

~~A)~~ **Feed Record** - Fill in name of month, name of horse, and circle kgs or lbs on each month. If no weight unit determined (ie pasture mineral block, etc.) must indicate so by N/A. In this case, determine price/day and indicate it in appropriate columns. Include bedding under project related costs

B) **Project Related Costs or Income** – anything used up in one year. Should include bedding here.
Could include fees, gas, lunch, etc. costs. If there is no income enter zero. Can also include any 4-H ran clinics that you attended.

C) **Health Record** – If no cost for a month put N/A. Include observations here.

Financial Statement - Fill in all totals from your feed record pages. Remember only 6 months need to used.

Equipment Inventory – include anything kept more than one year take off what you have lost or sold Add more pages as required.

Competition/Show record – This is for all shows you participate in. Make sure to note 4-H show or open show. Can also include clinics that you attended.

Financial Summary – Fill in all blanks are per previous information. Include zeroes if space if left blank.

Evaluation of your equine project – Fill in all blanks. Write in complete sentences. May refer back to your equine plan to note completion of goals.

Overall Appearance / Neatness – Hand written books and computer word-processed books are equally acceptable. Consideration should be given to computer-generated books that the suitably of information presented as it relates to the age/ability of the member. This is another chance to make your book unique.

Deductions – Spelling errors: - 0.5 point deducted for each different word. Calculation errors: - 1 point for each different error. If the same error is repeated, deduct only once. Club may determine deductions for lateness