

Northwest Regional Horse Record Book Competition Guidelines

(minor revisions 2014)

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.

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. Each Northwest 4-H districts with the horse project may enter their top junior, intermediate, and senior level books in the regional competition. All horse books must compete at District Level first and the winners of each division will then be sent to regional level.
3. Books are due by September 15th to the 4-H office in Barrhead.

Awards

1. The names of the top placing books in each category for the year are engraved on trophies that are displayed at the Regional 4-H Office.
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 the regional council annual meeting. A review of the guidelines and marking guide should be done every 2 years to encourage consistency.

Rotation of districts for marking regional competition books:

(dates are the club year of the books - March 2011)

2008/2009	YELLOWHEAD	2013/2014	STRATHCONA
2009/2010	PARKLAND	2014/2015	LEDUC
2010/2011	BARRHEAD	2015/2016	WESTLOCK
2011/2012	EVANSBURG/ LAC STE ANNE	2016/2017	DRAYTON VALLEY
2012/2013	STURGEON	2017/2018	ATHABASCA/THORHILD

Horse Project Record Book Tips for Members

Outside Cover – name, club, age, and level

Pictures/Drawings – include front, both sides, and hind views.

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

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 as per instructions on page 5.
- 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.
- C) **Health Record** – If no cost for a month put N/A. Include observations here.
- D) **Project Activities** – Anything done with our horse project goes here or directly related to your horse project (halter making) goes here. Not judged on quantity of events but on quality of brief description of events / member involvement in the activities
- E) **Member's Questions or Comments** – Must put something here – may just be “no questions at this time.” Try to give a comment.
- F) **Club and Other Activities** – Anything done with your club, not just your horse project activities, goes here. Not judged on quantity of events but on quality of brief description of events / member involvement in the activities
- G) This section will not be marked.

Financial Summary

- A) **Income Record** – Fill in G, H and I. If no income enter zero. Must list months.
- B) **Expense Record** – Fill in J, K, L, I and M. If no cost or income must enter zero.
Please note: L minus I = M

Equipment Inventory – include anything kept more than one year take off what you have lost or sold

Story of Your Project – follow information as stated in the book. It should be personal and cover the highlights as well as reflect on your goals.

Clipping Page – information as stated in the book for project and club activities. It's your chance to make your book unique. Page should include copy of communication activity, judge's comments, programs, news clippings. Explain why they were used and give the date and source of articles.

Overall Appearance / Neatness – Hand written books and computer word-processed books are equally acceptable. Consideration should be given to computer-generated books that the suitability of information presented as it relates to the age/ability of the member. This is another chance to make your book unique. Pictures can be used throughout the book, not just on the clipping page.

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

Northwest Regional Horse Project Marking Guide

March 2014

Level of Competition: club ___ region _____

Name _____ **Age** _____ **Category** _____

Page in Record Book	Points	Member Score
Outside cover – name, club, age, level	1	
Stock Keepers Creed	1	
About Me	1	
About My Club and Club Executive	2	
More About Me	2	
About My Project Horse	3	
Project Photos or Drawings	2	
Written Description of Your Project Horse	2	
Health and Growth Indicator Record	4	
Monthly Feed Record – Mark six months	-----	-----
<i>A. Feed record</i>	-----	-----
a) Month correct	1	/6
b) Name of horse	0.5	/3
c) Kgs or lbs circled	0.5	/3
d) Total (C) entered correctly	1	/6
Body of feed record	3	/18
<i>B. Project related Costs of Income</i>	-----	-----
a) E and D filled	1	/6
b) Body of chart	2	/12
C Health Record	2	/12
D Project Activities	5	/30
E Member’s Questions or Comments	1	/6
F Club and Other Activities	5	/30
G Do not Mark	-----	-----
Financial Summary	-----	-----
A Income record	-----	-----
G, H, I filled. List of months. (If no income, zero indicated)	5	
B Expense Record	-----	-----
O J, K, L, I, M must be filled. (Zero if appropriate)	10	
Equipment Inventory	5	
Story of Your Project – goals met or not	10	
Your Clipping Page	15	
Overall Appearance/Neatness – break ties here	5	
Total:	200	
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Judge's Comments:

Marked by:

Date: