

Kansas 4-H Horse Shows -- Rule Clarification

Please be advised that for the 2009 Kansas 4-H Horse Shows, the current rule will remain as in past years: "Exhibitors may not be tied, buckled, or fastened to a horse or any portion of the tack. Exception: Any person with a handicap that necessitates such assistance." (Paragraph #5, page 52 of the Kansas 4-H Horse Show Rule Book)

At the April 18th meeting of the State 4-H Horse Action Team, a motion passed to allow the use of specific size of rubberbands to fasten the exhibitor's foot to the stirrup. To assure that the 4-H youth development program is appropriately managing the risks inherent with the horse program, the University Attorney is currently reviewing the proposed rule change. Consequently, the current rule stands and use of rubberbands will not be allowed at the 2009 Kansas 4-H Horse Shows.

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