DATE: April 20, 2015

MEMO TO: All South Plains District 2 County Extension Agents

SUBJECT: 2015 District 2 4-H Horse Show

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4-H & Youth Development Horse Show Committee Chair

CONTEST DATE: June 16, 2015
CONTEST LOCATION: Mallet Event Center - Levelland
CHECK IN: 6:30 a.m.
CONTEST BEGINS: 7:30 a.m.

4-H CONNECT OPENS:
➢ Early Registration May 18 - May 31, 2015
➢ Late Registration June 1 - June 12, 2015
ENTRY FEE: $75 per contestant/late $100 per contestant (no t-shirt)
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The 2015 District 2 4-H Horse Show will be held June 16 at the Mallet Event Center in Levelland, Texas. This year’s show will be a one-day event. All entries (which includes a one-time $75 District exhibitor fee) must be entered on 4-H connect between May 18 and May 31, 2015. Late entries will be accepted June 1-12, 2015 and will include an exhibitor fee of $100.00 (no t-shirt will be provided). The entry form that is attached with the letter is for your use only. Please do not send the entry form to the District Office or Borden County Extension Office.

Mallet Event Center will handle the stalling arrangements and stall fee. Coggins will need to be presented to the stalling committee before stalls will be assigned. You must contact Arena & Livestock Manager LaRae Berry 806-894-4161 – office or 806-893-3345 – cell. They will also be offering a full concession stand for breakfast and lunch.

The arena will open at 5:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 16, for exhibitors to ride and the show will start at 7:30 a.m.
There have been many changes over the past few years on the District and State level. Here are some rule changes of which 4-H families need to be aware:

1) **Qualification procedures** at District Horse Shows are significantly different from prior years. There are now a total of 9 Qualifying Divisions and a 4-H’er must show in at least one class in a division at District in order to be eligible for all classes in that division at the State Show. These qualifying divisions are:

   - Judged Western
   - Halter
   - Speed Events
   - Hunter–Flat
   - Yearling Halter Gelding
   - Yearling Halter Filly
   - Yearling Longe Line
   - 2-Year-Old Futurity
   - 3-Year-Old Futurity

   Western Judged Trail has been added to the Western Judged Division and is now offered at all 12 District shows. Western Trail is no longer an Open Class. **A 4-H’er can show a different horse in each Qualifying Division**, but only 1 horse per division. See pages 7, 8, 12, 13 & 14 of the Rulebook.

2) **Hunter Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle and Hunt Seat Equitation** are now Qualifying Classes at all 12 District 4-H Horse Shows. In past years, a 4-H’er could enter these classes at the State 4-H Horse Show, whether they went to the District 4-H Horse Show or not. In 2015, to be eligible to enter any of these classes at State, the 4-H’er must enter and show in at least one of these 3 classes at the District Horse Show in order to be eligible to enter those classes at the State Show.

3) **Futurity project horses** must be entered and shown in their respective futurity class at the District 4-H Horse Show in order to be eligible to enter and show in that futurity class at State. So, for 4-H’ers with futurity projects, the two steps are:

   1. Nominate and validate a futurity project on or before May 1st
   2. Enter and show in the futurity class at District.

   Completion of those two steps and adherence to the futurity rules will make a futurity project eligible to be entered and shown at the State Show. **All 12 Districts now offer Yearling Futurity Halter Gelding, Yearling Halter Filly classes, Yearling Futurity Longe Line, 2-Year-Old Futurity Division (Pleasure Pattern, Versatility, and Western Pleasure Classes) and 3-Year-Old Futurity Division (Stock Horse Pleasure, Trail, Reining, Cow Working Classes).**

4) **Open Division classes (14 classes across 4 divisions)** continue to be Open and do not require participation at District. These include the 4 over-fence classes (Hunter Over Fence Division), 3 Roping classes (Roping Division), Reining, Working Cow Horse, Team Penning, Cutting and a new Stock Horse Trail class (Stock Horse Division), and Drill/Precision Riding Division. These divisions are on page 14 of the Rulebook.
5) Any 4-H’er not planning to attend the District 4-H Horse Show, yet planning to enter Open Division classes at the State Show, should get with their County Extension Agent and/or District Extension office prior to the District 4-H Show. Several Districts close State Show entries at the completion of the District Show. Therefore, communication well in advance will be important.

6) **Stock Horse Trail class** is a new class that was designed to fit in the Stock Horse Division and cater to those youth with horses suited to classes such as reining, cutting, cow horse, team penning and roping. It is open to those 4-Hers with horses that are not entered in the regular Western Trail class. The guidelines for this new class are found in the rulebook on page 70. It has been designed for those 4-H’ers with well mannered, broke horses that would also be useful in a ranch-type setting. If possible, obstacles will differ slightly from regular Western Trail obstacles in order to better simulate certain conditions routinely experienced in ranch and nature trail settings.

7) The 2015 Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations contain all the changes, with important revisions in red type. All 4-H’ers and families should be familiar with the revised rules. They can be found at [http://animalscience.tamu.edu](http://animalscience.tamu.edu) by clicking on ‘Livestock’ first, then ‘Horses’, then the ‘4-H Horse Projects’ banner across the top of that page.

**SHOW RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Agent or Chairman for the events will be responsible to make sure that all necessary equipment for each event is present on the day of the show.

We will again have individual packets for each exhibitor, therefore the contestant or their parents may pick up their individual packet solving group or county packet problems.

**Remember:** The Texas Animal Health Commission will be requiring horses to have a negative EIA (Coggins) Test within the previous 12 months before being mingled with other horses at competitive, social, or exhibition events. Therefore, we will be requiring a negative Coggins Test on all horses entering the grounds.