



ADDENDUM TO THE STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING/CODE OF CONDUCT 4-H MEMBERS IN MANATEE COUNTY

For youth enrolled in the 4-H horse project during the 2009-2010 4-H year

The purpose of the 4-H horse program is to provide young people an opportunity to participate in a series of activities designed to improve citizenship, sportsmanship, horsemanship, character, competitive spirit, discipline, and responsibility while creating an atmosphere for learning and awareness of life about us (*Florida State 4-H Horse Show Official Rules*).

1. 4-H members and 4-H horse project animals are registered annually during the Manatee County 4-H Enrollment/Re-enrollment period. Enrollments are due in the 4-H Office on **October 12, 2009** for the 2009-2010 4-H year. The 4-H project animals (horses) may be shown at the Fall and Spring County 4-H Open Shows, County Fair, State Fair, and Area and State Show. Additional 4-H project animals (horses) may be added between **October 13** and **December 31, 2009**.
2. The Manatee County 4-H Horse Project Committee will sponsor two 4-H open horse shows during the 2009-2010 4-H year. The show dates are: **October 24-25, 2009** and **March 20-21, 2010**. The shows will be held at the Mosaic Arena located at the Manatee County Fairgrounds in Palmetto, Florida. **A family representative or youth is required to volunteer during at least one section (halter, speed, dressage, trail, jumping, etc.) of one horse show.**
3. In order for a youth to **qualify to show** at the 2010 Area E 4-H Horse Show (**April 23-25, 2010**), she/he must have shown that particular 4-H project horse in at least one of the two Manatee County 4-H Open Shows listed in item number two and canter/largo in one class. The only exception is: After submitting Area E registration paperwork, the registered 4-H project horse is deemed unsound by a veterinarian and no registered 4-H replacement horse meets the canter/largo requirement, a non-registered comparable horse may be substituted and immediately registered as a 4-H project horse if the 4-H member has met the canter/largo requirement on a previously registered 4-H project horse.
4. According to the *Florida State 4-H Horse Show Official Rules*, eligibility of participants and horses for Area and State 4-H Horse Shows are:
 - Must be an active and current 4-H club member, meeting all the membership requirements established by the club and county program.
 - Manage at least one horse of any age or breed as a 4-H horsemanship project. The horse must be owned or leased by the 4-H member, the member's parents, brother, sister or legal guardian and certified as a 4-H project by January 1 of the current 4-H year.
 - Must keep and submit to the county agent a 4-H horse record book on project horses to be eligible to compete in area and State shows. **(This record is reviewed by club leader before submitting papers for Area E and submitted April 26, 2010 for county judging).**

Additionally, according to the *Florida State 4-H Horse Show Official Rules*, a contestant can show only one horse at Area or State Shows. Counties may allow contestants to enter more than one horse in county shows, but under no circumstances should a contestant be allowed to enter the same class twice on the same horse. Contestants must show the same horse at the State Show that they qualified on at the Area Show.

5. In order for youth to **qualify for any financial support** from the Manatee County 4-H Horse Project Committee each youth must sell at least a minimum of \$50.00 worth of horse show sponsorships for the Manatee County 4-H/Open Horse Show. Sponsorships must be received in the 4-H Office by **October 1, 2009**, to be included on the Fall show bill. Late sponsorships will be accepted from youth joining 4-H after the **October 12, 2009** enrollment/re-enrollment date but must be received in the 4-H Office no later than 45 days before the next County 4-H Open Show.

- A minimum of \$50.00 sponsorship per youth is required to qualify for 4-H Horsemanship School scholarship, support to Area and Regional 4-H Horse Shows, and other 4-H horse related activities from the County 4-H Horse Project Committee.
- A minimum of \$75.00 sponsorship per youth is required to qualify for support for the State 4-H Horse Show from the County 4-H Horse Project Committee.
- A 4-H'er selling the equivalent of \$100 or more sponsorships will receive a special complimentary gift from the County 4-H Horse Project Committee.

I have read this **Addendum to the Statement of Understanding/Code of Conduct, 4-H Members in Manatee County** and agree to participate in the 4-H horse program. I understand that should I not comply with these guidelines, I will lose my privileges and benefits to show in county/area/state 4-H shows and will not qualify to receive financial support from the Manatee County 4-H Horse Project Committee.

Date _____ Member Signature _____

Date _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____

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