MEMORANDUM

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TO: D6 County Extension Agents

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SUBJECT: 2016 D6 4-H Horse Show

The D6 4-H Horse Show will take place Monday, June 20th and Tuesday, June 21st at the Pecos County Coliseum in Fort Stockton. Its located on Hwy 285 N and Airport Drive (North of IH-10). Heather Young will serve as the judge for all classes besides Trail. The Trail judge is TBA.

THE TWO-DAY SCHEDULE IS ATTACHED. Check-in opens at 7 a.m. each day at the front entrance of the coliseum. **A mandatory orientation beginning at 7:35 a.m. each morning will be conducted for 4-H members and parents. Please be seated in the stands at this time.** The addition will allow the contest officials to review the schedule for the day, and participants the opportunity to ask questions. Everyone can start the day informed and on the same page.

The 2016 Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules & Regulations will be followed, along with the Texas 4-H Rules & Guidelines. These documents are attached, and can be accessed at [http://animalscience.tamu.edu/livestock-species/equine/state-4h-show/](http://animalscience.tamu.edu/livestock-species/equine/state-4h-show/) and [http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/volunteer/](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/volunteer/). It is the responsibility of the contestants and volunteers to be familiar with the rules and regulations, and to abide by them.

All youth should be registered, approved and paid 4-H members on 4-H Connect. **Contestant entry will be made via 4-H Connect, [https://texas.4honline.com/](https://texas.4honline.com/), during the timeframe of May 23-June 3.** It’s the county’s responsibility to review and accept registration on 4-H Connect. NO REFUNDS.

- Registration fee - $15 per class
- Program - $5 per book (pick up at check-in)
- Stall fee - $30 per horse (Sunday and Monday)

**On-site registration/changes will be charged $40 (original $15 fee plus a late charge of $25).** Cash or checks will be accepted, and should be made payable to, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. Receipts will be provided.

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No outside shavings will be allowed! The Pecos County 4-H Horse Club will have shavings for sale at the coliseum for $8/bag. Thank you to adhering to this rule.

It is highly recommended for each exhibitor to print and bring a copy of their 4-H Connect registration to on-site check-in in case of a discrepancy. All horses entering the grounds on show days must have a copy of a negative Coggins (EIA) test (this includes all horses used in operation of the show). Participants will have to show their negative Coggins papers at check-in prior to receiving their exhibitor number. A parent must be present.

Member Age Requirement:
A contestant may participate in the 4-H year from September 1st of 3rd grade through August 31st following completion of 12th grade, with these age restrictions:
- Minimum age - 8 (in addition to being in the 3rd grade)
- Maximum age - 18 (as of August 31, 2015)
- Minimum age for youth showing futurity horses – 12 (in addition to being in at least the 6th grade)

New This Year:
- Stock Horse Showmanship has been added
- Ranch Sorting WILL NOT be incorporated as a district-level class
- Team Penning is A DISTRICT-LEVEL ONLY CLASS. No points awarded toward Division Championship.

Points for awards will be figured in accordance to the Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules & Regulations, as found on page 12. Awards will be presented to all 1st-3rd class placing, with ribbons for 4th-10th place. Champion buckles will be awarded in the following 9 divisions: Judged Horseman, Speed Events, Hunter-Flat, 2-Year Old Futurity, 3-Year Old Futurity, Gelding, Mare, Roper and Stock Horse.

NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY ALLOWED. ONLY OFFICIAL PERSONNEL ALLOWED IN THE COMPETITION AREA.

Other Things to Make Note Of:
1. **Note bit rules as found in the Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules & Regulations.** Bits will be checked before each class. A bit check area will be a fenced off area in the first row of open pens and only the rider and one adult (responsible for removal of the headstall for inspection of the bit) will be allowed to enter the bit check area. The rider must dismount for bit inspection. The horse and rider will then proceed to the holding area. Adult accompanying the horse and rider must exit the holding area immediately upon the entry of the horse and rider into the competition area.
2. Exhibitors and parents are responsible for keeping track of working orders and for being in line when their run time arrives. Exhibitors who miss their run will forfeit, unless they notify the ring steward of an unpreventable emergency before their time to run has passed, and the contest chair approves the request.
3. If entering the Team Penning Class, the team captain and two team members must check in at the registration table before the competition. A team penning contestant may only be on one team.
The D6 4-H Horse Show Committee includes: Raymond Quigg (chair), Amber Carroll (assistant chair), Lainie Koch, Tommy Yeater and Steve Paz. For emergencies the day of the contest, please contact Raymond Quigg at 432.208.2029.

PROTEST PROCEDURES:
Reference the following State Rule 30 on page 10 of the Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules & Regulations. The Protest Committee consists of the D6 4-H Horse Show Committee members and D6 4-H Specialist:

> 30. An appeals committee will be designated by the show management before the show begins. This committee will receive and act upon protests arising out of any class. A protest must be filed in writing, accompanied by a **$200 cash fee**, during or immediately upon conclusion of the event. *If the protest is upheld by the appeals committee, the deposit shall be refunded to the protester.* *If the protest is overruled, the deposit shall be forfeited to the horse show fund.*

Final results will be made available following the contest on the D6 4-H website at, [http://d64-h.tamu.edu/](http://d64-h.tamu.edu/), under the Results tab.

Comfort Suites is serving as the host hotel for the D6 4-H Horse Show:
- Address – 3101 W Dickinson Blvd, Fort Stockton, TX 79735
- Phone – 432.336.3224

**Youth planning to compete at the Texas 4-H Horse Show taking place in Abilene, July 23-30 should complete registration on 4-H Connect by the deadline of July 1st.**