

## **MULTIPLE COUNTY HORSE ACTIVITIES GUIDELINES**

To be a multi-county activity for the 4-H Horse Program:

1. There must be no volunteers willing in a county to have such a team and/or there are not enough interested youth to make up a complete team. (A complete team for Horse Judging and Hippology is 3 or 4; for Horse Bowl 4 or 5 counting the alternate; and 3 for Groom and Clean.)
2. Counties involved must be contiguous with one another. (I.e., Pickaway, Ross, Fayette, and Fairfield would be acceptable; Pickaway, Scioto, Belmont, and Fayette would not be acceptable.) The number of counties involved is not important as long as they are a cluster.
3. The 4-H educator of each county involved must approve of the multi-county activity and of the volunteer coach who must be a recognized volunteer in one of the counties.

The volunteer in charge of the multi-county team(s) would follow the following guidelines when entering teams in state contests:

1. If there are enough members from any one county in the multi-county cluster, they would be entered as a team from that one county. If there are not enough youth from one county to make a team, then a combined team would be made and entered as the counties that make up that team.
2. Multiple teams could come out of a multi-county cluster. The number of teams that could enter a state or district event from a multi-county cluster would be limited to the number of teams allowed at the individual event times the number of counties included in the multi-county cluster. (I.e., if four counties are in the multi-county cluster and the event allows one team per county, then up to four teams could be entered from the multi-county cluster.) Also, for example, if a cluster horse judging activity has 6 youth from county A, and three from each of counties B and C. They could have one team from A with four of the youth from county A, also one team from county B using one from county A and one team for county C using the other youth from county A.

A 4-H educator should be identified from the cluster of counties as overseer of the multi-county cluster activities. Their role would simply be to sign any entries made for teams that go on to district or state events that requires the signature of an educator. They would be able to sign for all of the teams that are made up from the multi-county cluster.

