

## **4-H Young Horse Development Project (YHDP)**

*Sponsored by 4-H Manitoba Council, North American Equine Ranching Information Council, and Manitoba Equine Ranchers Association*

### **Rules & Regulations**

1. Members must be 14 years as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. Application deadline is **April 30, 2012**.
  2. Foals will be purchased from participating MERA Ranch for the price of \$700.00 (registered stock) and \$350.00 (grade stock).
  3. The YHD Project Advisory Committee will select members based on age, experience, capabilities and academics and participation in 4-H. In the case of more suitable applicants than foals offered, some selections may be made by a lottery style draw. The decision of the advisory committee is final and no appeals will be accepted.
  4. Members will be notified by June 1<sup>st</sup>. A list of participating ranchers will be provided. To ensure a selection, there will be 25% more foals than members.
  5. Members are responsible to make appointments to view offered young stock no sooner than June 1<sup>st</sup> and no later than August 1<sup>st</sup> and are required to be punctual, brief, and polite. **No inquiries before June 1st.** (Rancher is not obligated to hold foals without a deposit after July 15<sup>th</sup>).
  6. The rancher is required to supply information about his/her stock to the members.
  7. Members must visit a minimum of 2 ranchers before making a final selection and submit a written evaluation stating reasons why his/her selection was made as part of the YHDP. Members can request assistance in making the selection.
  8. Members will complete a "YHDP Ranch Visit Evaluation Form" for each of the ranches visited (minimum of two).
  9. The rancher may sell a maximum of two (2) foals to participating 4-H members so "first come, first serve". Rancher is not obligated to hold foals without a deposit after July 15<sup>th</sup>.
  10. The following expenses are the member's responsibility:
    - transfer of ownership
    - castration
    - prepurchase vet check (if member chooses — not required by YHDP)
    - insurance (if member chooses — not required by YHDP)
- NOTE: Registration costs (in the case of registered stock) are the Rancher's responsibility.
11. A deposit (\$100.00) represents a sale and is non-refundable except in rule #12.
  12. In case of an injury, after a deposit is made and before the foal is paid for in full and leaves the Ranch, a substitute is allowed if mutually agreed upon by the Rancher and the 4-H member.
  13. In the case of a foal injured and a suitable substitute is not available on the same ranch, a refund of the

deposit is allowed and the member is responsible to find a substitute on another participating ranch. If the member is unable to find a substitute foal, that member foregoes participation in the project and must reapply the following year.

14. Upon pickup or delivery, (depending on arrangements with the rancher) the member is expected to pay the rancher ½ the balance of the foal less the \$100.00 deposit plus GST. The member will give the rancher a second cheque for the other ½ of the purchase payable to the MERA / 4-H YHDP Enhancement Fund, which the rancher will forward to the fund.
15. The member is to take possession of the project foal after September 1<sup>st</sup>. The foal must be picked up from the participating rancher before September 15<sup>th</sup> **OR** when the foal has reached the age of 90 days (whichever is later). The rancher is expected to co-operate with the member at pickup time to insure a safe weaning of the foal.
16. After the pickup / delivery of the foal, the foal is the sole responsibility of the participating 4-H member and that member assumes all risks and responsibilities.
17. After purchase the member will complete a "Selection Summary" sheet to be submitted to the MERA / 4-H Young Horse Development Project Enhancement Fund office.
18. The rancher will forward the YHDP share of the foal immediately after pickup / delivery to the Enhancement Fund. This will enroll the 4-H member in the YHDP.
19. To qualify for enhancement funds, member must present his / her own animal as a yearling and 2 year old at the presentation and must meet their home club's achievement requirements.
20. If the member is unable to present his / her project animal for any just reason, as a yearling at the Yearling Presentation, the member will still be allowed to present the animal as a 2 year old under saddle.
21. The member is allowed to sell his / her project animal but by doing so terminates his / her project. The eligibility and benefits of YHDP do not transfer with the sale of the animal.
22. The member is not allowed to place the project animal with a trainer at any time but is allowed to receive instruction / lessons with the animal as this is intended to be a learning experience.
23. YHDP project books must be handed in at the yearling and 2 year old presentations for evaluation. Enhancement Fund payouts will not be made until project books are satisfactorily completed.
24. All yearling colts participating in the YHDP clinics are required to be castrated, if male. Yearling colts with undescended testicles **may** participate in the YHDP clinic **only** with an accompanying vet certificate identifying this condition and assumes all risks and costs. The member is responsible to castrate the male project foal **prior to Yearling Presentation - No exception.**
25. **The Presentation** will follow the **Rules** set out in the **Manitoba 4-H Show Guide**. (Proper tack, attire, etc.).
26. Parental consents and waivers must be completed when member applies to participate and prior to both the yearling and 2 year old presentation.

**27. The Advisory Committee reserves the right to suspend a 4-H member and animal from subsequent participation / presentations for any of the following:**

- **Unsoundness**
- **Gross blemish**
- **Underfed, malnourished or poor presentation**
- **Unruly behavior of the project animal, presenting a danger to the handler / rider or public**
- **Abuse of project animal**
- **Poor sportsmanship, inappropriate behavior including swearing and abuse to officials / hosts / animal**
- **Placing the project animal in training and having someone else work the project animal**
- **Contravening any of the preceding Rules and Regulations**

28. The Young Horse Development Project sponsored by MERA\* uses the Recommended Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Horses as a guideline. All members will receive a copy.

29. All members in the YHDP must be enrolled in a local 4-H club and must meet all the club's requirements for achievement.

30. The Advisory Committee reserves the right to change or amend the Rules and Regulations on an "as needed" basis and will be reviewed annually.

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