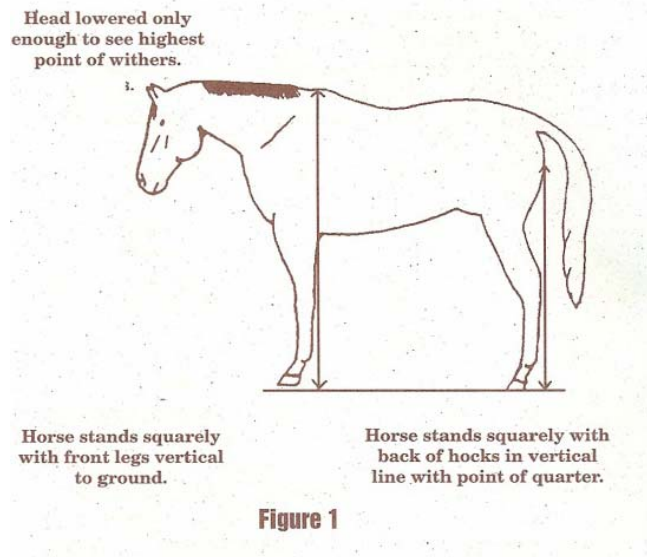


Measurement Guidelines for 4-H Equine

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1. Stand the animal on a smooth, level surface in such a way that the front legs are vertical and the backs of the hocks are in a vertical line with the point of the horse's quarter. See Figure 1
2. The head is to be held only low enough to reveal the highest point of the withers and no lower.
3. With the horse in this position, measure the vertical distance from the highest point of the withers to the ground. See Figure 1.



4. The arm of the measuring standard shall be placed over the highest point of the withers; no measurement taken at any other part of the horse's body shall count.
5. The measuring stick shall have a plumb bob or spirit level to make sure the standard is perpendicular from the withers to the ground and that the cross piece is parallel to the ground.
6. Horses and ponies should be measured at the beginning of the 4-H horse show season, not later than June 1. The animal can be measured barefooted or shod (option up to the exhibitor, but the animal must be shown as measured). If the animal was first measured shod and at a subsequent show, the exhibitor wanted to show the animal barefoot, the animal should be re-measured (if the situation is reversed, the animal should also be re-measured) if there is an doubt in which size class the animal belongs. The height of the animal should be marked on the 4-H ID form.

7. Western and English horse and pony sizes:

Horse:	over 58 inches	14-2 hands
Large pony	over 54 inches	13-2 hands
	not exceeding 58 inches	(14-2 hands)
Medium pony	over 50 inches	12-2 hands
	not exceeding 54 inches	(13-2 hands)
Small equine	50 inches	12-2 hands and under

8. Show management may either accept the height measurement written on the 4-H member's card or must measure every animal to be show in a pony or the small equine classes.
9. Animals not in gymkhana classes may show in a class for animals larger than they are, but never in classes smaller than they are. You may not show in classes of different animal height in the same show. Gymkhana equine must always show in the proper size class.