State 4-H Challenged Rider Information & Agreement Form

This 4-H program was designed to allow Special Needs/Disabled individuals the opportunity to participate at the State Show after participating at their County Fair.

Our mission of the program is:

To provide opportunity in the 4-H State Horse Program to individuals who due to physical or mental disability are unable to show or ride a horse in classes because of their disability. To promote a safe enriching bond of accomplishment between horse, challenged rider and mentor/volunteer at the State 4-H Horse Show.

The State 4-H program is set-up to allow these individuals to participate at the State Show. Safety and matching of horse to rider are of the utmost importance. Assignment of rider to the horse will be up to the discretion of their County 4-H Horse Project Leader(s). Each rider will be required to have 1 mentor to lead or walk along side (&/or hold) if required by their county 4-H horse project leader (or more if it is needed, 16 years old or older) while on a horse.

The challenged rider will need to meet the requirements of their county horse project. They must have participated at their county fair show.

Rider should practice with a mentor prior to the State 4H Horse Show.

**4-H REQUIREMENTS:**

- Must wear long pants, boots with a heel and a helmet.
- If other attire must be used by rider please enter information in the Challenged Rider Information Form.
- All required forms turned in to the State by required deadline.

Required forms with Rider name, age, weight, challenge, county that they are a 4-H member in will need to be turned into the State by required state form deadline.

Class(es) will be provided to the Challenged Rider Program during the State 4-H Horse Show. The participants will be able to choose their own class(es) that they would like to ride in. **According to the State 4-H Rules** The classes the individual will ride in will be determined depending upon their ability, skill level and challenged rider state rules.

Mentors/Volunteer Requirements: Mentors/Volunteers will need to complete the required paperwork according to the State requirements. Mentors/Volunteers must have previous 4-H horse showing experience at the county or state level and be able to handle the weight of the rider (must be age 16 or older).
State 4-H Challenged Rider Program and Rules

I have read, understand and agree to follow the State 4H Horse Show Challenged Rider rules:

__________________________________________  ____________________________
Challenged Rider Name (& signature if capable)  Date

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Parent or Guardian  Date

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Mentor/Volunteer  Date

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4-H Horse Project Leader  Date