



Riding Lawn Mower
April 9, 2011
 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.



Age Divisions

- Junior: 9 – 11**
- Intermediate: 12 – 13**
- Senior I: 14 – 15**
- Senior II: 16 – 19**

The 4-H Riding Lawn Mower contest gives you a chance to show what you know about the care and operation of riding mowers, lawn care, business management and safety.

What You Will Learn

- **The Lawn Mower Project** will help you learn safety on and around lawn tractors.
- **The Lawn Mower Project** will help you develop skills in mowing different size and contours of lawns.
- **The Lawn Mower Project** will help you learn to identify lawn care problems and how to handle those problems.
- **The Lawn Mower Project** will help you develop business skills so that you can set-up a service to help others.

The Rules for Riding Lawn Mower

- Identification of Lawn Mower Parts - At least 10, and no more than 25, numbered items will be identified by each contestant. The items can include mower parts and lawn care equipment.
- Identification of Grasses and Weeds - Identify at least 5 common Alabama grasses and weeds. See publication ANR-1128 online or at the 4-H office.
- Safety and Operation (driving skills) The lawn mower driving portion gives 4-H members an opportunity demonstrate their skills in the operation of lawn and garden tractors. Safety work habits and safe equipment operation are stressed throughout the event. There is a time limit of 8 minutes to complete the course.

Lawn Mower Operation Score Sheet

Driving: (Penalty Points)

Type of Penalty	Penalty
Each stop or interruption in the continuous movement of the machine, where not required by the course	X 10
Each reverse change of direction other than necessary.	X 10
Each occurrence where any part of the machine extends over the boundaries of the course.	X 10
Each occurrence of hitting a marker.	X 20
Each occurrence of knocking a marker over.	X 40
Riding the clutch: Continuously	X 100
Riding the clutch: Occasionally	X 10
Each grating of gears.	X 10
Each engine stalled or raced	X 10
Each failure to follow directions	X 5
Each marker passed when operating outside of the two inches allowed mowing around the curb.	X 10

Measurements: (Penalty Points)

Type of Penalty	Inches of Penalty
Inches (to the nearest inch) from the stop-stake over 1-inch (measured from the most forward part of the tractor)	X 2
Inches (to the nearest ½ inch) the tractor is off center in the shed.	X 2
Time in excess of 8 minutes. 100 points.	

Disqualification: Unsafe habits and poor operation of the machine will result in disqualification.

Questions?

**Please call the 4-H Office
at (256) 766-6223.**



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Lawn Tractor Operation Course

