

July, 2009

Dear Iowa State Fair 4-H Horse Exhibitor:

Fair time is just around the corner. Here are some reminders as you prepare for the 2009 Iowa State Fair.

**BE SURE TO READ YOUR 2009 STATE FAIR 4-H PREMIUM BOOK ONLINE at:  
<http://www.iowastatefair.org/competition/4h.php>  
**ESPECIALLY THE REQUIRED SECTIONS**  
**Fair Books will NOT be mailed to exhibitors****

### **Check-In**

- Check-in will occur in the PAVILION this year.

### **NEW Show Schedule**

#### **Tuesday, August 11**

<b>6:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Horses may arrive</b>
8 a.m.-Noon	Check-in for all classes
Noon	Horses must be in
2:00 p.m.	Exhibitor Meeting (Cattle Barn Media Center)
3:00 p.m.	Poles and Barrels (Outdoor Arena) Pony Showmanship, Pony Pleasure, English Pleasure, English Equitation (Pavilion)

#### **Wednesday, August 12**

8:00 a.m.	<u>Pavilion</u>	<u>Outdoor Arena</u>
	5-8 Showmanship	9-12 Showmanship
	5-8 Horsemanship	9-12 Horsemanship
	Trail	Walk/Trot
		2 & 3 Yr. Old Western Pleasure
		Reining

#### **Thursday, August 13**

8:00 a.m. Western Pleasure - Outdoor Arena (starting with 5th grade)

### **Show Day Routes**

- Be sure to read the enclosed map carefully regarding how 4-H'ers MUST travel to the Outdoor Arena
- We ask for your patience for the safety of everyone involved.

### **NEW RULE CHANGES FOR 2009:**

- Exhibitors entering the Walk/Trot class will only be allowed to enter Showmanship as their other class. No other riding classes will be allowed to enter.
- Be sure to bring your POA cards and/or registration papers, if applicable, to check-in. All horses under 14.1 hands will be considered a pony, unless official cards/papers are presented.

### **REMINDERS FOR 2009:**

- AGAIN, STALLING WILL BE PRE-ASSIGNED THIS YEAR. LOOK AT THE TOP OF THIS PAGE FOR YOUR STALL NUMBER. DO NOT CALL THE HORSE SUPERINTENDENT WITH REQUESTS.

IF YOU ARE A COWGIRL CONTESTANT, WE WILL ASSIGN STALLS AND GIVE THE STALL NUMBER TO THE QUEEN COORDINATOR, SHE WILL DETERMINE IF YOU STAY IN THAT STALL.

- 4-H'ers may begin arriving at 6:00 AM on Tuesday
- Arriving early will not make a difference on where you are stalled; stall assignments will be available as you arrive at the gate and also posted inside by the Horse Barn Office. No switching of stalls.
- All horses will be stalled by county, except Queen Contestants
- Tack stalls will be available, if space allows
- Remember: Every stall with a horse needs adequate bedding, and the stall cleaned prior to leaving.
- NO PADLOCKS are allowed on stalls with horses; only tack stalls
- 2 exhibitor numbers will be given to each 4-H'er at check-in
  - 1 will be worn on your back for halter/showmanship classes
  - 2 will be worn (one on each side of the saddle pad) for game/performance classes
- All exhibitors will be required to wear a 4-H chevron or 4-H armband on their UPPER left arm. You may be able to purchase these from your County Extension Office if they have a supply; otherwise they will be available for purchase at the Horse Barn Office for \$2.00/each.
- Helmets and bits will be randomly inspected as you check in for your class
- Again in 2009: A Herdsmanship Contest will be held. Counties will be judged on cleanliness and presentation as a county. The top 3 counties will be given first pick of their stall location for next year's State Fair. (See attachment)

### Forms

- Health papers completed and written by a DVM within 30 days of exhibition. Take Health Papers to State Vet Office to get stamped
- **Health certificates not completed properly will be denied and the owner will be required to obtain a new certificate at owner's expense**
- Signed copy of the Iowa 4-H Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement (Drug Affidavit). **ALL** medications and treatments from January 2009 to present (check-in day) **MUST** be listed on the disclosure statement for ALL horses. This statement **MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED** before you receive your T-shirt and exhibitor packet.

### Arrival

- No horses should arrive before 6:00 AM; upon arrival, go almost to Gate 7 and turn south into the parking lot just south of the fairgrounds, and just east of the Campbell lot. This will be the staging area to enter at Gate 8 on Dean Avenue. This will get trucks and trailers off the street and allow for a better traffic flow.
- Very Important-Pre-Fair vehicle passes will be required to enter the fairgrounds. Your county extension office should receive them along with other exhibitor passes and you must contact your local extension office for these passes. Your vehicle will need this pass on Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> to enter the fairgrounds for loading/unloading.

### Parking:

- Once horses are unloaded, park **trailers only** in the Trailer Lot which is west of Gate 8 on the south side of Dean Avenue. Park pickups in the Rock Island Lot. **No vehicles or trailers are allowed to remain on fairgrounds at any time during the horse show or they will be towed.**
- Parking Passes ordered through your county Extension office will be Lot T stickers at a price of \$6.00 per day. These can also be purchased at the Administration Building during the fair. Passes for the Rock Island lot can be purchased in the Horse Barn Office. Gate admission and parking are free on Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday August 12<sup>th</sup> but you must have a pre-fair vehicle pass. Regular admission and parking will be charged beginning Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Check-in Process

**Step 1:** Bring your health papers/certificate to the Veterinary Office on the south side of the cattle barn to be stamped. It is helpful to have the health papers in the 4-H'ers name.

**Step 2:** Bring your horse(s), completed and signed Animal Care and Disclosure Statement/Drug Affidavit (one affidavit per horse), POA cards and/or registration papers, if applicable, and stamped health papers to the Livestock Pavilion check-in site. Your drug disclosure statement should include routine medications such as de-worming, annual vaccinations or any other medications that may be used under the direction of a veterinarian. Pony measuring will take place here also. Then please return your horse to its stall.

**Step 3:** Take your Animal Care and Disclosure Statement/Drug Affidavit to the Horse Barn Office area to check your classes and receive your exhibitor packet (exhibitor number, stall cards, patterns, etc.). There will not be any changes after the class cards are checked and signed so be prepared when you come to the office for this last step.

**Arena Practice Times – (Subject to change; will be posted outside Horse Office)**

Tuesday – Pavilion (Noon – 2:00 p.m., 1 hour after show), Outdoor Arena (anytime)

Wednesday – Pavilion (7:00 – 7:30 a.m.)

**Exhibitor Meeting**

There will be an exhibitor meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. Any changes in scheduling or regulations will be announced at the meeting. It would be wise to attend!

**Check Out**

Again this year a Livestock Load-out pass will be needed to get your pickup and trailer back in the fairgrounds to load out. Your Rock Island tag will also serve as a load and unload pass. These will be available from the horse office. All 4-Hers must clean their stalls prior to leaving the fairgrounds, or no premium money will be paid. This will be strictly enforced.

We look forward to working with you and having another great State Fair show.


Sincerely,



Maggie O'Rourke  
4-H Horse Superintendents



Darla Merwald



Mike Anderson  
4-H Livestock Supt.



Dr. Peggy Miller-Auwerda  
4-H Horse Advisor

Enc. Map  
Iowa State Fair Care and Management Statement of Disclosure

Cc: Jen Cannon, Dr. Leuschen

# HORSE HERDSMANSHIP

## RULES & REGULATIONS

- The purpose and guiding principles of herdsmanship are for exhibitors in the 4-H program to care for their horses and equipment properly, insure safety and keep stalls, surrounding areas and animal's clean and attractive at all times. Educational displays and public relations are an important component of herdsmanship.
- **It is the primary responsibility of the 4-H exhibitor to do herdsmanship.** Non 4-H exhibitors or adults are to assist the 4-H exhibitor only. Failure of the 4-H exhibitor to do herdsmanship can result in forfeit of all awards and premiums and removal from further participation in the respective 4-H Animal Division for the duration of the Fair.
- Herdsmanship will be maintained from 1 pm to 8 pm on Tuesday, from 8 am to 7 pm on Wednesday and from 8 am to 10 am on Thursday.
- It is suggested that the 4-H exhibitor feed, exercise, and clean his/her animal prior to 8 am when herdsmanship judging begins. Adults may help clean stalls, but 4-H exhibitors are encouraged to do duties they are capable of doing.
- Judging will be based on the number of horses within county
  - 1-2 horses, 3-6 horses and 7 or more horses
  - 4-H exhibitors showing in the queen contest will not be counted with the herdsmanship score of their county.
  - Ribbons: Purple Ribbon: 100 – 90 Blue Ribbon: 80 – 89 Red Ribbon: 70 – 79 White Ribbon: <70

## HERDSMANSHIP SCORE SHEET

**\*\*If a county is obviously no longer present, score must be zero.**

	Points Possible	Aug. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Aug. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Aug. 13 <sup>th</sup>
<b>1. SAFETY</b>	<b>40</b>			
● Horses are not tied in aisle unattended	8			
● Buckets safely secured	10			
● Hay bags safely secured if a hay bag is used	2			
● Stall Door: The stall door must be closed and properly latched at all times. Halters and bridles should not be hung on the door neatly. A halter and lead rope should be hung on the stall door at night.	5			
● Stalled Horses: When not being shown it is advisable to unsaddle your horse. If stalled and saddled, horses must be tied with a halter and lead rope, never the bridle.	5			
● No other safety issue present	10			
<b>2. CLEANLINESS</b>	<b>40</b>			
● If the horse is in the stall, the horse should be clean and groomed.	5			
Stalls				
● Clean & adequate amount of bedding	10			
● Water: Water bucket present with water in it. Cleared of bedding, hay, & feed particles.				
● Alley ways swept & clear of tack, hay, and bedding.	5			
Tack stalls or tack boxes				
● Identification: Each county should have a stall card with county identified on it in a visible location. Within the tack room, a stall card with county should identify your location.	5			
● Tack: Tack should be stored properly and not spread out or on the floor.				
● Floor: The floor is clean & garbage picked up. The tack room is neatly organized.				
● Tack boxes & hay by stall - Kept as close to the wall as possible and out of spectator's way.				
<b>3. IDENTIFICATION</b>	<b>12</b>			
● County, horse, exhibitor clearly visible & easy to identify	6			
● IA 4-H stall card completed & on every stall	6			
<b>4. DECORATIONS</b>	<b>8</b>			
● Originality	4			
● Creativity	4			
<b>GRAND TOTAL-</b>	<b>100</b>			