

4-H/FFA HORSE, PONY, and MULE DEPARTMENT

Superintendents: Rhonda Helm, Chairperson, Jamie O'Hearn, Kate Ries, Steve Gustin, Don Essick, Jodie Bredlow, Ned Zaragoza (district rep)

General Rules for Animal Departments, Health Requirements for the Exhibition of Livestock, and Schedule of Activities are in the front of this book.

1. Horse/pony/mule must be a bonafide 4-H or FFA project. (Horse/pony/mule will herein after be referred to as horse.) NO STALLIONS, NO FOALS. Name, age, sex, height and identification of each animal must be given on entry cards. Age is as of January 1 for horses.
2. To be eligible for exhibition, horse project members must have completed and have signed horse identification reports on file with the county Extension Office for 4-H members and with FFA advisors for FFA members by May 10 of the current year. Youth may identify a maximum of four horses. If a family includes more 4-H/FFA members than horses, more than one 4-H/FFA member may identify a horse; however in this situation a 4-H/ FFA member cannot identify more than one horse.
3. Identification forms must include the horse's name, sex, height, age, and sketch of color markings. Color photos may be submitted with identification forms.
4. An exhibitor may enter separate horses for 4-H and FFA. Animals identified as part of a 4-H project cannot also be identified or exhibited as an FFA project. (or vise-versa)
5. **Each exhibitor may enter three horses.** If an exhibitor is entered in both 4-H and FFA s/he is considered a single exhibitor and is limited to three horses.
6. A single horse may not be entered or ridden in a class or event by more than one person even though two members of the same family jointly own the horse.
7. Exhibitors shall not substitute a different horse or pony for that entered in a class unless a veterinarian's certificate stating the reason(s) for the needed change is provided and substitution is approved. The substituted horse MUST BE a bonafide project identified by May 10 of the current year.
8. **On Tuesday, county exhibitors may enter a maximum of ten classes plus showmanship.** (County halter, showmanship, performance, game and trail classes)
9. **On Wednesday, county and district exhibitors may enter a maximum of four timed game classes plus costume.** (District game classes)
10. **On Thursday, county and district exhibitors may enter a maximum of six classes plus showmanship.** (District halter, showmanship, & performance classes)
11. Age divisions are by grade on the day of the show.
12. Walk-Trot riders are only eligible for the following classes: Halter, Showmanship, Walk-Trot, Costume, Walk-Trot Barrels, Walk-Trot Keyhole, Walk-Trot Trail and non-competitive games.
13. Ponies are eligible for all classes except where a corresponding pony class is offered. (i.e. Halter and Western Pleasure.)
14. County exhibitors may enter district classes on Wednesday and Thursday only if they have entered and shown in the corresponding county classes on Tuesday. County exhibitors will pay district fees for all district classes they enter.
15. County entry fees will be \$2.00 per class.
16. District entry fees will be \$4.00 per class.
17. **Check in procedures:** Exhibitors are to report to the announcer's stand by the outdoor arena with health papers and horse(s). Exhibitors are responsible for checking classes entered and will be required to verify they are correct. Exhibitors will take their horse(s) to a designated area to check horse identification forms. All horses/ponies under 57 inches entering in any classes listed "under 57", must be measured at this time. Animals will be measured from the highest point of the withers.
18. Stall assignments will be posted. **No changing of stalls is allowed**, unless cleared by the superintendents. Superintendents will assign tack stalls, as space is available.
19. **County horse entry and release** –Two options are available. 1) Clay County 4-H & FFA horses may check in on Tuesday between 9:00-10:00am and stall all three days regardless of classes entered. 2) County horses not entered in Thursday's classes may check-in on Tuesday between 9:00-10:00am and be released 15 minutes after the last class of the Wednesday horse show or 5:00pm whichever is later.
20. **District horse entry and release** – Non-Clay County 4-H & FFA district horses will be checked in on Wednesday between 9:00am-11:00am and will be released 15 minutes after the last class of the Thursday horse show or 5:00pm which ever is later.
21. Horses may not leave the grounds without a valid release form signed by the superintendent. Stalls must be cleaned and all horses and tack must be off the fairgrounds within 2 hours of the end of the show.
22. For safety purposes, horses are to be groomed in their stalls and not tied in the aisle.
23. **NO RIDING IN THE BARN.** Horses must be exercised in the warm up area provided. When leaving the barn with your horse, exit ONLY through the south door. Horses are to be ridden at a walk from the barn to the show arena. When exercising horses, proper equipment must be used.
24. Only 4-H'ers may ride or warm up their horses at any time during the Clay County Fair. If anyone else (including parents or trainers) ride or warm up the horse without prior authorization, the horse and exhibitor will be disqualified from the show. No coaching is allowed from the rail. Concerns or exceptions must be directed to the department superintendant(s).

25. 4-Hers requiring special needs or adaptations must contact a department superintendant so that accommodations may be considered.
26. Exhibitors in all classes except English and costume shall wear white long sleeve shirts, dark blue riding style jeans (or jean skirts) and belt, helmet, and boots. 4-H members should wear a tie or 4-H arm band. All FFA members must wear official dress. While in the show arena, the exhibitor's attire must represent the appropriate organization for which the horse is identified.
27. The helmet policy for 4-H and FFA youth will be to require the use of ASTM/SEI approved protective headgear with chin strap and properly fitted harness when mounted and riding and driving, every time, every ride. This includes both during the show and during warm-up times. Riders are to provide their own helmet.
28. Exhibitors may wear a helmet OR western style hat during halter and showmanship classes while exhibiting their horse.
29. Clay County Fair, Clay County Extension, 4-H and FFA make no representation or warranty, express or implied, about any protective headgear, and caution riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear as all equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous risk and as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries.
30. It is the responsibility of the exhibitors to be on time for classes. Exhibitors will proceed to a designated holding area. Three calls will be made for classes and then the gate will be closed. Superintendents reserve the right to split or combine classes.
31. Judge or superintendents may request that participants drop their bits for inspection.
32. Tail extensions are not permitted.
33. The 4-H/FFA Horse, Pony, and Mule Department rules in this book will have precedent over all other rules. "A Guide for 4-H Equine Shows in Iowa" (publication 4-H 511-C Revised January 2005) will be used for any rules not covered in this book. This guide is available from County Extension Offices to review in house or purchase for a minimal fee.
34. Horses are to be fed and watered twice a day (by 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.) and exercised daily. Inspections will be done and concerns with a horse's welfare should be brought to the attention of the superintendents. Concerns will be addressed and handled on an individual basis.
35. Overall Junior, Intermediate and Senior County Supreme Horseman will be awarded based on classes entered on Tuesday, sportsmanship, horse welfare and 4-H values. Clay County Bankers will provide \$50 savings bonds to each division winner.

TRAIL CLASS – Clay County 4-H & FFA Exhibitors Only

Trail class shall consist of five obstacles (three obstacles for walk-trot riders). Rider must move on to the next obstacle after the **1-minute time limit or three attempts, whichever is first**. Rider is asked to dismount and lead horse from the arena after completion of the last obstacle. Trail pattern will be available at morning check-in.

Obstacles may include, but are not limited to, the following:

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| -Opening, passing through, and closing gate | -Ride over bridge |
| -Ride over at least four logs | -Slicker |
| -Side pass horse over obstacle, one or both directions | -Ground Tie |
| -Back horse through "L" shaped course | -Box (360 turn in box) |
| -Carry object from one point of the arena to another | -Mailbox |

4-H/FFA HORSE, PONY AND MULE CLASSES

TUESDAY – 12:00pm

PRESENTATION OF COLORS BY CLAY COUNTY CONQUISTADORS

COUNTY HALTER Classes - (Mares & geldings ONLY)

- 397 County Light Weight Horse - Mare - one year & older, Jan 1
- 398 County Light Weight Horse - Gelding - one year & older, Jan 1
- 399 County Ponies under 57 Inches - one year & older, Jan 1

COUNTY SHOWMANSHIP Classes - Pattern at judges discretion

- 400 Seniors - Grades 10-up
- 402 Intermediates – Grades 8-9
- 403 Juniors - Grades 5-7

COUNTY PERFORMANCE Classes

- 404 County English Equitation - all ages
- 405 County Senior English Pleasure - 8th Grade and older
- 406 County Junior English Pleasure - 7th Grade & under
- 407 County Walk-Trot (beginners only i.e. 1st and 2nd year riders)
Entrants in this class are not eligible for any classes which require a lope or canter

- 408 County Open Walk-Trot (excluding 1st and 2nd year riders)
This rider and horse combination cannot enter any other loping classes. (Rider may enter loping classes with another horse.) This class includes both Western and English.
- 409 County Open Ranch Horse Pleasure
This rider and horse combination cannot enter any other pleasure classes.
- 410 County Western Pleasure Ponies - Under 57"
- 411 County Senior Western Pleasure - 8th Grade and older
- 412 County Junior Western Pleasure - 7th Grade & under
- 413 County Senior Western Horsemanship - 8th Grade & older
- 414 County Junior Western Horsemanship - 7th Grade & under
- NOTICE:** *Equitation and Horsemanship classes will require a pattern.*

COUNTY TIMED GAME classes

- 415 County Barrels - 7th Grade & under
- 416 County Barrels - 8th Grade & older
- 417 County Flag race - 7th Grade & under
- 418 County Flag race - 8th Grade & older
- 419 County Poles - 7th Grade & under
- 420 County Poles - 8th Grade & older
- 421 County Keyhole race - 7th Grade & under
- 422 County Keyhole race - 8th Grade & older

TRAIL Classes - Will immediately follow Performance Classes on Tuesday. Approximately 15 minute break to set up class and saddle up.

- 423 County Trail - 8th Grade and older
- 424 County Trail - 7th Grade and younger
- 425 Walk-Trot County Trail (beginners only i.e. 1st and 2nd year riders)
Entrants in this class are not eligible for any classes which require a lope or canter. This class will consist of three obstacles.

WEDNESDAY – 12:00pm

PRESENTATION OF COLORS BY CLAY COUNTY CONQUISTADORS

COSTUME Classes - (Mares & geldings ONLY)

- 430 County Costume - Required at check-in: Index card with costume description, to be read by show announcer
- 431 District Costume - Required at check-in: Index card with costume description, to be read by show announcer

TIMED GAME Classes

- 432 District Barrels - 7th Grade & under
- 433 District Barrels - 8th Grade & older
- 434 County & District Walk-Trot Barrels (beginners only, i.e. 1st and 2nd year riders)
Entrants in this class are not eligible for any classes which require a lope or canter
- 435 District Flag race - 7th Grade & under
- 436 District Flag race - 8th Grade & older
- 437 District Poles - 7th Grade & under
- 438 District Poles - 8th Grade & older
- 439 District Keyhole race - 7th Grade & under
- 440 District Keyhole race - 8th Grade & older
- 441 County & District Walk-Trot Keyhole race (beginners only i.e. 1st and 2nd year riders)
Entrants in this class are not eligible for any classes which require a lope or canter.

NON-COMPETITIVE GAME Classes – These classes are offered just for fun. No entry fees assessed and no ribbon premiums awarded. County and District horse exhibitors can sign up for two non-competitive game classes during the Tuesday or Wednesday check-in.

- Egg and Spoon 7th Grade & under
- Egg and Spoon 8th Grade & older
- Softball race - 7th Grade & under
- Softball race - 8th Grade & older
- Pantyhose Race (2 partners ride holding legs of pantyhose – 2 horses)
- Team (partners) Jump Figure 8

THURSDAY – 12:00pm

PRESENTATION OF COLORS BY CLAY COUNTY CONQUISTADORS

DISTRICT HALTER Classes - (Mares & geldings ONLY)

- 444 District Light Weight Horse - Mare - one year & older, Jan 1
- 445 District Light Weight Horse - Gelding - one year & older, Jan 1
- 446 District Ponies Under 57 Inches- one year & older, Jan 1

DISTRICT SHOWMANSHIP - Pattern at judges' discretion.

- 447 Seniors - Grades 10-up

448 Intermediates – Grades 8-9

449 Juniors - Grades 5-7

PERFORMANCE Classes

452 District English Equitation - all ages

453 District Senior English Pleasure - 8th Grade & older

454 District Junior English Pleasure - 7th Grade & under

455 District Walk-Trot (beginners only, i.e. 1st and 2nd year riders)

Entrants in this class are not eligible for any classes which require a lope or canter.

456 District Open Ranch Horse Pleasure

This rider and horse combination cannot enter any other pleasure classes.

457 District Western Pleasure Ponies - Under 57"

458 District Senior Western Pleasure - 8th Grade & older

459 District Junior Western Pleasure - 7th Grade & under

460 District Senior Western Horsemanship - 8th Grade & older

461 District Junior Western Horsemanship - 7th Grade & under

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