

## Horse, Pony & Mule – Division G

1. All exhibitors are to read and follow livestock general rules, Code of Ethics and herdsmanship guidelines in the front of the Fair Book. Because horses are carriers of tetanus, it's highly recommended that all exhibitors have a current tetanus vaccination prior to the show.
2. The 4-H horse committee is made up of volunteers interested in 4-H and youth equine education. The whole committee meets to discuss and develop ideas. There is an executive committee of five people within the horse committee. The purpose of the executive committee is to reach a decision if an answer is needed quickly or a strong consensus is not reached by the whole committee. Any concerns or ideas are welcomed by any horse committee member listed in the front of this book.
3. **Identification and Photos.** Each horse, pony, or mule must be identified on the Horse and Pony Identification Form by May 15 by one member of the family. A full side view (profile) color photo must be turned in with the Horse and Pony Identification Form. The photo will be kept on file at the Extension Office, but you will need a new photo if the horse has grown or changed.
4. **Family Members.** A horse may be shown by more than one member of a family with the following limitations:
  - a. Only the member identifying the horse may show the horse in one halter (conformation) class.
  - b. Only the member identifying the horse may take the horse beyond county competition.
  - c. The horse may NOT be shown more than once in each class. Each member is encouraged to take a major role in the training of his/her mount.
  - d. Each 4-H member must exhibit their own horse or a family member's horse up to a limit of 3 different horses.
5. **Entries.** Complete the Livestock/Small Animal Entry Form found at the back of the Fair Book and turn in by the deadline on the form.
  - a. Refer to General Livestock Rule #5 for ownership and management agreements. Leased horse may not show in halter classes.
  - b. A maximum of three horse, ponies, or mules may be entered, stalled, shown at the county fair per member, and provided they have been properly identified. Mares with foals count as one entry.
  - c. A \$10 refundable deposit is required for each horse entered. After stall assignments have been made, in order to collect the deposit refund on a horse that will not be coming to the fair, the exhibitor must present a written veterinarian's statement to the superintendent. Deposits will be refunded if conditions under "Release" are met. No paid tack stalls. Stall deposits may be picked up after fair at the Extension Office.
  - d. A 4-H'er/ FFA member must have a horse on grounds in order to participate- in any horse class or activity during fair.
  - e. Premium money will be withheld for exhibitors that leave early.
6. **Arrival and Stalling.** Horses must be on the grounds by 6 pm and ready to be measured alphabetically **by club** at 7 pm on Wednesday. **All horses must check in.** No association cards will be honored. Yearlings will not be stalled and will come to the fair only for the halter show. **All two year olds will be stalled during fair.** Mares and foals will be stalled only if the mare is entered in riding events. Horses not stalled will be measured at 7 am on Thursday. Clubs will be stalled together as assigned by the Horse Committee.
7. **Stall Set Up.** Wires need to be tied, cut, and bent behind posts so the exposed end cannot hurt the animal. Gate posts either need to be pounded into the ground as far as the top of the gate, or else they must be covered with PVC pipe and cap. Arrange for your own wood dividers or gates. All Gates must be a minimum of 4 feet tall and 8 feet long and painted white. Ask at the Extension Office for suggested diagram of gates. You may need more than one divider per horse depending upon location. Butt gates are optional. All stalls will be 4 ft wide except for draft and mare/foal pairs.

**8. Tie Ropes.** All horses must be tied **to the wall** with the exception of mares and foals, which must be able to be tied when needed. For safety reasons, your horse must be tied with a rope that is a minimum of 3/4" nylon or cotton lead with a heavy, substantial snap (bull snap) attached. It's recommended having two (2) ropes. Leave one rope tied in your stall and use the other rope to lead your horse. **Horses must remain in the barn at night.**

**9. Class Division Criteria.**

- a. Unless otherwise noted, Juniors are 4th - 6th graders; Intermediates are 7th and 8th graders; and Seniors are 9th - 12th graders (grade just completed).
- b. **Foal** was born in the calendar year of this Fair. **Yearling** was born in the calendar year previous to this Fair. **Stallion** colts only to be shown as foal, foaled in current calendar year.
- c. An English-type pony will be characterized as being animated, weighted, and fine-boned, along with other distinguishing characteristics.

**10. Judging. Showmanship, Halter, and Performance classes** will be judged based on scoring procedures listed in ***A Guide for 4-H Equine Shows and Events in Iowa (4-H 511C)***. This guide is available from the Extension Office. **Riders in poles and barrels classes may choose to dismount or ride out of the first gate.** Exhibitors will receive purple, blue, red, or white ribbons at the discretion of the judge or based on time and premium money awarded. Exhibitors with "no times" or disqualification will receive a green participation ribbon and no premium money. At the Fun Show, 1 purple, 5 blue, and the rest red (unless disqualified) ribbons will be awarded per class. **(Ten kids per heat maximum.)**

**11. Attire.**

- A. In accordance with State Fair Rules, all youth participating in all mounted events must wear an American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM) and Safety Engineering Institute (SEI) approved head gear with chin strap and properly fitted harness at all times while mounted and riding or driving, including warm-up. Each exhibitor should have his/her own helmet.
- B. 4-H Exhibitors in all classes and parade (excluding English who must wear appropriate attire) will wear dark blue jeans, long-sleeved white shirt/blouse with a 4-H emblem or armband, and appropriate hat (for halter) or helmet if mounted. FFA or 4-H t-shirts are allowed for the Fun Show, trail, poles, and barrels.
- C. Hard-soled boots or shoes must be worn at all times in all events.
- D. Exhibitors not wearing prescribed dress will be disqualified.

**12. Exercise and Wash Racks** 4-H'ers may exercise mounts in the horse arena. Non 4-H/FFA members are not allowed to ride in the arena one hour before or until ½ hour after 4-H shows. Shoes and appropriate attire are expected. **No loose horses allowed in horse arena at any time.** Dairy cattle and beef exhibitors may use wash racks on the west side of the north horse barn prior to their shows.

**13. Promptness.** In all classes, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to be in the ring when the class is called. An exhibitor causing unnecessary delay of the show in any class will be eliminated from showing in that class. Exhibitors are to be familiar with the order of showing and listen to the PA system for each class called to the ring.

**14. Good Sportsmanship** – Unnecessary roughness or discourtesy will dismiss the rider from further competition for the entire show. Abuse of horses will not be tolerated. There will be no hitting of the horse or pony in front of the girth. Each rider must keep his horse under control or be excused from the ring.

**15. Grooming.** 4-H/FFA members are expected to groom and show their animals with a minimum amount of assistance from other persons. Use of whips and other attention-getting devices may be used at the exhibitor's request as long as use doesn't interfere with the performance of another horse.

**16. King & Queen** (selected from grades 9-12) and Attendants (selected from grades 4-8). They will be chosen based on their overall performance in the areas of horsemanship, attitude and general

conduct, care of stall, and personal grooming during the Boone County Fair. May only serve 1 year in each position.

- 17. Trail Class.** This class will include obstacles that the exhibitor might encounter: back through obstacle, open mail box, bridge, side pass, gate, 360° box, and walk over. Exhibitors may attempt an obstacle a maximum of three times.
- 18. Release.** All horses must remain on the fairgrounds with their stalls intact (includes all tack, fans, feed bags, etc.) until 5 pm on Sunday evening. An exhibitor who fails to bring the horse (s) they entered, leaves early with his or her horse or equipment, or does not clean up his or her stall area will forfeit \$10 per horse of the deposit. Otherwise, the deposit will be refunded after 5 pm on Sunday and after stalls are cleaned. **Checks may be picked up at the Extension Office following the Fair until August 1.**
- 19. Staging Rules.** Horses must use the roped off lane to the north of the parking lot to go between the barns and the arena. No horses will be allowed in the parking area or south of the horse arena for reasons of pedestrian safety. Area north of horse arena is for exhibitors and horses only. The holding pen is to be used only for check-in of contestants for next class (no tack changes.) Tack changes may occur north or east of the horse arena with a 5-minute time limit.
- 20. Herdsmanship.** *In addition to general herdsmanhip rules, the following apply only to horses, ponies & mules.*
- Wood type bedding should be adequate, clean, dry, and in place.
  - Provide feed as needed. Remove feed bucket when horse is finished eating.
  - Animals need more water in hot weather.
  - Water bucket **may be** in stall **at all times**. Use a flat back bucket filled with water and attached to wall with a clasp **at height of horse's shoulder** so it can be easily removed.
  - Remove hay bag when empty. Retie hay bales.
  - Keep tack neat and orderly with saddles hung or properly stowed.
  - Keep alleys raked clean. Do not use a broom.
  - Recommend an extra lead rope and halter hung at end of gate overnight in case of emergency.
  - Answer questions about horses. Read the safety rules posted outside your building. **See *General Herdsmanship Guidelines* for other duties.**

## **Showmanship/Halter**

**Thursday, 8:00 am – East Arena (Weather permitting)**

**Rules will be reviewed before show starts.**

7:00 am Measure horses that are not stalled  
7:45 am Instruction for halter classes (for All Exhibitors & Parents)  
**8:00 am National Anthem**

G 1 Showmanship, Senior  
G 2 Showmanship, Intermediate  
G 3 Showmanship, Junior

## **Halter Classes**

**Follows Showmanship – East Arena (Weather permitting)**

**Limit 1 class per horse**

G 4 Weanling Pony  
G 5 Yearling Pony  
G 6 Two & Three Year Old Pony  
G 7 Pony 48" and Under – 4 Years and Older

- G 8 Pony Over 48" & Under 53" – 4 Years and Older
- G 9 Pony 53" and Under 57" - 4 years and Older

**All 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place ponies in classes G4-G9 compete for Champion Pony**

All horse must measure 57" or over.

- G 10 Weanling Horse
- G 11 Yearling Horse
- G 12 Two Year Old Horse
- G 13 Three Year Old Horse
- G 14 Western Type Mare – 4 Years and Older
- G 15 Western Type Gelding – 4 Years and Older

**All 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place Mares in classes G10 – G14 compete for Champion Western Mare.**

**All 1st and 2nd place Geldings in classes G10 – G15 compete for Champion Western Gelding.**

- G 16 Mule or Donkey – all ages
- G 17 English Type – all ages
- G 18 Draft Horse – all ages

**Class winners in G16 – G18 will be considered Champions.**

## **Boone County 4-H Horse Interest Group Versatility Contest**

**Rules will be reviewed before show starts.**

Time TBD, East Arena

- 1. Eligibility.** To participate in this contest a 4-H horse project member must attend at least one indoor meeting and one workout (with horse) of the Boone County Horse Interest Group.
- 2. Procedure.**
  - a. May have one helper for tack changes and to hold horse.
  - b. Horses and contestants cannot leave the ring until last section completed.
  - c. Contestants will have 5 minutes to change tack and warm up between sections.
  - d. Must use a horse previously identified, entered, and stalled at the Fair.
  - e. Dress code the same as in Horse Rules #11.
  - f. Contestant disqualified for infractions of above rules.
- 3. Sections.**
  - a. Showmanship at Halter.
  - b. Western Horsemanship.
  - c. Barrel Racing
  - d. Written Quiz.
- 4. Placings.** The placings awarded for each class and points will be tallied for "versatility" of horse and rider. **Placings will be announced during Saturday's horse show.**

- G 19 Versatility Class

## **Performance Classes**

**Thursday, National Anthem at Noon – East Arena**

**Rules will be reviewed before show starts.**

- G 20 Costume Class
- G 21 Tandem Bareback Equitation
- G 22 Senior Bareback Equitation
- G 23 Intermediate Bareback Equitation
- G 24 Junior Bareback Equitation
- G 25 2 & 3 year old Western Pleasure  
(Snaffle bit or bosal – any age youth, any height mount eligible)
- G 26 Senior Western Pleasure (57" and Over)
- G 27 Junior Walk-Trot
- G 28 Intermediate Western Pleasure (57" and Over)
- G 29 Junior Western Pleasure (57" and Over)
- G 30 Pony Pleasure (Under 57") shown at walk, trot, and lope
- G 31 Senior Horsemanship (Western)
- G 32 Intermediate Horsemanship (Western)
- G 33 Junior Horsemanship (Western)
- G 34 Western Riding (Pattern #1)
- G 35 Draft Horse Cart
- G 36 Horse or Pony Cart
- G 37 Open English Pleasure (4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders)
- G 38 Open English Equitation (4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders)
- G 39 Draft Horse Team
- G 40 Horse or Pony Team

## **Trail & Timed**

**Saturday, National Anthem, 4:00 pm – East Arena**

**Rules will be reviewed before show starts.**

*Trail: Limit 1 entry per rider.*

*Barrels & Poles: Limit 2 entries per rider.*

- G 41 Trail, Senior
- G 42 Trail, Intermediate
- G 43 Trail, Junior
- G 44 Barrel Racing, Senior
- G 45 Barrel Racing, Intermediate
- G 46 Barrel Racing, Junior
- G 47 Pole Bending, Senior
- G 48 Pole Bending, Intermediate
- G 49 Pole Bending, Junior

# ***Fun Show***

**Saturday, following Trail & Timed– East Arena**

**Rules will be reviewed before show starts.**

*Limit 1 entry per rider and horse per class*

*Each rider must ride his own horse first*

**King and Queen Crowned, Parade of Champions**

- G 50 Egg Race, Senior
- G 51 Egg Race, Intermediate
- G 52 Egg Race, Junior
- G 53 Boot Race, Senior
- G 54 Boot Race, Intermediate
- G 55 Boot Race, Junior
- G 56 Flag Race, Senior
- G 57 Flag Race, Intermediate
- G 58 Flag Race, Junior
- G 59 Pick-Up, Senior (9th - 12th graders)
- G 60 Ride & Switch, Junior (4th - 8th graders)
- G 61 Keyhole, Senior
- G 62 Keyhole, Intermediate
- G 63 Keyhole, Junior

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