



~~ HORSES & PONIES ~~

1. Members may show a total of 4 horses with mare/foal and/or draft horse team counting as one.
2. **Reminder:** ASTM/SEI approved protective hard hats with a fastened chinstrap or harness is required in all classes where exhibitors are riding or driving. This is a requirement from the Iowa State 4-H Office for all Iowa county fairs that have a 4-H sponsored Horse Show. ***EVERY exhibitor*** is required to wear a helmet – no exceptions! This applies to all riding classes and riding in general while on the fairgrounds.
3. Beginning in 2009, ALL 4-H/FFA exhibitors will be required to attend 2 mandatory training sessions – 1 on safety and 1 on basics. Dates and trainings will be set and given by 4-H Committee, Iowa State Extension staff & volunteers. Information regarding trainings will be mailed directly to all horse exhibitors and their families and all FFA advisors in Benton County to share with FFA members. Any exhibitor that does not attend the 2 mandatory trainings will not be allowed to exhibit or have horse project(s) on the fairgrounds. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
4. Horse Superintendents reserve the right disqualify or excuse exhibitor and their horse(s) projects from the fairgrounds.
5. Miniature Horses will be mature entries 34 inches or less.
6. Small Ponies will be mature entries 48 inches or shorter.
7. Ponies will be mature entries over 48 inches and under 58 inches.
8. Light Horses will be mature entries 58 inches and over.
9. Members not owning their own animals must have an affidavit from the owner stating that the member has cared for and managed the animal 75 percent of the time.
10. Stallions older than 12 months may not be exhibited.
11. If there are ten (10) or more horses signed up for the Halter & Riding Classes. The Horse Superintendent will then split up classes into two (2) or more separate classes.
12. Premium Ribbons will be as follows unless otherwise noted: Blue, Red & White. First and second place will receive purple and lavender for each class, Champion and Reserve Champion will receive purple and lavender.

MINATURE HORSE CLASS

CLASS 3250 -- Miniature Horses

SMALL PONY HALTER CLASSES

- CLASS 3260** -- Small Ponies foaled after January 1 of the current year.
CLASS 3270 -- Small Ponies foaled during 2008.
CLASS 3280 -- Small Ponies foaled during 2007.
CLASS 3285 -- Small Ponies foaled before January 1, 2007.

PONIES HALTER CLASSES

- CLASS 3305** -- Ponies foaled after January 1 of the current year.
CLASS 3315 -- Ponies foaled during 2008.
CLASS 3325 -- Ponies foaled during 2007.
CLASS 3335 -- Ponies foaled before January 1, 2007 (Mares)
CLASS 3345 -- Ponies foaled before January 1, 2007 (Geldings)

LIGHT HORSE HALTER CLASS

- CLASS 3375** -- Light Horses foaled after January 1 of the current year.
CLASS 3385 -- Light Horses foaled during 2008.
CLASS 3395 -- Light Horses foaled during 2007.
CLASS 3405 -- Light Horses foaled before January 1, 2007 (Geldings)
CLASS 3415 -- Light Horses foaled before January 1, 2007 (Mares)

MULE, DONKEY, BURRO

CLASS 3440 -- Class will be broken according to entries.

DRAFT HORSE HALTER CLASS

CLASS 3460 -- Class will be broken according to entries.

~ Horse Showmanship ~

1. No pre-entry is required in this division.
2. Showmanship judging will be after all halter classes are finished.
3. Senior Showmanship, Intermediate Showmanship, Junior Showmanship. Ribbons and trophies will be awarded.

~ English Pleasure Class ~

Class 3501 -- Small Pony/Pony - Juniors

Class 3502 -- Light Horse - Juniors

Class 3503 -- Light Horse – Intermediates/Seniors

Personal Appointment –

Exhibitors and judges should bear in mind that at all times entries are being judged on ability, not personal attire. Clothing must be clean, neat and appropriate for hunter classes. Spurs of the unrowelled type, gloves, crops, or bats are optional.

Tack –

1. Clean English forward, hunting or dressage type saddles are required. Saddles may have suede seats or suede inserts on the skirts.
2. An English snaffle (no shank), kimberwick, Pelham and/or full bridle (with two reins), all with cavesson nosebands must be used.
3. Optional equipment: Breast plates, crops or bats, spurs of the unrowelled type, and gloves.
4. Martingales are not allowed in any under saddles classes.
5. Prohibited equipment: Draw reins, hackamores, boots, leg wraps, rowelled spurs, figure eight or flash cavessons. The judge, at his/her own discretion, may penalize a horse with unconventional bits, nosebands, or equipment.



~ Western Pleasure Rules ~

1. These rules apply to Classes 3510 through 3635.
2. Horses will be shown at a walk, jog-trot, and lope in both directions of the ring. Horses will be asked to back up.
3. Faults of the horse and rider include: wrong leads at the lope, excessive speed, charging, excessive throwing of the head, touching the horse or the saddle with the free hand, bad manners, failure to look back, etc.
4. Suitable and appropriate equipment should be used. The horse shall be shown with a stock saddle. Silver equipment will not have an advantage over a good working outfit. A bridle with a curb, snaffle half-breed or spade bit is permitted. Chain curb straps are permitted, but must meet the approval of the judge, must be one-half inch in width and must lie flat against the jaw of the horse. No wire curb strap, regardless of how padded or covered, nor any chin strap or chain narrower than one-half inch will be permitted. **Nosebands, tie downs, martingales and mechanical hackamores are prohibited. ** Judge may disqualify or remove from the ring a horse with unsuitable equipment. ****

5. Dress Code is as follows:

- **White button up, long sleeve shirt** (Western Pleasure and Horsemanship)
- **Hat** (Western Pleasure and Horsemanship)
- **Tie** (optional)
- **Cowboy Boots**
- **Dark Jeans**

CLASS 3510 -- Bareback Pleasure Class - No Costumes

CLASS 3520 -- Small Pony Western Pleasure - Juniors

CLASS 3545 -- Pony Western Pleasure - Juniors

CLASS 3580 -- Pony Western Pleasure - Intermediates/Seniors

CLASS 3555 -- Light Horse Western Pleasure - Juniors

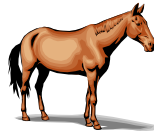
CLASS 3605 -- Light Horse Western Pleasure - Intermediates/Seniors

CLASS 3635 -- Walk-Trot Class - Juniors *Walk-Trot is for inexperienced members and the members cannot participate in classes 3520, 3545 or 3555.

~ Horsemanship Rules ~

CLASS 3645 -- Horsemanship (Juniors)

CLASS 3670 -- Horsemanship (Int./Srs.)



1. These rules apply to Classes 3645 and 3670.
2. Riders will be judged on seat, hands, and performance of horse.
3. Horse shall not be scored as a penalty unless it impairs the required performance. The rider's methods of achieving good horse performance are to be considered more important than the performance of the horse. Good hands are most important.

HANDS: The upper arm used in reining is held in a straight line with the body, the elbow bent so the forearm and hand are on a straight line to the bit. Only one hand is to be used for reining and the hand shall not be changed. The hand is to be around the reins. When the ends of split reins hang down, one finger between the rein is permitted when using a romal. The position of the hand not being used for reining is optional, but it should be kept free of the horse and equipment and held in a relaxed manner. Rider may hold romal if held at least 16 inches away from reining hand. The hand holding the reins should be near the saddle horn, flexible, and should maintain light contact with the mouth of the horse.

BASIC POSITION: The rider should sit erect in the saddle with (a) legs hanging straight **OR** (b) with knees slightly bent and weight directly over the balls of the feet. In either position, the stirrup would be just short enough to allow the heels to be lower than the toes. The rider's body should always appear comfortable, relaxed and flexible. The feet should be placed in the stirrups with weight on the ball of the foot. Consideration, however, should be given to the width of the stirrups, which vary on Western saddles. If stirrups are really wide, the foot may have the appearance of being "home" when in reality the weight is properly carried on the ball of the foot. Ox bow or narrow tread stirrups may require that the foot be carried "home".

POSITION IN MOTION: Rider should sit saddle at the jog, not post. At the lope, rider should stay in contact with the saddle. All movements of the horse should be governed by unnoticed aids, and any noticeable shifting of rider's weight is undesirable.

MOUNTING & DISMOUNTING: Riders 14 year-old and older may be asked to dismount and mount. To mount, a rider should take up reins in the left hand and place a hand on the horse's neck in front of the withers, and with romal or end of the reins on the near side. The rider should then check the girth and chin strap for correct fit. Then the rider should grasp stirrup with the right hand, place the left foot in the stirrup, then grab saddle horn with right hand and spring up off the right leg and foot, setting easily into the saddle.

AFTERMOUNTING: If a romal is used, it should be moved to the hand not used for reining. The end of split reins should remain on the same side as hand holding the reins when the rider uses finger between reins. If the rider uses right hand for reining, the rope (if carried) should be on the near side of the horse; the romal should remain on the near side; and the end of split reins should be moved to the off side. To dismount, reverse above procedure and step down looking toward the horse's head.

4. Appointments

Personal - Clothing must be clean and neat. Riders must wear a western hat and cowboy boots.

Tack - The stock saddle must fit the rider. It may be slick or swelled fork, have a high or low cantle, but should be sized to the rider. There shall be no discrimination against a standard western bit.

Curb chains may be used but must be at least 1/2" in width and lie flat against the jaws of the horse.

No wire, chain or other metal or rawhide device is permissible with or as a part of the leather chinstrap. Mechanical hackamores, tie downs, running martingales and draw reins are prohibited.

5. **Class Routine** - Judge's discretion to do individual or rail work first. Horses are to enter ring at a walk and be judged at a walk, jog or lope. They shall be worked both ways of the ring. The order to reverse is executed by turning away from the rail. Individual performances may be called for. The horse should be in perfect balance at all times, working entirely off his haunches. Neck and head should be in a direct line with the body, mouth closed and correct head seat. Horses shall be required to back in a straight line.
6. **Individual Performance** - Riders should be able to perform not only the ring routine demanded of them but also should be able to perform whatever additional tests the judge may deem advisable.
7. **Tests from which Judges may Choose** - Tests may be performed either collectively or individually, but no other test may be used.
 - a. Individual performance on the rail.
 - b. Figure eight at a jog.
 - c. Lope and stop.
 - d. Figure eight at a lope on correct lead, demonstrating simple change of lead. (This is a change whereby the horse is brought back into a walk or jog and restarted into a canter on the opposite lead.) Figures commenced in center of two circles so that one lead change is shown.
 - e. Ride without stirrups.
 - f. Dismount and mount.
 - g. Figure eight at the lope on the correct lead demonstrating flying change of lead.
 - h. Changes leads down center of ring demonstrating simple change of lead.
 - i. Ride serpentine course demonstrating flying change of lead at each change of direction.
 - j. Demonstrate sliding stop.
 - k. Execute 360-degree turns (spins).
 - l. Rollbacks.

~ Trail Class Rules ~

CLASS 3700 -- Juniors

CLASS 3725 -- Intermediates/Seniors

1. These rules apply to classes 3700 and 3725.
2. The purpose of this class is to give the 4-H & FFA member an opportunity to demonstrate the results of training given his mount. The suggested obstacles are designed to meet this purpose, yet have a practical application to situations the rider may meet on a trail ride.

3. Obstacles may be selected from the following:
 - Open, ride through, close gate. (Use a light-swing gate with a latch that the rider can reach from the saddle.) Rider must remain in the saddle and must never lose hand contact with the gate.
 - Put on a raincoat. Usually on a pole. The rider puts on a raincoat while in the saddle. Coat may be worn for the next few obstacles.
 - Walk across a straight object.
 - Cross a wooden bridge.
 - Pick up mail. The rider is to open a mailbox and remove the letters and papers, then place mail in the mailbox and close the door.
 - Step through a series of log obstacles.
 - Side-pass an obstacle such as a log, hurdle, or two bales of hay placed end-to-end. (Contestants may be required to side pass either direction or both ways.)
 - Back animal through an L-shaped obstacle.
 - Dismount and ground-tie animal.
 - 360-degree turn in a square. Each contestant will enter the square by riding (stepping) over the log or rail designated side. When all four feet of the animal are inside the square, rider will execute a 360-degree turn (right or left), pause and depart by riding (stepping) over a log or rail opposite the side of entry.

~ Driving Classes ~

CLASS 3730 -- Miniature Cart Driving

CLASS 3740 -- Small Pony Cart Driving

CLASS 3750 -- Pony Cart Driving

CLASS 3775 -- Horse Cart Driving

CLASS 3800 -- Draft Horse Cart Driving

1. Horses shall compete in a pleasure driving class safely harnessed to a cart. The exhibitor shall be the only person permitted in such a cart while the horse is being exhibited. The cart shall be a pleasure type two- or four-wheel cart with seats for one or two persons.
2. Horses must be shown with natural hoofs and standard shoes. No extended hoofs, heavy shoes or toe weights allowed.
3. Horses shall enter ring to the right at a walk. Each horse/pony shall be exhibited at the following gaits:
 - a. Walk
 - b. Park Gait (normal trot)
 - c. Road Gait (faster, extended trot)
4. Each horse shall demonstrate each of such gaits in both directions of the show ring. At the direction of the ring steward such change of direction shall be accomplished by the horse crossing the show ring while walking or in park gait only. Each horse shall also be required to demonstrate its ability to back readily and stand quietly. Excessive animation and speed will be penalized.
5. Placing for the class shall be determined by judging each horse on the following basis:
 - a. A maximum of 80% for suitability for assuring a pleasurable drive, using the required skills (suitability for purpose), and
 - b. A maximum of 20% for conformation.
6. Draft horse rules change slightly. They may use a 4-wheel wagon and may have a second person to assist them if they have a team (2 horses).

**** The below classes are part of the Horse Fun Show held on Friday of Fair Week ****

****Make sure to use the FUN SHOW entry sheet for these classes!****

~ Speed Classes ~

Flags

Class 4075 - Juniors

Class 4100 - Intermediates/Seniors



1. Trophies and non-premium ribbons only are awarded.
2. Exhibitor will designate if they want to start with flag to the left or right side.

Barrels

Class 3940 - Juniors

Class 3965 - Intermediates/Seniors

1. Trophies and non-premium ribbons only are awarded.
2. Barrels shall be spaced to fit the arena with adequate space between the barrels and any obstacle, and with sufficient space for the horse to stop. The contestant will run to barrel No. 1, pass to the left of it, and complete a turn around it; then go to barrel No. 2, pass to the right of it, and complete a turn around it; then go to barrel No. 3, pass to the right of it and do a turn around it; and then sprint to the finish line. The pattern may be reversed at the option of the rider. Knocking over a barrel shall carry a five (5) second penalty. Failure to follow the course shall cause disqualification.

Poles

Class 4010 - Juniors

Class 4035 - Intermediates/Seniors

1. Trophies and non-premium ribbons only are awarded.
2. The pole-bending pattern is to be run around six poles. Each pole is to be 21 feet apart and the first pole is to be 21 feet from the starting line. A horse may start either to the right or to the left of the first pole and then run the remainder of the pattern accordingly. Knocking over a pole shall carry a five (5) second penalty. Failure to follow the course shall cause disqualification.

~ Fun Classes ~

Classes 3830 through 3905:

NO Premium or trophies awarded –
ONLY non-premium ribbons.



Egg & Spoon

Class 3830 - Juniors

Class 3855 - Intermediates/Seniors

Eggs to be balanced on teaspoons. Spoons held with one hand with no fingers or supports used to balance egg. Horses to be shown at gaits specified by judge.

1. Use of show committee eggs and spoons only.
2. Spoons to be uniform.
3. Spoons in contestant's mouth prohibited.
4. Saddle required.
5. Ring shall be cleared of disqualified contestant at the judge's discretion.

Bat Race

Class 3872 - Juniors

Class 3876 - Intermediates/Seniors

1. This is a timed event.
2. Rider will dismount horse to “spin around on bat the required times” and then remount.

Tandem Bareback Costume

Class 3880 - Juniors

Class 3905 - Intermediates/Seniors

1. This class is treated as a Pleasure Class. Judging shall be based on Western Pleasure Class.
2. People riding bareback on one horse.
3. Costumes for riders and/or horse must be appropriate for 4-H/FFA show. Please consider safety aspect.