

# Horse Projects

1. **4-H and FFA members must be enrolled in a Horse Project by May 15. Horse ID forms with pictures must be entered in 4-H Online by May 15 to be eligible to show at the fair.**
2. 4-H or FFA members may show up to three equine but only two animals in each class. Only one entry per exhibitor in Showmanship & Performance classes, with the exception of Western Riding. An exhibitor may have two entries in Halter classes, Speed and Trail.
3. An Intent to Participate Form must be on file at the Extension Office by **July 1** indicating the classes exhibitors wish to enter.
4. A member must own and take an active role in the management of the identified horses.
5. Horses may be warmed up **ONLY** by the 4-H or FFA member on the day of the show.
6. Horses, ponies and miniature horses may be purebred, crossbred or grade.
7. Ponies must be under 57" in height unshod. Shod ponies will have 1/2" deducted from their height. Any animal 57" in height or taller will be shown in light horse class.
8. Age of the horse shall be computed as one year old on January 1st, following date of birth.
  - a. Foal/Weanling - born in the current year
  - b. Yearling - born in previous year
  - c. Example: if your horse was born in May of 2016, then that horse would be considered three years old as of January 1, 2019.
9. No showing of studs over weanling age, except miniature horses, who cannot show studs over one year of age.
10. Judging of entries in the halter classes will be based on the conformation, general appearance and action of the horse. Entries in the equitation classes will be judged mainly on the skills of the rider. Entries in the pleasure classes will be judged on the performances of the horse with rider. Separate entries must be made for each horse or pony exhibited in each class. Exception: only one entry per exhibitor in Showmanship & Performance classes, with the exception of Western Riding. An exhibitor may have two entries in Halter classes, Speed and Trail.
11. **Leased horses are not eligible to be exhibited in conformation (halter) classes because the 4-H or FFA member did not select the animal from others based on its conformation. They are eligible to be exhibited in showmanship, riding and driving classes, because these classes are judged on the 4-H or FFA member's ability to exhibit the animal, not on the quality of the animal.**
12. 4-H and FFA members may only compete in their own grade bracket.

13. All 4-H and FFA members must wear an approved (ASTM or SEI) hard hat while mounted.
14. **Failure to comply with dress code will result in a lower placing.** The following uniform must be worn by 4-H and FFA horse and pony exhibitors in all judged classes:
  - a. Western Attire: Solid white or colored, button or snap front, long-sleeved, collared shirt is required. The following is prohibited: personalized logo, embroidery (excluding shirt brand logo), zippers, sheer or lace fabric, embellishments, bling of any kind, including but not limited to sequins, rhinestones, chains, etc. A necktie, kerchief or bolo tie are permitted, but not required.
  - b. During Game classes, a plain white t-shirt with a 4-H/FFA chevron or an official green, white or gray 4-H/FFA t-shirt may be worn. No names on the backs of the shirts. Sleeveless shirts or blouses, etc. are not permitted.
  - c. English Attire: Riders must wear coats, boots and breeches. Clean shirt with stock and pin or ratcatcher and choker preferred. Turtleneck sweaters or sweater vests etc. are not permitted. The coat should be any tweed or melton (conservative wash jackets in season) acceptable for hunting. Breeches should be of traditional shades of buff, gray, rust, beige or canary (jodhpur included), and high English boots or jodhpur boots should be worn. Spurs of the un-roweled type, gloves, crops or bats are optional.
  - d. White, green or dark pants, jeans or slacks. Ripped, torn or damaged jeans are not permitted.
  - e. Boots are mandatory.
  - f. Hats are appropriate attire for showing a horse at halter.
  - g. The 4-H/FFA armband or chevron is mandatory and the armband **MUST** be worn on the upper left arm.
15. Horses, ponies and miniature horses are expected to be in the assigned area on Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> by 8:00 AM Horses should not be ridden on the fairgrounds. 4-H Horse & Pony Identification Forms may be checked against the animal. A fair veterinarian will check the horse upon arrival.
16. Artificial hair pieces will be allowed in tails only. Body coloring is allowed as long as it does not change the natural color pattern of the horse. Hooves may be colored black or natural.
17. Horse Sportsmanship is an award picked by a Horse Committee member and the judge. Each one will select three ID numbers. The one with the most points will be declared the winner. In the case of a tie, the winner will be randomly selected with Extension Staff present. The Sportsmanship award will be judged by, but not limited to, the following: behavior inside and outside the ring, how the 4-H member treats his/her horse, if the 4-H member is preparing the horse to the best of his/her ability, how the 4-H member reacts and interacts with others, if 4-H member is still trying even

if he/she may not be at top of their class, and most importantly, if the 4-H Member is having FUN! Horse Sportsmanship may be won multiple times by the same exhibitor.

18. Plaques and ribbons will be awarded for each class.

## **NEW CLASSES**

### **Discipline Rail:**

Disciplined Rail is an advanced class which tests the skills of both horse and rider, as they execute specific gaits, transitions and movements as requested by the judge.

Following are some, but not all, of the items the judge may ask you to perform:

- a. Transitions to and from any gait, such as trot to canter, hand gallop to halt, halt to canter, trot to counter canter, etc. You may also be asked to perform a gait for a specific number of steps or strides.
- b. Counter canter.
- c. Extension and collection of any gait.
- d. Sidepass
- e. Pivot or forehand turn for a specific number of degrees.
- f. Back
- g. Change leads (Example: "As you pass in front of the judge, perform a simple change of lead.")
- h. Depending upon the number of participants in the arena, you may be asked to reverse at a trot
- i. Walk "on the buckle".
- j. Leg-yield away from and back to the rail.

### **Western Riding:**

The western riding class is one of flying lead changes. It is a combination of control and skills, mixing techniques from trail, reining, and equitation. This judged event is not timed.

The horse is judged on these criteria:

- a. Quality of gaits
- b. Lead changes at the lope
- c. Response to the rider
- d. Manners and disposition

To learn more and to see video examples of this, visit

<https://articles.extension.org/pages/72310/judging-horse-events-western-riding>

### **English Walk/Trot (Horse or Pony)**

### **Ranch Walk/Trot (Horse or Pony)**

### **Horse Identification Rule**

- Immediate family members (siblings/step-siblings) can co-identify the same horse(s).
- Each horse must still be identified in 4hOnline under each sibling/4-H member
- No change in rule that the animal is EITHER identified as 4-H or FFA, not both
- Siblings must both be in 4-H to identify the same horse
- The same animal will only be allowed to show in a class ONCE – for example, a 5th grade 4-H'er cannot show a horse in barrels, and the 8th grade sibling show the same horse in barrels; however, the other sibling could show that same horse in pole bending for example
- Reminder: Each 4-H member will still be allowed to ID a max. of 5 horses; of those 5, a max. of 2 can be leased – halter horses are NOT allowed to be leased and must be owned

### **Showmanship**

Master Showmanship will be for those Exhibitors who have won Champion Showmanship in their age group and who are not eligible to show in their age division.

Champion and Reserve Champion Showman will be selected from the following:

Senior Showmanship (grades 10, 11 & 12)

Intermediate Showmanship (grades 7, 8 & 9)

Junior Showmanship (grades 4, 5 & 6)

Novice Showmanship (first year member showing)

Exhibitors can win Champion Showmanship only once in each age division and can participate only in their age group. Exhibitors can only compete in one showmanship division. The animal must be the exhibitor's own animal. The committee reserves the right to break classes due to participation. Youth will sign up for showmanship during check-in at fair.

# 4-H & FFA Horse Show Classes

*\*Premium Classes*

## **PONY/MINATURE HORSE AT HALTER**

- \*CLASS 31001 Weanlings and Yearlings
- \*CLASS 31002 Mares and Geldings
- \*CLASS 31003 Champion Pony of Show (1st and 2nd place winners of Classes 31001-31002)

## **LIGHT HORSE AT HALTER**

- \*CLASS 31101 Weanlings and Yearlings
- \*CLASS 31102 Two and Three Year Old Mares and Geldings
- \*CLASS 31103 Halter Mares (4-10 years old)
- \*CLASS 31104 Halter Mares (11 Years and older)
- \*CLASS 31105 Halter Geldings (4-10 years old)
- \*CLASS 31106 Halter Geldings (11 Years and older)
- \*CLASS 31107 Champion Horse of Show (1st and 2nd place winners of Classes 31101-31106)

## **SHOWMANSHIP AT HALTER**

- \*CLASS 31201 Junior Showmanship (Horse or Pony) Grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>
- \*CLASS 31202 Intermediate Showmanship (Horse or Pony) Grades 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>
- \*CLASS 31203 Senior Showmanship (Horse or Pony) Grades 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

## **PERFORMANCE CLASSES**

- \*CLASS 31301 English Walk/Trot (Horse or Pony) Grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>
- \*CLASS 31302 English Pleasure (Horse or Pony) Grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>
- \*CLASS 31303 Equitation/Horsemanship (Horse or Pony) Grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>
- \*CLASS 31304 Equitation/Horsemanship (Horse or Pony) Grades 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>
- \*CLASS 31305 Equitation/Horsemanship (Horse or Pony) Grades 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>
- \*CLASS 31306 Western Walk/Trot (Horse or Pony) Grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>
- \*CLASS 31307 Western Walk/Trot (Horse or Pony) Grades 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>
- \*CLASS 31308 Western Walk/Trot (Horse or Pony) Grades 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>
- \*CLASS 31309 Western Pleasure (Horse or Pony) Grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>
- \*CLASS 31310 Western Pleasure (Horse or Pony) Grades 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>
- \*CLASS 31311 Western Pleasure (Horse or Pony) Grades 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>
- \*CLASS 31312 Discipline Rail Grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>
- \*CLASS 31313 Ranch Walk/Trot (Horse or Pony) Grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>
- \*CLASS 31314 Ranch Pleasure (Horse or Pony) Grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>
- \*CLASS 31315 Western Riding Grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>
- \*CLASS 31316 Bareback Walk/Trot (Horse or Pony) Grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

**SPEED CLASSES**

*CLASS 31631	Poles (Horse or Pony)	Grades 4th – 6th
*CLASS 31632	Poles (Horse or Pony)	Grades 7th – 9th
*CLASS 31633	Poles (Horse or Pony)	Grades 10th – 12th
*CLASS 31634	Barrels (Horse or Pony)	Grades 4th – 6th
*CLASS 31635	Barrels (Horse or Pony)	Grades 7th – 9th
*CLASS 31636	Barrels (Horse or Pony)	Grades 10th – 12 <sup>th</sup>
*CLASS 31637	Flags (Horse or Pony)	Grades 4 <sup>th</sup> - 6th
*CLASS 31638	Flags (Horse or Pony)	Grades 7 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup>
*CLASS 31639	Flags (Horse or Pony)	Grades 10 <sup>th</sup> - 12th
*CLASS 31640	Plug (Horse or Pony)	Grades 4th – 6th
*CLASS 31641	Plug (Horse or Pony)	Grades 7th – 9th
*CLASS 31642	Plug (Horse or Pony)	Grades 10th – 12th

**TRAIL CLASSES**

*CLASS 31501	Trail Class (Horse or Pony)	Grades 4th – 6th
*CLASS 31502	Trail Class (Horse or Pony)	Grades 7th – 9th
*CLASS 31503	Trail Class (Horse or Pony)	Grades 10th – 12 <sup>th</sup>