

4-H / FFA HORSE

General rules, regulations & health requirements apply.

1. JEFFERSON COUNTY WILL FOLLOW 4-H RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR EQUINE SHOWS IN IOWA.
A current version of this rule book are available in the Extension Office.
2. The Jefferson County fitting rule is in effect for the horse department. (See page 16)
3. Horse measurements and required vet check is performed at the last scheduled horse practice. Attendance is mandatory unless prior arrangements have been made.
Identification of animals must be done by May 15 in 4-H Online. Entering animals into classes must be done by Fair Entry Deadline. This is when exhibitors will identify which horse they will be showing in
4. each class and identify which classes they will be exhibiting in for points.
5. Each exhibitor is limited to one horse per CLASS.
6. Exhibitors may identify 5 horses, but may only exhibit 3.
7. Exhibitors may only show in 6 classes for high points, NOT including showmanship, horsemanship, poles and barrels. They may enter other classes, but no points will accumulate.
8. A member must show in a showmanship class and horsemanship class in order to show in any other class.
9. This division is open to 4-H & FFA members who have properly enrolled with their respective club or chapter and are in good standing according to the 4-H Participation Policy of their school and FFA chapter.
10. All 4-H/FFA members who wish to show at the Jefferson County Fair must attend, and bring the horse they intend to bring to fair, to at least **TWO** horse workout practices prior to Fair. All horse project members must have a guardian or parent stay that is 18 years or older.
11. This division will be divided into sections for horses and ponies. Foals must have been born after January 1, 2024. Yearlings must have been born between January 1 and December 31, 2023. Two year olds must have been born between January 1 and December 31, 2022.
12. A horse/pony may only show in one halter class, regardless if it qualifies for more than one.
13. All classes will be shown in the outside show ring weather permitting. This is a decision of the superintendents.
14. NO STALLIONS ALLOWED (other than foals).
15. Mounting is only permitted in the warm-up pen or the arena.
16. Members exhibiting in the Performance or Speed Divisions must mount at the gate, then enter the ring under control. Members will also DISMOUNT before they leave the arena.
17. No assistance is allowed to approach or enter the ring. If any assistance, including but not limited to being led by any person, led or pushed by another horse, is given, the horse and rider will be disqualified.
18. Judging will be placed as purple, blue, red or white.
19. A separate entry is required for each class entered.
20. **Horse Helmet Rules:** All 4-H and FFA youth must wear American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM) and Safety Engineering Institute (SEI) approved protective head gear when mounted and riding in any 4-H horse riding activity. Jefferson County Fair, Iowa State Fair and Iowa State University make no representation or warranty, express or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions 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.
21. All classes will be judged at age levels (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior). Age levels will enter the ring separately unless there are not enough entries at which time the age levels will enter the ring together, but judged separately.
22. Classes eligible for High Point Senior, High Point Intermediate, and High Point Junior are indicated under each division.
23. All exhibitors will receive three calls to get to the ring for the next class. Exhibitors must be ready to enter the ring at the final call.
24. When exhibitors enter the ring and the gate is closed, the class is closed judging will begin.
25. All dogs must be on kept on leashes at all times.
26. No alcoholic beverages allowed on show grounds.
27. No double riding will be allowed at any time!
28. This is a haul in, haul out show.
29. Revisions to high point system: Halter classes will no longer automatically be included in the high points but can be chosen by the exhibitor as part of their high point selections. Pole and Barrels (#31502) & (#31504) will no longer be an option for the high point selections as there is a separate award for Speed Horse

Buckles.

30. 4-H and FFA Exhibitors MUST RIDE ONLY THE HORSE THEY HAVE ENTERED.

31. Horses have an official lease option as a project. Only showmanship, riding, or driving horses are eligible for lease; horses in halter/conformation classes cannot be leased and must be owned by the member or his or her immediate family (parents, siblings, guardians). Horses owned by distant family (aunts, uncles, cousins, or grandparents) are considered leased horses.

32. Guidelines to sharing a horse: Exhibitors may enter the same horse in county classes shared by immediate family. Immediate family being siblings or step-siblings. A shared horse can be entered ONE time into the following disciplines by ONE Exhibitor: Halter, Cowgirl Queen Contest, Walk/Trot, Western Pleasure, Ranch Western Pleasure, Ranch Riding, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, and Driving.

General Appearance of Exhibitor

1. Exhibitor should wear attire appropriate to match the breed of their horse (i.e., Western or English).
2. A solid white or colored, button or snap front, long-sleeved, collared shirt is required. Shirts must be tucked in. The following is prohibited: personalized logos or embroidery (excluding shirt brand logo), sheer or lace fabric, contrast piping, embellishments, and bling of any kind, including, but not limited to sequins, rhinestones, chains, etc.
3. Failure to wear appropriate attire will result in dropping of a ribbon group.
4. 4-H or FFA armbands must be worn on the upper left arm. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. Exhibitors will wear armbands on the right arm to coordinate with age groups. Colors as follows: Juniors—blue, Intermediates—green, and Seniors—red.
5. Chaps, spurs, ball caps, tank tops, T-shirts, or jersey-type shirts ARE NOT to be worn. (In certain classes, spurs, crops and bats are permissible. Spurs must be dull and the rowels free-moving. Please refer to the “4-H Rules and Regulations for Equine Shows in Iowa”).
6. In timed events, riders are allowed to wear knee and leg protection at their own discretion.

Western Attire

1. Dark blue jeans without holes must be worn. A belt is required.
2. Western boots must be worn. Fashion heels are prohibited.
3. In Western halter and showmanship classes, the exhibitor is expected to wear a cowboy hat.

English Attire

1. Hunt seat type helmet must be worn.
2. Exhibitors must wear hunt coats of traditional colors such as navy, dark green, gray, black or brown.
3. Breeches (or jodhpurs) are to be of traditional shades of buff, khaki, or light gray.
4. Shirts with tie or choker are preferred.
5. Hair must be neat and contained (as in net or braid).
6. Exhibitors must wear high English boots or paddock (jodhpur) boots of black or brown.

HALTER DIVISION

Class 30101 - Miniature Horse (34 inches & under)

Class 30102 - Pony Mares (35-56 inches)

Class 30103 - Pony Geldings (35-56 inches)

Next three classes will mature to 14.1 & over (57 inches & over):

Class 30104 - Horse Foals *

Class 30105 - Horse Yearlings *

Class 30106 - 2 Year Old Horse *

Next four classes are for Quarter Horses/Stock Type:

Class 30107 - Horse Mares 3-7 Years of Age

Class 30108 - Horse Mares 8 Years & Above

Class 30109 - Horse Geldings 3-7 Years of Age

Class 30110 - Horse Geldings 8 Years & Above

NOT Quarter Horses/Stock Type:

Class 30111 - All Other Breeds*

***County Only Class. Unavailable at Iowa State Fair. Classes 30101-30111 can be included in calculations for High Point**

SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship is required of all participants.

Class 31101 - Senior Showmanship

Class 31102 - Intermediate Showmanship

Class 31103 - Junior Showmanship

COWGIRL QUEEN CONTEST

Age determined as of January 1 of current year.

Class 31201 - Senior Division (ages 16-26)

Class 31202 - Junior Division (ages 10-15)

For a list of rules: <https://www.iowastatefair.org/participate/competition>

PLEASURE & EQUITATION DIVISION

Classes 31301 - 31308 can be included in the calculations for the High Point.

Class 31301 - Walk/Trot - Pony

Class 31302 - Walk/Trot - Horse

Class 31303 - Pony Pleasure (English or Western) (Pony Only)

Class 31304 - Western Pleasure (Horse Only)

Class 31305 - Ranch Horse Western Pleasure (Horse Only)

Class 31306 - Ranch Riding (Horse Only)

Class 31307 - Hunter Under Saddle (Horse Only)

Class 31308 - Hunt Seat Equitation (Horse & Pony)

Horsemanship REQUIRED of all participants.

Class 31309 - Horsemanship Senior *

Class 31310 - Horsemanship Intermediate *

Class 31311 - Horsemanship Junior *

PERFORMANCE DIVISION

All classes in the Performance Division can be included in the calculations for the High Point.

Class 31401 - Driving - Pony*

Class 31402 - Driving - Horse*

Class 31403 - Driving - Draft*

Class 31404 - Trail - Senior

Class 31405 - Trail - Intermediate

Class 31406 - Trail - Junior

***County Only Class. Unavailable at Iowa State Fair.**

SPEED DIVISION

All classes in the Speed Division can be included in the calculations for the High Point, besides 31502 Pole Bending and 31504 barrels. Those 2 classes are calculated for the Speed Buckle award only.

Exhibitors may only enter in one pole bending class (31501 **OR** 31502) and only one barrels class (31503 **OR** 31504).

Class 31501 - Pole Bending (Trot)*

Class 31502 - Pole Bending

Class 31503 - Barrels (Trot)*

Class 31504 - Barrels

Class 31505 - Plug Race*

Class 31506 - Flag Race

***County Only Class. Unavailable at Iowa State Fair.**

Horse Show will be in the order of the Fair Book.