

2022 4-H & FFA Horse Rules



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Equine Project Meetings

Any 4-H or FFA member planning to exhibit horses, ponies, mules, or donkeys at the Southern Iowa Fair is required to complete 3 equine project events to gain eligibility to exhibit at the 2022 Southern Iowa Fair. Exhibitors are welcome to attend other educational events, held virtually, in county, or out-of-county. If exhibitors participate in alternative opportunities, the standard form will need to be filled out and provided to one of the superintendents within 2 weeks of the event. This can be sent via email, text, or hand delivered. Alternative options WILL NOT be limited to Mahaska County. Examples of alternative event options include Fun Shows, Horse Shows, Barrel Events, Guided trail rides, riding lessons, etc. Any type of exposure outside of home can potentially count as an event, just ask. Horse Superintendent contact information is on the cover of this booklet.

The standard form for event write-ups must be completed within 2 weeks of the event attended. Forms are available from any superintendent or the extension office.

Iowa Equine Guide

If you plan to exhibit at the county or state fair, please be sure to check out the Rules and Regulations for 4-H Equine Shows in Iowa book. We have books available at the Extension office for \$10.50 or you can download your own at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/430>. This guide contains a lot of tips about the 4-H Horse Project area.

Equine Project Event Dates & Topics

Every 4-H & FFA member who plans to exhibit horses, ponies, donkeys, or mules at the 2022 Southern Iowa Fair must complete a minimum of 3 horse project events in order to show at the county fair. This requirement is subject to change.

Clinic & Ride Night Dates and Topics are below:

April 5—Rule review, legal tack/equipment review, grooming

April 19—Showmanship/Halter

May 3—Western Pleasure/Walk-Trot

May 17—Trail

June 7—English Pleasure/Equitation

June 19—Open Youth Invitational Show

June 21—Poles/Barrels/Flags

July 12—Horsemanship

Vet Check Date TBD

All topics are subject to change as deemed necessary by the horse superintendents.

All sponsored events will be held at the Southern Iowa Fairgrounds—Outdoor Arena from 6:30-7:30 PM. You may arrive early and stay later, but must have your horse and participate from 6:30-7:30 PM for credit. During inclement weather, the pavilion will be used when available.

Fair Prep

Be sure you read all of the rules and requirements for exhibiting at the fair prior to the fair. All animals must have been identified by May 15, 2022 and registered in FairEntry by July TBD, 2022. FairEntry will be open from June 1-July TBD. Check with Horse Superintendents and other Horse project families to learn what is best to bring to the fair. Be sure to have a Mahaska County Equine Project shirt, a 4-H shirt, or a FFA shirt to show in.

Specialty Awards

The awards given each year will vary on funds.

Champion and Reserve Champion Equine – Overall grand and reserve champion equine from all halter classes.

Senior Showmanship

Intermediate Showmanship

Junior Showmanship

Champion and Reserve Champion Gaming Equine – Overall grand and reserve champion from all speed events for each age group (Jr., Int., and Sr.)

Champion and Reserve Champion High Point – Overall grand and reserve champion from all events per exhibitor for each age group (Jr., Int., and Sr.)

Champion and Reserve Champion High Point Equine – Overall grand and reserve horse and rider combination.

First Year Most Improved – Exhibitor that has improved their horsemanship skills. (This will be voted on by all project members.)

Sportsmanship Award – Exhibitor that presents the best sportsmanship during the fair. (This will be determined by the judge and superintendents.)

Equine Project Award High Point Scoring

Definitions:

Point System is as follows:

1st Place—6 points

2nd Place—5 points

3rd Place—4 points

4th Place—3 points

5th Place—2 points

Any Exhibitor that participate in class 1 point.

In the event of a tie, high point will be determined between those tied who had the most 1st places in their classes.

Dress Code

Dress code:

Exhibitors in all classes are to wear a Mahaska County Equine Project t-shirt, a 4-H t-shirt, or a FFA t-shirt. Pants must be dark blue jeans. Stone-washed jeans are not allowed. No rhinestone or “blingy” pants are allowed. Western style boots are required for all horse exhibitors on the grounds. No tennis shoes, open toe, or softer shoe may be worn. Appropriate style hats are to be worn consistent with the type of class. If an individual is planning on showing at the Iowa State Fair they will be required to follow the dress code guidelines laid out in the state fair rules.

4-H youth participating in Western Pleasure, Western games, hunt seat classes, hunt seat over fences, rodeo, team penning, team roping projects and any other mounted activities will wear American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM) and Safety Engineering Institute (SEI) approved protective head gear with chin strap and properly fitted harness when mounted and riding in 4-H horse activities.

Helmet must be worn while mounted, no exceptions.

1st time: Verbal warning will be given

2nd time: Disqualification from Show

2021 Southern Iowa Fair Rules

HORSES

Superintendents. ... Heather Angle-Gardner (641-777-2334), Jodi Wilcox (641-295-6490), & Marcy Wanders, (515-238-2609)
Check-In. Tuesday, July 19, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Judged. Sunday, July 17th, 6:00 p.m. Speed Events - Outdoor Arena and Friday, July 22 9:00 a.m. – Outdoor Arena
Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting.....Tuesday, July 19th, 6:00 p.m. – Horse Barn

(Note: Also see General Regulations)

General Horse Exhibition Rules:

If any animal requires medical treatment while at the fair or exhibition, only the Official Fair Veterinarian may administer the treatment. All medications that are administered shall be done according to the label instructions of the medication used. All exhibitors must have their horses under complete control at all times. Horses must enter the ring unassisted and the gate must be closed before starting the class or course. Full rules and details for the 4-H & FFA Horse Show can be found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/livestock-exhibiting-information>. Full rules for exhibiting horses will be provided to each exhibitor ahead of the fair and during fair check-in.

1. All Horse exhibitors must follow rules as stated in the Rules and Regulations for 4-H Equine Shows in Iowa handbook that is available through ISU Extension and Outreach. All Horse exhibitors must comply with the county Livestock Grooming Policy as well.
2. Any questions regarding the equine project will be directed to the Horse Superintendents. Any approval of any equine leaving prior to the assigned time will have to be approved by the Extension Office and Fair Board.
3. If an exhibitor chooses to leave the show without prior approval from the 4-H Staff and Superintendents, the exhibitor will forfeit all premiums and awards from the fair.
4. Each exhibitor may enter three horses, mules, or ponies at the fair, but may identify as many as they would like. Exhibitors are classified as Junior: must have completed 4th, 5th or 6th grade; Intermediate: must have completed 7th, 8th or 9th grade; Senior: must have completed 10th, 11th or 12th

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grade.

5. Any exhibitor (4-H or FFA) must complete the required Mahaska County 4-H offered/approved equine project meetings as described in the monthly 4-H newsletter (www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/4-h-newsletters).
6. The horse show will take place at the Southern Iowa Fairgrounds arena, weather permitting. Equine will enter through the North end of the arena and then exit the South end.
7. Exhibitors may show each entry in only one halter class.
8. Exhibitors may show each entry in either a Western Pleasure Class or a Ranch Class, but cannot show the same equine in both.
9. Ownership regulations will generally conform to State 4-H rules and regulations for halter and performance classes. Horses shown in halter classes must be owned by the 4-H member or in partnership with an immediate family member and identified with the 4-H member. Immediate family is defined as parents, siblings or guardians. (Horses owned by distant family – aunts, uncles, cousins or grandparents – are considered leased horses.)
10. There will be a county 4-H-offered vet check within 30 days of County Fair. If you are unable to make the county 4-H-offered vet check it will be the responsibility of the exhibitor to get health papers from their own vet. **There will no longer be a vet check during horse check-in at fair.**
11. Health paper must be current within the past 30 days. Papers must be presented to the superintendents before equine is unloaded from trailer.
12. Equine cannot be removed from trailer without health papers. The health condition of the animal(s) will need to be checked using the Henneke Body Conditioning Score System. Each exhibitor will be required to have drug affidavits for each horse and turn in to a horse superintendent at check-in during fair.
13. Exhibitors must also check in with superintendent(s) to sign up for classes and check stall assignments before taking horses to stalls.
14. Horse Release Time is Saturday, July 23 at 12:00 p.m. STALLS MUST BE CLEANED PRIOR TO LEAVING OR EXIBITOR WILL FORFEIT PREMIUMS.
15. 29. Premiums will be paid for all horse classes unless notified

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15. No horse is to be ridden on the fairgrounds or in the horse barns except in the performance classes and in designated areas. Exhibitors must wear an approved helmet whenever mounted during any event. Exhibitors can practice in the arena, with adult supervision, and helmet being worn. Exhibitors cannot practice in the arena when events are happening in the main grandstand.
16. NO PARENTS/GUARDIANS ALLOWED TO RIDE HORSES DURING FAIR! Only 4-H/FFA exhibitors can warm-up or ride 4-H/FFA horses before, during and after the 4-H/FFA Horse Show at the Mahaska County Fair. Trainers and parents will NOT be allowed to warm-up or ride the 4-H/FFA exhibit horse.
17. No horses will be ridden in the Show Pavilion unless otherwise approved.
18. ABSOLUTELY NO DOUBLE RIDING!
19. Animal Height requirements; Horse – any animal over 57”; Pony/Mini Horse – any animal 57” and under. Ponies that are shod have 1/2” deducted from height. Entries will be measured at the fair, if questionable.
20. A farrier is allowed only with Horse Superintendent approval. Horses may be clipped inside stalls by exhibitor or immediate family member, with exhibitor present.
21. PREMIUMS WILL BE FORFEITED BY EXHIBITOR IF SHOW OFFICIALS SEE THEM BREAKING RULES!
22. Over and under ropes on saddle horn are prohibited in timed events.
23. No exhibitor may be tied buckled or fastened in the saddle in any manner or by any means (including rubber bands) for timed events.
24. Judges and Superintendents decisions are final.
25. In all running events, the exhibitor must be mounted & enter the arena gate at a walk. The gate will be closed before beginning the course. Exhibitor must dismount and lead horse or pony out of arena when finished with event.
26. A member may borrow a horse, pony or mule to be shown at the fair. If an animal is borrowed, an informal written lease must be signed by both parties and uploaded in 4-H Online or emailed for FFA.
27. LEASED ANIMALS ARE EXCLUDED FROM ALL HALTER CLASSES, but are allowed in all other classes.
28. NO Stallions may be shown.

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otherwise.

30. Show bill is subject to change due to weather.
31. Bareback riding is allowed in approved areas only.
32. If you need specific accommodations made for your horse project; ex: learning or physical disability, injury, etc., you must complete and submit an Iowa 4-H Special Accommodations form to the Extension office prior to the event (clinics, ride nights, and/or fair).

Southern Iowa Fair Show Schedule is available in the 4-H & FFA Horse Exhibitor Rule Booklet and at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/livestock-exhibiting-information> (Scroll down to Horse Project Info.).

Class 24016. Senior Walk Trot

Class 24017. Intermediate Walk Trot

Southern Iowa Fair Show Schedule

CLASSES BEGIN AT 8 AM

Class 24001. Pony & Miniature Horse Halter

Class 24002. Mule and Donkey (any size) Halter

Class 24003. Yearling Halter

Class 24004. Two and Three-Year Old Horse Halter

Class 24005. Aged Mare Halter (*ages 4 to 15*)

Class 24006. Aged Gelding Halter (*ages 4 to 15*)

Class 24007. Aged Horse Halter (*Mares & Geldings 16 and over*)

*Champion & Reserve Champion Equine

Class 24008. Senior Showmanship

Class 24009. Intermediate Showmanship

Class 24010. Junior Showmanship

***15 Minute Break**

Class 24011. Open English Walk-Trot

Class 24012. Open English Pleasure

15 minute Break

Class 24013. Senior Horsemanship

Class 24014. Intermediate Horsemanship

Class 24015. Junior Horsemanship

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Class 24016. Senior Walk Trot

Class 24017. Intermediate Walk Trot

Class 24018. Junior Walk Trot

An individual horse cannot be shown in both western pleasure and ranch pleasure

Class 24019. Senior Western Pleasure

Class 24020. Intermediate Western Pleasure

Class 24021. Junior Western Pleasure

Class 24022. Senior Ranch Pleasure

Class 24023. Intermediate Ranch Pleasure

Class 24024. Junior Ranch Pleasure

Class 24025. Senior Trail

Class 24026. Intermediate Trail

Class 24027. Junior Trail

Class 24028. Donkey Trail

Class 24029. Senior Poles

Class 24030. Intermediate Poles

Class 24031. Junior Poles

Class 24032. Senior Barrels

Class 24033. Intermediate Barrels

Class 24034. Junior Barrels

Class 24035. Senior Flag Race

Class 24036. Intermediate Flag Race

Class 24037. Junior Flag Race

Classes are subject to change due to weather or at the judge's or superintendents' discretion. Classes with no entries will be eliminated from the show bill.

Classes I have signed up for:

Class

Horse Name

Exhibitor

Notes/To-Do List



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