

General Horse Rules

Showmanship, Halter, and performance classes will be on Thursday, July 15 beginning promptly at 10:00 AM

Games will be on Friday, July 16 beginning promptly at 3:00 PM

General Livestock Rules and General Rules and Regulations apply in this department.

- The exhibitors' grade as of September 15th of the previous year will determine which classes they will perform in. Junior- 4-6 grades; Intermediate-7 and 8 grade; Senior- 9-12 grades. FFA members must be in good standing and qualify by FFA rules to participate in the Central Iowa Fair.
- Identification:** Horse, pony and mules must be identified on 4hOnline by May 15th, 2021. A member using a non-family owned horse must turn in a lease/borrow form on 4hOnline by May 15th, 2021. The lease/borrow form is available at the Marshall County Extension office. The lease/borrow form requires the signature of the owner of the horse and verifies that the 4-H exhibitor is taking a 75% active role in the care and training of the horse.
 - Exhibitors are required to ID each horse they intend to exhibit. If a family includes more 4-H/FFA'ers than horses, more than one 4-H/FFA'er may identify a horse; however, in this situation a 4-H/FFA'er cannot identify more than one horse.
 - An exhibitor may ID a maximum of five (5) horses. A maximum of two may be leased. Halter and confirmation class horses must be owned; cannot be leased.
- Fair Entry:** All fair entries must be in FairEntry.com by June 15, 2021 at 11:59 PM. Mailed entries will not be accepted.
 - Absolutely no class changes can be made after June 15, 2021 at 11:59 PM. No classes can be added the day of the show.
- An exhibitor may enter a maximum of two (2) horses per class in the speed events, halter classes, and trail. In all other classes, an exhibitor may enter one (1) horse per class. Entering classes after the fair entry deadline will not be allowed, although you may withdraw from a class at any time. If withdrawing from a class, please tell the superintendent or the announcer.
- A horse or pony exhibited as a 4-H project at the Central Iowa Fair is not eligible to be an FFA entry at the Iowa State Fair.
- Horses may enter in only one pleasure class, either western pleasure or ranch horse, but not both.
- Bedding:** Wood shavings will be used for bedding at the Central Iowa Fair. No sand, straw, or newspapers will be allowed. Stalling area must be cleaned before animals will be released from the fair grounds. Failure to do so will result in a \$10.00 penalty per horse. Exhibitors must provide their own bedding.
- Horses must remain in designated areas. Horses must be stalled during the Double S Bull Riding Saturday night.
- Animal Ages:** Ages of animals will be based on January 1, 2021. No stallions allowed on grounds except weanlings. Foals must be born between January 1, 2021 and May 15th, 2021, for foal classes.
- Two-year old and older horses and ponies may be shown in the riding (performance) classes. Any equine between 38" and 57" will be considered a pony. Shod ponies will have 1/2" deducted from their height. Equine 38" and under are eligible for miniature horse classes. Shoes on miniature horses are NOT permitted.
- No whips or bats** are allowed in the ring, except in speed events.
- Horses are now required to remain at the fairgrounds the entire fair. If an exception is needed, please consult with the superintendent. Stalls must be reserved at the time fair entries are made. Stalls will be assigned. Superintendents have the final say.
- Parents, siblings, friends, trainers, and coaches are reminded that only exhibitors will be allowed to ride 4-H/FFA horses while the horse is on the fairgrounds.
- Horses that are not properly enrolled as a Marshall County 4-H/FFA Horse Project may not be on the fairgrounds the days of the 4-H/FFA Horse Show without permission of the superintendents, except for broodmare/foal.
- Penalties may apply in non-timed classes if the following equipment is used: mechanical hackamores, hackamore bits, running or standing martingales, tie downs, choke ropes, draw reins, or cavesson type nosebands.
- The superintendent may combine or split classes, as necessary. The superintendents will address any questions or disputes and their ruling will be final.
- Senior, Intermediate and Junior refers to the age of the 4-H member, not the horse. A Novice may be any age 4-H'er.
- If you enter in a novice class, you are not eligible for your specific age group. A novice is defined as a novice 4-H'er, not a novice horse.
- In all non-timed performance classes, excluding English Pleasure and English Equitation, western tack is required.
- An approved ASTM/SEI safety helmet is required to be worn whenever a 4H/FFA'er is mounted on the horse. This pertains to 4-H/FFA events in and out of the ring. The headgear should fit properly and the chin strap fastened. IF YOUR FOOT IS IN THE STIRRUP, YOUR HELMET MUST BE ON AND FASTENED. ONE WARNING WITHOUT A HELMET AND YOU AND YOUR HORSE WILL BE EXCUSED FROM THE GROUNDS.**
- Horses and ponies are not allowed in the concourse area between the cattle barn and show pavilion at any time during the fair. You must go to show arena by going north of horse barn and traveling on east side of horse barn and pavilion. Horses are not allowed to walk between the horse arena and the East entrance road due to safety of the horses and exhibitors. All Exhibitors will use the west side of the arena to travel.**
- Driving classes: Exhibitor may have an attendant in the vehicle or when called for in the line-up. Attendants must be in proper 4-H horse project approved attire and must be 16 years or older, adults welcomed as attendants.
- Attire:
 - Halter, Showmanship, and Performance Events** - Appropriate dress will be a clean and neat long sleeve, solid color dress blouse or shirt, with plain dark blue jeans and cowboy hat for Halter and Showmanship events. **Exhibitors must wear an approved, proper fitting ASTM/SEI safety helmet for the Performance events.** Hard sole boots must be worn. Spurs are optional. Chaps are not to be worn. REMINDER no leased horses will be shown for halter horse, you must own your horse for this class.
 - Speed/Timed Events** - A Marshall County 4-H/FFA t-shirt or neat long sleeve, solid color dress blouse or shirt with plain dark blue jeans is allowed. **An approved ASTM/SEI safety helmet is required for all speed events/timed events.** All helmets must fit correctly and ball caps may not be worn under the helmets. Hard sole shoes or boots are a must. Spurs are optional. Chaps are not to be worn.
 - English Attire** - English attire is required. **An ASTM/SEI approved riding helmet is required for all English classes.** English jackets may become optional on the call of the judge/superintendent due to the weather.
- If you exhibit in a novice level class, you are NOT allowed to enter a higher level in that same division.

For the safety of everyone involved, we ask that common sense be used while the horses are on the grounds. Be cautious of the horses around you, keep small children at a safe distance from the horses, and if you are not in the next class, keep your horse away from the gate area! Superintendents reserve the right to remove unsafe horses. Absolutely no horse may be rode outside of the arena!

Division 311 – Halter

CLASS

31101 Miniature Horse Halter

31111 Yearling/Weanling Horses (Mares and Geldings)

31112 Halter Mares – 2 and 3 year olds

31113 Halter Mares – Horses 4-7 years

31114 Halter Mares – Horses 8 years and over

31115 Halter Geldings – 2 and 3 year olds

31116 Halter Geldings – Horses 4-7 years

31117 Halter Geldings – Horses 8 years and over

31121 Halter Ponies

Division 312 – Showmanship and Driving

CLASS

31201 Horse Showmanship – Novice

31211 Horse Showmanship – Grade 4-6

31212 Horse Showmanship – Grade 7-8

31213 Horse Showmanship – Grade 9-12

31251 Novice* Pleasure Driving

31252 Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Driving

All exhibitors must show their own animals during showmanship classes and much show in their respective grade level. No showing in a different division will be allowed.

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Division 313 – Western Pleasure & Horsemanship

CLASS

31311 Novice* Ranch Horse Western Pleasure
31312 Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Ranch Horse Western Pleasure
31321 Novice* Western Pleasure (Horse only)
31322 Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Western Pleasure (Horse only)
31323 Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Western Pleasure (Pony only)
31325 Western Pleasure Mule

31351 Novice* Western Horsemanship
31352 Junior Western Horsemanship
31353 Intermediate Western Horsemanship
31354 Senior Western Horsemanship

31391 Novice* Western Walk/Trot (Horse only)
31392 Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Western Walk/Trot (Horse only)
31393 Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Western Walk/Trot (Pony only)
31395 Western Walk/Trot Mule

31396 Novice* Western Disciplined Rail
31397 Junior Western Disciplined Rail
31398 Intermediate Western Disciplined Rail
31399 Senior Western Disciplined Rail

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Division 314 – English Pleasure & Equitation

CLASS

31401 Novice* Hunter Under Saddle
31402 Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Hunter Under Saddle

31411 Novice* Hunt Seat Equitation
31412 Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Hunt Seat Equitation

31421 Novice* Hunter Hack
31422 Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Hunter Hack

31491 Novice* English Walk/Trot
31492 Junior, Intermediate, and Senior English Walk/Trot

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Division 315 – Trail and Reining

CLASS

31501 In-Hand Trail
31502 Junior Trail
31503 Intermediate Trail

31504 Senior Trail
31508 Miniature Horse In-Hand Trail

Division 316 – Timed Events and Games

1. Helmets must be worn and fastened.
2. The gate must be shut during your run.
3. A 5-second penalty will be assessed for each pole or barrel that is knocked over.
4. Broken patterns or missed flags will be disqualified and will be awarded a white ribbon.
5. Ribbons received will be at the discretion of the superintendents

CLASS

31611 Junior Keyhole
31612 Intermediate Keyhole
31613 Senior Keyhole

31621 Junior Ribbon Race
31622 Intermediate Ribbon Race
31623 Senior Ribbon Race

31631 Junior Pole Bending
31632 Intermediate Pole Bending
31633 Senior Pole Bending

31641 Junior Barrel Racing
31642 Intermediate Barrel Racing

31643 Senior Barrel Racing
31644 Miniature Horse Driving Barrels

31651 Junior Flags
31652 Intermediate Flags
31653 Senior Flags

31661 Junior Jumping Figure 8
31662 Intermediate Jumping Figure 8
31663 Senior Jumping figure 8

31671 Junior Egg and Spoon
31672 Intermediate Egg and Spoon
31673 Senior Egg and Spoon