

## HORSE DEPARTMENT

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### HORSES & PONIES

The Union County Horse Committee has the right to determine eligibility, combine classes with limited numbers and add or delete classes as deemed necessary. The committee will also address any Horse Department questions should any arise during county fair.

1. **ALL** Horse exhibitors **MUST** sign-up for Horse Barn Duty at the start of fair week - in addition to individual herdsmanship.  
2. Entries may be registered or grade animals, but must be club projects cared for, trained and managed by the exhibitor. Ponies are any equine under 14.1 hands or 57". Horses are any equine 14.1 hands or 57" and over. (1 hand = 4 inches).

**ALL equine entries in Pony Halter and Pony Pleasure classes will be stick measured prior to horse show.** Ponies that are shod will have ½ inch deducted from their height. If you have horse breed registration papers (i.e. AQHA or APHA) you are allowed to classify the animal as a horse. Registration papers must be provided at check-in time.

3. An exhibitor is limited to exhibiting 3 different horses (mare & colt will be one entry). Any individual horse or pony may be entered and shown only once in any class.

4. Exhibitors may show only horses they identified in 4-H online by May 15 of the current year to exhibit in classes where the primary emphasis of evaluation is the skill level of the 4-Hers. Ownership is not required, however, the 4-Her or FFA member must take an active role in the care of the animal.

5. ASTM/SEI approved protective helmets must be worn in all mounted classes (See Iowa 4-H Program Horse Helmet Policy).

6. **REQUIRED WESTERN SHOW ATTIRE:** Clothing **MUST** be neat and clean. Shirts **MUST** be tucked in.

- A plain white or solid colored, button or snap front, long-sleeved, collared shirt is to be worn with blue jeans that have NO holes and tears.
- **The following is prohibited on shirts: personalized logos, embroidery (excluding shirt brand logo) and embellishments such as sequins, rhinestones, zippers, chains or bling of any kind.**
- **No chaps, ball caps, lace or sheer fabric blouses, sleeveless shirts/blouses, tank tops, sheer or jersey type shirts are to be worn during the horse show.**

- A belt worn under the loops is recommended. Neckties, kerchiefs or bolo ties are permitted.
- 4-H armbands are to be worn on the left upper arm.
- Hard soled western boots are considered safe and appropriate footwear and are to be worn at all times when showing, riding, working with and caring for your horse(s) – Fashion heeled western boots are prohibited.
- 4-H t-shirts must be worn for the county fair parade, horse show speed events, fun horse show day and rodeo events.

7. **\*ALL Horse exhibitors MUST be in REQUIRED Show Attire when accepting awards – if not, they will be disqualified.\***

8. Bats or whips may be used only behind the saddle and excessive whipping or spurring will drop placing one ribbon group. Unnecessary roughness or discourtesy will be cause for dismissal from further competition in the show.

9. Halter and Western Showmanship classes: Exhibitors should not move or handle horses in any manner except by halter and lead strap. Ponies and horses being exhibited in halter or conformation classes must be owned by the 4-Her or FFA member. Entries will be judged on conformation type, quality, and way of going with attention to the type of conformation and associated expectation in the case of classes not divided by type and in the case of classes with separate sections for age. In the judging hunter type halter horses, movement must be considered and suitable for purpose.

**Transmissible weakness and/or unsoundness are to be counted strongly against the horse.**

10. An exhibitor may have a substitute show a horse at halter only if he/she should have more than one horse in a halter class - helper must be a current Union County 4-H or FFA member.

11. Classes will be provided for Foals & Yearlings, 2 & 3 Year Olds, and 4 Year Olds and older. Foals shall be born between January 1 and June 30 of the current year; Yearlings between January 1 and December 31 of the previous year; 2-year-olds and older between January 1 and December 31 of the year of their birth.

12. Foals that are going to be exhibited should be trained with this in mind prior to county fair. An adult or older current Union County 4-H or FFA member may assist younger 4-Hers in exhibiting a foal if necessary.

13. The only stallions eligible to be shown are weanling stud colts. Stallions born in previous years may not be shown.

14. All horses being exhibited must be broke to tie. Box stalls will be guaranteed only for mares with foals.

\*The Union County Fair Horse Barn currently has 54 box stalls and 1 tie stall\*

**15. If you compete in Novice Rider Walk/Trot you are NOT allowed to compete in any other mounted/riding classes. You CAN, however, compete in Halter and Western Showmanship classes.**

**16.** Exhibitors will be able to exhibit in the class as they have time that day between 11:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. or from the time Halter and Western Showmanship classes end until the end of the Ranch Riding (pattern) classes.

**17.** Western Showmanship and Western Horsemanship classes will be treated like any other Horse class. Exhibitor will compete in age division and will be able to compete every year regardless of previous placings in past years.

**18.** An individual horse may only be shown in either a Pleasure class or in Ranch Horse Pleasure (H-11), not in both.

**19.** Health Procedures: The Union County Horse Committee suggests that good health procedures be followed in preparing horses for the county fair. Vaccination recommendations are as follows:

Minimum: 4 Way vaccine (Eastern and Western Encephalitis, Influenza, Tetanus)\*Recommended: 5 Way vaccine (Eastern and Western Encephalitis, Influenza, Tetanus, and Rhino pneumonitis (Rhino)

A health inspection of each horse will be conducted by the Union County Horse Committee at check-in time.

The Union County Fair vet will be on hand to make any final decisions.

**20.** Horses will not be dismissed until Wednesday, July 25th from 8:00 -11:00 AM

#### **Iowa 4-H Program- Horse Helmet Policy**

All 4-H and FFA related horse events across the state of Iowa require exhibitors to wear properly fitted ASTM/SEI approved protective headgear with harness and chin strap. The protective headgear must be secured when mounted, riding and driving. **EVERY TIME, EVERY RIDE**

All 4-Hers and FFA members are required to wear approved ASTM/SEI horse helmets at all times during all 4-H and FFA related events. Examples include, but are not limited to: county workshops, specific 4-H classes in open horse shows, practices, trail rides, drill teams, fairs, parades, etc. **EVERY TIME, EVERY RIDE**

**Exhibitors in 4-H and FFA related mounted events will be eliminated if helmets are not worn.**

Parents and volunteer adult leaders are strongly encouraged to support Iowa's 4-H Program Horse Helmet Policy and make an effort in being a role model and wear protective headgear **EVERY TIME, EVERY RIDE.**

## **Halter & Western Showmanship Classes**

### **Ponies Halter**

**(under 14.1 hands or 57")**

**—All Ages—**

80101 Mare

80102 Geldings

\*Champion and Reserve (purples) will return for Grand Champion

Halter Pony Class

**Grand Champion Halter Pony**

**Reserve Grand Champion Halter Pony**

### **Horse Halter**

80201 Foal & Yearlings

80202 2 & 3 Year Olds

80203 4-9 Year Old –Mares

80204 4-9 Year Old –Geldings

80205 10 Year Old & Older-Mares

80206 10 Year Old & Older-Geldings

\*Champion & Reserve will return for Grand Champion Halter Horse class

**Grand Champion Halter Horse**

**Reserve Grand Champion Halter Horse**

### **Western Showmanship**

80301 Senior

80302 Intermediate

80303 Junior

80304 Elite

\*Top two overall scores for each age group will receive awards. Overall Senior Showman will receive a belt buckle.

## **Performance Classes**

### **Trail**

80401 Senior

80402 Intermediate

80403 Junior

\*Top two overall scores receive Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion

**Grand Champion Trail**

**Reserve Grand Champion Trail**

**English Pleasure**

**80404 Junior**

**80405 Intermediate**

**80406 Senior**

\*Champion and Reserve (purples) will return for Grand Champion English Pleasure class

**Grand Champion English Pleasure**

**Reserve Grand Champion English Pleasure**

**English Equitation**

**80407 Senior**

**80408 Intermediate**

**80409 Junior**

\*Top two scores receive Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion

**Grand Champion English Equitation**

**Reserve Grand Champion English Equitation**

**80410 Novice Rider Walk/Trot**

—All Divisions—

**\*See Rule # 15\***

**Champion Novice Rider Walk/Trot**

**Reserve Champion Novice Rider Walk/Trot**

**80411 2 & 3 Year Old Pleasure**

—All Divisions—

**Champion 2 & 3 Year Old Pleasure**

**Reserve Grand Champion 2 & 3 Year Old Pleasure**

*\*Champion & Reserve Champion from the 2 & 3 Year Old Pleasure class will be allowed to choose which Grand Champion class to advance into; either Grand Champion Western Pleasure or Grand Champion Ranch Horse Pleasure (not both).*

*Exhibitors are responsible for informing Horse Show announcer and clerk of their Grand Champion class choice immediately upon completion of the 2 & 3 Year Old Pleasure class\**

**80412 Pony Pleasure**

**(Under 14.1 hands or 57")**

—All Divisions—

**Champion Pony Pleasure**

**Reserve Champion Pony Pleasure**

*\*Champion and Reserve Champion from the Pony Pleasure class will be allowed to choose which Grand Champion Class to advance into; either Champion Western Pleasure or Champion Ranch Horse Pleasure (not both).*

*Exhibitors are responsible for informing Horse Show announcer and clerk of their Grand Champion class choice immediately upon completion of the 2 & 3 Year Old Pleasure class\**

**Western Pleasure**

**80413 Junior**

**80414 Intermediate**

**80415 Senior**

\*Champion and Reserve (purples) will return for Grand Champion Western Pleasure class

**Grand Champion Western Pleasure**

**Reserve Grand Champion Western Pleasure**

**Ranch Horse Pleasure**

**80416 Junior**

**80417 Intermediate**

**80418 Senior**

\*Champion and Reserve (purples) will return for Grand Champion Ranch Horse Pleasure class

**Grand Champion Ranch Horse Pleasure**

**Reserve Grand Champion Ranch Horse Pleasure**

**Western Horsemanship**

**80419 Senior**

**80420 Intermediate**

**80421 Junior**

\*Top two overall scores receive Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion

**Grand Champion Western Horsemanship**

**Reserve Grand Champion Western Horsemanship**

**Ranch Riding (pattern)**

**80422 Senior**

**80423 Intermediate**

**80424 Junior**

\*Top two overall scores receive Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion

**Grand Champion Ranch Riding**

**Reserve Grand Champion Ranch Riding**

**Speed Events**

**Flag Race**

(In Rodeo Arena following Trail)

**80501 Junior**

**80502 Intermediate**

**80503 Senior**

\*Top two fastest times overall receive Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion

**Grand Champion Flag Race**

**Reserve Grand Champion Flag Race**

### **Pole Bending**

**80504 Junior**

**80505 Intermediate**

**80506 Senior**

\*Top two fastest times overall receive Grand Champion & Reserve  
Grand Champion

**Grand Champion Pole Bending**

**Reserve Grand Champion Pole Bending**

### **Cloverleaf Barrel**

**80507 Junior**

**80508 Intermediate**

**80509 Senior**

\*Top two fastest times overall receive Grand Champion & Reserve  
Grand Champion

**Grand Champion Cloverleaf Barrels**

**Reserve Grand Champion Cloverleaf Barrels**

## **High Point Horse and Rider Combination**

Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions

ALL classes will be scored for High Point Horse and Rider Combination.

Point system is as follows:

5 points- Champion with a purple

4 points- Reserve Champion with a purple

3 points- Purple ribbon

2 point- Blue

1 points- Red/White

2 points will be awarded to a class champion receiving a blue ribbon  
and 1 point to a class reserve champion receiving a blue ribbon

1 point will be awarded to a class champion receiving a red ribbon and

0 points will be awarded to a class reserve champion receiving a red  
ribbon.

No points will be awarded for winning Grand Champion and Reserve  
Grand Champion. (Combined Junior, Intermediate, Senior classes).

High Point awards will be awarded to the Champions and Reserve  
Champions of each age division: Junior, Intermediate, Senior.