

4-H HORSE AND PONY DEPARTMENT

4-H Horse Team

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(Superintendents' Office is located in the N.E. corner of Horse Barn)

SCHEDULE:

Monday, August 5

3:00 p.m. Horses may arrive  
4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Check-in for all classes  
6:30 p.m. Horses must be in  
7:30 p.m. Exhibitor Meeting - Jacobson Exhibition Center

Tuesday, August 6

10:00 a.m. Jacobson Exhibition Center  
Ranch Horse Conformation  
Ranch Horse Walk/Trot  
Ranch Rail Pleasure  
Poles  
Barrels  
Flag Race (modified pattern)

10:00 a.m. Livestock Pavilion  
Halter - Pony Mares  
Halter - Pony Geldings  
Halter - Mares  
Halter - Geldings  
Ranch Pony Rail Pleasure  
Pony Western Walk/Trot  
Pony Western Pleasure  
Trail

Wednesday, August 7

9:00 a.m. Jacobson Exhibition Center  
5-8 Showmanship  
5-8 English Walk/Trot  
Pony English Walk/Trot  
5-8 Hunter Under Saddle  
Pony Hunter Under Saddle  
5-8 Hunt Seat Equitation  
*Break*  
5-8 Horsemanship

9:00 a.m. Outdoor Arena  
9-12 Showmanship  
9-10 English Walk/Trot  
11-12 English Walk/Trot  
9-12 Hunter Under Saddle  
9-12 Hunt Seat Equitation  
9-12 Horsemanship

Thursday, August 8

9:00 a.m. Jacobson Exhibition Center  
Western Walk/Trot  
Western Pleasure - starting with 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**Release Schedule:** All horses are released immediately after they have completed their last class.  
All horses must be out of their stalls by 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 8.

**ENTRY DEADLINE - JULY 1 through FairEntry (4hOnline)**

**RULES**

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations, 4-H General Rules and Regulations and 4-H Livestock Rules and Regulations apply in this department.
2. An **entry fee of \$5** must be paid by exhibitor for each class entered, with a maximum of SIX classes. All classes count, including Halter, Showmanship, Trail, Pole Bending and Barrels. \* **ONLY ONE ENTRY PER EXHIBITOR PER CLASS** \*
3. **Stall Fees - \$25 per horse** - maximum of three horses per exhibitor. Exhibitors may have to clean stall upon arrival and must clean stall before departure. **All stalls must be cleaned of all bedding, manure and other waste before departing Fairgrounds or premiums will be forfeited.** Bedding is not provided, but can be purchased upon arrival. Place refuse in designated areas. Bring own equipment. Exhibitors should limit the amount of feed and bedding, as storage and/or tack space may not be available. No padlocks are allowed on horse stalls.
4. Class listing shown is not necessarily the show order and the Show Officials reserve the right to change or adjust the show order as needs dictate.
5. 4-H siblings may identify the same horse(s) whether owned or leased in 4hOnline by May 15th. Each horse must be identified under each 4-H member and photos uploaded into 4hOnline with each horse's ID under each 4-H member. 4-H'ers may enter the same horse in State Fair classes under more than one 4-H member; **however, each horse can only enter and exhibit in a discipline ONE time.** Disciplines are the following: Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Ranch Rail Pleasure, Ranch Horse Conformation, Ranch Horse Walk/Trot, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, English Walk/Trot, Western Walk/Trot, Pole Bending, Barrel Racing, Flags, Trail and Halter.
6. **Limitations:**
  - a. Ages of horse or pony will be based on January 1, not actual age.
  - b. No stallions will be entered or shown.
  - c. Each exhibitor may enter a maximum of three horses. Only one entry per exhibitor per class. **Entries are based upon grade completed.**

- d. Each horse is limited to one halter or conformation class. Halter/conformation class horses must be owned by the 4-H member and cannot be leased.
  - e. An individual horse or pony may not enter the same class.
  - f. Horses may be any breed or combination of breeds 14.1 hands and over. Any equine under 14.1 hands will be considered a pony. Ponies that are shod shall have ½" deducted from height. POA cards and/or registration papers will be accepted. These must be presented at check-in.
  - g. At all times, every horse should be treated in a humane, respectful, dignified and compassionate manner. The Henneke Body Condition Score will be used as the method to determine the body condition of the horse. The body condition of horses or degree of fat cover of horses is a good indicator of their general health. Horses exhibiting a score of 1-3 will not be allowed to be shown and must be removed immediately from the Fairgrounds. The Show Superintendent and the Iowa State Fair Veterinarian will make the final determination.
  - h. 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.
  - i. No riding allowed in the barns.
  - j. Any horse that is unmanageable (bucks, kicks, rears, runs off) will be excused from the ring. If after three attempts, the horse/pony will still not enter the ring, the horse/pony and rider will be excused from the class.
  - k. Show officials reserve the right to split large classes and/or combine classes with small entries at their discretion.
7. **STALL ASSIGNMENTS:** Stalls will be pre-assigned by the Superintendent. If numbers allow, tack stalls will be assigned.
8. **CHECK-IN PROCEDURES:**
- a. Exhibitors are to report to Jacobson Exhibition Center at designated check-in times and bring their horse.
  - b. Exhibitors must bring their completed drug affidavit and stamped health papers to the Horse Barn Office where they will receive their t-shirt and exhibitor numbers.
9. **EXHIBITOR APPAREL:**
- a. Exhibitor numbers are to be worn on the exhibitor's back only in halter/showmanship classes. In performance classes, including timed events, exhibitors' numbers are to be worn on both sides of the saddle pad.
  - b. All exhibitors in halter, showmanship and in-hand classes are required to wear a western hat or approved helmet.
  - c. All 4-H youth participating in any riding classes must wear American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM) and Safety Engineering Institute (SEI) approved headgear with chin strap and properly fitted harness while mounted and riding, including warm up. Every Time-Every Ride. No caps, hats or scarfs will be allowed to be worn under the helmet. Iowa State Fair and Iowa State University make no representation or warranty, express or implied, about any protective headgear and caution 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 unforeseeable injuries.
  - d. English attire - Hunt Seat: ASTM/SEI approved helmets with fastened chin straps are required at all times while mounted. Clothing must be clean, neat and appropriate for hunter classes. Riders must wear coats, boots and breeches. Clean shirts with stock and pin or ratcatcher and choker preferred. The coat should be any tweed or melton (conservative wash jackets in season) acceptable for hunting. Breeches must 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 unrowelled type, gloves, crops or bats are optional. The 4-H armband or chevron is mandatory and the armband MUST be worn on the upper left arm.
  - e. Western attire: Clothing must be neat and clean. Riders shall wear ASTM/SEI approved helmets and boots. A 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), sheer or lace fabric, contrast piping, embellishments, bling of any kind, including but not limited to sequins, rhinestones, chains, etc. Shirts must be tucked in. A necktie, kerchief or bolo tie are permitted, but not required. Sleeveless shirts or blouses, turtleneck sweaters, sweater vests, etc. are not permitted. Pants must be BLUE JEANS and a belt under the loops is required. The 4-H armband or chevron is mandatory and the armband MUST be worn on the upper left arm. Hair must be neat and securely fastened if long, so as not to cover the rider's number.
  - f. Shorts are prohibited to be worn by exhibitors while mounted on a horse.
  - g. **Penalties** - Exhibitors who violate the dress code will be dropped one ribbon group. In the interest of safety when you are mounted, you must wear a helmet, boots, long pants and appropriate attire and the horse must be properly tacked. This includes in the warm-up arena. Any dispute will result in disqualification from your classes.
10. **RANCH HORSE CONFORMATION:**
- a. In ranch horse conformation classes, horses are to be shown in a good working halter; rope, braided, nylon or plain leather. No silver or lead chains will be allowed on halters. Any silver on halters or use of lead chains will result in an automatic disqualification. Brass name plates and embroidered halters will be allowed.
  - b. Splint boots, leg wraps or bandages are prohibited in ranch horse conformation classes.
  - c. The horse should be clean and brushed. It is recommended that a horse be shown as naturally as possible.
11. **TIMED EVENT CLASSES:**
- a. Attire: Exactly like judged classes, except a belt is optional.
  - b. An ASTM/SEI approved helmet is MANDATORY. See rule 9b. Safety gear is strongly recommended for timed events.
  - c. Equipment: TIMED EVENTS ONLY!  
Western-type equipment must be used. The use of a mechanical hackamore, gag bit or other type of bridle is the exhibitor's choice. Exhibitors may use tie-downs. However, the nosepiece of the hackamore and tie-downs should be leather or a flexible braided rawhide, or a rubber covered wire. Uncovered wires and wire chains will result in disqualifications. Any bleeding on the nose, under the jaw, or in the mouth will disqualify the horse.
  - d. Ball caps are prohibited.
  - e. No exhibitor may be tied, buckled or fastened in the saddle in any manner or by any means.
  - f. In timed events, a running start is NOT permitted. 4-H'ers may not start their run until the gate is closed behind them. A horse must cross the starting line within 15 seconds after the starting signal. After entering the arena, the contestant must start straight or no more than one circle can be performed before starting. Violation of any of these rules will penalize the contestant five seconds for each violation.
  - g. Horses completing a run must be brought to a full stop in the area between the entry gate and time line prior to the exhibitor dismounting. Failure to do so with any part of the horse recrossing the time line between or outside the time line markers shall result in a broken pattern and "no time" given.
  - h. Any attempt to right a barrel or pole will result in a 5-second penalty for each one.

12. **JUDGING PROCEDURES:**

- a. The classes in this department will be judged based on scoring procedures listed in 4-H-511-C "Rules and Regulations for 4-H Equine Shows in Iowa" (Revised). This guide is available online or will be available at Horse Barn Office at a cost of \$10.00. Should the 4-H 511-C publication rules conflict with either this Iowa State Fair Premium Book Section or the exhibitor letter, the latter two documents will govern.
  - b. Trail class will include five to eight of the obstacles listed in 4-H-511-C plus additional obstacles or work the judge may request. Trail course will be posted prior to show time.
  - c. Tack and Equipment check - This guide will also be used as the guide by show officials for checking ALL TACK, including bits and chin straps. Exhibitors may be asked to drop bits or may be required to remove tack to allow closer inspection by show officials prior to entering the ring or by the judge in the ring. Exhibitors are urged to check tack and equipment with designated show officials well in advance of classes if they have questions. Judges' decision on tack and equipment is final.
  - d. Patterns - The Show Judge shall determine pattern for any Horsemanship or Equitation patterns (if used) and these will be posted prior to class time.
  - e. In all mounted classes, exhibitors shall enter the arena mounted at a walk. Exhibitors in timed classes shall dismount before leaving the ring. Violators will be assessed a 5-second penalty in speed events and be dropped one ribbon group in all other classes.
  - f. Dismounting in the ring before the judge has turned in his/her card will result in disqualification, unless directed by the judge or ring steward, with the exception of game classes.
13. Only 4-H exhibitors can warm-up or ride 4-H horses before, during and after the 4-H Horse Show at the Iowa State Fair. Trainers and parents will NOT be allowed to warm-up or ride the 4-H exhibit horse. NO coaching is allowed from the rail; exhibitors may be disqualified from classes at the judge's discretion. Riding is permitted in the following designated areas only: Jacobson Exhibition Center, Outdoor Arena, Livestock Pavilion, practice arenas, to and from the Livestock Pavilion and to and from the Outdoor Arena. Riding horses is not allowed on sidewalks, in barns, beyond the Livestock Pavilion and the remainder of the Fairgrounds.
14. **EXHIBITOR CONDUCT:** Contestants shall act **professionally** at all times. Unnecessary roughness or discourtesy will dismiss the exhibitor from further competition for the entire show. Good sportsmanship shall prevail. Courtesy is mandatory. No abuse of horses will be tolerated. Each exhibitor must keep horse under control or be excused from ring.
15. **CHEMICAL TESTING:** 1) No drugs or medications of any kind may be administered except by the order of the Official State Fair Veterinarian; 2) Such medications will be used at label rates, unless otherwise noted by the Official State Fair Veterinarian; 3) All medications must be listed on the Horse Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement; 4) All 4-H Horses will be subject to chemical testing and analysis of saliva, urine, blood or other excretions to determine whether a substance or drug has been induced or whether a substance or drug has been introduced to interfere with the testing procedures. Positive tests will result in forfeiture of ribbons and premiums and may result in banning from future participation. A re-test may be done at the exhibitor's expense. Information on this re-test policy is on file in the State Fair Manager's Office; 5) Class numbers will be drawn randomly for testing.
16. **PREMIUMS AND RIBBONS:** Each entry will receive a ribbon (purple, blue, red or white) in each class. Monetary premiums will be paid to the top three entries in each class. Premiums paid will be \$15, 10, 5.
17. 4-H'ers requiring special needs or adaptations must contact the State 4-H Office by July 15 so that accommodations may be considered.

**ALL CLASSES ARE BASED ON GRADE COMPLETED.**

A horse may only exhibit in a class one time. Horses identified under siblings may show in different classes with the same horse. 4-H'ers may enter the same horse in State Fair classes under more than one 4-H member; however, each horse can only enter and exhibit in a discipline ONE time. Disciplines are the following: Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Ranch Rail Pleasure, Ranch Horse Conformation, Ranch Horse Walk/Trot, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, English Walk/Trot, Western Walk/Trot, Pole Bending, Barrel Racing, Flags, Trail and Halter.

**SHOWMANSHIP**

Exhibitors may enter **ONLY ONE** Showmanship Class.

**CLASS**

- Horse Showmanship - Exhibitor grade 5
- Horse Showmanship - Exhibitor grade 6
- Horse Showmanship - Exhibitor grade 7
- Horse Showmanship - Exhibitor grade 8
- **Horse Showmanship Junior Exhibitor Championship**
- Horse Showmanship - Exhibitor grade 9
- Horse Showmanship - Exhibitor grade 10
- Horse Showmanship - Exhibitor grade 11
- Horse Showmanship - Exhibitor grade 12
- **Horse Showmanship Senior Exhibitor Championship**

**PLEASURE, EQUITATION AND WALK/TROT**

**CLASS**

- Pony Hunter Under Saddle - all grades (Championship)
- Ranch Pony Rail Pleasure - all grades (Championship)
- Pony Western Pleasure - all grades (Championship)
- Hunter Under Saddle (Horse only) - Exhibitor grades 5-6
- Hunter Under Saddle (Horse only) - Exhibitor grades 7-8
- **Hunter Under Saddle Junior Champion**
- Hunter Under Saddle (Horse only) - Exhibitor grades 9-10
- Hunter Under Saddle (Horse only) - Exhibitor grades 11-12
- **Hunter Under Saddle Senior Champion**
- Hunt Seat Equitation (Horse or Pony) - Exhibitor grades 5-6
- Hunt Seat Equitation (Horse or Pony) - Exhibitor grades 7-8
- **Hunt Seat Equitation Junior Champion**

- Hunt Seat Equitation (Horse or Pony) - Exhibitor grades 9-10
- Hunt Seat Equitation (Horse or Pony) - Exhibitor grades 11-12

**Hunt Seat Equitation Senior Champion**

(Each horse is eligible for only one (1) Pleasure class; for example, if a horse enters Ranch Horse Pleasure, it cannot also enter Western Pleasure)

- Ranch Rail Pleasure (Horse only) - Exhibitor grades 5-6
- Ranch Rail Pleasure (Horse only) - Exhibitor grades 7-8

**Ranch Rail Pleasure Junior Championship**

- Ranch Rail Pleasure (Horse only) - Exhibitor grades 9-10
- Ranch Rail Pleasure (Horse only) - Exhibitor grades 11-12

**Ranch Rail Pleasure Senior Championship**

- Western Pleasure (Horse only) - Exhibitor grade 5
- Western Pleasure (Horse only) - Exhibitor grade 6
- Western Pleasure (Horse only) - Exhibitor grade 7
- Western Pleasure (Horse only) - Exhibitor grade 8

**Western Pleasure Junior Exhibitor Championship**

- Western Pleasure (Horse only) - Exhibitor grade 9
- Western Pleasure (Horse only) - Exhibitor grade 10
- Western Pleasure (Horse only) - Exhibitor grade 11
- Western Pleasure (Horse only) - Exhibitor grade 12

**Western Pleasure Senior Exhibitor Championship**

- Western Horsemanship (Horse or Pony) - Exhibitor grade 5
- Western Horsemanship (Horse or Pony) - Exhibitor grade 6
- Western Horsemanship (Horse or Pony) - Exhibitor grade 7
- Western Horsemanship (Horse or Pony) - Exhibitor grade 8

**Western Horsemanship Junior Exhibitor Championship**

- Western Horsemanship (Horse or Pony) - Exhibitor grade 9
- Western Horsemanship (Horse or Pony) - Exhibitor grade 10
- Western Horsemanship (Horse or Pony) - Exhibitor grade 11
- Western Horsemanship (Horse or Pony) - Exhibitor grade 12

**Western Horsemanship Senior Exhibitor Championship**

- English Walk/Trot (Horse only) - Exhibitor grades 5-6
- English Walk/Trot (Horse only) - Exhibitor grades 7-8

**English Walk/Trot Junior Exhibitor Championship**

- English Walk/Trot (Horse only) - Exhibitor grades 9-10
- English Walk/Trot (Horse only) - Exhibitor grades 11-12

**English Walk/Trot Senior Exhibitor Championship**

- Ranch Horse Walk/Trot (Horse only) - Exhibitor grades 5-6
- Ranch Horse Walk/Trot (Horse only) - Exhibitor grades 7-8

**Ranch Horse Walk/Trot Junior Exhibitor Championship**

- Ranch Horse Walk/Trot (Horse only) - Exhibitor grades 9-10
- Ranch Horse Walk/Trot (Horse only) - Exhibitor grades 11-12

**Ranch Horse Walk/Trot Senior Exhibitor Championship**

- Western Walk/Trot (Horse only) - Exhibitor grade 5
- Western Walk/Trot (Horse only) - Exhibitor grade 6
- Western Walk/Trot (Horse only) - Exhibitor grade 7
- Western Walk/Trot (Horse only) - Exhibitor grade 8

**Western Walk/Trot Junior Exhibitor Championship**

- Western Walk/Trot (Horse only) - Exhibitor grade 9
- Western Walk/Trot (Horse only) - Exhibitor grade 10
- Western Walk/Trot (Horse only) - Exhibitor grade 11
- Western Walk/Trot (Horse only) - Exhibitor grade 12

**Western Walk/Trot Senior Exhibitor Championship**

- Pony English Walk/Trot - all ages (Championship)
- Pony Western Walk/Trot - all ages (Championship)

**TIMED EVENTS**

**CLASS**

- Pole Bending - Exhibitor grades 5-6
- Pole Bending - Exhibitor grades 7-9
- Pole Bending - Exhibitor grades 10-12

**Pole Bending Championship**

- Barrel Racing - Exhibitor grades 5-6
- Barrel Racing - Exhibitor grades 7-9
- Barrel Racing - Exhibitor grades 10-12

**Barrel Racing Championship**

- Flags - Exhibitor grades 5-6
- Flags - Exhibitor grades 7-9
- Flags - Exhibitor grades 10-12

**Flag Racing Championship**

TRAIL

CLASS

- Trail - Exhibitor grades 5-6
- Trail - Exhibitor grade 7
- Trail - Exhibitor grade 8
- **Trail Junior Exhibitor Championship**
- Trail - Exhibitor grade 9
- Trail - Exhibitor grade 10
- Trail - Exhibitor grade 11
- Trail - Exhibitor grade 12
- **Trail Senior Exhibitor Championship**

HALTER

CLASS

\*Horse can only show in one halter/conformation class

- Ranch Horse Conformation Mares - Horses 3-7 years
- Ranch Horse Conformation Mares - Horses 8 years and over
- **Ranch Horse Conformation Mare Championship**
- Ranch Horse Conformation Geldings - Horses 3-7 years
- Ranch Horse Conformation Geldings - Horses 8 years and over
- **Ranch Horse Conformation Geldings Championship**
- Halter Mares - Horses 3-7 years
- Halter Mares - Horses 8 years and over
- **Halter Mare Championship**
- Halter Geldings - Horses 3-7 years
- Halter Geldings - Horses 8 years and over
- **Halter Gelding Championship**
- Ranch Halter Mares - Horses 3-7 years
- Ranch Halter Mares - Horses 8 years and over
- **Ranch Halter Mare Championship**
- Ranch Halter Geldings - Horses 3-7 years
- Ranch Halter Geldings - Horses 8 years and over
- **Ranch Halter Gelding Championship**
- Halter Pony Mares (Championship)
- Halter Pony Geldings (Championship)