

**FFA HORSE DEPARTMENT**

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**SCHEDULE**

**Monday, August 7**

3:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Horses may arrive (West end of Sheep Barn)

**Tuesday, August 8**

2:00 p.m. Horses must be in  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Check In (exhibitor must be present)  
5:00 p.m. Exhibitor Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Horse Show - Division 1 (Outdoor Arena)

**Wednesday, August 9**

8:00 a.m. Exhibitor Meeting  
9:00 a.m. Horse Show - Division 2, 3, 4 [except class 23] (Jacobson Exhibition Center)

**Thursday, August 10**

11:00 a.m. Exhibitor Meeting  
Following 4-H Horse Show - Division 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 4 [class 23] (Jacobson Exhibition Center)  
(approx. 1:00 p.m.)

**Release Schedule:** All horses are released immediately after they have completed their last class.  
All horses must be out of their stalls by 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 10.

If you have questions, please contact the Iowa State Fair Entry Department at 515-262-3111 ext. 246 or [ffa@iowastatefair.org](mailto:ffa@iowastatefair.org).

**DEPARTMENT RULES**

1. General rules, regulations and health requirements listed on the Iowa State Fair website and in the FFA section apply in this department, with special emphasis on the following sections: Member Eligibility, Supervision and Lodging, Good Conduct Policy, Medication and Drug Testing, and Showing and Fitting Ethics.
2. **Nominations must be submitted online on or before May 15.** Exhibitors may nominate a maximum of six horses; up to **two of which may be leased, one if a light breed horse or two if a draft team.**
3. FFA horses and ponies must be owned **or leased** by the FFA exhibitor by the nomination due date. Ownership and lease agreement must be maintained from the nomination date through the exhibition date of the Iowa State Fair. A copy of the lease agreement (signed by the leaser and lessee) must be sent to the State Fair Office. **Three color photographs (front view and both side views) along with the Iowa State Fair Horse Identification Form must be sent to the State Fair Office.** Pictures, identification forms and lease agreements must be updated yearly and sent to the State Fair Office on or before May 15. They will NOT be kept on file. No late nominations will be accepted.
4. **Entries must be submitted online on or before July 1.** The entry fee is \$15 per horse plus \$5 per class. Each exhibitor may show no more than four animals (may pre-enter five) except a mare and foal, which is considered one entry. The fourth animal must be a 1, 2 or 3 year old.
5. The exhibitor must have contributed to at least 50% of animal's training, verified by the FFA Advisor. This requirement applies to both owned and leased horses.
6. A horse or pony can only be shown in **one halter class**. Showing and Division Champions are not considered.
7. A horse or pony can only be shown in one western pleasure class plus bareback pleasure and western equitation.
8. An exhibitor may compete on only one horse per riding event (example: can run only one horse in barrel racing).
9. No stallions beyond 12 months of age can be shown in this department.
10. Any horse or pony age 2-5 may be ridden in all performance classes with a snaffle bit or bosal and two hands on reins.
11. The age of animals shall be based on January 1 of the year the animal was born.
12. A pony is defined as any equine under 14.1 hands, a horse is any equine 14.1 hands and over (14.1 hands equals 57 inches).
13. Broodmare is defined as having foaled in current year.
14. Showing is the ability to show at halter. Equitation is the exhibitor's riding ability.
15. All entries must be confirmed with FFA Supervisor prior to show.
16. After entries close, a letter will be posted on the Iowa State Fair website with details about State Fair arrival, gate to use, unloading procedures, trailer parking, arrival time and stalling.
17. The contact person for the Cowgirl Queen contest is Mary Moorman. Questions should be directed to her at 515-961-4925. Entries for the Cowgirl Queen Contest and the Open Horse Show will be handled through the Iowa State Fair Horse Department.
18. Health papers (must be stamped by State Fair Veterinarian) will be checked at the stalls from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 8. Members should plan to be near their stalls during this time.
19. There will be an exhibitors' meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 8; 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 9 and 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 10.
20. All the FFA horses will be assigned box stalls in the west end of the Sheep Barn. **Exhibitors will NOT be permitted to work out of their trailers on the Iowa State Fairgrounds.** Horses must be in assigned stalls.
21. **Stall cards must be used for each stall.**
22. Horses must be stalled as assigned unless written permission is granted by the FFA Horse Supervisor.
23. Aisles **must** be kept clean until horses are released. Carts will be available to haul manure to a designated area.
24. All stalls must be cleaned by moving the straw or bedding to proper disposal area before horses are released. Failure to comply is cause to hold premiums.
25. Horse trailers shall be parked in a designated area off the State Fairgrounds.
26. The FFA Supervisor has the right to combine any class or classes with less than five entries.
27. The AQHA Rule Book will prevail over the Horse Show Rules except for printed FFA Horse Show Rules and those that are breed specific.
28. Only immediate family, FFA advisor and fellow active Iowa FFA chapter members may assist with fitting. Exhibitors who hire professionals shall not qualify for showing awards. Family members include and are limited to: parent/legal guardian, brother, sister or step-siblings.

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29. Only FFA exhibitors can warm-up or ride FFA horses before, during and after the FFA Horse Show at the Iowa State Fair. Trainers and parents will NOT be allowed to warm-up or ride the FFA exhibit horse.
30. All decisions of the Judges, Superintendents and Supervisors are final.
31. Exhibitors are to wear Official FFA Jackets with the FFA Armband or white long-sleeve shirt/blouse with FFA Armband. **Armbands will be available for purchase at the Fair.** Western exhibitors shall wear western style hats and boots. Western exhibitors may choose to wear a helmet without penalty. Exhibitors shall wear solid dark black or dark blue jeans or slacks. No other special attire shall be worn (including chaps). Exhibitors in Saddle and Hunt Seat Riding Classes are to wear attire appropriate for season and Saddle and Hunt Seat Classes. T-shirts will not be allowed for any speed events. At no time will attire be considered except to coincide with rules listed here and cleanliness. T-shirts will be given to FFA exhibitors.
32. **All FFA participants in classes Barrel Racing, Flag Race and Pole Bending 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.** The Iowa State Fair makes 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.
33. All FFA horses will be subject to random 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, trophies, plaques and premiums and may result in banning from future participation.
34. **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 \$20, 15, 10.
35. Exhibitors may be disqualified and all premiums withheld for unnecessary roughness or poor sportsmanship.
36. Classes to receive plaques: Division Champions (Western, Draft, Other Breeds, Mule and Pony); Showing; Draft Showing; English and Western Equitation; High Point Exhibitor; High Point Equestrian Team; additional awards may be announced on show day.
37. **Only purple and blue ribbon winners can be named Champion of a show/division/class.**
38. All horses will be excused after showing and must be out of area by 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 10. (Horses in the Parade of Champions must be out following the Parade.) Failure to comply will result in loss of premiums and banning from exhibiting next year.

### SPEED EVENTS - DIVISION 1

#### CLASS

- 1 Barrel Racing
- 2 Flag Race
- 3 Pole Bending

### DRAFT BREEDS - DIVISION 2

#### CLASS

- 4 Foals (any draft breed)
- 5 1, 2 and 3 year olds (any draft breed)
- 6 Aged Horses (any draft breed)
- 7 Broodmares (any draft breed)
- 8 Division Champion/Reserve Champion (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> from all classes in Division 2)

### DRAFT SHOWMANSHIP - DIVISION 3

#### CLASS

- 9 Draft Showmanship

### PERFORMANCE - DIVISION 4

#### CLASS

- 10 English Walk/Trot (horse may be entered in other Western or English Pleasure classes)
- 11 Western Walk/Trot (horse may be entered in other Western or English Pleasure classes)
- 12 Pony Western Pleasure (under 14.1 hands)
- 13 Draft Horse Single Pleasure Driving
- 14 Light Horse/Pony Pleasure Driving (all horses not eligible for Classes 11-12; ponies under 14.1 hands)
- 15 English Pleasure
- 16 English Equitation
- 17 Heavy Hitch Draft Team
- 18 2/3 Year Old Junior Horse Western Pleasure (horses/ponies 2 and 3 years old)
- 19 4/5 Year Old Junior Horse Western Pleasure (horses/ponies 4 and 5 years old)
- 20 Senior Western Pleasure (horses 6 years and older: 14.1 hands and over)
- 21 Western Equitation
- 22 Bareback Pleasure
- 23 Trail
- 24 Ranch Horse Pleasure (any age or size)
- 25 Reining
- 26 Western Riding

### PONY BREEDS - DIVISION 5

#### CLASS

- 27 Foals (any pony breed)
- 28 1, 2 and 3 year olds (any pony breed)
- 29 Small Aged Ponies (under 52 inches)
- 30 Large Aged Ponies (52 inches up to 14.1 hands)
- 31 Broodmares (any pony breed)
- 32 Division Champion/Reserve Champion (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> from all classes in Division 5)

**MULE - DIVISION 6**

**CLASS**

- 33 Foals
- 34 1, 2 and 3 year olds
- 35 Aged Mules
- 36 Division Champion/Reserve Champion (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> from all classes in Division 6)

**OTHER LIGHT HORSE BREEDS - DIVISION 7**

Horses not normally shown in western equipment.

**CLASS**

- 37 Foals (any other breed)
- 38 1, 2 and 3 year olds (any other breed)
- 39 Aged Horses (any other breed)
- 40 Broodmares (any other breed)
- 41 Division Champion/Reserve Champion (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> from all classes in Division 7)

**WESTERN-TYPE HORSES - DIVISION 8**

Horses normally shown in western equipment: Quarter Horse, Appaloosa, Paints, etc.

**CLASS**

- 42 Foals (any western breed)
- 43 1 year olds (any western breed)
- 44 2 year olds (any western breed)
- 45 3 year olds (any western breed)
- 46 Aged Mares (any western breed)
- 47 Broodmares (any western breed)
- 48 Aged Geldings (any western breed)
- 49 Division Champion/Reserve Champion (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> from all classes in Division 8)

**SHOWING - DIVISION 9**

**CLASS**

- 50 Showmanship - The class must be entered on the entry form. This is a class to illustrate the exhibitor's ability to fit, groom and show a horse or pony at halter. Only owners of the animals exhibited are eligible to compete for and receive showing awards. No leased horses may show in this class.

Ribbons only - Ribbons will be awarded designating 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place. Ribbons for other awards will be marked "Honorable Mention".

Gold Showing Group - Ribbons and FFA Belt Buckles (belt buckles will not be presented to previous winners).

**HIGH POINT AWARDS**

No entry form or entry fee required.

High Point Awards will be determined using class placing 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>.

High Point Exhibitor - Exhibitor earning the most points in two or more classes.

Reserve High Point Exhibitor - Runner up to the High Point Exhibitor.