

2022 Van Buren Youth Fair (VBYF) Horse and Pony Rules

Fair Registration

The information in this document will apply to all stalled and all haul-in equines unless otherwise noted.

Equine registration forms must be received by the Extension Office by May 1st. All VBYF Fair entry forms and Jumping Consent forms must be received at the Extension Office and/or the Fair Office by June 15th.

Each exhibitor must attend one approved educational class to be eligible to show at the fair.

Each exhibitor may register up to two (2) in-hand equines that are 38" or under and two (2) riding equines. An exhibitor who chooses to bring two (2) riding equines must show each in a different showmanship and equitation/horsemanship class. If equines qualify for the same champion class, the exhibitor will have to choose which will be shown in the class. Dual equines can enter individual pattern classes to include: all In Hand Classes (except for Miniature Horse Driving and Showmanship), Gymkhana Speed Classes, Western Pattern, Dressage, Western Dressage, and Trail.

Order of go may be amended to accommodate equine/exhibitors. An equine/exhibitor combination may go in one English and one Western showmanship class that they are otherwise eligible to enter.

An exhibitor with a mare and foal must choose which he/she will show. A stallion may be exhibited only during the year in which it is foaled. As a safety factor, proof of gelding may be requested by the superintendent.

A limit of two exhibitors sharing a horse is permitted, as long as it does not conflict with classes. Both exhibitors may enter individually run classes and request changes in the order of go.

Any youth not affiliated with an organized 4-H club or FFA chapter by April 1 of this year or any youth 6-8 years of age will be considered an Open exhibitor. Open and FFA exhibitors are not eligible for State Show or High Point/Sportsmanship 4-H trophies/awards; they are eligible for the Class Awards, some Special Memorial Awards and the High Point In-Hand Award, Junior and Senior High Point Awards. Trophy guidelines later in these rules note which trophies/awards are for 4-H only.

Van Buren Youth Fair Horse Committee

The VB Youth Fair Horse Committee was formed as a sub-committee to the VB County Fair Board to organize and manage the horse show during fair week. The members are appointed by the fair board and meetings are the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Usually there are no meetings in December and January. Meetings may not be monthly and those falling on a school holiday may be moved to another date. Location and time will be posted on the 'Horse Committee Van Buren County' Facebook group.

Rule changes must be brought to the Van Buren Youth Fair Board for review. Recommendations for rule changes will be submitted to the Fair Board by November 1st for approval for the change to be effective at the next fair.

The VB Youth Fair Horse Committee rules and guidelines may be obtained by contacting any VB County horse leader, the VB County Youth Fair's website (<http://www.vanburenyouthfair.com/>) or the 'Horse Committee Van Buren County' Facebook group.

Fair Rules

All equines must have a negative EIA Coggins test that is valid through fair week and must provide a copy to be filed at the fair board office. All copies of Coggins should be submitted along with your emergency card on or before the horse complex set-up/clean-up which is scheduled the Thursday before fair at 6:00 p.m. The absolute latest that the Coggins will be accepted is at check-in on Sunday.

The Fair Book Rules (<http://www.vanburenyouthfair.com/>), VBYF Horse and Pony Rules, and MSU 4-H Horse and Pony Project Show Rules and Regulations

(https://www.canr.msu.edu/uploads/resources/pdfs/2016horsebk-tall-4x9_2016-04-06v2_web.pdf), and MSU Miniature Horse Rules Book

(https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/uploads/files/Miniature-Horse-Rule-BookFinal2019.pdf?fbclid=Iw) will be the rules followed for the fair. The show or barn superintendent or horse committee chairman reserve the right to modify certain classes. These rules supersede all previous rules. VBYF rules revised 2022.

The 4-H Driving Manual (https://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource000825_Rep860.pdf) is recommended for questions concerning driving.

The Code of Conduct from the Fair Board will be enforced. Unsportsmanlike conduct, unfavorable attitude and other objectionable behavior of exhibitors may result in the loss of all points, State Show selection, class awards, and/or media attention. The judge and/or horse show superintendent will have the option to have the exhibitor removed for the day. Available Executive Members of the Horse Committee, Fair Board Representatives, and Directors of Fair Board will meet to decide if the exhibitor should be removed for the rest of the fair week. The exhibitor has the option to attend this meeting. Time and place of meeting will be announced.

Cruelty to any horse or pony, including the use of illegal tack, by an exhibitor will be handled as stated for unsportsmanlike conduct. Cruelty to any horse or pony inflicted by any other individual should be addressed to the Barn Superintendent or Horse Representative of the Fair Board. This may result in this individual's removal from the Horse Complex.

All exhibitors will be assigned a show day to volunteer alongside other equine exhibitors, examples of these tasks are setting up patterns, opening gates, and handing out ribbons/awards. These assignments will be announced.

Entrance/Release

All stalled equines shall be entered and stabled on Sunday between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. They are to remain on exhibit until the following Sunday at 6:00 a.m. If any stalled equine leaves the fairgrounds before the official release time without Fair Board approval or if haul-in arrival and departure times are violated, the earned equine premium money, all trophies, awards, and/or state show privileges may be denied the exhibitor.

It is preferred that all haul-in equines be vet checked the Sunday of fair week between 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Equine State health papers issued from a licensed Veterinarian can be used in place of the vet check, this method is not recommended but will be accepted. Equine State health certificates must be valid during fair week. Equine State health certificates should be submitted before or at the Thursday set-up/clean up meeting. If a health state certificate is being used in place of the preferred vet check and a pony and/or miniature horse is being exhibited the licensed veterinarian needs to write the actual height as part of the equine description. If this is not included and our Horse and Pony Rules indicate that your equine needs to be measured, it must be done during the scheduled vet check-in times. Permanent breed measuring cards are not accepted.

Haul-in exhibitors arrival times are between 90 minutes (1 ½ hours) and 30 minutes before start time of show. (Not earlier and not later respectively). Departure times are up to 90 minutes after the show ends. (Not later). Once you arrive on the grounds with your equine(s) and trailer for the day, you are not allowed to remove your (equines) and trailer from the grounds to leave and return upon the same day. Arrival times are as follows:

Monday- Ground Driving or Miniature Horse Driving Class. Arrival time between 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Monday Gymkhana Day 1- arrival time between 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday- English Day, Wednesday- Western Day, Thursday- Gymkhana Day #2, and Friday- Versatility, Trail, Pattern Class, and Costume Class - arrival times between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

All haul-ins must park in the designated trailer parking area assigned by the fair board. This designated area will be disclosed at the Thursday set-up/clean-up meeting. All haul-in equines must be tied securely to their trailers and exhibitors must show their equines from their trailers as stalls will not be available.

Meetings

All exhibitors are encouraged to attend the working set-up meeting during the week prior to the fair. During this meeting, exhibitors are asked to turn in a copy of their current Coggins and Emergency card for all equines showing at the fair.

Senior rides will be on Sunday at 4:00 p.m. followed by a social gathering. Please let the show superintendent know by check-in (or sooner) if you intend to do a Senior ride. On the Saturday of Fair Week, the Awards Meeting will be held at 12:00 p.m. and may be included in the fun show.

Clothing

All helmets should meet the specifications of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), be manufactured and distributed by a participant in the certification program of the Safety Equipment Institute (SEI) and bear the SEI certification label (SEI F1163 or above). The exhibitor (or his or her parent or legal guardian if the exhibitor is a minor) – not the local show officials or judge – is solely responsible for complying with the headgear rule. Show officials reserve the right to spot-check helmets at any time to verify compliance with this rule. In the event that a rider is discovered to have not met these specifications, they will not be allowed to ride until they have a correct helmet. (MSU 4-H Horse and Pony Guidelines)

When mounted, a helmet with the strap fastened must be worn by: 1) Lead Line, Pee Wee, and HRH exhibitors, 2) exhibitors in Saddle Seat/Hunt Seat/Jumping disciplines, and 3) exhibitors in speed classes.

Appropriate clothing will be worn by exhibitors while at the horse complex. No strapless tops or skin exposure from chest to mid-thigh for males and females.

In the horse complex, exhibitors riding or handling their horse, including when they are in the stalls, must be wearing boots.

Sanitation

The Michigan Department of Agriculture Health and Sanitation requirements must be met by all equine exhibitors. Please refer to the Health Regulations located in the back of the current year's Fair Book.

Each exhibitor is responsible for cleaning up any manure deposit left by his/her animal. This rule applies to all areas of the horse complex including the wash rack area, areas around the barns and trailers, including haul-in trailers. Manure must be cleaned up around the spreaders at all times. Please: No twine in the spreaders—Thank you! Wheelbarrows should not be left (empty or full) by the spreaders or between the barns.

Exhibitors must help clean barns during fair week.

All exhibitors are encouraged to attend the cleanup at the fairgrounds the first Tuesday after the fair at 6:00 P.M.

Barns

Do not damage or deface any structures or plantings on the fairgrounds. No nails or screws allowed into the supporting wood (6" X 6" of the barn.)

A bulletin board (suggested 2' X 3') should be furnished by each 4-H club to be used in the horse barns during fair week.

No equine, tack, or feed is allowed in the aisle-way of the barns. The aisle ways must be passable at all times for safety purposes and to allow fairgoers comfort while viewing exhibits. Any obstacles, such as chairs, should be placed on the same side of the aisle.

Equines are to be led and walked at all times near the barns.

No equines are allowed in the middle barn where the stalls have been removed.

The wash rack and the horse trailers are the only places that an exhibitor may tie their equines.

Water barrels (painted red) are located at each horse shelter and are to be used for fire safety purposes only. 4-H leaders are requested to check them periodically during the week to make certain they are full of water and free from debris.

Equines

Exhibitors whose animal is creating a biting or kicking problem may be asked to voluntarily take their animal(s) home. Premiums earned will be paid. Fair Board decision will be final.

A leader and/or exhibitor may request a change of equine for health or safety reasons first to the Horse Committee and then the Horse Committee will recommend to the Fair Board. A veterinarian's certificate may be required for a health-related change of a horse or pony. Exhibitors will not receive points or be eligible for sweepstakes with their replacement equine.

Exercising/Riding Areas

Exercise time will be from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily as space allows. No horses out of the barns after 10:00 p.m.

Pee Wee, Walk/Trot, In-Hand, and HRH exhibitors, with permission, may use the North arena for exercise providing they have adult supervision. Please avoid riding on the grass.

Lunging may only be done between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. in the designated areas. Under normal circumstances only the exhibitor may lunge his/her own animal. Pee Wees must be supervised.

No practicing gymkhana during regular exercise hours. Barn superintendents will announce a time to practice gymkhana.

When mounted, the exhibitor must remain straddling the equine and facing forward. No riding double or bareback except in costume class or Fun Show.

No equines are allowed between the arenas.

All exhibitors and or representatives must remain within the horse complex at all times while equines are tied to trailers. Equines shall be watched and cared for at all times.

All exhibitors, including haul-ins, are only allowed to work and ride their equines in the approved areas. Parking lots and drives/roadways are not approved areas. Exhibitors shall remain unmounted in these areas.

Haul-in exhibitors will have access to the horse complex wash racks, riding arenas, manure disposal areas, and water hydrants.

No one other than the exhibitor may ride their equines during fair week; the exceptions to this rule would be a Posse horse (Horse Committee shall be notified at or by the May Horse Committee meeting) and groom's class at the fun show.

Classes

Class corrections should be made by Monday of fair week by noon. Classes are not to be added but the superintendent will do their best to help you with any class problem. Check 'Horse Committee Van Buren County' group on Facebook for helpful suggestions on how to sign up for fair classes.

Classes of over 18 participants will be split at fair for safety.

Classes that do not receive any points are: Lead Line, Walk/Trot, HRH, Ground Driving, Costume, and Versatility.

A lead line is required in Lead Line classes with the exhibitor wearing a helmet.

Exhibitors age 10 to 19 are eligible to show in Walk/Trot classes. This exhibitor/equine combination: 1) may only ride walk/trot, 2) will not receive any points, 3) may not enter any championship classes, and 4) may only show in Walk/Trot, Ground Driving, and Costume classes. A different exhibitor/equine combination may enter lope/canter classes.

HRH competitors: 1) may only ride walk/trot, 2) will not receive any points, 3) may not enter any championship classes, 4) may only show a riding equine in HRH, Ground Driving, and Costume classes, 5) must wear helmets when mounted, and 6) may show a miniature horse.

Pee Wee competitors: 1) may only ride walk/trot, 2) may not enter any championship classes, 3) may only show a riding equine in Pee Wee, Ground Driving, and Costume classes, 5) must wear helmets when mounted, and may show a miniature horse.

All championship classes are optional. Lead Line, Peewee, HRH, and Walk/Trot may not go in any championship classes.

Dressage exhibitors may choose their entry level. You must ride in hunt seat or dressage appointments for English Dressage and Western appointments for Western Dressage. See MSU 4-H Horse and Pony Guidelines for full appointments.

Gymkhana classes are designed for the speed exhibitor who wishes to compete for the 4-H High-Point Gymkhana Trophy. The exhibitor must be registered in the Gymkhana Division and show in Gymkhana Showmanship, Gymkhana Horsemanship and Gymkhana Pleasure to be in contention for this trophy. All points in the 3 Gymkhana classes and all speed classes will count towards this trophy. Gymkhana exhibitors may compete for any high point trophies/awards for which they are otherwise eligible;

In-Hand equines must be 38" or under. In-hand classes are shown in a halter and lead except for Miniature Horse Driving. Classes offered will be Ground Driving, Costume, Showmanship, Trail, Jumping, Barrels and Poles (regular size pattern), and Miniature Horse Driving. Baiting to encourage an animal to perform one of the obstacles is a disqualification. Miniature horse driving exhibitors 6-9 year of age or HRH must have an adult passenger accompany them in the cart. Exhibitors 10-19 years of age may choose to have an adult accompany them in the cart. All youth drivers will need a header (16+ years) to enter the arena with them. Adult passengers must be in proper show attire. The miniature horse driving class will be based on 50% equitation and 50% pleasure.

Jumping exhibitors must be 10-19 years of age and have a signed Jumping Release Form from a parent and leader or qualified instructor (excluding In-Hand Jumping). This form states that the horse and exhibitor have either been seen jumping safely by the leader or had previous schooling in jumping. Exhibitors with an approved horse change may still enter jumping classes with the approved paperwork.

Versatility will consist of one of each of the following classes: English, Western, and a Gymkhana speed class. Each class will carry equal weight in determining the overall placements. In case of tie, the Gymkhana placing will be used. The judge will place each class and the show superintendent, or their appointee will then determine overall placement using the point system.

Divisions/Categories/Class Sign Up

Choose a Category for each exhibitor/equine combination. Each Category lists the classes that can be entered.

You may enter two equines in any of the four English/Western Riding Division Categories by entering the Category twice and choosing English Showmanship, English Equitation, and English Pleasure for one; then Western Showmanship, Western Horsemanship, and Western Pleasure for the other.

You must provide the equine's name for each category.

Use this guide when you sign up.

WALK/TROT DIVISION CATEGORIES

Lead Line---6 to 8 years old / accompanied by adult holding a lead line / walk/trot

Pee Wee---6 to 9 years old / ride by self / walk/trot

HRH---6-26 years old / differently abled / ride by self or led / walk/trot

Walk/Trot---10 to 19 years old / walk/trot

MINIATURE HORSE DIVISION CATEGORIES

In Hand---6 to 19 years old (or up to 26 if HRH) / miniature equine only

GYMKHANA DIVISION CATEGORIES

JR Gymkhana Pony---10 to 14 years old / for the speed equine / equine ≤ 56" / all gaits

SR Gymkhana Pony---15 to 19 years old / for the speed equine / equine ≤ 56" / all gaits

JR Gymkhana Horse---10 to 14 years old / for the speed equine / equine ≥ 56" or registered horse breed / all gaits

SR Gymkhana Horse---15 to 19 years old / for the speed equine / equine ≥ 56" or registered horse breed / all gaits

ENGLISH AND/OR WESTERN RIDING DIVISION CATEGORIES

JR English/Western Riding Pony---10 to 14 years old / equine ≤ 56" / all gaits

SR English/Western Riding Pony---15 to 19 years old / equine ≤ 56" / all gaits

JR English/Western Riding Horse---10 to 14 years old / equine ≥ 56" or registered horse breed / all gaits

SR English/Western Riding Horse---15 to 19 years old / equine ≥ 56" or registered horse breed / all gaits

WALK/TROT DIVISION

Lead Line

490---Ground Driving

531---Lead Line Showmanship

543---Lead Line Equitation/Horsemanship

547---Lead Line Pleasure

593---Costume

*must enter 531 & 543

Pee Wee

490---Ground Driving

493---Pee Wee Speed and Action

498---Pee Wee Keyhole

502 – Pee Wee English Showmanship

509---Pee Wee English Equitation

518---Pee Wee English Pleasure

533---Pee Wee Western Showmanship

545---Pee Wee Western Horsemanship

549---Pee Wee Western Pleasure

569---Pee Wee Poles

575---Pee Wee Barrels

580---Pee Wee Flags

587---Pee Wee Trail

593---Costume

*must enter 502 or 533 & 509 or 545

can enter all 4

HRH

490---Ground Driving

492---HRH Speed and Action

497---HRH Keyhole

532---HRH Showmanship

544---HRH Equitation/Horsemanship

548---HRH Pleasure

568---HRH Poles

574---HRH Barrels

579---Flags

586---HRH Trail

593---Costume

*must enter 532 & 544

Walk/Trot

490---Ground Driving

494---Walk/Trot Speed and Action

499---Walk/Trot Keyhole

510---Walk/Trot English Equitation

519---Walk/Trot English Pleasure

534---Walk/Trot Showmanship

546---Walk/Trot Western Horsemanship

550---Walk/Trot Western Pleasure

570---Walk/Trot Poles

576---Walk/Trot Barrels

581---Walk/Trot Flags

588---Walk/Trot Trail

593---Costume

*must enter 534 & 510 or 546

can enter all 3

MINIATURE HORSE DIVISION

In-Hand

- 490---Ground Driving
- 491---Miniature Horse Driving
- 505---In-Hand Jumping
- 530---In-Hand Showmanship
- 567---In-Hand Poles
- 573---In-Hand Barrels
- 589---In-Hand Trail
- 593---Costume

*must enter 505 & 530 (Except 2nd mini)

GYMKHANA DIVISION

JR Gymkhana Pony

- 490---Ground Driving
- 495---JR Speed and Action
- 500---JR Keyhole
- 503---JR English Showmanship
- 506---Equitation Over Fences
- 507---Hunter Over Fences
- 511---Pony English Equitation
- 520---Pony English Pleasure
- 527---Dressage Training Level Test 1
- 528---Dressage Training Level Test 3
- 529---Western Dressage
- 540---Gymkhana Showmanship
- 556---Gymkhana Western Horsemanship
- 564---Gymkhana Western Pleasure
- 571---JR Poles
- 577---JR Barrels
- 582---JR Flags
- 584---JR Versatility
- 590---JR Trail
- 592---Western Pattern
- 593---Costume

*must enter 540, 556, 564

Select either 527 or 528

SR Gymkhana Pony

- 490---Ground Driving
- 496---SR Speed and Action
- 501---SR Keyhole
- 504---SR English Showmanship
- 506---Equitation Over Fences
- 507---Hunter Over Fences
- 511---Pony English Equitation
- 520---Pony English Pleasure
- 527---Dressage Training Level Test 1
- 528---Dressage Training Level Test 3
- 529---Western Dressage
- 540---Gymkhana Showmanship
- 556---Gymkhana Western Horsemanship
- 564---Gymkhana Western Pleasure
- 572---SR Poles
- 578---SR Barrels
- 583---SR Flags
- 585---SR Versatility
- 591---SR Trail
- 592---Western Pattern
- 593---Costume

*must enter 540, 556, 564

Select either 527 or 528

JR Gymkhana Horse

490---Ground Driving
495---JR Speed and Action
500---JR Keyhole
503---JR English Showmanship
506---Equitation Over Fences
507---Hunter Over Fences
513---JR English Equitation
522---JR English Pleasure
527---Dressage Training Level Test 1
528---Dressage Training Level Test 3
529---Western Dressage
540---Gymkhana Showmanship
556---Gymkhana Western Horsemanship
564---Gymkhana Western Pleasure
571---JR Poles
577---JR Barrels
582---JR Flags
584---JR Versatility
590---JR Trail
592---Western Pattern
593---Costume
*must enter 540, 556, 564
Select either 527 or 528

SR Gymkhana Horse

490---Ground Driving
496---SR Speed and Action
501---SR Keyhole
504---SR English Showmanship
506---Equitation Over Fences
507---Hunter Over Fences
515---SR English Equitation
524---SR English Pleasure
527---Dressage Training Level Test 1
528---Dressage Training Level Test 3
529---Western Dressage
540---Gymkhana Showmanship
556---Gymkhana Western Horsemanship
564---Gymkhana Western Pleasure
572---SR Poles
578---SR Barrels
583---SR Flags
585---SR Versatility
591---SR Trail
592---Western Pattern
593---Costume
*must enter 540, 556, 564
Select either 527 or 528

ENGLISH / WESTERN RIDING DIVISION CATEGORIES

JR Riding Pony

490---Ground Driving
495---JR Speed and Action
500---JR Keyhole
503---JR English Showmanship
506---Equitation Over Fences
507---Hunter Over Fences
511---Pony English Equitation
520---Pony English Pleasure
527---Dressage Training Level Test 1
528---Dressage Training Level Test 3
529---Western Dressage
535---Pony Western Showmanship
551---Pony Western Horsemanship
559---Pony Western Pleasure
571---JR Poles
577---JR Barrels
582---JR Flags
584---JR Versatility
590---JR Trail
592---Western Pattern
593---Costume
*must enter 503 or 535 & 511 or 551,
can enter all 4
Select either 527 or 528

SR Riding Pony

490---Ground Driving
496---SR Speed and Action
501---SR Keyhole
504---SR English Showmanship
506---Equitation Over Fences
507---Hunter Over Fences
511---Pony English Equitation
520---Pony English Pleasure
527---Dressage Training Level Test 1
528---Dressage Training Level Test 3
529---Western Dressage
535---Pony Western Showmanship
551---Pony Western Horsemanship
559---Pony Western Pleasure
572---SR Poles
578---SR Barrels
583---SR Flags
585---SR Versatility
591---SR Trail
592---Western Pattern
593---Costume
*must enter 504 or 535 and 511 or 551,
can enter all 4
Select either 527 or 528

JR Riding Horse

490---Ground Driving
 495---JR Speed and Action
 500---JR Keyhole
 503---JR English Showmanship
 506---Equitation Over Fences
 507---Hunter Over Fences
 513---JR English Equitation
 522---JR English Pleasure
 527---Dressage Training Level Test 1
 528---Dressage Training Level Test 3
 529---Western Dressage
 537---JR Western Showmanship
 553---JR Western Horsemanship
 561---JR Western Pleasure
 571---JR Poles
 577---JR Barrels
 582---JR Flags
 584---JR Versatility
 590---JR Trail
 592---Western Pattern
 593---Costume
 *must enter 503 537 & 513 or 553
 can enter all 4
 Select either 527 or 528

SR Riding Horse

490---Ground Driving
 496---SR Speed and Action
 501---SR Keyhole
 504---SR English Showmanship
 506---Equitation Over Fences
 507---Hunter Over Fences
 515---SR English Equitation
 524---SR English Pleasure
 527---Dressage Training Level Test 1
 528---Dressage Training Level Test 3
 529---Western Dressage
 539---SR Western Showmanship
 555---SR Western Horsemanship
 563---SR Western Pleasure
 572---SR Poles
 578---SR Barrels
 583---SR Flags
 585---SR Versatility
 591---SR Trail
 592---Western Pattern
 593---Costume
 *must enter 504 or 539 and 515 or 555
 can enter all 4
 Select either 527 or 528

Point System

PLACE	POINTS BY NUMBER (#) IN CLASS:									
	10+	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
1 ST	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
2 ND	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
3 RD	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
4 TH	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
5 TH	6	5	4	3	2	1				
6 TH	5	4	3	2	1					

For example: If a class has 10 or more exhibitors first place would get 10 points, second would get 9, sixth would get 5. If a class has 8 exhibitors first place would get 8 points, second – 7 points, and sixth – 3 points. If a class has 3 exhibitors first place would get 3 points and third – 1 point

Showing

Placings are 1st through 6th. Ribbons will be awarded 1st through 5th. Refer to the Fair Book for further explanation.

Judges may not judge more than two years in a row regardless of the day.

Adults are to lead in Lead Line Class.

All horse shows will run rain or shine. In the event of lightning or thunder, there will be a delay of 30 minutes after the last observance of either.

It is the exhibitor's responsibility to be at his/her classes on time. Once the gate is closed he/she may not be able to enter the class.

Order of go for the pattern classes will be announced.

All exhibitors and their equines should be in the make-up area for the mandatory inspection 30 minutes prior to the start of speed classes. Appointments shall not be changed after the inspection is complete. All questions will be addressed with the Judge or Official through the show committee. The Judge or Official's decision is final. The order of go will be announced.

The Western Pattern class will rotate with Green Western Riding Pattern #3 in odd years and Reining #2 in even years. Patterns for Western Riding, Reining and Gymkhana classes are in the current State 4-H Horse and Pony Project Show Rules and Regulations book. Use Western Tack and Attire.

Trophies/Awards

As a courtesy, any individual receiving a trophy will be asked to fill out a thank you note upon receiving their trophy.

All Revolving 4-H Trophies must be returned to the April/May Horse Council meeting. All other High Point Revolving Trophies must be returned to the April/May Horse committee meeting.

High Point trophies are based on calculated points per exhibitor/equine. An exhibitor showing two equines may not combine total points. Each exhibitor/equine combo earns their separate points.

All championship class points are included.

In the case of a tie the highest points in this order will be used to break the tie: 1) Showmanship 2) Horsemanship/Equitation 3) Pleasure 4) Showmanship Championship. An exception is that Versatility uses the highest Gymkhana points as a tie breaker.

4-H Trophies/Awards

To be eligible to compete for 4-H high point trophies, an exhibitor must belong to a 4-H club and be showing as a 4-H member at the fair. In the event that any of these trophies are retired the Horse Committee intends to replace them with an award that may be earned by 4-H, FFA, or Open exhibitors.

- 4-H High Point Revolving All Around Horse Trophy

The total points that the 4-H exhibitor/riding horse combination earns will count toward this award. (No points in Versatility, Costume and Ground Driving.)

- 4-H High Point Revolving Gymkhana Trophy

The 4-H exhibitor/riding horse or pony combination must show in Gymkhana Showmanship, Gymkhana Horsemanship and Gymkhana Pleasure to be in contention for this trophy. Points from these 3 classes, their championships, and all speed classes will count towards this award.

- 4-H High Point Revolving English Horse Trophy

All points accumulated by the 4-H exhibitor/riding horse combination are from English Showmanship and English day classes (except Western Dressage) and their Championships.

- 4-H High Point Revolving Western Horse Trophy

All points accumulated by the 4-H exhibitor/riding horse combination are from Western Showmanship, Western day classes, Western Dressage, and Western Pattern and their Championships.

- 4-H High Point Revolving English Pony Trophy

All points accumulated by the 4-H exhibitor/riding pony combination are from English Showmanship and English day classes (except Western Dressage) and their Championships.

- Jessica Branch Memorial Sportsmanship Award

Each 4-H club nominates one 4-H exhibitor and submits the name to the show superintendent by Friday at noon. All nominated 4-H exhibitors will receive a rosette.

Other Memorial and High Point Trophies/Awards

These trophies are available to both 4-H and Open exhibitors.

- Abbey Baker Memorial Revolving High Point Western Pony Trophy

All points earned by the exhibitor/riding pony combination in Pony Western Showmanship, Pony Western Horsemanship, Pony Western Pleasure, Western Dressage, Western Pattern Class and their Championships.

- Stephanie Tucker Memorial Revolving Pee Wee Trophy

All points earned by a Pee Wee/riding horse or pony combination will count toward this trophy.

- Afton Newton Memorial All Round Pony Revolving Trophy

The total points that the exhibitor/riding pony combination earned will count toward this trophy.

- In-Hand High Point Award

All points earned by an exhibitor/miniature horse combination for In Hand Division Classes will count towards this trophy/award. The minimum requirements are showmanship and jumping.

- Junior High Point Award

All points earned by a Junior (10-14) exhibitor/equine combo

- Senior High Point Award

All points earned by a Senior (15-19) exhibitor/equine combo

Junior and Senior Showmanship Sweepstakes

The Junior and Senior Champion Showmen (4-H, FFA, and Open) will be eligible to compete in the Large Animal Sweepstakes. Information is in the Fair Book and the exhibitors will be given more information from the Show Superintendent. If you would like to offer your horse or pony for use during the sweepstakes, please contact the show superintendent by Wednesday at noon. You would then be asked to prepare your horse and to work with the sweepstakes contestants.

CLASSES THAT COUNT FOR EACH HIGH POINT TROPHY

High Point All Around Horse Trophy 4-H Revolving

- All Showmanship & their champion classes
- All Jumping classes & All Dressage classes
- All Equitation/Horsemanship & champion classes
- All Pleasure & championship classes
- All Speed classes
- Trail classes & Western Pattern class

points earned by a 4-H exhibitor/horse combo

Junior High Point Award Open

- All Showmanship & champion classes
- All Jumping & All Dressage classes
- All Equitation/Horsemanship & champion classes
- All Pleasure & champion classes
- All Speed & Trail classes
- All In-Hand & Western Pattern classes

points earned by a Junior (10-14) exhibitor/equine combo

High Point Gymkhana Trophy Revolving 4-H

- Gymkhana Showmanship & Champion classes
- Gymkhana Horsemanship & Champion classes
- Gymkhana Pleasure & Champion classes
- All speed classes

Must enter 1, 2, & 3 above and be showing 4-H

High Point Western Horse Trophy Revolving 4H

- All Western/Gymkhana Showmanship & champion classes
- All Western/Gymkhana Horsemanship & champion classes
- All Western/Gymkhana Pleasure & champion classes
- Western Pattern & Western Dressage

Points earned by a 4-H exhibitor/riding horse combo

Stephanie Tucker Memorial Pee Wee Trophy Open

- All Pee Wee Classes

Afton Newton Memorial High Point Pony Trophy Open

- All Showmanship & their champion classes
- All Jumping classes & All Dressage classes
- All Equitation/Horsemanship & champion classes
- All Pleasure & their championship classes
- All speed classes
- Trail classes & Western Pattern class

Points earned by exhibitor/riding pony combo

Senior High Point Award Open

- All Showmanship & champion classes
- All Jumping & All Dressage classes
- All Equitation/Horsemanship & champion classes
- All Pleasure & champion classes
- All speed & Trail classes
- All In-Hand & Western Pattern class

points earned by a Senior (15-19) exhibitor/equine combo

High Point In-Hand Award Not Revolving open

- All In-Hand classes

Must enter primary mini in Showmanship and Jumping

High Point English Pony Trophy Revolving 4-H

- English Showmanship & Champion classes
- Jumping classes
- English Equitation & Champion classes
- English Pleasure & Champion classes
- English Dressage classes

Points earned by a 4-H exhibitor/riding pony combo

Abby Baker Memorial High Point Western Pony Trophy Revolving open

- All Western/Gymkhana Showmanship & champion classes
- All Western/ Gymkhana Horsemanship & champion classes
- All Western/Gymkhana Pleasure & champion classes
- Western Pattern & Western Dressage

Points earned by a 4-H exhibitor/riding pony combo