

2026 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.

All Horse Registration Forms must be received by May 1st. Completed forms can be emailed to forms.vbyf@gmail.com by 11:59 p.m. on May 1 or mailed and received or dropped off to the fairgrounds by 7 p.m. on May 1.

ALL CLASSES MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED BY JUNE 15. All registration forms must be completed online. Go to the Van Buren Youth Fair website: www.vanburenyouthfair.com.

Each exhibitor must attend YQCA 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. An exhibitor must enter a showmanship, 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 Discipline Rail, Ranch Riding, Dressage, Western Dressage, Jumping 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. Exhibitors sharing a miniature horse within the same age division is approved.

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 last Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Usually there are no meetings in July, 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 change recommendations must be brought to the Van Buren Horse Committee for review. Recommendations for rule changes will be submitted by the Horse Committee to the Fair Board by **October 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

A negative EIA (Coggins) test that is valid through fair week should be presented to the check-in veterinarian prior to admission to the fairgrounds. An additional copy of this Coggins along with your digital Emergency Card must also be provided, preferably at the pre-Thursday fair set-up meeting. No equine will be admitted unless their Coggins copy is provided no later than check-in. 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/cleanup 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.

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, MSU Miniature Horse Rules Book https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_horse_pony_project_show_rules_regulations and Ranch information found in the MSU 4-H Horse and Pony Rules refer to : 2022–2023 American Ranch Horse Association Rule Book (<https://www.americanranchhorse.net/forms.asp>) and the “Ranch Riding” section of the AQHA website (<https://www.aqha.com/ranch-riding1>) 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 2026.

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. All equines will be stabled until the following Sunday. Equines can leave the horse complex starting **Sunday, July 26- 12:01 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.** It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to have the stall tack stall and appropriate complex cleaned by 9:00 a.m. Sunday. 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. If the exhibitor fails to clean their stall by the specified time on Sunday, a fine of \$100 will be assessed to the exhibitor and the ability to show at the fair in the future may be denied.

Originally approved by the Fair Board on Monday, June 3, 2024. In order to accommodate the concerns of the Horse committee for the safety of the horses and exhibitors, the Fair Board will permit horses who are inclined to be upset by the fireworks to be trailered home on Friday between 1:00pm – 3:00pm or 30 minutes after the end of the last class on Friday’s show schedule, whichever is later. Exhibitors must register horses on or by the Thursday prior to fair (set-up/clean-up day) to be able to remove them on Friday. [2026 Equine Fireworks Early Release Form](#)

Horses remaining in the barns may be administered veterinarian approved calming medication on Friday before the fireworks display. The removal of a horse/pony option is not to be used as a general early dismissal from fair, this option is to be used solely for those equines in which you know cannot handle the fireworks show. Once the horse/pony is taken home, it cannot be brought back to the fair. Removal of the horse/pony for safety concerns ONLY will not lose points or award for early dismissal. Stalls need to be cleaned and approved by the Barn Superintendent.

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- 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m., Discipline Rail, Ranch Riding, Ground Driving and Miniature Horse Driving, Versatility, and Trail

Tuesday- 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. English Day

Wednesday- 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Western Day

Thursday- 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Gymkhana Day

Friday- arrival time- 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.- Rain Make up Day, Fun Show

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.

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.)

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/Equine Fair Change Requests

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. The 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.

No unregistered horse changes will be accepted after the Thursday setup meeting prior to fair.

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 provided they have adult supervision.

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

All exhibitors must participate in a showmanship class; and all equines over 3 years of age must show in an equitation/horsemanship class. In-Hand jumping meets the equitation/horsemanship requirement for In-Hand exhibitors. Consequences for missing either class will be loss of premium, no further classes may be entered, and the equine must remain until 12:01 am Sunday with proper care and exercise. We will do our best to work with you if there is a conflict due to showing other species.

Class corrections should be made by Sunday of fair week by 6:00 PM, unless otherwise approved by the show Superintendent. Classes are not to be added but the superintendent will do their best to help you with any class problem. Check the 'Horse Committee Van Buren County' group on Facebook for helpful suggestions on how to sign up for fair classes.

Classes will be split at the discretion of the Horse Committee.

Split classes will not receive ribbons

The top 4 exhibitors from each split will compete in a run-off class where they will be placed and ribbons will be awarded.

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

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

Exhibitors ages 9 to 19 are eligible to show in Walk/Trot classes. This exhibitor/equine combination: 1) may only ride walk/trot, 2) will receive points towards HP walk-trot 3) may only enter champion showmanship classes, not eligible for championship riding classes, and 4) may only show in Walk/Trot, Ground Driving, English Showmanship (show in age division since a W/T English showmanship class is not offered) 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.

Exhibitors ages 6-8 are eligible to show as Pee Wee competitors. This exhibitor/equine combination: 1) may only ride walk/trot, 2) 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. 3) May enter pee wee western classes in either western and/or ranch attire/tack.

All championship classes are optional. Exhibitors who place 1st through 4th are eligible for Championship classes. Lead Line, Peewee, and HRH may not go in any championship classes. Walk/Trot is not eligible for any championship riding classes, they are eligible for champion showmanship only.

Dressage exhibitors may enter Suitability To Become A Dressage Horse and Training Level Test One. 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.

Ranch classes are designed for the horse that has a free-flowing stride of reasonable length in keeping with its conformation and covering a reasonable amount of ground as if the horse and rider were traveling to do a ranch task in a timely fashion. The horse should not be a runaway. Ideally, the horse should have a balanced, flowing motion while exhibiting correct gaits with proper cadence and rhythm. The quality of movement and consistency of gaits are major considerations. To be in contention for the High-Point Ranch Trophy points for Ranch Showmanship, Ranch Horsemanship, Ranch Pleasure, their respective Championship Classes, Trail, and Ranch Riding will count towards this award. The Ranch Division is more favorable to the "Gymkhana" equine/exhibitor; therefore, the Ranch classes will fill the requirement that an exhibitor must

enter showmanship and horsemanship and or equitation class in order to show at the fair. Gymkhana exhibitors will show in Ranch Showmanship, Ranch Horsemanship and Ranch Pleasure.

APPOINTMENTS OF THE RANCH HORSE—Polished hoofs, banded manes, and trimmed ears are discouraged, though meeting this guideline may be difficult or impossible, depending on show schedules. Trimming the bridle path, fetlocks, and excessive or long facial hair is allowed. Braided tails and tail extensions are prohibited. Equipment with silver should not count over a good working rig. Excessive silver on bridles and saddles is discouraged. It is suggested that rigs include a breast collar and a rear cinch.

To be in contention for the 4-H High-Point Gymkhana Trophy points for speed classes will only count towards this trophy. Gymkhana and Ranch exhibitors may compete for any high point trophies/awards for which they are otherwise eligible. Ranch exhibitors are not eligible to compete in Western Discipline Rail.

Trail classes can be rode in English, Western or Ranch attire/tack.

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 6-8 years of age or HRH must have an adult passenger accompany them in the cart. Exhibitors 9-19 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. In-Hand Junior and Senior exhibitors are eligible for Championship Showmanship classes- If an exhibitor wins two showmanship classes in different divisions, they have to choose which equine they will be showing in the Showmanship Championship class.

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 (Western/Ranch)--6 to 8 years old / ride by self / walk/trot

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

Walk/Trot Jr- 9-14 years old

Walk/Trot Sr- 15-19 years old

MINIATURE HORSE DIVISION CATEGORIES

IN HAND PEE WEE- 6-8 year old / miniature equine only

IN HAND JR — 9 to 14 years old / miniature equine only

IN HAND SR — 15 to 19 years old (or up to 26 if HRH) / miniature equine only

RANCH DIVISION CATEGORIES

JR Ranch Horse---9 to 14 years old / for the speed equine

SR Ranch Horse---15 to 19 years old / for the speed equine

*****Exhibitors in this category are not able to enter Western Discipline Rail*****

GYMKHANA DIVISION CATEGORIES- HRH, PEE WEE, WALK-TROT, JUNIOR, SENIOR AND IN-HAND EXHIBITORS

- **Classes Include: Speed & Action, Keyhole, Poles, Barrels, Flags, Down & Back (In-Hand Barrels & Poles only)**
- **Gymkhana exhibitors should enter Ranch Showmanship, Ranch Horsemanship and Ranch Pleasure to fulfill the fair class requirement.**

ENGLISH AND/OR WESTERN RIDING DIVISION CATEGORIES

JR English/Western Riding Horse/Pony---9 to 14 years old

SR English/Western Riding Horse/Pony---15 to 19 years old

*****English exhibitors are able to ride in the Ranch/Western Divisions (with appropriate tack/attire), exhibitors are not able to ride in both Ranch and Western Divisions.**

WALK/TROT DIVISION

Lead Line

Leadline Showmanship
Leadline Equitation/Horsemanship
Leadline Pleasure
Ground Driving
Costume
*must enter showmanship & equitation/horsemanship

Pee Wee

Pee Wee Speed and Action
Pee Wee Keyhole
Pee Wee Poles
Pee Wee Barrels
Pee Wee Flags
Pee Wee Down and Back
Pee Wee English Showmanship
Pee Wee English Equitation
Pee Wee English Pleasure
Pee Wee Showmanship (Western/Ranch)
Pee Wee Horsemanship (Western/Ranch)
Pee Wee Pleasure (Western/Ranch)
Ground Driving
Pee Wee Trail (English/Western/Ranch)
Costume
*must enter showmanship and equitation/horsemanship
can enter all 4

HRH

HRH Speed and Action
HRH Keyhole
HRH Poles
HRH Barrels
HRH Flags
HRH Down & Back
HRH Showmanship
HRH Equitation/Horsemanship
HRH Pleasure
Ground Driving
HRH Trail
Costume
*must enter showmanship and equitation/horsemanship

Walk/Trot

Walk/Trot Jr Speed and Action
Walk/Trot Sr Speed and Action
Walk/Trot Jr Keyhole
Walk/Trot Sr Keyhole
Walk/Trot Jr Poles
Walk/Trot Sr Poles
Walk/Trot Jr Barrels
Walk/Trot Sr Barrels
Walk/Trot Jr Flags
Walk/Trot Sr Flags
Walk/Trot Jr Down & Back
Walk/Trot Sr Down & Back
Jr. English Showmanship
Sr. English Showmanship
Walk/Trot Jr English Equitation
Walk/Trot Sr. English Equitation
Walk/Trot Jr English Pleasure
Walk/Trot Sr English Pleasure
Walk/Trot Jr Western Showmanship
Walk/Trot Sr. Western Showmanship
Walk/Trot Jr Western Horsemanship
Walk/Trot Sr. Western Horsemanship
Walk/Trot Jr Western Pleasure
Walk/Trot Sr Western Pleasure
Ground Driving
Walk/Trot Jr Trail
Walk/Trot Sr Trail
Costume
*must enter a showmanship and a equitation or Horsemanship class. Can enter both english and western showmanship

MINIATURE HORSE DIVISION

In-Hand

In-Hand Poles Pee Wee (6-8)

In-Hand Poles Jr. (9-14)

In-Hand Poles Sr. (15-19)

In-Hand Barrels Pee Wee (6-8)

In-Hand Barrels Jr. (9-14)

In-Hand Barrels Sr. (15-19)

In-Hand Jumping Pee Wee (6-8)

In-Hand Jumping Jr. (9-14)

In-Hand Jumping Sr. (15-19)

In-Hand Showmanship Pee Wee (6-8)

In-Hand Showmanship Jr. (9-14)

In-Hand Showmanship Sr. (15-19)

Ground Driving

Miniature Horse Driving

In-Hand Trail Pee Wee (6-8)

In-Hand Trail Jr. (9-14)

In-Hand Trail Sr. (15-19)

Costume

*must enter In-Hand Jumping & In-Hand Showmanship (Except 2nd mini)

GYMKHANA AND RANCH DIVISIONS

JR Gymkhana and Ranch

JR Speed and Action
JR Keyhole
JR Poles
JR Barrels
JR Flags
JR Down and Back
JR English Showmanship
Baby Green Over Fences
JR English Equitation
JR English Pleasure
Suitability to Become a Dressage Horse
Dressage Training Level Test 1
Western Dressage
Ranch Jr. Showmanship (9-14)
Ranch Jr. Horsemanship (9-14)
Ranch Jr. Pleasure (9-14)
Ground Driving
JR Versatility
JR Trail
Ranch Jr. Riding (9-14)
Costume
*must enter a showmanship and a equitation or
Horsemanship class. May enter both English & Ranch
showmanship

SR Gymkhana and Ranch

SR Speed and Action
SR Keyhole
SR Poles
SR Barrels
SR Flags
SR Down and Back
SR English Showmanship
Baby Green Over Fences
SR English Equitation
SR English Pleasure
Suitability to Become a Dressage Horse
Dressage Training Level Test 1
Western Dressage
Ranch Sr. Showmanship (15-19)
Ranch Sr. Horsemanship (15-19)
Ranch Sr. Pleasure (15-19)
Ground Driving
SR Versatility
SR Trail
Ranch Sr. Riding
Costume
*must enter a showmanship and a equitation or
Horsemanship class. May enter both English & Ranch
showmanship

ENGLISH/WESTERN RIDING DIVISION

JR Riding Pony (shows in Age group)

JR Speed and Action
JR Keyhole
JR Poles
JR Barrels
JR Flags
Jr Down and Back
JR English Showmanship
Baby Green Over Fences
Jr. English Equitation
Jr. English Pleasure
Suitability to Become a Dressage Horse
Dressage Training Level Test 1
Western Dressage
Jr. Western Showmanship
Jr. Horsemanship
Jr. Western Pleasure
Ground Driving
JR Versatility
JR Trail
Western JR. Discipline Rail
Costume
*must enter a showmanship and an equitation or Horsemanship class

SR Riding Pony (show in age group)

SR Speed and Action
SR Keyhole
SR Poles
SR Barrels
SR Flags
SR Down and Back
SR English Showmanship
Baby Green Over Fences
Sr. English Equitation
Sr. English Pleasure
Suitability to Become a Dressage Horse
Dressage Training Level Test 1
Western Dressage
Sr. Western Showmanship
Sr. Horsemanship
Sr. Western Pleasure
Ground Driving
SR Versatility
SR Trail
Western SR. Discipline Rail
Costume
*must enter a showmanship and equitation or horsemanship class.

JR Riding Horse

JR Speed and Action
JR Keyhole
JR Poles
JR Barrels
JR Flags
JR Down and Back
JR English Showmanship
Baby Green Over Fences
JR English Equitation
JR English Pleasure
Suitability to Become a Dressage Horse
Dressage Training Level Test 1
Western Dressage
JR Western Showmanship
JR Horsemanship
JR Western Pleasure
Ground Driving
JR Versatility
JR Trail
Western Jr. Discipline Rail
Costume
*must enter a showmanship class, equitation and or horsemanship class

SR Riding Horse

SR Speed and Action
SR Keyhole
SR Poles
SR Barrels
SR Flags
SR Down and Back
SR English Showmanship
Baby Green Over Fences
SR English Equitation
SR English Pleasure
Suitability to Become a Dressage Horse
Dressage Training Level Test 1
Western Dressage
SR Western Showmanship
SR Horsemanship
SR Western Pleasure
Ground Driving
SR Versatility
SR Trail
Western Sr. Discipline Rail
Costume
*must enter a showmanship class and a equitation/horsemanship class

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.

Points for split classes will be awarded to the exhibitors who placed in the run off class only and based on the total number of participants in all splits.

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.

Trophies/Awards

All exhibitors that are awarded a trophy, banner, prize or sells an animal during an auction at the Van Buren Youth Fair are required to submit a thank you note for the trophy, banner, prize sponsor or auction buyer by 10:00 p.m. on Saturday of the fair to the 4-H office in the still exhibit building. Failure to submit the thank you note will result in a premium and/or auction check being held until the thank you note is received. Thank you notes not received by 10:00 p.m. on Saturday of fair must be taken to the Van Buren County MSU Extension before checks will be released.

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.) Lead-line, Pee Wee, HRH, Walk/Trot are not eligible for this award.

- 4-H High Point Revolving Gymkhana Trophy

Points from all speed classes will count towards this award. Gymkhana exhibitors should enter Ranch Showmanship, Ranch Horsemanship and Ranch Pleasure to fulfill the fair class requirements. Lead-line, Pee Wee, HRH, Walk/Trot are not eligible for 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. Lead-line, Pee Wee, HRH, Walk/Trot are not eligible for this award.

- 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 Discipline Rail, and their Championships. Lead-line, Pee Wee, HRH, Walk/Trot are not eligible for this award.

- 4-H High Point Revolving English Pony Trophy

All points accumulated by the 4-H exhibitor/riding pony combination who measure 56 inches or less ($\frac{1}{2}$ for shoes) are from English Showmanship and English day classes (except Western Dressage) and their Championships. Lead-line, Pee Wee, HRH, Walk/Trot are not eligible for this award.

- 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

The total points that the exhibitor/riding pony who measures 56 inches or less ($\frac{1}{2}$ for shoes) that competes in a western riding division that qualifies for championship classes. Western Showmanship, Western Horsemanship, Western Pleasure, Western Dressage, Western Discipline Rail 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 who measures 56 inches or less ($\frac{1}{2}$ for shoes) that competes in a riding division that qualifies for championship classes.

- In-Hand High Point Award Pee Wee/Jr and Sr HP

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 In-Hand jumping.**

- Walk-Trot High Point Award

All points earned by an exhibitor/riding horse or pony combination will count towards this trophy within this division.

- **Junior High Point Award**

All points earned by a Junior (9-14) exhibitor/equine combo that are riding in a division that qualifies for championship classes

- **Senior High Point Award**

All points earned by a Senior (15-19) exhibitor/equine combo that are riding in a division that qualifies for championship classes

- **Ranch High Point Award**

All points accumulated by the exhibitor/riding horse combination from Ranch Showmanship, Ranch Horsemanship, Ranch Pleasure, their Championships, Trail, and Ranch Riding.

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. Exhibitors who request an equine change after the May 1st equine registration date will **not** be eligible for sweepstakes with their replacement equine.

High Point All Around Horse Trophy 4-H Revolving
Lead-line, Pee Wee, HRH, Walk/Trot are not eligible for this award.
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 Discipline Rail & Ranch Riding
Points earned by a 4-H exhibitor/horse combo

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 Discipline Rail & Ranch Riding
Points earned by exhibitor/riding pony 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
Western Discipline Rail & Ranch Riding
Western Pattern classes points earned by a Junior (9-14) exhibitor/equine 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
Western Discipline Rail & Ranch Riding
points earned by a Senior (15-19) exhibitor/equine combo

High Point Gymkhana Trophy Revolving, 4-H
All Gymkhana classes

High Point In-Hand Award Not Revolving, Open
HP In-Hand Pee Wee/ HP In-Hand Jr/ HP In-Hand Sr
All In-Hand classes
Must enter primary mini in Showmanship and In-Hand Jumping

High Point Ranch Award - Open
Ranch Showmanship & Championship Classes
Ranch Horsemanship & Championship Classes
Ranch Pleasure & Championship Classes
Trail, and Ranch Riding

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

High Point English Horse Trophy Revolving 4H
All English Showmanship & all English Riding Classes and their Championships

High Point Western Horse Trophy Revolving 4H
All Western/Ranch Showmanship & Champion classes
All Western/Ranch Horsemanship & Champion classes
All Western/Ranch Pleasure & Champion classes
Western Discipline Rail, Ranch Riding & Western Dressage
Points earned by a 4-H exhibitor/riding horse combo

Abby Baker Memorial High Point Western Pony Trophy Revolving open
All Western/Ranch Showmanship & champion classes
All Western/ Ranch Horsemanship & champion classes
All Western/Ranch Pleasure & champion classes
Western Discipline Rail, Ranch Riding & Western Dressage
Points earned by a exhibitor/riding pony combo

Stephanie Tucker Memorial Pee Wee Trophy Open
All Pee Wee Classes (In-Hand Classes do not count)