

LANE COUNTY 4-H HORSE SHOW RULES AND PROCEDURES

The following Horse Show rules and procedures apply to Lane County 4-H horse shows and the Lane County Youth Fair. All judging and horse show rules will be governed by the current editions of the following: 4-H Horse Contest Guide PNW 574; Oregon 4-H Horse Project Book #130; the Oregon 4-H Horse Advancement Program #1302, Oregon 4-H Dressage Project Manual 4-H #1311, 4-H Horse and 4-H Pony Driving Manual #PNW 229, 4-H Colt and Horse Training Manual, 4-H #1303, the American Driving Society Dressage Tests and these Lane County 4-H Horse Show Rules and Procedures. In the event of conflicts, the 4-H Horse Contest Guide takes precedence. For the purpose of these rules, "horse" shall mean any equine used in a 4-H project.

1. GENERAL RULES

- A. Dogs, except for approved 4-H dog events, will not be allowed on the horse show grounds at any time during 4-H horse events.
- B. Violation of the Lane County 4-H Horse Show Rules and Procedures by any party may result in the disqualification of the 4-H Member. Each occurrence will be judged on the actual situation and the final decision will be made by the Extension Agent.

2. ELIGIBILITY (4-H YOUTH FAIR)

- A. 4-H members must be enrolled by April 1st to be eligible for medallions at the Youth Fair and to participate in the State 4-H Fair.
- B. To be eligible to ride during Youth Fair horse members must complete Advancement Step #1 for 2008.
- C. Members must ride, show, or exhibit horses they have owned or leased and personally trained for 90 days prior to the Lane County 4-H Youth Fair and Oregon State 4-H Fair.
- D. For leased horses, a copy of the lease must be on file in the OSU/Lane County Extension office 90 days prior to the Youth Fair or other State-qualifying event. The 4-H member must have training responsibility for the horse during that time. Lease agreements received less than 90 days prior to the Fair will be considered a late entry.
- E. Wet mares **may not** be shown in 4-H classes unless the foal has been weaned 10 days prior to the 4-H Youth Fair, except for the county-only Mare and Foal class.

3. ENTRIES FOR YOUTH FAIR

- A. Members must submit a Horse 4-H Youth Fair entry form for **each** project horse entered.
- B. The Extension Agent will announce the due date for Fair entries. Horse Fair entries will be deemed a late entry and not be eligible for Medallion classes or the State Fair if not received by the due date.
- C. The same project horse must be used in Showmanship and all equitation classes. Another horse (or horses) may be used for Ground Training and/or Mare and Foal. A different horse may be used for Driving and a different horse in Gymkhana.
- D. All members who compete in *mounted* 4-H Horse classes must participate in and complete a Showmanship class. Members who fail to complete their showmanship class will not be eligible for medallions or to go to State Fair.

4. SALE OF EXHIBITS AT YOUTH FAIR

- A. No exhibit may be brought to the horse show strictly to be sold -- it must be entered in the show. The sale of an exhibit shall be the personal responsibility of the exhibitor. No "For Sale" signs or sale tags will be permitted on the stalls or in Club stable areas.
- B. "For Sale" signs/flyers **may** be posted on Lane County Fairgrounds bulletin boards, if available.

5. DELIVERY OF HORSES

- A. All truck and trailer parking, loading and unloading of horses must be done in designated areas.

6. HOUSING AND CARE OF HORSES AT THE LANE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

- A. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their horses on **any** paved surface, as well as in the stalls. Manure must be picked up and disposed of in the designated area(s), along with soiled bedding.
- B. Stalls must be completely cleaned and checked by the barn supervisor before the exhibitor leaves. Exhibitors and/or Clubs may be charged a stall-cleaning fee for stalls left dirty.

- C. The Horse Program Development Committee, the OSU/Lane County Extension Service, the Horse Show committee, and the Lane County Fairgrounds will not be responsible for horses stalled overnight during the Lane County 4-H Youth Fair. **STALL OVERNIGHT AT YOUR OWN RISK.** No padlocks are allowed on stalls occupied by horses.
- C. All stalls with horses in them must have a stall card displayed on the stall front. Location and phone number of owner should be written on the back, along with appropriate veterinary information.
- D. Exhibitors are not permitted to sleep in the stalls overnight.
- E. Horses may be worked or ridden only during designated times and in designated areas.
- F. During Youth Fair show times, only those members showing that day may use the designated areas.
- G. Wash racks on the south side of the arena will be closed during show hours. Wash racks on the north side of the arena will be open during the Youth Fair with adult or senior 4-H horse member supervision.

7. HERDSMANSHIP CONTEST

- A. Daily judging will be between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- B. Vacuum cleaners or blowers will be allowed **only** on set up day.
- C. See the 4-H Horse Contest Guide for additional information.

8. EXHIBITORS' MEETING & SCHEDULING AT YOUTH FAIR

- A. An exhibitors' meeting will be held in the arena before classes begin. All exhibitors are **required** to attend. The judges will go over patterns and answer questions.
- B. Members exhibiting in more than one project or scheduled for a presentation must notify superintendents of potential class conflicts.
- C. All exhibitors are expected to be ready when their classes are called.

9. FAIR CLASSES

- A. Classes offered under State 4-H Horse Contest Guide rules:

Showmanship
 Western Equitation
 Hunt Seat Equitation
 Saddle Seat Equitation
 Bareback Equitation
 Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences
 Trail
 Driving
 Ground Training
 Gymkhana
 Dressage

If entries warrant, Gaited Horse Classes may be held in all divisions, utilizing their own patterns (Showmanship, English Equitation, Western Equitation and Trail). See Horse Contest Guide for more information on classes offered.

Lane County Classes (County Only)

- B. Hunter Hack Equitation

This class is designed to test the readiness of 4-H Youth to enter Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences. Participants will be judged on their equitation while performing a combination of rail work, working over cavaletti at the walk, trot or canter, and two jumps not more than 2 ft. 3 in. (2 ft for Juniors) maximum height and spread. Exhibitors must ride in Hunter Hack Equitation and be approved by the judge(s) to ride in Hunt-Seat Equitation Over Fences.

- C. Mare and Foal

This class is not a showmanship class. The idea is to teach 4-H youth what to look for in a good brood mare and what kind of stallion is needed to improve on their stock for any breed.

1. Exhibitors show a mare, wet with this year's foal, accompanied by a detailed poster with explanation of the breeding and stallion choice. The mare and foal will be shown at halter. If the foal is not available, the mare may be shown accompanied by the poster. (Wet mares may not be shown in Showmanship and Equitation classes.)

2. Entries will be judged on conditioning, health, and grooming. They are not judged on conformation. However, a good breeder will exhibit a foal better than sire and dam.
3. Exhibitor and assistant must be current members of 4-H. Both will be judged on safely handling the mare and foal, manners and skill. Both exhibitor and assistant must know how to properly handle a horse. Proper showmanship will count. (A mare and foal can be taught to respond, lead and stand quietly.)
4. A record sheet must be submitted to include (at a minimum) breeding dates, stallion choice, gestation period, vet care, feed, shots and vet care.

D. First Year Under Saddle

This class is for a 4-H member to show what he/she has done with a project horse after ground training and before it is ready for the show ring. The project horse must be at least 2 years old and in its first year under saddle or driving. The horse may not have been shown under saddle or in a cart at any show before the end of the previous year's 4-H Youth Fair. The horse may be ridden (English or Western) or driven. The exhibitor must submit a record telling the duration of training, age of the project horse and what work they have done with the project horse. The exhibitor and horse should be able to complete steps 1 through 8 and will be scored 10 points for each step. The exhibitor will be scored 20 points on use of aids, control of the horse and extent of training.

1. Mount correctly from the ground and stand quietly or enter the cart and stand quietly.
2. Walk forward with a loose rein and mild contact.
3. Jog/trot a circle both directions. (Gaited horses may do an appropriate faster gait.)
4. Lope/canter a circle on the left lead. In cart, show second speed of trot.
5. Lope/canter a circle on the right lead (lead change of rider's choice). In cart, change of direction at trot.
6. Display a controlled, quiet halt.
7. Show that the horse will back willingly.
8. Show that the horse will move sideways off the rider's leg at the walk or jog/trot to right & left. The horse may move forward, but should not back. In a cart, show beginning wheel turn left and right.

E. In-hand Trail

This class is offered as an alternative to the ridden Trail class. In-Hand Trail provides an opportunity for the exhibitor to guide their horse through the obstacles without being mounted. The class is great for young and/or inexperienced riders or horses that would like an additional class in which to participate. Cross entry between In-Hand Trail and Trail is not permitted.

F. Walk/Trot Gymkhana

1. Walk/Trot Gymkhana riders may not ride in Open Gymkhana classes.
2. Walk/Trot Gymkhana riders warm up separately from Open Gymkhana riders and will not canter.
3. In the Walk/Trot Gymkhana classes, any horse breaking into a lope must stop completely before resuming at a walk or trot.

G. Freestyle

1. Senior only class (10th-12th grade)
2. Routines & music must be pre-approved by the 4-H Staff and turned in by the first day of the Fair.
3. No additional equipment allowed (e.g., barrels, jumps, people).
4. Seniors may ride individually or in pairs.
5. Glitter, costumes and decorations are permitted.

10. AWARDS AT YOUTH FAIR

- A. Ribbons: A blue, red or white ribbon is given to each exhibitor in each class as determined by score or time for the event. (In classes where members are scored by more than one judge, the judges' scores will be averaged.) For Walk/Trot, and JuniorGymkhana classes, ribbons will be awarded as follows:

Blue- to members completing course in safe manner.

Red- to members completing course with penalties, but in a safe manner.

White- to members not completing course - by disqualification or contesting in an unsafe manner.

- B. Medallion Awards

1. Medallions may be awarded from a medallion class in the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior age divisions in Showmanship, Western Equitation, Hunt Seat Equitation, Saddle Seat Equitation, and Trail. Medallions are not given for Walk/Trot Equitation.
 2. The top 15% (or top 2, whichever is greater) exhibitors in each class will be eligible for a medallion class, if they received a blue ribbon. If a class is split so that all exhibitors did not show under the same judge or set of judges, then the percentage will be applied separately to those judged by each judge or set of judges. The judge(s) who judged that class must approve the medallion class and may increase/decrease the number if appropriate.
 3. Medallion classes will be judged by all available qualified judges who judged that age division. Each judge will indicate "Yes" or "No" for each exhibitor without consulting other judge(s). If there are two judges, both judges must agree for a medallion to be awarded. If there are three or more judges, medallions will be awarded to those who receive no more than **one** "No" vote.
 4. Medallion Trail class may be ridden in the exhibitor's choice of discipline, regardless of discipline the exhibitor qualified in.
 5. Medallions may be awarded to qualified participants as determined by the judge(s) and scores for Junior, Intermediate, and Senior divisions in Dressage, Driving, Ground Training, Mare and Foal, Hunter Hack, Bareback Equitation, Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences and In-Hand Trail. These medallions will be presented during the 4-H Horse Project Awards Ceremony.
 6. Medallions will be awarded to the Walk/Trot Gymkhana and Open Gymkhana participants in each age division who have the lowest combined times in all five events.
- C. Awards are provided for the three highest scoring contestants in each age division in the Horse Award Contest. Acknowledgment for awards will be made during the Awards Ceremony.
- D. State Fair Certificates:
4-H State Fair qualifiers will be announced and presented with a State 4-H Horse Show Certificate during the Awards Ceremony.
- F. Herdsmanship:
1. A blue, red or white award will be given to each club based on their daily herdsmanship score.
 2. The "Golden Broom" will be awarded to the club that has the highest overall average herdsmanship score for Fair week.

11. DAD POTTER TRYOUTS

Refer to The E.L. "Dad" Potter 4-H Horsemanship Award Instructions and Application information available on the OSU Extension state website.

12. STATE 4-H FAIR PARTICIPATION

- A. Intermediates and Seniors qualify to participate in the Oregon State 4-H Fair Horse Show by meeting the requirements in the current State Fair Book, which also covers the rules and classes offered.
- B. Those who qualify are expected to become familiar with and abide by the State Fair rules.
- C. Members who qualify for and wish to participate in the State 4-H Horse Fair are **required** to attend (or be represented by a parent or leader who can make decisions and commitments for the exhibitor) a State 4-H Fair Team meeting to be held prior to State 4-H Fair. The date, time and location of this meeting will be posted in the Fair Horse Show office and announced periodically during the 4-H Youth Fair. Lane County 4-H members eligible for the State 4-H Horse Fair who do not attend this meeting and do not send a parent or designated representative forfeit the right to participate in the State 4-H Horse Fair. An alternate may be selected for any event/division that has a quota.
- D. Lane County 4-H State Equestrian Team members whose conduct or attitude at the State 4-H Fair does not reflect the principles of 4-H may forfeit their right to participate in the future.
- E. Lane County 4-H State Equestrian Team members represent Lane County 4-H, as well as their Clubs and themselves, and should demonstrate high standards of teamwork, sportsmanship and ethics. All are expected to do their part in preparing for the State 4-H Fair and in all Team responsibilities during the State 4-H Fair. In particular, any Team member who is unwilling to participate in Team responsibilities for Herdsmanship while attending State 4-H Youth Fair will forfeit the right to participate in the future.