

# Horse

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## HORSE

### Entry Guidelines

**For general information about animal rules please refer to the Animal Science Rules section at the beginning of this book.**

1. **Must meet 4-H ENTRY DEADLINE (see *scheduling*).** No Exceptions!! One online entry/entry form per exhibitor needs to be submitted in for all Horse Division classes.
2. Exhibitors may enter 15 classes in addition to their required showmanship class/classes.
- 2a. Exhibitors must use the same horse in all events except Ground Training, Driving classes, Gaming and In Hand Trail. Showmanship is required of all exhibitors, but only one showmanship class is allowed for each horse. If your horse is in equitation or pleasure classes, it **MUST** show in performance showmanship. All other horses are required to show in their appropriate showmanship class (ie gamers in gaming showmanship, drivers in driving showmanship, ground trainers in ground training showmanship, etc). Ground trainers and drivers that premier will be eligible for medallion round.
3. 4-H Horse project is open to members ages 9 through 19 (as of September 1<sup>st</sup> of current 4-H year). 4-H members must be enrolled by May 1st and pass records check in order to exhibit at fair.
4. The 4-H exhibit must be the work of the 4-H member. Exhibitors must ride; show or exhibit horses they have owned, leased and/or trained **for 90 days prior to the County Fair and State Fair (May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023)**. The 4-H Exhibitor's State Fair horse must be the same horse that qualifying Horse from County Fair. NO TRAINERS, paid or unpaid, are allowed to ride the 4-H exhibitor's horse with the purpose of improving its performance within 90 days of Fair. The intent is for the horse project to be under the training and control of the exhibitor.
5. The deadline for ownership is **90 days prior to County Fair**. 4-H project horses must be owned or leased by this deadline. All leased horses must have a proper lease agreement on file with your 4-H Horse Leader and the Extension Office by this deadline. Forms are at the Extension Office. No exceptions unless approved by the Superintendents and Agent.
6. In the event of injury, sickness, or loss of a 4-H Project Horse, an exhibitor must contact the Extension Agent and provide written documentation (a note from a veterinarian.) regarding the animal. Then an exhibitor will be allowed to participate in County Fair, but will not be able to qualify for State

Fair Team. If hardship horse qualifies for Master Showmanship they can compete in that contest.

7. A 4-H project horse may be shared between 4-H exhibitor in the immediate family or two non-family exhibitor. The exhibitors must work out class conflicts as they arise.

### Exhibitor Guidelines

- All Oregon 4-H exhibitors participating in any equestrian activity, regardless of riding seat, will wear a properly fitted equestrian helmet which meets the standards imposed by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM F1163) and includes certification and labeling required by the Safety Equipment Institute (SEI). Such headgear will be secured with the harness engaged and be properly fastened when mounted on an equine or in a vehicle (cart, wagon, buggy, etc.) being pulled by one or more equine. This policy is the responsibility of the 4-H family, not the 4-H leader. 4-H Horse Leaders have the right to refuse participation in a county 4-H function if the helmet does not meet the ASTM-SEI certification or is not worn secured with the harness properly engaged.
- Horse Advancement Rules: All participants must comply with the 4-H Horse Advancement Guide and the 4-H Horse Contest Guide; both are available from your leader or the Extension Office. Participants **MUST** be working on advancement level set below by June 1<sup>st</sup> and marked as such on the Advancement Sign Off form completed by your leader. You must have passed each level by the end of the division (Novice, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior).
  - Novice & Jr. - Advancement Level 1
  - Intermediate - Advancement Levels 1 & 2
  - Senior - Advancement Levels 1, 2 & 3

In addition to the "Regular" advancements above, you are required to be working on the same level in the other events advancements in order to participate in each following events at fair; Trail, Jumping, Driving or Gaming. For Ground Training only, Exhibitors must have passed level 1 ground work and pass any level 2 or 3 steps they are attempting in their appropriate ground training class. The leader will sign the ground training score sheet to verify advancement completion.

- **"Novice" is a rider in their first year showing anywhere as of Oct. 1 of previous year.** Novices will do walk trot only in ALL classes. No cantering or loping. Novices will not be allowed to show a horse under 2 years of age.

- Appropriate attire shall be worn at ALL county fair classes; see 4-H Horse Contest Guide (effective October 1, 2015)
- Exhibitors must do their own work while on the grounds, and are encouraged to help each other
- All age divisions in state fair qualifying classes are eligible for premier ribbons and return in the medallion class. All age divisions in County only classes are eligible for Champion qualifying ribbons and a return to the Champion class.

#### **HORSE CLASS NUMBERS:**

**Note:** Fill in the blank in the class number ( ) with one of the following numbers:

- 0 Novice** (only enter classes marked with an\*) *County Only*
- 1 Junior**
- 2 Intermediate**
- 3 Senior**

#### **SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES: (REQUIRED)**

All ANIMALS must show in Showmanship at County Fair. Refer to Entry Guidelines 2 and 2a. To qualify for State Fair in showmanship and equitation (hunt seat, or western), exhibitors must have received a minimum combined score of 170 (**with the same horse in equitation and showmanship**) and each individual score must be 80 points or higher. In addition, they must have used the same horse in both classes. **For those exhibitors showing multiple performance horses, you may only qualify for state fair with ONE horse/rider combination. For exhibitors that qualify for state fair with more than one horse/rider combination, you must choose which horse you will exhibit prior to the state fair meeting held on the Saturday of fair.**

**Qualifying for State:** Exhibitors may qualify in English and/or Western equitation classes outside of the 170 qualifying score. Members would still QUALIFY for state by the 170 current system. Then any other equitation classes that they score an 80 or higher in they can compete in at state. This would not include Trail, Jumping or Driving, just Hunt Seat, Saddle Seat and Western Equitation.

**751 500 00\_ Showmanship\***

**If an exhibitor qualifies for a medallion round with more than 1 horse, they must choose one.**

**\*Champion from each division will go on to compete in Large Animal Master Showman competition. See Contest section for details.**

- 751 500 02\_ Ground Training Showmanship**
- 751 500 03\_ Gaming Showmanship**
- 751 500 04\_ Reinsmanship Showmanship**
- 751 500 05\_ 1<sup>st</sup> Year Under Saddle Showmanship**

#### **EQUITATION:**

To qualify for State Fair in showmanship and equitation (hunt seat, or western), exhibitors must have received a

minimum combined score of 170 (in equitation and showmanship) and each individual score must be 80 points or higher. In addition, they must have used the same horse in both classes.

For exhibitors who ride multiple seats, the highest equitation score must be used to determine eligibility. Then, if exhibitors have received blue ribbons in other seats on the same horse, they may ride those seats as well. The same horse must be used for all equitation classes.

There is no maximum or minimum number of exhibitors a county may send.

- 751 100 11\_ English Equitation-Saddle Seat\***
- 751 100 12\_ English Equitation-Hunt Seat\***
- 751 100 13\_ Western Equitation\***
- 751 100 17\_ English Bareback Equitation**
- 751 100 18\_ Western Bareback Equitation**

#### **DRESSAGE/WESTERN DRESSAGE: (New English tests for 2023)**

Exhibitors who qualify for State Fair in equitation/showmanship may also enter Dressage if they received a score of 58% or higher on any training Level Test or any First Level test at County Fair using the same horse as used for equitation/showmanship. Additionally, exhibitors who qualify for State Fair in equitation/showmanship may also enter Western Dressage if they received a score of 58% or higher on Basic Level Test 2, 3 or 4 or Level 1, Test 1, 2, 3 or 4.

**The 2023 tests must be used.**

An exhibitor who score's 62% or higher at State Fair must progress up to the next test the following year. Riders may only ride one test in each discipline.

- 751 700 00\_ Introduction to Dressage Test A (County Only)**
- 751 700 01\_ Introduction to Dressage Test B (County Only)**
- 751 700 02\_ Introduction to Dressage Test C (County Only)**
- 751 700 50\_ Training Level, Test 1**
- 751 700 51\_ Training Level, Test 2**
- 751 700 52\_ Training Level, Test 3**
- 751 700 54\_ First Level, Test 1**
- 751 700 55\_ First Level, Test 2**
- 751 700 56\_ First Level, Test 3**

#### **Western Dressage (2022 tests)**

- 751 700 60\_ Western Dressage, Basic Level, Test 2**
- 751 700 61\_ Western Dressage, Basic Level, Test 3**
- 751 700 62\_ Western Dressage, Basic Level, Test 4**
- 751 700 63\_ Western Dressage, Level 1, Test 1**
- 751 700 64\_ Western Dressage, Level 1, Test 2**
- 751 700 65\_ Western Dressage, Level 1, Test 3**
- 751 700 66\_ Western Dressage, Level 1, Test 4**

#### **GROUND TRAINING:**

Regardless of when a horse is born, their birth date is January 1<sup>st</sup>. Stallions over one year of age must be

gelded. Horses entered in yearling and two-year-old ground training MUST NEVER have been mounted. **Your 15-minute time limit begins from when you enter the arena for your class.** To qualify for State Fair in Ground Training, exhibitors must have received a blue ribbon in ground training at County Fair. A total of 8 ground trainers (four seniors and four intermediates). The horses may be either yearlings or two-year olds. The same person may show both a yearling and a two-year old. Colt trainers and pony drivers may show another horse at State Fair if it qualifies.

- 751 200 20\_ Ground Training - Weanling (*County Only*)
- 751 200 21\_ Ground Training - Yearling
- 751 200 22\_ Ground Training - Two-Year-Old

### **TRAIL & IN HAND TRAIL**

Trail – Exhibitors who qualify for State Fair in equitation/showmanship may also enter Trail if they received a blue ribbon in that event at County Fair using the same horse as used in equitation/showmanship. In Hand Trail – Only non-ridden horse are eligible (driving ponies and ground training animals). Exhibitors must have received a blue ribbon in this class at County Fair and qualified in driving or ground training (see appropriate section for details).

- 751 300 31\_ Trail Horse\*
- 751 300 32\_ In Hand Trail

### **REINSMANSHIP (DRIVING)**

There are 2 ways to qualify for State Fair in Reinsmanship. Exhibitors who qualify for State Fair in equitation/showmanship (see Equitation section for details) may also enter Reinsmanship if they received a score of 80 or above in that event at County Fair using the same horse or pony as used in equitation/showmanship. Exhibitors may also qualify with their non-equitation horse or pony if they received a minimum combined score of 170 (in Reinsmanship and showmanship at County Fair. In addition, all scores must be 80 or above, and the precision driving score must be 85 points or higher. The showmanship score can be from their equitation horse or their driving horse. If exhibitors are not showing an equitation animal in showmanship, they must exhibit their driving animal in showmanship.

- 751 400 41\_ Pony/Miniature Horse, Reinsmanship
- 751 400 42\_ Horse, Reinsmanship

Exhibitors who qualify for Reinsmanship may also compete in Precision Driving if they received a score of 80 or above in that event at County Fair. The horse or pony used must be the same animal they qualified with at County Fair.

- 751 400 43\_ Precision Driving (Intermediate/Senior only)

### **JUMPING**

Exhibitors who qualify for State Fair in equitation/showmanship may also enter Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences if they received a blue ribbon in that event at County Fair using the same horse as used in equitation/showmanship and if they received a blue ribbon performing over an approved qualifying course. A qualifying course must have a minimum of six different fences with at least three of them at the maximum height and spread. There must be at least one combination jump and one change of direction.

- 751 600 85\_ Hunter Hack (*County Only*)
- 751 600 16\_ Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences

### **GAMING:**

To qualify for State Gaming, exhibitors must be in the 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, must have exhibited with their Gaming Horse in Gaming or Performance Showmanship, and must receive a blue-ribbon time in their Gaming Race. Qualifying times are available at the Extension Office. Qualifying times are included in the 4-H Horse handbook. Each gaming division will have a timed event champion and reserve champion. To be eligible riders will need to receive 3 or more blues in the gaming events. The cumulative top two fastest riders in each division will receive Timed Event Jackets.

Members who qualify in at least one Western Gaming event with a qualifying time, may choose an additional Western Gaming event in which to participate in.

- 751 800 01\_ Gaming - Figure 8
- 751 800 02\_ Gaming - Barrels
- 751 800 03\_ Gaming - Key Race
- 751 800 04\_ Gaming - Pole Bending
- 751 800 05\_ Gaming - Flag Race
- 751 800 06\_ Gaming – Two Barrel Flag Race
- 751 800 07\_ Gaming – Bi-Rangle (County Only)

### **1<sup>st</sup> YEAR UNDER SADDLE:**

Horse may be any age over two years, but must not have been ridden more than 12 months prior to Pre-Fair and Fair. Exhibitors will do individual work made up from any of the 4-H Advancement steps. Exhibitors must give the judge a filled out First Year Under Saddle score sheet (obtained from the extension office and show office) at the time they enter the arena. This score sheet will contain the list of exercises to be attempted and the order in which they will be done. The exhibitor may also indicate the length of time training has taken place. The horse should have been worked and ridden mainly by the 4-H exhibitor, exceptions being initial training of horse by a skilled professional or adult or if safety is a major concern. The 4-H leader should be consulted and/or notified. Judges will take into account the amount of professional training. Cavessons, protective leg wear and running martingales are allowed. A time limit of 10 minutes maximum will be allowed to each exhibitor. Novice exhibitors are NOT eligible for this class. Any step attempted in this class **MUST** be signed off in your advancements. The leader will sign the score sheet to verify advancement completion. Teens and Oregon Mustangs may not cross enter into any other riding class.

751 100 73\_ 1<sup>st</sup> Year Under Saddle (County Only)

Intermediate  
Senior

**PLEASURE:**

- 751 100 81\_ Western Pleasure. (County Only)
- 751 100 82\_ English Pleasure. (County Only)
- 751 100 93\_ English Working Pairs (County Only)
- 751 100 94\_ Western Working Pairs (County Only)
- 751 100 10\_ Western Walk/Trot (County Only)
- 751 100 20\_ English Walk/Trot (County Only)

Qualifying classes are as a listed.  
Showmanship  
Trial (riding only)  
English Eq.  
Western Eq.  
Total cumulative points in 4 listed events. Showmanship score will break any ties.

**DAD POTTER**

Any exhibitors testing in Dad Potter must have completed steps to be attempted in their advancements. By your leaders signature on your Dad Potter application form you and your leader are verifying this completion.

**DIVISION HIGHPOINT AND RESERVE HIGHPOINT**

Novice  
Junior

*For further opportunities and awards see the "Communications" section*

**All Classes (except Dressage) - Ribbon Placing Criteria**

- State Classes – Premiere ribbon for scores 90 and above – Medallions at the Judge’s discretion
- County Only Classes – Champion ribbons at the Judge’s discretion
- Gaming – Top 2 blue ribbon times per division and event – medallions
- Dressage – Top 2 blue ribbon percentages per test level and division in State qualifying classes – medallions

Score	Placing
85 or higher	Blue Ribbon
70 – 84	Red Ribbon
69 or lower	White Ribbon

**Dressage Ribbon Placing Criteria**

Score	Placing
62% or higher	Medallion
58% or higher	Blue Ribbon
50% - 57.99%	Red Ribbon
49.99% or lower	White Ribbon

**What do ribbons mean?**

County Fair is one of the few competitive events that are a part of the 4-H program. However, they are just a part of the program and competitive events should be fun and enjoyable for everyone. Somewhere in 4-H many people have mistakenly started thinking that a white ribbon means “poor job”. That’s not true. In most 4-H competitive events you are being evaluated against certain standards, not other people; and just because you receive a white ribbon does not mean you shouldn’t feel good about yourself. In that particular activity and at that particular time, a white ribbon might indicate the best you can do. Try to keep these ribbon color definitions in mind:

- PARTICIPANT D/Q Disqualified by the Judge for off course/off pattern.
- WHITE Good, but much improvement needed to meet top standards.
- RED Very good, but still one or two major improvements needed.
- BLUE Excellent meets or nearly meets top standards.

**Oregon 4-H State Western Gaming Qualifying Times (No changes)**

Senior Division	<u>BLUE</u>	<u>RED</u>	<u>WHITE</u>
Key Race	<u>10.400 or less</u>	<u>10.401 - 12.700</u>	<u>12.701 or more</u>

Barrels	<u>16.200 or less</u>	<u>16.201 - 17.900</u>	<u>17.901 or more</u>
Figure 8	<u>11.500 or less</u>	<u>11.501 - 12.200</u>	<u>12.201 or more</u>
Pole Bending	<u>25.000 or less</u>	<u>25.001 – 28.600</u>	<u>28.601 or more</u>
NSCA Flag Race	<u>9.000 or less</u>	<u>9.001 – 10.500</u>	<u>10.501 or more</u>
Two-Barrel Flag Race	<u>11.500 or less</u>	<u>11.501 – 15.500</u>	<u>15.501 or more</u>

<b>Intermediate Division</b>	<b><u>BLUE</u></b>	<b><u>RED</u></b>	<b><u>WHITE</u></b>
Key Race	<u>10.700 or less</u>	<u>10.701 – 14.500</u>	<u>14.501 or more</u>
Barrels	<u>16.600 or less</u>	<u>16.601 – 18.300</u>	<u>18.301 or more</u>
Figure 8	<u>12.000 or less</u>	<u>12.001 – 12.900</u>	<u>12.901 or more</u>
Pole Bending	<u>25.500 or less</u>	<u>25.501 – 28.900</u>	<u>28.901 or more</u>
NSCA Flag Race	<u>9.300 or less</u>	<u>9.301 – 11.000</u>	<u>11.001 or more</u>
Two-Barrel Flag Race	<u>12.100 or less</u>	<u>12.101 – 16.500</u>	<u>16.501 or more</u>

<b>County Only Qualifying times for Juniors - DO NOT go on to State 4-H Western Gaming.</b>			
<b>Junior Division</b>	<b><u>BLUE</u></b>	<b><u>RED</u></b>	<b><u>WHITE</u></b>
Key Race	<u>12.000 or less</u>	<u>12.001 - 16.000</u>	<u>16.001 or more</u>
Barrels	<u>19.000 or less</u>	<u>19.001 - 23.000</u>	<u>23.001 or more</u>
Figure 8	<u>13.500 or less</u>	<u>13.501 - 15.000</u>	<u>15.001 or more</u>
Pole Bending	<u>27.500 or less</u>	<u>27.501 - 32.000</u>	<u>32.001 or more</u>
NSCA Flag Race	<u>11.000 or less</u>	<u>11.001 - 13.000</u>	<u>13.001 or more</u>
Two-Barrel Flag Race	<u>12.700 or less</u>	<u>12.701 – 17.500</u>	<u>17.501 or more</u>

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