

4-H Horse

GENERAL RULES

1. Exhibitors are to furnish their own feed and grain. Manure disposal is to be in designated area. First time bedding is to be furnished by the Fair Board.
2. Any animal showing evidence of disease or abuse may be refused entry.
3. 4-H members currently enrolled and active by January 31 are eligible to participate in individual classes. Clubs enrolling after January 31 are welcome to participate in a club display.
4. A current 4-H record book is required for competitive *fair* participation. (See Record Book Section)
5. **All 4-H members participating in the fair must have a completed “Official 4-H Registration” (health form),** available from the County Extension Office. The Jefferson County Horse Fair and 4-H Staff cannot assume responsibility for medical treatment of youth who do not have an **“Official 4-H Registration” on file in the 4-H Office.**
6. A 4-H exhibit must be the work of the 4-H member.
7. Members may exhibit competitively only articles and /or animals which are carried in their project.
8. The 4-H member may enter one exhibit per class number unless otherwise specified.
9. The 4-H member must be enrolled in the project in order to exhibit in that project; except computers, educational displays, special 4-H photography exhibits and conservation exhibits, which are open to all 4-H members.
10. No article of animals may be entered in a combination of 4-H, FFA or Open Class.
11. 4-H members are separated according to age as of September 1st of the program year.

Junior	ages 9-11
Intermediate	ages 12-14
Senior	ages 15-19

12. The Merit method of judging will be used for all exhibits and contests. All entries will be placed in Blue, Red, or White award groups according to quality, by the judge:

Blue	Excellent to Superior
Red	Good to Excellent
White	Acceptable, but needs Improvement

Exhibitor ribbons will be awarded when the entry does not meet the qualifications of the class. Champion and Reserve Champion awards will be selected when the judge deems there are entries of Championship quality. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion awards will be awarded only where Champions are judged together. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion awards will be selected when the judge deems there are entries of Grand Championship quality.

13. The value of a given ribbon will be the same for all entries. Ribbon point values are:

Blue	6 pts	Champion	3 pts	Grand Champion	5 pts
Red	3 pts	Reserve Champion	2 pts	Reserve Grand Champion	4 pts
White	1 pt				

Actual dollar value for a ribbon point value will be determined after fair, when all entries have been confirmed.

- 14.** All special awards must be approved and entered into the 4-H Special Awards summary. Approval is based on procedures authorized by the 4-H Association Board. All special awards will only be attached to champion or above ribbon placings, unless there are special written criteria established for awarding.
- 15.** Once entered, all exhibits cannot be removed unless excused by the superintendent of that show.
- 16.** Specific rules and regulations within 4-H divisions are in appropriate sections.
- 17.** 4-H exhibits at the Jefferson County Fair are entered and displayed at the risk of the exhibitor. The 4-H Department of Oregon State University in cooperation with Jefferson County Fair and Warm Springs cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage due to the conditions imposed by crowds, the arrangement of the buildings in which displays are housed or the number of exhibits. 4-H'ers who have exhibits of great sentimental and/or monetary value should carefully consider whether such exhibits should be exposed to the hazards of the fair.
- 18.** All exhibits will remain on display until released as indicated in the Fair Schedule.
- 19.** Premium checks will be available at the County Extension Office TBA. Refer to the 4-H Updates for exact date. Recipients must present their completed record books, with leader signatures, to receive premium checks. Recipients of awards and livestock auction participants must have thank-you notes checked off before receiving their premium and/or auction checks. **ALL CHECKS MUST BE CASHED BY DECEMBER 31, of the current year.**

STATE FAIR ELIGIBILITY

1. A 4-H exhibit must be the work of the 4-H member and completed during the current 4-H year.
2. 4-H members who participate in State Fair activities shall have been selected at the current County Fair or other selection process. Entries must be approved by the County 4-H Coordinator.
3. 4-H members who exhibit animals or enter contests which require attendance at the State Fair must be intermediate or seniors.
4. The 4-H member must be enrolled in the project in order to exhibit in that project.
5. The 4-H project manuals shall be the guides for requirements not specified in the State Fair Premium Book.
6. **4-H exhibits at the Oregon State Fair are entered and displayed at the risk of the exhibitor.** The 4-H Department of Oregon State University in cooperation with the Oregon State Fair accepts exhibits and will exercise due care to protect them. The 4-H Department and State Fair cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage due to the conditions imposed by large

crowds, the arrangement of the building in which displays are housed and the great number of exhibits. Every exhibitor shall indemnify the State

Fair and 4-H Department from and against any claims for damage to persons or property caused by them or by their exhibits. 4-H'ers who have exhibits of great sentimental and/or monetary value should carefully consider whether such exhibits should be exposed to the hazards of the fair.

7. All members involved in participatory activities during the 4-H portion of State Fair must have with them a completed and signed "Official 4-H Registration Form." This form contains the Code of Conduct and the Health Statement. The 4-H Member Code of Conduct will be enforced.
8. When participating in 4-H activities you are representing yourself, club, county and the state 4-H program. Clothing is to be neat, clean and appropriate for the activity. At no time are low cut tops, t-shirts with offensive language, or short shorts appropriate.

RECORD BOOKS

A 4-H member must submit a record book to participate in the Jefferson County Horse Fair. This involves a two-step process.

First, the record books must be current and up to date as of **June 20th, 2025**. The book must be checked off at the County Extension Office by **July 3rd, 2025**. Any red flagged books for corrections must be checked off prior to fair. Any exhibitor not checked off will not participate at fair. Record books will be matched with fair events entered, checked to see that they are updated to June 20, 2025, and then returned to the 4-H member. Clubs are welcome to coordinate and submit record books as a club. Based on office help, the record books will be immediately returned or collected for checking and then returned.

By July 3rd, 2025, the 4-Her should have in their records:

- Records must be kept on all horses registered on the 90-day Possession Form.
- 4-H story and introduction, listing goals for the year, or if they are using a journal format, a list of notes they have taken in their 4-H experience for the current year.
- 4-H Resume - current year information on pages 1 and 2.
- Project record - entries up to June 20, 2025. Examples include date started, inventory from last year **if** applicable, expenses, riding hours, feed record expenses, breeding records to June 20, 2025, etc.

Second, in order to pick up premium checks earned at the fair, 4-H members must update their records from June 20 through the County Fair (or State Fair, if they attend), and have these records signed by their leader. This signed book must be brought to the County Extension Office before fair premium checks can be given to 4-Hers. If the 4-H member carries more than one project, each project record will need to be signed by that project leader. Record books that are to be entered in the record book contest must be updated through the State Fair, and turned into the County Extension office. Refer to the 4-H Updates for exact date to turn in your record book for judging. Record books are then reviewed and returned after Recognition Night.

- 1. 4-H EQUESTRIAN HEADGEAR POLICY-** 4-H members participating in any equestrian activity, regardless of riding seat, WILL WEAR a properly fitted equestrian helmet which meets the minimum performance standards imposed by the American Society for Testing 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. It is recommended that 4-H'ers wear their ASTM/SEI helmets anytime they are around their horses.

- 2. DRUGGING** – The 4-H horse program does not condone the use of drugs, herbal compounds, or surgical procedures which affect an animal's conformation, appearance, natural performance, or in any way alters its natural color. Horses requiring any medication should be identified upon arrival at the 4-H Horse Show or registrations area. Exhibitors should be prepared to present a valid prescription or a written explanation, either or both to be signed by the animal's licensed veterinarian. If a horse requires medication or treatment after arrival at the show, any medication used to protect the health and welfare of the animal must be prescribed by a licensed veterinarian. Administration of all medication must at all times be done in accordance with the specification and/or instructions given in the prescription. Liability for the correct administration of the prescribed drug is the responsibility of the exhibitor's parent or legal guardian. The use of Phenylbutaxone ("bute") in older 4-H project horses is acceptable when the drug is used with a veterinarian's prescription.

- 3. POSSESSION** - Ownership of horse is encouraged but not required. In order to receive awards, premiums and participate in State & County Fair, members must have possession of their project animal(s) and a "Horse Declaration Form" in to the County Extension Office 90 days before Horse Fair. Members not owning their horse must have a written lease agreement with the horse's owner. A copy of this agreement must be attached to the declaration form and turned in to the County Extension Office 90 days before county fair. After this day, the horse may only be ridden by or shown at halter or showmanship by the 4-H member or another 4-H member participating at County Fair; by an immediate family member; or by a special permission of the County Extension Agent. A trainer or instructor may assist or teach members during the 90 day period prior to fair, but may not ride the horse.

- 4. COUNTY FAIR PROCEDURE-** Each exhibit animal must have a "project record" turned in with their record books. To participate in Hunt Seat over fences, Ranch Horse Roping, Gymkhana or Cow Work at County Fair, a consent form must be completed and turned in to the Extension Office by **July 3, 2025**. No schooling or training may be done by anyone other than a 4-H youth member while at the Jefferson County Horse Fair. Parents and other adults may not handle or ride horses at County Fair except in emergency situations. Class requirements and procedures are listed in "4-H Horse

Contest Guide" (EB1974). Patterns will be provided prior to the show. The judge's decision for each class will be **final**.

5. **SHOWMANSHIP** – Showmanship is required for all horse 4-H fair exhibitors and for all horses being exhibited. The purpose of showmanship is to teach courtesy, good grooming, poise, confidence, and how to fit, train, and handle your horse. Showmanship is demonstration of the member's ability to show the animal, in hand, to its best advantage. The Champion and Reserve Champions from each age division may be invited back by the judge(s) to compete for the Grand Champion Horse Showman. The Grand Champion Horse Showman may then compete in the Master Showmanship Contest with other livestock species at the Jefferson County Fair. If the Grand Champion qualifies in another species they will choose which species to represent in the Master Showmanship contest and the Reserve Grand Champion may have an opportunity to represent Horse in the contest. Conformation of the animal is not considered. 4-H members are to do all grooming and care of the horse (older members may assist junior members). When two or more 4-H members of the same family have only one horse available, they must jointly care for and train the horse.

6. **Master Showmanship**-The Performance Showmanship Contest Grand Champion overall showman will represent Horse in the Master Showmanship contest during the Jefferson County Fair.

7. -No stallions may be exhibited or presented during the Fair.
-All stallions must be gelded three (3) months prior to Fair.
-No wet mares are allowed at State Fair but will be permitted at County Fair as long as foals are left at home. Any disruptive horse shall be removed from the class.

8. **Equipment and Dress Code**-Members must use equipment and wear appropriate attire as defined in 4-H Horse Contest Guide (Publication #EB1974) and 4-H Ranch Horse Contest Guide.

9. **Advancements:**
 - To compete at the County Fair in showmanship, members must have completed all Level 1 Ground Work Advancement steps.
 - To compete at the county fair in any riding class, members must have completed all Level 1 Riding Advancement steps. If a member is at a walk/trot level only, they can skip the loping/cantering advancements in Level 1, but may not enter a lope/canter class at fair.
 - To compete at a County Fair in any specialty area class (Trail, Jumping, Driving, Gaming, or any Ranch Horse class) members must have completed the Level 1 Advancements for that specific area.
 - Each year members have to show progression in the advancement program.
 - By the end of their junior years (usually 6th grade), members should have completed the Level 1 knowledge, ground work, and riding advancements.

- By the end of their intermediate years (usually 9th grade), members should have completed Level 2 knowledge, ground work, and riding advancements.
 - By the end of their senior years, members should have completed Level 3 knowledge, ground work, and riding advancements.
 - For showing in specialty area classes, intermediate members should have completed Level 2 and senior members should have completed Level 3 advancements in those areas.
 - All members should complete at least two Personal Development Options each year.
 - Dad Potter: Before attempting any three-step Dad Potter Certificate of Merit, members must first complete their three selected Dad Potter steps in the Riding Advancements. Members must complete all 10 Dad Potter elements specified in the Riding Advancements before participating in a Dad Potter trial.
10. Exhibitors must complete the following to participate in Horse Fair:
 - Educational component
 - Community Service
 - Record Book
 11. To be eligible for premiums, all manure, hay, and garbage must be cleaned up and placed in the designated areas by the member throughout the time of the Horse Fair. Keep the area clean the entire time of Horse Fair.
 12. Participants in the following classes are to be mounted on the horse in the arena while performing the required movements: Equitation, Trail, Hunt Seat Equitation over Fences and Dressage.
 13. No dogs are allowed at Horse Fair, if brought onto the fairgrounds they must remain in the camping area and at no time come around horses, the horse stalls, the livestock barns or either of the riding arenas.
 14. Any exceptions to these rules must have the approval of the Jefferson County 4-H Agent.
 15. State Fair Qualifying information can be received at the County Extension Office or from the State 4-H website at <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/oregon-state-fair-2023>

4-H HORSE SHOWMANSHIP

751 500 001 Performance Junior (County Only)

751 500 002 Performance Intermediate 751

500 003 Performance Senior

Other Showmanship

County only. No special awards (Blue, Red, White only). Horse must not have been exhibited in another showmanship class.

751 500 020 Other Junior

751 500 030 Other Intermediate

751 500 040 Other Senior

4-H EQUITATION

1st year Horse project members participating in the "Walk/Trot" Equitation classes, may not cross enter with the same horse in a loping class. "Walk/Trot" Equitation is a County only class and is **not used to calculate high point awards or State Fair points**.

751 100 105 Walk/Trot Equitation Junior (County Only)

751 100 106 Walk/Trot Equitation Intermediate (County Only)

751 100 107 Walk/Trot Equitation Senior (County Only)

751 100 111 Junior English Equitation (Saddle Seat) (County Only)

751 100 112 Intermediate English Equitation (Saddle Seat) 751

100 113 Senior English Equitation (Saddle Seat)

751 100 121 Junior English Equitation (Hunt Seat) (County Only)

751 100 122 Intermediate English Equitation (Hunt Seat) 751

100 123 Senior English Equitation (Hunt Seat)

751 100 131 Junior Western Equitation (County Only)

751 100 132 Intermediate Western Equitation 751

100 133 Senior Western Equitation

4-H TRAIL HORSE

Obstacles for trail course will be selected from the 4-H Horse Contest Guide (#EM1974).

Participants in the trail class will be mounted on their horse unless specific obstacle calls for a dismount.

751 300 311 Junior Trail Horse (County Only)

751 300 312 Intermediate Trail Horse

751 300 313 Senior Trail Horse

4-H IN-HAND TRAIL

- Obstacles for the in-hand trail course will be selected from the 4-H Horse Contest Guide (#EM1974).
- Participants in the in-hand trail class will not be mounted on their horse.
- Youth who are participating in the ground training class may choose to exhibit their ground training project in the In-Hand trail and still exhibit a mounted project in mounted Trail Horse class.
- For State Fair – intermediates and seniors, only **non-ridden** horses will compete (drivers or ground training horses only).

751 300 321 Junior In-Hand Trail (County Only)

751 300 322 Intermediate In-Hand Trail 751

300 323 Senior In-Hand Trail

Ground Training Class

- Ground Training is open to weanlings, yearlings, and 2-year-olds. *Only yearlings and 2-year-olds are allowed at the Oregon State 4-H Fair.*
- **Animals entered in Ground Training classes cannot have been mounted at any time.**
- A Ground Training animal may also be entered in Showmanship and In-Hand Trail but not in Equitation or Driving. If contestants are not showing an equitation animal in Showmanship, they must exhibit their ground training animal in Showmanship.
- A time limit of 15 minutes maximum will be placed on each contestant. No more than 5 minutes will be allowed to bring in and set up equipment. Each contestant must give the judge, in advance, a ground training score sheet that lists the items to be attempted. The score sheet is available at Oregon County Extension Offices and on the Oregon State University 4-H website: http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/special-events/statefair/ContestMaterials/Horse/ground_training_score_sheet.pdf.
- Only age-appropriate items from the back of the score sheet may be attempted. Contestants must attempt a minimum of three items and a maximum of ten items.

__1 Junior (County Only) __2 Intermediate __3 Senior

751 200 23__ Weanling, current year (County Only)

751 200 21__ Yearling 751 200 22__ Two-year-old gelding or filly

4-H HUNT SEAT EQUITATION OVER FENCES

General Requirements:

- **This event will be held at the Deschutes County 4-H Horse Fair.**
- See Contest Guide for guidelines, equipment, and appointments.
- Contestants must have the approval of their 4-H leader to compete over fences.
- Blue ribbon winners may participate at State Fair if they qualify in English or Western Equitation or driving with the same horse.
- Parents and members must have a signed Consent Form on file in the County Extension Office by **July 3, 2025**.
- Trot-A-Course participants will not be eligible for high point. The class will consist of a full course of shortened fences. All performed at a trot. Participants will be first year beginner jumpers and may not cross enter in Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences.

751 600 10__ Trot-A-Course __

1 Junior

__ 2 Intermediate

__ 3 Senior

Ribbons: Blue, Red, White

751 600 16__ Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences

__ 1 Junior

__ 2 Intermediate

__ 3 Senior

- A supervised practice fence will be available for contestants only at least thirty minutes prior to the start of hunt classes. Riders not demonstrating the skills to ride a full course or beginner course may be excused at the practice fence.
- Riders may be instructed by the announcer to HOLD HARD in the case of necessary fence repair, or at the request of the judge. Riders are to pull up immediately, and may not continue until instructed to do so.

4-H DRESSAGE

- **This event will be held at the Deschutes County 4-H Horse Fair.**
- All training level tests will be ridden in the small court.
- Riders will be expected to ride current USDF. All 1st level tests will be ridden in the large court. Participants must have received a blue ribbon in Dressage Training Level Test 2, or 3 or First Level Test 1-3 with a minimum score of not less than 58% at the county level to qualify for State Fair.
- Training Level Test 1 is not eligible for State Fair.
- A member who scored 62% and above at the previous Oregon State Fair must progress to the next test. The requirement to move up does not apply to a new horse. Additionally, riders scoring 64% and above at the county fair must move up to the next test.

Training Level, Test 1

751 700 501 Horse Dressage, Junior (County Only)

751 700 502 Horse Dressage, Intermediate 751

700 503 Horse Dressage, Senior

Training Level, Test 2

751 700 511 Horse Dressage, Junior (County Only)

751 700 512 Horse Dressage, Intermediate 751

700 513 Horse Dressage, Senior

Training Level, Test 3

751 700 521 Horse, Dressage, Junior (County Only)

751 700 522 Horse, Dressage, Intermediate

751 700 523 Horse, Dressage, Senior

First Level, Test 1

751 700 541 Horse, Dressage, Junior (County Only)

751 700 542 Horse, Dressage, Intermediate 751

700 543 Horse, Dressage, Senior

First Level, Test 2

751 700 551 Horse, Dressage, Junior (County Only)

751 700 552 Horse, Dressage, Intermediate 751

700 553 Horse, Dressage, Senior

First Level, Test 3

751 700 561 Horse, Dressage, Junior (County Only)

751 700 562 Horse, Dressage, Intermediate

751 700 563 Horse, Dressage, Senior

4-H WESTERN GAMING FINALS (WGF)

A Consent Form turned into the County Extension Office is required.

County level award ribbon placement	Blue	Red	White
Juniors (County Only)			
Key race	17.700 & Less	17.701 - 21.500	21.501 & More
Barrels	23.600 & Less	23.601 - 25.300	25.301 & More
Figure 8	19.000 & Less	19.001 - 20.000	20.901 & More
Pole Bending	32.500 & Less	32.501 - 35.000	35.001 & More
Flag Race	16.300 & Less	16.301 - 18.000	18.001 & More
Two Barrel Flag Race	19.500 & Less	19.501 - 23.500	23.501 & More
Intermediate (State Qualifying Times)			
Key race	10.700 & Less	10.701 - 14.500	14.501 & More
Barrels	16.600 & Less	16.601 - 18.300	18.301 & More
Figure 8	12.00 & Less	12.001 - 12.900	12.901 & More
Pole Bending	25.500 & Less	25.501 - 28.900	28.901 & More
Flag Race	9.3 & Less	9.301 - 11.000	11.001 & More
Two Barrel Flag Race	12.100 & Less	12.101 - 16.500	16.501 & More
Senior (State Qualifying Times)			
Key race	10.400 & Less	10.401 - 12.700	12.701 & More
Barrels	16.200 & Less	16.201 - 17.900	17.901 & More
Figure 8	11.500 & Less	11.501 - 12.200	12.201 & More
Pole Bending	25.000 & Less	25.201 - 28.600	28.601 & More
Flag Race	9.000 & Less	9.001 - 10.500	10.500 & More
Two Barrel Flag Race	11.500 & Less	11.501 - 15.500	15.501 & More

4-H WESTERN GAMING FINALS (WGF) Cont.

751 800 011 Figure 8 Junior (County Only)
751 800 012 Figure 8 Intermediate
751 800 013 Figure 8 Senior
751 800 021 Barrels Junior (County Only)
751 800 022 Barrels Intermediate
751 800 023 Barrels Senior
751 800 031 Key Race Junior (County Only)
751 800 032 Key Race Intermediate
751 800 033 Key Race Senior
751 800 041 Pole Bending Junior (County Only)
751 800 042 Pole Bending Intermediate
751 800 043 Pole Bending Senior
751 800 051 Flag Race Junior (County Only)
751 800 052 Flag Race Intermediate
751 800 053 Flag Race Senior
751 800 061 Two-Barrel Flag Race Junior (County Only)
751 800 062 Two-Barrel Flag Race Intermediate 751
800 063 Two-Barrel Flag Race Senior

Overall gaming awards are given to the top horse and rider combination competing in all 6 events with the highest total ribbon scores. Additional points will be awarded for Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons.

4-H RANCH HORSE

The goal for the Ranch Horse program is to educate 4-H'ers in additional horse related skills as well as basic knowledge of cattle. Skills learned may typically be used on a working ranch or in a ranching atmosphere. To compete at County Fair in Ranch Horse events members must have completed the Level 1 Advancement Program for each Ranch Horse event.

It is recommended that intermediates are in Level 2 of the Horse Advancement program and seniors are in Level 3, working on completing the levels.

A completed "Consent Form" must be turned into the County Extension Office by **July 3, 2025**, to participate in Cow Working and Ranch Horse Roping.

Ranch Horse Showmanship

Ranch Horse Showmanship is a class where members show their skill at handling their horses safely and effectively from the ground. They show pride in their animal by how well it is groomed and cared for. They show pride in themselves by how neatly dressed, poised,

confident, courteous, and knowledgeable they are. 4-H members must have a safe halter and lead rope for their horse. (see the Ranch Horse Contest Guide for specifications)

Working Ranch Horse

Participants in Working Ranch Horse will demonstrate horsemanship skills that may be used on a working ranch. The class is a pattern that may include but is not limited to, walk, trot, lope lead changes, rollbacks and turns on the haunches. There is no rail work. They should demonstrate horsemanship skill at natural gaits and controlled speed when specified.

Ranch Horse Trail

4-H members will demonstrate skills necessary to ride the trail looking for lost cattle or moving herds, including overnight stays. Riders are asked to negotiate tight spaces and perform tests of skills that may be needed on the trail or ranch. The use of natural obstacles will be used whenever possible.

Cow Working

In this Cow Working event, youth demonstrate their ability to sort, hold, and/or move cattle effectively as if working them on a ranch.

Ranch Horse Roping

Roping is a class where 4-Hers can test their roping skills. Beginner and Junior members will rope a “dummy” from the ground. Intermediate members will rope a “dummy” from horseback and Senior members will rope cattle in a small branding size pen. **Participants in the “Beginner” class will be Intermediate or Senior members who are prepared to rope a dummy and not rope from horseback.** Beginners’ roping score will not be eligible for High Point and participants may not cross enter in this section.

Identification, Knowledge and Skills Test

In this class, exhibitors demonstrate their knowledge of tack, equipment, and supplies that might be used on a ranch. They also show their skill at various ranch tasks. There will be 10 items to identify, 10 questions to answer and 2 tasks to perform.

Note: Fill in blank (__) with division number

0 Beginner (Intermediate and Seniors roping only)

1 Junior

2 Intermediate

3 Senior

751 700 10_ Ranch Horse Showmanship (County Only)

751 700 20_ Working Ranch Horse (County Only)

751 700 60_ Ranch Horse Trail (County Only)

751 700 30_ Cow Working (County Only) (Consent Form required)

751 700 40_ Ranch Horse Roping, (County Only) (Consent Form required)

751 700 70_ Identification, knowledge, and skills test

Horse Awards Classes with less than 3 participants will only be awarded ribbons

High Point Award

High Point Awards will be given to the participants with the greatest eligible point total in each individual discipline (Gaming, Performance, and Ranch Horse). Eligibility requirements state that to be considered for a High Point Award the recipient must receive no less than red ribbons with at least one blue ribbon awarded. In the event that no participant meets these requirements, no High Point Award would be given. The awards will be presented during the Saturday awards program at Jefferson County Fair.

Judging Standards

In keeping with fair judging standards, the point values for ribbons awarded is as follows: blue = 85 and above, red = 70 to 84 and white = 69 and below. It is understood that Gaming participants in the Senior and Intermediate divisions must meet state qualifying time standards and Juniors must meet Crook County qualifying time standards (see chart below taken from the 2023 Crook County 4-H Horse Fair Book).

Gaming

Points earned in state fair qualifying events i.e. Texas Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Key Hole, Flag Race, Two Barrel Flag Race, and Figure 8 will determine awards given. Showmanship is a requirement for all participants; however, the points earned will **not** be factored into the overall point total. In the event of a tie the winner will be determined by the total of all the timed events. Additional points will be added for Champion and Reserve Champion. Premium points for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will **not** be included in the overall point tally. Points will be figured on a one horse, one rider basis; meaning that only points earned on the initial horse shown in a showmanship class will count toward the High Point Award. The award will be presented during the Saturday awards program at Jefferson County Fair.

Performance

Points earned in State Fair qualifying events i.e. Showmanship, Western Equitation, English Equitation, Hunt Seat Over Fences, Trail, Dressage, Jumping, and Ground Training. Showmanship is a requirement for all participants and the numerical score will be used to determine the winner in the event of a tie. Additional points will be added for Champion and Reserve Champion. Premium points for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will **not** be used in the overall point tally. Points will be figured on a one horse, one rider basis; meaning that only points earned on the horse used for Showmanship in this event will be taken. The award will be presented during the Saturday awards program at Jefferson County fair.

Ranch Horse

Awards given will be based on premium points received for participation in Ranch Horse classes at the Jefferson County Horse Fair. Points will be accumulated from participation in the following classes: Ranch Showmanship, Working Ranch Horse, Cow Working, Ranch Horse Trail, Ranch Horse Roping, and Identification Knowledge and Skills test. Ranch Horse Showmanship is a requirement for all participants. Additional points will be added for Champion and Reserve Champion. Premium Points for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will **not** be used in the overall point tally. In the event of a tie the Cow Working score will be used to determine the winner. If a tie still remains the Ranch Horse Showmanship score will be used. Points will be figured on a one horse, one rider basis; meaning that only points earned on the horse used for showmanship in this event will be taken. The award will be presented during the Saturday awards program at Jefferson County fair.

4-H Horse Proficiency Award

This award is to offer recognition to the Horse 4-H member who excels in all disciplines of 4-H relating to life skills and the 4-H Horse Program. In order to qualify for this award a member must meet the qualification standards for the High Point awards listed above in Gaming, Performance and/or Ranch Horse. Any combination of final scores in Gaming, Performance, and/or Ranch Horse will be tallied. Scores received from Horse Judging, Record Book Judging, Horse Bowl, Educational Displays and the Presentations contest will also be included. A plaque (or equivalent) and rotating trophy will be presented to one individual at Recognition Night in the Fall.

Jackie Powell Award

Jackie died in a tragic accident while traveling to participate in the County Fair. In her honor, a plaque and rotating trophy is awarded to the first-year junior who accumulates the highest point value from participation at the County Horse Fair. This award is presented at Recognition Night in the Fall.

Sportsmanship Award

A plaque will be given to the 4-Her that demonstrates outstanding sportsmanship during the fair. The award is presented during Recognition Night in the Fall. It is the Horse Leaders discretion whether or not this award is given.

Bob Miller Memorial Buckle Award

Bob was a local cowboy whom always gave of himself to help support and guide the youth in our community. This award will be given to a Jefferson County 4-H horse member that participates in the Ranch Horse Program at the County Fair, and possesses the positive, encouraging, can do attitude of a cowgirl or cowboy. Excellent sportsmanship is a major consideration for this award. This award will be presented at Recognition Night in the Fall.

Showmanship Awards

Showmanship Champions in each division Junior, Intermediate and Senior will receive a special award. The award will be presented during the Saturday awards program at Jefferson County fair.