

HORSE

Director in Charge: Tom Harmon
Superintendent: Julie Cramer, Donene Simmons, Dean Lee

Wednesday Classes 8:00 AM - North Grandstand

Classes

Main Arena

- 01 Senior Western Showmanship (horse, exhibitors; 14-18)
- 02 Junior Western Showmanship (horse, exhibitors; 8-13)
- 03 Pony Showmanship, English or Western (exhibitors; 8-13)
- 04 Gaited Showmanship (horse/pony over 38", exhibitors; 8-13 cannot show in other showmanship)
- 05 Senior English Showmanship (horse, exhibitors; 14-18)
- 06 Junior English Showmanship (horse, exhibitors; 8-13)
- 07 Small Equine Showmanship English or Western (under 38" exhibitors; 8-18, cannot show in class 03)
- 08 2nd & 3rd yr. Walk Trot Showmanship, (horse/pony)
- 09 1st yr. Walk Trot Showmanship, (horse/pony)
- 10 Senior Ranch Showmanship (horse/pony, exhibitors; 14-18)
- 11 Junior Ranch Showmanship (horse/pony, exhibitors; 8-13)

Grand Champion Senior Showmanship (Main Arena)
(See Championship Rules)

Grand Champion Junior Showmanship (Main Arena)
(See Championship Rules)

Main Arena

- 12 Poles (horse/pony, over 38", exhibitors; 8-18)
- 13 Stakes (horse/pony, over 38", exhibitors; 8-18)
- 14 Keyhole (horse/pony, over 38", exhibitors; 8-18)
- 15 Barrels (horse/pony, over 38", exhibitors; 8-18)

Grand Champion Contester Presentation (Main Arena)
(See Championship Rules)

During the contest classes, Draft Decorating will take place in the draft barn. placings will be presented in the main arena before Draft Showmanship

Main Arena

- 16D** Senior Draft decorating (exhibitors; 14-18)
- 17D** Junior Draft Decorating (exhibitors; 8-13)
- 18D** Novice Draft Decorating (1st yr. exhibitors)
- 19D** Senior Draft Showmanship (exhibitors; 14-18)
- 20D** Junior Draft Showmanship (exhibitors; 8-13)
- 21D** Novice Draft Showmanship (1st yr. exhibitors)
- 22 Senior English Pleasure (horse, exhibitors; 14-18)
- 23 Junior English Pleasure (horse, exhibitors; 8-13)
- 24 Gaited Pleasure (horse/pony, exhibitors; 8-18, cannot show in any other pleasure class)
- 25 Hunter In Hand (48" and under, exhibitors; 8-18)
- 26 Senior English Equitation (horse, exhibitors; 14-18)
- 27 Junior English Equitation (horse, exhibitors; 8-13)
- 28 Gaited Horsemanship/Equitation (horse/pony, exhibitors; 8-18, cannot show in any other HMS/EQ class)

29D Draft Horse Single Cart Class (exhibitors; 8-18)

30D Draft Horse Team Driving Class (exhibitors; 8-18)

4-H Barn

- 31 Senior Poster (14-18) judged in rear of 4-H Barn
- 32 Junior Poster (8-13) judged in rear of 4-H Barn

Thursday Classes 8:00 AM - North Grandstand

Class

- 01 Trail In Hand, (horse/pony, exhibitors; 8-18, cannot enter class #2)
- 02 Trail (horse/pony, exhibitors; 8-18)
- 03 Driven Trail (horse/pony over 38", exhibitors; 8-18)
- 04 Small Equine Driven Trail (under 38" exhibitors; 8-18)
- 05D** Draft Single Horse Line Driving (exhibitor; 8-18)
- 06 Hunter Hack (horse/pony, exhibitors; 8-18)
- 07 Senior Ranch Riding (horse/pony, exhibitors; 14-18)
- 08 Junior Ranch Riding (horse/pony, exhibitors; 8-13)
- 09 Senior Ranch Pleasure (horse/pony, exhibitors; 14-18, cannot show the same horse in Western Pleasure)
- 10 Junior Ranch Pleasure (horse/pony, exhibitors; 8-14, cannot show the same horse in Western Pleasure)
- 11 Small Equine Pleasure Driving (38" and under, exhibitors; 8-18)
- 12 Small Equine Reinsmanship (38" and under, exhibitors; 8-18)
- 13D** Draft Horse Riding (exhibitor; 8-18)
- 14 Senior Western Pleasure (horse, exhibitors; 14-18)
- 15 Junior Western Pleasure (horse, exhibitors; 8-13)
- 16 Pony Pleasure, English or Western (over 38", exhibitors; 8-18)
- 17 Walk-Trot Pleasure, English or Western (horse/pony, 2nd yr. members)
- Grand Champion Senior Pleasure** (See Championship Rules)
- 18 Walk-Trot Pleasure, English or Western (horse/pony, 1st yr. members)
- Grand Champion Junior Pleasure** (See Championship Rules)
- 19 Pleasure Driving (horse/pony over 38", exhibitors; 8-18)
- 20 Reinsmanship (horse/pony over 38", exhibitors; 8-18)
- 21 Senior Western Horsemanship (horse, exhibitors; 14-18)
- 22 Junior Western Horsemanship (horse, exhibitors; 8-13)
- 23 Walk-Trot Horsemanship/Equitation, (horse/pony, 2nd yr. members)
- 24 Senior Ranch Horsemanship (horse/pony, exhibitors; 14-18)
- 25 Junior Ranch Horsemanship (horse/pony, exhibitors; 8-13)
- Grand Champion Sr. Horsemanship** (See Championship Rules)
- 26 Walk-Trot Horsemanship/Equitation (horse/pony, 1st yr. members)
- Grand Champion Jr. Horsemanship** (See Championship Rules)
- 27 Western Riding (horse/pony, exhibitors; 8-18)
- 28 Reining (horse/pony, exhibitors; 8-18)

Break to prepare for Versatility

Grand Champion Cart Driving Presentation
(See Championship Rules)

Grand Champion Walk Trot Presentation
(1st - 2nd yr. members)

Grand Champion Pony Presentation (See Championship Rules)

Grand Champion Ranch Jr./Sr. Presentation
(See Championship Rules)

Grand Champion Specialty Champion Presentation
(See Championship Rules)

29 Versatility (see rule #General Horse Rules #19)

Championship Versatility Presentation

30 Dressage (horse/pony, exhibitors; 8-18, see rules #15)

31 Western Dressage (horse/pony, exhibitors; 8-18, see rules #15)

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Grand Champion Participant Rules

- a. **Sr. Showmanship:** 1st - 3rd Sr. English, Sr. Western, & exhibitors 14-18 in Gaited, Sm Equine, and Pony, Ranch
- b. **Jr. Showmanship:** 1st - 3rd Jr. English, Jr. Western, & exhibitors 9-13 in Gaited.
- c. **Sr. Pleasure:** 1st - 3rd Sr. English Pleasure, Sr. Western Pleasure, & exhibitors 14-18 in Gaited Pleasure
- d. **Jr. Pleasure:** 1st - 3rd Jr. English Pleasure, Jr. Western Pleasure, & exhibitors 9-13 in Gaited Pleasure.
- e. **Sr. Horsemanship/Equitation:** 1st - 3rd Sr. Equitation/ Horsemanship, exhibitors 14-18 in Gaited
- f. **Jr. Horsemanship/Equitation:** 1st - 3rd Jr. Equitation/ Horsemanship, exhibitors 9-13 in Gaited

1. SHOWMANSHIP, HORSEMANSHIP, PLEASURE GRAND CHAMPION CLASSES:

- a. Top three (3) finishers may return for the Championship Class. If an exhibitor qualifies in English, Western or Ranch, they must notify the office immediately after qualifying in the third class.
- b. If the office has not been notified within 5 min., the exhibitor will show in the second qualifying class and the appropriate individual from the 1st qualifying class will be notified of their eligibility.
- c. 4th/5th place finishers will show in the championship class in the event the 1st, 2nd or 3rd finishers are a duplicate winner. Placings will be moved up to fill empty positions provided the original qualifier chooses to compete in the opposite discipline.
- d. Exhibitors placing in Walk-Trot, Pony, or Small Equine may not enter the Championship Class
- e. Pony & Small Equine Class winners may not participate in Grand Champion Classes. The only exception is any senior youth that place in the top 3 in their respective Showmanship class. They are eligible to compete in the Sr Showmanship Championship since the winner of that class represents the Light Horse Department in Showman of Showman.

2. SHOWMAN OF SHOWMEN:

- a. The Light Horse Representative will be the winner of the Sr. Showmanship Championship. Same exhibitor cannot represent 2 years in a row, unless the Res. Champion is unable to do so.
- b. The Draft Horse Representative will be the winner of the Draft Sr. Showmanship class. Same exhibitor cannot represent 2 years in a row, unless the Res. Champion is unable to do so.
- c. Grand Champions must notify the Jr. Fair Office that they plan to participate in Showman of Showman.
- d. The Representative must provide their animal for use in the Showman of Showman Contest.

3. GRAND CHAMPION WALK-TROT:

1st and 2nd year Grand Champion & Reserve Champion will be based on the points accumulated as determined by their placings in the respective Showmanship, Horsemanship/Equitation, and Pleasure Classes. Number of points is based on the total number of competitors in each class, with the maximum point allotment for first place of 6. Horsemanship/Equitation is the Tie Breaker class.

4. GRAND CHAMPION DRIVING:

Small Equine & Horse/Pony Grand Champion & Reserve Champion will be based on the points accumulated as determined by their placings in the respective Pleasure Driving, Reinsmanship, and Driven Trail class. Number of points is based on the total number of competitors in each class, with the maximum point

allotment for first place of 6. Driven Trail is the tie breaker class. (Neither Showmanship nor Hunter in Hand points count toward this championship)

5. GRAND CHAMPION SPECIALIST:

Specialist Grand Champion & Reserve Champion will be based on the points accumulated as determined by their placings in the following classes: Trail or Trail in Hand, Reining, Western Riding, Hunter Hack, Dressage, & Western Dressage. Number of points is based on the total number of competitors in each class, with the maximum point allotment for first place of 6. In the event of a tie for Champion or Reserve, the individual with the highest number of 1st place finishes will win. Should this not resolve the tie, the superintendents will determine the highest number of 2nd place finishes, etc until the tie can be broken.

6. GRAND CHAMPION PONY:

Pony Grand Champion & Reserve Champion will be based on the points accumulated as determined by their placings in the Pony Showmanship, Hunter in Hand, Pony Horsemanship/Equitation and Pony Pleasure Class. Number of points is based on the total number of competitors in each class, with the maximum point allotment for first place of 6. A pony is 58" or less, and must have a current 4-H Pony Card. Horsemanship/Equitation is the tie breaker class.

7. GRAND CHAMPION CONTESTING:

Contesting Champion & Reserve Champion will be based on the points accumulated as determined by their placings in the Poles, Stakes, Keyhole & Barrel Classes. Number of points is based on the total number of competitors in each class, with the maximum point allotment for first place of 6. The Judge will determine the tie breaker class prior to the first run.

8. GRAND CHAMPION RANCH

Grand will be based on the points system determined by the youth's performance in Ranch Showmanship, Ranch Pleasure, Ranch Riding, and Ranch Horsemanship Classes. Jr./ Sr. will have their own separate High Point Trophy. Number of points based on total number of contestants entering arena (not to exceed 6 points) and where contestant finished in class.

Exception: Senior Ranch Showmanship will have the opportunity for the top three in the class are eligible to show in the Senior Grand Champion Showmanship class with the chance for the winner to represent the Hancock County Light Horse Department in Showman Of Showman

9. CLASS TROPHIES:

Trophies will be awarded for all classes. Trophies will be awarded based on the judge's discretion; if the standards for the class are not met disqualification may result.

10. DISQUALIFICATION:

The Judges can disqualify an exhibitor in any class for being off pattern.

4-H Equine Mandatory Helmet Use

All youth 19 years and under, participating in any 4-H equestrian activity, are required to wear properly fitted protective headgear which meets or exceeds current ASTM (American Society for Testing and

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Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards with the chin harness securely fastened at all times while riding or driving equine.

It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian of the youth participant, to make sure that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, and is properly fitted and in good condition. The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance.

The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders make no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear, as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries in equestrian activities.

The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Judges, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders may, at his/her discretion, check a participant's protective headgear for proper standards. If the youth is found to be wearing unapproved, defective, or improperly fitted headgear, he/she will not be permitted to participate in riding or driving activities until proper headgear is acquired.

4-H Barn Housing

1. Only horses and ponies housed in the 4-H Horse Barn will be permitted to show at the Jr. Fair Horse & Pony Show.
2. Club stall assignments and policing the barn will be determined by the Hancock County Horse Council. Posted Stall assignments are final. Any changes must be approved by the Superintendent or Director. Open class entries will be housed when all Jr. Fair Horses and Ponies are housed.
3. All 4-H, FFA horse and pony projects must be housed in the 4H Horse Barn. *Exceptions may only be made per the Director due to space requirements. Only 1 horse per stall will be allowed.
4. 4-H advisors should evaluate 4-H member's animals to see if the project is suitable to stall.
5. Removal or combining of stall panels must be approved by the Director prior to any action.
6. Refer to veterinary rules 901:1-18-08 - Horse uses & Pony rules.
7. Horses shall be released at 6:00 p.m. Monday, or by direction of the Superintendent/Director. Any individuals leaving prior to this without expressed permission of the Director may face penalties, including but not limited to ineligibility from the following years fair.

4-H Barn Rules

1. **NO SMOKING IN BARN!**
2. Extension cords must be in good working repair and UL Rated for outdoor use with grounded 3 prong ends. No household fans are to be used. See health rules. **NO** household/living room/soft-stuffed furniture may be used in any of the barns. Any questionable furniture must be approved by the Director. **NO** heating appliances, cooking appliances, refrigerators or TV may be used in barn.
3. **NO** tying or cross tying animals in the barn aisles.
4. **NO** tying of unattended horses in stalls or washrack.

5. When using the washrack, please CLEAN UP any mess made by animal. **Please keep the drain cleaned out**
6. **NO PARKING IN THE BARN AREA.** Unload and move cars, trucks, and trailers as quickly as possible. Keep the roads and area around the barns free from obstructions in case of fire or health emergencies.
7. All 4H tack trailers must be parked in designated parking area.
8. **EXIT DOORS:** Do not block or lock any exit door at any time. Do not store supplies/feed in the aisle ways or in front of exit doors.
9. **NO** bare feet or sandals in horse area
10. Turning horses loose in the horse areas without a lead rope or lunge line is prohibited.
11. **Riding Areas:** Riding is only permitted in the enclosed arenas.
 - a. **NO** riding in campground or midway area or on the race track. Please dismount in horse area when it is congested.
 - b. **NO** mounting of horse in front of the Horse Barn
 - c. **NO** Double Riding
 - d. **NO** Riding in the barns
 - e. **NO** animals may be ridden bareback with a halter/lead rope for the duration of the Fair

General Horse Rules

1. **UNIFORM RULES FOR 4-H HORSE SHOWS:** The Current Ohio State Extension rulebook will be followed for the Jr. Fair Horse and Pony Show.
2. **GENERAL RULES:** Exhibitors must abide by the General rules for Exhibits and Exhibitors as found in the Hancock County Premium Book.
3. **RULES VIOLATION:** Violation of rules will result in cash premiums being forfeited and at the Fair Board's discretion you may not participate in the following year's Jr. Fair Horse & Pony show.
4. **DECLARED PROJECTS:** Exhibitors may only show declared projects as of June 1st. Lease agreements and ID cards for entered animals must have been submitted to the Extension office no later than June 1 of current year to be eligible to show at the fair. All horses and poles housed must be shown and graded.
5. **ENTRY FORM:** Advisor is strongly recommended to review 4H members entry form. Exhibitors must show in classes as entered on the original Jr. Fair Entry form. In the event that an exhibitor enters a class which their advisor feels that they are not able to safely complete, Advisor may force exhibitor to scratch, with an option for the exhibitor appeal to superintendent at least 24 hours prior to the class.
6. **BACK NUMBERS:** Each exhibitor will use the back number assigned to them at the summer fun shows. Numbers must be displayed on entries back or saddle pad to be judged, or will be disqualified.
7. **STALLION:** a stallion shall only be shown in Jr. Fair competition as a weanling
8. **INTERVIEW:** All Jr. Fair Livestock exhibitors must complete the project interview. The Livestock interview will count for 51% of the total score. Premiums will be paid on the project grade for each entry/exhibit. Premiums will be paid for a maximum of four (4) classes.
9. **EXHIBITORS AGE:** Age will be determined as of January 1st of the current year
 - Senior - 14-18 years
 - Junior - 8-13 years
 - Novice/Walk-Trot - 1st -2nd year, regardless of age * Draft

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10. **UNSAFE EXHIBITOR:** Judge, Superintendent & Director have the right and responsibility to remove from the show any animal exhibiting unsafe or threatening behavior, unsound, or exhibitor showing/demonstrating unsportsmanlike conduct. Judges decision is final and non-disputable. Unsportsmanlike conduct towards judges, show management, or exhibitors, or physical abuse of the project horse will not be tolerated. Violators will be dismissed from the show and/or subject to further actions.

11. **SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES:** Showmanship is mandatory for all 1st year participants. Draft Horse Showmanship is mandatory for 1st and 2nd year participants. Draft horse exhibitors are limited to 1 showmanship class.

Required Dress Code for all Western Showmanship exhibitors:

- Plain black or blue jeans (no bling or embellishments)
- White Oxford button up shirt (plain, no trim)
- Western Hat/Helmet.
- Belts & Scarves are permissible and can include "bling"

Required Dress Code for all Draft Showmanship exhibitors:

- Polo shirts
- Black or Khaki pants
- Embroidery allowed on L Chest of Shirts

12. **SHOWMANSHIP/RIDING/DRIVING CLASSES:** Exhibitors may enter as many classes as they wish. Advisors are highly recommended to review exhibitors selected classes before turning in. Classes will not be held more than 2 minutes for tack changes.

13. **CONTESTING CLASSES:**

- Exhibitors may enter as many classes as they wish
- Dress code - Exhibitors must wear collared shirt and Helmet.
- Please review the uniform 4-H Rules.

14. **RANCH HORSE PLEASURE:** Cannot show the same horse/pony in Western Pleasure. Please review 4-H Rules.

15. **DRESSAGE & WESTERN DRESSAGE:** Exhibitors wanting pony to participate in Dressage/Western Dressage will provide their own LEGIBLE test to the show office no later than 8 a.m. on Thursday morning before the start of the show. Failure to do so will result in the exhibitor being disqualified.

16. **WORKING & RIDING RESTRICTIONS:**

- a. NO riding or training of a 4-H/Jr. Fair horse other than that by the 4-H member will be permitted. This restriction will be in effect through Thursday's afternoon Classes. Parents, Advisors, or other 4-H/Jr. Fair Members/adult may assist the 4-H youth with Lunging their horse, but the youth must be actively involved in the process.
- b. An Adult may accompany the youth driver for safety purposes, but cannot drive the project animals.
- c. Abuse of this rule will eliminate the youth from further participation in the Jr. Fair Classes.

17. **DEAD OR DISABLED HORSE RULE:**

- a. A certificate of death or disability must be provided to the Extension office signed by a licensed area veterinarian who is approved by the State ODA.
- b. The lease of a replacement horse must be presented in writing to the Extension office.
- c. If the leased horse is to replace a dead horse, it may be shown on Jr. Fair Days for Placement. If leased horse is for a disabled animal, then it is for grade only.
- d. Rule applies to cut-off date, 9 a.m. the first day of the fair.

18. **JUDGE QUESTIONS:** Speaking to the judge is a rider's prerogative but must be done through the Ring Steward, or Superintendents after the class. Parents may not enter the arena to question the judge; requests must go through the Ring Steward or Superintendents after the class.

19. **VERSATILITY RULES:**

- a. Participants must have shown in two (2) classes.
- b. Advisors must approve exhibitors for this class.
- c. No Safety and Control or Walk/Trot exhibitors may participate.
- d. All tack and equipment changes must be made in the show rinwithin a time limit of five (5) minutes. All tack must be removed from the arena and/or fence within this time limit. Failure to follow these rules will result in a 2 point deduction from the overall score for each infraction.
- e. No more than two (2) helpers may assist in tack changes. Only one (1) assistant is permitted in the arena. The contestant may not leave the arena at any time except when directed by the Judge/Ring Steward.
- f. Equitation and Horsemanship will include a written pattern and at least one direction of rail work.
- g. Following the change for reining, contestants will be moved to a controlled area outside the main arena. No one will be allowed to approach competitors and/or adjust equipment while they are in the controlled area. Riders are removed from the main arena for safety.
- h. After changing for barrels contestants may not practice around the set of barrels.
- i. Reining pattern will be either Pattern A or B, and will be announced a minimum of 2 classes prior to the start of the class.
- j. Classes include: English EQ, Western HMS, Reining, and Barrel Racing.
- k. All riders will be placed in numerical order from 1st to 6th.
- l. Placings for each class and the final will be announced at the end of the competition.
- m. Number of points used to determine the championship is based on the total number of placings in each class.
- n. Judge will determine the tie breaker class prior to the start of the competition.

20. **PATTERN POSTING:**

- a. Patterns will be posted a minimum of 1 hour before the start of classes for the day.
- b. Championship Patterns will be posted after the final contestants have been placed for the Championship classes.

4-H Draft Horse Rules

1. Only Draft Horses housed at the Fair will be permitted to show at the Jr. Draft Horse Show.
2. Exhibitor's age will be determined as of January 1, of current year.
3. Showmanship is mandatory for 1st and 2nd year participants. The person who received first place in the senior showmanship is eligible for the showman of showmen. If winner won the previous year, then the Reserve placing will be representative.
4. Exhibitors are limited to one (1) showmanship class.
5. Exhibitors must abide by the Junior Fair Rules and Regulations.
6. Violation of Rules will result in cash premiums being forfeited, and at the discretion of the Fair Board, you may not participate in the following year's Jr. Fair Draft Horse Show.
7. All Livestock Exhibitors must complete the Livestock Interview. Exhibitor will not be paid a premium if interview has not been completed.