

LIGHT HORSE

Director in Charge: Pat Ball
Superintendent: Mandy Lobdell

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

20 Minute Brake

- 12 Senior English Pleasure (horse, exhibitors; 14-18)
- 13 Junior English Pleasure (horse, exhibitors; 8-13)
- 14 Gaited Pleasure (horse/pony, exhibitors; 8-18, cannot show in any other pleasure class)
- 15 Senior English Equitation (horse, exhibitors; 14-18)
- 16 Junior English Equitation (horse, exhibitors; 8-13)
- 17 Pony Pleasure, English or Western (over 38", exhibitors; 8-18)
- 18 Pony Horsemanship/Equitation (over 38", exhibitors; 8-18)
- 19 Senior Western Pleasure (horse, exhibitors; 14-18)
- 20 Junior Western Pleasure (horse, exhibitors; 8-13)
- 21 Gaited Horsemanship/Equitation (horse/pony, exhibitors; 8-18, cannot show in any other HMS/EQ class)
- 22 Senior Western Horsemanship (horse, exhibitors; 14-18)
- 23 Junior Western Horsemanship (horse, exhibitors; 8-13)

C24 Grand Champion Pony Presentation (See Championship Rules)

4-H Barn

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

Thursday Classes 8:00 AM - North Grandstand

Class

- C1 Grand Champion Senior Showmanship** (Main Arena)
(See Championship Rules)
- C2 Grand Champion Junior Showmanship** (Main Arena)
(See Championship Rules)
- 03 Trail (horse/pony, exhibitors; 8-18)
- 04 Trail In Hand, (horse/pony, exhibitors; 8-18, cannot enter class #2)
- 05 1st & 2nd Year Walk Trot Trail
- 06 Senior Ranch Riding (horse/pony, exhibitors; 14-18)
- 07 Junior Ranch Riding (horse/pony, exhibitors; 8-13)

- 08 Hunter Hack (horse/pony, exhibitors; 8-18)

20 Minute Brake

- 09 Poles (horse/pony, over 38", exhibitors; 8-18)
- 10 Stakes (horse/pony, over 38", exhibitors; 8-18)
- 11 Keyhole (horse/pony, over 38", exhibitors; 8-18)
- 12 Barrels (horse/pony, over 38", exhibitors; 8-18)
- 13 Hunter In Hand (48" and under, exhibitors; 8-18)

C14 Grand Champion Senior Pleasure (See Championship Rules)

C15 Grand Champion Junior Pleasure (See Championship Rules)

- 16 2nd Year Walk-Trot Pleasure, English or Western (horse/pony)
- 17 1st Year Walk-Trot Pleasure, English or Western (horse/pony)

C18 Grand Champion Contester Presentation (Main Arena)

(See Championship Rules)

C18 Grand Champion Sr. Horsemanship (See Championship Rules)

C19 Grand Champion Jr. Horsemanship (See Championship Rules)

- 20 2nd Year Walk-Trot Horsemanship/Equitation, (horse/pony)
- 21 1st Year Walk-Trot Horsemanship/Equitation (horse/pony)
- 22 Senior Ranch Pleasure (horse/pony, exhibitors; 14-18, cannot show the same horse in Western Pleasure)
- 23 Junior Ranch Pleasure (horse/pony, exhibitors; 8-14, cannot show the same horse in Western Pleasure)
- 24 Senior Ranch Horsemanship (horse/pony, exhibitors; 14-18)
- 25 Junior Ranch Horsemanship (horse/pony, exhibitors; 8-13)
- 26 Reining (horse/pony, exhibitors; 8-18)

C27 Grand Champion Walk Trot Presentation

(1st - 2nd yr. members)

- 28 Western Riding (horse/pony, exhibitors; 8-18)
- 29 Driven Trail (horse/pony over 38", exhibitors; 8-18)
- 30 Small Equine Driven Trail (under 38" exhibitors; 8-18)
- 31 Pleasure Driving (horse/Pony over 38", exhibitors; 8-18)
- 32 Reinsmanship (horse/Pony over 38", exhibitors; 8-18)
- 33 Small Equine Pleasure Driving (38" and under, exhibitors; 8-18)
- 34 Small Equine Reinsmanship (38" and under, exhibitors; 8-18)
- 35 Versatility (see rule #General Horse Rules #19)

C36 Grand Champion Ranch Jr./Sr. Presentation

(See Championship Rules)

C37 Grand Champion Horse/pony Driving Presentation

(See Championship Rules)

C37 Grand Champion Sr Equine Driving Presentation

(See Championship Rules)

C38 Championship Versatility Presentation

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

C41 Grand Champion Specialty Champion Presentation

(See Championship Rules)

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Grand Champion Participant Rules

Qualifying Championships (Showmanship, Pleasure, Horsemanship/Eq). [See Chart 1]

a. Exhibitors placing 1st through 3rd are automatically qualified to come back in for the Championship class.

i. If an exhibitor has place 1st-3rd in any other class that qualifies into the same championship (Please refer to Table A) exhibitor must declare which qualifying class they will be representing in the championship

1. EX: Exhibitor A qualifies in both English Pleasure and Western Pleasure with the same Horse. Exhibitor must turn in Declaration Form* for animal identifying whether they will be showing English or Western.

ii. After an Exhibitor has declared which qualifying class they will be representing for the Championship, the next highest placing from the class Exhibitor chose NOT to represent will be eligible for the Championship Class.

1. This applies down to 6th place. No exhibitors lower than 6th place will be eligible to participate in the Championship class.

2. EX: Exhibitor A qualified in both English Pleasure & Western Pleasure. Exhibitor A chooses to represent English Pleasure for Championships. The 4th place exhibitor from Western Pleasure is now eligible to enter the Championship. This exhibitor must now turn in a Declaration Form*

iii. If an exhibitor has qualified for a Championship Class with more than one animal, exhibitor MUST DECLARE which animal they will be showing in the Championship Class and which qualifying class they will be representing by turning in a Declaration Form* to the office by the deadline.

1. EX: Exhibitor qualified in Sr Western Showmanship and Gaited Showmanship with two different animals. Exhibitor must turn in a Designation form* for BOTH ANIMALS. One will indicate that animal A is not showing, and the other will indicate Animal B is showing and what qualifying class that animal will represent.

b. CHAMPIONSHIP PATTERNS

i. Championship patterns will be posted at 8PM on Wednesday evening of the fair along with the final list of Qualifiers for each Championship Class.

1. All Qualifying Championships will compete on Thursday of the fair.

SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP CHAMPIONSHIP SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES

a. The Sr. Showmanship Championship is the selection process for the Showman of Showman for the year as the Sr Showmanship Champion will represent the Light Horse Department in the competition.

i. All Sr Showman must have an opportunity to QUALIFY to the championship, therefore Youth between the ages of 14-18 that are exhibiting in classes that are not eligible for Qualifying Championships in any other circumstance ARE eligible for the Sr Showmanship Championship.

ii. EX: Exhibitors who are 14-18 as of January 1st in the following classes are eligible to qualify to Sr Showmanship Championship under specific circumstances (See section B(b))

1. Pony Showmanship
2. Small Equine Showmanship
3. Sr Ranch Showmanship

b. In classes that would not normally be eligible for Qualifying Championships (see Section B(a)(ii)) Senior Exhibitors are only eligible IF:

i. Exhibitor places 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in their respective class OR

ii. Exhibitor places 4th, but one of the higher placing SENIOR exhibitors has chosen to represent another qualifying class

1. 5th & 6th place exhibitors are only eligible if there are no Jr Exhibitors placing between them and the next highest Senior Exhibitor

iii. EX: Exhibitor A & B are Seniors and place 1st and 2nd in Pony Showmanship. A Jr Exhibitor places 3rd. Exhibitor C places 4th.

1. Exhibitor C is only eligible to enter the Championship class if either Exhibitor A or B opts to represent another qualifying class.

iv. EX 2: Exhibitor A, B & C are all Senior exhibitors. If Exhibitor A chooses to represent another qualifying class in the Championship, another Senior exhibitor is only qualified if they are placed next consecutively without any Jr Exhibitors between them.

1. If Exhibitor A and B choose another qualifying class to represent. The 4th place exhibitor, Exhibitor D who is a senior exhibitor is Qualified for the Championship. 5th is a Jr Exhibitor, therefore the Sr Exhibitor in 6th place is not eligible for Championships.

c. Showman of Showmen

i. Sr Showmanship Champion will be the representative from the Light Horse Department for Showman of Showmen.

1. The same exhibitor can **NOT** represent the department two years in a row.

a. **EXCEPTION** – If the Reserve Champion is unable or unwilling to be the Light Horse Department Representative.

i. Only then can the same exhibitor represent the Light Horse Department 2 years in a row.

2. An exhibitor CAN represent the Light Horse Department more than once, just not two years in a row (excepting the situation in B(c)(i)(1)(a).

ii. Sr Showmanship Champion must turn in the Showman of Showman exhibitor packet to the Superintendent no later than 8 pm Thursday of fair week.

iii. Sr Showmanship Champion must complete and turn in their Certificate of Training no later than 10pm Saturday evening the day before Showman of Showmen. Failing to do so will allow the next eligible Showman (section B(c)(i)(1)(a) eligible provided they have turned in their Certificate of Training.

iv. Showman of Showmen representative must make their animal available for use in the Showman of Showmen contest.

POINT CHAMPIONSHIPS

a. Point Championships awarded based on points accumulated in contributing classes as listed. [See CHART 2]

b. Points are awarded to exhibitors based on their placings in each respective class.

i. First place will be awarded points equal to the number of exhibitors that competed in the class, not to exceed 6 points.

ii. Classes will be placed 1st – 6th

iii. Exhibitors who enter the ring and show, but are disqualified will still count as an exhibitor when determining points earned by the exhibitors who place in the class.

iv. EX: There are 8 entries in Barrels. Only 6 exhibitors actually enter the arena to make a run. The maximum number of points awarded to 1st place would be 6 points.

1. If one of those exhibitors has a no-time or is otherwise

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disqualified, the winner of the class would still receive 6 points.

2. If only 5 exhibitors entered the arena to show, the maximum number of points awarded to 1st place would be reduced to 5 points.

c. Contesting Championship

i. Tie breaker class will rotate based on the year, with rotation to start over in 2027.

1. 2023 – Pole Bending
2. 2024 – Keyhole
3. 2025 – Barrels
4. 2026 – Stakes

d. Pony Championship

i. Ponies must be 58" and under.

1. 4H Members must have a 4H Pony Card and meet requirements for gaining card as established by the Hancock Co OSU Extension office.

2. Non-4H Members must make arrangements with the department superintendent to be measured on fair Move in day before 8PM.

ii. Pony championship will be based on points earned in specific classes. [See Chart 2]

1. Horsemanship/equitation will be the tie-breaker class.

iii. General pony rules

1. Ponies must show pony all day.

a. EX: Exhibitor cannot enter Pony pleasure and Western Pleasure/Ranch Pleasure/English pleasure with the same animal.

2. Exhibitors can still enter non-height based classes

a. Non-height based classes = anything other than Equitation/Horsemanship, Showmanship, and/or Pleasure.

e. Walk/Trot Championships

i. Two championships will be awarded –

1. 1st Year Walk-Trot
2. 2nd Year Walk-Trot

ii. Championships will be awarded based on points earned in specific classes [See Chart 2]

iii. Tie-breaker will be Horsemanship/Equitation.

f. Driving Championships

i. Two Championships will be awarded –

1. Horse/Pony Driving Championship
2. Small Equine Driving Championship

ii. Championships will be based on points earned in specific classes [See Chart 2]

iii. Tie-breaker will be Reinsmanship

g. Specialty Championship

i. Championships will be awarded based on points earned in specific classes [See Chart 2]

ii. Ties will be broked based on the number of 1st place finishes.

1. If that does not resolve the tie, number of 2nd place finishes, third place and so on until the tie is broken.

a. If Tie cannot be broken as stated above, in every case except for Champion multiple ribbons will be awarded.

b. In the case of an unbreakable tie for champion, the Superintendent and Judge will confer as how to best break said tie.

h. Ranch Championships

i. Two Championships will be awarded

1. Jr Ranch Championship
2. Sr Ranch Championship

ii. Championships will be based on points earned in specific classes. [See Chart 2]

iii. Tie-breaker will be Ranch Horsemanship.

VERSATILITY RULES

a. Exhibitors must have shown in a minimum of two (2) classes.

b. Advisors must approve their club's exhibitors in this class.

c. No Walk/Trot exhibitors are eligible to participate.

d. Classes will be run in the following order:

- i. English Equitation
- ii. Western Horsemanship
- iii. Reining
- iv. Barrels

e. All riders will be placed in each class

f. Disqualifications

i. Judge may disqualify any exhibitor in any class for inappropriate behavior, treatment of animal, and/or soundness

ii. Exhibitor's going off pattern, knocking over or on wrong side of cone, never performing specified gait, or overturning more than 1/4 turn than designated shall not be disqualified, but must always place below exhibitors not incurring a disqualifying fault.

1. **EXCEPTION** – Going off pattern in Barrels will result in either a 30 second penalty or a no-time (no Points) depending on the judge's decision.

a. All exhibitors going off pattern will be treated the same.

g. Placings for all Classes and the Versatility Championship will be announced after the Barrels have been completed.

h. Points are awarded to exhibitors based on their placings in each respective class.

i. Number of points will be based on the number of exhibitors who physically show in the English Equitation class regardless of the number of exhibitors in any other classes.

1. EX: 14 exhibitors show in class 1 English Equitation. A Due to a series of unfortunate events two exhibitors are unable to complete the remainder of the classes. Western Horsemanship, Reining and Barrels will still be placed as if there were 14 exhibitors so as not to outweigh one discipline over the others.

i. Class Procedures:

i. Exhibitors are limited to no more than two (2) helpers to assist in tack changes.

1. Only 1 helper is allowed to be in the ring. The other must stay outside the fence.

ii. Tack Changes

1. All tack and equipment changes must be completed in the arena in the five (5) minute window provided.

2. All Tack must be removed from the arena and/or fence within the five minutes.

a. Failure to follow these rules will result in a 2-point deduction from exhibitors total score for EACH infraction.

3. After the tack change, and before the start of reining, exhibitors not actively showing will move to a designated "holding" area outside of the main arena that has been marked off and supervised for the safety of the exhibitors.

4. No one will be allowed to approach competitors and/or adjust equipment while they are in the "holding" area.

5. Exhibitors MAY have water in said holding area, but it must be delivered by the holding area supervisor unless exhibitor was already in possession from the tack change.

6. After changing for barrels exhibitors may NOT practice around the barrels.

j. Patterns:

i. Equitation and Horsemanship will include a written pattern and at least one direction of rail work.

ii. Reining will be either Pattern A or B

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1. Patterns will be announced and posted with Championship Patterns at 8PM on Wednesday of the fair.

k. Tie-Breaker

i. Tie breaker class will rotate based on the year, with rotation to start over in 2027

1. 2023 - Barrels

2. 2024 - English Equitation

3. 2025 - Reining

4. 2026 - Western Horsemanship

HANCOCK COUNTY HORSE DEPARTMENT RULES

a. Housing

i. Only horses and Ponies housed in the 4H Horse Barn will be permitted to participate in the Jr Fair Horse Show

1. Exceptions may be made per the Director/Superintendent due to space requirements.

ii. Only one animal per stall

iii. Club Stall Assignments and policing the barn will be determined by the Hancock County Horse Council, with approval of the Department Director and Superintendent.

iv. Posted Stall Assignments are final

1. Any changes must be approved by Superintendent or Director

v. No Open Class horses/ponies will be assigned until after Jr Fair animals are housed.

vi. 4H and FFA Advisors should evaluate Exhibitor horses to ensure project is suitable to stall and meets body and condition requirements.

vii. Removal or combining stall panels must be approved by director prior to any action

viii. Any animals with a body condition score below a four (4) as determined by the Department Director and/or State licensed veterinarian will be removed from the grounds and prohibited from showing at the Hancock County Fair.

b. Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) Exhibition Rules

i. Horses, Mules & Ponies moved within Ohio for Exhibition:

1. Must not be under quarantine and be free of any signs of contagious or infectious disease; (Additional requirements listed with ODA Exhibition rules at the beginning of this Fair Book)

ii. Horses, Mules & Ponies coming in from Out of State:

1. Must provide a Coggins. (Additional requirements listed with ODA Exhibition rules at the beginning of this Fair Book)

BARN/GROUNDS RULES

a. **NO SMOKING IN/AROUND THE BARN**

b. Extension cords must be in good working repair and OL rated for outdoor use with grounded 3 prong ends. No Household Fans.

c. **NO** household/living room/soft-stuffed furniture may be used in any of the barns. Any questionable furniture must be approved by the Director.

d. No heating appliances, cooking appliances, refrigerators or TV's may be used in the barn.

e. No Tying/Cross-tying animals in the barn aisles

f. No tying of unattended horses in stalls of wash rack

g. If Exhibitor or exhibitor's animal makes a mess in wash rack, it is Exhibitors responsibility to clean up. SPECIFICALLY THE DRAIN MUST BE CLEARED AFTER EVERY USE.

h. **NO PARKING IN BARN AREA.** Unload quickly and move cars, trucks, and trailers as quickly as possible to keep barns free

from obstructions in case of emergencies.

i. Each 4H Club will be allocated parking for a minimum of ONE (1) tack trailer which must be parked in designated areas assigned by Director/superintendent.

ii. Additional trailers up to two (2) per club will be allowed if space provides.

j. **DO NOT BLOCK EXIT DOORS** - do not store supplies/feed in aisle ways of in front of exit doors.

k. Arenas are not to be used as turn out areas. All horses must be on a lead rope or lungeline.

l. **Riding Areas: Riding is only permitted in the enclosed areas**

i. No riding in the campground, midway area or race track. Please dismount when congested.

ii. No Double Riding

iii. No Riding in the Barns

iv. No animals may be ridden bareback with a halter/lead rope.

GENERAL CLASS RULES

a. **Exhibitors must abide by the General Rules for Exhibits & Exhibitors as found in the Hancock County Fair Book (this publication), as well as the Uniform Rules for 4H Horse Shows as mentioned below.**

b. b. The Hancock County Jr Fair holds all exhibitors regardless of organization to the standards of behavior as outlined by the OSU Extension you can read them HERE: https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/Code%20of%20Conduct%20%20as%20of%202022_0.pdf

c. **Violation of any of these rules will result in the forfeit of cash premiums, and at the Fair Board's discretion those violating these policies may be banned from participating in further Jr Fair Horse & Pony activities for the current year or the following year.**

d. **The Uniform Rules for 4H Horse Show** is the core governing rules of the Hancock County Jr Fair Horse Show.

i. A Copy of this publication is available for non-4H exhibitors to look at in the Bell Tower

ii. Alternately, non-4H exhibitors may purchase a copy of the publication from the Hancock County OSU Extension office.

iii. In the event of a conflict between this fair publication and the Uniform Rules, the Hancock County Fair Book will take priority.

e. Exhibitor Age – Age will be determined as of January 1st of the current year.

i. Sr Exhibitor – 14-18

ii. Jr Exhibitor – 8-13

iii. Walk-Trot – Limited to 1st and 2nd year members of any age.

f. Unsafe Exhibitor – Judge, Superintendent & Director all have the right and responsibility to remove from the show any animal exhibiting unsafe or threatening behavior, unsound, or an exhibitor/parent/trainer/advisor showing/demonstrating unsportsmanlike conduct.

i. Decisions are final and undiisputable.

ii. Unsportsmanlike conduct towards judges, show management, fair directors, exhibitors, or physical abuse of the project horse will not be tolerated.

iii. Violators will be dismissed from the show and/or subject to further actions.

g. Judge Questions – Speaking to the judge's prerogative, however this must be done through the Ring Steward or Superintendent after the class.

i. Parents may not enter the arena to question the judge;

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requests must go through the Ring Steward or Superintendents after the class.

h. Declared projects – Only project animals declared as of January 1st of the current year will be allowed to exhibit during the Jr Fair Horse Show.

i. Lease agreements and ID cards for project animals must have been submitted to the Hancock OSU Extension office or appropriate FFA advisor (for non-4H members) by June 1 of the current year.

1. All horses and ponies housed must be shown.

i. Entries – Exhibitors must show in classes as entered with the Jr Fair Coordinator via the online entry system.

i. Advisors are strongly recommended to review 4H members entries prior to submission.

1. If an Exhibitor enters a class which their Advisor feels they are not safely able to complete, said Advisor may force exhibitor to scratch.

a. Exhibitor may appeal this scratch to the Superintendent by filling out an appeal form (available at Bell Tower for from the Superintendent) a minimum of 24 hours prior to said class.

i. Appeal will be reviewed by Department Director and Superintendent.

j. Back Numbers – are provided on a bi-annual basis via the Hancock OSU Extension office to all 4H members for PAS Qualifying and Summer shows. 4H Exhibitors will use those numbers for each animal as they were assigned.

i. Non-4H Exhibitors will use the number provided to them by the Jr Fair for their 1st horse.

1. If the Exhibitor is taking more than one horse, please contact the Superintendent as soon as possible to receive a second number and to identify which number will be used for what animal.

k. Interviews – All Jr Fair Livestock exhibitors must complete a project interview for their organization.

i. Exhibitors who fail to complete interviews by the date specified by their organization will not be allowed to compete at the fair.

l. Working/Riding Restrictions – No riding or training of a Jr Fair Light Horse Project by anyone other than the Jr Fair Exhibitor will be permitted within thirty (30) days of the first day of the Hancock County Fair. (Wednesday).

i. Restrictions will be in place through the conclusion of Thursdays classes, or the Jr Fair last class the exhibitor is registered for, whichever occurs first.

ii. Parents, Advisors, Adults or other Jr Fair Exhibitors may assist the exhibitor with challenging tasks including but not limited to lunging, saddling, and clipping their animal, but the exhibitor must be actively involved in the process.

1. This rule is not so strict as to preclude the inevitability of things like bathroom breaks, running to retrieve forgotten equipment, or protection of the showmanship shirt from face glow. However youth must be present, or in the alternative absent for only a short period of time while an adult is holding the animal.

iii. An adult may accompany or head for driving exhibitors to maintain safety.

1. NO ONE OTHER THAN THE EXHIBITOR MAY DRIVE THE ANIMAL.

m. Dead or Disabled Horse Rule – A certificate of Death or disability must be provided to the Jr Fair Coordinator, Department Director, or Superintendent from a licensed area veterinarian who is approved by the Ohio ODA by 9AM on Wednesday morning of the Hancock County Fair.

i. A lease of the replacement horse must be provided in writing to the Jr Fair Coordinator, Department Director, or Superintendent ASAP.

1. Additional reporting requirements may be required through your FFA or 4H Organization – responsibility of complying with those organizations falls to the exhibitor.

ii. Dead Horse – If leased horse is replacing a dead horse, Exhibitor can show for placing – AKA as if it was the original horse.

iii. Disabled Horse – If leased horse is replacing a disabled horse, Exhibitor can show for grade only.

n. Stallions – A stallion can ONLY be shown in a Jr Fair if they are a weanling – IE under 1 year of age.

o. Trophies

i. Trophies will be awarded in all classes based on judge's discretion.

1. If standards for the classes are NOT met disqualification may result.

p. Disqualifications

i. Judge may disqualify any exhibitor in any class for inappropriate behavior, treatment of animal, and/or soundness

ii. For Walk-trot Horsemanship/Equitation & Walk-Trot Trail ONLY:

1. Exhibitor's going off pattern, knocking over or on wrong side of cone, never performing specified gait, or overturning more than 1/4 turn than designated shall not be disqualified, but must always place below exhibitors not incurring a disqualifying fault.

q. Class Specific Rules

i. Exhibitors may enter as many classes as they wish. Classes will not be held more than 2 minutes for tack changes.

ii. Showmanship – Showmanship is MANDATORY for 1st year exhibitors.

1. Western Dress Code:

a. Plain black/Blue Jeans (no bling or embellishments)

b. Plain Solid Color Button up Oxford Shirt of any color (no trim, no embroidery).

c. Western Hat/Helmet

d. Belts & Scarves are permissible and can include "bling"

2. English Dress Code:

a. Hunt Seat or Saddle Seat Attire.

iii. Contesting – Must wear collared shirt, jeans, boots with 1" heel and helmet.

1. 5 second penalty for knocked obstacles

2. No Time if off pattern.

3. Additional rules regarding bits, tie downs, whips/over-unders and other equipment can be found in **The Uniform Rules for 4H Horse Show [See Section E(d) above for information]**.

iv. Trail/Trail-in-Hand

1. No exhibitor may show the same horse in both Trail and Trail in Hand.

v. Ranch Horse Pleasure

1. No exhibitor may show the same horse in both Ranch Pleasure and Western Pleasure

a. This **includes** exhibitors showing western in classes such as Pony Pleasure or Gaited Pleasure.

vi. Dressage/Western Dressage

1. Exhibitors wanting to participate in Dressage/Western Dressage will provide their own LEGIBLE test to the Superintendent in the Bell Tower no later than 8am on Wednesday of the fair in order to allow the judge to prepare for the class.

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a. Failing to meet these obligations will result in the exhibitor being disqualified.

HELMET POLICY

a. All Youth 19 years and under, participating in any Jr Fair equestrian activity, are required to wear a properly fitted protective headgear which meets or exceeds current ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards with the chin harness securely fastened at all times while riding/driving.

i. Helmets are recommending but not required for in-hand classes.

b. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent/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/in good condition. The Ohio 4H Horse Program, Show Committees, Offi-

cial, Extension Personnel, Volunteer leaders and Hancock County Fair Board directors are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance.

c. The Ohio 4H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel, Volunteer leaders and Hancock County Fair Board directors 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.

d. The Ohio 4H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel, Volunteer leaders and Hancock County Fair board directors 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/driving activities until proper headgear is acquired.

CHART 1 QUALIFYING CHAMPIONSHIPS		
Grand Champion Sr Showmanship – Winner will represent Dept in Showman of Showmen		
Class	Eligibility	
Sr English Showmanship	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Place Exhibitors	
Sr Western Showmanship	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Place Exhibitors	
Gaited Showmanship	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Place Exhibitors	Only Exhibitors 14-18 *
Pony Showmanship	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Place Exhibitors	Only if Exhibitors are 14-18. **
Small Equine Showmanship	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Place Exhibitors	Only if Exhibitors are 14-18**
Sr Ranch Showmanship	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Place Exhibitors	
** Only Eligible for Showman of Showman qualification. See Section B(b)		
Grand Champion Jr Showmanship		
Jr English Showmanship	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Place Exhibitors	
Jr Western Showmanship	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Place Exhibitors	
Gaited Showmanship	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Place Exhibitors	Only Exhibitors 8-13
Sr Pleasure Championships		
Sr English Pleasure	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Place Exhibitors	
Sr Western Pleasure	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Place Exhibitors	
Gaited Pleasure	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Place Exhibitors	Only Exhibitors 14-18
Jr Pleasure Championships		
Jr English Pleasure	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Place Exhibitors	
Jr Western Pleasure	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Place Exhibitors	
Gaited Pleasure	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Place Exhibitors	Only Exhibitors 8-13
Sr HMS/EQ Championships		
Sr English Equitation	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Place Exhibitors	
Sr Western Horsemanship	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Place Exhibitors	
Gaited Pleasure	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Place Exhibitors	Only Exhibitors 14-18
Jr Pleasure Championships		
Jr English Equitation	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Place Exhibitors	
Jr Western Horsemanship	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Place Exhibitors	
Gaited Pleasure	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Place Exhibitors	Only Exhibitors 8-13

CHART 2 POINT CHAMPIONSHIPS		
Championship	Point classes	Tie-breaker
Contesting Championship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barrel Racing • Pole Bending • Stakes • Keyhole 	Rotation See Section C(c).
Pony Championship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pony Showmanship • Hunter in Hand • Pony Pleasure • Pony Horsemanship/Equitation 	Horsemanship/Eq
1st Year Walk Trot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st year Walk-trot Showmanship • 1st Year Walk-trot Pleasure • 1st Year Walk-trot Horsemanship/Equitation <p style="font-size: small;">** Walk-trot trail is NOT included for first year to avoid pushing 1st year walk trot exhibitors too fast in order to compete for a championship. **</p>	Horsemanship/Eq
2nd year Walk Trot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd year Walk-trot Showmanship • 2nd Year Walk-trot Pleasure • 2nd Year Walk-trot Horsemanship/Equitation • Walk-Trot Trail 	Horsemanship/Eq
Horse/Pony Driving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horse/Pony Pleasure Driving • Horse/Pony Reinsmanship • Horse/Pony Driven Trail 	Reinsmanship
Small Equine Driving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Equine Pleasure Driving • Small Equine Reinsmanship • Small Equine Driven Trail 	Reinsmanship
Sr Ranch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sr Ranch Pleasure • Sr Ranch Horsemanship • Sr Ranch Riding 	Horsemanship
Jr Ranch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jr Ranch Pleasure • Jr Ranch Horsemanship • Jr Ranch Riding 	Horsemanship
Specialty Championship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trail • Trail in Hand • Reining • Western Riding • Hunter Hack • Western Dressage • Dressage 	See Section C(c)(ii)

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