

Jr Fair Draft Horse Department Rules 2024

General 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.
- a. **STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR INSERT HERE**
 - b. *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.*
 - c. **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 exhibitor 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.
 - d. 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. Novice – Limited to 1st and 2nd year members of any age.
- B. Only Draft Horses housed at the Fair will be permitted to show at the Jr Fair Draft Horse Show
- C. Exhibitors Age will be determined as of January 1st of the current year.
- D. Showmanship**
- a. Showmanship is mandatory for 1st and 2nd year participants.
 - b. Showmanship is limited to one (1) showmanship class
 - c. Dress Code:
 - i. Khaki or Black Pants
 - ii. Polo Shirts
 1. Embroidery allowed on L Chest of Polo Shirts.
- E. Draft Animals may not show in both the Jr Fair Draft Horse & Jr Fair Light Horse departments
- a. EXCEPTION – Dressage.
- F. Working/Riding Restrictions – No riding or training of a Jr Fair Draft Horse Project by anyone other than the Jr Fair Exhibitor will be permitted upon moving into the Fairgrounds on Tuesday of Fair Week.
- a. Restrictions will be in place through the conclusion of Thursdays classes, or the last class the exhibitor is registered for, whichever occurs first.
 - b. Parents, Advisors, Adults or other Jr Fair Exhibitors may **assist** the exhibitor with challenging tasks including but not limited to grooming, saddling, and harnessing their animal, but the exhibitor must be actively involved in the process.
 - i. 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 grime. However youth must be present, or in the

- alternative absent for only a short period of time while an adult is holding the animal.
- ii. EXCEPTION – Jr Fair Draft Horses may be used for other special activities including but not limited to Draft Shows and parades.
- c. Jr Fair Draft animals are exempt from the thirty (30) day work and training rule applied to the Jr Fair Light Horse Department **[See Section G(I) in the Jr Fair Light Horse Department]** due to the opportunities and obligations for farms and hitches to provide services to the communities and to their owners.
- i. Jr Fair Exhibitors are still expected to be an active part of the handling/showing of their animal as much as possible during the course of their lease period.
 - ii. EXCEPTION – if a Jr Fair Draft horse is showing OUTSIDE of the Jr Fair Draft Horse department, they will be expected to adhere to the rules and limitations of the department in which they are showing.
 1. EX: Jr Fair Exhibitor has a Draft Horse which they have decided to show in Barrel Racing or Dressage. Due to their participation in the Jr Fair Light Horse Department Show, these exhibitors are subject to all rules of the Jr Fair Light Horse Department; including but not limited to the thirty (30) day restriction on who may show, train, and handle project animal. **[See Jr Fair Light Horse Rules included in this Fair Book, specifically Section G(I)]**
- d. Multiple Horses – Any Exhibitor beyond their second year of showing may take up to two (2) general horse projects per year, provided those animals are registered appropriately through their appropriate organization. (IE 4H, FFA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc). This rule is reviewed biannually with the current cycle ending in 2025
- e. Shared Horse – On a rolling two (2) year trial basis beginning in 2024 and being reviewed by the Jr Fair Superintendent and Director at the conclusion of the 2025 Hancock County Fair; Two (2) Exhibitors from the same family may share a horse/riding pony if all the following conditions are met:
- i. Conditions:
 1. One (1) Exhibitor is showing in Walk/Trot and One (1) Exhibitor is showing in an Age Group. (ex 8-13 or 14-18);
 2. Both Exhibitors are members of the same family.;
 - a. For the purpose of this trial the term “family” is defined as full siblings, half siblings, or step siblings that reside in the same family domicile at least 50% of the year.
 - i. In the event of unusual family circumstances, please speak to Jr Fair Horse Department Superintendent or Director for approval.
 3. Copies of both exhibitors Horse ID cards are provided to the Jr Fair Office no later than the close of Jr Fair entries.
 - ii. Shared Horse Restrictions:
 1. Shared horses are subject to a maximum class per day limit of seven (7), to ensure the health and welfare of animals in the public eye.
 2. Shared horses are still subject to the thirty (30) day restriction prior to move in of the Hancock County Fair. *[Please see §(G)(r) infra]*
 3. Exhibitors cannot share more than one (1) animal.

G. Showman of Showmen

- a. Winner of the Sr Draft Showmanship will be the representative from the Draft Horse department for Showman of Showmen.
 - i. The same exhibitor can **NOT** represent the department two years in a row.
 1. EXCEPTION – If the Reserve Champion is unable or unwilling to be the Draft Horse Department Representative.
 - a. Only then can the same exhibitor represent the Draft Horse Department 2 years in a row.
 - ii. An exhibitor CAN represent the Draft Horse Department more than once, just not two years in a row (excepting the situation in F(a)(i)(1)).
- b. Sr Draft Showmanship Champion must turn in the Showman of Showmen exhibitor packet to the Superintendent no later than 8 pm Thursday of fair week.
- c. Showman of Showmen representative must make their animal available for use in the Showman of Showmen contest.

H. Draft Decorating Contest –

- a. Draft Decorating preparation portion will be held in the Jr Fair Draft Barn.
- b. The time restrictions for each age group will be as follows:
 - i. Novice Decorating –
 - ii. Jr Decorating –
 - iii. Sr Decorating –
- c. Exhibitors will then move to the North Grandstand for placement and their Showmanship Classes.

I. Grand Champion Draft Horse Exhibitor

- a. Grand Champion Draft Horse is a points-based championship.
 - i. Points are awarded to exhibitors based on their placings in each respective class.
 1. First place will be awarded points equal to the number of exhibitors that competed in the class, not to exceed 6 points.
 2. Classes will be placed 1st – 6th
 3. 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.
 4. 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.
 - a. If one of those exhibitors has a no-time or is otherwise disqualified, the winner of the class would still receive 6 points.
 - b. If only 5 exhibitors entered the arena to show, the maximum number of points awarded to 1st place would be reduced to 5 points.
 - ii. All Draft exhibitors are included in points calculation regardless of age
 1. Championship will place from Grand and Reserve down to 6th place.
 2. Tie Breaker – whoever received the greater number of 1st places
 - a. Any ties that cannot be broken by this method other than champion will both receive their ribbons.
 - i. Championship ties that cannot be broken will be deferred to the Judge and Superintendent.