

## **Jr Fair Light Horse Department Rules 2024**

*As approved by majority vote by Joint Meeting of Jr Fair Horse & 4H Horse Council on 2/9/24*

### **CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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

- a. Exhibitors placing 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> are automatically qualified to come back in for the Championship class.
  - i. If an exhibitor has place 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> in any other class that qualifies into the same championship (Please refer to **Chart 1**) 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 6<sup>th</sup> place. No exhibitors lower than 6<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 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 **Tuesday** evening of the fair along with the final list of Qualifiers for each Showmanship Championship Class.

#### **B. 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> in their respective class  
OR
  - ii. Exhibitor places 4<sup>th</sup>, but one of the higher placing SENIOR exhibitors has chosen to represent another qualifying class
    1. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Pony Showmanship. A Jr Exhibitor places 3<sup>rd</sup>. Exhibitor C places 4<sup>th</sup>.
    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 4<sup>th</sup> place exhibitor, Exhibitor D who is a senior exhibitor is Qualified for the Championship. 5<sup>th</sup> is a Jr Exhibitor, therefore the Sr Exhibitor in 6<sup>th</sup> 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 and Third Place winner are 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.

C. **POINT CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- a. Point Championships awarded based on points accumulated in contributing classes as listed. **[Please 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 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

- 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 1<sup>st</sup> place would be 6 points.
  - 1. If one of those exhibitors has a no-time or is otherwise 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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. 2024 – Keyhole
  - 2. 2025 – Barrels
  - 3. 2026 – Stakes
  - 4. 2027 – Pole Bending

**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. 1<sup>st</sup> Year Walk-Trot
  - 2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Walk-Trot
- ii. Championships will be awarded based on points earned in specific classes **[See Chart 2]**
- iii. Walk-Trot Trail is open to both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year members but only counts toward the Championship for 2<sup>nd</sup> year.
- iv. 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 broken based on the number of 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes.
  1. If that does not resolve the tie, number of 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**D. 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 (see § D(f)(ii) below).
- 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
    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. 2024 - English Equitation
    2. 2025 - Reining
    3. 2026 - Western Horsemanship
    4. 2027 – Barrels

#### I. **CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY PROCEDURES**

- i. Championship Trophies are awarded in accordance with the preceding rules on an annual rotation, and require exhibitor and parent to sign a Traveling Championship Trophies procedure document.
- ii. RETURN OF – Traveling Championship Trophies must be returned to the Jr Fair Office no later than the third (3) weekend in August prior to the start of the Hancock County Fair.
  1. Any exhibitor not returning a Traveling Championship Trophy prior to the start of the Jr Fair on Tuesday will be held financially responsible for a replacement.
- iii. Trophy Buckles – All Traveling Championship Trophies will be accompanied by a sponsored Trophy Buckle, which will be the exhibitors to keep.
  1. Exhibitors are required to complete separate thank-you requirements for receipt of trophy buckles.
  2. Starting in 2024 there will be no replacement trophies upon return of Traveling Championship Trophies, as the trophy buckles have been awarded in their place.

## E. 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 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. Please see <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/rule-901:1-18-08>



## F. 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 or 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.
  - i. 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 or 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.

#### G. 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. 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](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 and/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 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
  - i. Sr Exhibitor – 14-18
  - ii. Jr Exhibitor – 8-13
  - iii. Walk-Trot – Limited to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 undisputable.
  - 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; requests must go through the Ring Steward or Superintendents after the class.
- h. Declared projects – Only project animals declared as of January 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Multiple Horses – Any Exhibitor beyond their second year of showing may take up to two (2) general light 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
  
- j. 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.
  
- k. 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 Superintended 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.
  
- l. **Cross-Discipline rules** – Exhibitors may only show each horse in one (1) English discipline, and one (1) Western discipline per show, and horse must remain in that division category for the duration. [See D(b)]
  - i. For the Hancock County Jr Fair Horse Show, the duration of the show show is defined as the entirety of the Jr Fair Division beginning on Tuesday and ending after the Versatility on Thursday.
  - ii. English Disciplines are either Hunt Seat or Saddle Seat.



- iii. Western Divisions are either Western or Ranch
  - 1. EXCEPTIONS
    - a. Lack of Commiserate Class - The only time an exhibitor who has chosen to show Ranch may cross over into “regular” Western is if there is not a commiserate Ranch Class offered.
      - i. 2024 Hancock County Jr Fair – Trail, Trail-in-Hand, Reining.
    - b. Versatility – Exhibitors may present as either Hunt Seat/Saddle Seat or Western/Ranch in the applicable portion of the class, but the presentation must be the same as any classes that horse exhibited earlier in the show.
    - c. Dressage – Exhibitors may show dressage regardless of whether they have shown Hunt Seat or Saddle Seat prior in the show.
    - d. Walk-Trot – Exhibitors may present as either Hunt Seat/Saddle Seat or Western/Ranch but must be shown the same across all classes as the show, including Walk/Trot Trail or Trail in Hand.
  - m. Gaited Animals – May show either Gaited or Age Group, but must maintain that classification for the duration of the show.
    - i. Show is defined as the first day of the Jr Fair Horse Show (Tuesday) through the last day of the Jr Fair Horse Show (Thursday).
    - ii. Gaited animals are NOT Required to show in Gaited Classes, but if showing in a regular three-gaited class they must perform walk trot(jog) and canter(lope).
    - iii. Prohibited Classes:
      - 1. Any class which requires a canter or lope as a core basis of the class judging including but not limited to Reining, Western Riding, and any Dressage Class.
    - iv. Exception Classes:
      - 1. Contesting (no penalty for Galloping)
  - n. Ponies – May show either Pony or Age Group, but must maintain that classification for the duration of the show.
    - i. Show is defined as the first day of the Jr Fair Horse Show (Tuesday) through the last day of the Jr Fair Horse Show (Thursday).
    - ii. Ponies may show in any classes that are not restricted by Age Group including but not limited to:
      - 1. Contesting
      - 2. Reining
      - 3. Western Riding
      - 4. Dressage
  - o. 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.
  - p. 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.
  - q. 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.

- r. 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. (Tuesday).
  - i. Restrictions will be in place through the conclusion of Thursdays classes, or the last **Jr Fair** 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.**
- s. 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.
- t. Stallions – A stallion can **ONLY** be shown in a Jr Fair if they are a weanling – IE under 1 year of age.
- u. Trophies
  - i. Sponsored Trophies will be awarded in all classes based on judge’s discretion.
    - 1. If standards for the classes are **NOT** met disqualification may result.
    - 2. Exhibitors must complete thank-you’s for the sponsors to the Office staff satisfaction prior to receiving their trophy.
- v. Disqualifications
  - i. Judge may disqualify any exhibitor in any class for inappropriate behavior, treatment of animal, and/or soundness
  - ii. Gaited Animals failing to perform required gaits in non-gaited classes.
  - iii. For Walk-trot Horsemanship/Equitation, Walk-Trot Trail, and Versatility **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.
- w. **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.**

1. **Exception – Shared Horses are limited to a total of seven (7) total classes per day. [Please see § (G)(j)(ii)]**
- ii. Showmanship – Showmanship is MANDATORY for 1<sup>st</sup> year exhibitors.
  1. Western Dress Code:
    - a. Plain black/Blue Jeans (no bling or embellishments)
    - b. Plain 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 § (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. 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.
    - a. Failing to meet these obligations will result in the exhibitor being disqualified.
- vi. **Cross-Discipline rules** – Exhibitors may only show each horse in one (1) English discipline, and one (1) Western discipline per show, and horse must remain in that division category for the duration. [Please See § D(b) above for complete rule]

## H. 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, Officials, 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.

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CHART 1

**QUALIFYING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Grand Champion Sr Showmanship – Winner will represent Dept in Showman of Showmen**

Class	Eligibility	
Sr English Showmanship	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Exhibitors	
Sr Western Showmanship	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Exhibitors	
Gaited Showmanship	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Exhibitors	Only Exhibitors 14-18 *
Pony Showmanship	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Exhibitors	Only if Exhibitors are 14-18. **
Small Equine Showmanship	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Exhibitors	Only If Exhibitors are 14-18**
Sr Ranch Showmanship	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Exhibitors	

\*\* Only Eligible for Showman of Showman qualification See Section B(b)

**Grand Champion Jr Showmanship**

Jr English Showmanship	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Exhibitors	
Jr Western Showmanship	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Exhibitors	
Gaited Showmanship	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Exhibitors	Only Exhibitors 8-13

**Sr Pleasure Championships**

Sr English Pleasure	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Exhibitors	
Sr Western Pleasure	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Exhibitors	
Gaited Pleasure	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Exhibitors	Only Exhibitors 14-18

**Jr Pleasure Championships**

Jr English Pleasure	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Exhibitors	
Jr Western Pleasure	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Exhibitors	
Gaited Pleasure	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Exhibitors	Only Exhibitors 8-13

**Sr HMS/EQ Championships**

Sr English Equitation	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Exhibitors	
Sr Western Horsemanship	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Exhibitors	
Gaited Pleasure	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Exhibitors	Only Exhibitors 14-18

**Jr Pleasure Championships**

Jr English Equitation	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Exhibitors	
Jr Western Horsemanship	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Exhibitors	
Gaited Pleasure	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Exhibitors	Only Exhibitors 8-13

CHART 2

**POINT CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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