2025 4-H Horse Show Bond/Clinton/Jefferson/Marion/Washington Counties

Arena opens at 8 a.m. Show will start at 9 a.m. following the National Anthem Check-In Starts at 8 a.m.



Youth should be the only ones riding horses at any given time.

Family, Coaches, etc are not permitted to mount or coach ringside.

Senior Division: 14 years and older as of September 1 of the previous year Junior Division: 13 years and younger as of September 1 of the previous year

Ponies will be measured at 56" and under. They will be measured in the arena at 8:30a.m.

Helmets must be worn properly at all times when mounted

- 1. Pony Halter
- 2. Weanling/Yearling Halter
- 3. Stock Type Horse Halter—Gelding
- 4. Stock Type Horse Halter– Mare
- 5. Non-Stock Type Horse Halter—Gelding
- 6. Non-Stock Type Horse Halter—Mare
- **Halter Champion Drive**
- 7. Senior Showmanship
- 8. Junior Showmanship
- **15 Minute Tack Change Break**
- 9. Pony English Hunter Under Saddle—Walk/Trot
- 10. Pony English Hunter Under Saddle
- 11. Horse Senior English Hunter Under Saddle—Walk/Trot
- 12. Horse Junior English Hunter Under Saddle—Walk/Trot
- 13. Horse Senior English Hunter Under Saddle
- 14. Horse Junior English Hunter Under Saddle
- 15. Senior Hunt Seat Equitation over fences
- 16. Junior Hunt Seat Equitation over fences
- **20 Minute Lunch Break**

- 17. Pony Walk/Jog
- 18. Pony Western Pleasure
- 19. Horse Senior Walk/Jog
- 20. Horse Junior Walk/Jog
- 21. Horse Senior Western Pleasure
- 22. Horse Junior Western Pleasure
- 23. Senior Horsemanship
- 24. Junior Horsemanship
- 25. Ranch Horse Pleasure
- 26. Ranch Riding
- 27. Senior Trail
- 28. Junior Trail
- 29. Senior Poles
- 30. Junior Poles
- 31. Senior Barrels
- 32. Junior Barrels
- 33. Flag Race
- 34. Plug Race
- 35. Catalog Race
- 36. Egg and Spoon
- 37. Costume
 - *Costume Class is not included in High Point Awards*

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General Rules

- Helmets must be worn at all times
- High Point Awards will be given on a point based system of Horse and Rider Combination
- Please note all other rules found in the 4-H Show Book

Showmanship & Halter Class Rules

- Showmanship animals must have been shown in at least one other class that day by that same exhibitor.
- In showmanship an exhibitor is judged on ability to fit, groom, and show an animal at halter. The animal is merely a prop to show the ability of the exhibitor. Patterns will be posted the day of the show.
- Halter is judged on the conformation of the animal according to breed standards.

English Class Rules:

- Polo shirts, breaches, jodhpurs, appropriate boots or half chap. (Coat, vest, jacket or gloves are optional.) Long hair should be restrained.
- Hunter Under Saddle will be a presentation of horse and rider with a focus on the movement, manners, and performance of the horse while exhibiting its natural gaits.
- In Hunt Seat Equitation and Hunt Seat Equitation over fences, the judge will focus primarily on the rider's position and style.
- Senior Hunt Seat Equitation (over fences 18-24" simple course of eight (8) fences)
- Junior Hunt Seat Equitation (over fences 18" simple course of eight (8) fences)

Western Class Rules:

- Long pants (jeans), western style long or short sleeve shirt with collar, western hat (when on the ground), western riding boots. (Coat, vest, jacket, or gloves are optional.) Long hair should be restrained.
- Horsemanship competition provides the exhibitor an opportunity to display his or her ability as a rider (seat, hand, leg position; ability to control and show the mount). Patterns will be posted the day of the show.
- Ranch Riding required maneuvers will include walk, trot and lope in both directions and the extended trot and extended lope in at least one direction, as well as stops and backs. Three optional maneuvers may include a side pass, turns of 360 degrees or more, change of lead and walk, trot or lope over poles
- Trail Ride may consist of up to 6 obstacles with a limit of 3 attempts at each obstacle. Trail class will be held in the arena immediately following Horsemanship classes.
- Catalog Race the exhibitors ride to the far end of arena, dismount, identify and tear out catalog page # requested by judge, close catalog, re-mount, ride from arena, and have page # verified.
- Egg and Spoon the exhibitors carry a raw egg in a spoon and are eliminated when egg falls from spoon. NO thumbs or fingers on egg.

Costume Class Rules:

- Costume Class is not included in High Point Awards
- A leader and/or side H-22 walker is permitted for safety reasons in the Costume Class. Only 4-H over 8 years of age or parents or leaders will be allowed in the ring.
- Riders must wear a show or boot with a heel and must ride with a saddle and bridle. Bareback Riding will not be allowed