
HORSE & PONY

MULTI-COUNTY HORSE SHOW

All horses on grounds by 7:30 a.m., Thursday, July 30, 2026

Ogle County Fairgrounds

Judging – 8:30 a.m. Thursday, July 30, 2026

MULTI-COUNTY HORSE COMMITTEE

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MULTI-COUNTY HORSE RULES

Before the Fair:

1. All 4-H'ers planning to exhibit in this department, must complete the Quality Assurance and Ethics certification once during their 4-H career in order to be eligible to show either a live animal or a poster. Certification must be completed by May 1.
2. All 4-H members should refer to the "Guidelines for Junior Horse Shows" manual which was given to each 4-H member their first year enrolled in horses. This guideline may be found at: go.illinois.edu/IL4-HHorseShowGuidelines. These are the rules that will be used and reinforced during the Multi-County Horse Show.
3. To be eligible to show at the 4-H level, the 4-H'er must have attended at least one: clinic, riding lesson, horse bowl/hippology contest, horse project day or horse fair approved by the Multi-County Horse Committee. 4-H members should indicate what clinic they attended as part of their fair entries. Entries in question will be contacted.
4. Classes CANNOT be added or changed on the day of the show, but classes may be dropped the day of the show. 4-H'ers are encouraged to sign up for as many classes as they think they would like to participate in on their fair entry.
5. 4-H'ers uncertain of their riding abilities when fair entries are due should sign up for both walk/trot and age-appropriate classes.
6. All horses must have a current negative Coggins. A copy of the negative Coggins **MUST** be sent to Extension office by May 1. If the Coggins on file at the Extension office expires between May 1 and show day, a current negative Coggins must be provided to staff on show day.

Check In:

7. Show numbers must be secured from the horse committee upon arrival. Each exhibitor must wear the show number for classes on which they are entered.

Tack and Attire:

8. Lack of proper tack for all horse classes may result in a penalty from the judge.
9. Proper attire & tack must be worn for all classes. Proper attire for western events include: long sleeves, collar (band, stand-up, tuxedo, etc.) western hat (for showmanship & production) or helmet (while mounted) and cowboy boots. In English classes, riders should wear riding coats and breeches of traditional colors with high boots or jodhpurs. In Ranch classes, plain tack, minimal silver, rope halters or plain leather halters, breast collars or back cinches recommended, no bling.

10. Chaps are prohibited.
11. All 4-H members are required to wear a properly fitted ASTM or SEI standard F1163 (or above) certified equestrian helmet whenever mounted or driving at all 4-H horse and pony events, shows, activities, or practices. Original tags must be present in all approved helmets. The 4-H member is responsible to see that this specified headgear is properly fitted with the approved harness fastened in place whenever mounted. Helmet policies apply to all county, area, and state 4-H horse and pony events, shows, and activities. **Protective helmets are required for all riders and drivers at all times. It is recommended that all adults working with 4-H members model the desired youth behavior by also wearing protective helmets whenever mounted or driving.**
12. Horses will not be allowed to be shown with the aid of training devices, such as mechanical hackamores, martingales, and tie downs in performance classes, but these aids will be allowed in the novelty and speed classes.

During the Show:

13. All horses and ponies should be trained and kept under control by the exhibitor at all times. Judge may penalize or excuse any animal(s) not under control.
14. No stallions one year of age or over are allowed.
15. Animals must report to the entry gate one class before the class in which they are entered.
16. Horses will be allowed to leave at lunch and at the break prior to speed classes with permission by a Committee Member. Failure to comply will result in forfeit of your premium check. (The horse show is expected to last all day. Plan accordingly.)
17. Junior exhibitors are to be 13 years and under as of September 1, 2025. Senior exhibitors are to be 14 through 18 years of age, as of September 1, 2025.
18. You may exhibit only those horses/ponies which are pictured on your 4-H Ownership/Lease Agreement(s) and on file in the Extension Office. Horses/ponies cannot be shared.
19. Horses are to be kept in the area designated by the committee on show day.
20. Special classes have been identified for equine 56" and under. (Equine 56" and under may be measured before judging begins.)
21. All classes, unless otherwise stated, are open to horses or ponies and mares or geldings.
22. A break will be taken after the *Grand Champion Halter Classes* are completed. The arena will be open for the pleasure horses to warm up. The time for Class 108 to start will be announced by the announcer. An additional break will be taken after the Novelty classes during which the speed horses may warm up.
23. Riders in **Green Rider Walk Trot (Class 108)** may enter *Halter, Showmanship, Novelty, and Speed Classes*.
24. Equine in **Green Horse Walk Trot (Class 110)** may enter *Halter, Showmanship, Green Rider Walk Trot, Novelty, and Speed Classes*.
25. All props used in the **Costume Class** must be on the horse or 4-H member. Keep in mind this class is for fun and originality.
26. Classes not filled will be combined at the discretion of the committee.
27. Any horse shown as a stock type horse cannot be shown as a light horse and vice versa. Stock type horses will be considered AQHA, Paints, Apps; light type horses will be considered Arabs, Saddlebreds, Tennessee Walkers.
28. Any exhibitor entered in a *Performance (Classes 108-123)*, *Novelty (Classes 125-130)* and/or *Speed Class (Classes 131-138)* MUST enter and show in a *Halter (Classes 103-107)* **AND** *Showmanship Class (Classes 101-102)* in order to be eligible. *Speed Class* exhibitors must show in Western attire and tack.
29. Speed horses will be required to enter the arena at a controlled walk, and then begin their pattern. The gate will be closed and remain closed until the rider has regained control to exit the arena at a walk.
30. Trail class runs concurrently with rest of riding classes.

31. No persons shall be allowed in the show ring between the start of and conclusion of the show if they are not a current 4-H member, judge, horse committee member, or staff member (with exceptions as determined by committee).
32. The judge's decision is final.
33. Exhibitors are required to clean up their horse tie-out area before leaving the grounds.
34. Horses & trailers are to be off grounds or moved to livestock parking area within 2 hours of completion of show.
35. Any horses showing signs of illness will be asked to leave at the discretion of the committee, along with proper approval from fair veterinarian, Ogle County Fair Board member, and an Extension staff member. Appropriate paperwork must be completed with the signatures from all three representatives.

PREMIUM INFO:

1. Members are allowed to show one entry per class.
2. 4-H members are limited to receive one premium per class exhibited in premium-eligible projects.
3. 4-H Premiums paid will be using an X factor. Premium values will be:
Blue: 5X, Red: 4X, and White: 3X

SHOWMANSHIP RULES:

1. Junior Showmanship will be for youth ages 13 years and under as of September 1, 2025.
Senior Showmanship will be for youth ages 14 through 18 years of age, as of September 1, 2025.
2. All 4-H'ers are required to show in showmanship.
3. Pre-registration is required in Fair Entry to receive a premium. Last minute entries may not receive a premium.
4. Showmanship will be the first classes of the day.

RANCH CLASSES:

1. If you enter class 121 (Ranch Horse Pleasure) you may not enter classes 117 (Jr Western Pleasure) or 118 (Sr Western Pleasure).
2. Anyone may enter Ranch Riding
3. If you compete in the Ranch classes you can also enter into the Horsemanship Classes.
4. Ranch tack is plain leather with minimal silver allowed. Breast collars and back cinches are recommended but not required.

EQUINE SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD RULES:

1. Must be pre-registered for class via Fair Entry
2. Entrants will be judged by a horsemanship volunteer for Sportsmanship, Proper Attire, Grooming, Safety and Cleanliness of Area & Overall Quality of Riding.
3. An essay with 100-250 words must be turned into the Extension office by July 1. The essay will include how the 4-Her has improved their skills this year.

HORSE CLASSES

SHOWMANSHIP

- 101 Junior Showmanship
- 102 Senior Showmanship

HALTER

- 103 Stock Type Horse at Halter (Horses 14 & Under)
- 104 Light Horse at Halter
- 105 Aged Horse Mare at Halter (Horses 15 & Up)
- 106 Aged Horse Gelding at Halter (Horses 15 & Up)
- 107 Equine at Halter 56" and under

Grand Champion Horse at Halter (*Top of Class exhibitors for Grand and Reserve.*)
in Classes 103 through 107 will be called back to show

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PERFORMANCE CLASSES

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| 108 Green Rider Walk Trot | 117 Jr. Western Pleasure (8-13) |
| 109 Equine Pleasure 56" and under | 118 Sr. Western Pleasure (14-18) |
| 110 Green Horse Walk Trot | 119 Jr. Western Horsemanship (8-13) |
| 111 Jr. English Pleasure (8-13) | 120 Sr. Western Horsemanship (14-18) |
| 112 Sr. English Pleasure (14-18) | 121 Ranch Horse Pleasure |
| 113 Jr. English Equitation (8-13) | 122 Ranch Riding (pattern) |
| 114 Sr. English Equitation (14-18) | 123 Jr. Bareback Horsemanship (8-13) |
| 115 Jr. Command/Discipline Rail (8-13) | 124 Sr. Bareback Horsemanship (14-18) |
| 116 Sr. Command/Discipline Rail (14-18) | |

NOVELTY CLASSES

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| 125 Jr. Egg-N-Spoon | 128 Mystery Fun Class |
| 126 Sr. Egg-N-Spoon | 129 Jr. Trail Class |
| 127 Costume Class (see rule #13) | 130 Sr. Trail Class |

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SPEED CLASSES

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| 131 Jr. Poles | 135 Jr. Flag |
| 132 Sr. Poles | 136 Sr. Flag |
| 133 Jr. Barrels | 137 Jr. Plug |
| 134 Sr. Barrels | 138 Sr. Plug |

EQUINE SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

- 139 Jr. Equine Sportsmanship (ages 8-13)
- 140 Sr. Equine Sportsmanship (ages 14-18)

PERFORMANCE HIGH POINT AWARD

- 141 Jr. High Point (ages 8-13)
Points accumulated from placing in class #'s 101, 111, 113, 115, 117 or 121, 119, 122, 129
- 142 Sr. High Point (ages 14-18)
Points accumulated from placing in class #'s 102, 112, 114, 116, 118 or 121, 120, 123, 130

SPEED HIGH POINT AWARD

- 143 Jr. Horse Speed Award (ages 8-13) *Points accumulated from placing in class #'s 131, 133, 135, 137*
- 144 Sr. Horse Speed Award (ages 14-18) *Points accumulated from placing in class #'s 132, 134, 136, 138*

HORSE AWARDS

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| Champion Junior Showmanship | Reserve Jr. High Point |
| Champion Senior Showmanship | Sr. High Point |
| Grand Champion Horse at Halter | Reserve Jr. High Point |
| Reserve Grand Champion Horse at Halter | Jr. Horse Speed Award |
| Champion Ranch Riding | Reserve Jr. Horse Speed Award |
| Jr. Equine Sportsmanship Award | Sr. Horse Speed Award |
| Sr. Equine Sportsmanship Award | Reserve Jr. Horse Speed Award |
| Jr. High Point | |