

HORSE

For youth enrolled in Horse 1, Horse 2, Horse 3, Horse 4, and Horse 5

Superintendents Leland and Nan Martin

Mercer County 4-H Horse Show, **Sunday, July 17**, at the 4K Arena, Viola IL. **Horse Show will begin at 9 A.M.**

Rules:

1. Exhibitor must be present one class ahead of their first scheduled class, to check in and pick up your rider number at the announcer's stand.
2. The "Guidelines for 4-H Horse Shows in Illinois" and the Junior Horse Show Committee's 1998 Addendum will be the rules for this show. The addendum supersedes all other rules in case of conflict. Current AQHA and AHSA rules will apply in all cases where 4-H rules do not apply.
3. First thru Fifth placing will be announced in all classes.
4. All ponies may be measured before the show starts.
5. All horses or ponies to be shown, whether they are leased or owned by the exhibitor, **MUST** have ownership or lease papers on file at the Extension Office by **MAY 1**. The horse or pony **MUST** be cared for by the exhibitor no later than **JUNE 1**. Any exceptions should be brought before the Mercer County Horse Committee. If for some reason the committee cannot meet, the rule stands. There will be no alterations of the rule after June 15. Only requests for exceptions due to illness, lameness, or death of a horse will be considered between May 1 and June 15.
6. Mercer County 4-H Horse Show rules will supersede all other rules.
7. Each exhibitor may exhibit only one horse per class and will be limited to a total of three horses to be exhibited in this show.
8. Animals need not be purebred or registered. **NO STALLIONS WILL BE ALLOWED.**
9. Only 4-H members may work their horse in the arena.
10. No bats/whips will be allowed in the arena during the show except for the light breed halter classes.
11. **NO** class additions can be made that day. Classes can be scratched and changed only if entered in wrong child's age group with no downgrade. Exhibitors can exhibit in as many classes as they wish.
12. All exhibitors will be assigned a number, which must be worn by the exhibitor. The number must be worn on the exhibitor's back for halter classes. The number may be worn on the exhibitor's back or on both sides of the saddle blanket for riding classes.
13. Western Attire for Western classes and English Attire for English classes **MUST** be worn. Halter class attire consists of boots, hat or helmet, long sleeve shirt, belt, and long pants or long skirt. Western riding attire consists of boots, helmet, long sleeve shirt, belt, and long pants or long skirt. English riding attire consists of English style shirt, jacket (unless Judge excuses due to weather conditions) English-style pants or long skirt, boots, helmet, and optional belt.
14. Unsportsmanlike conduct by an exhibitor may be grounds for disqualification by the judge or show chairperson.
15. The judge may not be approached by an exhibitor, parent, or guardian except at lunch break or after the show concludes.
16. No dogs will be allowed in the arena area. Dogs **MUST** be on a leash at all times.
17. All 4-H members are **REQUIRED TO WEAR** a properly fitted ASTM or SEI standard f1 163 or above certified equestrian helmet whenever mounted or driving, at all 4-H horse and pony events.
18. Ring usage during lunch break and following Costume class will be provided for pleasure riding. Contest riders will receive warm up time just prior to contest classes.
19. Three calls for class. When the judge closes the gate, the class is closed.
20. The reference to "Open" in the name of classes listed on the show bill indicates the 4-H exhibitor can be any age.

21. Ranch Horse Riding guidelines: Horses are required to be shown at a walk, jog, and lope on the rail. All reverses will be performed towards the rail in a rollback type maneuver. Stopping and backing. If necessary to place the class, the judge may send contestants back to the rail to perform extended gait. A pattern chosen by the Horse Committee will be required to be performed by each contestant.
22. Pattern Riding guidelines: To be judged on the qualities of gaits (walk, trot, and lope), change of leads, responses to the rider, manners, disposition, and intelligence. No tie downs will be allowed. Western or English. AQHA riding pattern #1 will be used.
23. Class 28-Versatility guidelines: Exhibitor/Horse combination to compete in a Horsemanship Class, a Barrel Race, and a Fun Class. The versatility class is meant to demonstrate the horse is well-trained and the rider can compete in a combination of events successfully.

HALTER CLASSES:

LESS THAN 56" – Any Age - Mare or Gelding

- 1) Miniature Horse and/or Pony

NOVICE HALTER

- 2) Horse or Pony – 4-H Member has not received 1st Place rating in a halter class in previous years

HORSE 56" AND OVER - All Breeds – Mare or Gelding

- 3) Yearling, 2 and 3-year-old Horse
- 4) 4 years and older -Stock Type Horse (horse not eligible for class 5)
- 5) 4 years and older – Light Breed Type Horse (horse not eligible for class 4)

****All A-1 winners in classes 1-5 return for Grand Champion Judging****

****MEMORIAL AWARD TO GRAND CHAMPION MINIATURE HORSE/PONY OR HORSE OVERALL****

SHOWMANSHIP: Exhibitor age as of September 1, 2021

****MEMORIAL AWARD TO EACH 1ST PLACE SHOWMANSHIP EXHIBITOR****

- 6) Senior Showmanship, exhibitor 13-18 years of age
- 7) Junior Showmanship, exhibitor 8-12 years of age

TRAIL:

****MEMORIAL AWARD TO 1ST PLACE TRAIL CLASS EXHIBITOR****

- 8) Trail Class

The class will consist of six obstacles selected by the horse committee and announced the day of the show. Limit of 3 refusals per obstacle.

LUNCH BREAK – 30 minutes following the completion of Trail Class

COSTUME:

- 9) Costume Class – Walk only

****15 MINUTE OPEN ARENA, FOR PLEASURE RIDING ONLY****

SADDLE CLASSES:

- 10) Open English Pleasure, hunt seat or saddle seat
- 11) Open Light Breed/Gaited Comfort Pleasure
- 12) Senior Walk Trot, horse or pony, optional tack, exhibitor 13-18 years of age
- 13) Junior Walk Trot, horse or pony, optional tack, exhibitor 8-12 years of age
- 14) Novice Pleasure, horse or pony, optional tack – 4-H Member has not received 1st Place rating in a pleasure class in previous years
- 15) Open Pony Pleasure under 56", optional tack
- 16) Open 5-year-old and under Jr. Horse, Western Pleasure

- 17) 6-year-old or older Horse, Western Pleasure, exhibitor 13-18 years of age
- 18) 6-year-old or older Horse, Western Pleasure, exhibitor 8-12 years of age
- 19) Open Ranch Horse Riding, (pattern & rail work required, see rule 21)

HORSEMANSHIP: Exhibitor age as of September 1, 2021

****MEMORIAL AWARD TO EACH 1ST PLACE HORSEMANSHIP EXHIBITOR****

- 20) Senior Western Horsemanship, exhibitor 13-18 years of age
- 21) Junior Western Horsemanship, exhibitor 8-12 years of age
- 22) Pattern Riding (AQHA Riding Pattern #1 will be used)
- 23) Versatility Class (See rule #23) ****MEMORIAL AWARD TO 1ST PLACE VERSATILITY EXHIBITOR****
Horsemanship (optional tack), Barrel Race, and Fun Class (ride down and run back leading horse/pony)

CONTEST CLASSES:

Warm up time will be provided prior to contest classes. Attire required: long sleeve shirts or western short sleeve shirts, long pants or long skirt, boots, and helmet. No bats will be used. Rules will be governed by the 4-H Leaders' Horse and Pony Guide.

- 24) Barrel Race - (Horse/Pony not eligible for class 25)
- 25) Trot Barrel Race – (Horse/Pony not eligible for class 24)
- 26) Flag Race
- 27) Pole Bending – (Horse/Pony not eligible for class 28)
- 28) Trot Pole Bending – (Horse/Pony not eligible for class 27)

FUN CLASSES:

Attire required: shirts, long pants or long skirt, boots, and helmet.

- 29) Senior Egg & Spoon, exhibitor 13-18 years of age
- 30) Junior Egg & Spoon, exhibitor 8-12 years of age
- 31) Senior Ball in Bucket, exhibitor 13-18 years of age – With ball in hand, ride down drop ball in bucket, round barrel and ride out.
- 32) Junior Ball in Bucket, exhibitor 8-12 years of age – With ball in hand, ride down drop ball in bucket, round barrel and ride out.

BELT BUCKLE AWARDS: Belt buckles donated by Bill & Chris Hank

- ❖ Junior All-Around High Point (based upon all classes participated in/placed in)
- ❖ Senior All-Around High Point (based upon all classes participated in/placed in)

All-Around High Point Belt Buckle Awards: All contestants are eligible for high point belt buckle awards based upon their age division.

- ❖ Seniors will be 13-18 years of age as of September 1, 2021.
- ❖ Juniors will be 8-12 years of age as of September 1, 2021.
- ❖ Each contestant is allowed up to three eligible horses.
- ❖ Contestants qualify for points in every class they participate in.
- ❖ Pony and/or Horse
- ❖ All classes qualify, whether age specific, open, or specialty.
- ❖ Points awarded based on number of actual contestant entries participated in each class
- ❖ 1st through 5th placing awarded in all classes
- ❖ One point awarded per number of class entries up to 5 points per class

Example 1: Class "X" has **10** contestants (any age) > 1st Place receives 5 points; 2nd Place receives 4 points; 3rd Place receives 3 points; 4th Place receives 2 points; 5th Place receives 1 point

Example 2: Class "Y" has **3** contestants (any age) > 1st Place receives 3 points; 2nd Place receives 2 points; 3rd Place receives 1 point

Example 3: Class "Z" has **1** contestant (any age) > 1st Place receives 1 point

- ❖ At the end of the Horse Show, accumulated points will be totaled to determine the All-Around High Point Belt Buckle Award winners for each age division.

HORSE SHOW AWARD SPONSORS:

- ❖ Grand Champion Miniature Horse/Pony or Horse Overall – In **Memory of Myrna Adamson**
- ❖ **Junior Showmanship – In memory of Erin Neuleib**
- ❖ Senior Showmanship – In memory of Ron Partlow
- ❖ Trail Class-Sponsored by Brian and Sandy Harkey
- ❖ Junior Western Horsemanship – Sponsored by Charley Martin Horseshoeing
- ❖ Senior Western Horsemanship – Sponsored by Janet Harms
- ❖ Versatility Class- In memory of Cash (Davison Farms)