

## DEPARTMENT 6 – HORSE & PONY

### Judging During Fair Week:

Thursday 9:00 AM Dressage; Friday 9:00 AM Speed/Gymkhana  
Saturday 9:00 AM Halter, Showmanship, Trail, Pleasure & Equitation  
Superintendents: Heather Marlette and Tessa Walvort

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**Requirements to Participate:** *The Horse Department is open to exhibitors meeting exhibitor participation rules & requirements, found in "Exhibitor Rules - Who May Exhibit" Section of the Sauk Co Junior Fair Book, provided Youth have met the requirements and followed the rules of the Sauk County 4-H Horse and Pony Project and have been approved by the project superintendent.*

*All horse exhibits must be the result of regular 4-H, FFA, or other youth organizations participation in the Sauk County Horse Project meetings and clinics during the current Project Season.*

Parents/guardians are encouraged to spend time at the fair with their child(ren) and horse.

No children should be left unsupervised in the barns.

No horses should be left all day at the fair without someone checking on them.

Horse project members may also enter educational exhibits under Dept. 10 Class 4. Please wrap posters and pictures in clear plastic wrap. Clothes Horse entries should be entered under Dept. 26 Clothing and will be judged at the pre-fair judging day. (see judging schedule for Educational Exhibits).

All animals must follow the animal health regulations located under animal health regulations for fairs and shows in Wisconsin (back of this book)

### **Sauk County Horse and Pony Project Rules:**

Horse Project members and anyone signing up to exhibit at the fair must abide by these rules in order to be eligible to show at the Sauk County Junior Fair in Department 6 horse events or any other Sauk County Horse Project events.

➤ Each member must attend a minimum of three (3) Sauk County 4-H Horse and Pony Project monthly meetings, and a minimum of three (3) Sauk County 4-H Horse and Pony Project clinics.

➤ Each member and horse combination must complete a safety requirement level evaluation which must be signed by a safety committee member. Please refer to the safety evaluation form for more details.

➤ Each project horse or pony must attend a minimum of one (1) project clinic, in addition to being present to complete the safety demo.

➤ Each member must turn in a minimum total of \$60.00 in sponsorship(s) by the May meeting. If there are two family members in the horse project, each member must have \$60.00 in sponsorship(s). There is a sponsorship letter in the handbook that can be used to help get sponsorships.

➤ Each member and / or anyone using or sharing a horse for any Sauk County 4-H horse event or State 4-H Horse event must turn in a horse identification form by the May meeting for each project horse.

#### • **Attached to the ID form must be:**

- A copy of a negative Coggins test within the previous 12 months. (Dated after Sept. 30 of the previous year)
- A copy of the vaccination record that shows the animals have received eastern encephalitis (EEE), western encephalitis(WEE), West Nile Virus, tetanus, flu, rhino, rabies. Make sure you check with your vet to see what is included in your shots. This may be a written statement from the vet, a copy of the original receipt and original shot boxes, or a copy of your vet bill.

➤ Any NSF checks or stop payment checks will result in the family being restricted from any activity until the check(s) and all incurred expenses have been settled. Any fees incurred will be the responsibility of the family.

### **General Fair Rules for horses:**

Any infractions are subject to disciplinary action by the executive committee, which consists of all animal project superintendents, UW Extension representatives, and fair board representatives.

➤ Please refer to animal rules and regulations for information, especially check-in procedures/times, check-out procedures, and other important information.

➤ Exhibitors are responsible for keeping their stall and barn area clean at all times. Stall should be continuously kept clean of all droppings throughout the day.

➤ Exhibitors should be supervised by a parent/guardian or leader, but are EXPECTED to do the work themselves.

➤ The stall must be stripped and cleaned before leaving the fairgrounds, but not before 4:00 PM on Sunday. Tear-down details/time will be posted at the fair.

➤ Horses should be fed and watered by 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM. Stalls must be cleaned by 8:30 AM.

➤ Horses should be given hay at least twice a day.

➤ Horses must have water buckets in their stalls and filled at all times.

➤ Horses should be clean and free from manure stains, sweat or saddle marks.

➤ Saddled/harnessed horses must be tied when they are in the stall.

➤ No tying horses in the aisle way. The aisleway must be kept clean.

➤ Horses should be taken out of their stalls and exercised at least twice a day.

➤ Proper riding boots must be worn when mounted. They are encouraged when leading or working around horses. NO thongs, flip flops, or sandals are allowed. (This includes parents and adults)

➤ Riding helmets that are SEI approved must be worn when mounted and/or driving at any 4-H sponsored event in the State of Wisconsin. This means that in any 4-H clinic, in any 4-H sponsored open show youth classes from 3rd Grade to the 1st year of college, and at the fair, a helmet must be worn and properly fastened. Proper fit of helmets is essential for safety.

➤ A proper bridle must be used when riding. No riding with a halter and lead rope.

➤ A saddle (mounted) and bridle (mounted/cart) are required when riding or driving a horse.

➤ Horses must be led with a lead rope. No leading by just the halter.

- Be courteous to your fellow members and participants.
- An exhibitor may only show up to two (2) horses.
- No stallions over 1 year of age can be exhibited.
- Arena reserved Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday for specialty disciplines. (See posted schedule in barn for discipline type) No carts should be in the arena when horses are being ridden.
- Exercising only in designated areas. No exercising of horses will be allowed after 8:30 PM and before 6:00 AM
- Horses must be led to and from the riding and practice arena.
- No Horses may be loose in the regular or practice arena.
- Professional grooms or trainers are not allowed to work with horses on the show grounds.
- Any non-therapeutic substance used as a stimulant, depressant, tranquilizer or sedative for the purpose of altering a horse or pony's show ring performance is prohibited. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.
- Any horse or pony seen kicking will have a red ribbon placed on the tail.
- No lights, battery or plug-in, may be used in the barn.
- No rough housing or dangerous play around the horse barns.
- Smile! Be friendly to people that come to the barns to see the horses!

**Barn Awards** -There are barn awards given in the horse barn based on safety, cleanliness, stalls, tack areas, decorations, and sportsmanship.

**Fair Horse Show** - Classes may not be run in the numerical lot number order that you sign up for them in the fair book. A show bill will be handed out and posted during the fair to show the order of classes.

**Schedule of Show:**

Thursday: Dressage Classes 9:00 AM

Friday: Speed/Gymkhana Classes 9:00 AM

Saturday: Pleasure Show Classes (Halter, Showmanship, Equitation, Pleasure, Driving, Trail) 9:00 AM

Sunday: Fun Show Classes 10 AM

State Expo Entries due with proper paperwork by 3:00 PM

Cleanout and Decoration removal may be done AFTER 4:00 PM

Stall Tear Down 4:30 PM

**Show Rules:**

Classes may be canceled at the superintendent's discretion based on the number of entries.

- No one is allowed to coach from the rail during the show.
- You must let the Horse Project Superintendent know if you have a conflict with the horse show and showing another project.
- All ponies will be measured by an advisory board member prior to Saturday of the fair. Ponies 56" and under and miniature horses must show in the pony class. Any horse measuring 56" and under must show in the pony class.
- Please include your horse's name on the entry sheet by the lot number.

**Class Entry Rules:**

- Each horse may be shown in only ONE Halter Class.
- Each exhibitor may show in only ONE Showmanship Class
- Each exhibitor may show in only ONE Trail in Hand Class
- Each exhibitor may show in only ONE Mounted Trail or Driving Cones Class

Premiums will be paid to Showmanship, Trail and Driving Cones Classes.

- Each rider and horse combination may enter MORE THAN ONE

~Pleasure Riding ~ Pleasure Driving

~ Equitation, Driving ~ Reinsmanship

~ Dressage ~ Speed/Gymkhana Classes

- This means that one rider and horse may enter Western Pleasure, Huntseat Pleasure, Saddleseat Pleasure, Pleasure Driving, Stock Seat Equitation, Hunt Seat Equitation, Saddleseat Pleasure and Driving Reinsmanship.

- No premiums will be paid for Pleasure Riding, Pleasure Driving, Equitation, Driving Reinsmanship, Trail in Hand, Dressage, and Speed Classes.

**Show Attire:**

Proper attire is required for showing at the fair. Minimum is a hat or helmet, long sleeved shirt, clean and pressed jeans that should cover boot heel, boots and a belt. Hair should be pulled back. An SEI approved helmet must be worn for all mounted and driving classes.

All tack should be clean and blankets washed. Please refer to the Class Guidelines in WI State 4-H Horse Handbook for tack guidelines.

**Class Descriptions:**

The WI 4-H Horse Association Equestrian Guidelines will apply to the classes in this show. They can be found at:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/agriculture-and-animal-science/horse-project/wisconsin-4-h-horse-association/>

**Halter-** A class where horses are shown "in hand," meaning that they are led, not ridden, and are judged on their conformation and suitability as breeding stock.

**Showmanship-** A Showmanship class will be judged on the exhibitor's ability to fit and show the horse at halter, the horse is merely a prop to show the ability and preparation of the exhibitor.

**Equitation/Horsemanship-** Equitation is the skill of the rider, using the correct form and aids (hands, legs, seat, weight, and voice) to produce the maximum performance of the horse. This includes stock seat (western), hunt seat (english), saddle seat, and reinsmanship (driving).

**Pleasure-** The emphasis in judging is on the horse. Class is to be judged on the horse's manners, performance and suitability of the horse as a pleasure mount. This includes western, hunter under saddle (english), saddle seat, and pleasure driving.

**Trail-** A class where horses and riders navigate a series of obstacles that are designed to resemble situations a horse and rider might actually encounter when on a trail in a natural habitat. Contestants ride the course one at a time. If a rider does not complete an obstacle, they will get a 0 for that element.

Trail In Hand- A class where horses and exhibitors navigate a series of obstacles that are designed to resemble situations a horse and exhibitor might actually encounter when on a trail in a natural habitat. Contestants complete the course one at a time. If a rider does not complete an obstacle, they will get a 0 for that element.

Hunter- The Dressage classes consist of an exact sequence of movements ridden in an enclosed arena.

- Please refer to the WI 4-H Horse Association Hunt and Dressage Show Guidelines for these classes. Website link:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/large-animals/horse-project/wisconsin-4-h-horse-association/>

Speed / Gymkhana - Events consisting of speed pattern racing and timed events.

- Please refer to the WI 4-H Horse Association Gymkhana Show Guidelines for these classes. Website link:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/large-animals/horse-project/wisconsin-4-h-horse-association/>

- Safety is of utmost importance.
- All riding classes will be run with a closed gate.
- Horses MAY NOT run outside of designated show or practice areas. Failure to comply may result in disqualification and/or removal from show.
- These are timed events, and the goal is to complete the course in the fastest time.

Games/Fun Show- A group of classes that are just for fun. The class list depends on the youth board and varies.

#### **Other Classes:**

- Ranch Rail Pleasure is a class that showcases the versatility, agility, and style of ranch horses. Unlike traditional Western Pleasure, which emphasizes a slower and smoother gait suitable for the traditional show ring, Ranch Rail Pleasure is rooted in the practical movements that a horse might perform while working on a ranch. This class is designed to celebrate the athleticism and versatility of the ranch horse. It demonstrates his ability to move with purpose as one would want when working a ranch. Judges look for a horse that would be a pleasure to ride in a working environment while also still performing a functional job.

Difference in Gaits: One key distinction between Ranch Rail Pleasure and traditional Western Pleasure lies in the focus on practicality and authenticity. While Western Pleasure often highlights a slower, more collected gait suitable for the show ring, Ranch Rail Pleasure emphasizes a more forward and purposeful movement. It's about showcasing the horse's versatility and functionality in a ranch environment. When riding across a ranch with a goal in mind, such as gathering heifers, you want a horse that moves right out with purpose. For each gait, horses should demonstrate forward but controlled motion. Gaits range from the basic walk, trot, lope, to extended versions of each gait. Judges note horses that are free-moving, looking through the bridle, and exhibiting that they could cover long distances in a comfortable fashion. A full drape rein is not recommended, and light contact is encouraged. A horse that can also smoothly transition from one gait to the next will be rewarded.

- Disciplined Rail is an advanced pleasure class which tests the skills of both horse and rider, as they execute specific gaits, transitions and movements as requested by the judge. In this class, competitors are asked to do things other than just go around the rail- you may be asked to side pass, hand gallop, pivot, back up, roll back, lead change, extend trot, counter canter (lope) etc.- The class is judged on performance and manners.
- Western Dressage is judged on Dressage fundamentals and showcase applications for the Working Western Horse. Please refer to Western Dressage Association of America for rules, guidelines, and tests.

Website: <https://www.westerndressageassociation.org/western-dressage-rules-guidelines>

#### **CLASS 1 - HALTER (Regular Judging 1st - 6th) (one class per horse)**

**Premiums: 1st - \$8.00 2nd - \$7.00 3rd - \$6.00 4th - \$5.00**

1. Horse, 2 yrs. of age & under as of January 1 of current year, any type
2. Pony, any type, any age, 56" & under
3. English Horse, any age
4. Western Horse, any age
5. Draft Type Halter, any age
6. Ranch Conformation, any age
7. Champion Halter (open to 1st & 2nd place winners for classes 1-6)

#### **CLASS 2 - SHOWMANSHIP (Danish Judging, both ribbons & premiums) (one class per exhibitor)**

**Premiums: 1st - \$8.00 2nd - \$7.00 3rd - \$6.00 4th - \$5.00**

8. Western Pony Showmanship, All Grades
9. Western Showmanship, Grade 3-5
10. Western Showmanship, Grade 6-8
11. Western Showmanship, Grade 9-13
12. Draft Type Showmanship, All Grades
13. English Pony Showmanship, All Grades
14. English Showmanship, Grade 3-5
15. English Showmanship, Grade 6-8
16. English Showmanship, Grade 9-13
17. Champion Showmanship (Blue ribbon winners only)

#### **CLASS 3 – HORSEMANSHIP/EQUITATION (Danish Judging –**

**Ribbons Only - No Premiums) (no limit)**

18. Walk/Trot Stock Seat Equitation, Grade 3-5
19. Walk/Trot Stock Seat Equitation, Grade 6-8
20. Walk/Trot Stock Seat Equitation, Grade 9-13
21. Pony Stock Seat Equitation, All Grades
22. Stock Seat Equitation, Grade 3-5
23. Stock Seat Equitation, Grade 6-8
24. Stock Seat Equitation, Grade 9-13
25. Champion Stock Seat Equitation (Blue ribbon winners only)
26. Western Discipline Rail, All Grades
27. Walk/Trot English Equitation, Grade 3-5
28. Walk/Trot English Equitation, Grade 6-8
29. Walk/Trot English Equitation, Grade 9-13
30. Pony English Equitation, All Grades
31. English Equitation, Grade 3-5
32. English Equitation, Grade 6-8
33. English Equitation, Grade 9-13
34. Champion English Equitation (Blue ribbon winners only)

35. English Discipline Rail
36. Horse Driving Reinsmanship, All Grades
37. Pony Driving Reinsmanship, All Grades
38. Draft Type Driving Reinsmanship, All Grade

**CLASS 4 - PLEASURE RIDING** (Danish Judging –

**Ribbons Only** No Premiums) (no limit)

39. Walk/Trot Western Pleasure, Grade 3-5
40. Walk/Trot Western Pleasure, Grade 6-8
41. Walk/Trot Western Pleasure, Grade 9-13
42. Pony Western Pleasure, All Grades
43. Western Pleasure, Grade 3-5
44. Western Pleasure, Grade 6-8
45. Western Pleasure, Grade 9-13
46. Ranch Pleasure, All Grades
47. Champion Western Pleasure (Blue ribbon winners only)
48. Walk/Trot English Pleasure, Grade 3-5
49. Walk/Trot English Pleasure, Grade 6-8
50. Walk/Trot English Pleasure, Grade 9-13
51. Pony English Pleasure, All Grades
52. English Pleasure, Grade 3-5
53. English Pleasure, Grade 6-8
54. English Pleasure Grade 9-13
55. Champion English Pleasure (Blue ribbon winners only)
56. Horse Pleasure Driving, All Grades
57. Pony Pleasure Driving, All Grades
58. Draft Type Driving, All Grades

**CLASS 5 - TRAIL CLASS** (Regular Judging, **both ribbons & premiums**) (one class per exhibitor)

**Premiums 1st - \$8.00; 2nd - \$7.00; 3rd - \$6.00; 4th - \$5.00**

59. Walk Trot Trail Class, All Grades
60. Trail Class, Grade 3-5
61. Trail Class, Grade 6-8
62. Trail Class, Grade 9-13
63. Cones - Driving Pony over 38", member any grade
64. Cones - Driving Pony 38" & under, member any grade
65. Cones - Driving Draft or Light Horse, member any grade

**CLASS 6 - TRAIL IN HAND** (Regular Judging 1<sup>st</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> –

**Ribbons Only**- No Premiums (one class per exhibitor)

66. Trail In Hand Class, members in Grade 3-5
67. Trail in Hand Class, members in Grade 6-8
68. Trail In Hand Class, members in Grade 9-13

**CLASS 7 - DRESSAGE CLASS**

**Ribbons only**, no premiums (no limit)

69. English Dressage, Introductory Test A
70. English Dressage, Training Level Test 1
71. English Versatility Pattern
72. Western Dressage, Intro Level Test 1
73. Western Dressage, Basic Level Test 1
74. Ranch Riding Pattern

**CLASS 8--SPEED/GYMKHANA CLASS** (Time Judging)

**Ribbons only**, no premium (no limit)

75. Pole Bending, Grade 3-5
76. Pole Bending, Grade 6-8
77. Pole Bending, Grade 9-13
78. Cloverleaf Barrels, Grade 3-5
79. Cloverleaf Barrels, Grade 6-8
80. Cloverleaf Barrels, Grade 9-13
81. Flag Race, Grade 3-5
82. Flag Race, Grade 6-8
83. Flag Race, 9-13
84. Plug Race, Grade 3-5
85. Plug Race, Grade 6-8
86. Plug Race, Grade 9-13
87. LT Special, Grade 3-5
88. LT Special, Grade 6-8
89. LT Special, Grade 9-13
90. Key Race, Grade 3-5
91. Key Race, Grade 6-8
92. Key Race, Grade 9-13