



DIVISION VI: HORSE

Superintendent: Cleve and Beth Gibbon

2009 GENERAL RULES FOR 4-H HORSE SHOW AND GYMKHANA

1. The equine a 4-H member intends to use as a project animal (i.e. to show at the county and state fairs) must be designated by June 1 of the current year on the Horse Identification Certificate found in your record book. **Horse Identification Certificate forms must be turned in to the extension office by June 1 of the current year. ID sheets are required to compete at county fair and state fair.** The member must have complete access to the equine at any time, and must provide care and management a majority of the time, whether the equine is owned or leased.
2. Where applicable, the most current Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rule Book will govern all classes. Patterns not printed in the Colorado 4-H Rule Book will be posted at 8:00 a.m. on the day of the show.
3. The Fair Horse Superintendent(s) and the appointed show team will be in charge of the show. The Superintendent(s) reserve the right to combine or eliminate classes or entries as warranted. The Superintendent(s) will handle questions or complaints. Their decisions are final. Contestants will be disqualified and exercised from the grounds for any unsafe, illegal tack, un-sportsmanlike conduct, or abusive action to an equine or event livestock at the discretion of the Superintendent(s) and appointed show team. All fees and awards will be forfeited.
4. There will be a \$5.00 fee charged for the **Cattle Division**, Gymkhana Division and Horse Show Division. **(If you do all divisions, the cost is \$15.00)**. This fee will be included with the pre-entry card. Leaders who sign the entries are responsible for making sure their members are eligible for the classes they sign-up for and that all the correct paperwork and fees are attached. If the paperwork has errors, it will be returned to the leader to correct. ** (IF PARTICIPATING IN ANY GYMKHANA EVENT, MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A HELMET.)**
5. To be eligible to sign-up for horse the following year, you must turn in a completed record book by **September 4, 2009**. They must be 70% complete when turned in or you will not be eligible to participate the following year.
6. Exhibitors must wear their numbers at all times. If you enter the show ring without it, you will be disqualified. All Exhibitors must wear an equestrian approved helmet unless there is a current waiver on file with the 4-H office. Your show number will have a mark of some sort to reflect if this waiver is on file. Anyone who does not have a waiver on file must wear a helmet at all times when mounted at the Mesa County Fairgrounds.
7. Acceptable dress of exhibitors please refer to the current Colorado 4-H Horse Rules for details. Rule Books can be obtained from your local extension office. Helmets are required if a Helmet Waiver is not on file. (All members participating in Gymkhana, jumping classes or Novice riders are all required to wear a helmet.)
8. Exhibitors may bring a total of 2 equines to compete in the Horse Show, Gymkhana and **Cattle Division**. You may only show one horse per class. No equine may be shown by more than one exhibitor in the same division. **For one year only, two 4-H members may share an equine and must be showing in separate divisions.** Stallions of any age are prohibited in all classes except the weanling futurity class. No nursing mares may be shown. Only 4-H Horse project members may ride while at the Horse Show or Gymkhana. TRAINERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE SHOW RINGS AS THEY ARE NOT COVERED IN THE EVENT OF AN ACCIDENT.
9. **The written test is no longer mandatory for 4-H Horse members. The written test will be given during the lunch break on Saturday at the Mesa County Fair Horse Show. The test will count for high point and reserve high point awards as any other class. Ex: For the Western Division - Showmanship and your best three classes (which includes the written test) will count for high point awards.) The written test will also be open to HORSELESS HORSE members. They will be eligible for awards (ribbons) in this class.**

Written questions may come from any official Colorado 4-H horse project printed material. There will be separate tests for each division. Each test will include some tiebreaker questions. You will receive one main score; if there

are any ties on the test you will receive an additional score for the tiebreakers only. Sometimes there are still ties. If this happens, the County Extension Agent will select additional questions to be used as tiebreakers (example: test score 80, 10 on tiebreaker, 5 on additional tie breaker - your score will look like 80/10/5).

10. There will be only one Showmanship Class. Exhibitors may use either Western or English tack and apparel. This class will count towards both English and Western County Champions. SHOWMANSHIP IS REQUIRED TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE HORSE SHOW DIVISION COUNTY CHAMPIONS. IT IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE **CATTLE DIVISION** and GYMKHANA DIVISION COUNTY CHAMPIONS.

11. Showmanship winners (first and second place) from Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors will participate in the Round Robin Showmanship Classes. If they can't make it, the third place winner will take their place.

12. Classes will be scored on an individual basis. However, they may be judged individually or as a group. Once a show order is drawn, the exhibitor must appear in this order in the time specified by the officials. When a class is being delayed by an exhibitor, the exhibitor will be given 2 minutes in which to appear at the in gate. Failure to do so will disqualify the exhibitor from the class. Each class will be placed 1st thru 6th. The following system will be used for **all divisions**.

If there are 6 entries in a class:

1st = 6 pts. 2nd = 5 pts. 3rd = 4 pts.
4th = 3 pts. 5th = 2 pts. 6th = 1 pt.

If there are less than six entries in a class, the points decrease in proportion to the entries i.e. 5 entries – 1st = 5 pts.; 4 entries – 1st = 4 pts. Etc.

13. County Fair Horse Show Division, **Cattle Division** and Gymkhana Division High Point Tie Breaker: The tie breaker for high points will be the COMBINATION SCORE of Showmanship and the Written Test. Should a tie still exist after the combination of these two scores; the Written Test tie breaker scores shall apply.

11. Novice Rider: This division is open to riders who have not passed level 1. Rider may show with both hands on the reins, maintaining a light contact with the horse's mouth. You may only stay in the novice division for a maximum of two (2) years; then, you may take the level 1 test and move up to your age division. This is WALK/TROT only. If you break more than three (3) strides, you may be disqualified. (Show management discretion).

15. 4-H HORSE DRUG AND MEDICATION RULE: No equine may be shown in any class at a 4-H show if it has been administered, in any manner, a forbidden substance. A forbidden substance is any stimulant, depressant or local anesthetic, which might affect the performance of an equine (stimulants and depressants are defined as medications which stimulate or depress the circulatory, respiratory or central nervous systems). Also prohibited are any drugs, regardless of how harmless or innocuous they might be, which by their very nature might mask or screen the presence of the aforementioned prohibited drugs, or prevent or delay testing. The use of these drugs will be considered physical abuse and will be enforced through general rules and requirements. The full use of modern therapeutic measures including pheybutazone for the improvement and protection of the health of the equine is permitted, unless the treatment may also stimulate or depress the circulatory, respiratory or central nervous systems.

16. Everyone is responsible for cleaning their own stalls and hauling waste to specified area.

HORSE SHOW Managers: Ed and Val Vial

DIVISIONS: Novice (All ages), Junior (8-10); Intermediate (11-13); Senior (14-18)

NOVICE RIDER (All Ages; Walk/Trot; First and Second Year Riders; **May ride 2 handed; Have not passed Level I**)

Classes:

Written Test
Showmanship (Western or English apparel and tack)
English Equitation
English Show Hack
Western Horsemanship
Trail (Western tack and apparel only)

There will be only One Champion and One Reserve Champion. **All classes count towards Championships.**

JUNIORS 8-10

Classes:

Written Test
Showmanship (Western or English apparel and tack)
English Equitation
English Riding (Pattern Class)
Show Hack (Rail class, no jumping)
Western Horsemanship
Trail (Western tack and apparel only)

Juniors 8-10 (Who HAVE passed Level 2 or better may enter these additional classes)

Cross rails (Jumping)
Hunter Hack (Jumping)
Western Riding (Pattern Class)
Reining

There will be a Champion and Reserve Champion in each English and Western Division. **Showmanship and your best three (3) classes will count.**

INTERMEDIATE 11-13

Classes:

Written Test
Showmanship (Western or English apparel and tack)
English Equitation
English Riding (Pattern Class)
Show Hack (Rail class, no jumping)
Western Horsemanship
Trail (Western tack and apparel only)

Intermediates 11-13 (Who HAVE passed Level 2 or better may enter these additional classes)

Cross rails (Jumping)
Hunter Hack (Jumping)
Western Riding (Pattern Class)
Reining

There will be a Champion and Reserve Champion in each English and Western Division. **Showmanship and your best three (3) classes will count.**

SENIORS 14-18

Classes:

Written Test
Showmanship (Western or English apparel and tack)
English Equitation
English Riding (Pattern Class)
Show Hack (Rail class, no jumping)
Western Horsemanship
Trail (Western tack and apparel only)

Seniors 14-18 (Who HAVE passed Level 2 or better may enter these additional classes)

Cross rails (Jumping)
Hunter Hack (Jumping)
Western Riding (Pattern Class)
Reining

There will be a Champion and Reserve Champion in each English and Western Division. **Showmanship and your best three (3) classes will count.**

SPECIFIC HORSE SHOW RULES:

1. **SHOW HACK:** Required gaits are: normal walk, collected walk, extended walk, normal trot, collected trot, extended trot, normal canter, collected canter and extended canter. At the discretion of the judge, the class may be

split to execute the extended canter. Horses are not required to perform all gaits in each direction. Reinback may be called for on the rail or in the line up. Refer to current Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rule Book.

2. If a rule is not covered in the Mesa County Fair Book, refer to the current Colorado State 4-H Horse Rule Book.

TIMED EVENTS (Gymkhana)
Managers: Ray and Lori Stephenson

DIVISIONS: Novice (all ages), Junior (8-10); Intermediate (11-13); Senior (14-18)

NOVICE RIDERS: (All ages; Rider has **not** passed Level 1).

Classes:

- Written Test
- Keyhole Race
- Flag Race
- Walk/Trot Race
- Double Barrels
- Barrels
- Poles

There will be one Champion and one Reserve Champion for Novice Gymkhana. **Your best four (4) classes will count.**

JUNIORS 8-10: (Must have passed **Level 1** or better.)

Classes:

- Written Test
- Keyhole Race
- Flag Race
- Walk/Trot and Gallop Race
- Double Barrels
- Barrels
- Poles

There will be one Champion and one Reserve Champion for Junior Gymkhana. **Your best four (4) classes will count.**

INTERMEDIATES 11-13: (Must have passed **Level 1** or better.)

Classes:

- Written Test
- Keyhole Race
- Flag Race
- Walk/Trot and Gallop Race
- Double Barrels
- Barrels
- Poles

There will be one Champion and one Reserve Champion for Intermediate Gymkhana. **Your best four (4) classes will count.**

SENIORS 14-18: (Must have passed **Level 1** or better.)

Classes:

- Written Test
- Keyhole Race
- Flag Race
- Walk/Trot and Gallop Race
- Double Barrels
- Barrels
- Poles

There will be one Champion and one Reserve Champion for Senior Gymkhana. **Your best four (4) classes will count.**

SPECIFIC GYMKHANA RULES:

1. ALL Gymkhana riders are required to wear a helmet. It is the rider's responsibility to supply their own helmet, as there will be no helmets supplied at the gate.

2. If a rule is not covered in the Mesa County Fair Book, refer to the current Colorado State 4-H Horse Rule Book.

CATTLE DIVISION
Managers: Todd and Kathy Capps

AGE DIVISIONS: Novice (all ages), Junior (8-10/Level 2); Intermediate (11-13/Level 2); Senior (14-18/Level 2)

NOVICE RIDERS: (All ages; Rider has not passed Level 1)

Classes:

Ranch Trail (Walk/Trot Only)
Ranch Conformation

JUNIOR RIDERS (Level 2):

Classes:

Written Test
Ranch Horsemanship
Ranch Trail
Ranch Sorting
Ranch Conformation

INTERMEDIATE RIDERS (Level 2):

Classes:

Written Test
Ranch Horsemanship
Ranch Trail
Ranch Sorting
Ranch Conformation

SENIOR RIDERS (Level 2):

Classes:

Written Test
Ranch Horsemanship
Ranch Trail
Ranch Sorting
Ranch Conformation

There will be one Champion and one Reserve Champion in the Cattle Division in each age division. **Your best three (3) classes will count towards high point. Novice Riders will receive ribbons for the Novice Ranch Trail - there will be no additional high point for this class.**

SPECIFIC CATTLE DIVISION RULES:

- 1. NO class shall be ridden without a bridle properly fitted to the horse.**
- 2. If a rule is not covered in the Mesa County Fair Book, refer to the current Colorado State 4-H Horse Rule Book.**

4-H and FFA FUTURITY SHOW

Special rules:

1. Colorado 4-H Rule Book applies
2. Member must have passed LEVEL 2 written and riding tests. You must be enrolled by May 1st and turn in Horse ID sheet by June 1st.
3. Horse must be owned or leased by 4-H/FFA members, brothers, sisters, parent or guardian. Horse must be weaned; halter broke and taught to lead. STALLIONS permitted in Foal Class ONLY. Universal Horse Birthday (January 1 of current year) will be used.
4. You may show only one animal in each class.
5. Refer to rule 3 and 7 in general horse show rules.
6. Tack: Please refer to the Current State Rule Book.

CLASSES:

Foals: Either fillies or colts, foaled during the current calendar year (refer to rule 3).

Yearlings: Either mares or geldings foaled the previous calendar year (refer to rule 3).

Two Year Olds: Either mares or geldings foaled 2 years previous to current year.

Western Pleasure: 2 and 3 year olds.

4-H and FFA COUNTY FAIR HORSE SHOW CLASS SCHEDULE:

Class #:

Class Name:

WT1. Sr. Written Test
WT2. Int. Written Test
WT3. Jr. Written Test
WT4. Novice Written Test

The Written Test will be given during the lunch hour the day of the Horse Show (Saturday).

Class #:

Class Name:

1. Sr. Ranch Sorting (Level 2)
2. Int. Ranch Sorting (Level 2)
3. Jr. Ranch Sorting (Level 2)
4. Sr. Ranch Horsemanship (Level 2)
5. Int. Ranch Horsemanship (Level 2)
6. Jr. Ranch Horsemanship (Level 2)
7. Sr. Ranch Trail (Level 2)
8. Int. Ranch Trail (Level 2)
9. Jr. Ranch Trail (Level 2)
10. Novice Ranch Trail (Level 1)
11. Sr. Ranch Conformation (Level 2)
12. Int. Ranch Conformation (Level 2)
13. Jr. Ranch Conformation (Level 2)
14. Novice Ranch Conformation (Level 1)

The Ranch Sorting Classes will be held at the Sheriff's Posse on Thursday evening at 5:00 p.m.

The Ranch Horsemanship, Ranch Trail and Ranch Conformation classes will be held at the Sheriff's Posse on Friday evening at 5:00 p.m.

Class #:

Class Name:

15. Foals (Level 2)
16. Yearlings (Level 2)
17. Two Year Olds (Level 2)
18. Sr. Showmanship
19. Int. Showmanship
20. Jr. Showmanship
21. Novice Showmanship
22. Sr. English Equitation
23. Int. English Equitation
24. Jr. English Equitation
25. Novice English Equitation (Walk/Trot) (Helmet Required)
26. Sr. English Riding (Control)
27. Int. English Riding (Control)
28. Jr. English Riding (Control)
29. Sr. Show Hack (rail work only)
30. Int. Show Hack (rail work only)
31. Jr. Show Hack (rail work only)

Horse Show Classes will be held at the Mesa County Fairgrounds on Saturday.

32. *Novice Show Hack (rail work only - WALK/TROT)*

33. Sr. Cross rails (Level 2)
34. Int. Cross rails (Level 2)
35. Jr. Cross rails (Level 2)
36. Sr. Hunter Hack (Level 2)
37. Int. Hunter Hack (Level 2)
38. Jr. Hunter Hack (Level 2)
39. Sr. Western Horsemanship
40. Int. Western Horsemanship
41. Jr. Western Horsemanship

- 42. Novice Western Horsemanship (Walk/Trot) (Helmet Required)
- 43. Two and Three Year Old Western Pleasure Futurity (Level 2)
- 44. Sr. Trail
- 45. Int. Trail
- 46. Jr. Trail
- 47. Novice Trail (Walk/Trot) (Helmet Required)
- 48. Sr. Western Riding (Level 2)
- 49. Int. Western Riding (Level 2)
- 50. Jr. Western Riding (Level 2)
- 51. Sr. Reining (Level 2)
- 52. Int. Reining (Level 2)
- 53. Jr. Reining (Level 2)

Class #: Class Name:

- 54. Sr. Keyhole (Level 2)
- 55. Int. Keyhole (Level 2)
- 56. Jr. Keyhole (Level 2)
- 57. Novice Keyhole (Walk/Trot)
- 58. Sr. Flag Race (Level 2)
- 59. Int. Flag Race (Level 2)
- 60. Jr. Flag Race (Level 2)
- 61. Novice Flag Race (Walk/Trot)
- 62. Sr. Walk/Trot or Gallop Race (Level 2)
- 63. Int. Walk/Trot or Gallop Race (Level 2)
- 64. Jr. Walk/Trot or Gallop Race (Level 2)
- 65. Novice Walk/Trot Race (Walk/Trot)
- 66. Sr. Double Barrels (Level 2)
- 67. Int. Double Barrels (Level 2)
- 68. Jr. Double Barrels (Level 2)
- 69. Novice Double Barrels (Walk/Trot)
- 70. Sr. Barrels (Level 2)
- 71. Int. Barrels (Level 2)
- 72. Jr. Barrels (Level 2)
- 73. Novice Barrels (Walk/Trot)
- 74. Sr. Poles (Level 2)
- 75. Int. Poles (Level 2)
- 76. Jr. Poles (Level 2)
- 77. Novice Poles (Walk/Trot)

Gymkhana classes will be held at the Mesa County Fairgrounds on Sunday.