

## DIVISION 6: HORSE

Superintendent: Tom Somerville

### 2017 GENERAL HORSE RULES

#### GENERAL RULES:

1. The equine(s) that a member intends to use as a project animal (i.e. to show at the county and state fairs) must be designated by May 1 of the current year on the Horse Identification Certificate found in your record book. Horse Identification forms must be turned in to the extension office by May 1 of the current year. ID sheets are required to compete at the county and state fairs. 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 Rule Book will govern all classes. Patterns not printed in the Colorado 4-H Horse Rule Book will be posted at 8:00 a.m. on the day of the show.
3. The Horse Fair Superintendents(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.
4. Contestants will be disqualified and excused from the grounds for any unsafe or unsportsmanlike conduct, or abusive action to the equine or event livestock at the discretion of the Superintendent(s) and appointed show team.
5. If an exhibitor is found to be using illegal tack, they will be excused from that particular class and will be allowed to return to subsequent classes after the tack issue has been corrected. All fees and awards will be forfeited.
6. 4-H/ FFA 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, depressants or local anesthetic, which might affect the performance of an equine (stimulants or 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 the general rules and requirements. The full use of modern therapeutic measures including phenylbutazone 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.
7. Exhibitors must wear their numbers at all times. If the exhibitor enters the show ring without it, that exhibitor will be disqualified from that class. **The number must be on the exhibitor's back or the exhibitor's horse. If on the horse, the number must be clearly visible from both sides.**
8. 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 fairgrounds. **ANY RIDER PARTICIPATING IN THE CROSSRAILS OR HUNTER HACK CLASSES MUST WEAR A CORRECTLY FASTENED, APPROVED, ASTM CERTIFIED HELMET.**
9. Acceptable dress of exhibitors while competing: Please refer to the current Colorado 4-H Horse Rule Book for details. Rule Books can be obtained from your local extension office.
10. Exhibitors may bring a total of 2 equines to compete in **each of the 3 shows** in the horse show (English and Western), Gymkhana, and Ranch Horse Divisions. Each exhibitor may only show 1 horse per class. No equine may be shown by more than 1 exhibitor in the same division. 2 members may share an equine and must be showing in separate divisions. **Stallions of any age are prohibited in all classes. No wet (nursing) mares may be shown.**
11. ***It is preferred that only 4-H/ FFA horse project members may ride while at the Mesa County Fair. All other riders must have a current riding pass with the Mesa County Fairgrounds. Trainers and/or parents will not be allowed to ride an exhibitor's horse at the fairgrounds during the fair.***
12. The written test is no longer mandatory for 4-H/ FFA Horse members. The test will be considered a class of its own, separate from the other divisions. The test will also be open to all HORSELESS HORSE members. They will be eligible for awards in this class. Written questions may come from any horse project printed material. There will be separate tests for each age division. Each test will include some tie breaker questions. Show management will provide an adult reader for any exhibitor who may need assistance with the written test.
13. 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 ranch horse division and gymkhana division county champions.**
14. Everyone is responsible for cleaning their own stalls and hauling waste to specific areas. **The stall fee will be \$50, this fee will be refunded once your stall is cleaned and you have been checked out by a Superintendent. This fee should not be included with the pre-entry fees, but as a separate check. (So we can simply void the check instead of issuing a new one)**

**Only one horse will be allowed per stall.**

15. Leaders who sign the entries are responsible for making sure their members are eligible for the classes they have sign-up for and that all the correct paperwork and fees are attached. All levels testing must be completed prior to entry date. If paperwork has errors, corrections must be made through the extension office by both leader and parent.
16. If a rule is not covered in the Mesa County Rule Book, refer to the current Colorado State 4-H Horse Rule Book.

**HIGH POINT SCORING/TIE BREAKERS:**

17. 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 to which appear at the in gate. Failure to do so will disqualify the exhibitor from the class. Each class will be placed 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>.  
The following system will be used for all divisions.

**1<sup>st</sup>=5pts 2<sup>nd</sup>=4pts 3<sup>rd</sup>=3pts 4<sup>th</sup>=2pts 5<sup>th</sup>=1pts**

\* Age Division High Points will be awarded in each Division: Ranch, English, Western and Gymkhana.

18. Tie Breakers for the County Fair will be as follows: **Ranch Horse Division**-Cutting, then Trail, written test; **English Horse Show Division**-Showmanship, then Equitation, written test; **Western Horse Show** Division- Showmanship, then Horsemanship, written test; **Gymkhana Division**- Barrels, then Poles, then written test. Any ties after that will be at the discretion of the show management.

**CLASS FEES:**

19. Class fees will be \$5 per class with a maximum division fee. The maximum division fees are as follows: Ranch Horse \$20; Western \$20; English \$20; Gymkhana \$20. These fees will be used as follows: 50%-awards and 50%-education/clinics. If you are participating in the Ranch Horse class, there may be a cattle charge per class. If a cow is injured or killed due to abuse by an exhibitor, that exhibitor will be responsible for the payment of the cow at a price pre-determined by the cattle owner. Responsibility of death to a cow will be determined by the Ranch Horse Division Manager and the Horse Superintendent(s). All fees must be included in the Fair pre-entry card.

**DIVISION:**

20. **NOVICE:** This division is open to any rider who has NOT passed level 1. This is a WALK/TROT division only. When mounted, novice riders are required to wear a helmet regardless of the class. The rider may show with both hands on the reins, maintaining a light contact with the horse's mouth in any legal bit.  
If Novice Riders break into more than 3 canter strides, the exhibitor will be disqualified.  
Horse members may only stay in the novice division for a maximum of 2 years. The member must then take the level 1 test and move up into their age division.

21. **JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE, and SENIOR:**

All members are required to have passed level 1 (English, Western, or Ranch) to compete in their age division and appropriate classes at County Fair.

22. **Miniature Horse/Miniature Mule Division:** (If only one member it will be an exhibition class)

This division will be open to 4-H/ FFA exhibitors 18 & under with miniature horses or miniature mules. The classes offered will be: Showmanship, Trail, and Hunter Hack. If a rule is not covered in the current Colorado State 4-H Horse rule book, the AMHR rules shall apply. A miniature horse or miniature mule may not exceed 38" at the last hair on the mane. **NO STALLIONS WILL BE ALLOWED.**

23. There shall be no horse's age restriction for types of bits or bridles used, however, all chosen equipment must be used correctly. Snaffles and bosals must be ridden two handed (with the exception of while using a rope or any other task requiring the use of a free hand), curb/ leverage bits must be ridden one handed, a two rein outfit must be ridden one handed.

**ROUND ROBIN COMPETITION:**

24. The first and second place winner from Junior, Intermediate and Senior showmanship divisions will participate in the Round Robin Showmanship Classes. If the first or second place exhibitors decline, the third place winner will take their place. Superintendent must be notified by the end of show if an exhibitor chooses to compete or not.

**Section #1**

**HORSE SHOW**

Manager: Trisha Hansen

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

**NOVICE RIDER - ALL AGES: (Rider has not passed Level 1; HELMET REQUIRED)**

Classes:

- #1 **Showmanship** (Western or English apparel and tack)

- #2 **English Equitation** (Walk/Trot Only - Helmet Required)
- #3 **English Pleasure** (Walk/Trot Only - Helmet Required)
- #4 **Dressage** (level 1) (Walk/ Trot Only- Helmet Required)
- #5 **Western Horsemanship** (Walk/Trot Only - Helmet Required)
- #6 **Western Pleasure** (Walk/Trot Only - Helmet Required)
- #7 **Trail** (Western tack and apparel only - Walk/Trot Only - Helmet Required)

There will be only One Champion and One Reserve Champion. **All classes will count towards Division High Point.**

**JUNIORS (8-10); INTERMEDIATE (11-13); SENIOR (14-18)** (Rider must have passed Level 1 or better)

Junior Classes	Intermediate Classes	Senior Classes	
#8	#20	#32	<b>Showmanship</b> (Western or English apparel and tack) (Lvl 1)
#9	#21	#33	<b>English Equitation</b> (Level 1)
#10	#22	#34	<b>English Control</b> (Level 1)
#11	#23	#35	<b>Show Hack</b> (Level 1)
#12	#24	#36	<b>Western Horsemanship</b> (Level 1)
#13	#25	#37	<b>Western Pleasure</b> (Level 1)
#14	#26	#38	<b>Trail</b> (Western tack and apparel only) (Level 1)
#15	#27	#39	<b>Dressage</b> (Level 1 - *Not for High Point)
#16	#28	#40	<b>Cross rails</b> (Level 3 - Helmet Required)
#17	#29	#41	<b>Hunter Hack</b> (Level 3 - Helmet Required)
#18	#30	#42	<b>Western Riding</b> (Level 2)
#19	#31	#43	<b>Reining</b> (Level 2)

There will be a Champion and Reserve Champion in each English and Western Division. **All classes will count towards division high points.**

**Section #3**

**Miniature Horse/Miniature Mule Division:**

Classes:

- #1 Showmanship
- #2 Trail
- #3 Hunter Hack

This Division is for Exhibition Only.

**Section #3**

**TIMED EVENTS (Gymkhana)**

Manager: Ronnie Klinglesmith

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

**NOVICE RIDER - ALL AGES:** (Rider has not passed Level 1, all classes are Walk/Trot Only)

Classes:

- #1 **Keyhole Race**
- #2 **Flag Race**
- #3 **75 Up and Back**
- #4 **Barrels**
- #5 **Poles**
- #6 **Stake Race (not for Hi Point)**
- #7 **Double Relay (not for Hi Point)**

**JUNIORS (8-10); INTERMEDIATE (11-13); SENIOR (14-18)** - (Rider must have passed Level 1 or better)

Junior Classes	Intermediate Classes	Senior Classes	
#8	#15	#22	<b>Keyhole Race</b>

#9	#16	#23	Flag Race
#10	#17	#24	75 Up and Back
#11	#18	#25	Barrels
#12	#19	#26	Poles
#13	#20	#27	Stake Race (not for Hi Point)
#14	#21	#28	Double Relay (not for Hi Point)

There will be one Champion and one Reserve Champion for each gymkhana division. **All classes (accept Stake Race and Double Relay) will count towards division high points.**

**SPECIFIC GYMKHANA RULES:**

1. **ALL** Gymkhana riders are required to wear a buckled, approved ASTM helmet at all times when in the saddle. It is the rider's responsibility to supply their own helmet, as there will be no helmets supplied at the gate.

**Section #4**

**RANCH HORSE DIVISION**

Managers: Bruce and Laura Page

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

**NOVICE RIDER - ALL AGES:** (Rider has **not** passed Level 1; **HELMET REQUIRED**)

Classes:

- #1 Ranch Trail (Walk/Trot Only - Helmet Required)
- #2 Ranch Horsemanship (Walk/Trot Only - Helmet Required)
- #3 Breakaway (not for Hi Point)
- #4 Goat Tying (not for Hi Point)

**JUNIORS (8-10); INTERMEDIATE (11-13); SENIOR (14-18)** - (Rider must have passed Level 1 Ranch Horse or better)

Junior	Intermediate	Senior	
Classes	Classes	Classes	
#5	#11	#17	Ranch Horsemanship
#6	#12	#18	Ranch Trail
#7	#13	#19	Ranch Cutting
#8	#14	#20	Individual Cow Work
#9	#15	#21	Breakaway (not for Hi Point)
#10	#16	#22	Goat Tying (not for Hi Point)

There will be one Champion and one Reserve Champion in each division. **All classes will count towards division high point.**

**SPECIFIC RANCH HORSE DIVISION RULES:**

1. **NO** class shall be ridden without a bridle properly fitted to the horse. There is no horse age restriction for bridles used; however, all chosen equipment must be used correctly.
2. All classes will count toward Age Division Champion and Reserve Champion awards.
3. Highest point in the Ranch Horse Division will be determined on a one rider/one horse combination.
4. Judge may disqualify for any class, any exhibitor whose horse will not approach cattle, is uncontrolled, or is acting in an unsafe manner.
5. Judge will use 4-H score sheets and score sheets will be posted as soon as possible after each class.
6. **Any adult rider must be a currently enrolled 4-H/ FFA Horse Leader in Mesa County.**
7. The contestant will be disqualified if the herd holders aid the contestant inappropriately. This would include but not be limited to, entering the herd and cutting out the selected animal, assisting in driving the animal down the arena, assisting in holding the animal out of the herd. The judge will determine if this rule has been violated. Please refer to rule 343 H on turn back rider's responsibilities.

**Section #5  
Written Test**

- Class #1 - Junior
- Class #2 - Intermediate
- Class #3 - Senior
- Class #4 - Novice

# **4-H and FFA County Fair Horse Class Schedule**

**6/27/2017 - Written Test - Mesa County Fairgrounds**

## **7/19/2017 - Gymkhana - Mesa County Fairgrounds (class orders will be Sr, Int, Jr and then Novice)**

1. Keyhole
2. Flag Race
3. 75 Up & Back
4. Barrels
5. Poles
6. Stake Race
7. Double Relay

## **7/22/2017 - Horse Show - Mesa County Fairgrounds (class orders will be Sr, Int, Jr and then Novice)**

1. Showmanship
2. English Equitation
3. English Riding Control
4. Show Hack
5. English Pleasure
6. Dressage (level 1)
7. All Ages Crossrails
8. All Ages Hunter Hack
9. Western Horsemanship
10. Two and Three Year Old Western Pleasure Futurity
11. Western Pleasure
12. Trail
13. Western Riding
14. Reining

## **7/23/2017 - Ranch Horse Show - Mesa County Fairgrounds (class orders will be Sr, Int, Jr and then Novice)**

1. Ranch Cutting
2. Individual Cow Work
3. Ranch Horsemanship
4. Ranch Trail
5. Breakaway
6. Goat Tying