

## DIVISION 6: HORSE

Superintendent: Sherri Brown

### GENERAL RULES

- RULE 1:** 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 8:00 a.m. on the day of the show.
- RULE 2:** The Horse Fair 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.
- RULE 3:** 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 more than 1 exhibitor in the same division. Two members may share an equine and must be showing in separate divisions. Stallions of any age are prohibited in all classes. No we (nursing) mares may be shown.
- RULE 4:** 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.
- RULE 5:** The written test is mandatory for 4-H/FFA Horse members to exhibit at the Mesa County Fair. The test will be considered a class of its own, separate from the other divisions. The test will also be open to all HORSE LESS HORSE members and will be eligible for awards in the written test class. Written questions may come from the Horse Manual or Rule Book. There will be separate tests for each age division. Show management will provide an adult reader for any exhibitor who may need assistance with the written test.
- RULE 6:** Showmanship is required to be eligible for the horse show Division High Point Champions.
- RULE 7:** 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.
- RULE 8:** All levels testing must be completed prior to entry date. **The exhibitor's level at the time of entry will be used.**

### HIGH POINT SCORING/TIE BREAKERS

- RULE 1:** 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 6<sup>th</sup>.  
The following weighted system will be used for all divisions with the max 1<sup>st</sup>= 6 points.  
**1<sup>st</sup>= 6 pts 2<sup>nd</sup> = 5 pts 3<sup>rd</sup>= 4pts 4<sup>th</sup> = 3 pts 5<sup>th</sup> = 2 pts 6<sup>th</sup>= 1 pts**  
If only 4 animals in class then 1<sup>st</sup> will be 4 points etc.

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

- RULE 2:** Tie Breakers for the County Fair will be as follows: Ranch Horse Division Cutting, The Trail, Written Test; English Horse Show Division-Showmanship, the Equitation, Written test, Western Horse Show Division- Showmanship, the Horsemanship, Written test, Gymkhana Division- Barrels, Then poles then Written test. **Written test will include some tiebreaker questions.** Any ties after that will be at the discretion of the show management.

### CLASS FEES

- RULE 1:** 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. If you are participating in the Ranch Horse class, there may be a cattle charge per class. All fees must be included in the Fair pre-entry card.

### DIVISION:

- RULE 1: 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 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 three (3) canter strides, the exhibitor will be penalized 5 points for every three (3) strides taken at a canter.

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.

**RULE 2: JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE, & 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.

**RULE 3:** Miniature Horse/Miniature Mule Division. 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.**

**RULE 4:** 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 bosal 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 (2) rein outfit must be ridden one handed. For a two (2) rein outfit refer to rule #61, page 14 of the Colorado 4-H Horse Rule Book.

**ROUND ROBIN COMPETITION:**

**RULE 1:** The first and second place winner from Junior, Intermediate, and Senior showmanship divisions will participate in the Round Robin Showmanship Classes. If the first (1<sup>st</sup>) or second (2<sup>nd</sup>) exhibitors decline, the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) 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

**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**)

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

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

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

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

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

Section #2: Miniature Horse/ Miniature Mule Division

**CLASS #1: Showmanship**

**CLASS #2: Trail**

**CLASS #3: Hunter Hack**

This Division is for Exhibition Only.

Section #3: Timed Events (Gymkhana)

**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)

**CLASS #1: Keyhole Race**

**CLASS #2: Flag Race**

**CLASS #3: Barrels**

**CLASS #4: Poles**

**CLASS #5: Goat Tying**

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

Junior	Intermediate	Senior	
<b>Class #9</b>	<b>Class #14</b>	<b>Class #19</b>	<b>Keyhole Race</b>
<b>Class#10</b>	<b>Class #15</b>	<b>Class #20</b>	<b>Flag Race</b>
<b>Class #11</b>	<b>Class #16</b>	<b>Class #21</b>	<b>Barrels</b>
<b>Class #12</b>	<b>Class #17</b>	<b>Class #22</b>	<b>Poles</b>
<b>Class #13</b>	<b>Class #18</b>	<b>Class #23</b>	<b>Goat Tying</b>

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

Section #4: Ranch Horse Division

**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**)

**CLASS #1: Ranch Trail** (Western or English Apparel and tack)

**CLASS #2: Ranch Horsemanship** (Walk/Trot Only- Helmet Required)

**CLASS #3: Steer Daubing** (Walk/Trot Only- Helmet Required) – **Refer to Breakaway Rules**

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

Junior	Intermediate	Senior	
<b>Class #4</b>	<b>Class #9</b>	<b>Class #14</b>	<b>Ranch Horsemanship</b>
<b>Class #5</b>	<b>Class #10</b>	<b>Class #15</b>	<b>Ranch Trail</b>
<b>Class#6</b>	<b>Class #11</b>	<b>Class #16</b>	<b>Ranch Cutting</b>
<b>Class #7</b>	<b>Class #12</b>	<b>Class #17</b>	<b>Individual Cow Work</b>
<b>Class #8</b>	<b>Class #13</b>	<b>Class #18</b>	<b>Breakaway/ Steer Daubing</b>

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:**

**BREAKAWAY/STEER DAUBING:** Must be level 2 & up to breakaway. Novice and Level 1 will steer daub. The rules & score sheets are the same with the additions listed in #9 below.

1. The roper may throw only one loop and must do so within a one-minute time limit. The horse will continue to be judged until the rider leaves the arena.
2. If the roper fails to catch, he will retire from the arena but will still be scored.
3. Any catch that holds is legal.
4. Scoring will be on the basis of 0-100, with 70 denoting an average performance. Each maneuver will be scored from a plus three to a minus three, in 1/2 point increments.

5. The breakaway horse will be judged on six different maneuvers: box and barrier, running and rating, stop, attitude of horse and rider while in the arena, rope handling, and eye appeal.
6. Penalties. Deductions will be assessed as follows:
  - a. Two (2) points
    - i. freeze-up in the box (refusing to move)
    - ii. rubbing the rope
  - b. Five (5) points
    - i. refusing to enter the box
    - ii. rearing in the box
    - iii. breaking the barrier
    - iv. running into the calf
    - v. blatant disobedience including kicking, biting, bucking, rearing and striking
7. Disqualified (0)
  - a. excessive schooling at any time in the arena
  - b. whipping the horse with the rope
  - c. initiating the run with the rope on the opposite side of the horse's neck than exhibitor's roping hand
  - d. any attempt by a contestant to position his horse behind the barrier enabling the contestant to rope the animal without attempting to leave the box
8. Faults to be scored according to severity include:
  - a. jerking the reins
  - b. slapping
  - c. jerking the rope or any unnecessary action to enhance the performance of the horse
  - d. turning around in the box
  - e. turning head severely
  - f. squatting in the corner
  - g. stopping crooked
  - h. rearing up in stop
  - i. ducking off
9. Steer Daubing: Novice & Level 1 will not carry or swing a rope but will use a daubing stick. The exhibitor must attempt to daub and must do so within a one-minute time limit. The exhibitor must touch the steer on the left side of the body with the daubing stick. Any 'daub' to the head or on the right side will not count as a clean run but the horse will continue to be judged until the rider leaves the arena. There is no barrier for steer daubing.

#### 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

##### TBD-Written Test- Mesa County Fairgrounds

##### TBD-Gymkhana- Mesa County Fairgrounds (class orders will be Sr., Int., Jr., and then Novice)

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|--------------|---------------|
| 1. Keyhole   | 4. Poles      |
| 2. Flag Race | 5. Goat Tying |
| 3. Barrels   |               |

##### TBD-Horse Show- Mesa County Fairgrounds (class orders will be Sr., Int., Jr., and then Novice)

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|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Showmanship            | 4. Show Hack        | 7. All Age Cross rails  |
| 2. English Equitation     | 5. English Pleasure | 8. All Age Hunter Hack  |
| 3. English Riding Control | 6. Dressage         | 9. Western Horsemanship |

10. Two and Three year Old  
Western pleasure Futurity
11. Western Pleasure
12. Trail
13. Western Riding
14. Reining

**TBD-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/ Steer Daubing