

## Department C – Horse

### Informational Meeting:

Wednesday, July 29 – 4 p.m. Horse exhibitors and parents informational meeting in horse barn.

**Judging:** Thursday, July 30 – 8:30 a.m. – Halter

Friday, July 31 – 8:30 a.m. – Performance

Saturday, August 1 – 8 30 a.m. – Ranch Horse  
Showmanship

**Release:** Horses released following show **except** for Champions, Reserve Champions, Grand and Reserve Grand Champions, All-Around and Reserve All-Around Champions. Any exhibitor wishing to stall at the fairgrounds and participate in the parade of livestock may do so. Members intending to leave following the show and before livestock general checkout time **must** notify department superintendent(s) prior to cleaning stall(s). All members must check out with the department superintendent(s) after stall(s) are cleaned and before leaving grounds. Stalls must be cleaned according to department superintendent(s) satisfaction or members will be charged a \$30 clean out fee per stall.

**Rules** [Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rule Book and the 4-H Code of Conduct will be followed.]

A. Ownership must be in the exhibitor's name by May 1. Copies of registration papers or 4-H horse identification forms must be approved by the horse department superintendent(s) and the 4-H office by May 1.

B. Lease agreements will be completed on standard 4-H lease forms. These forms are available upon request from the horse superintendent(s) or the 4-H office. Lease agreements must be submitted to the 4-H office by May 1.

C. Colorado State 4-H Horse Show rules will be followed, except youth Level I will be allowed to participate.

D. Pattern books for all classes will be available in the Fair Office no later than Monday of fair week. If available sooner, the patterns may also be posted online.

E. **Note:** Age breakdowns in all classes will be the same as those in showmanship. Exception: Novice classes will NOT be offered in the ranch horse division.

F. Awards will be presented for champion halter classes, showmanship classes, western performance classes, and ranch horse classes. Showmanship and riding classes will be awarded in their specific division overall; junior, intermediate, senior and novice. Ranch horse classes will be awarded in their specific division overall; junior, intermediate, and senior.

The following point system will be used:

**Four or more horses in class:** 1<sup>st</sup> place (10) points; 2<sup>nd</sup> place (8) points; 3<sup>rd</sup> place (6) points; 4<sup>th</sup> place (4) points; 5<sup>th</sup> place (2) points).

**Three or less horses in class:** 1<sup>st</sup> place (6) points; 2<sup>nd</sup> place (4) points; 3<sup>rd</sup> place (2) points

Ties for Champion and Reserve Champion Rider will be decided by the highest written test score or a riding maneuver. It will be at the judge's discretion as to which option they prefer to use for the tie breaker.

G. **Western Dress Code:** Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rule Book Western Dress Code (See section #90- Personal Attire: Western Dress Code) will be followed: In summary, Western hat, cowboy boots, belt, dark **blue**, dark **black** or colored jeans or show pants (acid or stone washed jeans are not allowed), and any colored or print long-sleeved western shirt or blouse are required. **Optional:** gloves, ties, chaps, vests, jackets, and spurs.

H. **Ranch Horse Dress Code:** Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rule Book Ranch Horse Division Tack and Attire Code (See Section #300 – Tack and Attire) will be followed. In summary, rider shall wear western style clothing that is well fitted and work-like in appearance. Shirts must be long sleeved, full length, long pants, western riding boots, belt, and cowboy hat (or helmet). **Optional:** gloves, ties, chaps, chinks, vests, jackets, raincoat, scarf, or safety helmet with harness.

I. Cannot enter in showmanship twice. First year horse showmen can choose to show in the Novice division or in their respective age division, but not both.

J. Show order will be by class number, beginning with the smallest number progressing to the highest number. Showmanship and halter classes will show Thursday, July 30, performance classes will show Friday, July 31, and Ranch Horse classes, Saturday, August 1. Exception: Written Tests (class #37-40) will be taken prior to fair week at a date & time specified by Department Superintendents.

K. While on the Kit Carson County Fairgrounds horses exhibited in the youth horse show may be trained, fitted and dressed for show competition only by the exhibitor with the aid of the exhibitor's family or 4-H club leader(s)/ FFA chapter advisor.

L. The Kit Carson County Fair management may, at its discretion, expel any person or persons abusing any horse on the fairgrounds at any time. All prizes will be forfeited, and appropriate disciplinary action taken.

M. Exhibitor must have had the responsibility for the management, care and training of the horse during the club year. **All** horses must have lease agreement, proof of ownership/and or registration papers in exhibitor's name by May 1.

N. Ownership is not required in horse classes, but the exhibitor must have had the major responsibility for the management, care, and training of the horse during the club year. All horses must be registered with the extension office in the exhibitor's name by May 1 of the current year.

O. No horse will be shown at fair by more than one exhibitor.

P. Exhibitors, parents, and leaders must request permission from department superintendent(s) to approach a judge for any reason. Under no circumstance may an exhibitor, parent, leader, or spectator badger, insult or be argumentative with the judge, show secretary, ring steward, show management, or department superintendent(s). Any flagrant display of poor sportsmanship or affront to the judge, ring steward, show officials/staff, or department superintendent(s) by or on behalf of the

exhibitor, leader or parent may result in exclusion of the exhibitor from competition and forfeiture of awards and/or expulsion from the show grounds for the person and/or exhibitor. Refer to Show Rules and Requirements (Section 20, Page 4) of the 4-H Code of Conduct.

Q. Exhibitors will be disqualified and excused from the grounds for any unsportsmanlike conduct or abusive action. This is at the discretion of the department superintendent(s). Mounts must be under control at all times and handled in a safe manner. Any exhibitor not adhering to the above rules will be disqualified. All prizes will be forfeited.

R. In order to participate in Riding Classes at fair, contestants must hold, at minimum, the Level 1 Card in their respective division (i.e. you must have Level 1 Western card to participate in Western Performance classes. You must have Level 1 Ranch Horse Card to participate in Ranch Horse Division classes.)

S. Only one horse per exhibitor allowed to be shown in Ranch Horse Conformation class.

**Note:** In the Novice classes **no** points will be awarded toward overall horse or overall horseman; only in their specific division. First year horse exhibitors have the option to compete as Novice their first year showing horse OR in their respective age division.

## HORSE SHOWMANSHIP

### Horse Showmanship Premiums

\$3 – Will be awarded to those participating in the horse showmanship contest.

#### Class No.

1. **Senior horse showmanship** – 14-19 yrs. as of Jan. 1 of current year (prior entry mandatory).
2. **Intermediate horse showmanship** – 11-13 yrs. as of Jan. 1 of current year (prior entry mandatory).
3. **Junior horse showmanship** – 8-10 yrs. as of Jan. 1 of current year (prior entry mandatory).
4. **Novice horse showmanship** – (optional for only those members who are in their first year of the horse program).

### Select Champion Showmanship

#### Horse Halter & Performance Premiums

First Place: \$10	Fourth Place: \$3
Second Place: \$7	Fifth Place: \$2
Third Place: \$5	Sixth-Tenth Place: \$1

#### Class No.

5. Filly foaled in 2020 to 2018
6. Performance Halter Mare foaled in 2017 to 2015
7. Performance Halter Mare foaled in 2014 to 2008
8. Performance Halter Mare foaled in 2007 or before

### Select Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Performance Halter Mare

9. Gelding\* foaled in 2020 to 2018  
\* Intact stud colts foaled in 2020 may be shown in class 11
10. Performance Halter Gelding foaled in 2017 to 2015
11. Performance Halter Gelding foaled in 2014 to 2008
12. Performance Halter Gelding foaled in 2007 or before

### Select Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Performance Halter Gelding

#### Performance Classes

#### Trail

13. Senior Trail
14. Intermediate Trail
15. Junior Trail
16. Novice Trail - (optional for those members who are showing their first year only).

#### Western Pleasure

17. Senior Western Pleasure
18. Intermediate Western Pleasure
19. Junior Western Pleasure
20. Novice Western Pleasure - (optional for those members who are showing their first year only).

**Western Horsemanship**

21. Senior Western Horsemanship
22. Intermediate Western Horsemanship
23. Junior Western Horsemanship
24. Novice Western Horsemanship - (optional for those members who are showing their first year only).

**Western Reining**

25. Senior Western Reining
26. Intermediate Western Reining
27. Junior Western Reining
28. Novice Western Reining - (optional for those members who are showing their first year only).

**Western Riding**

29. Senior Western Riding
30. Intermediate Western Riding
31. Junior Western Riding
32. Novice Western Riding- (optional for those members who are showing their first year only).

**Written Test\*\*\***

33. Senior Written Test
34. Intermediate Written Test
35. Junior Written Test
36. Novice Written Test

\*\*\* Written tests will be taken prior to fair week at a time specified by department superintendents

**Ranch Horse Classes****Ranch Conformation**

37. Mares
38. Geldings

**Ranch Trail**

39. Senior Ranch Trail
40. Intermediate Ranch Trail
41. Junior Ranch Trail

**Ranch Horsemanship**

42. Senior Ranch Horsemanship
43. Intermediate Ranch Horsemanship
44. Junior Ranch Horsemanship

**Ranch Riding**

45. Senior Ranch Riding
46. Intermediate Ranch Riding
47. Junior Ranch Riding