

Department C – Horse

Horses shown on Thursday and/or Friday, must be checked in by 6 p.m. on Wednesday and remain on the fairgrounds until livestock release time (Friday, 8 p.m.) The only exception is for Gymkhana Horse entries that are NOT being shown in any other division (Showmanship, Performance Halter or Western Performance classes). Gymkhana Horses wishing to only compete in the Gymkhana Division may day-haul to the fairgrounds Saturday for Gymkhana Division Classes only. If space is available, 4-H members may request stalling for horses specific to the 4-H Gymkhana division, only if they intend to keep the horse on the fairgrounds for the duration of all 4-H horse shows. These stalls will be assigned at the discretion of the department superintendents.

All stalls must be cleaned to department superintendents' 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 (or Lease Agreement) 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. All horse ID forms must include at least 3 clear photographs showing the horse from the front, left, and right sides. Photographs must clearly show all white markings.

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 Gymkhana division.

F. Awards will be presented for champion halter classes, showmanship classes, western performance classes, and gymkhana classes. Showmanship and riding classes will be awarded in their specific division overall; junior, intermediate, senior and novice. Gymkhana 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: 1st place (10) points; 2nd place (8) points; 3rd place (6) points; 4th place (4) points; 5th place (2) points).

Three or less horses in class: 1st place (6) points; 2nd place (4) points; 3rd 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. Ties for Champion and Reserve Champion Gymkhana will be decided by the highest written test score.

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. **Gymkhana Rules & Dress Code:** Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rule Gymkhana Division Code (See Section #235-268) will be followed with the EXCEPTION OF THE FOLLOWING: Protective Headgear – helmets are optional, though encouraged, for gymkhana events at the Kit Carson County Fair. Dress Code: Though competitors do not need to be in show attire, 4-H Dress Code must be followed at all times. In summary, rider shall wear short or long-sleeved full-length shirts (no crop tops or tank tops), full length, long pants, and western riding boots. **Optional:** belt, ball cap, cowboy hat, or helmet.

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 24, Western Performance classes and all Trail classes will show Friday, July 25, and Gymkhana, Saturday, July 26. Exception: Written Tests (class #44-47) 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 or Gymkhana classes.

S. Western Trail will be held "at will" Friday, July 25, during a specific time window set by department superintendents. Exhibitors are responsible for completing their trail course(s) within the allotted time frame. Failure to show up for the trail course(s) within specified time frame will result in disqualification from the Trail class(es). NOTE: The Main Arena will take precedence over the Trail Arena.

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 2025 to 2023

6. Performance Halter Mare foaled in 2022 to 2020

7. Performance Halter Mare foaled in 2019 to 2015

8. Performance Halter Mare foaled in 2014 or before

Select Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Performance Halter Mare

9. Gelding* foaled in 2025 to 2023

* Intact stud colts foaled in 2024 may be shown in class 9

10. Performance Halter Gelding foaled in 2022 to 2020

11. Performance Halter Gelding foaled in 2019 to 2015

12. Performance Halter Gelding foaled in 2014 or before

Select Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Performance Halter Gelding

Performance Classes

Trail – To be held "at will" Friday, July, 25

15. Senior Trail

16. Intermediate Trail

17. Junior Trail

18. Novice Trail - (optional for those members who are showing their first year only).

Senior Division – Western Performance

19. Senior Western Pleasure

20. Senior Western Horsemanship

21. Senior Western Reining

Intermediate Division:

22. Intermediate Western Pleasure

23. Intermediate Western Horsemanship

24. Intermediate Western Reining

Junior Division:

25. Junior Western Pleasure

26. Junior Western Horsemanship

27. Junior Western Reining

Novice Division - (optional for those members who are showing their first year only):

28. Novice Western Pleasure

29. Novice Western Horsemanship

30. Novice Western Reining

Western Riding

31. Senior Western Riding

32. Intermediate Western Riding

33. Junior Western Riding

34. Novice Western Riding- (optional for those members who are showing their first year only).

Gymkhana Classes

Barrels

35. Senior Barrels

36. Intermediate Barrels

37. Junior Barrels

Flags

38. Senior Flags

39. Intermediate Flags

40. Junior Flags

Poles

41. Senior Poles

42. Intermediate Poles

43. Junior Poles

Written Test***

44. Senior Written Test

45. Intermediate Written Test

46. Junior Written Test

47. Novice Written Test

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