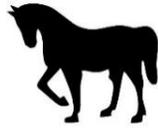


Department 106 Horse



Entries due	May 25	
Judging	Friday – TRAIL classes	11 am – 3 pm
	Saturday - PLEASURE	8:00 am
	Sunday - GYMKHANA	8:00 am

Exhibitors:

- Open to youth enrolled in the 4-H Horse & Pony or Horseless Horse project or youth of other groups doing equivalent work.
- Horseless Horse project members may only show 1 animal.

Entry Information:

- Exhibitors MUST include Farm Premise ID on entry.
- Wisconsin approved identification must be entered on online entry for all animals entered.
- A maximum of 2 animals may be entered by a single exhibitor.
- For each project animal, exhibitors will receive a total of 2 premiums. A premium for 1 class in which the animal is judged and a premium for 1 class in which the exhibitor is judged.
 - A showmanship (Class A) **OR** horsemanship/equitation (Class B) for one premium - Exhibitor is judged - **AND**
 - A pleasure (Class C) **OR** halter (Class D) **OR** performance (Class E) or (Class F) - Project animal is judged - for another premium.
- Beginner classes are open only to exhibitors who are first or second-year members in the Horse and Pony project.
- All Horse and Pony & Horseless Horse exhibitors are eligible to enter educational exhibits. See Dept. 110 Class H.

Horse:

- Horse must have proof of current negative Coggins Test. Please bring the original and 1 copy – the copy will be kept in the fair’s files. Any horse or pony not meeting these requirements will be required to leave the show grounds.
- It is highly recommended that horses have up-to-date eastern and western encephalitis vaccine, tetanus, and influenza or the 4-in-1 shot and rabies.
- No stallions born prior to January 1 of current year may be shown.
- Lame horses will be excused.

Show Information:

- A parent or guardian must accompany exhibitors while on show grounds the day of the show.
- Boots and a long sleeve shirt are required for ALL classes including gymkhana. A short-sleeve shirt is permissible only when a jacket is worn. If jackets become optional, a long-sleeve shirt is required.
- SEI approved helmets with harness securely fastened are required any time an exhibitor is mounted or driving a horse or pony on the fairgrounds.
- Any exhibitor who causes a potential safety hazard will be excused from the show ring by the fair superintendent.
- Exhibitor numbers must be worn by exhibitors at all times during the show.
- Professional grooms or trainers are not allowed to work with horses or exhibitors on the fairgrounds.
- Exhibitor is the only person allowed to ride or drive a horse/pony on the fairgrounds.
- There is a two-minute gate limit. A two-minute tack change is permitted when requested.

Premiums: \$8 - \$7 - \$6 - \$5

CLASS A – Showmanship – Danish judging

Judged on the exhibitor’s ability to show the horse or pony in hand.

	Grades 3-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-13
Western PONY	1	2	3
English PONY	4	5	6
Western HORSE	7	8	9
English HORSE	10	11	12
13. Draft Horse			
14. BEGINNER – horse or pony – English or Western			
May not enter any other lots in Class A			

CLASS B - Horsemanship/Equitation – Danish Judging

Judged on the exhibitor’s ability to ride a horse or pony under saddle.

If pony class is offered, pony must be shown in designated pony class.

	Grades 3-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-13
Western Stock Seat - PONY	20	21	22
Western Stock Seat - HORSE	23	24	25
English Saddle Seat - PONY	26	27	28
English Saddle Seat - HORSE	29	30	31
English Hunt Seat - PONY	32	33	34
English Hunt Seat - HORSE	35	36	37

- 38. Walk/Trot Equitation, horse or pony, English – grades 3-5
- 39. Walt/Trot Equitation, horse or pony, English – grades 6-13
(exhibitor and horse combination may not enter any other lot number for lope or canter if entered in lot 38 or 39)
- 40. Walk/Trot Horsemanship, horse or pony, Western – grades 3-5
- 41. Walk/Trot Horsemanship, horse or pony, Western – grades 6-13
(exhibitor and horse combination may not enter any other lot number for lope or canter if entered in lot 40 pr 41)
- 42. Reinsmanship driving pony
- 43. Reinsmanship driving horse
- 44. Reinsmanship driving draft horse

CLASS C – Pleasure – Danish Judging

Horse or pony is judged on its performance as a pleasure mount or as a pleasure to drive. If pony class is offered, pony must be shown in designated pony class.

	Grades 3-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-13
Western PONY	50	51	52
Western HORSE	53	54	55
English Saddle Seat - PONY	56	57	58
English Saddle Seat - HORSE	59	60	61
English Hunt Seat - PONY	62	63	64
English Hunt Seat - HORSE	65	66	67

- 68. Green broke pleasure (horse never to have been shown in a canter class prior to this year and not permitted in any other Pleasure Class)
- 69. Walk/trot pleasure – horse or pony, English – grades 3-5
- 70. Walk/trot pleasure – horse or pony, English – grades 6-13
(Exhibitor and horse combination may not enter any other lot number for lope or canter if entered in lot 69 or 70.)
- 71. Walk/trot English – open to all riders – grades 3-5
- 72. Walk/trot English – open to all riders – grades 6-8
- 73. Walk/trot English – open to all riders – grades 9 -13
- 74. Walk/trot pleasure – horse or pony, Western – grades 3-5
- 75. Walk/trot pleasure – horse or pony, Western – grades 9-13
(Exhibitor and horse combination may not enter any other lot number for lope or canter if entered in lot 74 or 75.)
- 76. Walk/trot Western – open to all riders – grades 3-5

- 77. Walk/trot Western – open to all riders – grades 6-8
- 78. Walk/trot Western – open to all riders – grades 9 and up
- 79. BEGINNER Walk/Trot/Canter, English or Western
(may not enter any other lots in this class)
- 80. Pleasure driving pony
- 81. Pleasure driving horse
- 82. Pleasure driving draft horse



CLASS D – Halter – Conformation of a horse or pony is judged. Regular

judging – 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th only

Lot numbers

- 100. Mare and foal pony (emphasis on foal)
- 101. Mare and foal horse (emphasis on foal)
- 102. Pony (<14 hands) 2 years and under
- 103. Pony (<14 hands) over 2 years
- 104. Western horse, 2 years and under
- 105. Western horse, over 2 years
- 106. English horse, 2 years and under
- 107. English horse, over 2 years

- 108. BEGINNER – horse or pony, English or Western
(Beginner classes are open only to exhibitors that are first or second-year members in the Horse project – may NOT enter any other lots in this class.)

Classification:

- 2 years old and under: born on or after January 1 two years preceding exhibit year – NO stallions
- Over 2 years old: born prior to January 1 two years preceding exhibit year – NO stallions
- Pony: 14 hands (56 inches) or less is considered a pony. Horses/ponies must be measured before May 30 – NO stallions
- Mules may be shown in horse or pony classes based on height – NO stallions

CLASS E – Horse and Pony Performance

Judged on ability of horse/pony and rider to work in unison.

Exhibitor may enter only 1 horse/pony in each lot number

Regular judging – 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th only

- Exhibitor/horse combination may choose 1 entry from Lots 200-203
- For Dressage entries – each horse/rider combination may enter 2 consecutive levels (example: intro & training, training & level 1) and ride a maximum of 2 tests (See handbook for dressage patterns)

- 200. Intro Test A (2025), Test B (2026)
- 201. Training Level Test 1 (2025), Test 2 (2026)
- 202. Western Dressage– Intro Test 1 (2025), Test 2 (2026)
- 203. Western Dressage – Basic Level 1 (2025), Level 2 (2026)
- 204. Horse/Pony Presentation – Judged on cleanliness of exhibitor and horse. Youth should be able to answer a general knowledge question about the care of their horse and be able to identify parts of their horse. (face-to-face judging – ribbon only)

For more information and arena etiquette:
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- Trail** – Judged on skill of horse/ rider to negotiate obstacles on a trail.
- 205. Trail 1 – Pattern (walk/trot) - horse or pony/rider combo has 1-2 years' experience in trail class (English or Western)
- 206. Trail 2 – Pattern (walk/trot/canter) – horse or pony/rider combo has 3 or more years' experience in trail class (English or Western)
- 207. In Hand Trail – Pattern (in hand) – Horse or pony, any age
- 208. Trail – Therapeutic – Each rider/horse team shall have a halter under the bridle, with a mandatory leader working a short lead (6-8 feet) – walk/trot only

Western Riding – Judged on ability of the rider to show the horse's skill.

- 209. Western Riding 1 (walk/trot) – horse or pony/rider has 1-2 years' experience in Western riding class.
- 210. Western Riding 2 (walk/trot/canter) – horse or pony/rider has 3 or more years' experience in Western riding class.

Cone Obstacle – Judged on skill horse/driver to negotiate obstacles.

- 211. Cone Obstacle – Driving Horse
- 212. Cone Obstacle – Driving Pony

Ranch Riding – Judged on versatility and willingness of horse to complete posted ranch pattern - not a pleasure class.

- 213. Ranch Riding – Walk/trot
- 214. Ranch Riding – Walk/trot/canter
- 215. Ranch Rail – Walk/trot
- 216. Ranch Rail – Walk/trot/canter
- 217. Hunter Hack – Cross rails
- 218. Equitation over fences - 2-2.5 feet

CLASS F – Gymkhana Performance

– Regular Judging – 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th only

Rider should be able to canter for these timed events, but trotting is allowed. Other fun classes will be added at the show as time allows.

	Grades 3-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-13
Barrels	600	601	602
Poles	603	604	605
Plug	606	607	608
Flag	609	610	611
LT Special	612	613	614
Speed & Action	615	616	617
Keyhole	618	619	620
621. Costume Class			

CLASS H – Model Horse

- Exhibits will be judged by the Natural Science Judge on Entry Day, Tuesday (Bldg #11). Exhibits will be on display for the fair in a locked cabinet.
- Maximum of 4 entries per exhibitor in this class.
- Size of exhibit is limited to 14" x 22"
- Premiums: \$1.75 - \$1.50 - \$1.25 - \$1.00

- 800. Halter
- 801. Showmanship with doll
- 802. Driving
- 803. Trail
- 804. Fantasy costume
- 805. Any other costume
- 806. Pleasure - English, or Western
- 807. Gymkhana/speed
- 808. Any other model horse not listed above