

HORSE AND PONY DIVISION

Horse and Pony Rules and Regulations

1. In order to exhibit in the Horse and Pony Division, the 4-H member must be enrolled in: **Horse I- *Gitty Up & Go* Pub. BU-08053 OR**
Horse II- *Head, Heart & Hooves*, Pub. BU-08054 OR
Horse III- *Stable Relationships*, Pub. BU-08055 OR
Horse IV- *Riding the Range*, Pub. BU-08056 OR
Horse V- *Jumping to New Heights*, Pub. 08057
2. See General Livestock Rules

Horse Show Rules and Regulations:

NOTE: All Illinois Equine (horses, ponies, mules, etc.) participating in an advertised equine event (show, rodeo, sale, auction, exhibition, trail rides, or horse fair) shall be accompanied by a **Negative Test For Equine Infectious Anemia/E.I.A.** (Coggins/ELISA) conducted within one year. A Health Certificate (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection) is not required for Illinois equine.

1. Ownership or signed Lease Agreement—Shall be by April 1, current year.
2. **Photographs, copies of registration papers and ownership or lease forms are due in the Extension Office by May 1, current year for all exhibitors intending to exhibit at the Illinois State Fair Jr. Department Horse Show.** Digital or scanned photos are not acceptable. Ownership/lease forms and photos are not returned from the state fair entry department to the county Extension Office and therefore new photos and forms are required yearly for those exhibiting at the state fair. Ownership and lease papers may be obtained from the Extension Office or the unit website.
3. Age—January 1 shall be considered the birthdate for all equine.
4. Size—Each animal is to be measured prior to the start of the show. Measurement shall be from the top of the withers to the ground. One-quarter inch shall be allowed for shoes.
5. The same horse or pony may not be shown by more than one exhibitor.
6. NO stallions one year old or older may be exhibited.
7. Judge and superintendent(s) will decide if rerides are justified. Only the second timing will qualify the rider.
8. Proper equipment and clothing, such as western or english boots with a heel, western hats or english helmets **are required** for the benefit and safety of each exhibitor. For all Hunter classes in which the animal is shown

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- under saddle by the exhibitor, AHSA approved protective head gear with safety harness (fastened and buckled) is **strongly recommended**. *Refer to the state fair premium book for state fair attire requirements.*
9. All classes will be awarded with first through fifth place ribbons.
 10. Horsemanship/Equitation classes are to be judged on the rider's ability to exhibit his or her animal to its best advantage.
 11. Exhibitors in Walk/Trot may participate in timed events. However they must **only walk or trot**. Galloping more than 2 consecutive strides will result in disqualification.
 12. Animals must be under control at all times. Riders may be asked to lead their horses into the arena and mount if the horse is determined by staff and/or volunteers to be too excited when entering the gate for timed events.
 13. No Running in and/or out of the gate during timed events. The gate will be closed once the rider has entered the arena.
 14. All patterns, rule additions and other announcements will be posted.

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Class 01- Yearling- First and second places return for Grand Champion Halter Equine. *Animal born during previous calendar year. Yearlings may be shown only in the Yearling Class.*

Class 02 - 58" and Under Mares, 2 years and older. First and second places return for Champion 58" and Under.

Class 03 - 58" and Under Gelding, 2 years and older. First and second places return for Champion 58" and Under.

Class 04 - Over 58" Mare, 2 years and older. First and second places return for Champion Over 58". No draft horses.

Class 05 - Over 58" Gelding, 2 years and older. First and second places return for Champion Over 58". No draft horses.

Class 06- Draft Horse, Mare or Gelding- First and second places return for Grand Champion Halter Equine.

Class 07 - Showmanship at Halter- 14-18 years.

Class 08 - Showmanship at Halter- 8-13 years.

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Class 09 - Walk/Trot (Western or English Attire) Horse/Rider combination is not eligible for Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, English Pleasure, English Equitation. Horse/Rider combination may compete in timed events but must follow rule number 11 above.

Class 10 - Western Pleasure- 14-18 years.

Class 11- Western Pleasure- 8-13 years.

Class 12- Western Horsemanship- 14-18 years.

Class 13 - Western Horsemanship- 8-13 years.

Class 14 - Trail-14-18 years.

Class 15 - Trail 8-13 years

Class 16 - English Pleasure- 14-18 years.

Class 17 - English Pleasure- 8-13 years.

Class 18 - English Equitation- 14-18 years.

Class 19 - English Equitation- 8-13 years.

Class 20 - Barrels - 14-18 years.

Exhibitor must complete the entire barrel pattern correctly and without breaking the timer before the pattern is completed. A penalty of five seconds is added for each barrel knocked over. It is illegal to hold a barrel up with an exhibitor's hand. Pattern is to be set up on the discretion of the judge and superintendents.

Class 21 - Barrels - 8-13 years.

Class 22 - Flags- 14-18 years.

Exhibitor must choose which barrel to place the flag for pick up. Exhibitor must pick up and stick flag with the same hand. Changing of hands will mean disqualification. Flag must stay in the bucket to count as time. Failure to stick the flag is a 5 second penalty. Failure to pick up the flag is a 10 second penalty. Failure to complete the correct pattern will result in disqualification.

Class 23 - Flags- 8-13 years.

Class 24 - Poles- 14-18 years.

Exhibitor must complete the entire pole pattern correctly and without breaking timer before pattern is completed. A penalty of five seconds will be added for each pole knocked down. Three poles downed will result in disqualification. Poles will be set up approximately 21 feet apart in a straight line. Timing will begin 21 feet from end poles.

Class 25 - Poles- 8-13 years.

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ANIMAL SCIENCE DISPLAY

Class 26 - Horse Animal Science Display - *Suggested topics could include - Identify types of tack and their uses, design a horse shelter, hoof care, types of feed and rations, training practices. See Animal Science Division for exhibit guidelines.*

POINTS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO DETERMINE THE FOLLOWING HIGH POINT AWARDS:

High Point Equine 8-13 years	High Point Equine 14-18 years
High Point Performance 8-13 years	High Point Performance 14-18
High Point Event 8-13 years	High Point Event 14-18 years.

High Point Equine qualifying classes: All conformation classes, showmanship, western pleasure and horsemanship, english pleasure and equitation, trail, barrels, flags, and poles

High Point Performance qualifying classes: showmanship, western pleasure, western horsemanship, trail, english pleasure, and english equitation.

High Point Event qualifying classes: barrels, flags, and poles.

Points will be awarded as follows:

First Place	5 points
Second Place	4 points
Third Place	3 points
Fourth Place	2 points
Fifth Place	1 point

Duplicates will be awarded in the event of a tie for a High Point award.