

Cattlemen's Days 4-H Horse Show Rules

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1. ELIGIBILITY Exhibitors must meet the following requirements to be eligible to participate:
 - Be currently enrolled in a 4-H Horse project before March 1.
 - Exhibitors must be at least 8 years old, but not over 18 years old as of December 31 of the current enrollment year.
 - Must have a complete animal ID entered in 4HOnline by May 1 for each animal they will be showing or riding.

2. KEEPING ELIGIBILITY FOR NEXT YEAR AND COLLECTING PREMIUM MONEY
 - Exhibitors must fulfill the following completion requirements to be able to enroll in the Horse project the next year:
 - Must compete in one of the following shows—District 10 Horse Show, Gunnison County 4-H Horse Show, Cattlemen's Days Horse Show, or State Fair Horse Show.
 - Hand in a completed record book (including all the horses ID'd).
 - Must score at least 50% on the record book.
 - Participants must work three or more of the many offered and posted set-up times, clean-up times, and show promotion and appreciation times. Work time logs will be kept and exhibitors must sign in and out. *Participants must work these three times to also collect any premium money.*

3. OWNERSHIP To be enrolled in a 4-H horse project and compete in the Gunnison county 4-H Horse Show, a member must adhere to one of the following requirements in A or B:
 - A. The 4-H member must be the owner of the horse(s). The horse(s) and registration papers must be in the name of the 4-H member or immediate family. Only one 4-H member per horse. Ownership and enrollment are required prior to May 1 of the current year.

 - OR The member or family may lease or own a horse or horses in a 4-H project. The horse(s) must be in the member's care and management the majority of the time. A signed agreement or lease is necessary and must be in effect as of May 1 of the current year. The definition of "majority of the time" will be at the discretion of the member's 4-H Club Leader and/or the 4-H Horse Committee.

 - B. No horse that is rented or borrowed from a stable or individual for part time riding, instruction or showing may be used as 4-H project.

- C. Hardship Clause
In case of death or injury to a project horse and if the member desires to replace the project horse either by purchase or lease (after the May 1 ownership deadline), he/she may appeal his/her situation to the 4-H Horse Committee. This appeal must be in writing to the CSU Extension office immediately following such death or injury. The decision of the Committee will be final.
- D. Each 4-H horse project horse(s) must be ID'd in 4HOnline by May 1. Leased horses must also be ID'd. Each ID'd horse must have entries in the Horse Record Book.

- 4. INTERPRETATION The 4-H Horse Committee has the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations used to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, or differences in regard there to, or otherwise arising out of, or connected with, or incident to, the Show.
- 5. SHOW MANAGEMENT The 4-H Horse Show will operate under the direction of the 4-H Horse Committee.
- 6. AGE DIVISIONS All classes will be divided into Juniors (8-10 year olds), Intermediates (11-13 year olds), and Seniors (14-18 year olds). Each aged class will have a specific age pattern.
- 7. ENTRIES Registration will be available to all known eligible members from the Extension office. Registration will take place on-line, and it must be completed by the date established by the Committee and specified on the 4-H Online system.
 - A. Halter classes will be limited to two entries per exhibitor.
 - B. Entries in Horse Show Classes will be limited to one entry per exhibitor per class.
 - C. No stallion will be allowed to be shown in any 4-H Horse Show class, except the foal class at halter.
- 8. RULES All classes will follow the rules in the Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rule Book. Exceptions to these rules will be publicized and posted at least 24 hours prior to the class.
- 9. CLASSES Classes will be added or deleted at the discretion of the Committee. Both halter and performance classes will be reviewed and classes will be adapted to best fit the objectives of the Gunnison 4-H Horse Project. 4-H members are allowed to participate only in 4-H classes with horse they have ID'd for the current year. A 4-H member who participates in a class with a horse they have not ID'd will be disqualified and premium money will be forfeited.

10. SHOWMANSHIP Any exhibitor in the 4-H Horse Show is required to enter and show in the Showmanship class. The exhibitor may exhibit the same horse that was exhibited in the halter class.

11. DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

A. *Halter*

Foal (Born after January of current year)

Yearling (Born after January two years prior to the show)

B. *Western Performance Division*

Western Horsemanship

Reining

Western Riding

Trail Class

C. *Speed Events-Gymkhana*

Flag Race

Barrels

Poles

To enter this division, entrants must enter and participate in at least one other patterned class besides showmanship.

D. *English Division*

Hunt Seat Equitation

Hunt Seat Over Jump

English Riding Control

E. *Working Cow Horse Division*

Ranch Riding

Individual Cow Work

Ranch Cutting

Ranch Trail Class

To be eligible for Working Cow Horse Division, entrants must have the required skill level to safely work with cattle. This requirement must be met by achieving a Level I Working Ranch Horse certification prior to the event entry deadline.

To enter this division, entrants must enter and participate in all the Working Cow Horse Division classes.

All classes will follow the rules in the Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rule Book.

Clarifications and exceptions for Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Individual Cow Work classes:

Junior riders will *not* be allowed to carry (attached to their saddle) or use in saddle a rope, lariat, or riata. Juniors will just box for 50 seconds.

Intermediates will box for 50 seconds. When the whistle is sounded, rider will take cow down one side of the arena past the halfway mark and stop. Rider must not attempt to stop or turn cow once it has gone down the fence.

Seniors should be competent in cow work skills. A rider will box, fence, and circle **or** rope. Riders are allowed 3 minutes to complete the class.

F. *Showmanship*

Juniors (4-H ages 8-10)

Intermediates (4-H ages 11-13)

Senior (4-H ages 14-18)

G. *Horse Knowledge Test*

Participants will take the test at the posted time before the 4-H Horse Show. Time and place will be posted by the Extension office. Questions are taken from the 4-H Horse manual and Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rule Book.

12. ALL AROUND
HIGH POINT
AWARDS

High Point Awards will be given to a Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Exhibitor that scores the most points.

All the classes used for Division High Points will be used in addition to the Horse Knowledge Test and Showmanship. Halter classes will not be used.

13. TIE BREAKERS English or Western Performance High Point
- Placing in the Showmanship class will break the tie, regardless which horse is used.
- Timed Events High Point
- The Figure 8 Stake Race will be used.
- Working Cow High Point
- Placing in the Ranch Trail class will be used.
- All Around High Point Award
- Placing in the Horse Knowledge class will be used.
14. HELMET POLICY A certified equestrian helmet with safety harness fastened in place is required in over fences classes and gymkhana events, activities and practice sessions. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of the 4-H member to see that the headgear worn complies with the standards and is in good condition. The State 4-H Program and Gunnison county 4-H Program encourages the use of ASTM certified/SEI approved safety helmets in all equine events. Protective headgear may be used in all classes and shall not be discriminated against.
15. PREMIUMS When there is no competition between exhibitors in a class, the judge will award such prize as the exhibit deserves. No exhibit deemed unworthy shall be awarded any premium.
- Ribbons will be awarded on the American System: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th.
- Premiums will be awarded for 1st through 3rd.
16. RESPONSIBILITY Cattlemen's Days Inc., the Jr. Livestock Committee and 4-H Horse Committee will use all care possible to insure the safety of exhibits but under no circumstances will they be responsible for any loss, injury or damage done to, occasioned by, or arising from any animal on exhibit. Neither will they be responsible for any loss, injury or damage done to, occasioned by or arising from any exhibitor.
17. SLEEPING IN BARNs No one, including 4-H Horse Show exhibitors, family members or friends, will be allowed to sleep overnight in the Livestock Pavilion or Horse Barns prior to or during the Cattlemen's Days Rodeos, Horse Shows, and Livestock Shows.

18. STALLS Stalls will be available on a first come first served basis. Exhibitors are *not* required to have stalls or keep their horse on the grounds.
- Exhibitors are expected to clean their stalls.
19. CONTROL OF ANIMALS Animals being exhibited must be controlled by the exhibitor at all times during classes. Judges and the 4-H Horse Committee will reserve the right to excuse and disqualify any animal deemed too unruly to handle.
20. EXHIBITOR NUMBERS Exhibitors are required to pick up their exhibitor number at a place specified by the 4-H Horse Committee.
- Exhibitor number must be worn at all times when in the show ring, when lining up for entry into the show ring, and in required parades. Numbers are assigned to the exhibitor, not the animal.
21. JUDGES DECISION All judges' decisions will be final. Any act of discourtesy or disobedience to the show officials or judges will disqualify the exhibitor from that class and all subsequent classes. The 4-H Horse Committee also reserves the right to withhold premiums from or bar from competition any exhibitor in violation of this rule.
22. VIOLATION The 4-H Horse Committee reserves the right to withhold premiums from or bar from competition any exhibitor who violates any rule governing the 4-H Horse Show or exhibits unsafe behavior.
23. HORSE HUMANE POLICY It is the responsibility of every 4-H member to ensure that proper care is taken of their horse, according to acceptable methods of good equine husbandry, as set forth by Colorado State University Extension and the Colorado Department of Agriculture. A healthy horse requires sufficient food, water, shelter and correct health care. Cruel and in humane training methods are not appropriate in the Colorado 4-H Horse Program. Specific equine husbandry guidelines and humane training methods are provided in the Colorado 4-H Horse Project manual.
- All horses improperly or unfairly prepared or tampered with before going into the show ring, will be disqualified and any premium money will be forfeited.