

4-H HORSE & PONY DEPARTMENT

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Wearing of horse helmets **IS REQUIRED** for the Buena Vista County Fair for **all** events or warm-up. The guidelines set for the Iowa State Fair will be observed at the 2009 Buena Vista County Fair.

- Youth participating in ALL riding or warm-up events **MUST** wear American Society Testing Materials (ASTM) and Safety Engineering Institute (SEI) approved head gear with chin strap and properly fitted harness while mounted and riding; *Every Time, Every Ride*.
- 4-H'ers are required to wear an approved ASTM/SEI horse helmet at all times during all 4-H related events; examples would include, but are not limited to county workshops, specific 4-H classes in open horse shows, practices, trail rides, drill teams, fairs, parades, etc.; **EVERY TIME, EVERY RIDE**.
- As a parent or volunteer adult leaders, your efforts in modeling this behavior and expectations with helmets is strongly encouraged.
- Participation in these 4-H related events will be eliminated if helmets are not worn

1. **ID forms are due in the Extension Office by May 15 of the current year.**
2. Horse Show date and time will be announced.
3. Premiums will be awarded to all horses shown and staying at the fair until released. Exceptions: *Mare & Foals, and Yearlings showing in ONLY Halter may leave after the show*.
4. Exhibitors must have complete ownership or bonafide part ownership with parents, siblings, or guardians as interpreted by the 4-H Executive Committee.
5. Exhibitors who do not have ownership or part ownership of the horse attending the fair will need to complete the standard Horse Lease Agreement and return it to the Buena Vista County Extension Office by May 15 along with the Horse ID form.
6. The Horse Lease Agreement states: A "Leased" horse is any horse that is not owned by the 4- H'er or his/her family (parents, siblings, guardians). Horses owned by distant family (aunts, uncles, cousins, or grandparents) are considered "leased" horses.
7. The Buena Vista County 4-H Executive Committee has reserved the right to include others to participate who do not qualify as a relative under the conditions of the Horse Lease Agreement, if the arrangement agreed upon and the 4-H member participates in the care and handling of the animal in question.
8. If you are in a Horse Lease Agreement the Buena Vista County 4-H Executive Committee has reserved the right to make decisions on the eligibility, of participants in the halter classes.
9. Single exhibitor may show up to a maximum of **one (1)** animal per class – except for halter, barrels, and poles. An exhibitor may show **six (6)** animals providing one entry is in the mare and foal class.
10. Pony projects are 56 inches and under.
11. Society halter regulations are the same as for ponies, with exception of height limit.
12. The yearling and older classes shall consist of mare and geldings only. No stallions are allowed to show.

13. Exercising to be done at the owner's discretion with a parent, superintendent or Leader present, but no later than sunset. Exercise in outdoor arena only.
14. **No mounting of horse and/or riding of any kind outside of the arena, unless otherwise approved.**
15. If a horse is a know kicker, superintendents or Extension Staff may put a red ribbon on the horse to warn.
16. The Superintendents will make the stall assignments. Horses may **NOT** be tied up to any trailers or fences and left unattended on the fairgrounds at any time. For liability insurance reasons, any horse on the fairgrounds needs to be stalled, or attended at **all** times. If you do not comply with this rule you will be automatically disqualified.
17. Dress code for exhibitors: blue jeans, white shirt or blouse (not a T-shirt), leather boots and Helmet (Cowboy hat should be worn for halter and showmanship). **4-H T-Shirts can be worn if it's over 85 degrees – ask superintendent.**
18. Exhibitors are encouraged to exhibit in respective Showmanship at Halter Classes.
20. Pre-4-H'ers who are brothers or sisters of 4-H members and have participated in the riding workshops prior to the fair may ride in the walk trot class.
21. Wood shavings must be used for bedding.
22. Please don't walk and ride on the grass.

SHOWMANSHIP AT HALTER CLASSES

Class 37 – Senior Showmanship – 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th grade

Class 38 – Intermediate Showmanship – 7th & 8th grade

Class 39 – Junior Showmanship – 4th, 5th & 6th grade

HORSE HALTER CLASSES

Class 40 – Foals, born January 1 - May 15, of current year

Class 41 – Yearlings, born January 1 - December 31, of 2008 - Mares & Geldings

Class 42 – Two-year-olds, born January 1 - December 31, 2007 - Mares & Geldings

Class 43 – Aged, born before January 1, 2006 - Mares

Class 44 – Aged, born before January 1, 2006 - Geldings

Class 45 – Mare and foal, foals born after January 1, of 2008 (Parent must show one of the horses)

PONY CLASSES UNDER 56 INCHES

Class 46 – Foals born January 1 - May 15, 2009 - Under 46 inches to 56 inches

Class 47 – Yearlings born January 1 – December 31, 2008 - Under 46 inches to 56 inches

Class 48 – Two year olds, born January 1 – December 31, 2007 - Under 46 inches to 56 inches

Class 49 – Aged, born before January 1, 2006 - Under 46 inches to 56 inches Mares

Class 50 – Aged, born before January 1, 2006 - Under 46 inches to 56 inches Geldings

Class 51 – Mare and foal born after January 1, 2009 - Under 46 inches to 56 inches

PERFORMANCE CLASSES

English Classes

Class 52 – English Pleasure – Saddle or hunt seat, pony or horse (can do Western)

Class 53 – English Equitation

Western Classes

Class 54 – Walk Trot – Exhibitors 12 years of age and under

(Not eligible for Western Pleasure or English horsemanship classes)

Class 55 – Western Pleasure (57" and over) – Exhibitor 13 years of age and over

Class 56 – Western Pleasure (57”and over) – Exhibitor 12 years of age and under

Class 57 – Western Pleasure (56” and under)

Class 58 – Junior Western Pleasure – Six years and younger

Class 59 – Senior Western Pleasure –Seven Years and older

Class 60 – Western Horsemanship – Exhibitor 13 years of age and older

Class 61 – Western Horsemanship – Exhibitor 12 years of age and under

Class 62 – Society Pleasure

Eventing Classes

Class 63 – Trail Class 7th grade and under

Class 64 – Trail Class 8th grade and older

Class 65 – Pleasure Driving - Single Hitch (Parent needs to be on board)

Class 66 – Costume Class

Class 67 – Over All Performance – Champion and Reserve from Performance classes

Class 68 – Reining 7th grade and under

Class 69 – Reining 8th grade and older

Classes below will be held Sunday, July 19, 2009 at 11am

Class 70 – Pole Bending

Class 71 – Barrel Racing