

Department - Section 7  
**MISSOURI STATE FAIR**  
**HORSEMANSHIP for 4-H & FFA**  
 (for Horses, Ponies & Mules)

JULY 24, 25, 26, 27 & 28, 2024  
 Mathewson Exhibition Center, Coliseum and Donnelly Arenas

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**New for 2024- No late entries will be accepted. All entries are due by July 8, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. New**

Entries close and must be received by July 8 at 5:00 p.m.

**No on-site registration or late registration. Entries may be dropped.**

**Earliest Arrival:** Wednesday, July 24, 7:00 a.m., enter Gate 4 **ONLY**  
**\*\*Wednesday, July 24, horses may not be ridden on grounds until after the Exhibitor's Dinner.**

The MSF entries office will contact exhibitors for dinner reservations.

**Wednesday, July 24 Schedule:**

10:00 a.m. Youth Equine Fine Arts, Public Speaking and Demonstration Contests

12:30 p.m. Exhibitors pre-show clinics MFA, Mathewson, Coliseum

5:00 p.m. Exhibitors and families sponsored dinner with keynote speaker and contest awards.

**Complete details on Missouri 4-H website. <https://extension.missouri.edu/programs/missouri-4-h>**

7:00 p.m. All arenas open for riding

**Must Be Out Of Barns:** Sunday, July 28, 11:00 p.m.

**Released:** Horses will be released when through showing

**Dorms are open for \$7.00 (\$6.44 + \$.56 sales tax) per bed/per night. Must provide own bedding and towels, etc. See Debbie Davis to pay for your stay.**

**No Dogs or Bicycles allowed on State Fairgrounds and all vehicles to be driven only by licensed drivers.**

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The 2024 4-H Equine Horse Show Guidelines recommended by MO 4-H Equine Council:

Maria Calvert, Debbie Davis, Mikaila Livingston, Tracie Moore, Karen Craighead, Nancy Miller, Whitney Marrant and Kate Engemann. Exhibitors must comply with all general rules and regulations and animal health requirements for exhibitors in this premium book.

**Violation of these rules may result in any or all of the following:**

- Withholding or return of payment for the animal or exhibit, premiums and awards.
- Suspension from future exhibiting at the Missouri State Fair for a length of time to be determined by the Missouri State Fair Commission or the Director of the Missouri State Fair on behalf of the Commission. Suspensions can be for any length of time and may be permanent.
- Probationary exhibiting at the Missouri State Fair for a length of time and under such terms and conditions to be determined by the Missouri State Fair Commission or the Director of the Missouri State Fair on behalf of the Commission.
- Assessment of any other penalty determined by the Missouri State Fair Commission or the Director of the Missouri State Fair on behalf of the Commission.

**The Show Committee has the right to interpret and enforce all rules.**

Any announcements made the day of the show supersede any written communication.

The Missouri State Fair is not responsible for injury, accident, illness or theft. (See General Rules and Regulations.)

**ELIGIBILITY - EXHIBITOR**

- Each exhibitor must be enrolled by May 1 of the show year in a 4-H and/or FFA horsemanship project.
- 4-H youth are eligible to show if a current member of an organized club and enrolled in the 4-H horse project.
- At show registration 4-H members must bring a copy of their current horse enrollment form, and FFA members must present a signed statement from their Vo-Ag Instructor affirming their enrollment.**
- The 4-H project leader or Vo-Ag instructor has the responsibility of certifying that membership, age and management requirements are met.

**AGE**

- Each 4-H exhibitor must have passed his/her 8th birthday and not have passed his/her 19th birthday before January 1 of the current year.
- Active members of the FFA who are continuing their supervised agriculture experience program are eligible. FFA age eligibility apply.
- To determine age, the age of the exhibitor on January 1 of the 4-H or FFA program year shall be maintained throughout the year.

**OWNERSHIP**

Exhibitors must manage all horses shown beginning no later than May 1 of current year. Although ownership is desired, it is not required. Management is defined as the animal being under the complete care of the 4-H or FFA member for the time the exhibitor is enrolled in the project. A 4-H project horse may be shared by siblings living in the same household. However, that horse must be enrolled as a project horse for each member who uses it as a project. Each member may exhibit the shared horse at the State Fair 4-H /FFA Horsemanship Show. **Horses shall not receive professional training, showing or handling after May 1 of the current year.** 4-H and FFA members may not show stallions.

**GENERAL RULES**

Because it is in the best interest of all 4-H or FFA members and affiliated adults to maintain a reputation of integrity and to present a wholesome and progressive image, the following regulation is set forth: 4-H or FFA members are expected to conduct themselves according to the best traditions of the 4-H or FFA organization. Unsportsmanlike conduct or inappropriate conduct (drinking, stealing, vandalism or indiscreet behavior) will not be tolerated. Any violation on the part of an exhibitor, his/her family, or representative may result in dismissal of the exhibitor from showing in any further classes.

- The Missouri 4-H Horse Show Guidelines (2023) will be followed for all aspects of the 4-H/FFA State Fair Horse Show defining appropriate equipment, clothing, grooming, procedures and exhibiting standards. Additional guidelines and rules will be referenced from the United State Equestrian Federation, American Quarter Horse Association, and American Ranch Horse Association. Show management and show judges reserve the right to interpret and enforce all class rules. Class patterns will be available one month prior to the show in the Missouri State Fair Premium Guide and within the 4-H Horse project area at the Missouri 4-H website: <https://extension.missouri.edu/programs/missouri-4-h/4-h-projects-opportunities/4-h-projects/horses-projects> Patterns will be sourced by the judges.
- Scoring sheets from pattern classes will be posted in the show office following classes. Scoring information and forms are available in MO 4-H Horse Show Guidelines. Courteous conversations with judges for feedback are held when competitive judging is completed. During the show, judges do not engage in conversations with competitors or their families. Questions can be directed through show personnel.
- Substitution: The horses entered by fair registration deadline will be the designated Missouri State Fair project horses. Any changes must be approved by Show Superintendent and Project Leader. (Refer to ownership rule.)
- Ground Rules:**
  - Each club or chapter must have an adult supervisor (parent, 4-H leader or FFA advisor) on the grounds **at all times.**
  - Stalls are available and will be assigned by the Stalling Secretary. **DO NOT MOVE STALL CARDS.** Horses are stalled by county. Stall Decoration Contest will be judged on Saturday and announced during last ride. Theme follows the current Missouri State Fair Theme.
  - All horses entering the Missouri State Fairgrounds during the defined dates and times of the 4-H/FFA horse show must be shown before the Missouri State Fair 4-H/FFA Horse Show judges. Any horses violating this rule will be asked to leave. Horses are to be exclusively ridden by 4-H/FFA exhibitors only in designated areas which are horse barns and warm up arenas.
  - No horse trailers or trucks may be left in front or back of barns per directive of State Fire Marshal or in areas where safety of riders may be of concern. Horse trailers must be parked in designated trailer parking areas **ONLY.**
  - A current negative Coggin's test is required on all horses and mules entering the State Fair grounds and presented to the State Veterinarian for inspection
- Stall fee is \$27 due with show registration. Only the first 400 stall requests will be accepted. Horses will have first priority; tack stalls will be assigned after horses are accommodated. Tack Stall fee is \$27. Sharing of tack stalls (by counties or clubs) will be a necessity which will allow more youth to participate in the show.
- Jump-out fee of \$15.00 will be charged if you are only going to show for one day and not stay overnight. **Overnight stays require a stall.**

7. The Missouri State Fair does not guarantee premium money, merchandise, prizes or special awards. Because the State Fair Commission is without constitutional or statutory authority to borrow money for its operation, it reserves the right to prorate premium money because of state budget restraints.
8. There will be NO SELLING of clothing, tack or lottery tickets in the barns or out of trailers. If you want to sell items, you must contact the Missouri State Fair office and pay vendor fees.

#### CLASS PROCEDURES

1. ASTM/SEI helmets are required for all timed events and In-Hand-Trail and must be buckled at all times while in the arena, even while entering and exiting. Helmets are optional for all other classes.
2. Exhibitors showing the novice (walk/trot) classes are not eligible to show in any other classes except for costume classes. Novice is the exhibitor, not the horse. Novice exhibitors are in their first or second year of the horsemanship project.
3. Exhibitor age requirements for all classes are specified and maybe divided further at the option of the show management in order to equalize class sizes.
4. Mules will show in type classes which are most appropriate for their way of movement without cross entering.
5. Electronic communication devices prohibited in the show ring.
6. All ponies and mules will be measured from the third wither bone and as they stand. Pony height is 58" and under. If a pony measures out of pony class, the pony may go to the horse class of exhibitor's age group. EXCEPTION: If exhibitor has a horse already in this class, they must decide which horse to show; only 1 per class
7. Exhibitor's horse can only be shown in either Quarter Type or Saddle Type Division. Exhibitor cannot show same horse in both divisions.
8. Exhibitors are required to wear their two exhibitor numbers on both sides of their western saddle pad. One back number is required for English, Hunt, Showmanship, In-Hand Trail, and Pony Cart classes.
9. Plaques are awarded to first place and placings two through ten receive a rosette.
10. All costume classes (Arabian, Open and Native American) will be judged on originality and presentation. No narratives. Handlers for entries in Open and Native American Costume entries which will only perform at a walk.
11. An exhibitor may show only once in each class.
12. Ranch pleasure call back entries may be asked to perform a simple pattern consisting of two or three maneuvers posted at the horse show 1 hour prior to the class. Maneuvers may include loping in a circle; lead change/ simple or flying; stop and back. Extended gaits.
13. Ranch Trail obstacles may be bales defining space for maneuvers, elevated log or pole maximum 10" height, mailbox, slicker, farm gate, bridge, and ground tying.
14. Saddles are required for all riding classes. Saddle-type or bareback pads are prohibited.
15. Horses will not be allowed to run in or out of the arena during timed events enforced by the judge. No helpers past the gate.
16. Exhibitor may lead their horse into the arena for timed events and then mount their horse, if this can be done safely.
17. In case of timer failure, the exhibitor will be given a re-ride. The time from the re-ride will be the time that the exhibitor receives.
18. The judges or horse show management may prohibit the use of equipment that may be considered severe or not consistent with show rules.
19. Western Horsemanship Challenge class participants will be determined from random drawing from class entries on morning of class to determine 10-15 participants for each division. After studying pattern for 90 seconds, exhibitors will perform pattern. Exhibitors will not view other exhibitors. Rail work may follow.
20. A non-judged special tradition of this show is the 'Last Ride' for the 4-H/FFA members who will be retiring from their participation in the state fair horse show. Time for this event is indicated in the show schedule. Scripts (please limit 5 min per rider) must be turned in to show office with music requests no later than the day before the 'Last Ride.'

#### Exhibition requirements for equine

1. Intrastate (equine in Missouri moving within Missouri for exhibition only)
  - a. No Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is required.
  - b. Equine that are to be exhibited must be free of clinical signs of an infectious or contagious disease. Any equine showing signs of infectious or contagious diseases at an exhibition may be excused by the official inspecting veterinarian. When an official inspecting veterinarian is present, all equine will be subject to daily inspection.
  - c. All equine (except nursing foals accompanied by their dams) must be accompanied by a current VS Form 10-11 or any officially recognized federal/state Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test chart showing test date within twelve (12) months prior to exhibition for each animal, the name of the EIA accredited testing laboratory and the test accession number assigned by the laboratory, the graphic description of all markings needed for identification, or microchip, or legible tattoo, or unique registered brand or imprinted photograph on any officially recognized federal/state EIA test chart. An electronically generated copy of the VS Form 10-11 or any officially recognized federal/state EIA test chart may be accepted for the purpose of exhibition.
2. Interstate (equine from another state entering Missouri for exhibition only)
  - a. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is required on all equine (except nursing foals accompanied by their dams) showing identification and description of equidae listed and negative test results of an official EIA test, showing test date within twelve (12) months prior to exhibition for each animal, and the name of the EIA-accredited testing laboratory and the test accession number assigned by the laboratory. All equidae entering without an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and/or EIA test shall be excused from the show until proper documentation and test are available.
  - b. Equine that are to be exhibited must be free of clinical signs of an infectious or contagious disease. Any equine showing signs of infectious or contagious diseases at an exhibition may be excused by the official inspecting veterinarian. When an official inspecting veterinarian is present, all equine will be subject to daily inspection.
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  - d. A six (6) month passport from states with which there is a reciprocal agreement will be accepted in lieu of a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. These passports must have proof of a negative EIA test within thirty (30) days of the date of application of the passport and permanent identification for each horse recorded on the passport and the VS Form 10-11 or any officially recognized federal/state EIA test chart, along with other identifying characteristics. In the event of confirmed vesicular stomatitis in any of the states with which reciprocal agreements exist, use of the six (6) month passport will be immediately suspended by the state veterinarian of Missouri.
  - e. Venezuelan Equine Encephalomyelitis (VEE) vaccination and entry permit is required prior to entry on equine originating from states in which VEE has been diagnosed within the preceding twelve (12) months.
3. The board, organization or manager of each assembly or event is responsible for certifying that all equine admitted or participating meet the regulations in this section and shall not admit or allow participation of equine not so certified. Untested equine shall not be allowed to congregate with other equine. The owner of each animal shall comply with requirements under this section 267.010 to 267.730, RSMo, and may be assessed civil penalties not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for each violation.

## MISSOURI STATE FAIR HORSEMANSHIP for 4-H &amp; FFA

Unless noted by class description, all classes in this Section are open to Horses, Ponies & Mules.

**Thursday, July 25**

**Coliseum, 11:00 a.m.**

- 1 Pole Bending, Novice, all ages (Walk/Trot)
- 2 Pole Bending, 12 & under (ponies 58" & under)
- 3 Pole Bending, 13 & over (ponies 58" & under)
- 4 Pole Bending, 12 & under (horses over 58")
- 5 Pole Bending, 13 & 14 (horses over 58")
- 6 Pole Bending, 15 & over (over 58")
- 7 Barrels, Novice, all ages (Walk/Trot)
- 8 Barrels, 12 & under (ponies 58" & under)
- 9 Barrels, 13 & over (ponies 58" & under)
- 10 Barrels, 12 & under (horses over 58")
- 11 Barrels, 13 & 14 (horses over 58")
- 12 Barrels, 15 & over (horses over 58")

**Mathewson, 12:00-5:00 p.m.**

Horses cannot cross enter in Open Trail or Western Pleasure. Exhibitors Scheduled. Exhibitors may only show in one trail class – either ranch or open. Ranch trail is not only for ranch horses, but all types of horses and ponies depending on the horse/pony's and rider's skill set. Refer to the ranch and trail patterns to determine most appropriate class.

- 13 Ranch Trail, Novice
- 14 Ranch Trail, 12 & under
- 15 Ranch Trail, 13 & 14
- 16 Ranch Trail, 15 & over

**Friday, July 26**

**Donnelly, 7:00-11:00 a.m.**

Helmets are required. Exhibitors Scheduled

- 17 In-Hand Trail, Miniature Horse 40" & under, cannot be ridden at show
- 18 Hand Trail, Pony, 41"-58" Entries cannot cross-enter in Open Trail or Ranch Trail.

**Coliseum, 8:00 a.m.**

- 19 Showmanship, 15 & over, (Quarter Type) (over 58")
- 20 Showmanship, 13 & 14, (Quarter Type) (over 58")
- 21 Showmanship, 12 & under, (Quarter Type) (over 58")
- 22 Showmanship, Novice, all ages (Quarter Type)
- 23 Showmanship, Novice, all ages (Saddle Type)
- 24 Showmanship, (ponies 58" & under)
- 25 Showmanship, 12 & under, (Saddle Type) (over 58")
- 26 Showmanship, 13 & 14, (Saddle Type) (over 58")
- 27 Showmanship, 15 & over, (Saddle Type) (over 58")

**Lunch Break**

**Coliseum, (time announced)**

- 28 Western Pleasure, All ages (ponies 58" & under)
- 29 Western Pleasure, Novice (Walk/Trot) (Saddle Type)
- 30 Western Pleasure, 12 & under, (Saddle Type) (over 58")
- 31 Western Pleasure, 13 & 14, (Saddle Type) (over 58")
- 32 Western Pleasure, 15 & over, (Saddle Type) (over 58")
- 33 Horsemanship, 12 & under, Saddle Type (over 58")
- 34 Horsemanship, Novice (Walk/Trot), Saddle Type, All Ages
- 35 Horsemanship, 13 & 14, Saddle Type (over 58")
- 36 Horsemanship, 15 & over, Saddle Type (over 58")

**Mathewson, (time announced after lunch break)**

- 37 Therapeutic Horsemanship (exhibitors not eligible for any other classes)
- 38 Western Pleasure, Novice, all ages (Walk/Trot) (Quarter Type)
- 39 Western Pleasure, 12 & under, (Quarter Type) (over 58")
- 40 Western Pleasure, 13 & 14, (Quarter Type) (over 58")
- 41 Western Pleasure, 15 & over, (Quarter Type) (over 58")

**Trail and Reining Exhibitors: Please sign up for class schedule in horse show office no later than 5 pm day prior to class. Honor your schedule.**

Ranch Riding horses ineligible for Western Pleasure classes or Open Trail.

Call Backs simple pattern. See rules.

- 42 Ranch Riding Pleasure, Novice, all ages (Walk/Trot)
- 43 Ranch Riding Pleasure, 12 & under
- 44 Ranch Riding Pleasure, 13 & 14
- 45 Ranch Riding Pleasure, 15 & over
- 46 Open Costume (Required handler, Walk only)

**Saturday, July 27**

**Coliseum, 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (exhibitors scheduled)**

Open Trail horses cannot cross-enter Ranch Trail

47 Open Trail Class, 13 & 14

48 Open Trail Class, 15 & over

**Donnelly, 7:00-11:00 a.m. (exhibitors scheduled)**

49 Open Trail Class, 12 & under

50 Trail Class, Novice (walk/trot)

**Mathewson, 8:00 a.m.**

- 51 Horsemanship, All Ages, (ponies 58" & under)
- 52 Horsemanship, Novice (Walk/Trot), Quarter Type, All Ages
- 53 Horsemanship, 12 & under, Quarter Type (over 58")
- 54 Horsemanship, 13 & 14, Quarter Type (over 58")
- 55 Horsemanship, 15 & over, Quarter Type (over 58")
- 56 Western Horsemanship Challenge, Novice (See rules)
- 57 Western Horsemanship Challenge, 12 & under
- 58 Western Horsemanship Challenge, 13 & 14
- 59 Western Horsemanship Challenge, 15 & over
- 60 Native American Costume (Required handler, Walk only)

**15 minute break**

**Last Ride**

**Sunday, July 28**

**Coliseum, 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (exhibitors scheduled)**

61 Reining, 15 & over (AQHA pattern #B)

62 Reining, 13 & 14 (AQHA pattern #B)

63 Reining, 12 & under (AQHA pattern #A)

**Mathewson, 8:00 a.m.**

64 Arabian Costume (refer to rules), All Ages

**Break, 30 minute Warm Up Pony Cart**

65 Pony Cart (class may be split at the gate), 58" & under, All Ages

66 English Equitation, Novice, all ages, (Saddle Seat) (Walk/Trot)\*

67 English Equitation, All Ages (Saddle Seat - over 58") \*

68 English Pleasure, All Ages (Saddle Seat, Novice) (Walk/Trot)\*

69 English Pleasure, All Ages, (Saddle Seat - over 58") \*

70 Pony Pleasure, (Saddle/Hunt Seat) All Ages (58" & under)

71 Gaited Horse Pleasure, English/Western, All Ages (over 58") \*

72 Pony Equitation, (Saddle/Hunt Seat) All Ages (58" & under)

73 Hunt Seat Equitation, Novice, All Ages (Walk/Trot)

74 Hunt Seat Equitation, 12 & under (over 58")

75 Hunt Seat Equitation, 13 & 14 (over 58")

76 Hunt Seat Equitation, 15 & over (over 58")

77 Hunter Under Saddle, Novice, All Ages, (Walk/Trot)

78 Hunter Under Saddle, 12 & under (Saddle Type - over 58") \*

79 Hunter Under Saddle, 12 & under (Quarter Type - over 58")

80 Hunter Under Saddle, 13 & 14 (Saddle Type - over 58") \*

81 Hunter Under Saddle, 13 & 14 (Quarter Type - over 58")

82 Hunter Under Saddle, 15 & over (Saddle Type - over 58") \*

83 Hunter Under Saddle, 15 & over (Quarter Type - over 58")

**\*Probationary due to low participation**