

DIVISION F – HORSES & PONIES

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NOTE: PLEASE SEE SCHEDULE BELOW AND GENERAL 4-H SCHEDULE.

Division Rules & Regulations:

ELIGIBILITY – Exhibitors

1. Only 4-H and FFA members may exhibit in this division. Exhibitors and their exhibits must comply with the "General State Fair Rules & Regulations", "General 4-H and FFA Rules & Regulations", "Animal Rules & Regulations", the "Maryland 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics", the "Health Regulations for Livestock Exhibited in Maryland", these "Division Rules & Regulations" and the applicable "Section Rules & Regulations". The *Maryland 4-H Horse and Pony Show Rule Book* (2023 edition) will be used. The *Maryland 4-H Horse and Pony Show Rule Book* is available at the Maryland 4-H website at <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/animal-sciences/4-h-horse-program>. Class descriptions and restrictions are in the Maryland 4-H Horse and Pony Show Rule Book.
2. Pre-entry is required. **YOU MUST USE THE INTERNET ENTRY SYSTEMS FOUND AT www.marylandstatefair.com** Internet entries are due July 15th. Exhibitors without internet access should contact their County Extension Educator for assistance. All releases will be completed once you sign onto the Internet Entry System and emailed to the Maryland State Fair immediately.
3. Eligibility for the Maryland State Fair Horse and Pony Show will be verified by the 4-H Extension Educator for 4-H Exhibitors and FFA Advisors for FFA Exhibitors.
4. Performance requirements for showing are outlined in the *Maryland 4-H Horse and Pony Show Rule Book* (2023 edition). **Members must have completed the appropriate Tiers of the Maryland 4-H Equine Showmanship and Equitation Standards program.** See the Maryland 4-H Horse Program webpage at <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/animal-sciences/4-h-horse-program>.
5. FFA exhibitors must have the same performance requirements as 4-Hers or the equivalent and must have shown in at least one horse show. Please contact the FFA Advisor for further information about FFA qualifications. Horse Show superintendent must receive copies of completed requirements for FFA members.

ELIGIBILITY – Horses

6. Proof of a negative Coggins test within the past 12 months and a completed MDA Equine Exhibitor's Self-Certification of Equine Health Form must be presented at time of check-in. This form is available at the Maryland Department of Agriculture web site and may be required to enter the fairgrounds. Additionally, a Veterinarian Client Patient Relationship (VCPR) Verification Form or Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) must be presented at time of check-in. The VCPR Verification Form is available on the Maryland Department of Agriculture web site.
7. All exhibitors must have a Horse and Pony Card (including formal lease agreement if not owned) filed with the county Extension office by June 1 of the current year for each animal.
8. In classes restricted to ponies, animals may not be shown in any class identified as a Pony class unless the exhibitor possesses a measurement card issued by the United States Equestrian Federation (formerly AHSA, USEA) or an affiliated association (MHSA) or other recognized horse show association or the Maryland 4-H Program. Every pony must be measured each year until it reaches the age of 6 years (Maryland 4-H Horse & Pony Show Rule book). A Steward will be present at our shows, at a time to be announced, to measure those ponies needing a card. All animals without a measurement card will be eligible for horse classes only.
9. Height divisions for ponies will be: English-Small Ponies - 12.2 hands and under; Medium Ponies - over 12.2 hands and not exceeding 13.2 hands; Large Ponies - over 13.2 hands and not exceeding 14.2 hands; Horses - over 14.2 hands; Western Ponies - under 14.1 hands; Horses - 14.1 hands and over.

SAFETY

10. Exhibitors must wear suitable shoes or boots at all times while in the barn and show ring areas, both mounted and on the ground - NO EXCEPTIONS. Trainers, coaches, leaders and parents in the schooling and barn areas must also wear suitable shoes or boots at all times. Suitable shoes must be closed toe and heel shoes that zip or lace or cover the ankle. Anyone mounted must wear boots with appropriate heels.
11. Both English and Western riders must wear certified ASTM/SEI headgear at all times while mounted and lunging. Harnesses must be secured and properly fitted. Headgear must carry ASTM and SEI seals.
12. Exhibitors are required to follow stable management guidelines. Failure to comply or cooperate with management could result in forfeiture of premiums and/or future participation privileges.
13. Horses and ponies may only be ridden by the Exhibitor unless expressly permitted by Show Management. Animals may not be ridden outside the general stable and show ring areas.
14. **All exhibitors MUST report for a tack and equipment check prior to their first mounted class and before any additional class if a tack change is made (Example: Speed).**

SHOW RULES

15. Entries for this division must be available and ready for check-in at least one-half hour before the posted start time for the class being entered. Due to limited stable space, animals will be released at the end of the show and are not allowed to remain in the stalls for more than 2 hours after their last class of the day without permission from the Stable Manager or Superintendent.
16. **The show schedule will be:**

Thursday, August 27	Senior Western Classes	8:00 a.m. START
Friday, August 28	Junior & Intermediate Western Classes	9:00 a.m. START
Saturday, August 29	Junior + Intermediate English Classes	9:00 a.m. START
Sunday, August 30	Senior English Classes	9:00 a.m. START
17. Entries for each show are received according to the following schedule:

Senior Western Classes	Wednesday, August 26, 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Junior & Intermediate Western Classes	Thursday, August 27, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Junior + Intermediate English Classes	Friday, August 28, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Senior English Classes	Saturday, August 29, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

18. Classes may be combined or divided at the discretion of Show Management.
19. Exhibitors approved to participate will be limited to a total of four (4) animals for all classes for 2 days of showing. Up to four (4) animals may be exhibited in Conformation classes. **Each Exhibitor may exhibit one animal in Showmanship per day.** Up to two (2) animals may be exhibited in Performance classes with the following restrictions:
 - a. Exhibitors may show two (2) animals in any combination of divisions of Performance classes except as noted below.
 - b. An Exhibitor MAY CROSS ENTER the same horse between Western and English shows, but NOT between Hunter and Pleasure divisions.
 - c. An Exhibitor may only enter one Equitation Division per day.
 - d. If a horse is shared by a Junior and an Intermediate on English day, one exhibitor may show in the Hunter Division and the other in the Pleasure division.
 - e. If a horse is shared by a Junior and an Intermediate on Western day, a horse may be shown in each speed class only once.
 - f. Exhibitors must follow all rules concerning arrival and departure of horses. Stalls will be assigned for horses for each show without consideration of entries for other days.
 - g. Exhibitors showing in two shows will be limited to a TOTAL of 4 horses including performance, conformation, and showmanship classes.
 - h. A horse may be entered in only ONE conformation class and ONE showmanship class per day.
20. Exhibitors will be allowed to cross enter their horses between English and Western shows. If a horse is leased by two (2) Exhibitors, each Exhibitor may cross enter between English and Western shows not to exceed a total class limit of 12 total performance classes per horse/rider combo **for both shows combined. NO HORSE MAY BE SHOWN IN MORE THAN 24 PERFORMANCE CLASSES OVER THE TOTAL 4 SHOWS OFFERED.**
21. Grooming and showmanship regulations and attire will be as outlined in the Maryland 4-H Horse and Pony Show Rule Book. Grooming and Showmanship will be judged as follows: Grooming (25), Showmanship (50), Knowledge (15), and Personal Appearance (10). Grooming will be done outside the ring by the exhibitor prior to the start of the class.
22. Speed Classes begin when the exhibitor enters the ring and ends upon leaving the ring.
23. Assistance/coaching from outside the ring is not permitted. **Exhibitors receiving coaching from outside the ring will have only one warning before disqualification. Coaches receiving more than 2) warnings will be asked to leave the arena.**
24. Awards
 - a. Rosettes will be awarded to the top 10 placings in each class. Champions and Reserve Champions will receive rosettes and awards.
 - b. The Hank Shirley Memorial Equitation Award will be presented to the High Point Winners in Senior Equitation for all 3 Senior divisions.
25. **A bedding fee will be charged at the time of entry to cover the initial bedding (straw) that will be supplied by the Fair. Additional bedding (straw) is the responsibility of the exhibitor. A limited amount of Straw will also be available for purchase on the grounds. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning their stalls; Exhibitors not cleaning their stalls will forfeit all premiums.**

SECTION I - ENGLISH

GROOMING & SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

- F101. Grooming & Showmanship - Junior (4-H ages 8-10)
 F103. Grooming & Showmanship - Intermediate (4-H ages 11-13)
 F105. Grooming & Showmanship - Senior (4-H ages 14-18)

- F102. Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Junior Champion & Reserve*
F104. Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Intermediate Champion & Reserve
F106. Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Senior Champion & Reserve

CONFORMATION CLASSES (SHOWN IN HAND) - JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE

- F107. Fillies & Mares - Ponies - 3 years old & over - dry, not nursing foal
 F108. Fillies & Mares - Horses - 3 years old & over - dry, not nursing foal
 F110. Geldings - Ponies - 3 years old and over
 F111. Geldings - Horses - 3 years old and over

- F109. Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Fillies & Mares - Champion & Reserve*
F112. Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Geldings - Champion & Reserve

EQUITATION CLASSES – Rider may choose only one Equitation Division per day (Pleasure Equitation OR Hunter Equitation)
PERFORMANCE CLASSES - Same horse/pony cannot enter BOTH Pleasure and Hunter - MUST choose one.

PLEASURE DIVISION - JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE

- F121. Junior Pleasure Equitation (Pattern/Rail)

- F123. Intermediate Pleasure Equitation (Pattern/Rail)

- F125. Award Class (Fair Use Only)- Junior Pleas. Eq. Champion & Reserve*
F126. Award Class (Fair Use Only)- Intermediate Pleas. Eq. Champion & Reserve
 F127. Junior & Intermediate English Pleasure – Ponies
 F128. Junior & Intermediate English Pleasure – Horses
 F129. Junior & Intermediate English Pleasure Disc. Rail – Ponies
 F130. Junior & Intermediate English Pleasure Disc. Rail – Horses
 F131. Junior English Pleasure Command
 F132. Intermediate English Pleasure Command
 F133. Junior & Intermediate English Pleasure Over Fences – Pony & Horse 2'
F134. Award Class (Fair Use Only)- Pleasure Pony - Champion & Reserve
F135. Award Class (Fair Use Only)- Pleasure Horse - Champion & Reserve

HUNTER DIVISION – JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE

- F136. Junior & Intermediate Hunter O/F – Pony – 2'; Horse – 2'6"
 F137. Junior & Intermediate Handy Hunter O/F – Pony – 2'; Horse – 2'6"
 F138. Junior Hunt Seat Equitation O/F – Pony 2'; Horse 2'6"
 F139. Intermediate Hunt Seat Equitation O/F – Pony 2'; Horse 2'6"
 F140. Junior Hunt Seat Equitation U/S
 F141. Intermediate Hunt Seat Equitation U/S
F142. Award Class (Fair Use Only)- Junior Hunter Equitation. Champion & Reserve
F143. Award Class (Fair Use Only)- Inter. Hunter Equitation. Champion & Reserve
 F144. Junior & Intermediate Hunter Under Saddle - Ponies
 F145. Junior & Intermediate Hunter Under Saddle - Horses
F146. Award Class (Fair Use Only)- Pony Hunter. Champion & Reserve.
F147. Award Class (Fair Use Only)- Horse Hunter. Champion & Reserve.

CONFORMATION CLASSES (SHOWN IN HAND) - SENIOR

- F148. Foals
- F149. Yearlings
- F150. 2 Year Olds, Fillies and Geldings
- F152. Mares, 3 years old and older - with foal at foot
- F153. Fillies & Mares - Ponies - 3 years old & over - dry, not nursing foal
- F154. Fillies & Mares - Horses - 3 years old & over - dry, not nursing foal
- F156. Geldings - Ponies - 3 years old and over
- F157. Geldings - Horses - 3 years old and over

F151. Award Class (Fair Use Only) – 2 Years and Under - Champion & Reserve

F155. Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Mares - Champion & Reserve

F158. Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Geldings - Champion & Reserve

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PLEASURE DIVISION – SENIOR

F159. Senior Pleasure Equitation (Pattern/Rail)

F161. Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Senior Pleas. Eq. – Champion & Reserve

F162. Senior English Pleasure – Ponies

F163. Senior English Pleasure – Horses

F164. Senior English Pleasure Disc. Rail - Ponies

F165. Senior English Pleasure Disc. Rail – Horses

F166. Senior English Pleasure Command

F167. Senior English Pleasure Over Fences - Pony & Horses- 2'

F168. Award Class (Fair Use Only)- Pleasure Pony - Champion & Reserve

F169. Award Class (Fair Use Only)- Pleasure Horse - Champion & Reserve

HUNTER DIVISION – SENIOR

F170. Senior Hunter Over Fences – Pony 2'; Horse 2'6"

F171. Senior Handy Hunter Over Fences - Pony 2'; Horse 2'6"

F172. Senior Hunt Seat Equitation O/F - Pony 2'; Horse 2'6"

F173. Senior Hunt Equitation U/S

F174. Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Senior Hunter Equitation. Champion & Reserve

F175. Senior Hunter Under Saddle - Ponies

F176. Senior Hunter Under Saddle - Horses

F177. Award Class (Fair Use Only)- Pony Hunter - Champion & Reserve

F178. Award Class (Fair Use Only)- Horse Hunter - Champion & Reserve

SECTION II - WESTERN

GROOMING & SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

F201. Grooming & Showmanship - Junior (4-H ages 8-10)

F203. Grooming & Showmanship - Intermediate (4-H ages 11-13)

F205. Grooming & Showmanship - Senior (4-H ages 14-18)

F202. Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Junior Champion & Reserve

F204. Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Intermediate Champion & Reserve

F206. Award Class (Fair Use Only) - Senior Champion & Reserve

CONFORMATION CLASSES (SHOWN IN HAND) - JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE

F207. Fillies & Mares - Ponies - 3 years old & over - dry, not nursing foal

F208. Fillies & Mares - Horses - 3 years old & over - dry, not nursing foal

F210. Geldings - Ponies - 3 years old and over

F211. Geldings - Horses - 3 years old and over

F209. Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Mares - Champion & Reserve

F212. Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Geldings - Champion & Reserve

HORSEMANSHIP DIVISION – JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE

F221. Junior Horsemanship (Pattern/Rail)

F224. Intermediate Horsemanship (Pattern/Rail)

F223. Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Junior Horsemanship - Champion & Reserve

F226. Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Intermediate Horsemanship - Champion & Reserve

WESTERN PERFORMANCE DIVISION - JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE

F227. Junior Western Command

F228. Intermediate Western Command

F229. Junior Western Pleasure

F230. Intermediate Western Pleasure

F231. Junior Western Riding

F232. Intermediate Western Riding

F233. Junior Working Western

F234. Intermediate Working Western

F235. Junior Trail

F236. Intermediate Trail

F237. Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Junior Western Performance - Champion & Reserve

F238. Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Intermediate Western Performance - Champion & Reserve

SPEED DIVISION – JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE

F239. Pole Bending - Ponies

F240. Pole Bending - Horses

F241. Barrel Race - Ponies

F242. Barrel Race - Horses

F243. Keyhole Race – Ponies

F244. Keyhole Race – Horses

F245. Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Pony Speed - Champion & Reserve

F246. Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Horse Speed - Champion & Reserve

CONFORMATION CLASSES (SHOWN IN HAND) - SENIOR

F247. Foals

F248. Yearlings

F249. 2 Year Olds, Fillies and Geldings

F250. Award Class (Fair Use Only) – 2 Years and Under - Champion & Reserve

F251. Mares, 3 years old and older - with foal at foot

F252. Fillies & Mares - Ponies - 3 years old & over - dry, not nursing foal

F254. Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Mares - Champion & Reserve

F253. Fillies & Mares - Horses - 3 years old & over - dry, not nursing foal

F255. Geldings - Ponies - 3 years old and over

F257. Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Geldings - Champion & Reserve

F256. Geldings - Horses - 3 years old and over

HORSEMANSHIP DIVISION - SENIOR

F258. Senior Horsemanship (Pattern/Rail)

*F260. Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Senior Horsemanship - Champion & Reserve***WESTERN PERFORMANCE DIVISION - SENIOR**

F261. Senior Western Command

F262. Senior Western Pleasure

F263. Senior Western Riding

F264. Senior Working Western

F265. Senior Trail

*F266. Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Senior Western Performance - Champion & Reserve***SPEED DIVISION – SENIOR**

F267. Pole Bending - Ponies

F268. Pole Bending - Horses

F269. Barrel Race - Ponies

F270. Barrel Race - Horses

F273. Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Pony Speed - Champion & Reserve

F271. Keyhole Race – Ponies

F274. Award Class (Fair Use Only) – Horse Speed - Champion & Reserve

F272. Keyhole Race – Horses

PREMIUM SCHEDULE

Classes

1st Place

2nd - 10th Place

Showmanship, Conformation, Equitation and Performance classes

\$13

\$10

*Champions & Reserves will be recognized with Rosettes and Awards.