DEPARTMENT 16
SADDLE HORSES & PONIES
Superintendent- Kelsie Thering (517) 614-5761
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GENERAL RULES

1. Livestock exhibitors must be in compliance with animal health requirements as defined by the Department of Agriculture. Please refer to the MDARD web site www.michigan.gov/mdard and exhibition requirements for livestock.
2. All equine, except foals under six months of age and nursing their dam, entered in a fair, exhibition, exposition, or show must test negative to an official Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test within the current calendar year. Exhibitors must be able to present proof in the form of an official EIA laboratory report. (Calendar year is defined December 1st through the 31st of the following December (13 months). If an EIA test is not provided the animal will be sent home.
3. Exhibitors' horse or pony project designation forms must be turned into the horse superintendent or the assistant superintendent as a group or as individuals by June 1st of the current year to be eligible to exhibit at the Eaton County Fair. A copy of the negative EIA laboratory report MUST be attached to the horse/pony project designation form for the horse or pony being exhibited at the fair. Each exhibitor may also submit a June 1st form and copy of a negative EIA laboratory report for a back-up horse. A vet's slip along with superintendent's approval would be required for switching horses.
4. Exhibitors may participate in as many classes as they would like.
5. Horses and ponies are to be confined in areas designated by the superintendent.
6. Horse/pony to be exercised morning and evening only by the exhibitor, or an Eaton County horse project leader or a member of their immediate family age 8 or older. Warming up a horse/pony before a class will be done by the exhibitor. **Boots are required to be worn while working, exercising, or leading the animal**. Helmets are required during warm up prior to and during gymkhana, hunt seat, and bareback. Helmets must be buckled.
7. All horses or ponies are to be led to and from the show arena behind Barn 18 and behind the main arena (between the two fences). Animals are not to be in the campgrounds for any reason.
8. Aisles are to be kept clean and clear. Exhibitors are responsible for daily cleanup of barns before 10:00 a.m.
9. Exhibitors are not to use the barns as a recreation area.
10. Major clipping and cleaning is to be done before putting animals on exhibit. Minor clipping and cleaning is to be done in designated areas.
11. All animals are to be confined to stalls with appropriate material (binder twine is not to be used). Bedding must be clean straw, pine chips, or sawdust.
12. Exhibitor's age for showing is determined by the age of the exhibitor as of January 1st of the current calendar year. Animal's age for showing also is determined by the age of the animal as of January 1st of the current year.
13. Horses and ponies are not to be hired out for rides.
14. No stallions are eligible for showing unless foaled in the current year.
15. Classes will be judged under rules published in the "4-H Horse and Pony Project Show Rules and Regulations" and Eaton County class guidelines.
16. The same horse or pony cannot be shown by more than one exhibitor.
17. All requests for special considerations are to be made to the superintendent.
18. All ponies must be 56 inches and under and miniature horses must be 34 inches and under. All ponies and miniature horses will be measured on Sunday after the leaders meeting at the end of the horse arena on the measuring platform by the superintendent or assistant superintendent and a fair board member. Ponies and miniature horses that are not measured at this time will not be permitted to show in pony or miniature horse classes.
19. Horses are to be entered in halter classes (3 years of age and older) based on their registration. Non-registered horses are to be shown as grade horses. A registered horse is defined as one registered in a breed association recognized by the American Horse Show Association Rule Book. A copy of the horse's registration papers shall be attached to the horse and pony project registration form.
20. All horses/ponies in all classes must be serviceably sound.
21. Horses and ponies removed by any person or persons prior to release without permission and early release form signed by superintendent and fair board liaison will forfeit placements, ribbons or trophies for that exhibit and will not be allowed to enter the following year.

22. Check-in time will be Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. No exceptions will be made without prior notice and approval by the superintendent.
23. Each horse exhibitor will pay $50 per stall ($20 stall fee, $15 for judges and trophies, $10 horse barn fund, $5 manure fee). We will determine tack stalls (a maximum of four exhibitors per tack stall). Tack stalls that are assigned to groups will be free of charge. If you are interested in another tack stall, you can contact Kelsie or Todd between June 10 and June 24 to see if any extra tack stalls are available. Additional tack stalls that you reserve will be $50. Fees are due on June 1st. Please write one check payable to the Eaton County Agricultural Society that covers all the horses and ponies in that group.
24. Two-horse stipulations:
    a. Exhibitor must be age 13 years and older
    b. Cannot show two horses in same discipline
    c. Cost for the second horse is $50.
25. A back-up horse may not be brought in after check-in time which is on Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
26. No fans allowed in the horse barns.
27. Bareback practice is only allowed on Tuesday night. Exhibitors may only ride bareback if they are entered in the bareback classes on Wednesday morning.
28. No tying your horse or hanging a hay bag on the chain link fence by the arenas.

HORSE AND PONY SHOW SCHEDULE

Sunday

10 a.m.- 6 p.m. Check-in time
6:00 p.m. Horse Leaders Meeting (Main horse arena)

Monday

10:00 a.m. Halter
Followed by Fitting & Showmanship
Followed by Pee Wee/ Proud Equestrians
2:30 p.m. Gymkhana Warm-Up
3:00 p.m. Gymkhana

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. English Pleasure
Followed by English Equitation
Followed by Western Pleasure
Followed by Western Horsemanship
2:30 p.m. Gymkhana Warm-Up
3:00 p.m. Gymkhana

Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Bareback Equitation
Followed by Basic Riding Pattern Walk/Trot
Followed by Ranch Riding Pattern
Followed by Reining Pattern
Followed by Trail Class
Followed by Driving Classes
2:30 p.m. Gymkhana Warm-Up
3:00 p.m. Gymkhana

Thursday

2:00 p.m. Costume Class
3:00 p.m. Fun Events

Friday

10:00 a.m. Pleasure Championship
11:00 a.m. Gymkhana Championship
3:30 p.m. Overall High Point Awards

Saturday

8:30 a.m. Large Animal Livestock Sweepstakes

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*****MONDAY*****
Starting at 10:00 a.m.

SECTION 2- HALTER
Ribbons
(Not eligible for Thursday's championship classes)

Horses
1. All yearlings and 2-year-olds
2. Stock horse halter
3. Color breed halter
4. Fine breed halter
5. Non-registered/Grade

Championship
(1st and 2nd place winners from all horse halter classes)
6. Champion and reserve champion

Pony and Miniature Horses
7. All Miniature Horses
8. All Ponies

Championship
(1st and 2nd place winners from miniature horses and pony halter classes)
9. Champion and Reserve Champion

SECTION 3- FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP
Ribbons

Horses, Ponies, and Miniature Horses combined
10. Ages 16 and over
11. Ages 13-15
12. Ages 11-12
13. Ages 8-10
14. Walk/Trot Ages 13 & over
15. Walk/Trot Ages 12 & under
16. Champion and Reserve Champion- Ages 13 & over
17. Champion and Reserve Champion- Ages 12 & under

SHOWMAN SWEEPSTAKES
Champion and Reserve Champion in section 2 will compete on an equal basis for horse, miniature horse, and pony. Champion and Reserve champion from this class will compete in the Large Animal Sweepstakes Showmanship Contest on Saturday morning.

Awards donated by Chester Blacksmith Shop, Steve and Karen Newman, in memory of Doug Schultz.

18. Grand and Reserve Showman

SECTION 4
PEE WEE
PROUD EATON COUNTY EQUESTRIAN RIDERS
Starting at 1:30 p.m.

All exhibitors who wish to participate in the Pee Wee and Proud Eaton County Equestrian Riders classes must make arrangements prior to fair with an exhibitor showing at the Eaton County Fair to use their horse. The horse/pony must already be on the grounds. The PeeWee/Proud Equestrian exhibitor must be led by an adult or exhibitor whose horse/pony is being used as long as parent/guardian is in the arena. **Helmets must be worn during riding classes and their feet must be in stirrups. PeeWee/Proud Equestrian riders must either be in the appropriate sized saddle with feet in stirrups (stirrups attached to fenders of the saddle) or they may use buddy stirrups.**

19. Showmanship- pee wee & proud equestrians with appropriate spotters and assistants
20. Leadline - walk only
21. Barrels- walk only

SECTION 5- GYMKHANA
RIBBONS
(Walk/trot riders may enter these classes, no cantering)
To begin at 3:00 p.m.

22. Horse Speed and Action ages 16 and over
23. Horse Speed and Action ages 13-15
24. Horse Speed and Action ages 11-12
25. Horse Speed and Action ages 8-10
26. Pony Speed and Action all ages
27. Horse Pole Bending ages 16 and over
28. Horse Pole Bending ages 13-15
29. Horse Pole Bending ages 11-12
30. Horse Pole Bending ages 8-10
31. Pony Pole Bending all ages
32. Horse U-Turn ages 16 and over
33. Horse U-Turn ages 13-15
34. Horse U-Turn ages 11-12
35. Horse U-Turn ages 8-10
36. Pony U-Turn ages all ages

*****TUESDAY*****

SECTION 6- ENGLISH PLEASURE
Ribbons
Horses and ponies combined
Starting at 10:00 a.m.

Hunt Seat

37. Ages 16 and over
38. Ages 13-15
39. Ages 11-12
40. Ages 8-10

WALK/TROT ENGLISH PLEASURE
(Exhibitors entering these classes will not be able to enter any classes requiring a canter)

41. Ages 13 and over
42. Ages 12 and under

SECTION 7- ENGLISH EQUITATION
Horses and ponies combined
Ribbons

Hunt Seat

43. Ages 16 and over
44. Ages 13-15
45. Ages 11-12
46. Ages 8-10

WALK/ TROT ENGLISH EQUITATION
(Exhibitors entering these classes will not be able to enter any classes requiring a canter)

47. Ages 13 & over
48. Ages 12 & under

SECTION 8- WESTERN PLEASURE
Horses and ponies combined
Ribbons

49. Ages 16 and over
50. Ages 13-15
51. Ages 11-12
52. Ages 8-10

WALK/ TROT WESTERN PLEASURE
(Exhibitors entering these classes will not be able to enter any classes requiring a canter)

53. Ages 13 & over
54. Ages 12 & under

SECTION 9- WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP
Ribbons
Horses and ponies combined

55. Ages 16 and over
56. Ages 13-15
57. Ages 11-12
58. Ages 8-10

WALK/ TROT WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP
(Exhibitors entering these classes will not be able to enter any classes requiring a canter)

59. Ages 13 & over
60. Ages 12 & under

SECTION 10- GYMKHANA
Ribbons
(Walk/trot riders may enter these classes, no cantering)
To begin at 3:00 p.m.

61. Horse Cloverleaf Barrel Race ages 16 and over
62. Horse Cloverleaf Barrel Race ages 13-15
63. Horse Cloverleaf Barrel Race ages 11-12
64. Horse Cloverleaf Barrel Race ages 8-10
65. Pony Cloverleaf Barrel Race all ages
66. Horse Indiana Flag Race ages 16 and over
67. Horse Indiana Flag Race ages 13-15
68. Horse Indiana Flag Race ages 11-12
69. Horse Indiana Flag Race ages 8-10
70. Pony Indiana Flag Race all ages
71. Horse Butterfly Pole Race ages 16 and over
72. Horse Butterfly Pole Race ages 13-15
73. Horse Butterfly Pole Race ages 11-12
74. Horse Butterfly Pole Race ages 8-10
75. Pony Butterfly Pole Race all ages
76. Horse Gymkhana ages 16 and over
77. Horse Gymkhana ages 13-15
78. Horse Gymkhana ages 11-12
79. Horse Gymkhana ages 8-10
80. Pony Gymkhana all ages

*****WEDNESDAY*****
SECTION 11- BAREBACK EQUITATION
Ribbons
Horses and ponies combined
Starting at 10:00 a.m.

81. Ages 16 and over
82. Ages 13-15
83. Ages 11-12
84. Ages 8-10

WALK/ TROT BAREBACK EQUITATION
(Exhibitors entering these classes will not be able to enter any classes requiring a canter)

85. Ages 13 & over
86. Ages 12 & under

SECTION 12- BASIC RIDING PATTERN
WALK/TROT
Ribbons
(exhibitors entering in these classes will not be able to enter any classes requiring a canter)
Horses and ponies combined

87. Ages 13 and over
88. Ages 12 and under

SECTION 13- RANCH RIDING PATTERN
Horses and ponies combined
Ribbons

89. Ages 16 and over
90. Ages 13-15
91. Ages 11-12
92. Ages 8-10

SECTION 14- REINING PATTERN
Ribbons
Horses and ponies combined

93. Ages 16 and over
94. Ages 13-15
95. Ages 11-12
96. Ages 8-10

SECTION 15- TRAIL CLASS
Horses and ponies combined
Ribbons
(Exhibitors will compete in a trail class pattern. Types of obstacles could include bridges, a mail box, raised and lowered logs, cones, chalk, etc.)
Classes will run in order:

97. In-Hand Trail Class- All Ages
98. Walk/Trot Trail Class ages 13 and over
99. Walk/Trot Trail Class ages 12 and under
100. Trail Class ages 16 and over
101. Trail Class 13-15
102. Trail Class 11-12
103. Trail Class 8-10

SECTION 16- DRIVING
Horses and ponies combined
Ribbons

Class
104. Pleasure Driving Class- All Ages

SECTION 17- GYMKHANA
Ribbons
(Walk/trot riders may enter these classes, no cantering)
To begin at 3:00 p.m.

105. Horse Keyhole ages 16 and over
106. Horse Keyhole ages 13-15
107. Horse Keyhole ages 11-12
108. Horse Keyhole ages 8-10
109. Pony Keyhole all ages
110. Horse Big T ages 16 and over
111. Horse Big T ages 13-15
112. Horse Big T ages 11-12
113. Horse Big T ages 8-10
114. Pony Big T all ages
115. Horse Stake Race ages 16 and over
116. Horse Stake Race ages 13-15
117. Horse Stake Race ages 11-12
118. Horse Stake Race ages 8-10
119. Pony Stake Race all ages

*****THURSDAY****

SECTION 22- FUN CLASSES
To begin at 2:00 p.m.

120. Costume Fun Class
(Exhibitors will dress themselves and their horses in costumes and provide a short paragraph describing their costume. Music may be played while they enter the arena. Boots must be worn.)
121. Fun Classes (events TBD but *may* include games like Simon says, egg & spoon, ribbon race, phone book race, etc.)

*****FRIDAY*****
Beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Exhibitors in the championship classes will be judged on showmanship, horsemanship/equitation, and pleasure.

SECTION 18- WALK/TROT CHAMPIONSHIP
Horses and ponies combined
(Exhibitors who placed first through third in walk/trot pleasure classes throughout the week)

122. Champion and Reserve Champion ages 13 and over. **Awards sponsored by Garrett and Kellie Madry.**

123. Champion and Reserve Champion ages 12 and under. **Awards sponsored by Eric and Katlyn Scott.**

SECTION 19- PLEASURE CHAMPIONSHIP
(Exhibitors who place first through third in walk/trot/canter pleasure classes throughout the week)

124. Youth Versatility ages 13 and over
Awards sponsored by Duane and Laurie Haring.

125. Youth Versatility ages 12 and under
Awards sponsored by Diana Newman.

SECTION 20- DARRELL A. CRANDELL MEMORIAL CHAMPIONSHIP
Beginning at noon

Note: Crandell Memorial and Gymkhana Championship will run at the same time. Exhibitors eligible for the championships will run three events that will be drawn before the class starts.

Class
126. Exhibitors ages 12 years and under as of January 1st of the current year who placed first through third throughout the week in their gymkhana classes.
Awards sponsored by Dan Crandell.

SECTION 21- GYMKHANA CHAMPIONSHIP AGES 13 & OVER
Beginning at noon

127. Exhibitors ages 13 years and older as of January 1st of the current year who places first through third throughout the week in their gymkhana classes.
Awards sponsored by a local donor.

SECTION 23- OVERALL HIGH POINT AWARDS AWARDS PRESENTED IN THE MAIN ARENA AT 3:30 PM

Point system:
1st place= 6 points, 2nd place=5 points, 3rd place= 4 points, 4th place= 3 points, 5th place=2 points, 6th place= 1 point

Best Dressed Award
Sponsored by a local donor
The judge on Tuesday will decide who is "best dressed" based on their favorite outfit that also compliments the horse's color and tack. This is not a costume class, simply acknowledgement to classy dress. One prize for pleasure exhibitors, one prize for speed exhibitors.

Gymkhana Horse
(Placings in the following classes are based upon the combined performance in all gymkhana classes)

128. Champion and Reserve Champion ages 16 and over
129. Champion and Reserve Champion ages 13-15
130. Champion and Reserve Champion ages 11-12
131. Champion and Reserve Champion ages 8-10

Gymkhana Pony
(Placings in the following classes are based upon the combined performance in all gymkhana classes)

132. Champion and Reserve Champion All Ages

Pleasure Horse/Pony
(Placings in the following classes are based upon the combined performance in all of the W/T/C pleasure classes including age group showmanship class and one halter class. Does not include reining, ranch riding, or trail.)

133. Champion and Reserve Champion ages 16 and over
134. Champion and Reserve Champion ages 13-15
135. Champion and Reserve Champion ages 11-12
136. Champion and Reserve Champion ages 8-10

Walk/Trot Pleasure Horse/Pony
(Placings in the following classes are based upon the combined performance in all of the W/T pleasure classes including age group showmanship class and one halter class. Does not include reining, ranch riding, or trail.)

137. Champion and Reserve Champion ages 13 and over
138. Champion and Reserve Champion ages 12 & under

Overall Versatility Highpoint *Optional*
Exhibitors will choose which classes they want to count towards this overall versatility award. Classes may include showmanship, two pleasure classes, two gymkhana classes, ranch riding pattern or reining pattern, and a ridden trail class.

Exhibitors wanting to participate must sign up before 9 a.m. on Monday

139. Ages 16 & over
140. Ages 13-15
141. Ages 11-12
142. Ages 8-10