

DEPARTMENT 16
SADDLE HORSES & PONIES
Superintendent – Jenn Bowles (517) 490-2061
Assistant Superintendent – Molly Woods (517) 281-3100

GENERAL RULES

1. Livestock exhibitors must be in compliance with animal health requirements as defined by the department. Please refer to the MDARD web site www.michigan.gov/mdard and Exhibition Requirements for Livestock
2. A maximum number of two equine per exhibitor.
3. All equine, except foals under six months of age & 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.
4. Administrative leaders must have their exhibitor's horse or pony project designation forms turned into the horse superintendent or the assistant superintendent as a club and not as individuals by May 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. Only 4-H members are eligible to exhibit in the state 4-H show. Each exhibitor may also submit a May 1st form and copy 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.
5. There will be no class limit, exhibitors may participate in as many classes as they would like.
6. All classes are open to boys and girls.
7. Horses and ponies are to be confined to areas designated by the superintendent.
8. Horse/pony to be exercised morning and evening only by the exhibitor, or a registered Eaton County 4-H Horse project leader or a member of their immediate family age nine 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 will be required only during warm up prior to gymkhana or hunt seat classes and during those classes. Helmets required at all times when riding bareback or jumping.
9. All horses and ponies are to be led to and from the show arena and exercise area by route designated by the superintendent. Animals are not to be in the campgrounds for any reason.
10. Clubs or exhibitors are responsible for daily cleanup of barns before 10:00 a.m.
11. Exhibitor's age for showing is determined by the age of the exhibitor will attain as of January 1st of the current calendar year. Animal's age for showing to be as of January 1st of the current year. (Horses become a year older on January 1st).
12. Ponies or horses exhibited must not be hired out for rides.
13. No stallions are eligible for showing unless foaled in the current year.
14. Classes will be judged under rules published in the "4-H Horse and Pony Project Show Rules and Regulations" (revised 2016 formerly 4-H Bulletin #1145) and Eaton County class guidelines. Copies may be obtained from the Eaton County MSU Extension Office or on the internet at www.msue.mus.edu/cyf/youth/horse/horserules.html.
15. The same horse or pony cannot be shown by more than one exhibitor.
16. All requests for special considerations are to be made to the superintendent.
17. Enter every class you plan to participate in on your fair enrollment form, including fun events. Any requests for changes after the entry due date (see entry form information) are to be made in writing and be approved by the superintendent.
18. All ponies must be 56" and under and miniature horses must be 34" and under. All ponies and miniature horses will be measured on Sunday following check-in at 8:00 p.m. at the end of the horse arena on the measuring platform by the superintendent and/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. Exhibitors with horses registered in more than one association shall choose one registration. A copy of the horse's registration paper shall be attached to the Horse and Pony Project Registration Form.
20. Aisles are to be kept clean and clear. If radios are used, they are to be played at a low level. Exhibitors are not to use the barns as a recreation area.
21. Major clipping and cleaning is to be done before putting animal on exhibition. Minor clipping and cleaning is to be done in designated areas.
22. All animals are to be confined to stalls with appropriate material (binder twine is not to be used).
23. All horses/ponies in all classes must be serviceably sound.
24. Each horse exhibitor will pay \$40.00 per horse (\$5.00 to cover the cost of hauling manure, \$5.00 will go to the Horse Barn Fund, \$20. Stall fee and \$10.00 goes towards judges/trophies). Fees are due on May 1st. Please write one check payable to the Eaton County Agriculture Society that covers all the horses and ponies in the club.
25. Bedding must be clean straw, pine chips or sawdust.
26. Exhibitor and parent/guardian must sign an exhibitor agreement at check-in time.

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27. Check-in time will be Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. No exceptions will be made without prior notice and approval of the superintendent.

28. All awards will be presented on Friday at 4:00 p.m.

29. Two Horse Stipulations must be:

- 13 and older
- Must have already shown 2 consecutive years
- Cannot show 2 horses in same discipline
- Must have approval from Club Administrator Leader and Superintendent
- 2nd horse will not be able to receive discounted rate
- Cost for 2nd horse is \$95.00 (\$75.00 Stall, \$10.00 Trophy/Judge, \$5.00 Barn Account, \$5.00 Manure)
- Must state on May 1st form what horse you are taking to State Show

30. If an Exhibitor qualifies for both **Section 21 Walk/Trot Championship and Section 22 Youth Versatility**; Rider must choose what class to participate in.
CANNOT WIN BOTH

HORSE AND PONY SHOW SCHEDULE

Monday

12:00 p.m. Leaders Meeting
1:00 p.m. Fitting & Showmanship
Followed by Halter
Followed by Pee Wee/Proud Equestrians

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Walk/Trot Basic Riding Pattern
Followed by English Pleasure
Followed by Jumping
Followed by Reining Pattern
4:30 p.m. Gymkhana Warm Up
Followed by Gymkhana

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Bareback Equitation
Followed by Walk/Trot Pleasure
Followed by Western Pleasure
Followed by Western/English Riding Pattern
Followed by Driver Reinsmanship Class
4:30 p.m. Gymkhana Warm Up
Followed by Gymkhana

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Western Horsemanship
Followed by Walk/Trot Equitation
Followed by English Equitation
Followed by Pleasure Driving Class
4:30 p.m. Gymkhana Warm Up
Followed by Gymkhana

Friday

9:00 a.m. Walk/Trot Championship
Followed by Youth Versatility
Followed by Hildabride's Fallen Equine Memorial
Followed by Trail Class
4:00 p.m. Awards

Saturday

8:30 a.m. Livestock Sweepstakes
Followed by Costume Fun Class

STATE SHOW SELECTION

“SEE STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW SELECTION RULES AT
“THE EATON COUNTY MSU EXTENSION OFFICE”

MONDAY

SECTION 1 – FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP

Ribbons

Starting at 1:00 p.m.

Horses

- Class
21. Ages 17 and over
 22. Ages 15 – 16
 23. Ages 13 – 14
 24. Ages 11 – 12
 25. Ages 9 – 10
 26. Champion and Reserve Champion – Ages 13 and over
 27. Champion and Reserve Champion – Ages 12 and under

Horses – Miniature

- Class
28. Ages 15 and over
 29. Ages 13 – 14
 30. Ages 11 -12
 31. Ages 9 – 10
 32. Champion and Reserve Champion – Ages 13 and over
 33. Champion and Reserve Champion – Ages 12 and under

Ponies

- Class
34. Ages 15 and over
 35. Ages 13 – 14
 36. Ages 11 – 12
 37. Ages 9 – 10

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- 38. Champion and Reserve Champion – Ages 13 and over
- 39. Champion and Reserve Champion – Ages 12 and under

SHOWMAN SWEEPSTAKES

Champion and Reserve Champion in Section 3 will compete on an equal basis for horse, miniature horse and pony. Champion and Reserve Champion from this class will compete in Large Animal Livestock Sweepstakes Showmanship Contest.

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

- Class
- 40. Grand and Reserve Champion Showman

SECTION 2 – HALTER

Ribbons

(Not eligible for Hilabride’s or Newman Classes)

Horses

Horses for halter classes will be divided by registered horses and non-registered horses (grade) 3 years and older.

- A. Registered Quarter Horses
- B. Registered Horses – Appaloosa, Paint, Palomino, Pinto and Buckskin
- C. Registered Horse other than those in types A or B
- D. Non-registered/Grade Horses

Horses – All Types

- Class
- 41. All yearlings and 2 year olds

Horses – Type A (Registered Quarter Horse)

- Class
- 42. Horses aged 3 years and over

Horses – Type B

(Registered Appaloosa, Paint, Palomino, Pinto & Buckskin)

- Class
- 43. Horses aged 3 years and over

Horses – Type C (Registered horse other than A or B)

- Class
- 44. Horses aged 3 years and over

Horses – Type D (Non-registered/Grade)

- Class
- 45. Horses aged 3 years and over

Championship

(1st and 2nd place winners from all horse halter classes)

- Class
- 51. Champion and Reserve Champion

Pony and Miniature Horses

- Class
- 54. All Miniature Horses
 - 55. All Ponies

Championship

(1st and 2nd place winners from Miniature Horse and Pony halter classes)

- Class
- 58. Champion and Reserve Champion

SECTION 3 – PEE WEE/PROUD EQUSTRANS

(All exhibitors who wish to participate in the Pee Wee and Proud Equestrians classes must make arrangements prior to fair with an exhibitor showing at the Eaton Co. Fair to use their horse. 4-H horse/pony must be on the grounds. Exhibitor must be accompanied by Parent/Guardian or 4-H member whose horse/pony is being used as long as a parent/guardian is in the ring. A cowboy hat or helmet is required during showmanship. Helmets must be worn during pleasure and gymkhana classes.)

Showmanship

- Class
- 1. Pee Wee Showmanship ages 5-6 (as of January 1st)
 - 2. Pee Wee Showmanship ages 7-8 (as of January 1st)
 - 3. Proud Equestrians Showmanship with assist
 - 4. Proud Equestrians Showmanship with spotter

Pleasure

- Class
- 7. Pee Wee Pleasure Walk/Trot Only with Lead Line or Spotter ages 5-6 (as of January 1st)
 - 8. Pee Wee Pleasure Walk/Trot Only ages 7-8 with Lead Line or Spotter (as of January 1st)
 - 9. Proud Equestrians Walk Only with Spotter
 - 10. Proud Equestrians Walk Only with Side Assist (one side or both)

Gymkhana

- Classes
- 13. Pee Wee Gymkhana Walk/Trot Only with Lead Line or Spotter ages 5-6 (as of January 1st)
 - 14. Pee Wee Gymkhana Walk/Trot Only ages 7-8 with Lead Line or Spotter (as of January 1st)

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15. Proud Equestrians Walk Only with Spotter
16. Proud Equestrians Walk Only with Side Assist (one side or both).

**SECTION 7 – REINING PATTERN
Ribbons**

Horses and Ponies – All Types Combined

- Class
336. Ages 13 and over
 337. Ages 12 and under

**SECTION 8 – GYMKHANA
Ribbons**

(Walk/Trot Riders may enter these classes, no cantering)

To begin at 5:00p.m.

Horses

- Class
91. Cloverleaf Barrel Race – Ages 16 and over
 92. Cloverleaf Barrel Race – Ages 13 – 15
 93. Cloverleaf Barrel Race – Ages 11 – 12
 94. Cloverleaf Barrel Race – Ages 9 – 10
 95. Indiana Flag Race – Ages 16 and over
 96. Indiana Flag Race – Ages 13 – 15
 97. Indiana Flag Race – Ages 11 – 12
 98. Indiana Flag Race – Ages 9 – 10
 99. Butterfly Pole Race – Ages 16 and over
 100. Butterfly Pole Race – Ages 13 – 15
 101. Butterfly Pole Race – Ages 11 – 12
 102. Butterfly Pole Race – Ages 9 – 10
 103. Gymkhana - Ages 16 and over
 104. Gymkhana - Ages 13 – 15
 105. Gymkhana - Ages 11 – 12
 106. Gymkhana - Ages 9 - 10

Ponies

- Class
111. Cloverleaf Barrel Race – Ages 13 and over
 112. Cloverleaf Barrel Race – Ages 12 and under
 113. Indiana Flag Race – Ages 13 and over
 114. Indiana Flag Race – Ages 12 and under
 115. Butterfly Pole Race – Ages 13 and over
 116. Butterfly Pole Race – Ages 12 and under
 117. Gymkhana – Ages 13 and over
 118. Gymkhana – Ages 12 and under

TUESDAY

**SECTION 4 – BASIC RIDING PATTERN WALK/TROT
Ribbons**

Starting at 9:00am

(Exhibitors entering in these classes will not be able to enter any classes requiring a canter)

**Basic Riding Pattern Walk/Trot – Horses and Ponies
Combined**

- Class
66. Ages 13 and over
 67. Ages 12 and under

**SECTION 5 – ENGLISH PLEASURE
Ribbons**

Horses – All Types – Hunt Seat

- Class
71. Ages 16 and over
 72. Ages 13 – 15
 73. Ages 12 and under

Horses – All Types – Saddle Seat

- Class
77. Ages 13 and over
 78. Ages 12 and under

Pony – All English Seats

- Class
83. Ages 13 and over
 84. Ages 12 and under

**SECTION 6 – JUMPING
Ribbons**

Horse & Pony/All type combined

Height will be adjusted

(Exhibitors must have Superintendent, Parent & Leader approval, helmets are required)

- Class
326. Ages 16 and over
 327. Ages 13 – 15
 328. Ages 12 and under

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*****WEDNESDAY*****

SECTION 9 – BAREBACK EQUITATION
Ribbons
Starting at 9:00 a.m.

Horses – All Types

- Class
131. Ages 16 and over
132. Ages 13 – 15
133. Ages 12 and under

Pony

- Class
136. Ages 13 and over
137. Ages 12 and under

SECTION 10 – WALK/TROT PLEASURE
Ribbons

(Exhibitors entering in these classes will not be able to enter any classes requiring a canter)

Horses

- Class
151. Ages 16 and over
152. Ages 13 – 15
153. Ages 11 – 12
154. Ages 9 – 10

Ponies

- Class
161. Ages 13 and over
162. Ages 12 and under

SECTION 11 – WESTERN PLEASURE
Ribbons

Horses – All Types

- Class
171. Ages 16 and over
173. Ages 13 – 15
174. Ages 11 – 12
175. Ages 9 – 10

Ponies

- Class
181. Ages 13 and over
182. Ages 12 and under

SECTION 12 – WESTERN OR ENGLISH RIDING
PATTERN
Ribbons

Horses and Ponies – All Types Combined

- Class
191. Ages 13 and over
192. Ages 12 and under

SECTION 13 – DRIVER REINSMANSHIP CLASS
Ribbons

- Class
211. Driver Reinsmanship Class

SECTION 14– GYMKHANA
Ribbons

(Walk/Trot Riders may enter these classes, no cantering)
To Begin at 5:00 p.m.

Horses

- Class
221. Speed and Action – Ages 16 and over
222. Speed and Action – Ages 13 – 15
223. Speed and Action – Ages 11 – 12
224. Speed and Action – Ages 9 – 10
225. Pole Bending – Ages 16 and over
226. Pole Bending – Ages 13 – 15
227. Pole Bending – Ages 11 – 12
228. Pole Bending – Ages 9 – 10
229. U-Turn – Ages 16 and over
230. U-Turn – Ages 13 – 15
231. U-Turn – Ages 11 – 12
232. U-Turn – Ages 9 – 10

Ponies

- Class
241. Speed and Action – Ages 13 and over
242. Speed and Action – Ages 12 and under
243. Pole Bending – Ages 13 and over
244. Pole Bending – Ages 12 and under
245. U-Turn – Ages 13 and over
246. U-Turn – Ages 12 and under

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*****THURSDAY*****

SECTION 15 – WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP

Ribbons
Chaps are optional
Starting at 9:00 a.m.

Horses – All Types

Class
261. Ages 16 and over
263. Ages 13 – 15
264. Ages 11- 12
265. Ages 9 – 10

Ponies

Class
271. Ages 13 and over
272. Ages 12 and under

SECTION 16 – WALK/TROT EQUITATION

Ribbons

(Exhibitors entering in these classes will not be able to enter any classes requiring a canter)

Horses

Class
281. Ages 16 and over
282. Ages 13 – 15
283. Ages 11 – 12
284. Ages 9 – 10

Ponies

Class
291. Ages 13 and over
292. Ages 12 and under

SECTION 17 – ENGLISH EQUITATION

Ribbons

Horses – All Types – Hunt Seat

Class
301. Ages 16 and over
302. Ages 13 – 15
303. Ages 12 and under

Horses – All Types – Saddle Seat

Class
311. All Ages

Ponies – All English Seats

Class
316. Ages 13 and over
317. Ages 12 and under

SECTION 18 – PLEASURE DRIVING CLASS

Class
331. Pleasure Driving Class

SECTION 19 – GYMKHANA

Ribbons

(Walk/Trot Riders may enter these classes, no cantering)
To Begin at 5:00 p.m.

Horses

Class
341. Keyhole – Ages 16 and over
342. Keyhole – Ages 13 – 15
343. Keyhole – Ages 11 – 12
344. Keyhole – Ages 9 – 10
345. Big T – Ages 16 and over
346. Big T – Ages 13 – 15
347. Big T – Ages 11 – 12
348. Big T – Ages 9 – 10
349. Stake Race – Ages 16 and over
350. Stake Race – Ages 13 – 15
351. Stake Race – Ages 11 – 12
352. Stake Race – Ages 9 – 10

Ponies

Class
371. Keyhole – Ages 13 and over
372. Keyhole – Ages 12 and under
373. Big T – Ages 13 and over
374. Big T – Ages 12 and under
375. Stake Race – Ages 13 and over
376. Stake Race – Ages 12 and under

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SECTION 20 – Champion and Reserve Champion Awards

Gymkhana Horse

370. Champion and Reserve Champion – Ages 16 and over
Placing in this class will be based upon the combined performance in classes of section 5, 8, 14 & 19
371. Champion and Reserve Champion – Ages 13 – 15
Placing in this class will be based upon the combined performance in classes of section 5, 8, 14 & 19
372. Champion and Reserve Champion – Ages 11 – 12
Placing in this class will be based upon the combined performance in classes of section 5, 8, 14 & 19
373. Champion and Reserve Champion – Ages 9 - 10
Placing in this class will be based upon the combined performance in classes of section 5, 8, 14 & 19

Gymkhana Pony

377. Champion and Reserve Champion – Ages 13 and over
Placing in this class will be based upon the combined performance in classes of section 5, 8 14 & 19
378. Champion and Reserve Champion – Ages 12 and under
Placing in this class will be based upon the combined performance in classes of section 5, 8, 14 & 19

English Horse

380. Champion and Reserve Champion – Ages 16 and over
Placing in this class will be based upon the combined performance in classes of section 5, 6, 9, 12, & 17
381. Champion and Reserve Champion – Ages 13 – 15
Placing in this class will be based upon the combined performance in classes of section 5, 6, 9, 12, & 17
382. Champion and Reserve Champion – Ages 11 - 12
Placing in this class will be based upon the combined performance in classes of section 5, 6, 9, 12 & 17
383. Champion and Reserve Champion – Ages 9 - 10
Placing in this class will be based upon the combined performance in classes of section 5, 6, 9, 12 & 17

English Pony

387. Champion and Reserve Champion – Ages 13 and over
Placing in this class will be based upon the combined performance in classes of section 5, 6, 9, 12 & 17
388. Champion and Reserve Champion – Ages 12 and under
Placing in this class will be based upon the combined performance in classes of section 5, 6, 9, 12 & 17

Western Horse

390. Champion and Reserve Champion – Ages 16 and over
Placing in this class will be based upon the combined performance in classes of section 7, 9, 11, 12, & 15
391. Champion and Reserve Champion – Ages 13 – 15
Placing in this class will be based upon the combined performance in classes of section 7, 9, 11, 12, & 15
392. Champion and Reserve Champion – Ages 11 - 12
Placing in this class will be based upon the combined performance in classes of section 7, 9, 11, 12, & 15
393. Champion and Reserve Champion – Ages 9 - 10
Placing in this class will be based upon the combined performance in classes of section 7, 9, 11, 12, & 15

Western Pony

397. Champion and Reserve Champion – Ages 13 and over
Placing in this class will be based upon the combined performance in classes of section 7, 9, 11, 12, & 15
398. Champion and Reserve Champion – Ages 12 and under
Placing in this class will be based upon the combined performance in classes of section 7, 9, 11, 12, & 15

*****FRIDAY*****

**SECTION 21 – WALK/TROT CHAMPIONSHIP
Hildabride's Fallen Equine Memorial
Dedicated to everyone's special departed equine & our
"fannie girl"
Beginning at 9:00 a.m.**

Horse (1st and 2nd place from classes 151, 152, 153, 154, 281, 282, 283 & 284 to compete)

Class

411. Champion and Reserve Champion – Ages 13 and over
412. Champion and Reserve Champion – Ages 12 and under

Pony (1st and 2nd place from classes 161, 162, 291 & 292 to compete)

Class

416. Champion and Reserve Champion – All Ages

SECTION 22 – YOUTH VERSATILITY

Awards donated by Joe and Diane Newman

(4-H Exhibitors ages 12 years and under as of January 1st of the current year, who placed first through sixth in Sections 1, 5, 9, 11, 12, 15 & 17. This class will be evaluated on Fitting & Showmanship, Pleasure and Equitation (Horsemanship))

Class

426. Youth Versatility

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SECTION 23 – TRAIL CLASS

Ribbons

(Exhibitors will compete in a trail class pattern. Types of obstacles could include bridge, mail box, raised and lowered logs, cones, chalk, etc.)

Horses and Ponies – All Types – Combined

Class

431. Hand Trail Class for all Horses and Ponies – All Ages

432. Walk/Trot Trail Class – Ages 13 and over

433. Walk/Trot Trail Class – Ages 12 and under

434. Horse & Pony Trail Class – Ages 16 and over

435. Horse & Pony Trail Class – Ages 13 – 15

436. Horse & Pony Trail Class – 11 – 12

437. Horse & Pony Trail Class – 9 – 10

*****SATURDAY*****

8:30 A.M. – LIVESTOCK SWEEPSTAKES

FOLLOWING SWEEPSTAKES
SECTION 24 - COSTUME FUN CLASS

(Exhibitors will dress themselves and their horses in costumes and provide a short paragraph describing their costume)

Class

471. Costume Fun Class