

DEPARTMENT 16
SADDLE HORSES & PONIES
Superintendent- Kelsie Newman (517) 614-5761
Assistant Superintendent- Todd Aves (517) 420-2916

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. 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 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. Only 4-H members are eligible to exhibit in the state 4-H show. 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 a registered Eaton County 4-H 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. Clubs or 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 animal 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 will attain as of January 1st of the current calendar year. Animal's age for showing to be as 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 Monday at 10:00 a.m. 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 a 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.

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HORSE AND PONY SHOW SCHEDULE

21. Exhibits 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 8:00 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 clubs 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 club or 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 second horse is \$50.
 - d. Must state on June 1st form which horse you are taking to state show.
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.

Monday	
9:00 a.m.	Leader's Meeting
10:00 a.m.	Draft Horse Decorating Class
11:00 a.m.	Halter
Followed by	Fitting & Showmanship
Followed by	PeeWee/ Proud Equestrians
4:30 p.m.	Gymkhana Warm-Up
5:00 p.m.	Gymkhana
Tuesday	
9:00 a.m.	English Pleasure
Followed by	English Equitation
Followed by	Western Pleasure
Followed by	Western Horsemanship
4:30 p.m.	Gymkhana Warm-Up
5:00 p.m.	Gymkhana
Wednesday	
9:00 a.m.	Bareback Equitation
Followed by	Basic Riding Pattern Walk/Trot
Followed by	Ranch Riding Pattern
Followed by	Reining Pattern
Followed by	Driving Classes
4:30 p.m.	Gymkhana Warm-Up
5:00 p.m.	Gymkhana
Thursday	
9:00 a.m.	Walk/Trot Championship
Followed by	Youth Versatility
Followed by	Crandell Memorial
Followed by	Trail Class
Friday	
TBD	Fun events
3:00 p.m.	Costume Class
5:00 p.m.	Overall High Point Awards
Saturday	
8:30 a.m.	Large Animal Livestock Sweepstakes

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*****MONDAY*****

Meeting at horse arena at 9 a.m.

SECTION 1- DRAFT HORSE DECORATING

Ribbons

Starting at 10 a.m.

1. Draft Horse Decorating class

SECTION 2- HALTER

Ribbons

Starting at 11 a.m.

(Not eligible for Thursday's championship classes)

Horses

Class

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

Championship

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

Class

7. Champion and reserve champion

Pony and Miniature Horses

Class

8. All Miniature Horses
9. All Ponies

Championship

(1st and 2nd place winners from miniature horses and pony halter classes)

Class

10. Champion and Reserve Champion

SECTION 3- FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP

Ribbons

Horses, Ponies, and Miniature Horses combined

Class

11. Draft Horse Showmanship- All Ages
12. Ages 16 and over
13. Ages 13-15
14. Ages 11-12

15. Ages 8-10

16. Champion and Reserve Champion- Draft Horse All Ages

17. Champion and Reserve Champion- Ages 13 & over

18. 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 Shultz.

Class

19. Grand and Reserve Showman

SECTION 4

PEE WEE

PROUD EATON COUNTY EQUESTRIAN RIDERS

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. Exhibitor must be accompanied by parent/guardian or exhibitor whose horse/pony is being used as long as parent/guardian is in the ring. A cowboy hat or helmet is required during showmanship. Helmets must be worn during pleasure and gymkhana classes.

20. Showmanship pee wee & proud equestrians with appropriate spotters and assistants
21. Pleasure pee wee & proud equestrians WALK ONLY with appropriate spotters and assistants
22. Gymkhana pee wee & proud equestrians walk/trot with appropriate spotters and assistants

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**SECTION 5- GYMKHANA
RIBBONS**

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To begin at 5:00 p.m.

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

*****TUESDAY*****

**SECTION 6- ENGLISH PLEASURE
Ribbons**

**Horses and ponies combined
Starting at 9:00 a.m.**

Hunt Seat

Class

41. Ages 16 and over
42. Ages 13-15
43. Ages 11-12
44. Ages 8-10

Saddle Seat

Class

45. All Ages

WALK/TROT ENGLISH PLEASURE

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

46. Ages 13 and over
47. Ages 12 and under

**SECTION 7- ENGLISH EQUITATION
Horses and ponies combined
Ribbons**

Hunt Seat

Class

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

Saddle Seat

Class

52. All Ages

WALK/ TROT ENGLISH EQUITATION

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

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

**SECTION 8- WESTERN PLEASURE
Horses and ponies combined
Ribbons**

Class

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

WALK/ TROT WESTERN PLEASURE

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

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

**SECTION 9- WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP
Ribbons**

Horses and ponies combined

Class

61. Ages 16 and over
62. Ages 13-15
63. Ages 11-12
64. Ages 8-10

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WALK/ TROT WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP

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

- 65. Ages 13 & over
- 66. Ages 12 & under

**SECTION 10- GYMKHANA
Ribbons**

(Walk/trot riders may enter these classes, no cantering)

To begin at 5:00 p.m.

Class

- 67. Horse Cloverleaf Barrel Race ages 16 and over
- 68. Horse Cloverleaf Barrel Race ages 13-15
- 69. Horse Cloverleaf Barrel Race ages 11-12
- 70. Horse Cloverleaf Barrel Race ages 8-10
- 71. Pony Cloverleaf Barrel Race ages 13 and over
- 72. Pony Cloverleaf Barrel Race ages 12 and under
- 73. Horse Indiana Flag Race ages 16 and over
- 74. Horse Indiana Flag Race ages 13-15
- 75. Horse Indiana Flag Race ages 11-12
- 76. Horse Indiana Flag Race ages 8-10
- 77. Pony Indiana Flag Race ages 13 and over
- 78. Pony Indiana Flag Race ages 12 and under
- 79. Horse Butterfly Pole Race ages 16 and over
- 80. Horse Butterfly Pole Race ages 13-15
- 81. Horse Butterfly Pole Race ages 11-12
- 82. Horse Butterfly Pole Race ages 8-10
- 83. Pony Butterfly Pole Race ages 13 and over
- 84. Pony Butterfly Pole Race ages 12 and under
- 85. Horse Gymkhana ages 16 and over
- 86. Horse Gymkhana ages 13-15
- 87. Horse Gymkhana ages 11-12
- 88. Horse Gymkhana ages 8-10
- 89. Pony Gymkhana ages 13 and over
- 90. Pony Gymkhana ages 12 and under

*****WEDNESDAY*****

SECTION 11- BAREBACK EQUITATION

Ribbons

Horses and ponies combined

Starting at 9:00 a.m.

Class

- 91. Ages 16 and over
- 92. Ages 13-15
- 93. Ages 11-12
- 94. Ages 8-10

WALK/ TROT BAREBACK EQUITATION

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

- 95. Ages 13 & over
- 96. 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

Class

- 97. Ages 13 and over
- 98. Ages 12 and under

SECTION 13- RANCH RIDING PATTERN

Horses and ponies combined

Ribbons

- 99. Ages 16 and over
- 100. Ages 13-15
- 101. Ages 11-12
- 102. Ages 8-10

SECTION 14- REINING PATTERN

Ribbons

Horses and ponies combined

Class

- 103. Ages 16 and over
- 104. Ages 13-15
- 105. Ages 11-12
- 106. Ages 8-10

SECTION 15- DRIVING

Horses and ponies combined

Ribbons

Class

- 107. Pleasure Driving Class- All Ages
- 108. Obstacle Course

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SECTION 16- GYMKHANA

Ribbons

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To begin at 5:00 p.m.

- 109. Horse Keyhole ages 16 and over
- 110. Horse Keyhole ages 13-15
- 111. Horse Keyhole ages 11-12
- 112. Horse Keyhole ages 8-10
- 113. Pony Keyhole ages 13 and over
- 114. Pony Keyhole ages 12 and under
- 115. Horse Big T ages 16 and over
- 116. Horse Big T ages 13-15
- 117. Horse Big T ages 11-12
- 118. Horse Big T ages 8-10
- 119. Pony Big T ages 13 and over
- 120. Pony Big T ages 12 and under
- 121. Horse Stake Race ages 16 and over
- 122. Horse Stake Race ages 13-15
- 123. Horse Stake Race ages 11-12
- 124. Horse Stake Race ages 8-10
- 125. Pony Stake Race ages 13 and over
- 126. Pony Stake Race ages 12 and under

*****THURSDAY****

Beginning at 9:00 a.m.

SECTION 17- WALK/TROT CHAMPIONSHIP

Horses and ponies combined

(Exhibitors who placed first through sixth in walk/trot pleasure classes)

- 127. Champion and Reserve Champion ages 13 and over
- 128. Champion and Reserve Champion ages 12 and under

SECTION 18- YOUTH VERSATILITY CHAMPIONSHIP

(Exhibitors in the walk/trot/canter pleasure classes who placed first through sixth)

- 129. Youth Versatility ages 12 and under
Awards sponsored by Diana Newman
- 130. Youth Versatility ages 13 and over
Awards sponsored by Duane and Laurie Haring

SECTION 19- DARRELL A. CRANDELL MEMORIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Class

- 131. Exhibitors ages 12 years and under as of January 1st of the current year who placed first through sixth throughout the week in their gymkhana classes.

SECTION 20- GYMKHANA CHAMPIONSHIP AGES 13 & OVER

Beginning at 1:00 p.m.

- 132. Exhibitors ages 13 years and older as of January 1st of the current year who places first through sixth throughout the week in their gymkhana classes.

SECTION 21- TRAIL CLASS

Horses and ponies combined

Ribbons

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

Class

- 133. In-Hand Trail Class- All Ages
- 134. Walk/Trot Trail Class ages 13 and over
- 135. Walk/Trot Trail Class ages 12 and under
- 136. Trail Class ages 16 and over
- 137. Trail Class 13-15
- 138. Trail Class 11-12
- 139. Trail Class 8-10

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*****FRIDAY*****

✓ **We will do some fun events during the day-
TBD**

SECTION 22- COSTUME FUN CLASS

To begin at 3 p.m.

(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.)

Class

140. Costume Fun Class

**SECTION 23- OVERALL HIGH POINT AWARDS
AWARDS PRESENTED IN THE MAIN ARENA AT
5 PM**

Gymkhana Horse

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

- 141. Champion and Reserve Champion ages 16 and over
- 142. Champion and Reserve Champion ages 13-15
- 143. Champion and Reserve Champion ages 11-12
- 144. Champion and Reserve Champion ages 8-10

Gymkhana Pony

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

- 145. Champion and Reserve Champion ages 13 and over
- 146. Champion and Reserve Champion ages 12 and under

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)

- 147. Champion and Reserve Champion ages 16 and over
- 148. Champion and Reserve Champion ages 13-15
- 149. Champion and Reserve Champion ages 11-12
- 150. 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)

- 151. Champion and Reserve Champion ages 16 and over
- 152. Champion and Reserve Champion ages 13-15
- 153. Champion and Reserve Champion ages 11-12
- 154. Champion and Reserve Champion ages 8-10

Draft Horse

- 155. Champion and Reserve Champion All Ages

Most Versatile Horse

Same horse and rider competed in the pleasure classes and gymkhana classes.

- 156. All Ages- Walk Trot
- 157. All Ages- Walk Trot Canter

Most Versatile Rider

Rider is age 13 or older and brought two horses to the fair. One horse competed in pleasure, one horse competed in gymkhana.

- 158. All Ages- Walk Trot
- 159. All Ages- Walk Trot Canter

*****SATURDAY*****

**Beginning at 8:30 a.m.
LARGE ANIMAL SWEEPSTAKES**