

Horse

Premium: P = \$5.00 B = \$4.00 R = \$3.00 W = \$2.00

For State Fair 4-H information see <https://4h.unl.edu/horse>.

To be eligible, youth must ID horses, register, and complete appropriate Levels testing by June 1st of the current year.

Rules

- A. Horses must be properly identified on the Cherry County Horse ID form found at <https://extension.unl.edu/F29777%20Horse%20ID%20new.pdf>. The Id Form must be signed and turned in to the Extension Office by June 1st of the current year.
- B. Pre-entry for the County 4-H Horse Show in August is required – Look at the horse packet for the July entry deadline.
- C. Level Completion Requirements for Cherry County Fair – Check deadlines in Horse Packet. (This may be different for District & State competitions). Youths ages 8-18 currently enrolled in Horse are eligible to exhibit in the Horse Project.

To Compete	Level that Must Be Completed
Junior Riding Events	Level I
Intermediate or Senior Riding Events, All Roping Events & Ranch Horse Pleasure	Levels I & II
2 – 3 Year Old Western Pleasure	Levels I, II, & III
Showing at Halter	Level I written test only

- D. All horses turn one year old as of January 1, regardless of the foaling date. Junior horses are those 4 years old and younger, while those 5 years old and older are Senior Horses.
- E. Only purple ribbons are eligible for trophy awards.
- F. Exhibitors can only show in each class once.
- G. A horse may not be used twice in the same division (for example – brother and sister may not use the same horse for showmanship or a trail division).
- H. Dress Code Requirements – will be described on page 23 of the Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide.
- I. A white ribbon will be awarded for a no time in poles, barrels, and break-away.
- J. Horses that kick or have the potential to kick at other people or other horses should be identified by placing a yellow ribbon on the base of the horse's tail.
- K. Participants entering speed events must also be entered in a performance or halter class.

- L. Age Divisions: it is the discretion of the Horse Committee to determine if there will be two or three age divisions.

Showmanship – See “Showmanship Rules” on page 33 of the 2023 Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide. Downloadable for \$3.50 from <https://marketplace.unl.edu/ne4h/4-h-horse-show-and-judging-guide-digital.html>.

Class

6001L – Senior Showmanship

6003L – Intermediate Showmanship

6004L – Junior Showmanship

Western Pleasure

Horses exhibited in “Western Pleasure” are not eligible for “Ranch Pleasure”.

Class

6161L – Western Pleasure Senior Rider

6163L – Western Pleasure Intermediate Rider

6162L – Western Pleasure Junior Rider

6165L – 2-3 Year Old Western Pleasure – 4-H member must use a snaffle bit, bosal, or hackamore in this class – please note that this is different from the Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide. NOTE: Horses shown in 2-3 Year Old Western Pleasure are not eligible for any other Pleasure classes (Level III rider required).

Ranch Riding (Level III Rider Required)

Class

6123L - Senior Ranch Riding

6124L - Intermediate Ranch Riding

Western Horsemanship

Class

6361L – Senior Western Horsemanship

6363L – Intermediate Western Horsemanship

6362L – Junior Western Horsemanship

Reining

Class

6461L – Reining – Senior Rider

6463L – Reining – Intermediate Rider

6462L – Reining – Junior Rider

Pole Bending

Class

6561L – Senior Pole Bending

6563L – Intermediate Pole Bending

6562L – Junior Pole Bending

Barrel Racing

Class

6661L – Senior Barrel Racing

6663L – Intermediate Barrel Racing

6664L – Junior Barrel Racing

Trail

Class

6861L – Trail – Senior Rider

6863L – Trail – Intermediate Rider

6862L – Trail – Junior Rider

Halter

Class

6961L – Halter – Yearling and 2 year old fillies and geldings

6962L – Halter – 3 & 4 year old mare and geldings

6963L – Halter – 5 & Up – Aged mare

6964L – Halter – 5 & Up – Aged gelding

English Pleasure

Class

7163L – English Pleasure – All ages. English Tack is required – English attire is not required.

Roping (Level II Required)

There is a \$10 stock charge (\$15 IF ENTERING TWO STOCK CLASSES)

Class

7561L – Senior Break-Away Roping

7563L – Intermediate Break-Away Roping

Ranch Pleasure

Horses exhibited in “Ranch Pleasure” are not eligible for “Western Pleasure”.

Class

7961L – Senior Ranch Pleasure

7963L – Intermediate Ranch Pleasure

7962L – Junior Ranch Pleasure

Working Ranch Horse

There is a \$10 stock charge (\$15 IF ENTERING TWO STOCK CLASSES)

Class

7661L – Senior Rider

7663L – Intermediate Rider

7662L – Junior Rider

Most Versatile Horse Award

Class

7761L – To qualify for the Most Versatile Horse Award, a horse must be entered in a minimum of one (1) halter, one (1) performance, and one (1) speed event, with any combination of riders meeting ID requirements. One horse per exhibitor may be entered. Showmanship is not considered a halter event in this class. The horse must be entered in Most Versatile Horse on the County Fair form. Each horse will receive a number at check-in on show day and any horse not numbered will not be considered for the award.

- Points: 3 Points – 1st Place Purple Ribbon in Class
- 2 Points – Purple Ribbon (Excluding First Place)
- 1 Point – Blue Ribbon
- 0 Points – Red Ribbon or White Ribbon

Most Versatile Horse–Class Qualifiers		
Performance Classes	Halter Classes	Speed Classes
English Pleasure	Halter – Yearling & 2 year old	Pole Bending
Western Pleasure	3 & 4 Year Old	Barrel Racing
Trail	Aged Mare & Aged Gelding	Break-Away Roping
Working Ranch Horse		
Reining		

The Tie Breaker will be:

- a. The horse with the most purple placings.
- b. The horse with the fewest classes entered.

Special Awards

Hollers Memorial Reining Trophy

The top horse in each reining class will return to compete for the Hollers Memorial Traveling Trophy. Instruction for the competition will be at the Judge’s discretion.

Kenny Wheeler Horsemanship Award

Open to all exhibitors regardless of age. This is by invitation only at the Judge’s discretion. The judge will choose a pattern or other requirements.