

DEPARTMENT H – HORSE

AWARDS	Purple	Blue	Red	White
	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00

HORSE RESOURCES

2023 Nebraska 4-H Horse Show & Judging Guide (rulebook that shows will abide by):

<https://marketplace.unl.edu/extension/catalogsearch/result/?q=Horse+Judging+Guide>

4-H Horse Project Member Manual: <https://marketplace.unl.edu/ne4h/horsemanual.html>

4-H Horse Project Advancement Level: <https://marketplace.unl.edu/ne4h/4-h-horse-project-advancement-level.html>

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

JUNE 15

- **Enroll in 4-H** at v2.4honline.com
- **Select Projects**

JULY 1

- **FAIR ENTRIES and Horsemanship Level Tests DUE.** Any entries submitted July 2-5 will pay a \$10 late fee per horse, and no entries will be accepted after that. Entry forms are available at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/centralsandhills/2025-fair-book-for-central-sandhills-area/>
- **Horse ID's DUE.** No horse ID's will be rolled over this year. Everyone must submit new horse IDs for each horse they will be showing. Members going to the state horse show will need IDs turned in June 1st. Any ID's submitted July 2-5 will pay a \$10 late fee per horse.

AUG 1

- **Horse Advancement Levels due to the office.** If your show is before August 1st, they are due the day of the show.

GENERAL RULES

To exhibit at county fair, youth are required to complete and pass the skills (riding) test for 4-H Horsemanship Advancement Level 1. To fully complete the Horsemanship Advancement Level 1, the 4-Her would need to complete a demonstration, written examination, and skills test. Youth that want to compete in 4-H roping classes must complete all components of horse levels 1 **and** 2. More information on the horsemanship levels can be found at 4h.unl.edu/horse-advancement.

Horse ID's may be checked before the beginning of the show.

Show Superintendents reserve the right to combine age divisions to be judged together if a class has three kids or less. Combined classes will be announced before the show. All exhibitor age groups will show together in Halter Classes.

A horse can be used in in all classes by more than one 4-H member if the horse is properly identified to each member and is SHOWN IN DIFFERENT AGE DIVISIONS.

NOTE: Clover Kids (5-7) may not participate in the Horse project in any capacity. The 4-H Policy and Procedure Handbook (<https://4h.unl.edu/policy-handbook>) states horse projects are not appropriate for the Clover Kid age group.

High point for each county fair horse show will be calculated as follows: purple ribbons will be worth 4 points, blue worth 3 points, red worth 2 points, and white worth 1 point. Placing in Western Horsemanship will break any ties. If a second tiebreaker is needed, Showmanship will be used. Only one pleasure (western, pony, futurity) class will be counted towards high point with preference given to western pleasure first. Hippology test must be completed to be eligible for high point.

Only 4-H exhibitors signed up to show at the fair are allowed to be on the horses exhibited at the 4-H horse show.

AGE DIVISIONS (4-H Age)

Junior: 8-10 years

Intermediates: 11-13 years

Seniors: 14-18 years

CLASSES - This list is not show order, each county superintendent will determine show order. Please consult the 2023 Nebraska 4-H Horse Show & Judging Guide for rules about specific classes.

G660001L Junior Horse Showmanship

G660002L Intermediate Horse Showmanship

G660003L Senior Horse Showmanship

G650001L Pony Pleasure (Under 14.2 hands)

G651001L Junior Western Pleasure

G651002L Intermediate Western Pleasure

G651003L Senior Western Pleasure

G651004L 2–3-Year-Old Futurity

G651005L 3–4-Year-Old Return Futurity

G652001L Junior Western Horsemanship

G652002L Intermediate Western Horsemanship

G652003L Senior Western Horsemanship

G653001L Junior Reining- Youth may exhibit in Ranch Riding **OR** Reining but not in both classes.

G653002L Intermediate Reining- Youth may exhibit in Ranch Riding **OR** Reining but not in both classes.

G653003L Senior Reining- Youth may exhibit in Ranch Riding **OR** Reining but not in both classes.

G653004L Green Horse Reining (Horse 4 years old or younger) - Youth may exhibit in Ranch Riding **OR** Reining but not in both classes.

G654001L Junior Pole Bending

G654002L Intermediate Pole Bending

G654003L Senior Pole Bending

G655001L Junior Barrel Racing

G655002L Intermediate Barrel Racing

G655003L Senior Barrel Racing

G656001L Junior Trail

G656002L Intermediate Trail

G656003L Senior Trail

CLASSES - HIPPOLOGY

G658001L Junior Hippology Contest

G658002L Intermediate Hippology Contest

G658003L Senior Hippology Contest

LEVEL 1 CLASSES - To fully complete the Horsemanship Advancement Level 1, the 4-Her needs to complete a demonstration, written exam, and skills (riding) test. Youth that want to compete in 4-H roping classes must complete all components of horse levels 1 **and** 2. More information on the horsemanship levels can be found at: <https://4h.unl.edu/statewide-events-opportunities/horse-program/horsemanship-advancement/>. Inquire with your county 4-H horse leader to see if this event will be offered at the horse show.

G656005L Junior Working Ranch Horse

G656006L Intermediate Working Ranch Horse

G656007L Senior Working Ranch Horse

G664001 Junior Dummy Roping

G664002 Intermediate Dummy Roping

G664003 Senior Dummy Roping

G665004 Ranch Riding- Youth may exhibit in Ranch Riding **OR** Reining but not in both classes.

LEVEL 2 CLASSES - To fully complete Level 2, the 4-Her needs to complete a demonstration, written report, feed chart, written exam, and skills (riding) test. Youth that want to compete in 4-H roping classes must complete all components of horse levels 1 **and** 2. More information on the horsemanship levels can be found at: <https://4h.unl.edu/statewide-events-opportunities/horse-program/horsemanship-advancement/>. Inquire with your county 4-H horse leader to see if this event will be offered at the horse show.

G661001 Junior Boxing

G661002 Intermediate Boxing

G661003 Senior Boxing

G662001 Junior Breakaway Roping

G662002 Intermediate Breakaway Roping

G662003 Senior Breakaway Roping

G663001 Junior Heading

G663002 Intermediate Heading

G663003 Senior Heading

G663004 Junior Heeling

G663005 Intermediate Heeling

G663006 Senior Heeling

HALTER – BLAINE-THOMAS & HOOKER COUNTIES ONLY. Horses can only be shown in one class. Halter classes do not count towards high-point awards.

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	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00

CLASSES - HALTER

G657001L Pony Halter (Under 14.2 hands)

G657002L Two and Under Fillies

G657005L Aged Mares

G657006L Two and Under Geldings

G657009L Aged Geldings

CLASSES - HORSE EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT (judged with static entries)

AWARDS	Purple	Blue	Red	White
	\$2.00	\$1.50	\$1.00	\$0.50

G659001L EQUINE EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT - An educational display will show something you learned in the project. It can be either vertical or horizontal, not to exceed 14" x 22" or, if a table display, a space not to exceed 24" deep x 24" high x 24" long. Pictures, drawings, short narrations, actual products, models, pictures, posters, etc. may be used. Only one (1) educational display per project may be exhibited. **MAY BE ON ANY PROJECT FOR WHICH THERE ARE NO EXHIBITS LISTED IN PREMIUM BOOK.**