

Division - BEEF

Each exhibitor may show FIVE **ANIMALS plus one cow/calf pair and pen of 3**. Each exhibitor may only show in ONE showmanship class. A class must have three entries, or several classes will be combined for show competition. The use of BLOCKING CHUTES will be allowed providing they are in the specified area and all grooming is done by the exhibitor.

AGE FOR ALL CLASSES IS BY JAN 1 OF CURRENT YEAR

SHOWMANSHIP Class - COUNTY ONLY

- **Z999-400 - Cloverkid (5-7 yrs old)**
- **Z-010-001 – JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP (8-9 YRS OLD)**
- **Z-010-002 – INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP (10-13 YRS OLD)**
- **Z-010-003 – SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP (14-18 YRS OLD)**

Beef Breeding Heifers Class - COUNTY ONLY

Angus

- Z-012-001** Spring yearling heifers
Z-012-002 Fall yearling heifers (Bred but not calved yet)
Z-012-003 Spring Heifer Calves
Z-012-003 Fall Heifer Calves

Hereford and Polled Hereford

- Z-013-001** Spring yearling heifers
Z-013-002 Fall yearling heifers
Z-013-003 Spring Heifer Calves
Z-013-004 Fall Heifer Calves

Charolais

- Z-014-001** Spring yearling heifers
Z-014-002 Fall yearling heifers
Z-014-003 Spring Heifer Calves
Z-014-004 Fall Heifer Calves

Red Angus

- Z-015-001** Spring yearling heifers
Z-015-002 Fall yearling heifers
Z-015-003 Spring Heifer Calves
Z-015-004 Fall Heifer Calves

Foundation Simmental

- Z-015-001** Spring yearling heifers
Z-015-002 Fall yearling heifers
Z-015-003 Spring Heifer Calves
Z-015-004 Fall Heifer Calves

Simmental

- Z-016-001** Spring yearling heifers
Z-016-002 Fall yearling heifers
Z-016-003 Spring Heifer Calves
Z-016-004 Fall Heifer Calves

Commercial

- Z-017-001** Spring yearling heifers
Z-017-002 Fall yearling heifers
Z-017-003 Spring Heifer Calves
Z-017-004 Fall Heifer Calves

Other Registered Breeds

Z-018-001 Spring yearling heifers

Z-018-002 Fall yearling heifers

Z-018-003 Spring Heifer Calves

Z-018-004 Fall Heifer Calves

COUNTY ONLY - ANY BREED

Z-011-903 - COW/CALF PAIR - 4-H members who were enrolled in the Breeding Beef project are eligible to show a cow and her calf. Limit of 1 cow/calf pair.

Z-011-904 - PEN OF 3 - Three steers or heifers to be shown as a group of three. Animals will be shown in pens and judged on uniformity, conformation, and personal interview of 4-Her with the judge. Pen of three animals need not be owned personally by the 4-Her but must be cared for partially by 4-Her

COUNTY ONLY will be judged 50% showmanship - 50% on interview with the judge

Market Beef Class

***G011030 - Hereford or Polled Hereford Steers**

***G011010 - Angus Steers**

***G011020 - Shorthorn Steers**

***Z0011021 – Simmental**

***Z0011022 – All Other Breeds**

***G011040 – Crossbred Steers**

***G011050 - Market Heifers**

Market Feeder Calf Class

***G009010 - Feeder Steer**

***G009020 - Feeder Heifer**

Z011902 – Bucket Calf (april to may birth)

Minimum Age Requirements – All market feeder calves are required to be born between January 1, 2023 through June 2023.

Division - DAIRY CATTLE (COUNTY ONLY)

Dairy exhibitors will be limited to a total of 5 animals. There must be at least 3 entries per class or the classes will be combined. No limit as to number of entries per class. Member may receive a limit of 6 premiums (seven if herd is shown).

Class – Dairy Cattle

Z-011-005– JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP (8-9 YRS OLD BY JAN 1 OF CURRENT YEAR)

Z-011-006 - INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP - Age 10-13 as of JAN 1 OF CURRENT YEAR

Z-011-007 - SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP - Age 14 or over as of JAN 1 OF CURRENT YEAR

Z-011-008 - JUNIOR animals (less than 1 year old)

Z-011-009 – SENIOR animals (older than 1 year old)

Class - Breeding Meat Goat

*G059010 Registered (ABGA) Yearling Does - (Does Born 9/1/2021 to 8/31/2022). Does born prior to 9/1/2021 are ineligible to show. Percentage and purebreds show together.

*G059020 Registered (ABGA) Doe Kids - (Does Born 9/1/2022 to 6/1/2023). Percentage and purebreds show together.

*G059030 Commercial Yearling Does - (Does born 9/1/2021 to 8/31/2022). Does born prior to 9/1/2021 are ineligible to show.

*G059040 Commercial Doe Kids - (Does Born 9/1/2022 to 6/1/2023)

Breeding Meat Goat Identification

Class - Meat Goat Showmanship

Z-059-010 Cloverkid showmanship age 5-7

Z-059-011 – junior showmanship age 8-9 as Jan 1 of current year

*G058008 Intermediate Showmanship 10-13 years old before January 1 of the current year

*G058009 Senior Showmanship - 14-18 years old before January 1 of the current year

Class - Market Meat Goat

*Z058010 Market Doe Divided by Weight

*Z058011 Market Wether Divided by Weight

Division – Sheep

Class - Breeding Ewes

Ewe Lambs (Born 9/1/2022 and after)

*G032020 – All Wool Breeds

*G032040 – Dorset Ewes

*G032060 – Hampshire Ewes

*G032080 – Southdown Ewes

*G032100 – Suffolk Ewes

*G032120 – All Other Registered

Meat Breeds

*G032140 – Commercial Meat Breeds

Yearling Ewes (Born 9/1/2021 to 8/31/2022)

*G032021 – All Wool Breeds

*G032041 – Dorset Ewes

*G032061 – Hampshire Ewes

*G032081 – Southdown Ewes

*G032101 – Suffolk Ewes

*G032121 – All Other Registered

Meat Breeds

*G032141 – Commercial Meat Breeds

Class - Market Lamb

*G031010 – Dorset Market Lambs

*G031020 – Hampshire Market Lambs

*G031030 – Natural Color Market Lambs

*G031040 – Southdown Market Lambs

*G031050 – Suffolk Market Lambs

*G031060 – White Face Influence Market Lambs

*G031080 – AOP (All Other Purebred) Market Lambs

*G031070 - Crossbred Market Lambs

Class - Sheep Showmanship

Z-030-009 Cloverkid Showmanship (5-7 years old by Jan 1 of current year)

Z-030-010– junior showmanship (8-9 YRS OLD BY JAN 1 OF CURRENT YEAR)

*G030010 Intermediate Showmanship (10-13 years old before January 1 of the current year)

*G030011 Senior Showmanship (14-18 years old before January 1 of the current year)

Division - Swine

Breeding Gilt Class

Purebred

*G037001 - Purebred Berkshire Breeding Gilts

*G037002 - Purebred Chester White Breeding Gilts

*G037003 - Purebred Duroc Breeding Gilts

*G037004 - Purebred Hampshire Breeding Gilts

*G037005 - Purebred Hereford Breeding Gilts

*G037006 - Purebred Poland China Breeding Gilts

*G037007 - Purebred Spotted Breeding Gilts

*G037008 - Purebred Yorkshire Breeding Gilts

*G037009 - Purebred All Other Breeds (AOB) Breeding Gilts

Crossbred

*G037010 - Crossbred Breeding Gilts

Market Swine Class

Purebred

*G036001 – Berkshire

*G036002 - Chester White

*G036003 – Duroc

*G036004 - Hampshire

*G036005 – Hereford

*G036006 - Poland China

*G036007 - Spotted Swine

*G036008 - Yorkshire

*G036009 - All Other Breeds Crossbred

*G035010 - Crossbred Market Gilts

*G035020 - Crossbred Market Barrows

Class - Swine Showmanship COUNTY ONLY

- Z-035-006 Cloverkid Showmanship (5to 7 years old by jan 1 of current year)
 Z-035-007 – JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP (8-9 YRS OLD BY JAN 1 OF CURRENT YEAR)
 *G035008 - Intermediate Showmanship - (10-13 years old before January 1 of the current year)
 *G035009 - Senior Showmanship - (14-18 years old before January 1 of the current year)

- Z-035-001 - BREEDING GILT
 Z-035-002 - PEN OF THREE FEEDER PIGS

Best Dressed Animal – County only

Z111999 – any livestock animal that you have shown at Fair can participate in the best dressed contest. Cloverkid, Junior, Intermediate & Seniors all compete as one class.

Commercial breed rabbits will be divided into the following three age divisions:

- ****Z08997 Junior – Six months old and younger.
 ****Z08998 Intermediate – Six months old to eight months old.
 ****Z08999 Senior – Over eight months old.

Division - Small Animal Show

Class - Showmanship Rabbit

- Z080067 – Cloverkid (5 to 7 yrs old)
 Z080068 - Junior
 Z080069 – Intermediate
 Z080070 – Senior

Class - Breeding: Fancy Breed Rabbit

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| *G080005 - American Fuzzy Lop | *G080006 - American Sable |
| *G080007 - Belgian Hare | *G080008 - Britannia Petite |
| *G080009 – Dutch | *G080010 - Dwarf Hotot |
| *G080011 - English Angora | *G080012 - English Spot |
| *G080013 - Florida White | *G080014 - French Angora |
| *G080015 – Harlequin | *G080016 – Havana |
| *G080017 – Himalayan | *G080018 - Jersey Woolie |
| *G080019 – Lilac | *G080020 - Holland Lop |
| *G080021 - Mini Lop | *G080022 - Mini Rex |
| *G080023 - Mini Satin | *G080024 - Netherland Dwarf |
| *G080025 – Polish | *G080026 – Rex |
| *G080027 – Rhinelander | *G080028 - Satin Angora |
| *G080029 – Silver | *G080030 - Silver Marten |
| *G080031 - Standard Chinchilla | *G080032 – Tan |
| *G080033 – Thrianta | *G080034 – Lionhead |
| *G080035 – Dwarf Papillion | |

Fancy breed rabbits will be divided into the following age divisions:
 Junior – Six months old and younger.

Senior – Over six months old.

Note: A Fancy Breed Rabbit that is exactly six months old on show day will be shown as a Junior Division rabbit. A Fancy Breed rabbit that is six months plus one day old on show day will be shown as a Senior Division Rabbit.

Age will be the age of the rabbit on show date.

Division breakdown will be by the age of the rabbit and not by the weight of the rabbit.

Class - Market Rabbit

*G080001 - **Single Fryer** - Not over 10 weeks of age. Minimum weight of 3 ½ pounds. Maximum weight of 5 ½ pounds.

*G080002 - **Meat Pen** - Age limit 10 weeks. Minimum weight 3 ½ pounds each. Maximum weight 5 ½ pounds each. Meat pens shall consist of three rabbits, all the same breed and variety. Broken group meat pens must

also be of the same variety. A meat pen does not necessarily have to come from the same litter.

*G080003 - **Roaster** – All rabbits entered in this class must be under 6 months of age. Minimum weight 5 ½ pounds. Maximum weight 9 pounds.

*G08004 - **Stewers** – All rabbits entered in this class must be 6 months of age and over. Minimum weight is over 8 pounds.

Division - Poultry

Class - Eggs

*G070015-One (1) dozen white eggs

*G070016-One (1) dozen brown eggs

*G070017-One (1) dozen other colored eggs

Rules

Eggs will be judged on shape, color, and weight uniformity. Please do not refrigerate eggs prior to checking in the eggs. 4-Hers are limited to exhibiting one (1) dozen of either brown, white or other colored eggs.

Class - Poultry Breed: Bantam

*G070007 - **Game Bantam (Modern and Old English)**

*G070008 - **Single Comb Clean Legged (Plymouth Rock, Leghorn, Japanese, Rhode Island Red, Orpingtons, New Hampshire)**

*G070009 - **Rose Comb Clean Legged (Rosecomb, Wyandotte, Sebright, Belgian Bearded D'Anver)**

*G070010 - **All Other Comb Clean Legged (Polish, Cornish, Houdan, Sumatra)**

*G070011 - **Feather Legged Class (Silkie, Cochin, Brahma, Belgian Bearded D'Uccle, Langshan)**

Class - Poultry Breed: Large Fowl

*G070001 - **American (Plymouth Rock, Jersey Giant, Wyandotte, New Hampshire Red, Rhode Island Red)**

*G070002 - **Asiatic (Cochin, Brahmas, Langshan)**

*G070003 - **English (Cornish, Orpington, Australorps, Sussex, Dorkings)**

*G070004 - **Mediterranean (Leghorn, Buttercup, Minorca)**

*G070005 - **Continental (Polish, Hamburg, Campines, Faverolles, Houdan)**

*G070006 - **All other Breeds (Naked Neck, Game, Sumatra, Araucanas, Ameraucanas)**

Class - Poultry Breed: Turkey

*G070018 - **Turkey**

Class - Poultry Breed: Waterfowl

*G070012 – **Ducks (all weight classes)**

*G070013 - **Geese (all weight classes)**

Class - Poultry Showmanship

Z-070-020 **Cloverkid Showmanship** (5 to 7 yrs old by jan 1 of current year)

Z-070-021 – **JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP** (8-9 YRS OLD BY JAN 1 OF CURRENT YEAR)

- *G070018 - Intermediate Showmanship (10-13 years old by January 1 of the current year)
- *G070019 - Senior Showmanship (14-18 years old by January 1 of the current year)

Class - Production Fowl

*G070014-Egg Production Trios - Find out how to care for poultry; Select breeding pens; Learn to process a chicken; Learn about poultry breeds; URL: https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/14

Division - Dog

Class - Dog Agility

***G702010 - Level 1: 6 Obstacles**

Procedure - Agility will follow those procedures and classes described in [Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 4H420](#). Refer to Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines to determine class entry and obstacles for each level of competition. Course maps will be made available and posted at time of show registration in designated area(s).

Agility Jump Heights – measure dogs at withers to determine jump height:

- Dogs 11 inches or less – 4 inches,
- Dogs over 11 inches up to and including 14 inches – 8 inches,
- Dogs over 14 inches up to and including 18 inches – 12 inches,
- Dogs over 18 inches – 16 inches.

Class - Dog Obedience – (since not going to State can we make these into easier classes to judge)

- *G701010 **Beginning Novice Division A** - exhibitor and dog are in first year of competition (started Dog Project after 10/1/2021). Exhibitors incorrectly entered will be moved to Beginning Novice Division B
- *G701020 **Beginning Novice Division B** - exhibitor or dog is beyond first year of competition.
- *G701025 **Beginning Novice Division C** - exhibitor and dog are beyond first year of competition.
- *G701030 **Novice A**– exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Beginning Novice and are in first year of Novice Class competition (started after 10/1/2021).
- *G701035 **Novice B** – exhibitor and dog are beyond first year of Novice Class competition.
- *G701040 **Graduate Novice** – exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Novice.
- *G701045 **Advanced Graduate Novice** – exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Graduate Novice.
- *G701050 **Open** – exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Adv. Graduate Novice
- *G701055 **Graduate Open** – exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Open
- *G701060 **Utility** – exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Graduate Open

Class- Dog Showmanship

- Z700018 – cloverkid (5 to 7)
- Z700019 – Junior (8 to 9)
- *G700020 - Intermediate Showmanship (10 – 13 year old)
- *G700030 - Senior Showmanship (14 – 18 year old)

Class - Other Pet or Small Animal - Find out what it costs to have a pet; Learn about animal

digestion; Learn to keep a pet healthy; Consider career with animals

URL: https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/6

Z-901-400- guinea pigs, hamsters, gerbils and other animals

Z-901-401 – birds

Z-901-402 – Reptiles, fish & amphibians

Z-901-403 – Young Trio

Z-901-404 – other

Cat – Division County Only

*Exhibitor may enter Two animals in no more than 2 classes per animal. *no two entries in the same class (can only enter once in a class)

*limit of 4 entries in classes 3-10 plus one showmanship class (class 1 or 2) *Pregnant cats and unweaned kittens will not be allowed

* all felines must be free of fleas, ticks, ear mites, ringworm, any internal & external parasite and infectious diseases. Cats should be current on their vaccinations. *Exhibitor must keep animal under control at all times. *SEE DRESS REQUIREMENTS FOR 4-h'ers showing in the cat show.

Learn about cat breed, senses, shows, tricks, signs of illness and health, cat sounds, emergency situations, feeding, special diets, and traveling with cats URL: https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/207

CATS – COUNTY ONLY

- Exhibitor may enter **TWO ANIMALS** in no more than 2 classes per animal
- No two entries in the same class (can only enter once in a class)
- Limit of 4 entries in classes 3-10 plus one showmanship class (class 1 or 2)
- Pregnant cats and un-weaned kittens will not be allowed
- All felines must be free of fleas, ticks, ear mites, ringworm, any internal and external parasite and infectious diseases. Cats should be current on their vaccinations.
- Exhibitor must keep animal under control at all times.

*SEE DRESS REQUIREMENT FOR 4-H'ers SHOWING IN THE CAT SHOW

Showmanship

Z-999-999 – Cloverkid Showmanship (5 to 7)

Z-999-899 – JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP (8-9 YRS OLD BY JAN 1 OF CURRENT YEAR)

Z-999-900 – INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP - Age 10-13 or under as of JAN 1 OF CURRENT YEAR

Z-999-901 - SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP - Age 14 or over as of JAN 1 OF CURRENT YEAR

Z-999-902 - LARGEST CAT

Z-999-903 - MOST COLORFUL

Z-999-904 - SMALLEST CAT

Z-999-905 - BEST GROOMED

Z-999-906 – OTHER

Z-999-907 - BEST LONG-HAIRED CAT

Z-999-908 - BEST SHORT-HAIRED CAT

Z-999-909 - TRICKS - at least one. Each exhibitor will have two minutes to perform one or two tricks. The felines will be judged on willingness to obey and perform the tricks. Each exhibitor will be required to inform the judge on what tricks are to be performed before they start the exercise.

Z-999-910 - SMALL ANIMALS and PET VETERINARY SCIENCE EXHIBIT - See Section 9

LIGHT HORSE – COUNTY ONLY

Entry Guidelines - All horse/s shown must be ID'd and ID's may be checked. A horse may not be entered in the same event by two exhibitors in the same division but may be shown in both the junior and senior division.

ALL AROUND HORSE AWARD

An **All-Around Award** will be presented to the exhibitor accumulating the most points in Horsemanship, Showmanship and the top 4 other class placings; except for confirmation halter and 2- & 3-year-old snaffle. Ties will be broken by the Showmanship Score.

Conformation Halter Classes and 2- & 3-Year-Old Snaffle Bit Pleasure Class will not count for points.

Purples will be 4 points; blues 3 points; reds 2 points, and whites 1 point. Champions will be worth an additional 2 points, Reserves 1 extra point.

All Around Award - Senior (No premium - award only)

- Z-910-001

All Around Award - Junior (No premium - award only)

- Z-910-003

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP -

Age 8-12 as of JAN 1

JAN 1

SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP -

Age 13-19 or over as of

CLASSES	JUNIOR	SENIOR
HALTER		
WEANLING FILLIES	Z-900-030	Z-909-030
1 YR OLD FILLIES	Z-900-031	Z-909-031
2 YR OLD FILLIES	Z-900-032	Z-909-032
3 YR OLD FILLIES	Z-900-033	Z-909-033
MARES 4 & OVER	Z-900-034	Z-909-034
WEANLING GELDINGS	Z-900-035	Z-909-035
1 YR OLD GELDINGS	Z-900-036	Z-909-036
2 YR OLD GELDINGS	Z-900-037	Z-909-037
3 YR OLD GELDINGS	Z-900-038	Z-909-038
GELDINGS 4 & OVER	Z-900-039	Z-909-039
SHOWMANSHIP	Z-900-300	Z-909-300
WESTERN PLEASURE	Z-901-040	Z-901-041
HORSEMANSHIP	Z-901-042	Z-901-043

REINING	Z-901-044	Z-901-045	
POLE BENDING	Z-901-046	Z-901-047	
BARREL RACING	Z-901-048	Z-901-049	
TRAIL	Z-901-050	Z-901-051	
TWO- & THREE-YEAR-OLD WESTERN PLEASURE – must bring completed 2/3 Year Old Western Pleasure affidavits to show			
Classes	JUNIOR AGE 8-9	INTERMEDIATE AGE 10-13	SENIOR AGE 14 & OVER
WORKING RANCH	Z985-900	Z985-901	Z985-902
DUMMY ROPING ON FOOT	CLOVERKIDS ONLY	CANNOT COMPETE	CANNOT COMPETE
DUMMY ROPING ON HORSE	Z984-903	Z983-904	CANNOT COMPETE
BREAKAWAY ROPING	Z983-905	Z983-906	Z983-907
TIE DOWN ROPING	CANNOT COMPETE	CANNOT COMPETE	Z986-908
TEAM ROPING HEADER	CANNOT COMPETE	Z987-909	Z987-910
TEAM ROPING HEELER	CANNOT COMPETE	Z988-911	Z988-912

HORSE SHOW

FOR ROPING:

Level III must have been passed for ALL 4-Hers using live cattle.

1. Juniors and Intermediates may participate in Dummy Roping OR Break-Away Roping, but NOT both.
2. (14 and over) may enter both Break-Away Roping and Tie-Down Calf Roping.
3. Members of the same immediate family will be allowed to use the same horse in all Day 1.

All other classes will run according to the Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide, 4H373.

4. A stock charge not to exceed \$10/event if necessary is to be paid at time of entry. Make checks payable to BKR 4-H Council
5. The contest will be scored according to Nebraska 4-H Horse Show Rules, taking both the roper's time and horse's score into account for final placing.
6. Top score automatically wins the top awards provided for the event.
7. To discourage mishandling of calves, contestants can be disqualified if calves are unduly dragged by horses, over stressed, etc.
8. If the barrier is at fault and causes a foul at the gate, the roper gets a retry. If the rider or horse is judged at fault, a retry will not be granted.

Senior Division Breakaway, Calf Roping and Heading will use a barrier.

In team roping (heeling), if the header puts the head loop on in the chute, and then accidentally loses his dally before the heeler gets to throw his loop, the heeler will be given a rerun.

WORKING RANCH HORSE

PURPOSE OF CLASS

1. Develop Life Skills, such as leadership, initiative, self-reliance, sportsmanship, respect, responsibility, appreciation, patience, understanding, and safety, a love for animals, a humane attitude toward them, and other desirable character traits.
2. Provide opportunities for youth to learn and receive recognition for horsemanship skills developed through ranch work.
3. Challenge youth to do additional activities with their horse.
4. Allow youth to exhibit those horses whose strengths are more suited for ranch work and other activities that involve cattle handling.
5. Teach youth the proper ways to handle cattle with minimal stress and to eliminate injuries, bruising, etc. of cattle. This will promote Quality Assurance of the final product that goes to the consumer.
6. Enhance the career possibilities for youth, wishing to work in a cattle handling position.
7. Challenge the participants to learn new life skills. These might include quick thinking, decision making, patience, understanding cattle and horse behavior, reaction times, proper attitude, anger management, sportsmanship, etc.
8. Teach participants to develop an attitude of teamwork between horse and rider.
9. Provide an avenue for participants to have fun, while training, preparing, and exhibiting their horses.

Tack and Attire:

Any tack or attire allowed in a Western performance or timed event is allowed in this class except the following:

- A. Unorthodox or severe mouthpiece.
- B. Martingales, draw reins, cavesson nosebands.
- C. Crops, whips, bats or over and under ropes on the saddle horn.
- D. No ropes can be carried or used during the class. Either split reins or closed roping reins are allowed. Two hands can be used on the reins, no matter what type of bit or reins are used. At the judge's discretion, more credit may be given for the use of split reins and no tie-down.

Class Procedure

Exhibitors will work individually. A course involving obstacles will be designed and a diagram of the course will be posted well in advance of the class. The exhibitor must move an animal through the obstacles as directed in the course pattern. If the exhibitor cannot complete an obstacle, they must move to the next obstacle in the pattern and may not return to the previously attempted obstacle. Exhibitors will be scored a maximum of 30 points for each obstacle completed. Animals will be drawn for the exhibitor. Animal will be sorted into the arena, and time will start when the animal enters the arena, or when the horse begins sorting the designated animal out of a group. Time will stop when the final obstacle has been completed. Scoring is based on the rider's skill, the horse's ability, and degree of difficulty of the animal drawn for the contestant. Although there is a maximum time limit imposed, these classes are NOT timed events!

Scoring will not be based on time used to complete the pattern.

Obstacles may include:

- *Sorting a designated animal out of a group
- *Penning the animal
- *Holding the animal at a designated location in the arena.
- *Turning the animal back along a fence
- *Putting the animal back into the catch pen
- *Driving the animal through an alleyway
- *Circling the animal around a marker or panel
- *Circling the animal in the middle of the arena
- *Weaving the animal through markers or barrels

*Suggested time limit of 3-5 minutes, depending on pattern course obstacles of seven or less. An announcement can be made to alert the exhibitor when time is nearing completion. Participants can accumulate points until the time limit runs out. The time limit is critical for the well-being of the cattle. This is NOT to be judged as a timed event. The judge has the discretion of blowing the whistle at any time if he believes the horse or the cattle are being mistreated.

Scoring System

The entry will be judged on:

1. The horsemanship ability of the rider (how they sit the saddle, how they handle the reins, the horse, and the animal, their ability to out-think the animal, their position in relation to the animal they are working, and their decision-making ability at each obstacle).
2. The horse's athletic ability, cow sense, responsiveness to the rider's commands, and overall temperament, behavior, and performance.
3. The degree of difficulty (disposition) of the animal to be handled through the course.

Scoring emphasis should be based on the horse maintaining control of the animal at all times, responsiveness to the rider's commands, exhibiting superior cow sense and natural cow-working ability without excessive yelling, reining, or spurring.

Scoring Point System - The judge will assign a score of 1-10 points in each of the 3 categories for each obstacle or maneuver. (Rider, Horse, Animal). The exhibitor with the highest total score will be determined the winner. In the event of a tie, the entry with the highest animal degree of difficulty score will be declared the winner.

The characteristics of a good working ranch horse are:

- Good manners and temperament
- Agile, athletic, smooth, always having its feet under it
- A soft mouth, responding to a light rein, especially when turning
- Head should be maintained in its natural position
- Horse should show expression (appear to be interested and enjoying what he's doing)
- Horse showing willingness to work
- Ability to move cow in a precise pattern with little wasted motion.
- Work at a reasonable speed and be under control of the rider.

Ten Point Penalties

The exhibitor shall be penalized for:

- Horse turning away from the cow (turning horse's tail to cow)
- Horse biting or striking animal in a severe manner
- Deliberate spurring or slapping with the reins in front of the cinch.
- Other Faults
- Hanging up or refusing to turn on the fence
- Exhausting or overworking the animal
- Running past the animal excessively, when trying to get the animal to turn
- Horse out of position
- Exaggerated opening of horse's mouth

- Hard or heavy mouth
- Lugging on the bridle
- Horse failing to watch the animal
- Nervous throwing of the head
- Halting, hesitating, setting up (scotching) in anticipation of stops or turns when being asked to move forward freely
- Dropping a rein

Disqualification (no score)

- Running over or knocking the animal down
- Excessive roughness
- Pushing the animal over or through the fence
- Fall of the exhibitor
- Fall of the horse
- Any horse that is out of control while working the animal, thus endangering the rider or the animal being worked:

(At the judge's discretion, a new animal may be awarded, based on the following criteria):

- The animal won't leave the end of the arena.
- The animal is blind, lame, or sick.
- The animal won't yield to the horse.
- The animal is unmanageable.
- The animal leaves the arena of its own free will (wild, fence-jumper, without being worked by the horse and rider).
- 2 animals or the wrong animal in the arena is cause for disqualification.

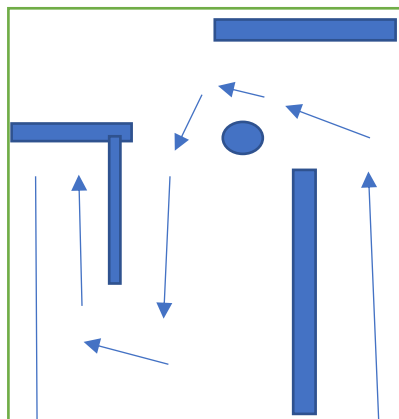
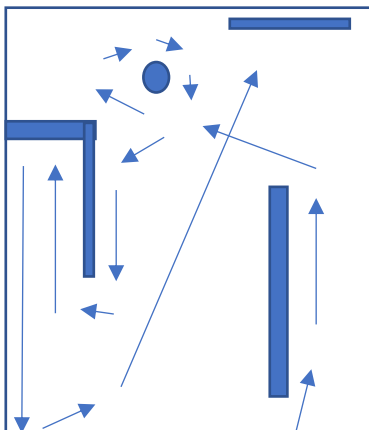
Working Ranch Horse Score Announcement

An "unofficial" score may be announced. The announcer must use the term "unofficial" when announcing the score. Announcement is at the discretion of the announcer. Timer should give a one-minute time warning to participant.

INTERMEDIATE & SENIOR WORKING RANCH HORSE

Time Limit: 3½ Minutes

- Senior & Intermediate rider starts in the arena.
- Judging and time start when the animal enters the arena.
- Exhibitor takes the calf between the fence & the panels.
- Exhibitor then takes calf around barrel in a clockwise (to the right) direction.
- Exhibitor then takes calf into pen in front stand and hold for 5 seconds.
- Exhibitor then takes calf back to other end of arena, and puts it through out gate.
- Time is completed when tail of calf crosses gateway.



JUNIOR WORKING RANCH HORSE

JUNIOR CLASS PATTERN

Time Limit: 3 Minutes

- Junior rider starts in the arena.
- Judging and time start when the animal enters the arena.
- Exhibitor is to drive calf between panels and fence.
- Exhibitor then takes calf around barrel in a counterclockwise (to the left).
- Exhibitor then takes calf into pen and hold (sits) for 5 seconds.
- Exhibitor then takes calf out the gate.
- Time is completed when tail of calf crosses gateway

ROPING CLASSES – Level II

DUMMY ROPING RULES

1. Participants will rope the stationary dummy steer from horseback. Each participant will be allowed 5 throws at the head. There will be a 3-minute time limit on Dummy Roping.
2. Participants roping the head must dally after each catch. This demonstrates the ability of the participant to dally correctly.
3. Participants will be judged on the way they use their reins and legs, the handling of their horse, and proper position of their horse for the throw (up to 5 points possible).
4. Participants will also be judged on the way they handle the rope - coiling, building the loop, swing, dally, etc. (up to 5 points possible).
5. Participants will receive points for the catches made on the dummy head according to the following system:

POINTS:

Miss – 0 Half-head -1

Neck Catch -2

Clean Horns -3

There would be a total of 25 points possible -10 from the judging and 15 from the catch values.