

Horse

Department G

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Horse Show Rules

- A. The official guide for all 4-H horse show events shall be the Nebraska 4-H Horse Show & Judging Guide 2023. Check this circular for show rules:
<https://marketplace.unl.edu/ne4h/curriculum/animalscience/4h373.html>
- B. An exhibit in this show shall be a bonafide project animal and be identified as a project animal before **June 15** on the official 4-H Horse Identification Sheet: <https://go.unl.edu/itf8>
- C. Identification will be checked at the show.
- D. Nebraska 4-H Horse Advancement Level Requirements: Any 4-Her, ages 8-18 as of Jan. 1, of current year exhibiting in the Box Butte County 4-H horse show, must pass the Nebraska 4-H Horse Level I prior to fair entry deadline (**July 1**)
- E. **State 4-H Horse Show**
 - a. Youth must be enrolled 4-H members ages 8-18 as of January 1st of the current year.
 - b. Youth must be enrolled in the 4-H horse project.
 - c. Divisions are determined by youth's ages as of January 1st of the current year.
 - i. Elementary*: youth 4-H ages 8-11
 - ii. Junior: youth 4-H ages 12-14
 - iii. Senior: youth 4-H ages 15+
 - d. *Youth 8 & 9 are only eligible to compete in Level I and II classes.
 - e. Youth must have passed the corresponding Horsemanship Advancement Level to class prior to entering the State 4-H Horse Show.
 - f. Information about the State Horse Show: <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-expo-show>
- F. Horse Futurity Requirements: Year 1 of project must have passed Nebraska 4-H Horse Level I. Year 2 of the project must have passed Nebraska 4-H Horse Level II. By year 4 of the project must have passed Nebraska 4-H Horse Level III. Levels must be completed prior to the county fair horse show.
- G. Anyone planning to show a three-year old horse in Western Pleasure, must have completed the Nebraska 4-H Horse Level III prior to the county fair horse show.
- H. Contestants must wear a western hat, long sleeve white shirt with collar, blue jeans, appropriate shoes, and a 4-H arm band. (See the Nebraska 4-H Horse Show & Judging Guide for clarification of appropriate shoes as well as entire dress code).
- I. Helmet – ASTM/SEI approved safety helmets with a harness are required in ALL hunt seat classes. Hunting cap or derby is NOT acceptable in any classes.

- J. Each exhibitor may enter no more than one horse in each class of performance, speed, futurity, and showmanship.
- K. A single horse may not be entered or ridden in a class or event by more than one person, even though the horse is jointly owned by two members of the same family.
- L. Please note the classes **G060001-G060003**, **G060010-G060038**, and **G060043-G060049** are included for the All-Around Awards. Exhibitors will choose between Western Pleasure and English Pleasure for All-Around points as well as Western Horsemanship and English Equitation. Participants will also choose between Dummy Roping and Working Ranch for All-Around points.
- M. **Working Ranch Class** - Youth members must complete Horse Level 2 by July 1st to compete in the Working Ranch class. Exhibitors will work individually, moving an animal through a course involving 4-7 obstacles. Course will be posted prior to the start of the class. Although there is a maximum time limit imposed, this class is NOT a timed event. Scoring will be based on completion of the pattern and not time. The time limit will be listed on the pattern. Refer to the 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide for complete rules.
- N. In the event of questions or conflict occurring the day of the Box Butte County 4-H Horse Show, the judge for that day will have the final decision. Other suggestions for improvement, complaints, or protests must be signed and submitted in writing on the "Care to Share" form prior to the August 4-H Council immediately following the county fair to be considered. Those forms can be picked up in the 4-H office at the fairgrounds during fair week. The Box Butte County 4-H Council will serve as the fair 4-H rules committee.
- O. **Horse Futurity Class Guidelines** - The horse futurity classes were established to allow a member to complete four classes of training with the same horse. It challenges members to undertake a young horse training project. It provides the opportunity for members to demonstrate their ability and the horse's ability to teach, learn, and compete over a four-year period.

For anyone participating in the four-year futurity project in Box Butte County, that person must be at least 10 years of age by January 1st of the year the project is started.

The Nebraska 4-H Levels must be completed as follows:

- Year 1: Level I
- Year 2: Level II
- By Year 4: Level III

Upon completing all four classes, a member will receive the Futurity Award.

The following is a description of each of the four classes:

- **Class I** - 1st Year - Yearling at Halter - Members will show a yearling at halter. Officially a horse turns a year old on January 1st after the year in which it was foaled. Only mares and geldings may be shown, no stallions allowed.

- **Class II** - 2nd Year - Western Pleasure - Member must show the same horse shown the prior year in Class I - Yearling at Halter. Members will follow rules outlined in the Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide for 2-Year-Old Western Pleasure.
- **Class III** - 3rd Year Trail - Member must show same horse as previously show in Class II - 2 Year Western Pleasure and Class I- Yearling at Halter. Members will follow rules outlined in the Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide for trail.
- **Class IV** - 4th Year Reining - Member must show same horse as previously shown in Class III - 3rd Year Trail, Class II - 2 Year Western Pleasure, and Class I - Yearling at Halter. Members will follow rules outlined in the Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide for reining.

Exhibitor Age Divisions for the Horse Classes are as follows:

(Horse age divisions maybe combined if numbers are low, youth will still be judged according to their age division)

- Horse Junior Division (ages 8 – 10 as of January 1 of current year)
- Horse Intermediate Division (age 11-13 as of January 1 of current year)
- Horse Senior Division (age 14 – 18 as of January 1 of current year)

Horse Showmanship

- G060001** Junior Division
- G060002** Intermediate Division
- G060003** Senior Division

Horse Judging

- G060004** Senior Division, Geldings
- G060005** Senior Division, Mares
- G060006** Intermediate Division, Geldings
- G060007** Intermediate Division, Mares
- G060008** Junior Division, Geldings
- G060009** Junior Division, Mares

Performance Classes

- G060010** English Equitation, Senior Division
- G060011** English Equitation, Intermediate Division
- G060012** English Equitation, Junior Division
- G060013** English Pleasure, Senior Division
- G060014** English Pleasure, Intermediate Division
- G060015** English Pleasure, Junior Division
- G060016** Western Pleasure Light Horses, Senior Division
- G060017** Western Pleasure Light Horses, Intermediate Division
- G060018** Western Pleasure Light Horses, Junior Division
- G060019** Western Pleasure Light Horses, 2 Year Olds
- G060020** Western Pleasure Light Horses, 3 Year Olds
- G060021** Horsemanship, Senior Division

G060022 Horsemanship, Intermediate Division
G060023 Horsemanship, Junior Division
G060024 Reining, Senior Division
G060025 Reining, Intermediate Division
G060026 Reining, Junior Division
G060027 Ranch Riding, Senior Division
G060028 Ranch Riding, Intermediate Division
G060029 Ranch Riding, Junior Division
G060030 Pole Bending, Senior Division
G060031 Pole Bending, Intermediate Division
G060032 Pole Bending, Junior Division
G060033 Barrel Racing, Senior Division
G060034 Barrel Racing, Intermediate Division
G060035 Barrel Racing, Junior Division
G060036 Trail, Senior Division
G060037 Trail, Intermediate Division
G060038 Trail, Junior Division
G060039 Futurity Class, 1st Year, Halter (First Year Yearlings at Halter)
G060040 Futurity Class, 2nd Year, Pleasure
G060041 Futurity Class, 3rd Year, Trail
G060042 Futurity Class, 4th Year, Reining
G060043 Dummy Roping, Senior
G060044 Dummy Roping, Intermediate
G060045 Dummy Roping, Junior

Level 2 Classes

G060046 Working Ranch, Senior
G060048 Working Ranch, Intermediate
G060049 Working Ranch, Junior