

# HORSE

(HORSE SHOW, WORKING RANCH HORSE CONTEST)

## DEPARTMENT G - DIVISIONS 262 -293 – HORSES

Division 276 Classes 10 - 30  
Divisions 262-275, 277-293

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### HORSE GENERAL RULES

**NOTE: State and District Shows** - Age Divisions: Senior, 15-18 years and Junior, 10-14 years. Please note that these age divisions are different than County Fair. For listing of District/State classes, refer to 4-H 373, Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide, (current edition) or contact the Extension Office.

- A. See General Rules and General Livestock Rules and Regulations.**
- B. Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide:** 4-H 373 (current edition) has all patterns and rules and will be followed.
- C. NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR** - Only one horse per class per contestant, except in halter classes. A family project horse may not be entered twice in the same event. However, the same horse may be used by both a Junior and a Senior family member in any class.
- D. IDENTIFICATION** - All horses or ponies must be bonafide project animals and identified on 4-H Horse Identification form by a sketch or photo due at the Extension Office by closing on **May 1**. Colts born after May 1 from project mares may be shown if identified on the 4-H Horse ID form within two weeks of birth date. Horses can be jointly owned **ONLY** by 4-H members of the same family/household if all members' names are listed on the 4-H Horse ID form and all 4-Hers involved abide by ownership rules found in GENERAL ANIMAL REQUIREMENTS. If borrowing a project horse from outside the family, make sure it has a separate 4-H Horse Identification form filled out in case another 4-Her is borrowing the same horse. See GENERAL ANIMAL REQUIREMENTS for ownership outside family or household unit.
- E. PRE-ENTRY**- All horse entries, including showmanship, to be eligible to show at the County Fair, must be pre-entered on a GREEN Entry Sheet (available at the Extension Office or online) OR entered online at <https://nemaha.fairwire.com>. Entries are due by **June 15<sup>th</sup>**.
- F. DRESS CODE** - See the 4-H 373, Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide, **Revised Edition**.
  - 1. If riding in the fair parade, 4-H attire or nice clothes should be worn.
- G. AGE DIVISIONS** – There will be Junior and Senior divisions in the classes designated.
  - Senior Division – 14 years and older
  - Junior Division - 8-13 years
- H. SUBSTITUTE SHOWMAN** - A substitute showman will be allowed only in the halter class if the exhibitor has more than 1 horse entered in the class.
- I. Each exhibitor must stall at least one horse**, (which will be checked in by the Superintendent) unless there is not enough room. In that case, the superintendent could allow some 4-H members to take their horse home and be brought back for the show at which they will be checked in by the Superintendent prior to the show.
- J. LEVEL TESTS** - All appropriate level tests must be passed and turned in **by May 6 for District and State Horse Shows**. All 4-H horse exhibitors must take and pass the **Level I test to compete at County Fair by June 15** given by qualified horse personnel. 4-Hers are encouraged to continue level testing for District and State eligibility and for educational and safety purposes. More information is available at the Extension Office.
- K. Under Nebraska law** - An equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from inherent risks of equine activities pursuant to sections 25-21, 249 to 25-21, 253 N.R.S.
- L. EXERCISE TIMES** at the county fair will be announced, upon approval of Superintendent or exhibitors will be able to sign out when they are exercising their horses. Superintendent will determine which will be done.
- M. HORSE SHOW** - Patterns for reining, showmanship, horsemanship, etc. will be posted by the judge. Trail patterns will be posted by the Superintendent.
- N. HORSE JUDGING CONTEST** – Refer to Judging Contests.
- O. Penalties for Speed Classes SEE** 4-H 373, Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide. Contestants who are disqualified will receive white ribbons. A two-second penalty will be assessed for each pole or barrel knocked down. Riders must dismount before leaving arena. Hats are not necessary; however, a 2-second penalty will be assessed for hats lost during the run.

## DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 276 - HORSE SHOWMANSHIP

- CLASS 10** Senior Division – 14 - 18 years of age
- CLASS 20** Intermediate Division - 11 - 13 years of age
- CLASS 30** Junior Division - 8 - 10 years of age

## HALTER CLASSES

### DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 277 - HALTER CLASS - FOALS

- CLASS 1 Halter, Weanlings
- CLASS 2 Halter, Yearlings (Mares & Geldings)
- CLASS 3 Halter, 2 Year Olds (Mares & Geldings)

### DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 277 - HALTER CLASS - PONY

- CLASS 5 Halter, Pony, 56 inches and under (Under 14 hands)

### DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 277 - HALTER CLASS - 3-4 Year Olds

- CLASS 7 Halter, 3-4 Years Gelding and Mares (14 hands and over)

### DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 277 - HALTER CLASS - 5 Years and Older

- CLASS 9 Halter, 5 Years and over Mares (14 hands and over)
- CLASS 10 Halter, 5 Years and over Geldings (14 hands and over)

## PERFORMANCE/PLEASURE CLASSES

### DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 262 - BAREBACK PLEASURE

- CLASS 1 Bareback Pleasure - Senior
- CLASS 2 Bareback Pleasure – Junior

### DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 263 - WALK TROT

- CLASS 1 Walk Trot Class - 4-H members with 2 years or less enrollment in the Horse project. If entered in this class, youth may not enter western pleasure classes.

### DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 266 - WESTERN PLEASURE

- CLASS 1 Western Pleasure, Senior
- CLASS 2 Western Pleasure, 14 hands and over, Junior
- CLASS 3 Western Pleasure, 14 hands and under

### DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 268 - WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP CLASSES

- CLASS 1 Western Horsemanship, Senior
- CLASS 2 Western Horsemanship, Junior

### DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 270 - WESTERN RIDING

Patterns and rules are in 4-H 373.

- CLASS 1 Western Riding, Senior
- CLASS 2 Western Riding, Junior

### DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 271 - REINING CLASSES

Patterns and rules in 4-H 373.

- CLASS 1 Reining Class, Senior
- CLASS 2 Reining Class, Junior

### DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 272 - ENGLISH PLEASURE

- CLASS 1 English Pleasure (Juniors & Seniors show together)

### DEPARTMENT 35 - SECTION 273 - ENGLISH EQUITATION

- CLASS 1 English Equitation (Juniors & Seniors show together)

### DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 275 - TRAIL

- CLASS 1 Trail, Senior
- CLASS 2 Trail, Junior

## SPEED CLASSES

### DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 280 - BARREL RACING

- CLASS 1 Barrel Racing, Senior  
CLASS 2 Barrel Racing, Junior

### DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 281 - POLE BENDING

- CLASS 1 Pole Bending, Senior  
CLASS 2 Pole Bending, Junior

### DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 282 - KEY HOLE RACE

- CLASS 1 Key Hole Race, Senior  
CLASS 2 Key Hole Race, Junior

### DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 283 - FLAG RACE

- CLASS 1 Flag race, Senior  
CLASS 2 Flag race, Junior

## WORKING RANCH AND ROPING CONTEST

- A. **PRE-ENTRY-** All horse entries to be eligible to show at the County Fair, must be pre-entered on a GREEN Entry Sheet due at the Extension Office by closing on **June 15**.
- B. **See General Horse Rules.**
- C. **Roping classes** will be held with Working Ranch Horse classes. All 4-H members and helpers participating in Divisions 290-292, Roping Events, must demonstrate to the "Roping Committee" by a yearly approved deadline that they can participate in the 4-H roping events in a safe manner. The county Roping Committee will consist of 3-5 4-H leaders or parents to determine eligibility of those pre-entered in Roping events.
- D. The same horse can be used by two participants in a given event for the Working Ranch and Roping Contest, BUT participants must be from the same family. Also, the same horse may be used by a Junior and a Senior family member in any class.
- E. 4-Hers can participate in Dummy Roping and other roping events in the same contest.

### DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 284 - GOAT TYING

- CLASS 1 Goat Tying, Senior  
CLASS 2 Goat Tying, Junior

## ROPING CLASSES

- A. Stock charge will be determined after Pre-Entry Forms are collected.
- B. Roping horses may be borrowed provided it is a 4-H project horse and approval is given by the show superintendent.
- C. **4-Hers can participate in either Break-A-Way Calf Roping or Tie Down Roping, not both.**

**DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 290 - BREAK-A-WAY CALF ROPING** (County Roping Committee approval required.) Contestants will draw 2 calves. Break-a-way ropes will be used. Calves will not be thrown or tied

- CLASS 1 Break-A-Way Calf Roping, Senior  
CLASS 2 Break-A-Way Calf Roping, Junior

**DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 290 – TIE DOWN ROPING** (County Roping Committee approval required) Contestants will draw 2 calves. Best average time will be used to tabulate standings.

- CLASS 3 Tie Down Roping, Senior  
CLASS 4 Tie Down Roping, Junior

**DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 290 - DALLY STEER ROPING** - (County Roping Committee approval required) Contestants may enter as a header or heeler or make 2 runs from 1 position. Headers may choose heeler to help.

- CLASS 5 Dally Team Roping, Header, Senior

- CLASS 6** Dally Team Roping, Header, Junior
- CLASS 7** Dally Team Roping, Heeler, Senior
- CLASS 8** Dally Team Roping, Heeler, Junior

## WORKING RANCH HORSE CLASSES

Much of the horse industry in the state of Nebraska centers around ranching. These horses are often more adaptive to ranch skills than show ring competition. The Working Ranch Horse Program was developed to provide an opportunity for youth to focus on and receive recognition for horsemanship skills developed through ranch work. Ranch Roping classes will follow the same Roping Committee standards as Roping classes.

### TACK AND ATTIRE

- A. Refer to 4-H 373, Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide for attire and specific tack requirements and options for Ranch Roping and Advanced Ranch Roping.
- B. Specifically for Working Ranch Horse Class - Any tack or attire in a Western performance or timed event is allowed in this class except the following:
  1. Unorthodox or severe mouthpieces
  2. Martingales, draw reins, cavesson nosebands
  3. Crops, whips, bats, or over and under ropes on the saddle horn
  4. No ropes can be carried or used during the Working Ranch Horse 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.

### DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 291 - DUMMY ROPING (LEVEL 1-required)

Participants will rope the dummy steer from horseback. County only rule: **Five minute time limit or 10 throws whichever comes first.** Each participant will be allowed 5 throws at the head and 5 throws at the heels. Participants will be judged on the way they handle and position their horse (up to 5 points possible), on the way they handle the rope, etc. (Up to 5 points possible) and for the catches made on the roping dummy according to the following system:

HEAD	HEELS	SCORE
Miss	Miss	0
½ Head	1 Heel	1
Whole Head	2 Heels	2
Horns		3

- CLASS 1** Dummy Roping, Senior
- CLASS 2** Dummy Roping, Junior

### DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 292 - RANCH ROPING - (County Roping Committee approval required)

Participants will enter a pen (approximately 1/3 of the arena) where 5 head of cattle will be waiting. Ropers will work with a helper or hazer. When the judge/timer drops the flag, the roper will rope as many head of cattle as he or she can within a 3-minute time limit. A legal catch will consist of any catch that goes over the head or horns. Roper will only use one rope for this class. Ropers are required to use a breakaway hondo, and the free end of the rope is to be dalled to the saddle horn until the hondo breaks. At that point, the roper will recoil the rope and rope another animal.

The roper will be judged and given points in the following areas:

- Points.....Area of Consideration
- 10 .....Handling the rope and reins
- 10 .....Positioning the horse
- 10 .....The swing and throw of the rope
- 10 .....Attitude toward the horse and cattle
- 10 .....Posture on the horse/proper use of tack, etc.
- 20 .....Any catch will be worth 20 points each

- CLASS 1** Ranch Roping - Senior
- CLASS 2** Ranch Roping - Junior

### DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 293 - WORKING RANCH HORSE

Scoring will be based on horsemanship skills, cow sense and degree of difficulty. Additionally, the closer the cow is to the number on the fence, the higher the possible score.

- CLASS 5** Working Ranch Horse - Senior

**CLASS 6** Working Ranch Horse – Junior