

# Horses

**Showmanship Premium Code: E**

**Horse Premium Code: D**

**Thayer Livestock Record Book Premium: A**

**Rules:**

1. County Age Divisions take precedence over State Age Divisions. All classes open to any breed and size of light horse.
2. **Entry limits-** Exhibitors may enter 2 horses in performance classes and 2 horses in halter classes. No more than 4 different horses exhibited at fair. **Only ONE stall per exhibitor at the fair. Nuckolls County Only: Horse stalled at fair MUST be health checked by the veterinarian at check-in.**
3. **Riding Limits-** A single horse may not be ridden twice in the same class regardless of age division. The exception is the same horse may be ridden in a Western Pleasure Class and a Walk-Trot Pleasure Class by a sibling. A horse used in Snaffle Bit Pleasure will not be eligible for other performance classes.
4. **4-H Horse Show & Judging Guide (4H 373)** will be used for instructions on working procedure, faults, rider's instructions.  
**This applies to all classes.**
5. **Riding Requirements-** Exhibitors need to have passed Level 1 for riding classes unless otherwise noted.
6. **Age Divisions-** Showmanship, Reining, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Trail and Speed events will have separate age divisions.
7. **Eligible Riders-** Only the entered EXHIBITOR will be permitted to ride their horse(s) on show day.
8. **THAYER COUNTY ONLY-** A red ribbon in the horse tail will be required if the horse has a tendency to kick or bite.
9. **NUCKOLLS COUNTY ONLY- High Point Performance Buckle Calculation Rules.** Points are awarded in the areas of:
  - a. Showmanship
  - b. Western pleasure OR English pleasure
  - c. Horsemanship OR English equitation
  - d. Trail
  - e. Reining OR Western Riding
  - f. Poles
  - g. Barrels

Points will be calculated by ribbon received as follows:

Purple- 4 points

Blue- 3 points

Red- 1 point

White- 0 points

Champion Rosette Ribbon- Additional 2 points

Reserve Champion Rosette Ribbon- Additional 1 point

Tie Breaker(s)- (if needed)

1<sup>st</sup> Tie Breaker- Showmanship

2<sup>nd</sup> Tie Breaker- Horsemanship

3<sup>rd</sup> Tie Breaker- Trail Gate

4<sup>th</sup> Tie Breaker- Trail Bridge

Note: NO halter classes will be calculated for High Point Performance Buckle.

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**Dept B Division 185**

**Class**

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**Horse Showmanship**  
**Dept G Division 260**  
**Class**  
**7\* Showmanship**

**Halter**

Horses will be judged on excellence of conformation 80% (regardless of breed); 20% on grooming, training & manners. Entries in this class should be shown with halter and lead shank.

**Dept G Division 261**

**Classes**

- 1 1- & 2-Year-Old Mares
- 2 3–5-Year-Old Mares
- 3 6–10-Year-Old Mares
- 4 11-Year-Old or Over Mares
- 5 Mare and Colt/Foal (will count as 1 unit)
- 6 1- & 2-Year-Old Geldings
- 7 3–5-Year-Old Geldings
- 8 6–10-Year-Old Geldings
- 9 11 Year Old & Over Geldings

**Performance**

**Dept G Division 263**

**Classes**

- 1 **Walk Trot-** If participating in Walk-Trot - youth may not show in any other Performance Classes. This is a beginner's class.
- 2 **English Pleasure**
- 3 **English Equitation**
- 4 **Pony Pleasure (14.2 Hands & Under)-** Ponies will compete within exhibitor age division pleasure classes.
- 5 **Western Pleasure**
- 8 **Western Horsemanship**
- 11 **Trail-** Each obstacle will be scored separately with ties being broke using gate, bridge, and the judge's decision.
- 14 **Western Riding-** Level II Completion Required
- 15 **Reining-** Judged approximately 70% performance & manners; 20% conformation; 10% appointments.
- 18 **Snaffle Bit-** 2-year-old (Level II) Sign affidavit that only 4-Her has ridden horse. This horse may be entered only in this class.
- 19 **Hunter Hack – THAYER COUNTY ONLY.** Level II – Exhibition.

**Timed Events**

**Dept G Division 264**

**Classes**

- 1 **Walk-Trot Barrels-** Only 4-Hers competing in Walk-Trot class may enter Walk-Trot Barrels.
- 2 **Walk-Trot Poles-** THAYER COUNTY ONLY. Only 4-Hers competing in Walk-Trot class may enter Walk-Trot Barrels.
- 3 **Pole Bending**
- 5 **Clover-Leaf Barrels**