

HORSES

Showmanship Premium Code: **SHOWMANSHIP**

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Rules and General Information:

1. All 4-H horses and ponies exhibited will be required to have been vaccinated for sleeping sickness. The 4-H Council strongly recommends all 4-H horses and ponies exhibited also be vaccinated for bronchial pneumonia (high fever and coughing), a disease contracted by some horses exhibited in previous years. This is for the protection of horse project animals. 4-Her's animals are encouraged to be current on all shots and vaccinations.
2. Each horse exhibitor is allowed ONE stall at the fair.
Nuckolls County ONLY: Only ONE stall with ONE horse per stall per exhibitor at the fair. NO exceptions.
3. County Age Divisions take precedence over State Age Divisions. All classes are open to any breed and size of light horse.
4. **Entry limits-** Exhibitors may enter 2 horses in performance classes and 2 horses in halter classes. No more than 4 different horses exhibited at the fair.
5. **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.
6. **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.
7. **Riding Requirements-** Exhibitors need to have passed Level 1 for riding classes unless otherwise noted.
8. **Age Divisions-**
Thayer County ONLY: Junior (ages 12 & under) and Senior (ages 13 & over).
Nuckolls County ONLY: Junior – ages 8-10; Intermediate – ages 11-13; Senior – ages 14 & up.
9. **Eligible Riders-** Only the entered EXHIBITOR will be permitted to ride their horse(s) on show day.
10. **THAYER COUNTY ONLY-** A red ribbon in the horse tail will be required if the horse has a tendency to kick or bite.
11. **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)

1st Tie Breaker- Showmanship

2nd Tie Breaker- Horsemanship

3rd Tie Breaker- Trail Gate

4th Tie Breaker- Trail Bridge

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

12. **Horse Show Dress Code:** Will be as outlined in *4-H 373, 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide*. If rules on fitting, showing, and dress code are not covered in this book on a given subject, the rules that govern the State Fair or State Horse Show will be used. 4-H Emblems and Armbands (for horse show participants) are available at the Extension office. Other necessary details are found in the various manuals and show guides.

ENGLISH PERFORMANCE CLASSES

Dept. G Division 259

Classes

1 English Pleasure

2 English Equitation

3 Hunter Hack – THAYER COUNTY ONLY. Level II – Exhibition.

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 a 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.
- 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 broken 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.

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 Poles.
- 3 **Pole Bending**
- 7 **Clover-Leaf Barrels**