



Merrimack County Qualifying Show
June 19th, 2010 @ 8:00AM
Hopkinton State Fairgrounds

1. ***Why does the county have a Qualifying Show?***

The 4-H Horse Program has an event every year at Deerfield Fair Grounds for 100 light horse riders to compete and try to be one of the 20 delegates to represent New Hampshire at the Eastern States Exposition (ESE). Although Eastern States does not, at the present time, recognize gymkhana individuals, the State of New Hampshire does offer competition for these individuals. Drivers will be a part of our quota at State Show to go on to ESE.

2. ***Where do the 100 riders come from?***

Each county is allowed to send a specific number of individuals (based on a formula). How these individuals are chosen is up to each county. All counties have a County Qualifying Show, as does Merrimack. Our delegates are chosen on a point system. Individuals with the highest score (within our quota) will represent the county.

3. ***Where do the drivers and gymkhana individuals come from?***

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4. ***Do you have to be a rider or driver to participate at State Show?***

No. Stable managers are also chosen at the County Qualifying Show.

5. ***Eligibility***

This show is open to **ALL** 4-H members enrolled in the Merrimack County Horse Project. Individuals 12 and older as of January 1st in the current year, will be eligible to compete to be a member of the Merrimack County 4-H team as a rider/driver or stable manager. The team will be competing at the **State Horse Show on July 16, 17, 18, 2010** at the Deerfield Fair Grounds. Individuals under 12 years of age should use the qualifying show as a learning experience.

6. ***Entries***

A rider/driver must have, for the horse entered, an approval form signed and stamped by the County 4-H Extension Educator by May 1; April 1 for horses eligible for Eastern States Exposition. Horses may be owned by the exhibitor, but the exhibitor is solely responsible for the presence of the horse at this event. Exhibitor must ride the same horse and same seat at the State Horse Show as ridden at this show. A horseless member must have a horseless approval form signed and stamped by the County 4-H Extension Educator on or before May 1 of the current year. Please call the 4-H office if you wish to have a horseless form sent to you.

7. ***Entry Fee***

An entry fee of \$15.00 is necessary to help defray cost of the show. Make check or money order payable to "Merrimack County 4-H Horse Leaders".

8. ***How to Enter***

Each exhibitor must complete the attached entry form. Entries are due to Nancy Evans at the 4-H office no later than **JUNE 4, 2010**. Also due are: Horse approval form for riders/drivers, permission and liability form signed by parent and exhibitor, medical form, code of conduct, helmet release form, and a check for \$15.00. For non-riders; Horseless approval form, permission and liability form signed by parent, medical form and code of conduct must be included with entry form.

9. ***Stable Managers***

Merrimack County Leaders voted to allow one stable manager per 4 riders/drivers. These individuals qualify from riders/drivers and horseless members competing at this event.

HOW TO QUALIFY?

First Stable Manager - a rider/driver (12 or older) and your score for the day is such that you are the first alternate to go to the State Show. If a delegate withdraws, you will be elevated to participate at the State Horse Show as a rider/driver.

Second Stable Manager - is the individual (12 or older) with the highest combined score of Quiz, Judging, and Showmanship score (of Fitting and Showmanship) of horseless members plus riders/drivers that chose a division than cannot show at the State Horse Show (WTA & WTCA).

If the individual with the highest score is disqualified or unable to attend, the individual with the next highest score will replace that person. The second stable manager will **ALWAYS** be an individual that **IS NOT** eligible to ride/driver at the State Horse Show. The only exception to this would be if all the individuals (12 and older) that were eligible to participate were unable to attend, then it would go to a rider/driver.

Third Stable Manager - is a rider/driver (12 years or older) whose score was such that they could not be a delegate or first alternate. If the first stable manager should be able to participate in the State Show this individual would then become the first stable manager/first alternate.

This individual would not be able to attend the State Horse Show if the county does not have more than 8 riders/drivers. Their name would be submitted to the State office as Alternate/Stable manager in the event that as vacancy did occur.

Fourth Stable Manager - See the description of the second stable manager.

This individual would not attend the State Show unless the delegation from Merrimack County exceeded 12 individuals.

Stable Mangers Responsibilities - May hold the horse while the participant is grooming, washing, etc. Help individuals get ready for the ring. Assist in keeping the aisles and dressing room picked up. Keep the momentum of the exhibitor going (don't sit down and chit-chat when you are due in the ready ring in 5 minutes). You may accompany individuals to the ready ring and hold the horse while the participant gives a final brushing and if a riding class, brush the boots of the exhibitor off after mounting. **YOU ARE NOT INTENDED TO BE A GROOM OR SLAVE.**

10. How do you get your points?

All individuals must participate in Quiz (100 points max) and Judging (2 classes for a total of 100 points). Participants must also participate in Fitting and Showmanship (100 points max). Equation (50 points max) and two classes of your choice (50 points max) unless excused for unusual circumstances by the show committee at the time of the qualifying show. An excused individual's score will be a total of what they have participated in. Non-mounted participants must participate in the showmanship part of Fitting and Showmanship.

If for any reason, i.e., weather, that the show is stopped before all classes are completed the show committee will equal out the classes that individuals have participated in for scoring.

If there is a tie for the last qualifying slot, it will be broken by the average of an individual's riding classes. If there is still a tie, it will be broken by the score of the showmanship part of Fitting and Showmanship.

11. Under what rules is this show governed?

The show will be under the guidelines of the New Hampshire supplement to the New England 4-H Horse Show rules and guidelines. If you do not have this book, it is available on line at: <http://extension.unh.edu/4H/documents/NHSuppRC.pdf> or from the Extension office.

12. Arrival

Gates will open at approximately 7:00 AM

13. Assistance

Members are expected to care for their animals by themselves or with the help of other competing members. Parents may assist only when there is a safety factor involved, including, but not limited to, placing the saddle on correctly, adjusting the girth and also bridling.

14. Leaving the Grounds

Exhibitors cannot leave the grounds during the show unless the show committee grants permission. Permission will be granted only if the departure is necessary as a result of a medical or other emergency involving the exhibitor or horse. Exhibitors leaving **WITHOUT PERMISSION WILL FORFEIT HIS/HER RIGHT** to go to the State Horse Show. Animals may be transported from the grounds after participation in their last class, but the exhibitor must remain if they wish to be considered for an award.

15. Awards

At the end of the show, it will be announced who will be representing Merrimack County at the State Horse Show. An award will be given to those individuals with the highest total score from quiz, judging, F/S, equitation and their two choice classes for Seniors, Juniors, Walk Trot Canter, Walk Trot.

16. Hints

- ★ We may ask to use your animal in a judging class. Be prepared to accept this request. Parents should be willing to assist by holding the animal for these classes.
- ★ Fitting and Showmanship classes have been broken down into various seats and divisions. This will be done by station judging.
- ★ All animals must be immunized for rabies at least 30 days before attending this event or any fair.
- ★ Late entries for individuals, 12 and older, will not be accepted. Late entries for individuals under 12 and using this show for experience will be considered.
- ★ If an individual has submitted an entry in a timely manner but their horse should become lame, injured, etc., they may enter the show and try to become the second stable manager. They would borrow an animal that is on the grounds that day showing. They would also have to fill out a horseless membership form.
- ★ If an individual has submitted an entry in a timely manner but they became physically unable to ride/drive, they would be able to use their animal on their approval form and try to become the second stable manager. A new liability form would have to be filled out that day.
- ★ **IF YOU ARE 12 OR OLDER AND THINK THAT YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE TEAM, BRING EITHER CASH OR A CHECK BOOK FOR YOUR ENTRY FEE TO THE STATE SHOW. ENTRIES ARE DUE TO THE STATE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SHOW.**
- ★ The test for both Juniors and Seniors at the State Show will be the same. The only resource that will be used at the State Show is the entire Colorado Book.

MERRIMACK/SULLIVAN QUALIFYING SNOW CLASS LISTS

8:00 AM SHARP!

NEW THIS YEAR!

Fitting and Showmanship will be run 1st in the morning followed by judging and then the quiz.

Fitting and Showmanship

Western	Senior	Junior	Walk Trot Canter	Walk Trot
Hunt	Senior	Junior	Walk Trot Canter	Walk Trot
Saddle Seat	Senior	Junior	Walk Trot Canter	Walk Trot
Driving	Senior	Junior	Walk Trot Canter	Walk Trot
Gymkhana	Senior	Junior	Walk Trot Canter	Walk Trot

JUDGING FOR EVERYONE

We may ask to use your horse for judging. We may also ask your parent to hold your horse for these classes. Please come prepared. You will not be asked to give oral reasons or write your reasons.

QUIZ FOR EVERYONE

Resources

- 12 and over - Entire Colorado Book
- 10 - year olds - Entire Colorado book (but easier questions as always)
- 9 - year olds and under - Colorado Book: Chapters 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 10, 16 and parts of the horse and Appendix 1.

Equitation

Stock Seat	Senior	Junior	WTCA	WTCB	WTA	WTB
Hunt Seat	Senior	Junior	WTCA	WTCB	WTA	WTB
Saddle Seat	Senior	Junior	WTCA	WTCB	WTA	WTB
Reinmanship	Senior	Junior	WTCA	WTCB	WTA	WTB
Horsemanship	Senior	Junior	WTCA	WTCB	WTA	WTB

Pleasure

Stock Seat	Senior	Junior	WTCA	WTCB	WTA	WTB
Hunt Seat	Senior	Junior	WTCA	WTCB	WTA	WTB
Saddle Seat	Senior	Junior	WTCA	WTCB	WTA	WTB
Driving	Senior	Junior	WTCA	WTCB	WTA	WTB

Hunter Under Saddle

Senior	Junior	Walk Trot Canter A	Walk Trot Canter B
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Trail

Stock Seat	Senior	Junior	WTCA	WTCB	WTA	WTB
Hunt Seat	Senior	Junior	WTCA	WTCB	WTA	WTB
Saddle Seat	Senior	Junior	WTCA	WTCB	WTA	WTB

Reminder: Rules of Trail will be enforced. You will have 3 tries or 30 seconds to negotiate an obstacle.

Obstacle Driving

Driving	Senior	Junior	WTCA	WTCB	WTA	WTB
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Western Riding

Senior	Junior	WTCA	WTCB
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Equitation Over Fences (2'3" max)

Senior	Junior
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Gymkhana

Cloverleaf/Barrel	Senior	Junior	WTCA	WTCB	WTA	WTB
Pole Bending	Senior	Junior	WTCA	WTCB	WTA	WTB
Flag Race	Senior	Junior	WTCA	WTCB	WTA	WTB
Keyhole	Senior	Junior	WTCA	WTCB	WTA	WTB

Saddle Seat Performance

Senior	Junior	WTCA	WTCB
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Driving Handiness

Senior	Junior	WTCA	WTCB	WTA	WTB
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Handiness - Non-Point Class for Experience Only

Stock Seat	Senior	Junior	WTCA	WTCB	WTA	WTB
Hunt Seat	Senior	Junior	WTCA	WTCB	WTA	WTB
Saddle Seat	Senior	Junior	WTCA	WTCB	WTA	WTB

1. Senior and Juniors will do all of the required elements
2. WTCA & WTCB - 7 movements with simple changes
3. WTA & WTB - 5 movements with simple changes

Horse Entry Form - Qualifying Show

June 19, 2010

Name: _____ Age as of Jan. 1, 2010: _____

Address: _____

Club Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Horse's Name: _____ Breed: _____ Sex: Mare
 Gelding

All members must enter: Quiz Equitation or its equivalent Judging (2 classes)
Fitting & Showmanship (station judging)

Check One

Senior Junior
 Walk Trot Canter A Walk Trot Canter B Walk Trot A Walk Trot B

LIGHT HORSE DIVISION

Check One Hunt Seat Stock Seat Saddle Seat

Check Two Pleasure Trail Saddle Seat Performance
 Hunter Under Saddle Equitation over Fences Western Riding

GYMKHANA DIVISION

Check Two Cloverleaf/Barrel Race Pole Bending Keyhole Race Flag Race

DRIVING DIVISION

Check Two Pleasure Obstacle Handiness

I wish to participate in Handiness for experience. Yes No

Do you require an accommodation in order to participate fully in this event? Yes No

Accommodation Required: _____

Send all entries, copy of your approval form (all 4 parts), the liability form (included in this packet), along with a check made payable to **"Merrimack County 4-H Horse Leaders"**

Mail to: Nancy Evans, 315 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen, NH 03303

All Entries must be received before June 4th, 2010.
No Entries after this date (including the day of the show) will be accepted.

HORSELESS HANDS-ON ENTRY FORM

Name: _____ Age as of January 1, 2010 _____

Address: _____

Club Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Name of Horse that you will be using: _____

Member must send a copy of their horseless identification card or statement from the 4-H Educator when entering the contest. Also include your medical form, code of conduct and helmet release form. If you do not have these 3 forms, contact the Extension Office at 796-2151 and they will send them to you.

Mail to:

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Boscawen, NH 03303

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PERMISSION AND LIABILITY WAIVER

Must be completed by parent or legal guardian

My child, _____, has permission to participate in the Merrimack County 4-H Horse Qualifying Show, Saturday, June 19, 2010.

I have read the rules and regulations governing the Merrimack County 4-H Horse Show Qualifying Event, and we agree to abide by those rules and give superintendents, UNH Cooperative Extension staff and volunteers full authority to make judgements and enforce these rules. The above applicant meets the eligibility requirements and is willing to conduct himself/herself in an appropriate manner according to the 4-H Code of Conduct.

I agree to treat the facilities and my animal with care and respect. I agree to release and hold harmless, defend, and indemnify the University of New Hampshire, UNH Cooperative Extension, Merrimack County, Hopkinton State Fair Association and their trustees, agents, employees and volunteers from any liability, claim or demand connected with this event. I bring my animal at my own risk and I am aware of the hazards associated with participation and with the handling of large animal including possible injury or death. I will be responsible for physical or financial damage done by my animals or myself to another person or property.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

Signature of 4-H Member

Date

HORSE SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

- Situation:** 4-H members and their horses are on display for the public at 4-H Youth Horse Activities. Most of those who go through the horse barn and watch the 4-H horse show are not knowledgeable about horses or safety around them. They often put themselves, their children, 4-H members and horses in a potentially dangerous situation because of this lack of knowledge.
- Purpose:** To educate the public about safety procedures around horses.
- How:** A Horse Safety Poster Display in and around the horse barn
- Who:** Any member is invited to submit a poster for the contest

- ★ **There is the possibility your poster may not be returned**
- ★ **Posters will be displayed at the state and regional 4-H Horse Shows**
- ★ **Posters must be brought to the State 4-H Show on July 16, 2010**

The poster may illustrate any aspect of safety around horses. Good topics for the poster could be one of the following, or others that you may think would be appropriate for the exhibit:

- ✓ *How to observe a horse in a stall*
- ✓ *Why you shouldn't feed anything to the horses*
- ✓ *Horses' reaction to loud noises, crowds, balloons, etc.*
- ✓ *Why you shouldn't hang over the rail when watching a class*
- ✓ *The proper method of leading a horse*
- ✓ *How to approach a horse*
- ✓ *Any topic that concerns safety with horses*

The poster may show how to do something properly with a horse or the results of unsafe procedures. It can be a drawing, a cartoon, a collage, printed instructions, etc.

The poster must be a minimum of 14"x22" in size, a maximum of 22"x28" and should be readable at 30'. 4-H poster design information is available from your county agent. **Posters may not be returned.**

If you are using a clover image that has an "H" on each leaf, the leaves cannot be removed or have another image superimposed over the top of one of the leaves. Other images should be moved and appear completely separate from the 4-H Emblem. This also means you shouldn't "cut off" a leaf by running it off the edge of the paper in print media or other designs.

Posters will be evaluated as follows:

1. Topic appropriate to the purpose of the contest
2. Impact on viewers
3. Neatness, readability
4. Originality

This form must be firmly attached to the back of your poster and completely filled out!

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Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip (required) _____

Division: (check one) _____ Junior 8-13 _____ Senior 14-19