

Rockingham County 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations

ELIGIBILITY: The County 4-H Horse Show is open to any enrolled 4-H members in Rockingham and Stratford County 4-H Horse Project. For eligibility to show a horse at the County Horse Show, the enrolled 4-H member must have their Animal 4-H Horse Approval form completed by May 1st of said year. To be eligible to show at Eastern State the deadline for Animal 4-H Horse Approval form is April 1st of said year. To be eligible for the State 4-H Horse Show; member must participate in the County Horse Show and be at least 12 years old on January 1st of said year. To exhibit a horse at the State 4-H Horse Show in addition to above requirements; a 4-H member also has to earn a minimum of 225 points in overall score that includes a red ribbons in one of the riding performance classes at the County Horse Show.

Horse; members must show the same horse at County, State, and Eastern State shows. Stallions, nursing mares, and mare with foals are NOT eligible. Project animals shall NOT be switched during the year. In exceptional cases (such as: the animal dies or is unsound), a substitute horse may be used if member has a valid 4-H approval Horse form for said horse (see NH Rule Book). Horses cannot be leased, rented, or borrowed from private or professional stables/owners for sole purpose of showing and cannot be trained by professional trainers within 30 days prior to competing in 4-H horse shows. Two or more members of a family can share horse at county level. However, only one member may exhibit this animal at State 4-H Horse Show. This decision must be made prior to participation in the County 4-H Horse Show.

AGE DIVISIONS: 4-H age is determined by 4-H member age on of January 1st of said year. All participates must be at least 8 years old in according to 4-H age.

Show Divisions: Walk-Trot, beginners who have not mastered the canter or lope and participate in Walk/Trot classes only. All others who has mastered the canter or lope participate in their 4-H age divisions; juniors (8-12) and seniors (14 & up)

Quizzes; 4-H members must participate in their 4-H age as follows; Juniors (8-11), Intermediates (12 & 13), and Seniors (14 and up).

DISABILITIES: County 4-H Horse Show participates with documents will be accommodated as appropriate.

4-H SHOW RULES AND CLASSES: The Rockingham County 4-H Horse Show goes by the New England 4-H Horse Show Rules and Guidelines with the New Hampshire addendum latest editions. Rulebooks are available at UNH Cooperative Extension 4-H Office.

HOW TO ENTER: ALL ENTRIES MUST BE DONE ONLINE. Online registration is through the 4honline portal <https://nh.4honline.com> Please contact your club leader or 4-H Rockingham County 4-H Office (603) 679-5616.office if you need assistance. Instructions on how to enroll online.

IMPORTANT If you did not enroll in the 4-H program through 4-H Online or did not complete the medical form through online. You must submit a Youth Medical Care and Treatment form and the Youth Code of Conduct/Permission with your 4-H Animal Intent form (include a copy of your lease form if you lease your horse). The 4-H Medical Care and Treatment Form, and the Youth Code of Conduct/Permission Forms are on Extension's website <http://extension.unh.edu/4H/4-HAnimalScience.htm>

Required forms for Riders:

1. Rockingham County 4-H Horseshow Entry Form
 - a. Online registration
2. 4-H Animal Intent Form
3. Lease Form (if you lease your horse)
4. Youth Medical and Treatment Form
 - a. Must submit if you did not complete this form online at time of enrollment.
5. Youth Code of Conduct/Permission Form
 - a. Must submit if you did not complete this form online at time of enrollment.

Required forms for Non-Riders:

1. Rockingham County 4-H Horseshow Entry Form
 - a. Online registration
2. Youth Medical and Treatment Form
 - a. Must submit if you did not complete this form online at time of enrollment.
3. Youth Code of Conduct/Permission Form
 - a. Must submit if you did not complete this form online at time of enrollment.

ONLINE REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED AND FEES TURNED IN TO YOUR CLUB LEADERS OR COORDINATOR BY DEADLINES. NO EXCEPTION WILL BE MADE AFTER DEADLINE. No refunds will be granted unless Show Secretary is notified of cancellation at least 48 hours prior to the start of the horse show either in writing or by phone. Exception to this rule would be an injury to a horse or rider.

ARRIVAL: Gates will be open at 12:00 Friday, the day before the horse show, for campsite and stall set up. **Horse(s) arrival time is between 5:00pm and 9:00pm on Friday and 8:00am and 11:00am on Saturday. All horses must be on ground by 11:00am Saturday. Show begins at 12:00pm on Saturday.**

Only horses that are to be exhibited at the county 4-H horse show are allowed on the fairgrounds. An adult leader must be present for horses to arrive. Those 4-H members who bring horse(s) on the ground on Friday must stay overnight with their horse(s). An adult leader must stay overnight for 4-H member(s) to stay the overnight.

Leaders must register with the Show Secretary as soon as the show office is open. Leaders at that time must turn in list of youth and adults staying on the fairgrounds and a map of sleeping locations.

Volunteers, guests, and spectators are expected to follow the conduct guidelines outline for youth. Deerfield Fairground has a policy of no alcohol beverages. Smoking is allowed by adults only in designated areas. There will be absolutely no smoking in the barns, or ring area. Anyone not following these policies will be asked to leave the fairgrounds.

DEPARTURE: Leaving Grounds: Exhibitors cannot leave the ground during the show unless permission is granted by the Show Committee. Permission will be granted only if the departure is necessary as results of medical or other emergency involving the exhibitor or horse. Horses may be released after their last class on Sunday. Exhibitors will not be released until the conclusion of the Award Ceremony on Sunday, with the exception of those teen that are participating in Teen Conference. Exhibitors that are participating in Teen Conference will be allowed to leave after their last class has been pinned and with the permission of the horse show office. **Exhibitors will not be excused until they have their camping/sleeping area clean and trash barrels are empty into dumpster. All stalls must be clean of all shaving and debris. All animals must be off the grounds Sunday within 2 hours of the conclusion of the award program.**

USE OF STALL: Before unloading your horse check your stalls and barn area for safety for your horse(s) and you before unloading your horse(s). No saving will be provided, so bring your own. All empty shaving bags must be taken home; they can't be discarded in trash cans or left on ground. Manure and soiled bedding must be deposited in designated area. Stable management practices will be scored, so stalls must be clean during the show.

Horse show staff and leaders have permission to enter stalls to response to emergencies. No one is allowed in stall except 4-H youth showing animal and stable manager who has been granted permission.

Stall and barn may be decorated.

All stalls must be clean of all shaving and debris before being excuse.

COMPLAINTS: Any complaints about barns, grounds, or the show must be brought to club or group leaders' attention for them to resolve the issue(s). If leaders need assistance or unable to resolve the issue(s); they need to bring it to show manager attention.

The decision of the judge is final. Exhibitors and parents are not to approach the judge.

HEALTH: Vaccinations for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (sleeping sickness) and tetanus are highly recommended. Rabies (shots) is required for equines participating at any 4-H events; all horse must have a current vaccination for rabies given at least 30 days and not more than 1 year prior to the show. Horses stable outside must conform to entry and health regulations as require by current New Hampshire law. A veterinarian health certificate signed an accredited veterinarian and a valid negative AGID (Coggins) test conducted with 6 months prior to entry must be presented.

No horse may be given any stimulant or depressant during the show except by a qualified veterinarian. Breaking of this rule will result disqualification.

ASSISTANCE: 4-Hers are expected to care for their own animals or with the help of other competing members.

Parents and other may help load and unload horse(s), and assist upon arrival with bring equipment to stable area, stacking hay, and similar jobs until Saturday at 11:00am.

Tack and feed rooms, and decorations set up may be assisted by adults prior to the start of the show. No adult is allowed to assist with the preparation of any horse.

Members receiving outside assistance in caring for an animal or preparing it for a class will be disqualified after one (1) warning for the show manager. Stable managers may assist a rider by holding their horse while the rider does the work. Exhibitors may assist each other in the holding area before a class if needed.

STABLE MANAGERS: State Mangers provide organization leadership for their club.

Stable Manager must be current 4-H member enrolled in the horse program. They may assist with al duties except riding, exercising, or preparation for a class.

Those Stable Managers that wish to participate at state show must let their leaders.

State Show Managers must be 12 years old as January 1st of current year.

Stable Managers are required to take quiz and judging. Stable Managers must be on the grounds for duration of the show.

SUPERVISION: Each club will appoint one 4-H screen leader responsible to serve as a club chaperone to coordinate and see that adequate supervision is available at all times for the entire group. Each club is responsible for their own sleeping arrangements and much provided adequate chaperones to oversee the designed sleeping area including sleeping in the area. Boys and girls must have separate sleeping quarters. Club chaperone is also are responsible for recruiting other adults for the club to assist with ring duty, night patrol, and monitoring quiz and judging events.

CURFEW: 9:30pm – All exhibitors in campers/tents, barn close
10:30pm – Lights and radios off, no use of cell phones.
6:00am – Barn opens

CONDUCT: Rudeness, unsportsmanlike conduct, and irresponsible behavior any time is unacceptable. All 4-H youth and adults volunteers are expected to follow the dress code and behavior within the guidelines of the 4-H Code of Conduct. All 4-H members must remain in the horse show area, no wander around the fairgrounds. Any infraction of these rules may result in disqualification, being sent home, and lost of opportunity to participate in future 4-H programs.

CAMPING: For safety and fire regulations; camping is only permitted in designed areas. One cord plugged into one Deerfield receptacle constitutes one camping fees, use of two Deerfield receptacle constitutes two camping fees. Tents with multipliable electrical hookups are consider a camper and will be charge a camper fee.

DOGS: Dogs brought to the show must be on a leashed and under control at all times. A fine \$50.00 will be charged to the owner of any unleash dog.

DEERFIELD RULES: No bicycles, skateboards, scooters, skates, or other wheeler devices of that nature are allowed on the grounds.
No alcoholic beverages are allowed on the grounds.
All trash barrels must be completely empty into the dumpster before leaving grounds.
No open fires are permitted on the grounds.
No dumping of gray water or other fluids on the fairgrounds is strictly prohibited. A \$300.00 fine will be assessed to anyone violating this rule.
The Deerfield security staff decision on matter of safety is final.

SHOW REQUIREMENTS: All participants must participate in 4-H general knowledge quiz (100 points), 4-H judging (100 points). Exhibitors, who are riding must also participate in Fitting and Showmanship (100 points), Equitation Class (50 points), and two choice classes (25 points for each class).
Quiz and judging class; please remember to bring clipboard and pencil.
Handiness Class; if riding in a handiness class brings your selected pattern and music (on a CD) to secretary booth at check in time. Be sure your name is on CD.
The show committee's reserves the right to split, combine, or cancel classes due to a class registration. All exhibitors and stable managers are reminded to bring clipboard, pen, and pencil for quiz and judging.

STATE 4-H HORSE REQUIREMENT:

Exhibitors must take 6 mandatory classes, THE KNOWLEDGE QUIZ, HORSE JUDGING, FIT AND SHOWMANSHIP, AND TWO (2) CHOICE CLASSES. The total of 225 or more points from the 6 mandatory class are needed to quality for the State 4-H Horse. In addition to the 225 or more points it must include one (1) red ribbon from a riding performance class. Ties are broken as following; combination of Quiz and Fit & Showmanship scores, if still tied; Equitation Class, if still tied; Choice Class; if still tied; Judging Contest score.
Stable Managers must take Quiz and Judging. They are evaluated by their ability of their stable manger performance throughout the show.

SCORING: Each Club should designate a person to keep track for their member scores. Each club packet will contain a score sheet. Prior to end day awards ceremony, the sheet should be review with the show secretary's office for accuracy. This requirement is not mandatory, but strongly recommended. Any discrepancies in points after the award ceremony has begun will be reviewed within 30 minutes.

Quiz, Judging, and Fit & Showmanship are basic on 100 points

Riding classes are basic on the Danish System of 50 points for equitation classes and 25 points for choice classes. The Danish system points are worth according;

Ribbon	Equitation Class Points	Choice Class Points
1 st Placement Blue	50	25
2 nd Placement Blue	49	24.5
3 rd Placement Blue	48	24
4 th Placement Blue	47	23.5
5 th Placement Blue	46	23
Blue	45	22.5
Red	30	15
White	15	7.5

FITTING & SHOWMANSHIP: Will be accomplished by station judging. Two judges are involved; one will judge Fitting/grooming, the other will judge showing. Exhibitors will enter the ring individually; complete in both stations as directed and once the exhibitor has completed the class will exit through the out gate. The horse is to return to its stall and need not return to the ring for the pining of the class. The pining will be awarded after the last Fit & Show class.

HORSE JUDGING CONTEST: Will be held after Fitting & Showmanship Classes. There will be two halter classes using participants' horses. Written reasons will be required for one of classes to use in case of ties.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ: Will be given after the horse judging contest. Quiz material will be taken from the current NH 4-H horse project book (Colorado 4-H Horse Book). The book is available on the Extension website or at the 4-H office.

APPOINTMENTS: The appointments for hunt, saddle, and stock seats; gymkhana, and driving are found in "4-H Rules and Classes for NH Horse Shows and Activities." These recommendations are for showing in all horse show classes. Horses that has tendency to kick must be identifiable by having a red ribbons in their tails.

DRESS CODE: A minimum of shirt, shorts, and shoes that completely enclose the foot must be worn at all time by everyone associated with the show activities on the grounds. Torsos must be covered. Tank tops should not have less than a one-inch strap or be revealing in any way. No bathing suits or flip-flops or sandals. All exhibitors must wear boots with heel.

STABLE MANAGEMENT: Members are expected to exercise proper stable management and riding practices during the show weekend. Proper safety practices and the use of common sense are also expected. Stable management judging will be done throughout the show. Danish ribbons will be awarded to each club on their performance on stable management.

AWARD: Challenge trophies and High Point winners will be awarded at end of show. The stable manager with the highest scores in quiz and judging will receive an award. There are no premiums available.

Tie breakers Western and English Challenge Trophies: these trophies are the combination scores of Equitation and Choice. If tied. 1st Tie breaker Equitation Score; 2nd tie breaker Fit & Show score; 3rd tie breaker combination quiz and judging score

Rockingham County Challenge Trophy: this trophy is the combination quiz, judging, fit & show.

If tied, 1st tie breaker Fit & Show score; 2nd tie breaker Quiz score; 3rd tie breaker Judging score.

All other challenge and high point trophies: these trophies are the combination of Quiz, Judging, Fit & Show, Equitation, and Choice Class.

If tied: 1st tie breaker combination of Fit & Show and Quiz scores; 2nd tie breaker Equitation score; 3rd tie breaker Choice score.

Non-Riders (Mizpah Farm Challenge Trophy): this is the combination of quiz and judging score.

If tied: tie breaker is the Quiz

STABLING: There is no turn out available. Horses must be stabled in barns for the night. Groom and spot washing only; may be done outside with tie rings between barns. no full body washing allowed on grounds. Horse must not be left unattended. Tying to trailers or showing from trailers is not permitted.

Safety: The use of basic safety procedures is mandatory for all participants and clubs.

1. No smoking in barns
2. Fire lanes will remain clear at all times
3. No parking will be permitted between barns, access to rings, or where posted.
All roadways and gates must be kept open to allow vehicle traffic in case of emergency
4. All Clubs must have fire buckets or fire extinguisher available
5. Equipment must be stored properly
6. Horses are not left unattended with stall doors open
7. All 4-Hers exhibitors are required to wear proper fitted equestrian helmet which carries ASTM/SEI approval with secured chin harness properly fastened at all time when lunging, mounted on an equine, or in vehicle being pulled by one or more equine.
8. All 4-Her participating in the show are required to wear a medical armband with a completed and accurate filled out 4-H medical form in it at all time.

Absolute no alcohol or drugs are permitted on the grounds. Any infractions of this rule will results in immediate notification of parents/guardian or legal authorities and dismissal from the 4-H Horse Show

In case of emergence to a horse, The Rockingham County 4-H Leaders Association, its officials, and show committee reserve the right to contact the on call veterinarian to provide emergency treatment to the animal in consultation with owner if possible. The animal owner or parent of 4-H member will be responsible for all payments for such emergency treatment
