

4-H SADDLE HORSE & PONY SHOW & JUDGING Please refer to judging schedule. Show organized according to Uniform Rules for 4-H Shows in Ohio (4-H 179). All exhibitors must participate in Showmanship classes. Showmanship age classes will be Novice (first 2 years horse project), Junior (youth ages 8- 13) and Senior (youth ages 14 and over).

ATHENS COUNTY FAIR 4-H/JUNIOR FAIR HORSE RULES All 4-H horse judging is based on rules and regulations as set forth in "Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows in Ohio", circular 179, unless superseded by county rules.

Eligibility

1. Registration papers and leases, if necessary, for both county and state are due the 2nd Wednesday of May each year.
2. A member must register their horse(s) on the 2nd Wednesday of May at the Athens County Fairgrounds from 6-8pm during tag-in. Only one horse may be entered as a State Fair Project (PAS) with the exception of dressage. This class has its own state qualifications. **County participants may bring only one horse to the fair unless they are also competing in non-riding classes.**
3. If a project dies or is injured during the year, it must be verified by a licensed veterinarian at the member's expenses. Once verification has been presented to the Athens County Fair Board Saddle Horse Committee members, the member will then be eligible to show with a substitute project animal. Substitution will be allowed only up until the starting date of the fair. It is the member's responsibility to contact a licensed veterinarian and to see that the Athens County Fair Board Saddle Horse Committee members receive and approve the information prior to the starting date of the fair. Members are reminded that lease papers must be filed if they are needed. ***Riders who are approved by the Fairboard to use a substitute must contact the 4-H Extension Office to complete Horse ID paperwork before the fair.*** All other rules including those concerning professional training are still to be followed in the selection of a substitute project. Anyone who replaces their project horse after registration will not be allowed to compete for State Fair. ***If a rider doesn't bring an animal to the fair (other than if it was injured and unreplaceable), the rider will not qualify for an armband.***

Participation

1. All youth age 19 and under, participating in any 4-H/Junior Fair equestrian activity, are required to wear properly fitted protective headgear which meets or exceeds current ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards with the chin harness securely fastened at all times while riding or driving an equine. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian of the youth participant, to make sure that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, and is properly fitted and in good condition. The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance. The Ohio 4-H/Junior Fair Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders make no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear, as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries in equestrian activities. The Ohio 4-H/Junior Fair Horse Program, Show

Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders may, at his/her discretion, check a participant's protective headgear for proper standards. If the youth is found to be wearing unapproved, defective, or improperly fitted headgear, he/she will not be permitted to participate in riding or driving activities until proper headgear is acquired.

2. All exhibitors must care for their horses each day by 9:00 a.m. while at the fair. (Fed, watered and stall cleaned) The fair board will enforce proper care and curfews.
3. Horse must be exercised a minimum of once daily.
4. No riding in the barn.
5. No racing around the barn.
6. No water battles in or around the barn.
7. No horses allowed past the race horse barn (front or rear), on or across the race track or past the riding arena unless prior approval by the Athens County Fairboard is received. **No livestock are allowed past the race horse barn.** Horses housed in the race horse barn must enter and exit the rear of the barn.
8. No one will be allowed to stay all night in the barn.
9. Horses shall arrive and depart at the times designated by the Fair Board.
10. Each club will be responsible for keeping their area clean.
11. Absolutely no foul language in the barn or ring area at any time.
12. No smoking within 20 feet of (follow Athens City/County Health Rules) the barn area.
13. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs permitted. This includes the members and advisors and all persons in and around the barn and ring area.
14. No horses permitted in the ring after 10:00 p.m. No horses allowed outside the barn after 11:00 p.m. Lights out at 11:00 p.m.
15. Riding schedule and arena duty will be posted.
16. Anyone handling a horse at the fair must wear shoes — NO SANDALS OR OPEN TOED SHOES. Boots or shoes with heels must be worn at all times when showing horses. This includes Fun Day.
17. Adding any substance externally to build up, change or alter the shape or conformation of the animal, including by way of example but not limited to artificial manes, artificial tails, false hair, heels, ropes, graphite, or hemp is not allowed. Clear washable grooming products are permitted for use above the knees and hocks. Washable color enhancers are permitted for use below the knees and hocks. Hoof black is not permitted as it is permanent. No spray bottles are to be used in the barn.
18. Riders who have horses that kick are expected to have red tail ribbons so that other riders can allow that equine plenty of extra room, preventing the possibility of injury to horse or human.
19. Multiple siblings riding one 4-H equine. Siblings who are also 4-H/FFA members may ride the same equine as long as each member has signed a Waiver of Liability and they are not competing in the same class. All additional Waivers of Liability must be attached to the one Horse Registration form and turned in when due. A shared horse may only ride a maximum of 6 contest or jumping classes
20. If in a tie stall, neck rope, halter rope and butt rope or approved barrier must be in use whenever the horse is in the stall. This means from the day you move in until the day you leave the fair! (Neck rope consists of 1/2 inch rope 12-14 feet long with a ring and snap.)

Classes

1. Exhibitors have the option to choose to show in Novice Class or the class according to their age.

Novice: Any age rider in their first 2 years showing Equine at the Athens County Fair. The rider is not eligible to show in any championship classes or the PAS shows.

Junior: For ages 8-13. This class is eligible for participation in Championships and PAS Shows.

Senior: For ages 14-18. This class is eligible for participation in Championships and PAS Shows.

2. Horse show exhibitors may only compete in one Showmanship class according to their primary riding style. If you miss your showmanship class, you MUST show in another showmanship class, but will not be placed. You cannot use the Showmanship class during the versatility competition as your Showmanship class. If you don't participate in showmanship during the fair, you WILL forfeit all awards and may not be able to show the rest of the week.
3. Showmanship, Halter, Production Loundeline, and Horseless Horse are the only events that do not require a helmet.
4. If a youth participates in any PAS designated class, they must show as a junior or senior at the Athens County Fair.
5. The Saddle Horse Committee and the 4-H Horse Council will work cooperatively to reflect the best interest of the Senior Fair Board and the Horse participants. Classes can be recommended by the Athens County 4-H Horse Council or 4-H members to the Saddle Horse Committee and then will be reviewed/approved by the Senior Fair Board.
6. Championship classes will consist of the top two scorers from each class eligible to return for the championship class. (Novice class participants are not eligible.)
7. Junior Fair members must ride their own 4-H project horse. No doubling unless class requires two exhibitors. (Member must control own project.)
8. If a member is riding a horse, the horse must wear a bridle.
9. All stalls must be kept clean and all bedding removed before leaving the fairgrounds.
10. Exhibitors/advisors/family with questions or complaints must go to the show steward and follow the procedures as set forth in the "Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows in Ohio" and not to the judge.
11. If a rider chooses to ride in the Ranch classes, he/she cannot ride in Western classes.
12. Walk/Trot participants are not eligible to participate in Western Riding or Reining.
13. A rider will have 2 minutes to get into the arena after being called. After 2 minutes, the rider will be disqualified.
14. Judges rulings are final. Judges have the right to check bits at any time during a show and may ask questions during Showmanship.
15. High Point Awards will be given to the high point winner for Contest, Western, Ranch and English classes. Novice riders are not eligible for High Point Awards. Classes used to tally points for the High Point Award:

Contest High Point: Contest Showmanship, Barrels, Stakes and Keyhole

Western High Point: Western Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Trail

English High Point: English Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Hunter Hack

Ranch High Point: Ranch Showmanship, Ranch Pleasure, Ranch Horsemanship, Ranch Riding

16. No class changes can be made the day of the show except scratches.
17. HORSELESS HORSE CLASS The Horseless Horse Class covers grooming and general equine knowledge. The horses used in the class are “donated” for use by club members and have been approved in advance by the Horse Council. The member who owns the horse leads it out into the arena and holds the animal while the horseless horse member works with the judge. The judge asks each member to demonstrate how they would groom the horse by showing how each tool is used and in what order. Judges also ask questions about topics covered in the book. Participants in this class **MUST** participate in Still Project Judging to be eligible for this class at the fair *There will be no pattern work or independent control of the horse. Horseless Horse participants cannot participate in any riding classes.*

PARADE RULES FOR HORSES

Anyone participating with their horse in the Athens County Junior Fair Parade must ride with a saddle and bridle. One rider per horse — NO DOUBLING. Horses may wait to line up 15 minutes before the start of the parade.

NO TOLERANCE POLICY –Verbal abuse, physical abuse or harassment toward directors, judges, ring stewards, superintendents, employees, OSU Extension staff, junior fair members, club advisors or volunteers of the Athens County Fair will not be tolerated. You may be escorted from the fairgrounds, premiums forfeited, and up Athens County Agricultural Society Rule Committee’s decision, the family members may not be able to exhibit at the Athens County Fair for a period of time indicated by the committee based upon the severity of the situation.