

**HORSE AND PONY Club  
Delaware County Indiana Program Details**

Friday, July 12, 2024 - Western Day (including ALL halter/showmanship classes - Show begins at 9:00 AM  
Saturday, July 13, 2024 - English Day - Show begins at 9:00 AM

Judges: Betty Ortlieb (English) and Christie King-Moree (Western and Champion Halter/Showmanship)

Gates will open 1.5 hours before show begins each day.

For Detailed Showbill click here

**Project Description:**

The 4-H Horse & Pony educational program and related activities (such as workshops, tours, etc.) provide youth a fun and hands-on learning experience which develops both Horse and Pony subject skills (such as nutrition, housing, and health care) and life skills (such as responsibility, decision-making, nurturing, and communications).

**Levels:**

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| <b>Junior</b>       | <b>Grades 3-5</b>  |
| <b>Intermediate</b> | <b>Grades 6-8</b>  |
| <b>Senior</b>       | <b>Grades 9-12</b> |

**4-H HORSE AND PONY:**

**Exhibit Requirements:**

**Ownership / Lease deadline – May 13, 2024**

- All 4-H horses and ponies must have a completed online livestock ID by **May 13, 2024**. Photo of the front, side, and rear must be submitted for each animal enrolled. Photo identification is required for both County and State Fair eligibility. An Animal Location form must be turned into the Extension Office by **May 13, 2024**
- 4-H members may enroll up to five (5) horses on the State Horse and Pony 4-H Online

**4-H Fair:**

- Exhibitors must present their horses for ID verification prior to unloading. Verification procedures will be announced at the monthly meetings
- No horse or pony may be exhibited showing any symptoms of any communicable disease.
- Siblings may share a project animal as long as each child completes an 4-H Online livestock entry for that animal.
- Shared animals will be judged only once per class.
- If at any time the animal and/or exhibitor cause an unsafe environment for the public, youth and/or the exhibitor and/or the animals, they may be asked to leave the fairgrounds immediately. Upon review by the Horse and Pony Board and/or the 4-H Council, an exhibitor may lose county 4-H Horse & Pony privileges. This includes Horse & Pony workshops, practices, clinics, 4-H fair participation, etc.
- If the 4-H Horse & Pony Board determines at any time that an exhibitor is not taking proper care of their animal, the exhibitor and the animal may be asked to leave the county fairgrounds.

Animal exhibitors have the option of exhibiting a poster in place of, or in addition to exhibiting an animal. The poster should cover a topic of one (1) of the activities or learning experiences in the completed grade level of the project manual. Posters must follow poster rules. All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to original author. A champion poster will be chosen in each level (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior) for each animal species (Example: Dog, cat, goat, sheep, etc.)

## **4-H HORSE & PONY SHOW GUIDELINES & EXPLANATIONS**

Except as specified, The County 4-H Horse & Pony Show will be conducted according to the current Indiana 4-H Horse & Pony Handbook. Exhibitors should consult this Handbook for the specific rules governing eligibility, class procedure, tack, attire and behavioral expectations.

- First and foremost all exhibitors, parents, and spectators will conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen. They will be expected to conduct themselves in such a manner as to set a good example for other 4-H exhibitors and other spectators at the show. Impolite behavior, poor sportsmanship and/or disruptive actions, (as deemed by the show management) will result in disqualification and/or removal from the grounds.
- ASTM or SEI standard F1163 (or above) certified equestrian helmets must be worn by all 4-H members whenever mounted, or driving a horse in any 4-H activity on or off of the 4-H grounds. The 4-H member is responsible to see that the specified headgear is properly fitted with the approved harness in place and fastened. Original certification tags must be in the helmet.
- Exhibitors must use the back number issued by the fair at check-in.
- All 4-H riders and personnel must wear proper footwear of Western, Hunt, or Jodhpur boots with heels.
- Only 4-H Horse & Pony members may ride or drive 4-H animals on the 4-H Grounds.
- Only 4-H Horse & Pony Exhibitors and approved volunteers may be in the arena during workshops and fair events.
- Stallions may only be shown in 4-H through their weanling year.
- Classifications:

Animal:

For age determination, all animals will be assumed to have been born on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year foaled.

Exhibitor:

Your grade is determined by your grade on January 15 of the current year. If you were in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade on January 15 of the current year, you will be considered to be in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through the State Fair, etc.

Where three (3) divisions are specified:

Junior Exhibitor- grades 3-5  
Intermediate Exhibitor- grades 6-8  
Senior Exhibitor- grades 9-12

Where two (2) divisions are specified:

Junior Exhibitor- grades 3-7  
Senior Exhibitor- grades 8-12

- WALK-TROT BEGINNER: Any age rider/horse that is not ready to lope or canter may enter a Walk-Trot Beginner class. These classes will be judged at the walk – jog/trot only. Exhibitors who enter a Walk-Trot Beginner Class will not be eligible to enter any class requiring a lope or canter in the same discipline.
- A class entry list will be posted the day of the show. Exhibitors may make scratches, but no additions to classes will be made after July 1st.
- Questions or issues that arise during the show regarding class entries must be taken to the show office. • Exhibitors should report to area outside the arena gate one (1) class prior to the class they are entered in, unless 4-H member is participating in another 4-H event on the fairgrounds. The arena gate will not be held for late arrivals.

- Tack changes must be reported to the gate, or show office at least one (1) class prior to the needed tack change.
- Scratches should be reported to the gate or the show office.
- The Delaware County 4-H Horse arena is an outdoor venue and is therefore subject to the prevailing weather conditions throughout the fair. All shows will be conducted as scheduled with the following exceptions:
  - Rain- In the event of rain, the show will proceed as scheduled as long as the intensity of the rain does not present a danger to exhibitor, animal, spectators, and staff. If it is determined that an unsafe condition exists due to the rain, the show will be suspended until it can be safely resumed. If the show can be safely resumed, it will continue from the point at which it was suspended and run until concluded, until its scheduled end time, or until 11:30 PM. If all classes have not been completed by the scheduled end time, or by 11:30 PM, that class will finish. The rest of the classes for that show will be canceled.
  - Lightning- In the event of lightning, the show will be halted immediately. All exhibitors will be asked to dismount and the observation area will be cleared. The show will be suspended for a minimum of 20 minutes and may not resume until 20 minutes after the last visible flash of lightning. If the show can be safely resumed, it will continue from the point at which it was suspended and run until concluded, until its scheduled end time, or until 11:30 PM. If all classes have not been completed by the scheduled end time, or by 11:30 PM, that class will finish. The rest of the classes for that show will be canceled.
  - Excessive Heat- In the event of extremely high temperatures, or a heat index that triggers excessive heat advisories from the National Weather Service, additional breaks will be added to the show schedule to provide additional opportunities for rest and hydration. At the discretion of the judge, some clothing requirements (jackets and long sleeve shirts) may be waived. Under no circumstance will the helmet requirement ever be waived.
- Riders must have their mount under control at all times. In the show ring, animals must perform in a manner that does NOT endanger their exhibitor or other participants. Rearing, biting or kicking, unsafe passing and excessive speed (in classes not requiring speed) may result in the exhibitor being excused from the class. Animals known to kick should be identified with a red ribbon in their tail. Each exhibitor is responsible for his or her animals' behavior. If at any time the animal or the exhibitor cause an unsafe environment for the public, youth, and /or the exhibitor, and or the animals, they may be asked to leave the 4-H Grounds immediately.
- **JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL**

## **SELECTION OF THE HORSE & PONY REPRESENTATIVE FOR SUPREME SHOWMANSHIP**

### Eligibility Requirements for Supreme Showmanship

The Horse and Pony representative in the Supreme Showmanship Contest must show in one or more of the following classes: Gated Showmanship at Halter; Hunter type Showmanship at Halter, Senior Level Exhibitor; and Western Showmanship at Halter, Senior Level Exhibitor.

## DELAWARE COUNTY 4-H HORSE ARENA RULES

- **NO SMOKING IN ANY 4-H BUILDINGS; INCLUDES GROUNDS, SHOW OFFICE &**
- Trailered animals arrive and leave the day they are shown and are shown from the trailer or day stall (if available). Parking for trailered animals and their towing vehicle will be inside the arena Complex and under the direction of the assigned parking director.
- All other vehicles, must be parked in areas outside of the arena.
- All lunging must take place in designated areas
- HORSES BEING SHOWN FROM THE TRAILER: May be ridden outside the arena area ONLY WHEN GOING TO AND FROM THE TRAILER and may not be ridden faster than a walk while going to and from the trailer. HORSES SHOWN FROM THE TRAILER MUST NEVER BE LEFT IN OR TIED TO THE TRAILER WITHOUT SUPERVISION. They must have an adequate water supply available when not showing.
- No other animals are allowed in the Horse & Pony Complex, including dogs.
- Exhibitors may not ride their horse faster than a walk within the Horse & Pony Complex
- All horses will be physically inspected at check-in, and may be rejected or removed due to health issues at any time during the fair.