

Junior Fair Equine Department

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Pre Fair Important Dates

April 3, 2023 4-H Membership deadline to be eligible to exhibit at the 2021 Warren County Fair.
May 15, 2023 EquiSTEP completed by all 4-H horse participants
June 1, 2023 Horse Photos, Vaccination receipts, and Coggins test need to upload onto 4-H Online by 4:30 p.m.
June 15, 2023 Fair entries due online by 4:30pm

2023 GENERAL RULES & GUIDELINES

1. All entries for the Warren County Fair 4-H Horse Show must be turned in online to FairEntry no later than June 15th at 4:30 p.m.
2. 4-H members must be enrolled in an equine project (#174-189,762, and 870) in order to show a horse or other equine at the fair. Vet Science projects are not considered as equine projects for fair participation.
3. 4-H horse, mule, donkey, & pony projects may be brought to the fairgrounds any time after 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 16th. Members may keep their animal at the fairgrounds until the end of showing on Saturday.
4. Exhibitors are required to leave their pen/stall displays set-up until 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 22nd for viewing by the general public. Equine projects may be removed from 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 22nd OR after 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 22nd. Tack and displays must be removed by 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 23rd.
5. Judging and rules will be in accordance with the rule book titled Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows in Ohio (4-H Circular #179) and as amended by the Warren County Junior Fair Board. Any such amendments will be on file in the Extension office and posted at the announcer's booth at the horse show.

4-H OWNERSHIP

1. Horses and ponies used as project animals must either be owned by the member or his/her immediate family, or leased. Immediate family includes: parent, step-parent, brother, sister, step-brother/sister. If an animal is leased, the lease agreement must have the approval of the County 4-H Educator and be submitted to 4-H Online by June 1st.
2. A project animal may be shown by siblings provided they are not entered in the same division (i.e. Junior, Senior, English, Western, Novice).
3. All animals carried as 4-H projects must be in the continual care of the 4-H member by June 1st. All members must provide 4-H Online with pictures of their project animal by June 1st at 4:30 p.m.
4. Each member may nominate and show up to 2 project horses and 1 donkey.
5. There will be no mares with foal at side shown at the Warren County Fair.
6. Only people showing an animal in a class at fair may ride, drive, or train that animal at the fair. The violator and horse will be disqualified from further participation at the fair. (An exception may be made for children simply wanting to sit on, or be led, while riding the horse in a non-schooling manner.) From the time the equine arrives at the fairgrounds for the Warren County Fair 4-H Horse Show, only the exhibitor will ride, drive, exercise, or train the horse. Parents and/or others may handle a horse in a disciplinary manner whenever safety indicates, with prior approval from show steward.
7. No hardship cases will be considered by the Warren County Junior Fair Show Committee.

8. Any exhibitor violating any of the state or county rules will be ineligible to show at the 4-H Horse Show.

GENERAL CLASS ENTRY

1. Each member will be permitted to show two project animals in showmanship, performance, and contest classes. The only other project animal that may be used is one donkey.
2. Each horse will be entered on a separate entry form (no "backup" horse) for the classes they are showing in. Each horse will be assigned an individual back number for the week.
3. Any exhibitor showing in a class without an exhibitor's number or with an incorrect exhibitor's number will not be considered for placing in that class.
4. The top 3 exhibitors in each division of Showmanship, Horsemanship and Equitation will return for Championship Classes. Novice exhibitors are ineligible for Championship classes.

5. Overall Highpoint

- **Senior & Junior High Point English**
- Points will be calculated based on the placing's of each exhibitor in Showmanship, Equitation and Hunter under Saddle/Pleasure. If an exhibitor shows the same horse in both Hunt Seat and Saddleseat the scores will remain separate, Hunt Seat OR Saddleseat, not a combination of both.
- In the event of a tie, the top Showmanship score will be declared the winner. In the event of a second tie, the exhibitors will execute one of the trail obstacles. This obstacle will be determined by a random draw from the Gate, Bridge, Back a Dog Leg, Trot Poles or SidePass.
- One Horse One Rider
- **If less than five participants in a class, a reduced point system will be utilized for the High Point in those classes.**
- **Senior & Junior High Point Western**
- Points will be calculated based on the placing's of each exhibitor in Showmanship, Horsemanship, Western Pleasure OR Ranch Pleasure.
- In the event of a tie, the top Showmanship score will be declared the winner. In the event of a second tie, the exhibitors will execute one of the trail obstacles. This obstacle will be determined by a random draw from the Gate, Bridge, Back a Dog Leg, Trot Poles or SidePass.
- One Horse One Rider
- **If less than five participants in a class, a reduced point system will be utilized for the High Point in those classes.**

- **Senior & Junior High Point Contest**

- Points will be calculated based on the placing's of each exhibitor in 3 out of 5 of the contesting classes. The 3 classes will be determined by a random draw prior to the start of the Contesting Show.
- If an exhibitor shows two horses the scores will remain separate, Horse #1 and Horse #2, not a combination of both.
- One Horse One Rider.
- **If less than five participants in a class, a reduced point system will be utilized for the High Point in those classes.**

NOVICE DIVISION

1. Participants who choose to show as a novice in any class at the county fair are ineligible for state fairs election.
2. To enter novice classes, members must have advisor approval on their fair entry form. The winner of any novice Walk/Trot/Canter class at the Warren County Fair is ineligible to participate as a novice at future Warren County Fairs. The winner of any novice Walk/Trot class at the Warren County Fair shall at least move up to novice Walk/Trot/Canter class. Exceptions for eligibility to show as a novice at future Warren County Fairs may be made upon request of parent or advisor to the Extension Contact. Novice entry shall be limited to no more than 3 years.
3. An exhibitor in novice classes is not eligible to show in any other classes except in hand miniature jumping.

SHOWMAN OF SHOWMEN

1. The champion of each of the following divisions is to compete: Senior Western Showmanship, Junior Western Showmanship, Senior English Showmanship, Junior English Showmanship and Draft Horse Showmanship.
2. A person winning a championship showmanship class must decide immediately following that class whether or not he/she will participate in the Showman of Showmen Class for that particular division. If the champion declines, the reserve champion showman of that division will be the representative of that division. Once the exhibitor has declared he/she will participate in the Showman of Showmen class for that particular division, they do not have the option to change if they would win another championship showmanship division. Once the person has declared to participate in Showman of Showmen, no substitution will be allowed.
3. The entrants for this class must show in the attire they wore to qualify for this class, i.e., Western, if they won a Championship Western class, and Saddle Seat or Hunt Seat depending on the Championship English class they won.
4. If a participant is not present at the time the Showman of Showmen Class is called, no substitution will be made and that division will not be represented in the Showman of Showmen Class.
5. All entries are to be judged on showmanship.
6. Champion and Reserve Champion awards will be presented.
7. Showman of Showmen winner will compete

in the Grand Showman of Showmen competition at the current year's fair. If the Showman of Showmen would decline to participate in the Grand Showman of Showmen, the Reserve Champion would compete.

DRESSAGE

Entry in dressage is limited to a total of 2 tests between English and Western Dressage. Exhibitors will ride using the 2023 USDF Tests for English and the 2023 Western Dressage or WDAA tests.

To submit a fair entry for a dressage class, you must present a 2023 dressage test to the or participated at the 2022 Warren County Fair and be on the approved list from the 2022 Warren County Fair. All proof of participation must be presented to the Extension Office by June 19, 2023.

Ground Driving

The driver is on foot and for safety, will maintain an appropriate distance from the horses' rear legs at all times. Tack can be driving harness or a halter, leather hackamore, or open bridle with snaffle bit. The driving lines will pass through either a surcingle or through stirrups properly positioned and secured. Lines may be leather, rope, or web without chains. Proper driving attire is required. Class routine will be determined by the Show Committee and may include a walk, trot, rein back, and possibly a pattern. Scoring is based on the following: safety during the class (20 points); control, and smoothness of handling, and ability to negotiate the course (80 points). Points are divided equally among different maneuvers required for the pattern.

VERSATILITY & GAITED VERSATILITY

1. Versatility will be shown in four divisions as follows:
 - a. Showmanship
 - b. English Equitation
 - c. Western Horsemanship
 - d. **Stakes**
2. Gaited Versatility will be shown in four divisions as follows:
 - a. Showmanship
 - b. Gaited English Equitation
 - c. Gaited Western Horsemanship
 - d. **Stakes**
3. Conditions for Entry: Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Show states: **These are the conditions for entry: the exhibitor must have placed in a showmanship and/or**

horsemanship or equitation class at this show prior to making an entry in the versatility class. This class must be limited. Thirty entries can take up to five hours to show. It is suggested that versatility exhibitors should have completed two years of 4-H project work with horses.

4. Rules: In the event of a tie in the number of points, the exhibitor with the highest horsemanship and/or equitation score will be determined the winner. Further ties will be broken at the discretion of the judge.
5. All changes of tack/clothing must be made within 5 minutes from the time called. Riders not ready to return to the ring for the next class in the allowed 5 minutes will be disqualified. Riders may have two grooms to work with them between classes. Proper attire is required for the class. Horses will not be permitted to leave the ring between classes. Horses leaving the ring will be disqualified.
6. Classes will be ordered to provide equal number of tack changes for all entries.
7. Vehicles may not be parked at arena until after 6:00 a.m. on Friday. Vehicles shall not block gates or chute. **Vehicles may not leave the arena area until all Versatility classed have been completed.**
8. Each rider must show in all four events and must use the same horse in each event. Judges place each class 1 through 10 (10 points for first, 9 points for second, etc.) Points are totaled for all four classes to determine the winner.
9. The winner of the Versatility Class is the horse and rider accumulating the most points in the four events combined, and lower placing are similarly determined.
10. Exhibitors must complete all four classes to be eligible for final placing. Any exhibitor disqualified from one (1) of the four events is disqualified from placing.

MINIATURE VERSATILITY

1. The horse will perform three (3) disciplines in ONE class.
2. Harness Driving
3. Showmanship
4. Jumping
5. One (1) Assistant or Header will be allowed in the arena only for the heading and unharnessing of the horse.
6. Horses will enter the arena at a pleasure trot. Horses will perform a walk, park gait, and road gait in both directions. Headers will be asked to enter the arena. Horses will be asked to walk. The judge will signal and the team will remove the cart and harness from the horse and do any grooming or halter changes. After a two (2) minute time limit the announcer will indicate the beginning of the next portion of the class. Any horse not removed from cart or harness will be disqualified. Headers will be asked to exit the arena with cart and harness, in an orderly manner. Exhibitors will take directions from the ringmaster to begin the showmanship portion of the class. At the conclusion of the

showmanship portion, exhibitors will have two (2) minutes to prepare for the jumping portion of the class. Headers may enter the arena to hold horses as exhibitors walk the jump course. Exhibitors ONLY will be given the opportunity to walk the course. Horses will jump a course of three jumps.

7. All three disciplines will be judged equally and combined for a final placing. Any horse disqualified from one (1) of the divisions is disqualified from the class.
8. Tie breaker will be showmanship.

Mini High Point Contest

- Points will be calculated based on the placing of each exhibitor in Showmanship, Jumping and Hunter.
- In the event of a tie, the top Showmanship score will be declared the winner. In the event of a second tie, the exhibitors will execute one of the in hand trail obstacles. This obstacle will be determined by a random draw from the bridge, back a dog leg, trot poles or side pass
- One mini one exhibitor
- If less than five participants in a class, a reduced point system will be utilized for the High Point in those classes

TRAIL

1. An Exhibitor cannot show the same horse in the In-Hand Trail and Regular Trail classes at the same show.
2. After two refusals at one obstacle, the entrant must go on to the next obstacle. Three accumulative refusals in the entire class will excuse the entrant from the class. Upon reaching an obstacle, the contestant has 15 seconds in which to begin undertaking said obstacle.
3. Trail contestants will be scored on a numerical basis. Ties will be broken at the judge's discretion.
4. Trail in Hand: The maximum time limit of 3.0 minutes is allowed for the trail course.
5. Trail: The maximum time limit of 5.0 minutes is allowed for the course.
6. To submit a fair entry for a trail class you must have

completed in a trail class in 2023 or attended a trail clinic in 2023 or placed or earned a score at the 2022 Warren County Fair and on the approved list from the 2022 Warren County Fair. All proof of participation must be presented to the Extension Office by June 19, 2023.

JUMPING CLASSES

1. Participants may enter a maximum of three jumping classes. Classes selected must be a numerical sequence (Ex. Class 1, 2 & 3). Participants MAY NOT select classes out of numerical sequence (Ex. class 1, 5, & 7)

CONTEST

- A judge will be present during the contest classes. In event of timer failure, the rider will re-run and that time, including any penalties, will be used.
- All riders must attend the equipment check on Friday, July 21 at 3:00 p.m.
- Champion & Reserve Champion High-Point will be determined by a run-off of the top 3 exhibitors in each Contest classes. A separate "Top Run" pattern will be used.

Flags

Three barrels will be set up in the barrel pattern. Two five-gallon buckets will be placed on the outside edge of the 1st and 2nd barrels. The buckets will be filled with sand to within three inches of the top of the buckets. Riders can run the pattern in either direction. A timing cone will be placed. A wooden dowel blunt at one end and tapered at the other will be used.

Disqualifications and Time Penalties are as follows for Flags

- Miss picking up the Flag at the 1st barrel will result in a "plus 10 points".
- Picking up the Flag at the 1st barrel but failure to stick the Flag in 2nd barrel will result in a "plus 5 points".
- Knocking over any barrel will result in a "No Time".
- Loss of forward motion will result in a "No Time".
- Circling a barrel will result in a "No Time."

Premier Exhibitor

An award will be presented to honor the Junior Fair Exhibitor that does the most outstanding job in their species during the 2023 Warren County Fair. Categories included in the calculation of the award will include top 2 highest placing classes, project interviews, **skill-a-thon** and herdsmanship. To be eligible for the award, exhibitors must compete in all categories, and they must sign-up for the premier exhibitor award on their fair entry.

STATE FAIR

1. 4-H youth shall be allowed to participate in the State Fair Horse Show each year. Novices are ineligible for State Fair selection.
2. Exhibitors wishing to attend the State Horse Show in 2023. will select their classes for State Horse Show and enter online. Exhibitors will also need to submit a form to the Extension Educator by July 1st, declaring their classes and providing horse information.

Use the following class numbers to enter your equine projects.

Please note that class splits may be made by the show committee based upon the age of the exhibitors and the number of entries in each class.

Monday, July 17 10:00 AM

- 101 Hunt Seat Showmanship Horses/Ponies
- 102 Saddle Seat / Gaited Showmanship
- 103 Hunt Seat Equitation Horses
- 104 Hunt Seat Equitation Ponies
- 105 Saddle Seat Equitation Horses/Ponies
- 106 Gaited Equitation Horses/Ponies
- 107 Hunter under Saddle Horses
- 108 Hunter under Saddle Ponies
- 109 Saddle Seat Pleasure
- 110 Gaited Saddle Seat Pleasure
- 111 Light Pleasure Driving
- 112 Driving Reinsmanship
- 113 Driven Trail
- 114 Ground Driving

Tuesday, July 18, 9:00 AM

- 201 Miniature Horse Showmanship
 - 202 Western Showmanship Horses/Ponies
 - 203 Ranch Showmanship Horses/Ponies
 - 204 Gaited Western Showmanship
 - 205 Draft Showmanship
 - 206 Western Horsemanship Horses
 - 207 Western Horsemanship Ponies
 - 208 Ranch Horsemanship Horses/Ponies
 - 209 Gaited Western Horsemanship
 - 210 Western Pleasure Horses
 - 211 Western Pleasure Ponies
 - 212 Gaited Western Pleasure
 - 213 Ranch Pleasure
 - 214 Reining
- **Exhibitors CANNOT show the same horse in Western Pleasure and Ranch Pleasure at the same show.**

Wednesday, July 19, 9:00 AM

- 301 Hunter Hack over Cross Rails W/T
 - 302 Hunt Seat Equitation over Cross Rails W/T
 - 303 Hunt Seat Equitation over Cross Rails W/T/C
 - 304 Hunter Hack W/T/C
 - 305 Hunt Seat Equitation over Fences W/T/C
 - 306 Working Hunter over Fences
 - 307 Miniature Jumping
 - 308 Miniature Hunters
 - 309 Donkey Showmanship
 - 310 Novice Donkey Showmanship
 - 311 In Hand Trail, Small Equine <50"
 - 312 In Hand Trail
 - 313 Trail
 - 314 Ranch Riding
- ** Exhibitors CANNOT show the same horse in the In-Hand Trail & regular trail at the same show.**

Thursday, July 20, 9:00 A.M.

- 401 Novice English Showmanship Horses/Ponies
- 402 Novice Walk/Trot English Equitation
- 403 Novice English Equitation
- 404 Novice Easy Gaited English Equitation
- 405 Novice Walk/Trot Hunter under Saddle
- 406 Novice Hunter under Saddlehorses/Ponies
- 407 Novice Easy Gaited English Pleasure
- 408 Novice Western Showmanship Horses/Ponies
- 409 Novice Walk/Trot Western Horsemanship
- 410 Novice Western Horsemanship Horses/Ponies
- 411 Novice Easy Gaited Western Horsemanship
- 412 Novice Walk/Trot Western Pleasure
- 413 Novice Ranch Pleasure(W/T)
- 414 Novice Western Pleasure Horse/Pony W/T/C
- 415 Novice Ranch Pleasure W/T/C
- 416 Novice Gaited Western Pleasure
- 417 Intro. Level – Test B –English
- 418 Training Level 1 –English
- 419 Training Level 2 –English
- 420 Intro. Level – Test 3 –Western
- 421 Basic Level 1 –Western
- 422 Basic Level 2 –Western

Friday, July 21, 9:00 AM

- 501 Miniature Versatility
- 502 Versatility
- 503 Gaited Versatility
- 504 Pole Bending
- 505 Stake Race
- 506 Keyhole Race
- 507 Barrel Race
- 508 Flag Race