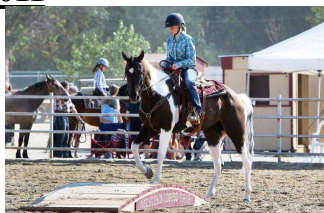


DEPARTMENT J20H

Horse

Supervisors:

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General Comments:

Each exhibitor, parent and leader participating in this department is responsible for reading and complying with the Junior Livestock – 4-H & FFA Rules and Information section pertaining to this specific project. Unless otherwise stated, the term “horse” shall include horse, pony, mule, donkey and foal.

Rules & Regulations:

All 4-H horse fair entries are **due online by July 31st**. Entry sheets are to be completed by the leader of the club and submitted according to the age of the member. Forms not properly signed will be returned. Signed and completed 4-H Horse Project Record books are to be brought to the Interview Evaluation Day (**Saturday, August 15**). Youth presenting incomplete record books will not be interviewed nor be eligible to show at The Western Idaho Fair. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

1. Fair Participation: All 4-H and FFA horse exhibitors must comply with The Western Idaho Fair guidelines and adhere to all 4-H and FFA Policies

2. Helmet Requirement: Riders must wear an ASTM-SEI-approved equestrian helmet whenever mounted or driving a horse-drawn vehicle. Exhibitors wearing helmets in Halter and Showmanship classes shall not be discriminated against.

3. Boots & Safety Gear: Closed-toe boots must be worn when handling horses, including washing, grooming, and leading. This includes adults and leaders.

4. Horse Management: Exhibitors must have managed their project horse since **May 1st** of the current year. Any exceptions must be approved through a hardship petition at least 24 hours before the fair. Hardship forms may be obtained from the Ada County Extension Office and must be filled out.

5. Horse Ownership Rule: A horse may only be shown in **either 4-H or FFA**. 4-H and FFA members may show a maximum of two (2) horse projects at the WIF. Mare and foal are one project. Exhibitors showing in both FFA, and 4-H must have a different horse for each. Exhibitors may show one (1) 4-H horse and one (1) FFA horse in the same class.

6. Horse Age & Foal Participation: A horse’s age is determined based on its birth date as of **January 1st** of the current year. Stud colts under **one year of age** may be shown. Exhibitors with a mare and foal project must ensure that the foal remains in its stall during all classes except designated foal classes. The mare must also be stalled during the foal’s class, except during interview evaluations.

7. Showmanship Requirement: All exhibitors must

participate in a showmanship class with their project horse. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from high-point awards and premiums, but exhibitors may still audit entered classes. (Participate without being judged).

8. Novice Exhibitors: 4-H Novice exhibitors enter only Novice classes except for Halter Quality, Miniature, and Gymkhana (walk/trot ONLY), Driving and Costume classes.

9. Project Completion: 4-H horse project members must complete a **horse interview evaluation** on **August 15th** to be eligible to enter the fair. FFA exhibitors must complete a **horsemanship evaluation** and submit **three (3) written project goals**. Proper attire and tack must be worn for all evaluations.

10. Veterinary Check: All horses must be examined upon arrival to ensure they are sound and free from contagious diseases. All horses must pass a veterinary inspection on **August 20th from 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.** at The Western Idaho Fair before entering stalls. West Nile Virus vaccinations and a Coggins test are recommended. Horses must remain on-site until officially released by a supervisor.

11. Proper Horse Handling: Horses may not be left tied in stalls or left with tack on. Only the exhibitors may ride their project horse on fairgrounds. Horses are to carry only saddles, and/or one rider while on fairgrounds. Do not pack horses with materials. Please use wheelbarrows or carts.

12. Stall Assignments: Horses must be assigned a stall and be properly cared for by the exhibitor. All stalls must be cleaned daily.

13. Equipment Rules: All tack and equipment must comply with Ada County 4-H Horse Member’s Guide & Rule Book and Pacific Northwest (PNW 4-H Horse Contest Guide PNW 574 October 2023 Edition) rules.

14. Class Limitations: Each horse can only be shown in a class once, unless it is a designated 50-50 project shared by two members.

15. Versatility Ranch Classes: Participants in versatility ranch classes cannot enter novice classes.

16. Gymkhana: The Gymkhana events will be governed by the most currently revised Ada County 4-H Horse Member’s Guide and Rule Book PNW 4-H Horse Contest Guide PNW 574 October 2023 Edition. Equipment restrictions may be waived for Gymkhana classes. Exceptions and decisions shall be settled by the Horse Division Supervisors.

17. Breed Awards: Awards will be determined based on entry numbers, requiring at least three (3) entries for a breed class to be recognized.

18. Mini Horses: Mini horses (under 38 inches at the withers) will be shown as horses in all classes not specified as mini classes.

19. Tack & Attire: All riders must adhere to appropriate tack and attire guidelines per discipline (Western, English, or Gymkhana). Tack and Equipment Rules will be governed by the Ada County 4-H Horse Member’s Guide & Rule Book and PNW 4-H Horse Contest Guide PNW 574 October 2023 Edition.

20. Judges’ Decisions: All judge decisions are final. Any interference with judging may result in disqualification. Classes may be divided so that no more than thirty (30) entries will show at one time. Classes may be combined at

the discretion of the Horse Division Supervisors. At the discretion of the judge, FFA and English Riders may be excused from wearing jackets in favor of long-sleeve shirts (in accordance with FFA or English attire rules).

21. Horse Transportation: It is recommended that horses transported on public roads must have either a brand inspection and/or a trip permit.

22. Herdsmanship Requirement: Horse exhibitors must follow herdsman's guidelines and are eligible for the educational display contest.

23. Horse Welfare: Horses must be provided with proper nutrition, hydration, and care at all times.

24. Parent & Guardian Responsibility: Parents and guardians must ensure that youth exhibitors comply with fair rules and maintain proper horse care.

25. Show Ring Conduct: Exhibitors must demonstrate good sportsmanship and respect judges, fellow competitors, and fair staff.

26. Prohibited Behavior: Any mistreatment of horses will result in immediate removal from the fair and possible future disqualification.

27. Horse Substitution Policy: No horse substitutions will be allowed after the entry deadline unless approved for hardship cases.

28. Show Schedule Adherence: Exhibitors must arrive on time for scheduled classes. Late arrivals may not be allowed to participate.

29. Stall Decorations: Decorations must be safe for horses and comply with fair regulations.

30. Fairground Access: Horses may not be ridden outside of designated areas.

31. Costume Class: Costumes must not block the horse's vision or movement. Supervisors may remove any horse deemed unsafe.

32. Educational Clinics: Participants are encouraged to attend clinics to enhance their horsemanship skills.

33. Rule Compliance: Exhibitors who fail to follow these rules may be subject to penalties, including disqualification.

34. Safety Authority: Horse division supervisors have the final decision on all matters related to rider and horse safety.

For additional details, refer to the **Ada County 4-H Horse Member's Guide & Rule Book** or visit: [Ada County Addenda to PNW Rules](#) and PNW 4-H Horse Contest Guide PNW 574 October 2023 Edition.

Stalls:

Horses stalled overnight at the fair will stay the five (5) days. Stalls need to be cleaned daily by 10:00 am and waters refilled.

Transport trailers will not be unhitched from the tow vehicle, will be unloaded promptly, and then moved outside of the gate. **TRAILERS IN VIOLATION WILL BE TOWED.** Pre-designated tack trailers will be unhitched in pre-designated areas. Horses and trailers may be moved from the grounds on Monday, August 24 between 10:00 p.m. and 11:00 pm if they are not staying for Gymkhana events. Stall decorations may not be taken down before 10 pm on Monday night.

On Tuesday, August 25, trucks, trailers, and horses must be removed by 10:00 a.m. Exhibitors will clean their own stalls, and the stalls will be inspected by a Horse Division Supervisor 1) before the horse leaves the grounds and 2) before premium money will be released. Questions will be addressed to a Horse Supervisor.

Premium Payout schedule
Monday Aug. 24: 3:00-8:00 pm
Tuesday 25th – Sunday 30th: Noon-8:00 pm
Monday 31st: 10:00 am – 7:00 pm
Tue Sept. 1st – Friday Sept. 11th weekdays:
9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Premiums (prize money): (Exhibitor shall be eligible for only 1 premium in any one class)

Showmanship - \$5.00 Blue, \$4.00 Red, \$3.00 White as well 1st Blue, 2nd Red, 3rd White – Rosettes respectively for the top 3 in FFA and each 4-H age division. **No premiums** will be paid on the following: Rosettes for showmanship, Danish ribbons for interview evaluations, record books, Gymkhana events, beginner horse classes, or champion classes. **All other classes** will be grouped Blue, Red, and White. Danish premiums will be paid - \$5.00, \$4.00, \$3.00, respectively.

Ribbons:

Awards will be made on merit as determined by the judge considering type, condition, and showmanship.

All exhibits will be judged by the modified Danish System. Showmanship – Blue ribbon exhibitors ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class will receive a Blue, Red or White Rosette respectively.

Ribbons will be given to the first six (6) places in all classes except Beginning Horse (1st or 2nd year). Ribbons will be given in Gymkhana events to six (6) places. No premiums will be paid on any placement ribbons except showmanship.

High Point:

High Point and Reserve High Point awards are based on the points earned by placings in classes. See the Ada County 4-H Horse Member's Guide and Rule Book for scoring details. Halter Quality points DO NOT count toward high point performance awards. All high point awards are final as announced. Results cannot be changed for any reason. Those contesting high point awards will be considered in violation of the Code of Conduct.

Age Divisions:

For Performance Classes - Performance classes shall be defined as any class other than Halter Quality and driving classes. Classes to be determined by 4-H member's age as follows:

Western, English & Trail Classes:

1. FFA - All ages together in Senior level classes or pattern
2. Senior 4-H (14-18)
3. Intermediate 4-H (11-13)
4. Junior 4-H (8-10)

Classes will be shown in the order listed above. At the Horse Council Fair committee's discretion, age divisions may be split if they are determined to be too big for safety or show management reasons.

Novice Classes

1. Novice 11 & up Walk/Trot
2. Novice 10 & under Walk/Trot

Round Robin – See separate class rules

Jr. Round Robin - 10 and under

Round Robin - 11 and over

FFA Round Robin

Class Schedule: Class start time will be immediately following the previous class. Lunch breaks will be determined by the judge.

EVALUATIONS AT WESTERN IDAHO FAIR SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

CLASSES FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

Trail and Versatility Ranch Classes

A \$15 livestock fee will be charged to all Ranch Horse entrants due at Evaluation Day.

8:00 a.m. Mandatory Exhibitors Meeting

9:00 a.m. D&B Arena

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| 11 | Trail – 11 & over Novice |
| 12 | Trail – 10 & under Novice |
| 110 | Trail – FFA |
| 19 | Trail – Senior 4-H |
| 20 | Trail – Intermediate 4-H |
| 21 | Trail – Junior 4-H |
| 111 | In Hand Trail – FFA |
| 22 | In Hand Trail (all age groups) |

Versatility Ranch

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| 23 | Advanced Ranch Riding- 4-H |
| 24 | Intermediate Ranch Riding - 4-H |
| 25 | Beginner Ranch Riding - 4-H |
| 26 | Advanced Single Cow Penning- 4-H |
| 30 | Intermediate Single Cow Penning- 4-H |
| 31 | Beginner Single Cow Penning - 4-H |
| 32 | Advanced Ranch Roping - 4-H |
| 33 | Intermediate Ranch Roping- 4-H |
| 34 | Advanced Cow Boxing- 4-H |
| 35 | Intermediate Cow Boxing - 4-H |
| 130 | Advanced Ranch Riding -FFA |
| 131 | Intermediate Ranch Riding -FFA |
| 132 | Beginner Ranch Riding -FFA |
| 133 | Advanced Single Cow Penning -FFA |
| 134 | Intermediate Single Cow Penning -FFA |
| 135 | Beginner Single Cow Penning -FFA |
| 136 | Advanced Ranch Roping -FFA |
| 137 | Intermediate Ranch Roping-FFA |
| 138 | Advanced Cow Boxing-FFA |
| 139 | Intermediate Cow Boxing -FFA |

CLASSES FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

Showmanship/Bareback

Showmanship is required for all participants.

9:00 a.m. – D&B Arena

Halter Quality – divided by age & sex of the horse as follows for 4-H:

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| 1 | Geldings (or stud colt) foaled in 2026 |
| 2 | Geldings (yearlings) foaled in 2025 |
| 3 | Geldings (2 years old) foaled in 2024 |
| 4 | Fillies foaled in 2024 |
| 5 | Fillies (yearlings) foaled in 2025 |
| 6 | Fillies (2 years old) foaled in 2024 |
| * | Championship Quality – composed of the 1 st and 2 nd place geldings and fillies from each class above. |

***Entry determined by placing; do not enter**

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| 112 | Showmanship at Halter – FFA |
| 34 | Showmanship at Halter – Senior 4-H |
| 35 | Showmanship at Halter – Intermediate 4-H |
| 36 | Showmanship at Halter – Junior 4-H |
| 9 | Showmanship – 11 & over |
| 10 | Showmanship – 10 & under |
| * | Senior 4-H Champion Showman: All Showmen from classes 34, 35 and 9 placing 1 st or 2 nd and earning a blue ribbon qualify to compete in the Senior Champion run-off class immediately following the last Showmanship class. Senior Champion and Senior Reserve Champion qualify to compete in Senior Round Robin on Monday, Aug 18. |
| * | Junior 4-H Champion Showman: All Showmen from classes 36 and 10 placing 1 st or 2 nd and earning a blue ribbon qualify to compete in the Junior Champion run-off class immediately following the last Showmanship class. Junior Champion and Junior Reserve Champion qualify to compete in Junior Round Robin on Monday, Aug 18. |

***Entry determined by placing; do not enter**

Champion and Reserve Champion of Class 112 are eligible to compete in the FFA Round robin provided there were at least three participants in the class AND the Champion and Reserve Champion each earned a blue ribbon.

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| 113 | Bareback Equitation – FFA |
| 37 | Bareback Equitation – Senior 4-H |
| 39 | Bareback Equitation – Intermediate 4-H |
| 40 | Bareback Equitation – Junior 4-H, Walk/Trot only |

7:00 p.m. D&B Arena

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| 126 | Costume Class (all age divisions) |
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CLASSES FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

Western Equitation/Riding/Reining

9:00 a.m. D&B Arena

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| 7 | Beginner Horse Class - individually |
| 8 | Beginner Horse Class – rail with other beginner horses (less than 2 years under saddle, may not be entered in other riding classes besides #9) |

- 114 Western Equitation – FFA
- 41 Western Equitation – Senior 4-H
- 42 Western Equitation – Intermediate 4-H
- 43 Western Equitation – Junior 4-H
- 13 Western Equitation – 11 & over (walk/trot)
- 14 Western Equitation – 10 & under (walk/trot)
- 115 Western Riding – FFA
- 44 Western Riding – Senior 4-H
- 45 Western Riding – Intermediate 4-H
- 46 Western Riding – Junior 4-H
- 116 Western Reining – FFA
- 47 Western Reining – Senior 4-H
- 48 Western Reining – Intermediate 4-H
- 49 Western Reining – Junior 4-H

D&B Arena

7:00 p.m. Drill team clinic open to all 4-H and FFA members!!

CLASSES FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 24

Miniature Horse/Reinsmanship

9:00 a.m. Legg Arena (Trackside Arena)

Miniature Horse and Reinsmanship – divided by horse size as follows:

- 50 Mini Reinsmanship – under 38 inches
- 51 Reinsmanship – 9.3 – 14.2 hands
- 52 Reinsmanship – over 14.2 hands
- 53 Ground Driving Reinsmanship – All heights
- 54 Mini Driving Pattern – under 38 inches
- 55 Driving Pattern – 9.3 – 14.2 hands
- 56 Driving Pattern – over 14.2 hands
- 57 Ground Driving, driving Pattern – All heights
- 58 Mini Obstacle – under 38 inches
- 59 Obstacle – 9.3 – 14.2 hands
- 60 Obstacle – over 14.2 hands
- 61 Ground Driving Obstacle – All heights
- 62 Mini Pleasure Driving
- 63 Pleasure Driving – 9.3 – 14.2 hands
- 64 Pleasure Driving – over 14.2 hands
- 65 Ground Driving Pleasure Driving – All heights
- 66 In Hand Mini Jumping
- 67 In Hand Hunter
- 68 Mini in-hand trail
- 69 Mini Fun Day, Costume & Gymkhana- No Premiums)

You **cannot** cross-enter into both driving and ground driving with the same horse.

English

9:00 a.m. D&B Arena

High point by age division.

- 117 Cavaletti Ground Poles – FFA
- 70 Cavaletti Ground Poles – Senior 4-H
- 71 Cavaletti Ground Poles – Intermediate 4-H
- 72 Cavaletti Ground Poles – Junior 4-H
- 17 Cavaletti Ground Poles – Novice 11 & over (walk/trot)
- 18 Cavaletti Ground Poles – Novice 10 & under (walk/trot)

- 118 English Equitation – FFA
- 73 English Equitation – Senior 4-H
- 74 English Equitation – Intermediate 4-H
- 75 English Equitation – Junior 4-H
- 15 English Equitation – 11 & over (walk/trot)
- 16 English Equitation – 10 & under (walk/ trot)
- 119 English Pattern – FFA
- 76 English Pattern – Senior 4-H
- 77 English Pattern – Intermediate 4-H
- 78 English Pattern – Junior 4-H

Hunter/Hack classes will be offered with class minimum of 3 exhibitors per age group. In order to participate Exhibitors are required to attend 3 clinics and be approved by Fair Supervisors.

In Hand Classes

- 155 In-Hand Maneuvers
- 156 In-Hand Keyhole
- 157 In-Hand Figure 8
- 4:00 p.m. 4-H Junior Large Animal Round Robin – Livestock Barn Ring 1, 2 & 3
- 5:00 p.m. 4-H Senior Large Animal Round Robin – Livestock Barn Ring 1, 2 & 3
- 6:00 p.m. FFA Large Animal Round Robin – Livestock Barn Ring 1, 2 & 3

7:00 p.m. Barrel Racing – The D&B Arena

- 122 Three Leaf Clover – FFA
- 89 Three Leaf Clover – Senior 4-H
- 90 Three Leaf Clover – Intermediate 4-H
- 91 Three Leaf Clover – Junior 4-H
- 92 Three Leaf Clover – Novice 11 & over (Walk/Trot)
- 93 Three Leaf Clover – Novice 10 & under (Walk/Trot)

CLASSES FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

Gymkhana

9:00 a.m. D&B Arena and Legg Arena

D&B Arena

- 120 Pole Bending (Nez Perce Pattern) – FFA
- 79 Pole Bending (Nez Perce Pattern) – Senior 4-H
- 80 Pole Bending (Nez Perce Pattern) – Intermediate 4-H
- 81 Pole Bending (Nez Perce Pattern) – Junior 4-H
- 82 Pole Bending (Nez Perce Pattern) – Novice 11 & over (Walk/Trot)
- 83 Pole Bending (Nez Perce Pattern) – Novice 10 & under (Walk/Trot)
- 121 Ten Barrels – FFA
- 84 Ten Barrels – Senior 4-H
- 85 Ten Barrels – Intermediate 4-H
- 86 Ten Barrels – Junior 4-H
- 87 Ten Barrels – Novice 11 & over (Walk/Trot)
- 88 Ten Barrels – Novice 10 & under (Walk/Trot)

Legg Arena (Trackside Arena)

- 123 Figure Eight Stake Race – FFA
- 94 Figure Eight Stake Race – Senior 4-H
- 95 Figure Eight Stake Race – Intermediate 4-H
- 96 Figure Eight Stake Race – Junior 4-H

- 97 Figure Eight Stake Race – Novice 11 & over (Walk/Trot)
- 98 Figure Eight Stake Race – Novice 10 & under (Walk/Trot)
- 124 Four Leaf Clover – FFA
- 99 Four Leaf Clover – Senior 4-H
- 100 Four Leaf Clover – Intermediate 4-H
- 101 Four Leaf Clover – Junior 4-H
- 102 Four Leaf Clover – Novice 11 & over (Walk/Trot)
- 103 Four Leaf Clover – Novice 10 & under (Walk/Trot)
- 125 Keyhole Race – FFA
- 104 Keyhole Race – Senior 4-H
- 105 Keyhole Race – Intermediate 4-H
- 106 Keyhole Race – Junior 4-H
- 107 Keyhole Race – Novice 11 & over (Walk/Trot)
- 108 Keyhole Race – Novice 10 & under (Walk/Trot)

AWARDS

Wednesday, August 27, 7:00pm, Ada County Extension Office, 5880 Glenwood, Boise (*Ice cream social by donation all proceeds go to pay for ice cream*)

Belt Buckles by The Western Idaho Fair

- High Point Western Grand FFA
- High Point English Grand FFA
- High Point Western Grand Senior 4-H
- High Point Western Grand Intermediate 4-H
- High Point Western Grand Junior 4-H
- High Point English Grand Senior 4-H
- High Point English Grand Intermediate 4-H
- High Point English Grand Junior 4-H

Awards by the Ada County 4-H Horse Council

- High Point Western Reserve Senior 4-H
- High Point Western Reserve Intermediate 4-H
- High Point Western Reserve Junior 4-H
- Gymkhana Grand & Reserve Senior 4-H
- Gymkhana Grand & Reserve Intermediate 4-H
- Gymkhana Grand & Reserve Junior 4-H
- Gymkhana Grand & Reserve Novice 11 & over
- Gymkhana Grand & Reserve Novice 10 & under
- High Point English Reserve Senior 4-H
- High Point English Reserve Intermediate 4-H
- High Point English Reserve Junior 4-H
- Novice High Point Grand & Reserve 11 & over
- Novice High Point Grand & Reserve 10 & under
- Driving High Point Grand & Reserve Over 14.2
- Driving High Point Grand & Reserve 9.3 - 14.2 Hands
- Driving High Point Grand & Reserve Under 38 inches
- Costume Class Grand & Reserve
- High Point Ranch Versatility Grand & Reserve Advanced
- High Point Ranch Versatility Grand & Reserve Intermediate
- High Point Ranch Versatility Grand & Reserve Beginner

In Hand Grand & Reserve
Breed Awards Grand and Reserve – To be considered for breed awards, there must be at least 3 horses of that breed entered.

Awards by Meridian FFA Alumni Chapter:

- Gymkhana Grand and Reserve Grand FFA
- Reserve High Point English FFA
- Reserve High Point Western FFA

Award by Ada County Leaders Association

- Grand Champion Junior 4-H Horse Showman

Awards by D&B Supply – Gift Cards

- Grand & Reserve Champion Showman FFA
- Grand & Reserve Champion Showman 4-H Sr
- Grand & Reserve Champion Showman 4-H Jr

Check www.mydbsupply.com or your local D&B Supply Store for an award application.

Youth are encouraged to submit breed award applications with their entry. Please see

[Ada County Addenda to PNW Rules](#) for a list of possible breed awards that may be given if sponsor and application are made.

Please Note:

In **2027** The Western Idaho Fair will move their starting date from the 3rd Friday in August to the 2nd Friday and from **2028** on it will open on the 1st Friday of August. In addition, a 3rd weekend will be added and Mondays and Tuesdays the Fair will be closed for a total of 13 open days.

4-H/FFA dates will be:

- 2027 – August 18 – 22
- 2028 – August 9 - 13
- 2029 – August 8 – 12