

DEPARTMENT 16

SECTION 1

Youth – Horse

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Registration Link (Pre Entry Only, **no day of entries**):

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General Rules

1. All exhibitors and their parents/guardians are responsible to read, understand and comply with the Chelsea Community Fair *General Rules and Regulations* as well as all rules outlined below.
2. Harassment, profanity or unsportsmanlike conduct toward officials, judges, staff, superintendents, other exhibitors, grounds or property will not be tolerated and will result in immediate removal from Fairgrounds.
3. Behavior toward any animal which Superintendent deems harsh or inhumane, by exhibitors or guests, will not be tolerated and may result in removal from the Fairgrounds.
4. A Chelsea Fairground Liability Waiver must be signed for each exhibitor prior to any riding or lunging. Chelsea Community Fair Management, Superintendents, Judges, and its helpers are not responsible (individually or collectively) for loss, damage, or injury to any persons, horses, or property incurred in connection with this show/fair.
5. Rules not addressed in the Chelsea Community Fair Premium Book regarding behavior, clothing, equipment, or judging of classes will be governed by the most recent edition of the *4H Horse and Pony Show Rules and Regulations*.
6. Per Michigan law, a current negative Coggins must be shown to office staff upon arrival.
7. Exhibitors may wear a cowboy hat while being judged for a western flat class. **Otherwise, All riders under the age of 18 are required to wear ASTM/ SEI approved headgear while mounted.**
8. No stallions allowed.
9. Only registered exhibitors with completed liability forms may ride on the Fairgrounds.
10. Only the Superintendent, ring steward and show staff may approach the judge(s).
11. The only people permitted in the ring during any class will be the exhibitor(s), ring person(s), and official(s) necessary to run the class.
12. Exhibitors must clean up after themselves and their horse prior to leaving the fairgrounds. This includes area around the trailer.

Pre-Registration

1. Entries will be due August 24th, 2026 @ 5 pm. No late entries will be accepted.
2. Classes may be added the morning of the show no later than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the show.

3. No refunds will be given for scratched classes day of.
4. Showmanship championship does not need to be pre-registered for.
5. **Age Divisions** (Show age is exhibitors age as of January 1st, 2026)
 - a. **Senior W/T/C:** Ages 15-18
 - b. **Junior W/T/C:** Ages 7-14
 - c. **Senior W/T:** Ages 12-18
 - i. Exhibitor must never have shown at the canter in any horse show
 - d. **Junior W/T:** Ages 11 & Under
 - i. Exhibitor must never have shown at the canter in any horse show
 - e. **Pee Wee Walk:** Ages 10 & Under
 - i. Exhibitor must never have shown at the trot in any horse show
 - f. **Mini:** 38" and Under mini, 18 years & under exhibitor

Entry Fees

- ❖ Riding Blanket Fee: **\$100** Includes 1 stall, 1 office fee, 1 exhibitor pass, Unlimited classes for the week
- ❖ Mini & Pee Wee Blanket Fee: **\$60** Includes 1 stall, 1 office fee, 1 exhibitor pass, Unlimited classes for the week
- ❖ Individual Fees:
 - \$30/stall
 - \$15/office fee
 - \$7/class

Haul In, Parking, & Departure

1. Haul in will be Tuesday, August 25th between 9am-11am OR you may haul in W, Th, or F morning **prior to 8:30 am**. No entry after 8:30 am.
2. Haul out will be Friday between 3-6pm, or Saturday morning before 10 am.
3. If you do not plan to stay overnight, you may haul in for Friday classes and haul out Friday afternoon. Haul-ins any other day will be expected to stay until Friday.
4. Vehicles must be parked in designated areas only. Trailers may be dropped along the southern fence if stalling overnight.
5. Spectators must park in general parking, not exhibitor area.

Barn, Stall and Arena Rules

1. Camping is not available.
2. Barns, stalls and aiseways shall remain clean and clear of obstacles.
3. Stalls must be cleaned 2x/day at a minimum.
4. Stall decorating is encouraged but must be tasteful and appropriate. Decorations deemed inappropriate by Superintendent must be removed immediately.
5. All decorations must be removed prior to haul out.
6. Stall must be stripped before hauling out.

7. It is HIGHLY recommended that any tack stalls be curtained and locked. Exhibitors assume all risk (including damage and loss) associated with leaving items at the Fairground.
8. All horses must be stalled by 8 PM unless participating in a class or rodeo.
9. Horses are to be exercised in arena only.
10. No free lunging is permitted at anytime, anywhere on the grounds.
11. Horses may move between the Horse Barn and area directly around the arena. No horses are allowed north of the Horse Barn.
12. At no time may a horse go into any area open to the public for the purpose of accessing rides or concessions. Horses are not permitted in any other barns other than the Horse Barn.

Class Rules

1. Refunds will NOT be given for dropped or missed classes.
2. Refunds will not be issued for class disqualifications.
3. Show staff reserves the right to combine or split any classes.
4. Proper riding attire is required at all times, including during warm up.
5. Show clothes are optional.
6. Horses may only enter a class once.
7. Gymkhana riders may wear short sleeves but tank tops are not allowed.
8. Gymkhana riders may not run through the gate and must be in control of their horse prior to the start of the pattern.
9. Pee Wee Walk exhibitors may be led at the trot on a leadline for games classes.
10. Walk Trot exhibitors may ride two handed for western classes in a snaffle or appropriate shank bit (shanks must move independently of the mouthpiece, bit may not be solid).
11. The judge has the right to deem an exhibitor unsafe or not in control and excuse the rider from the arena. This is considered a disqualification.
12. Judge's decisions are final.

Registration and Passes

1. One Exhibitor pass will be included with the blanket registration fee for the week. Exhibitor Passes grant access to the fairgrounds, for the exhibitor, for the entire week.
2. Exhibitors who do not qualify for an Exhibitor pass will be given a free Day Pass for each day they show.
3. Exhibitor and Day Passes grant access for the exhibitor only. Each additional occupant in the vehicle will need to purchase a daily or season pass. Children 10 and under do not need a pass.
4. Passes will be available at main entrance gates. They **cannot** be purchased at exhibitor entrance.
5. Refunds will NOT be given for purchased fair passes.

6. Spectators must park in general parking, not exhibitor area.

High Point and Championship Classes

1. High Point divisions are defined as:
 - a. Senior W/T/C: 15-18 years old
 - b. Junior W/T/C: 7-15 years old
 - c. Senior W/T: 12-18 years old
 - d. Junior W/T: 11 & Under
 - e. Pee Wee: 10 & Under Walk Only
 - f. Mini: 38" & Under
2. Showmanship Championship class: 1st and 2nd place exhibitors from classes 1-5. Pee Wee exhibitors are not eligible for the championship class.
3. Championship class does not count towards high point.
4. Showmanship mystery game, Versatility challenge, and gymkhana mystery game do not count towards high point.

Class Descriptions

1. **English Versatility Pattern:** An English riding pattern, similar to that of a ranch riding pattern, meant to test a horse's skills as a prerequisite to jumping. Possible maneuvers may include:
 - a. Walk, trot, extended trot, canter, hand gallop
 - b. Ground poles
 - c. Halt, back, turn on the forehand
 - d. Lead change
2. **Versatility Challenge:** Class consists of 3 phases meant to test the versatility of a horse and rider. Exhibitors start on the ground and perform a showmanship pattern. Once completed, exhibitors line up on the rail and will have 2 minutes for their team to enter the arena and assist them in tacking up for phase two: English Equitation. Teams may consist of up to 3 people, one MUST be an adult (18+). Exhibitors will then have 5 minutes to warm up and then perform an English Equitation pattern. Following phase two exhibitors will have 2 minutes to prepare for phase 3: barrel racing. Results of the class will then be decided based on the average placings of all 3 phases.

Clinics

We will have 2 clinics to help riders prepare for the classes the following day. These are free to participants stalling in the barn.

- Showmanship: Tuesday 5-6pm
- Equitation/Horsemanship: Wednesday 5-6pm
- Ranch Riding & English Versatility: Wednesday 6-7pm

Questions? Email Sara @ sara@sunriseeq.com.

SHOWMANSHIP (Wednesday)

Showmanship clinic Tuesday @ 5pm in arena

Class #	Class Description	Division
1	English/Western Showmanship Senior	Senior W/T/C: 15-18 years old
2	English/Western Showmanship Junior	Junior W/T/C: 7-14 years old
3	English/Western Showmanship W/T Senior	Walk/Trot: 12-18 years old
4	English/Western Showmanship W/T Junior	Walk/Trot: 11 & Under
5	English/Western Showmanship Mini	Mini: 38" or less
6	English/Western Showmanship Pee Wee Walk	Walk Only Division: 10 & under
7	<i>Showmanship Championship</i>	1st & 2nd Place classes 1-4
8	Showmanship Mystery Game	All Ages
	<i>30 minute break</i>	
9	Mini In-Hand Jumping Hunter	38" mini and under
10	Mini In-Hand Jumping Jumper	38" mini and under
	<i>Equitation/Horsemanship & Ranch Riding Clinic 5-7pm</i>	

ENGLISH & WESTERN (Thursday)

Class #	Class Description	Division
11	English Equitation Senior	Senior W/T/C: 15-18 years old
12	English Equitation Junior	Junior W/T/C: 7-14 years old
13	English Equitation W/T Senior	Walk/Trot: 12-18 years old
14	English Equitation W/T Junior	Walk/Trot: 11 & under
15	English Equitation Pee Wee Walk	Walk Only Division: 10 & under
16	English Pleasure Senior	Senior W/T/C: 15-18 years old
17	English Pleasure Junior	Junior W/T/C: 7-14 years old
18	English Pleasure W/T Senior	Walk/Trot: 12-18 years old
19	English Pleasure W/T Junior	Walk/Trot: 11 & under
20	English Pleasure Pee Wee Walk	Walk Only Division: 10 & under
21	English Versatility Pattern WTC	All Ages WTC
	English Versatility Pattern W/T	All Ages W/T
22	<i>30 minute break</i>	
23	Western Horsemanship Senior	Senior W/T/C: 15-18 years old
24	Western Horsemanship Junior	Junior W/T/C: 7-14 years old

25	Western Horsemanship W/T Senior	Walk/Trot: 12-18 years old
26	Western Horsemanship W/T Junior	Walk/Trot: 11 & under
27	Western Horsemanship Pee Wee Walk	Walk Only Division: 10 & under
28	Western Pleasure Senior	Senior W/T/C: 15-18 years old
29	Western Pleasure Junior	Junior W/T/C: 7-14 years old
30	Western Pleasure W/T Senior	Walk/Trot: 12-18 years old
31	Western Pleasure W/T Junior	Walk/Trot: 11 & under
32	Western Pleasure Pee Wee Walk	Walk Only Division: 10 & under
33	Ranch Rail WTC	All Ages WTC
34	Ranch Rail WT	All Ages W/T
35	Ranch Riding Pattern WTC	All Ages WTC
36	Ranch Riding Pattern WT	All Ages W/T
37	Mini In-Hand Trail	38" and Under Mini

GYMKHANA (Friday)

Class #	Class Description	Division
38	Versatility Challenge (sms, eq, barrels) WTC	WTC All Ages
39	Versatility Challenge (sms, eq, barrels) W/T	W/T All Ages
40	Cloverleaf Senior	Senior W/T/C: 15-18 years old
41	Cloverleaf Junior	Junior W/T/C: 7-14 years old
42	Cloverleaf W/T	W/T All Ages
43	Cloverleaf Pee Wee W/T Leadline	W/T Leadline: 10 & Under
44	Flag Race Senior	Senior W/T/C: 15-18 years old
45	Flag Race Junior	Junior W/T/C: 7-14 years old
46	Flag Race W/T	W/T All Ages
47	Cloverleaf Pee Wee W/T Leadline	W/T Leadline: 10 & Under
48	Two-Man Relay W/T/C	WTC All Ages
49	Two-Man Relay W/T	W/T All Ages
50	Mini In-Hand Cloverleaf	38" and Under mini
51	Mini In-Hand Flag Race	38" and Under mini
52	Mystery Game WTC	WTC All Ages
53	Mystery Game WT	W/T All Ages