

DEPARTMENT 16
SECTION 1
Youth – Horse
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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.

Barn, Stall and Arena Rules

1. Camping is not available.
2. Horse are encouraged to stay as long as possible. Stalls are available to exhibitors whose horses remain at fair for a minimum of 48 hours.
3. Barns, stalls and aisleways shall remain clean and clear of obstacles.
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 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. Gymkhana riders may wear short sleeves but tank tops are not allowed.
6. Gymkhana riders may not run through the gate and must be in control of their horse prior to the start of the pattern.
7. 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.
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Registration and Passes

1. Regardless of days shown, horses are encouraged to remain at fair as long as possible. Stalls are available to exhibitors whose horses remain at fair for a minimum of 48 hours.
2. Exhibitors who stall a minimum of 3 nights will be eligible for a free Exhibitor Pass. Exhibitor Passes grant access to the fairgrounds, for the exhibitor, for the entire week.
3. Exhibitors who do not qualify for an Exhibitor pass will be given a free Day Pass for each day they show.
4. 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 a pass.
5. Passes will be available at main entrance gates. They **cannot** be purchased at exhibitor entrance.
6. Refunds will NOT be given for purchased fair passes.
7. Spectators must park in general parking, not exhibitor area.

Parking, Arrival and Departure

1. Upon arrival, all exhibitors must immediately check in at the announcer's booth next to the horse arena.
2. Horses may haul in starting Tuesday morning after 10am.
3. All horses must be removed from the fairgrounds by Sunday at 9am.
4. Exhibitors may haul in/out, same day, and show out of their trailer.
5. Exhibitors may haul-out at the conclusion of the show or any of the following days **before 4pm**.
6. Vehicles must be parked in designated areas only. Trailers may be dropped along the southern fence if stalling overnight.
7. Spectators must park in general parking, not exhibitor area.

Exhibitor Age and Division Requirements

1. Exhibitor's age is as of January 1st.
2. Show is open to any rider 18 years old and younger.
3. Divisions are defined as:
 - a. Walk Only (10 years old & under)
 - b. Walk-Trot (13 years old & under)
 - c. Junior (7-14 years old, W/T/C)
 - d. Senior (15-18 years old, W/T/C)
 - e. Mini (18 Years and Under, 38" Mini and under)

Exhibitors who have participated in canter classes at other open shows shall not enter into the Walk-Trot Division without approval from Superintendent.

1. Walk-Trot exhibitors may only participate in classes designated as a Walk-Trot class.
2. Horse may only enter a class once.
3. Rider may only enter a class once.
4. Horse/rider combination may only show in one division.
5. Leadline/Walk only classes will not be placed but will receive participation ribbons.

High Point and Championship Classes

1. High Point Divisions are defined as:
 - a. Walk/Trot: 13 & under
 - b. Junior W/T/C: 7-14 years old
 - c. Senior W/T/C: 15-18 years old
 - d. Mini: 38" or less
2. Showmanship Championships-first and second place riders from Senior, Junior, Walk/Trot, and Mini are eligible to participate in Showmanship Championships. Walk Only are not eligible for championship classes or high point.
3. Showmanship Championship classes do not count towards Highpoint.

Class Descriptions

1. Team Showmanship
 - a. Teams of any size (2 or more handlers) will put together a showmanship routine to music. Routine must be less than 5 minutes and display the following maneuvers:
 - i. Walk, trot, stop, inspection, back up, pivot
 - b. Teams may consist of handlers from any divisions, however walk only participants must only walk in the routine
 - c. Song choice must be pre-approved by superintendent and family friendly
2. Versatility
 - a. Riders will compete in showmanship, english equitation, and barrels
 - b. Between each phase riders will line up in the arena and be given 2 minutes for their team, consisting of 3 people (one must be an adult 18+), to help them change into their tack and attire for the next phase
 - c. The overall result will be calculated from the average results of the 3 phases
 - d. Riders may use english tack and attire for the barrel racing phase if desired

Participation in the Chelsea Fair Parade is not associated with the Youth Horse Show. Riders who leave the Fairgrounds to ride in the Parade do so at their own risk.

**SHOWMANSHIP
(Wednesday)**

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	Walk/Trot: 13 & under
4	English/Western Showmanship Mini	Mini: 38" or less
5	English/Western Showmanship Walk Only	Leadline/Walk Only Division: 10 & under
6	<i>Showmanship Championship</i>	1st & 2nd Place classes 1-4
	<i>Wednesday afternoon classes</i>	<i>Time TBD</i>
7	Team Showmanship	All Ages

**ENGLISH
(Thursday)**

Class #	Class Description	Division
8	English Equitation Senior	Senior W/T/C: 15-18 years old
9	English Equitation Junior	Junior W/T/C: 7-14 years old
10	English Equitation W/T	Walk/Trot: 13 & under
11	English Equitation Walk Only	Walk Only Division: 10 & under
12	English Pleasure Senior	Senior W/T/C: 15-18 years old
13	English Pleasure Junior	Junior W/T/C: 7-14 years old
14	English Pleasure W/T	Walk/Trot: 13 & under
15	English Pleasure Walk Only	Walk Only Division: 10 & under
	<i>Thursday afternoon classes</i>	<i>Time TBD</i>
16	Mini In Hand Jumping	Mini 38" or less
17	Versatility W/T/C	All Ages
18	Versatility W/T	Walk/Trot: 13 & Under

**WESTERN
(Friday)**

Class #	Class Description	Division
19	Western Horsemanship Senior	Senior W/T/C: 15-18 years old
20	Western Horsemanship Junior	Junior W/T/C: 7-14 years old
21	Western Horsemanship W/T	Walk/Trot: 13 & under
22	Western Horsemanship Walk Only	Walk Only Division: 10 & under
23	Western Pleasure Senior	Senior W/T/C: 15-18 years old
24	Western Pleasure Junior	Junior W/T/C: 7-14 years old
25	Western Pleasure W/T	Walk/Trot: 13 & under
26	Western Pleasure Walk Only	Walk Only Division: 10 & under
	<i>Friday afternoon Classes</i>	<i>Time TBD</i>
27	Cloverleaf Senior	Senior W/T/C: 15-18 years old
28	Cloverleaf Junior	Junior W/T/C: 7-14 years old
29	Cloverleaf W/T	Walk/Trot: 13 & under
30	Cloverleaf Mini In-hand	Mini 38" or less
31	Flag Race Senior	Senior W/T/C: 15-18 years old
32	Flag Race Junior	Junior W/T/C: 7-14 years old
33	Flag Race W/T	Walk/Trot: 13 & under
34	Flag Race Mini In-hand	Mini 38" or less
35	Two-Man Relay W/T/C	All Ages
36	Two-Man Relay W/T	Walk/Trot: 13 & Under
37	Two-Man Relay Mini In-hand	Mini 38" or less

**COSTUME
(Saturday am)**

Class #	Class Description	Division
38	Costume Class Senior	Senior W/T/C: 15-18 years old
39	Costume Class Junior	Junior W/T/C: 7-14 years old
40	Costume Class W/T	Walk/Trot: 13 & under
41	Costume Class Walk Only	Walk Only Division: 10 & under
42	Costume Class Mini In-hand	Mini: 38" or less