

JUNIOR FAIR HORSE Dept. 350

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Please see the Livestock Auction section of the Fairbook for all information regarding the Sale of Champions, Market Animal Livestock Sale, and the Add-On Sale.

General Rules:

1. All members that will show a horse at the Miami County Fair will need to attend and successfully complete a "QA for horses" and registration session. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
2. The deadline for entry and additions is June 1st of the current year.
3. Late additions can be added up until June 8th, 2026 with a paid \$50 late fee. Late changes must be sent to a Sr. Fair Board horse committee member by 5PM June 8th.
4. Shows will follow the current Ohio State Equine Rulebook.
5. Each project animal will be awarded a \$4.00 voucher that can be redeemed at the Secretary's Office before August 21, 2026 at 5:00 PM.
6. Only Junior Horse show exhibitors will be allowed to ride or school horses in or around the arena on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday until after the show is over for the day.
7. All Junior Horse Show Classes will be judged under the rules as outlined in 4-H Circular No. 179 State Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows and all 4-H policies, rules, and regulations will apply.
8. Mare with foals or foals are not permitted at the Miami County Fair.
9. All horses stalled at the fair must be participating in the Miami County Fair.
10. Exhibitors are not allowed to remove their animals early without having written permission (an Early Release form completed). Anyone leaving early without written permission from the superintendent will not be permitted to exhibit the following year and/or will be fined.
11. Anyone 4-H age and younger must wear a helmet anytime they are on a horse.
12. No horses are to be turned loose at any time.
13. Stalls must be kept clean and presentable and be bedded at all times.
14. All horses must be in stalls no later than 8PM on Thursday August 13th.
15. Advisors and members must be present for check on Thursday August 13th after 8PM.
16. Upon departure, all stalls must be stripped and all decorations must be taken down. There will be a \$100 fine for each stall not cleaned.
17. No screws or nails are to be used on stalls.
18. Sleeping in the barn overnight is prohibited.
19. Keep the wash rack clean and free of debris.
20. All manure must be dumped in the designated location.
21. All barn rules must be followed.
22. Review and follow Jr. Fair Rules.
23. Release will be 6PM Thursday unless otherwise instructed by a Sr. Fair Board member.

Entries / Possession

- Horses must be owned and in the exhibitor's care by June 1st of the current year.
- Leases must be sent to club advisor and senior fair board horse committee member by June 1st of the current year.
- All online horse entries are due on or before June 1, 2026.
- Project animals must have been listed on the Horse Entry Form no later than June 1st of current year.
- Novice classes will be determined by the seat.

Novice Walk-Trot Class

- Open to all age groups and heights.
- Rider may not have shown in a three gaited (walk/trot/canter) or easy gaited class.

- Any member placing 1st or 2nd in this class will be ineligible for this class in the future; but will be eligible for Novice 3-Gaited.
- May not cross enter into age group classes and are not eligible for championship classes.
- Members are limited to 3 consecutive years of participation in this class.
- Riders may only participate in Western/English Novice, Showmanship, Hitch classes.
 - Not eligible for contesting classes, over fences, or any 3-gaited class.

Novice Class (Western /English 3-Gaited and Showmanship)

- Open to all age groups and heights.
- Novice riders must have had extremely limited 3-gaited showing/riding experience.
- Riders may only participate in Western/English Novice, Showmanship, Hitch classes.
 - Not eligible for contesting, over fences or versatility.
- May not cross enter into age group classes and are not eligible for championship classes.
- Members are limited to 2 consecutive years of participation in this class.
- Any member placing 1st or 2nd in this class will be ineligible for this class in the future.

Equine / Show

- Small equines must be measured in order to participate in small equine classes. If not measured, they are subjected to be moved up a height class.
 - Small equines can be measured prior to the Jr. Fair show. Please contact a Sr. Fair Board member for measurement time.
- Classes with an excessive number of entries may be split or combined at the discretion of the judge and superintendent.
- Time limit for entering the gate: 2 minutes after the first horse enters the gate.
- The Miami County Horse Association (MCHA) runs the Open Show and Speed Show.
- Fun Day will be run by the 4-H Clubs on a rotating basis. The approved Fun Day classes must be followed. \$1 per class can be used by the club(s) running Fun Day to buy supplies and as a fundraiser for the club(s). The horse committee will coordinate each year who runs Fun Day.
- Any official protest will cost \$100.00 and must accompany a written protest before the close of the show.
 - Protesters must be an exhibitor in the class being protested.

Sharing Horses

The following guidelines and restrictions established in the policy on horse sharing must be followed:

- 4H / FFA members (siblings only) may share one (1) equine exhibit/entry at the Miami County Fair.
- Only one sibling may participate in PAS and try to Qualify for State fair with a shared horse project.
- The shared horse is a 4H project for both individuals and must be completed by both participants, separately.

Classes

- A single horse can only be shown in 7 classes per day, excluding championship classes.
- A shared horse may only be exhibited one time per class.
- In the event that multiple siblings qualify for a Championship Class, the family must decide which sibling will participate.

Examples:

- Western Showmanship 16 -18: If the siblings are 16 and 18, only one participant may show the horse in this class.
- Western Showmanship: If a 13-year-old and 18-year-old win their class and qualify for the championship class then the family must decide who shows the horse, both participants cannot show in this class.

Sibling Definition:

- Household/family consists of living within the same household and sharing the same legal address and sharing parents by birth, marriage, adoption or cohabitation.