

Department – Jr. Fair Horses

Event- 4-H Horse Skill-a-thon & Project Judging

Pre-register by midnight June 23 at <https://go.osu.edu/2026clarkco4hhorseskillathonreg>

Wed., June 24, 5 PM to 9 PM, Mercantile Building

Link to register will go live one week prior to registration deadline.

Senior Skill-a-thon & Project Book Division Ages 14-18

Junior Skill-a-thon & Project Book Division..... Ages 8 & in 3rd to 13

Awards:

All Participants – *Grade Ribbons and Incentive Award presented at Skill-a-thon Project Judging*

Top 10% by Age – *Rosette & Certificate – Sponsored by Clark County 4-H Committee*

Division Winners – *Plaque*

Overall Winner – *Plaque*

Outstanding Project Books by Divisions: *\$25 Cash Award and Certificate*

Sponsored by Clark County 4-H Horse Committee

Top 10%, Plaques and Outstanding Project Book Awards presented during Horse Awards Program

Horse Exhibitor Rules and Guidelines:

1. **Exhibitor Rules and Guidelines:** All **HORSE** exhibitors are required to abide by the most **CURRENT rules:**

- **Clark Co. Jr. Fair Book**
<https://clark.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/clark-county-fair>
- **Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows**, purchase at the Clark Co. Extension Office or on-line
<https://extensionpubs.osu.edu/uniform-rules-for-4-h-horse-shows/>
- **Inspection & Health Requirements of Livestock Exhibited in Ohio**
<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:1-18> AND
- **Ohio's Livestock Tampering Rules**
<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901-19>

2. **4-H and FFA Members Eligibility for Jr Fair Horse:**

- A. Only currently enrolled Clark Co. 4-H and FFA members, age 8 and in 3rd grade through 19 years of age that are in good standing may exhibit and show horse projects at the Clark Co. Jr. Fair.**
- B. To be a 4-H member in good standing, the exhibitor must:**
 - i. **Be enrolled in a 4-H club with a horse project(s) by April-15 at <https://oh.4honline.com/>;**
 - ii. **Participate in at least six club meetings/activities of which two must be mounted (riding or in-hand) meetings at the fairgrounds during the current 4-H year.**
 - iii. **Meet all 4-H membership requirements including payment of the 4-H activity fee;**
 - iv. **Complete an annual EquiSTEP program by May 1;**
 - v. **Participate in Skill-a-thon/Project judging with a current up-to-date project book with all Fair horses included in the record sections and;**
 - vi. **Work an assigned shift at one of the current year Mini Circuit Show(s) or PAS Show.**
- C. To be an FFA member in good standing, the exhibitor must:**
 - i. **Make a valid Junior Fair Profile Entry by May 31 of the current year at [http://clarkohjrfair.fairentry.com](http://clarkohjrfair.fairentry.com;);**
 - ii. **Participate in two mounted (riding or in-hand) meetings at the fairgrounds during the current year.**
 - iii. **Meet all FFA chapter requirements including payment of the FFA membership fee;**
 - iv. **Complete an annual EquiSTEP Program by May 1; and**
 - v. **Keep up to date records for all Fair horses in the members' AET (Agricultural Experience Tracker).**
 - vi. **Work an assigned shift at one of the current year Mini Circuit Show(s) or PAS Show.**

3. **Horse Project Animal Requirements:**

- A. Project horses must be owned or leased and in the continual care of the exhibitor by May 1st. Continual care does permit boarding an animal, provided the member is involved in caring for the horse.
 - i. **Project horses that are leased must only be leased by the Clark County Fair exhibitor registered to show the horse, and not by any other person for any purpose.**
 - ii. **Lease horses cannot be shown by any other exhibitor at any shows (4-H or otherwise) after May 1st until the conclusion of the Junior Fair classes. Only the lessee may show the horse.**
- B. Horse projects must be identified by the exhibitor **by May 1st of the current year** in the following way:
 - ☞ 4-H Exhibitors – Complete Animal Profile on 4-H online for each horse you plan to show.
 - ☞ FFA Exhibitors – Submit hardcopy Horse Identification Form to the Extension Office.
- C. Project horses, donkeys and mules must be a gelding or mare/jenny/hinny. Stallions/jacks may only show as production projects through their first calendar year.
- D. If the horse/donkey/mule is leased not owned by the exhibitor or the exhibitor's immediate family, a Lease Agreement must be filed by May 1 in the following way.
 - ☞ 4-H Exhibitors – Upload signed lease agreement and Horse I.D. Form to your Animal Profile on 4-H

- online.
- ☞ FFA Exhibitors – File a hardcopy of the lease agreement and Horse I.D. Form to the Ext. Office.
- E. Exhibitors may not switch project horses/donkeys/mules between exhibitors except in hardship cases approved by the Horse Committee's Resolution Sub-Committee. To make a hardship horse project **request**, go to <https://go.osu.edu/2026clarkcojrfairhorsehardshiprequest> Hardship cases will be easily identifiable by judge and steward. These exhibitors will wear a different numbered series back number and be listed on a daily scratch sheet turned in before the beginning of each judging day at the Fair by an advisor or appointed parent/volunteer. **Hardship case horses and rider combinations are not eligible for Championship awards.**
 - F. Project horses must be within Body Mass Index scoring requirements to show and be on exhibition.
 - G. Members with ponies (58" & under) may only enter pony classes when available. Ponies will be measured on Sat at Fair.
4. **Skill-a-thon/Project Judging:** 4-H horse/donkey/mule exhibitors must bring up-to-date project book(s), record book(s), and feed tag(s) for all projects to skill-a-thon/project judging. All 4-H horse/donkey/mule exhibitors must go through horse skill-a-thon/project judging to be eligible to show horses/donkeys/mules at any of the Clark County Junior Fair Horse Shows including the Fun Show.
 5. **Outstanding Project Book:** 4-H and FFA members wishing to enter the Outstanding Horse Project Book Contest must submit their project book(s) for judging when they participate in the Skill-a-thon/Project Judging. Project books will be judged and available for pick-up in the horse show office during Fair week. Divisions for horse project books are determined after horse enrollment for the current year.
 6. **Show Entries:**
 - A. All exhibitors must make entries on-line at <http://clarkohjfair.fairentry.com> using Fairy Entry by July 1st.
 - B. The horse show committee reserves the rights to delete, combine, or divide any class based on total entries.
 7. **Pre-qualifying Events for Fair Entry:**
 - A. Exhibitors that wish to show in Hunter over Fences, Mac Barrels and/or Gymkhana classes must pre-qualify in one of the following ways: completion of qualification at a **Mini Circuit Show, Prequalifying Clinics, or Ride Nights with 2 advisors from 2 different clubs signing off.**
 - B. **When a horse/rider combo is pre-qualified for an event, that horse/rider combination is only qualified for the current 4-H year and must requalify yearly.**
 - C. **Hunter Over Fences** – Must score a 65 or higher at a Mini Circuit Show or Qualifier.
 - D. **Gymkhana/MacBarrels** – Complete Pattern in 40 seconds over PAS qualifying time and exhibit control always (**see speed classes for more detail below**). Rider must use the same horse they qualified with during all contesting events at the current Clark County Jr. Fair including MacBarrels.
 - E. **Horse and Rider Safety Checklist: All 4-H and FFA exhibitors are required to complete a horse and rider safety checklist with each project horse/donkey/mule to qualify to show. Each horse/rider combination must be qualified at the start of the Clark County Fair. This applies to all horse/rider combinations regardless of discipline. Those needing to prequalify in Hunter Over Fences and/or Gymkhana/MacBarrels may also complete the horse handling and skills check at the same time.**
 7. **Speed Classes:**
 - A. **Horse Entry & Conduct**
 - i. **Horses must enter and exit the gate with no assistance and the rider in control, perform a circle or change of direction prior to and circle immediately after each run.**
 - ii. **No running into or out of the arena through the gate is allowed and will result in disqualification.**
 - iii. **Rider must be mounted when entering the gate.**
 - iv. **Horses may be led to the gate by an adult unless the judge deems the horse unsafe to be led.**
 - v. **Unsafe or aggressive behavior by horse or rider may result in disqualification. If a horse is deemed out of control by the arena officials, the rider may be asked to stop, dismount, or leave the arena for the safety of all participants.**
 - vi. **Horses must always be under control in the warm-up and staging areas.**
 - B. **A horse is considered under control when it can be safely always managed by the rider. This includes:**
 - ☞ **Gait Control** – The rider must be able to walk, stop, and turn the horse without resistance. The horse should not bolt, rear, buck, or continuously refuse commands.
 - ☞ **Spacing** – The horse must be kept at a safe distance from other horses and people, without lunging, kicking, or crowding.
 - ☞ **Gate/Entry Behavior** – The horse must enter and exit the arena without rushing, spinning, or barging through the gate.
 - ☞ **Respect of Rider Aids** – The horse responds to the rider's reins, legs, and voice cues in a reasonable manner, showing that the rider is in charge.
 - ☞ **General Safety** – The horse's behavior should not pose a risk to the rider, other horses, or spectators.
 7. **Versatility:** Exhibitors must have completed 2 years of 4-H horse project work to compete and require an advisor to sign off that the member is competent to show in all four classes of the versatility competition - **Showmanship, Equitation, Western or Ranch Pleasure, and the Individual Specialty Class for 2026 is Stakes.** Exhibitors must compete in all four classes with the same horse to be eligible for final placing. Rider, horse, and crew members may not leave the arena once they have entered for competition. Any eligible

exhibitor must place in a showmanship and/or horsemanship/equitation class at the current Clark County Jr. Fair to be eligible to show in Versatility.

8. Stall Requirements:

- A. Each exhibitor is required to stable at least (1) project horse/donkey/mule at the Fair the entire week.
- B. **The club's Equine Stall/Pen Request Form is due July 1st.** The **Leadership Team** will use this form to assign stalls for clubs/chapters at the Fair.
- C. Only one project horse/donkey/mule stalled per exhibitor during the week of the Fair unless space is available to allow multiple stalled projects for all requests. If there are inadequate stalls for multiple equine projects to stall at the Fair for an exhibitor, one project horse/donkey/mule may replace another owned by that exhibitor.
- D. The Stall Committee reserves the right to divide the remaining stalls among clubs with 2nd equine projects and/or to split among all clubs as muck/tack stalls.

9. Late Arrival & Early Dismissal:

- A written request to the 4-H & FFA Horse Committee for late arrival and/or early release must be made by July 1st. The Horse Resolution Committee, in consultation with Senior Fair Board will review and act upon any request. **Any request made for late arrival or early dismissal after July 1st will be reviewed by the Horse Resolution Committee in consultation with the Senior Fair Board and Clark County Fair vet.**

10. Health Requirements:

- A. Proof of required vaccinations given to any exhibition horse(s) within 6 months of the start of the Clark County Fair utilizing the 4-H Equine Health Record Form and uploading to your 4-H On-Line Animal Record and/or Fair Entry by July 1.
- B. No Coggins test is needed for the Clark County Fair but is required for the Ohio State Fair.
- C. Horses, donkeys, or mules exhibited must not be under quarantine and must show no symptoms or evidence of an infectious or contagious disease. If the animal becomes sick, the animal will be sent home upon the direction of the Fair or the owner's designated vet with notification to the Fair vet.

11. Safety Requirements:

- A. **Helmet** - All youth 19 and under, participating in any 4-H equestrian activity, are required to wear properly fitted protective headgear which meets or exceeds current ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards with the chin harness securely fastened at all times while riding or driving an equine. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian of the youth participant, to make sure that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use and is properly fitted and in good condition. The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, show committees, officials, Extension personnel and volunteer leaders are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance. The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, show committees, officials, Extension personnel, and volunteer leaders make no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear, as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries in equestrian activities. The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, show committees, officials, Extension personnel and volunteer leaders may, at his/her discretion, check a participant's protective headgear for proper standards. If a youth wears unapproved, defective, or improperly fitted headgear, he/she will not participate in riding or driving activities until proper headgear is available. **Helmet requirements apply to all FFA exhibitors too!**
- B. **Completion of EquiSTEP Program, Release of Liability** -
 - All 4-H/FFA exhibitors and their parents/legal guardians must participate in the EquiSTEP Program by May 1st.
 - All 4-H/FFA exhibitors and their parents/legal guardians must read and sign the "Permission to Participate in 4-H/FFA Horse Activities Disclosure and Release of Claims Form". 4-H member complete with on-line 4-H enrollment by April 15th. FFA members must provide a signed hardcopy to the Extension Office by May 1st.
- C. **Complete and pass the Horse & Rider Checklist prior to the start of Fair to qualify to show.**
- D. **Dismissal of Riders and Horses for Safety Reasons**
 - ☞ 4-H advisors and FFA instructors have the right and the obligation to prohibit an exhibitor from showing in a class that may be unsafe for the rider and/or the horse.
 - ☞ The judge has the right to dismiss an unsafe horse and/or rider from the show ring.
 - ☞ If an exhibitor touches the ground in a riding class, the exhibitor is dismissed from the class.
 - ☞ Concerns regarding the safety of a horse and rider combination should be reported to the ring steward, judge, horse committee officer of the day or the club advisor of the exhibitor and horse in question.

12. Barn & Safety Rules:

- A. Each horse must either wear a halter while in its stall, or have a halter attached to the outside of its stall in a **visible** place. A lead rope must be readily available in all cases. Anytime an exhibitor leads a horse outside the stall, the horse must have a lead rope, lead shank, or bridle reins.
- B. Remove all hay nets and hay bags from the stall when empty and no later than midnight or whenever the exhibitor leaves the horse for the day.
- C. **Do not use nails, hooks or anything that will cause a hole or damage in the wood or vinyl of the stalls.**

- D. There will be no rowdiness in or near the barns or arena. This includes water fights, running, riding bicycles, or any other activity that may cause harm to an individual or animal.
- E. Do not ride horses in or around the barns. Lead horses across the gravel road and mount in the make-up arena. There is to be no one mounted on a horse outside of the arena.
- F. No horses permitted in the camping area.
- G. No smoking is allowed in the barns! Please politely remind visitors.
- H. NO DOUBLE RIDING permitted except during the costume class.
- I. Wear boots or another safe footwear always. **NO TENNIS SHOES OR BOOTS WITHOUT HEELS PERMITTED WHEN RIDING.**
- J. Keep the wash rack free from manure. Manure causes drainage problems. Be courteous to others and clean up after your horse.
- K. If a horse is known to kick at other horses or riders, a red ribbon must be attached to the horse's tail.
- L. Use jumps and other special equipment **ONLY UNDER SUPERVISION OF AN ADVISOR OR OTHER QUALIFIED PERSON.**
- M. Special projects will have designated times to use the arena. No other horses will be allowed in the arena during these designated times.
- N. Must keep tack stalls clean, if available. Do not pile with hay and straw only a few bales at a time.
- O. Feed horses at regular times each day (example - 8 AM and 6 PM. Provide horses with clean fresh water. Help your fellow members as needed.
- P. Place manure in the designated area only. Place it only inside the concrete Manure Pit!
- Q. Do not sit or stand on the arena fence or gates. Ask permission before sitting on someone's tack box.
- R. Any advisor from any club has the authority to remind any 4-H/FFA member, their families, or visitors of these and any other Clark County 4-H/FFA Horse Committee rules.
- S. **A 4-H or FFA member working with their project horse/donkey/mule must be accompanied by a parent or advisor. This includes but is not limited to lunging, riding, showing, bathing, or walking project animals.**
- T. Failure to comply with these rules can result in expulsion from the fairgrounds.

13. Training & Handling:

- A. Project animals cannot be trained by professionals between June 1st and Clark County Fair. Professional advice and instruction of the members is encouraged. Such assistance can include occasional riding or handling of the horse by the instructor, if the 4-H/FFA member is present, prior to the fair, but cannot include regular paid training after June 1st. Exception: Basic Training projects. Members may seek occasional advice, but the horse must be solely trained by the 4-H/FFA exhibitor. All animals carried as 4-H/FFA projects, either owned or leased, must be in the continual care of the 4-H/FFA member by May 1st. Continual care does permit boarding an animal, provided the member is involved in caring for the horse.
- B. Lunging by the member's parent or Advisor for safety reasons permitted if the member is present.
- C. No riding of Miniature Horses during any Clark County Jr. Fair Horse event.

14. Riding Level Requirement:

- A. Exhibitors must enter classes based on their age as of January 1st of the current year.
- B. Walk-trot exhibitors cannot show 3-gaited at any time during the Fair and 3-gaited riders may not show in any Walk-Trot Classes.
 - Walk-Trot Rider/Horse combination shall be limited to two (2) years, if the Rider/Horse combination exceeds the two (2) year limit they will not be eligible for **championship** placing.
 - Exceptions:
 - Mules and Donkeys.
 - Dressage riders may exhibit a separate dressage project at the Introductory (Walk-Trot) Level, based on the horse's level of training, and still exhibit in 3-gaited classes with a separate 3-gaited project horse.
 - In fairness to all riders, advanced members who defer back to Walk-Trot with a new horse/rider combination will not be eligible for **championship** placing. Such cases will be identifiable by judge and steward as the back number will be **easily identifiable** and will be listed on the daily scratch sheet that is turned in before the beginning of each judging day at Fair by an Advisor or appointed parent/volunteer.
 - **If a horse/rider combination has completed their two (2) years of walk-trot and is not ready to move to 3-gaited, an appeal can be submitted to the Resolution Committee for review.**

15. Authorized Riders and Showmanship:

- A. Exhibitors must show their own animal(s) in all classes in the ring.
- B. All Showmanship, Horsemanship and/or Equitation classes judged according to the exhibitor's age as of January 1st of the current year. Showmanship participation is not required.
- C. Only the exhibitor to whom a project horse belongs may ride the horse on Judging Days (Sat.-Tues.). The member's parent or advisor may lunge a horse for safety reasons if the member is present.
- D. During Fair Week, Tuesday (after the last Judging Class) through Friday, only a member's immediate family, horse club advisor, 4-H horse alumni, or a fellow horse project member in good standing may ride project horses. The fellow horse project member must have permission from the owner, approval of both member's

- parents, and approval of the Advisor if the rider is not an immediate family member. No one else – (i.e., cousins, uncles, aunts, friends) may ride the project at any time during the Fair.
16. **Senior Division Showmanship for Showman of Showmen:**
 - A. **The 4-H/FFA member must be 15 years of age or older as of January 1st of the current year.**
 - B. Horses shown in this class must be the project horse of the exhibitor.
 - C. Previous Showman of Showmen horse representative exhibitors CAN NOT compete in this class.
 - D. If the winner declines, the representative for Horse Showman of Showmen goes to the 2nd place and continues through 5th place in this class only until a representative emerges. **Showmen of Showman Competition held on Thursday, July 30, 3 PM in the Expo Center.**
 17. **Patterns:** Patterns completed in English Equitation and Western Horsemanship for all classes, including Walk-Trot. If a problem with time constraints exists, the rail work will be eliminated, not the pattern. The Fair judges must receive instruction on this rule and cannot alter from it.
 18. **Gymkhana Events:**
 - A. **Flag Race** – Failure to pick up flag or stick the flag is a “No Time”: Failure to make it past the 2nd barrel with the flag is a “No Time”. Pattern must run on outside of barrels and no circling of barrels.
 - B. **Big M** – Left or right hand may be used. Props are three (3) large barrels.
 - C. **Down-N-Back** – Run down and around the outside of the barrel and run home. Pattern can run in either direction. Five-second penalty for knocking over a barrel. Breaking the pattern will result in a “No Time”.
 19. **Champion and Reserve Champion Criteria:**
 - A. Ineligibility for champion awards exists when:
 - The exhibitor’s advisor determines that he/she had not met their club’s and advisor’s requirements, or
 - The exhibitor is NOT showing his/her original project horse (is presenting a “hardship case” horse), or
 - **The exhibitor is showing walk-trot only after two (2) years.**
 - B. Such cases will be easily identifiable by the judge and steward with **an easily identifiable** back number from other riders and ineligible riders will be listed on a daily scratch sheet that is turned in before the beginning of each judging day at Fair by an advisor or appointed parent/volunteer.
 20. **Stall Cleaning, Tear Down of Barn Decorations & Project Horse Release:**
 - A. In accordance with the standards so determined by the Fair Board/OEAA, 4-H & FFA members not completing the stall cleaning process by noon on Saturday following the conclusion of the Fair will receive a \$25.00 cleaning fee per stall. The bill will be sent for payment to the member’s 4-H or FFA chapter.
 - B. Do not tear down any barn decorations until 1 PM the last Friday of Fair.
 - C. Project horses may not leave the fairgrounds until 1 PM the last Friday of Fair unless prior approval is given by the Horse Committee, Senior Fair Board or Fair Veterinarian.
 21. **Therapeutic Riding Program:**

Any Therapeutic Rider affiliated with a Clark County 4-H Horse Club may participate in the Therapeutic Riding Class(s) at the Clark County Fair if the following conditions are met:

 - A. The Rider maintains a relationship with a Clark Co. 4-H Horse Club (defined by the club advisor and rider).
 - B. The rider may enter and participate in only the Therapeutic Showmanship and Therapeutic Riding Classes during the Fair.
 22. **Authority:**
 - A. All members will respect the authority of any 4-H/FFA Advisor.
 - B. Members must comply with all rules set forth by the County 4-H/FFA Horse Committee and the Fair Board. Advisors have the right - and the obligation - to prohibit a member from showing in a class that may be unsafe for the rider and/or the horse.
 - C. The judge has the right to dismiss an unsafe horse and/or rider from the show ring.
 - D. Any exhibitor showing disrespect for the judge, **show officials, advisors, other members, or visitors** in or out of the show ring may be prohibited from showing for the remainder of the Fair. **Any concerns regarding a person’s behavior must be brought to a Leadership Team member immediately for review with the Senior Fair Board and/or Extension 4-H Educators/FFA Advisors.**
 23. **Resolution Committee:**
 - A. Annually, a Horse Committee Resolution Sub-Committee will be comprised of five (5) members of the horse committee with no more than one member from each club to resolve Jr Fair show/event rule related disputes.
 - B. All parties involved (exhibitor, exhibitor parent’s/legal guardians, club/chapter advisor, and Ext. 4-H Educator/Fair Board representatives if appropriate) should be present for resolution. The Resolution Committee’s role is to:
 - ☞ Review submitted hardship case submissions. To make a hardship case submission go to <https://go.osu.edu/2026clarkcojrfairhorsehardshiprequestform>
 - ☞ Resolve Jr. Fair show/event rule related disputes.
 - ☞ Conduct impartial assessments of each case.
 - ☞ Make decisions that prioritize the health and safety of participants and their horses.
 24. **Rule Observance:** Ignorance of rules is no excuse for violation. You can find all rules and regulations within the digital Clark Co. Jr. Fair Book, 4-H Project Selection and Req. Guide, Ohio 4-H Uniform Horse Rules &/or the Clark Co. Fair website <http://clarkcoag.com>. Failure to adhere may result in disqualification from show and/or withholding premiums &/or awards &/or exclusion from exhibiting horse projects in future Clark Co. Fairs.

25. **Protests:**

A. **The appropriate species committees and/or Jr. Fair Auction Committee, Junior and Senior Fair Boards will handle protests specific to department rules governing shows, events, contests, and auctions.**

Exhibitors must make protests in writing accompanied by a **\$50.00** check made payable to the Clark Co. Fair Board and presented to the chairperson of the specific Jr. Fair Dept., refundable if the protest is upheld.

B. In the event of a protest arising over the interpretation of 4-H exhibitor eligibility requirements (example - skill-a-thon completion, age/grade requirements, club meeting requirements, activity fee requirements, dual projects, etc.), such protest must be made in writing, accompanied with a \$50 check, refundable if protest is allowed and filed in the 4-H office at the Youth Building. The Clark County 4-H Extension Educator and the Clark County 4-H Advisory Committee's Resolution Committee will review the written protest and take appropriate action.

C. The team of Agri-science instructors govern FFA exhibitor eligibility and interpretation. FFA exhibitors must file written FFA protests accompanied with a \$50 check in the FFA office of the Youth Building for review, interpretation, and action.

26. **Fair Suspension:** When satisfactory evidence has been obtained by the Clark County Agricultural Society Board of Directors that any individual(s) have been suspended from participation in a fair or exposition, the individual(s) is suspended from equivalent participation at the Clark County Fair for a congruent period-of-time. Any person, so suspended, may appeal said suspension to the Clark County Agricultural Society Board of Directors by filing for such an appeal in writing at least seven (7) days prior to the opening of the Clark County Fair. (Enacted 3/25/92 – Clark County Fair Board).

Department – Jr. Fair Horses

Awards:

Division Championship Classes – Grand and Reserve

Classes with Division Championships

1st - 8th Place – Medallions

Classes without Division Championships*

1st - Champion

2nd – Reserve Champion

3rd-8th Place – Medallions

*****See notes about Dressage**

Saturday, July 25

ENGLISH SHOW Followed by Trail and Ground Roping

Division: 601 - ENGLISH SHOW (Includes Hunt Seat and Saddle Seat)

Saturday, July 25, 9:30 am

Note: If you are showing 2 or more horses, please make entries for all horses. **Cannot enter Walk/Trot Classes if competing in 3-Gaited Classes**

Class OHYS Outstanding Horse Youth Showmanship

Class 01 English Showmanship, 8-10

Class 02 English Showmanship, 11-13

Class 03 English Showmanship, 14-18

Class 04 Division Championship English Showmanship, Classes 1-3 (Top 2 placings return)

LUNCH/ *Drag and Warm Up Break*

Class 06 English Walk/Trot Equitation (8 -18)*

Class 07 Walk/Trot Hunter Under Saddle-Ages 8-18*

Class 08 English Equitation, 1st Year 3-Gaited 8-18

Class 09 English Equitation, 8-13

Class 10 English Equitation, 14-18

Class 11 Division Championship English Equitation, Classes 8-10 (Top 2 placings return)

Class 12 Working Hunter under Saddle – Ages 8-13

Class 13 Working Hunter under Saddle- Ages 14-18

Class 14 Division Championship Working Hunter under Saddle, Classes 12-13 (Top 2 placings return)

15 min Break for Driving Warm Up

Class 15 Pleasure Driving*

Class 16 Trail – Therapeutic*

Class 17 Trail - Walk/Trot 8-18*

Class 18 Trail - Junior 8-13*

Class 19	Trail – Senior 14-18*
Class 20	Easy Gaited Trail 8-18*
Class 21	Small Equine Trail - Ages 8-18*
Class 22	Trail in Hand, 8 to 18*
Class 23	Ground Roping, For All 4-H horse members

Trail Notes: Cannot do Class 16 through Class 21 and Class 22 with the same horse.

Horse Awards - Sat., July 25, 7 PM, Horse Arena

**Sunday, July 26
WESTERN SHOW**

Sunday, July 26, 9:30 AM

Division 602: WESTERN SHOW Note: If you are showing 2 or more horses, please make entries for all horses.

Class 01	Western Showmanship, 8-10
Class 02	Western Showmanship, 11-13
Class 03	Western Showmanship, 14-18
Class 04	Division Championship Western Showmanship, Classes 1-3 (Top 2 placings return)
Class 05	Therapeutic Showmanship*
Class 06	Senior Showman of Showmen Showmanship (<i>must be 15 years of age and older to enter</i>)
Class 07	Production
Class 08	Small Equine Showmanship*
Class 09	Draft Horse Showmanship*

LUNCH/Drag and Warm up break

Class 10	Adv. Walk Trot – Exhibitor & horse combo 3 rd year and above in walk trot. Can't cross enter.*
Class 11	Western Horsemanship, Walk/Trot, 8 -18*
Class 12	Western Pleasure Walk/Trot– Ages 8-18*
Class 13	Easy-Gaited Equitation 8-18 – English or Western*
Class 14	Easy-Gaited Pleasure 8-18 – English or Western*
Class 15	Western Horsemanship, first year 3-Gaited 8-18
Class 16	Western Horsemanship, 8-13
Class 17	Western Horsemanship, 14-18
Class 18	Division Championship Western Horsemanship, Classes 11-13 (Top 2 placings return)
Class 19	Western Pleasure – Ages 8-13
Class 20	Western Pleasure – Ages 14-18
Class 21	Division Championship Western Pleasure, Classes 15-16 (Top 2 placings return)
Class 22	Therapeutic Riding
Class 23	2 & 3 year old, Performance*
Class 24	Basic Horse Training – Horse or pony under saddle for the first year.*

*Horse and rider combinations cannot show in western pleasure and ranch horse pleasure.
Applies to walk/trot riders as well.*

Break – To set-up the GYMKHANA SHOW Classes

Division 603: GYMKHANA (Contesting) SHOW

Sunday, July 26, Not Starting Before 5 PM

Class 01	Barrel Racing* (ages 8-13)
Class 02	Barrel Racing* (ages 14-18)
Class 03	Keyhole*(8-13)
Class 04	Keyhole*(14-18)
Class 05	Pole Bending*(8-13)
Class 06	Pole Bending*(14-18)
Class 07	Stakes Race*(8-13)
Class 08	Stakes Race*(14-18)

Division Champion and Reserve by Age Division

**Monday, July 27
PERFORMANCE SHOW**

Division 604: PERFORMANCE SHOW

Monday, July 27, 9:30 AM

Class 01	Ranch Showmanship, 8-10
Class 02	Ranch Showmanship, 11-13
Class 03	Ranch Showmanship, 14-18
Class 04	Division Championship Ranch Showmanship, Classes 1-3 (Top 2 placings return)

Class 05 Ranch Trail, walk-trot 8-18
Class 06 Ranch Trail, 8 to 13
Class 07 Ranch Trail, 14-18

LUNCH/Drag and Warm up break

Class 08 Ranch Horsemanship, Walk/Trot, 8 -18*
Class 09 Ranch Horse Pleasure, Walk/Trot, 8-18*

Drag and Warm up break

Class 10 Ranch Horsemanship, first year 3-Gaited 8-18
Class 11 Ranch Horsemanship, 8-13
Class 12 Ranch Horsemanship, 14-18
Class 13 Division Championship Ranch Horsemanship, Classes 20-22 (Top 2 placings return)
Class 14 Ranch Horse Pleasure, 8-13
Class 15 Ranch Horse Pleasure, 14-18
Class 16 Division Championship Ranch Pleasure, Classes 1-3 (Top 2 placings return)
Class 17 Ranch Riding Walk/Trot 8-18*
Class 18 Ranch Riding 8-13*
Class 19 Ranch Riding 14-18*
Class 20 Reining*
Class 21 Versatility (*Head Advisor Signature for Versatility Required*)

**Tuesday, July 28
Dressage and Jumping Shows**

Division 605: DRESSAGE SHOW

Tuesday, July 28, 9:30 AM

Note: If you are showing 2 or more horses in dressage, please make entries for all horses. **If you enter more than one level, you must enter consecutive levels.**

Divisions as marked* Placings 1-8 for each class number, and each division will be scored a Champion and Reserve**

Class 01 Dressage Intro Level Walk-Trot, Test A (Division 1)
Class 02 Dressage Intro Level Walk-Trot, Test B (Division 1)

Class 03 Dressage Training Level, Test 1 (Division 2)
Class 04 Dressage Training Level, Test 2 (Division 2)
Class 05 Dressage Training Level, Test 3 (Division 2)

Class 06 Dressage 1st Level, Test of choice (Division 3)

Class 07 Western Dressage Intro Level Walk-Trot, Test 1 (Division 4)
Class 08 Western Dressage Intro Level Walk-Trot, Test 2 (Division 4)
Class 09 Western Dressage Intro Level Walk-Trot, Test 3 (Division 4)
Class 10 Western Dressage Intro Level Walk-Trot, Test 4 (Division 4)

Class 11 Western Dressage Basic Level, Test 1 (Division 5)
Class 12 Western Dressage Basic Level, Test 2 (Division 5)
Class 13 Western Dressage Basic Level, Test 3 (Division 5)
Class 14 Western Dressage Basic Level, Test 4 (Division 5)

Class 15 Western Dressage Level 1, Test of choice (Division 6)

LUNCH

Division: 606 – Jumping

Tuesday, July 28, Not before Noon

Show Note: If you are showing 2 or more horses, please make entries for all horses.

Class 16 Small Equine Hunter in Hand over Fences*
Class 17 Small Equine over Fences - Ages 8-18*

***15 Min warm up for Jumping classes**

Class 18 Hunter Hack*
Class 19 Beginning Working Hunter over Fences*

Class 20	Beginning Hunt Seat Equitation over Fences*
Class 21	Intermediate Working Hunter over Fences*
Class 22	Intermediate Hunt Seat Equitation over Fences*
Class 23	Advanced Working Hunter over Fences*
Class 24	Advanced Hunt Seat Equitation over Fences*

Division 607: Tue., July 28- Musical Freestyle Show - To Begin 1 Hour After the Conclusion of Jumping

Class 01	Musical Freestyle – Walk/Trot Ages 8-18
Class 02	Musical Freestyle-3 Gaited Ages 8-13
Class 03	Musical Freestyle-3 Gaited Ages 14-18

Musical Freestyle Note: All Music must be turned in with the correct forms for approval. July 1st DEADLINE to the Ext. Office

**Wednesday, July 29
Groom & Clean Contest**

Division 608: Groom and Clean Contest

Test – Wed., July 29 – 11 AM

Contest - Wed, July 29 - 1 P.M.

Class 100 – Jr. Team (ages 8 and in 3rd grade to age 13)

Class 200 – Sr. Team (ages 14 to 18)

1st & 2nd Place Teams – Grand & Reserve Ribbon Additional Placing Ribbons and Prizes for Participating Teams

1st Place – Represents Clark County at State Groom & Clean Contest

2nd Place – Alternate Team to represent if 1st Place Team cannot attend

1. Three members in the eligible age range comprise a team. Teams may include members from different clubs. The horse handler should be an adult or an experienced horse member 16 or older.
2. Horses must be 13.2 hands or taller and have a body condition score of at least 4.
3. Horses may not have any type of show sheen on them prior to mudding. No grooming permitted after the mudding of the horse by anyone prior to the contest.
4. Each team muddies their own horse supervised by the Groom and Clean Contest Committee. A committee muddies each team's horse between Horse Barn 1 & 2 wash racks at approximately 8 AM on Wed., July 29. Team must bring the horse to the wash racks.
5. The Contest consists of a written test, grooming of the muddied horse and a showmanship component. Each member takes a written test, participates in grooming of the horse over the 30-minute timed event, and completes their segment of the showmanship component.
6. Judges have the right to substitute any horse prior to the contest.

JR FAIR HORSE SHOW ENTRY RULES

1. You must participate in Horse Skill-a-thon/Project Judging to complete your project & be eligible for Jr Fair shows.
2. Projects must be in the barn by 8 am, Sat., July 25 in writing to the Horse Committee before the first day of fair.
3. Walk/Trot members may not show in any 3-gaited classes the entire week of Fair.
4. The make-up arena is for members in classes before or for splits going on in the main arena.
5. Any corrections must be made, in writing, by 8 am at the entry booth by a club representative.
6. The committee has the right to delete, combine, or divide any class.

All members must wear ASTM/SEI approved Helmet While Riding or Driving an Equine.

Members with ponies (58" & under) may only enter pony classes when available, Ponies will be measured Sat. at 10 A.M.

***To participate in any Jr. Fair Horse Show, exhibitors must pre-qualify in Jumping, Contesting (Gymkhana and MacBarrels) and Horse and Riders Checklist for all disciplines. See pre-qualifying requirements on page 3 of this Jr. Fair Book section.**

Division 609: MACBARRELS

Class 01 MAC BARRELS

1. Eligibility:

- A. Open to Clark County 4-H & FFA members enrolled in a horse project and have prequalified.
- B. Each rider/horse combo must be qualified for contesting under the current contesting rules and have completed all other requirements for their 4-H or FFA horse project.
- C. Riders must check in at least 10 minutes before the competition starts.
- D. Riders who miss their scheduled run will receive no time unless discussed and approved in advance by the MAC Barrel Committee.

2. Competition Format:

- A. The series consists of 4 runs: one run on each of the 4 scheduled dates.
- B. Horse/rider combos will each run the barrel pattern once per date unless there is a system malfunction resulting in necessity to re-run the pattern (please see rule 9:2).

- C. Final standings will be based on the average time of all 4 runs.
 - D. Times will be announced for 2 of the runs, while times for the remaining 2 runs will be kept confidential until the end of the series. This is to keep an element of surprise for the awards.
 - E. All times will be available for all participants' review after the end of the series.
 - F. The same horse must be used for all 4 runs. A substitute horse is not permitted due to the nature of this competition, even in cases of injury.
3. Attire:
- A. All competitors must wear their MAC Barrels shirt to participate. This will be provided for each rider.
 - B. Proper riding boots, jeans, and helmets (as required by 4-H Horse Program rules) are mandatory.
4. Horse Entry & Conduct:
- A. Horses must enter and exit the gate with no assistance and the rider in control, perform a circle or change of direction prior to and circle immediately after each run.
 - B. No running into or out of the arena through the gate is allowed and will result in disqualification.
 - C. Rider must be mounted when entering the gate.
 - D. Horses may be led to the gate by an adult unless the judge deems the horse unsafe to be led.
 - E. Unsafe or aggressive behavior by horse or rider may result in disqualification. If a horse is deemed out of control by the arena officials, the rider may be asked to stop, dismount, or leave the arena for the safety of all participants.
 - F. Horses must always be under control in the warm-up and staging areas.
 - G. A horse is considered under control when it can be safely always managed by the rider.
This includes:
 - ☞ Gait Control: The rider must be able to walk, stop, and turn the horse without resistance. The horse should not bolt, rear, buck, or continuously refuse commands.
 - ☞ Space: The horse must be kept at a safe distance from other horses and people, without lunging, kicking, or crowding.
 - ☞ Gate/Entry Behavior: The horse must enter and exit the arena without rushing, spinning, or barging through the gate.
 - ☞ Respect of Rider Aids: The horse responds to the rider's reins, legs, and voice cues in a reasonable manner, showing that the rider is in charge.
 - ☞ General Safety – The horse's behavior should not pose a risk to the rider, other horses, or spectators.
5. Pattern Rules:
- A. A standard 3-barrel cloverleaf pattern will be used.
 - B. Knocking over a barrel will result in a 5-second penalty.
 - C. An incomplete or off-pattern run (including loss of forward motion) will result in a no-time penalty score.
6. Scoring & Awards:
- A. Rider's average time across all 4 dates will determine placement.
 - B. In case of a tie, the rider with the fastest single run will win.
 - C. Only riders who complete all 4 runs without a disqualification are eligible for series-end awards.
 - i. You are unable to place with a disqualification. (DQ is due to sportsmanship, animal husbandry, unsafe entry/exit, safety, or breaking other rules).
 - D. No Time (NT)
 - i. No time (NT) is given if a rider goes off pattern during a run (ie circles the barrel in the incorrect direction, exhibits loss of forward motion, etc.)
 - ii. No time (NT) is recorded as 120.00 seconds (2 minutes) and still included in the Average Time Calculation.
 - E. Average Time Calculation
 - i. Each rider's average will be composed of the sum of 4 run times divided by 4.
 - ii. For those with any NTs, the 120.00 second run will be added into the sum and still divided by 4 to create the average time and keep those riders eligible for awards.
 - F. Other awards may be presented year by year such as fastest single run, etc. at the discretion of the MAC Barrels Committee.
7. Sportsmanship:
- A. Good sportsmanship is always expected.
 - B. Unsportsmanlike conduct (toward volunteers, officials, riders, or animals) may result in disqualification.
 - C. Abusive behavior toward a horse will result in immediate disqualification and possible removal from the series in the future at the discretion of the MAC Barrels Committee.
8. Tack/Equipment:
- A. All tack must meet 4-H Horse Program safety standards.
 - B. Training devices (tie-downs, martingales, crops, whips, etc.) may only be used if worn safely and effectively during the contesting qualifier and/or is approved by horse advisors.
9. Timing:
- A. An electronic timer will be used. The timer starts when the horse's nose crosses the start line and ends

when it crosses back over the finish line.

B. Should the timer fail to clock a run, the horse/rider combo will be added to the back of the run order and permitted to re-run at no penalty to the horse/rider

Department - Jr. Fair Horses		Division 610 – Outstanding Horse Youth
Class 100	Outstanding Horse Youth Jr. (age 8 to 13)	2025 Jr. Outstanding Horse Youth <i>Alexa McQueen</i>
Class 200	Outstanding Horse Youth Sr. (age 14 to 18)	2025 Sr. Outstanding Horse Youth <i>Miranda Stitzel</i>

Outstanding Horse Youth Rules and Guidelines:

1. Requirements:

- A. Youth, 8 to 18 years of age as of January 1st of the current year. There will be two age divisions.
- B. Currently enrolled with a 4-H/FFA horse project in the Clark County 4-H or FFA Horse Programs.
- C. Former Outstanding Horse Youth champions are not eligible to compete again. The reserve champions from Outstanding Horse Youth can compete again. Complete and submit on-line application by midnight June 15 <https://go.osu.edu/2026clarkcojrfairoutstandinghorseyouthapp>
- D. Applicants must participate in an interview (10-15 minutes) with a horse-oriented judge on June 24. Interviews will begin at 6 PM. Applicants answer questions related to their knowledge of horses and 4-H.
- E. Applicants must take a written test at 6 PM on June 24 at Horse Skill-a-thon. The written test will include general horse knowledge, parts of the horse, equipment, and 4-H rules.
- F. Applicants must participate in the Outstanding Horse Youth Showmanship class at the Clark County Jr. Fair.
- G. Any excused absences during any part of the competition will result in a reduction of 10 points per competition category. Any unexcused absences from any parts of the competition will result in a zero (interview, test, and Showmanship/Horsemanship classes).
- H. **Winners are unable to compete in the same division in the future; however, once a Junior is promoted to Senior, exhibitors can compete again in that division.**

2. Duties:

- A. Assist with various tasks during the week of Fair.
- B. Be available for a ride-in, if called by the Clark County 4-H Horse Committee.
- C. Serve as a teen representative on the 4-H Horse Committee if at least 13 years of age.
- D. Promote the Clark Co. 4-H Horse Program at 4-H Kick-Off & in other ways identified by the Horse Committee.

- 3. Winners:** The winners announced during the Clark County Jr. Fair Horse Awards Program on Saturday, July 25, 7 PM in the Horse Arena. Any winner must achieve 80% of total points to be awarded the Outstanding Horse Youth Buckle.

Department - Jr. Fair Horses		Division 611 – 4-H Horse Contests
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2025 Clark County 4-H Horse Scholarship Winners: *None*

Class 100 Clark County 4-H Horse Scholarship

1. Applicants must be currently enrolled in the Clark County 4-H Horse Program and must be high school seniors or college freshmen.
2. **Application deadline is July 1 on-line with additional documentation to the Extension Office.** Go to <https://go.osu.edu/2026clarkco4hscholarshipapp> apply.
3. **Applicants must interview on Tuesday, July 14, between 3 PM and 7 PM in the Arts & Crafts Bldg.** at the Fairgrounds. Sign up for an interview time on the application.
4. **One** \$500 scholarship may be awarded by the Clark County 4-H Horse Committee.
5. 4-H Horse Scholarship winners announced during the Clark County Jr. Fair Horse Awards Program on Saturday, July 25, 7 PM in the Horse Arena.