

## **DIVISION G – HORSES**

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Judging ALL AGES: Tuesday 3:00 PM, Wednesday 3:00 PM, Friday 1:00 PM

*ALL exhibitors and guardians are expected to read  
General Fair Rules in addition to Horse Rules and Barn Rules.*

**Special Notice:** Horse Trailers will not be allowed to enter or exit any gate from Monday to Saturday during the week of Fair. Horses are to remain on premises throughout the duration of fair. Please see designated check-in and release times. ALL horses and ponies must check in with Superintendent upon arrival and dismissal of fairgrounds.

- It is strongly recommended that all equine entries receive routine vaccinations to aide in the health and safety of all horses attending Fair.

*Barn stall decorating may begin on the same day/time as camping check-in. (See Section 3)*

### **Check-In & Exiting the**

**Fairgrounds** Horses Entering and Leaving the Fairgrounds:

**Arrival Options:** Sunday 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

- **COGGINS TEST:** ALL exhibitors must provide a copy of a current year negative Coggins Test at the time of check-in. The copy will be retained for fair records. **Digital copy of Coggins test will not be accepted.**
- Efficiency and quick unpacking of horse trailer will allow space for other exhibitors to unload.
- Horse trailers must be moved out of horse area and parked by Monday at 1:00 PM.
- Stall assignments and exhibitor numbers will be available at check-in

**End of Fair Dismissal:** Sunday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

- Before exiting Fairgrounds, exhibitor must check in with Horse Area Superintendent for barn/stall area check.
- Exhibitor is responsible for cleaning horse stall before checking out and leaving the grounds. Failure to comply will result in a \$50.00 per stall cleaning fee charged to the exhibitor.

**Age Categories** Age is determined on January 1<sup>st</sup> the year of fair.

- Sprouts 5 – 7 years of age
- Juniors 8-10 years of age
- Intermediate 11-14 years of age
- Senior 15-19 years of age

The superintendent and/or Fairboard reserve the right to combine or split any classes and/or age groups dependent on number of entries.

**The following awards will be distributed on the last Saturday of Fair:**

**Kiwanis Award:** The Kiwanis Award is for the most friendly and helpful exhibitor at Fair. **High Point Awards:** All Categories Eligible for High Point Awards High point awards will be determined using the below chart.

High Point points will be earned, and awards given based on a 1 horse/1 rider combination.

- Senior 15 – 19
- Intermediate 11 – 14
- Junior 8 – 10
- Speed Type 8 – 19 (Walk/Trot/Canter)
- Novice Walk-Trot 8 – 19
- Sprout Walk-Trot 5 – 7
- Gymkhana Senior 15 – 19
- Gymkhana Intermediate 11 – 14
- Gymkhana Junior 8 – 10
- Gymkhana Novice 19 & under

Points awarded towards High Point will be awarded by the following system:

Entries	10+	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
1st	10	9	8	7	6	6	6	6	6	6
2nd	9	8	7	6	5	5	5	5	5	
3rd	8	7	6	5	4	4	4	4		
4th	7	6	5	4	3	3	3			
5th	6	5	4	3	2	2				
6th	5	4	3	2	1					

### Record Books

Record books entered in Section 30, must be turned in to the Horse Area Superintendent on the Monday of fair by 1:00 PM.

### Skillathon Contest

Skillathon will test your knowledge of the horse and pony project area. *Skillathon: Thursday 9am to noon, picnic tables by the horse barn.*

### Showmanship Sweepstakes

The winner of the Grand Champion Showmanship Class will compete in the Fair Showmanship Sweepstakes which takes place Saturday evening. See Division L, Contests for Sweepstakes contest rules, eligibility, and times. To be eligible to compete in the Grand Champion Showmanship Class, you must enter one of the following classes: 5003, 5004, 5005, 5006.

## HORSE RULES

### Showing of Horses:

1. All exhibitors, parents, other family members, and trainers must comply with all rules that apply: General Fair Rules and Horse Department Rules.
2. The Superintendent and/or Fairboard reserve the right to combine or split any classes and/or age groups dependent on number of entries.
3. All fair related horse activities are subject to the Michigan Equine Liability Act (1994 P.A. 351).
4. All animals must be under the control of the exhibitor and the exhibitor must show awareness of correct procedures to show the animal. In the interest of safety, the Fairboard and/or Superintendent in charge shall have any animal removed which is not safely controllable by the exhibitor. At no time during the Fair, shall any animal be maintained on tranquilizers.
5. Any equine with clinical signs of infection, contagious or toxicological disease, or not in desirable body condition shall be removed from the Fair. This shall be determined by the Horse Area Superintendent, Fair Superintendent, and/or Fairboard.
6. Exhibitors are responsible to care for and prepare his/her exhibit for show.
7. An exhibitor may enter and show two horses, stalls permitting. If you plan to bring more than one horse, fill out and submit a stall sheet for each horse. If space cannot be accommodated for two horses, you will be notified two weeks prior to fair.
8. More than one member of a family may enter and show the same horse/pony, but not in the same class. All class entries should consider the welfare of the horse regardless of the number of classes. Horse conditioning and intensity of selected classes must be considered. In the event of a shared horse, the Superintendent and/or Fairboard reserve the right to make class adjustments in the best interest of the horse.
9. Once you show in the open division, you are no longer eligible for Novice Walk-Trot Rider Classes.
10. No stallions are permitted on the grounds.
11. Costume Class: all materials and other parts of the costume must be safely attached so as not to fall and cause danger to themselves or other exhibitors. Use of a helmet is encouraged and will not be penalized. Costume class will be judged at a walk.
12. Bareback classes will be judged at a walk, trot, and canter except for Novice Walk-Trot 8 - 19.

13. **Tack Changes:** If a tack change is required, the request must be submitted three classes prior. Tack changes are available to exhibitors showing in other areas at fair or when family members have back-to-back classes. A tack change lasts for up to 10 minutes and if the exhibitor has not arrived after 10 minutes, the gate closes, and the class will begin.
14. No lunging or riding in any areas except riding arena.
15. No loose horses turned out in arena at any time.
16. During the show, exhibitors must be ready to enter the arena at final call or the gate will be closed, and the exhibitor will not be allowed to enter the class.
17. If you show in Speed Type Performance Classes, you may not show in 5004, 5005, 5006, 5008, 5012, 5013, 5014, 5021, 5022, 5023, 5053, 5055, 5061, 5062, 5063 with the same horse. Speed Type Performance classes are offered for speed exhibitors who would like to participate in a discipline outside their comfort level and/or the ability of the horse.
18. If you show in open Pleasure Type Classes, you may not show in 5007, 5008, 5016, 5021, 5062, 50633 with the same horse.
19. Unless otherwise specified, current Michigan 4-H Horse & Pony Project Rules apply.

#### **Novice Walk-Trot Classes**

1. Exhibitors showing in Walk-Trot Novice Classes are not allowed to show in any three-gaited classes. They may show in Halter/Costume.
2. These classes are for Novice Riders, but a minimum level of skill is necessary. Riders should be able to ride independently and be capable of controlling their horse/pony.
3. Under Division 4, Gymkhana exhibitors showing in Novice Walk-Trot 19 & under may not show in any other Gymkhana classes. Helmets are required when mounted.

#### **Sprout Classes, Ages 5-7, classes will be placed**

1. Helmets are required when mounted.
2. Exhibitors showing in Sprout Classes are not allowed to show in any three-gaited classes.
3. A parent, guardian or adult must accompany a sprout exhibitor into the ring whether it is Sprout Lead Line or Sprout Walk-Trot. No show attire for parent or guardian.
4. Sprout age exhibitors may bring their own horse/pony to fair.

#### **BARN RULES**

1. Exhibitors are responsible for having the following information posted on their stall:
  - **Horse name**
  - **Exhibitor's name**
  - **Exhibitor's AND Parent's cell phone number**
  - **Veterinarian's name and phone number**
2. Horses must stay in the designated area.
3. Horses must be led between the arena and barn.
4. Bedding is required in your horse's stall.
5. Hay nets and hay bags must be tied above the horse's withers for safety.
6. No smoking or vaping in or near barn.
7. Aisles must be kept clear, clean, and tidy.
8. Manure must be put in the designated area.
9. **NO MANURE in GARBAGE CANS**
10. Stalls cleaned daily before 9:00 AM
11. Horses to be fed between 6:30 AM – 8:00 AM & 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM (unless exhibitor is showing in project area)
12. **Fresh water in horse stall must be maintained at all times.**
13. There will be a nightly check at 10:00 PM and at other random times. Superintendent and Fairboard will monitor proper care and maintenance of the animal and assigned housing.
14. ALL horses must be in stalls by 10:00 PM
15. ALL lights out in barn at 11:00 PM
16. Exhibitors must always wear proper footwear in horse barns, arenas, and other horse areas while handling horses and while mounted.
17. Any posted additional rules shall be followed.

**Failure to comply with any of the rules, or lack of care of an exhibitors' animal, may result in the removal of the exhibitor privileges and or loss of exhibiting privileges for a maximum of two years at the Eastern Michigan State Fair.**

The Horse Area Superintendent and/or the Fair board reserve the right to modify rules, classes, and awards to meet our program needs.

**All Ages**

**Judging: Tuesday, 3:00 PM**

**Division 1 – Fitting & Showing**

Class		
5001	Halter- Mares	All ages
5002	Halter- Geldings	All ages
5004	Showmanship	Senior 15 - 19
5005	Showmanship	Intermediate 11 – 14
5006	Showmanship	Junior 8 - 10
5007	Showmanship	Speed Type 8 - 19 WTC
5008	Showmanship	Novice Walk-Trot 8 - 19
5009	Showmanship	Sprout 5 - 7
<p><i>1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place exhibitors from classes 5004, 5005, 5006, 5007, 5008, and 5009 will compete in the Champion Showmanship class.</i></p>		

**Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> place ribbons for each class**

**Division 2 – English**

Class		
5012	English-Pleasure	Senior 15 - 19
5013	English-Pleasure	Intermediate 11 - 14
5014	English-Pleasure	Junior 8 - 10
5015	English Pleasure	Speed Type 8 – 19 WTC
5016	English-Pleasure	Novice Walk-Trot 8 - 19
5021	English-Equitation	Senior 15 – 19
5022	English-Equitation	Intermediate 11 – 14
5023	English-Equitation	Junior 8 – 10
5024	English-Equitation	Speed Type 8 - 19 WTC
5025	English-Equitation	Novice Walk-Trot 8 - 19
5026	English-Equitation	Sprout Walk-Trot 5 - 7
5027	English-Equitation	Sprout Lead Line 5 - 7
5030	Hunter Hack	8 - 19 WTC
5031	Bareback English Equitation	8-19 – Walk/Trot

**Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> place ribbons for each class**

**All Ages****Judging: Wednesday, 3:00 PM****Division 3 – Western**

Class		
5041	Trail	Senior 15 – 19
5042	Trail	Intermediate 11 – 14
5043	Trail	Junior 8 – 10
5044	Trail	Speed Type 8 – 19 WTC
5045	Trail	Novice Walk-Trot 8 – 19
5046	Trail	Sprout Walk-Trot 5 – 7
5051	Western Pleasure	Senior 15 – 19
5052	Western Pleasure	Intermediate 11 – 14
5053	Western Pleasure	Junior 8 – 10
5054	Western Pleasure	Speed Type 8 – 19 WTC
5055	Western Pleasure	Novice Walk-Trot 8 – 19
5061	Western Horsemanship	Senior 15 – 19
5062	Western Horsemanship	Intermediate 11 – 14
5063	Western Horsemanship	Junior 8 – 10
5064	Western Horsemanship	Speed Type 8 – 19 WTC
5065	Western Horsemanship	Novice Walk-Trot 8 – 19
5066	Western Horsemanship	Sprout Walk-Trot 5 – 7
5067	Western Horsemanship	Sprout Lead Line 5 – 7
5070	Reining (every other year)	8 – 19 WTC
5071	Western & English Riding (every other year)	8 – 19 WTC
5072	Western Bareback	8-19 Walk/Trot

***Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> place ribbons for each class***

**All Ages****Judging: Friday, 1:00 PM****Division 4 – Gymkhana**

Class		
5081	Barrel Bending	Senior 15 – 19
5082	Barrel Bending	Intermediate 11 – 14
5083	Barrel Bending	Junior 8 – 10
5084	Barrel Bending	Novice 19 & under
5091	Pole Bending	Senior 15 – 19
5092	Pole Bending	Intermediate 11 – 14
5093	Pole Bending	Junior 8 – 10
5094	Pole Bending	Novice 19 & under
5101	Key Hole	Senior 15 – 19
5102	Key Hole	Intermediate 11 – 14
5103	Key Hole	Junior 8 – 10
5104	Key Hole	Novice 19 & under
5111	Cloverleaf	Senior 15 – 19
5112	Cloverleaf	Intermediate 11 – 14
5113	Cloverleaf	Junior 8 – 10
5114	Cloverleaf	Novice 19 & under
5121	Flags	Senior 15 – 19
5122	Flags	Intermediate 11 – 14
5123	Flags	Junior 8 – 10
5124	Flags	Novice 19 & under
5131	Down & Back	Senior 15 – 19
5132	Down & Back	Intermediate 11 – 14
5133	Down & Back	Junior 8 – 10
5134	Down & Back	Novice 19 & under
5141	Speed & Action	Senior 15 – 19
5142	Speed & Action	Intermediate 11 – 14
5143	Speed & Action	Junior 8 – 10
5144	Speed & Action	Novice 19 & under

***Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> place ribbons for each class***

**Division 6 – Record Books**

Horse Record Books must be turned in to the Horse Area Superintendent by 1:00 PM on Monday.

Learning Objective – To increase knowledge and skill in keeping record on health, training, feeding, cost, showing, etc. of the exhibitor's horse.

Class		
5151	Horse Record Book	Senior 15 – 19
5152	Horse Record Book	Intermediate 11 – 14
5153	Horse Record Book	Junior 8 – 10
5154	Horse Record Book	Sprout 5 – 7

**Division 6 – Skillathon**

Class		
5161	Skillathon	Senior 15 – 19
5162	Skillathon	Intermediate 11 – 14
5163	Skillathon	Junior 8 – 10
5164	Skillathon	Sprout 5 – 7

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Stall Sheet

# HORSES

One stall sheet per horse Completed form to be  
turned in to emsfhorsearea@gmail.com by close of  
Registration.

Exhibitor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Leader's Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Horse's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tack Stall: YES NO \_\_\_\_\_

**Is this exhibitor sharing this horse with another exhibitor?**

**If yes, please list exhibitor's name:**

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**Stalls Needed**

Number Needed	
	Senior
	Intermediate
	Junior
	Novice
	Sprout

*Determination of additional horse stall and tack stall will be based on availability after registration closes.*