

# Pettis County 4-H/FFA Horse Show Rules and Regulations

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## I) Qualified Exhibitors

- A) All 4-H or FFA members in good standings in their county and club may compete.

## II) Judging

- A) AQHA Rules apply according to the judge's discretion.
- B) Judges decision is final.
- C) The Top 5 Exhibitors in each class will be placed.
- D) **Ranch Riding and Ranchmanship will be judged based on ARHA Rules.**

## III) Signing-Up and Class Information

- A) **PRE-ENTRIES** are encouraged.
- B) **4-H Horse Enrollment Forms** with dated proof of membership in good standing will be required at the time of entry. No person or horse will be able to show without this item. **FFA must have a signed letter of good standings from their advisor.**
- C) Proof of negative Coggins test is required. No horse will be allowed to show without this item.
- D) **No refunds due to show expenses.**
- E) Each exhibitor may only show **one horse per class.**
- F) To qualify for a high point award, exhibitors must **nominate** themselves when entering. They must choose which award they want to be in the running for: High Point/Reserve High Point **ALL AROUND** (one rider & one horse) or High Point/Reserve High Point **RIDER** (one rider on multiple horses). One exhibitor may NOT receive both a High Point **ALL AROUND** and the High Point **RIDER** (*See more under IV. High Point Award Rules*)
- G) Exhibitors that would like to be in the running for a High Point/Reserve High Point **ALL AROUND** (one horse & rider) or a High Point/ Reserve High Point **RIDER** Award **must show in showmanship.** (*See more under IV. High Point Award Rules*)
- H) Exhibitors must sign-up in their appropriate age category or class.
  - 1) The Exhibitor must show in the age category that corresponds with their age as of January 1 of the current show year

## 2) Walk-Trot

- a) “Walk-Trot” classes are recommended for those exhibitors in their 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the horse project and have not won a ribbon at the Missouri State Fair 4-H/FFA Horse Show.
- b) Walk-Trot exhibitors may never have loped in any horse show prior to the Pettis County 4-H/FFA Horse Show.
- c) Walk-Trot exhibitors may not enter classes that require loping, including speed events.
- d) Walk-Trot exhibitors may enter the following “All Ages” classes: Mare & Foal, Yearling, Pleasure Driving.
- e) Walk-Trot exhibitors may NOT enter the following “All Ages” classes: Ranch Riding, Ranchmanship, Reining.
- f) Walk-Trot exhibitors may NOT enter in “Ponies” classes, but they may show a pony in Walk-Trot classes.

## 3) Ponies

- a) Ponies are less than 56” tall.
- b) Pony classes are “All Ages” classes.
- c) If you choose to show a horse in the “**Ponies**” Hunter Under Saddle or Western Pleasure, you may ONLY show that horse in “Ponies” classes. You can NOT show the same horse in “Ponies,” “Qtr.,” or “Saddle type” classes. Select ONE Hunter Under Saddle or Western Pleasure class that best represents the particular horse that is being exhibited.
- d) Ponies may be entered in other classes that correspond with their rider’s age category such as the following: Showmanship, Equitation, Horsemanship, Trail, Egg & Spoon, Barrels, Poles, Down & Back.
- e) In Pony classes, exhibitors are asked to lope.
  - i) Walk-Trot exhibitors may NOT enter Pony classes, but they may show a pony in Walk-Trot classes.

#### 4) All Ages

- a) Pony classes are considered an “All Ages” class. A horse entered in a “Ponies” class may NOT enter any other Hunter Under Saddle or Western Pleasure class.
- b) Points Earned in “All Ages” classes contribute towards each exhibitors appropriate age division, with the exception of the “Mare & Foal” & “Yearling” classes. The “Mare & Foal” & “Yearling” classes ONLY contribute towards the High Point **RIDER** awards.
- c) Walk-Trot Exhibitors may NOT show in the following “All Ages” classes: Ranch Horse Please, Ranchmanship, Reining. (*See more under III. E. 2. Walk-Trot*)
- d) Horses entered in Ranch Riding may not enter any other Western Pleasure class.
- e) Horses entered in Ranchmanship may not enter any other Western Horsemanship class.

#### f) Mare and Foal

- i) Foals are those that were born within the current show year.
- ii) The “Mare and Foal” class requires two 4-H/FFA exhibitors.
- iii) The “Mare and Foal” class contributes to the High Point **Rider** award, but it does NOT count towards a High Point (one horse & rider) award.
- iv) If needed, an adult party may assist the mare and foal handlers.

#### g) Yearlings

- i) Yearlings are those that were born one year prior to the current show year.
- ii) The “Yearling” class contributes towards a High Point **Rider** award, but it does NOT count towards a High Point (one horse and rider) award.

#### h) Pleasure Driving

- i) A handler is “recommended” in the line-up.

**i) Open Leadline**

- i) Exhibitors entered in this class must be between the ages of 5 and 7 years old.
- ii) The horse and handler in this class must be enrolled in 4-H/FFA.
- iii) If needed, an adult spotter is permitted.
- iv) A properly fitted ASTM and SEI certified helmet is required to be worn by the rider.
- v) There is no cost for this leadline class.
- vi) This class does not contribute towards any High Point awards.

**j) Ranch Riding**

- i) Horses entered in this class may NOT enter another western pleasure class.
- ii) ARHA (American Ranch Horse Association) rule apply. This is a rail class that judges the horse. See the ARHA rule book for additional judging criteria.

**k) Ranchmanship**

- i) Horses entered in this class may NOT enter another Western Horsemanship class.
- ii) ARHA (American Ranch Horse Association) rules apply.

**IV) High Point Award Rules**

- A) To qualify for a high point award, exhibitors must **nominate** themselves when entering.
- B) Exhibitors must choose which award they want to be in the running for: High Point/Reserve High Point **ALL AROUND** (one rider & one horse) or High Point/Reserve High Point **RIDER** (one rider on multiple horses) for their age division. One exhibitor may NOT receive both a High Point award and a High Point **Rider** award.
- C) All exhibitors that nominate themselves to be in the running for either High Point/Reserve High Point **ALL AROUND** or High Point/Reserve High Point **RIDER** must show in **showmanship**.

**D) High Point/Reserve High Point ALL AROUND** (one horse & rider) awards will be awarded in the following categories: Walk-Trot, 13 and Under, and 14 and Over.

- 1) This award is based on one rider and one horse.
- 2) If an exhibitor nominates themselves for this, they will NOT be in the running for a High Point **Rider** award.
- 3) An exhibitor may nominate themselves for the High Point All Around **AND** the High Point **Games** award.
- 4) All classes, **EXCEPT** Mare & Foal, Yearling, and Open Leadline, count towards an individual's High Point **ALL AROUND** (one horse & rider) category.
- 5) Points earned in "Ponies" classes and the specified "All Ages", unless otherwise stated, contribute towards an individual's High Point All Around category as long as the same horse is being exhibited by the same rider. See specific class rules for more information.

a) Walk-Trot Exhibitors may enter "All Ages" classes **EXCEPT** Ranch Riding, Ranchmanship, and Reining. (*See additional information under III. E. 2. Walk-Trot*)

- 6) The exhibitor in each category that accumulates the highest number of points with one horse will receive the **High Point All Around** (one horse and rider) award for their category. The exhibitor in each category that accumulates the second highest number of points with one horse will receive the **Reserve High Point All Around** award for their category.

a) The number of High Point All Around (one horse & rider) awards in each category

- i. In each category, only one nominee will receive a High Point award, and only one nominee will receive a Reserve High Point award.

b) Ties will be broken for a High Point All Around award in the following ways:

- i. The exhibitor that received the greatest amount of 1<sup>st</sup> places in their category throughout the day with one horse will receive the award.
- ii. If the greatest number of 1<sup>st</sup> places does not break the tie, the exhibitor that places the highest in their showmanship category will receive the award.

Possible classes that an exhibitor may show in to win a High Point/Reserve High Point ALL AROUND (Remember this is based on one horse and one rider):

Walk-Trot	13 & Under	14 & Over
3) Showmanship	4) Showmanship	5) Showmanship
6) Pleasure Driving	6) Pleasure Driving	6) Pleasure Driving
7) Equitation	8) Equitation	9) Equitation
10/14) Hunter Under Saddle: Qtr. Type or Saddle Type (must choose one)	11/13/15) Hunter Under Saddle: Qtr. Type, Ponies, or Saddle Type (must choose one)	12/13/16) Hunter Under Saddle: Qtr. Type, Ponies, or Saddle Type (must choose one)
18) Horsemanship	19/29) Horsemanship or Ranchmanship	20/29) Horsemanship or Ranchmanship
22/25) Western Pleasure: Qtr. Type or Saddle Type	(must choose one)	(must choose one)
31) Trail	21/23/26/28) Western Pleasure: Ponies, Qtr. Type, Saddle Type, or Ranch Riding (must choose one)	21/24/27/28) Western Pleasure: Ponies, Qtr. Type, Saddle Type, or Ranch Riding
34) Egg & Spoon	30) Reining	30) Reining
37) Barrels	32) Trail	33) Trail
40) Poles	35) Egg & Spoon	36) Egg & Spoon
43) Down & Back	38) Barrels	39) Barrels
	41) Poles	42) Poles
	44) Down & Back	45) Down & Back

**E) High Point/Reserve High Point Rider** awards will be awarded in the following categories: Walk-Trot, 13 and Under, and 14 and Over.

- 1) This award is based on one rider that **MUST** show multiple horses.
- 2) If an exhibitor nominates themselves for a High Point/Reserve High Point **Rider** award, they will NOT be in the running for the High Point **All Around** award in their category.
- 3) An exhibitor may nominate themselves for the High Point Rider **AND** the High Point **Games** award.
- 4) All classes will contribute towards this award EXCEPT Leadline.
- 5) The exhibitor who shows multiple horses and accumulates the highest number of points in their category will receive the **High Point Rider** award. The exhibitor who shows multiple horses and accumulates the second highest number of points in their category will receive the **Reserve High Point Rider** award.
  - a) The number of High Point Riders
    - i. In each category, only one nominee will receive a High Point Rider award, and only one nominee will receive a Reserve High Point Rider award
  - b) Ties will be broken for the High Point Rider in the following ways:
    - i. The exhibitor with multiple horses that received the greatest amount of 1<sup>st</sup> places throughout the show will receive the award.
    - ii. If the greatest number of 1<sup>st</sup> places does not break the tie, the exhibitor that places the highest in their showmanship category will

**Possible classes that an exhibitor may show in to win a High Point/Reserve High Point Rider (Remember this is based on one rider who exhibits multiple horses):**

<b>Walk-Trot</b>	<b>13 &amp; Under</b>	<b>14 &amp; Over</b>
1) Mare & Foal	1) Mare & Foal	1) Mare & Foal
2) Yearlings	2) Yearlings	2) Yearlings
3) Showmanship	4) Showmanship	5) Showmanship
6) Pleasure Driving	6) Pleasure Driving	6) Pleasure Driving
7) Equitation	8) Equitation	9) Equitation
10) Hunter Under Saddle: Qtr. Type	11) Hunter Under Saddle: Qtr. Type	12) Hunter Under Saddle Qtr. Type
14) Hunter Under Saddle Saddle Type	13) Hunter Under Saddle Ponies (horse many not enter another Hunter Under Saddle class)	13) Hunter Under Saddle Ponies (horse many not enter another Hunter Under Saddle class)
18) Horsemanship	15) Hunter Under Saddle Saddle Type	16) Hunter Under Saddle Saddle Type
22) Western Pleasure Qtr. Type	19) Horsemanship	20) Horsemanship
25) Western Pleasure Saddle Type	21) Western Pleasure Ponies (horse many not enter another Western Pleasure class)	21) Western Pleasure Ponies (horse many not enter another Western Pleasure class)
31) Trail		
34) Egg & Spoon	23) Western Pleasure Qtr. Type	24) Western Pleasure Qtr. Type
37) Barrels	26) Western Pleasure Saddle Type	27) Western Pleasure Saddle Type
40) Poles	28) Ranch Riding (horse many not enter another Western Pleasure class)	28) Ranch Riding (horse many not enter another Western Pleasure class)
43) Down & Back	29) Ranchmanship (horse many not enter another Western Horsemanship class)	29) Ranchmanship (horse many not enter another Western Horsemanship class)
	30) Reining	30) Reining
	32) Trail	33) Trail
	35) Egg & Spoon	36) Egg & Spoon
	38) Barrels	39) Barrels
	41) Poles	42) Poles
	44) Down & Back	45) Down & Back



### **G) Point System**

1) Points will be awarded in the following manner:

Number of Exhibitors	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	5 <sup>th</sup> Place
1	1 Point				
2	2 Points	1 Point			
3	3 Points	2 Points	1 Point		
4	4 Points	3 Points	2 Points	1 Point	
5 or more	5 Points	4 Points	3 Points	2 Points	1 Point

### **V) Additional Rules and Regulations**

**A)** Stallions are not allowed.

**B)** Properly fitted ASTM and SEI certified helmets will be required for all game & speed events (Egg & Spoon, Barrels, Poles, Down & Back), Hunter Under Saddle classes, and Hunt Seat Equitation classes. A rider will be disqualified if the helmet is not on the exhibitor's head and fastened for the entire time the exhibitor is in the arena.