

# DEPARTMENT 17 – HORSES JUNIOR DEPT: 4-H, FFA and FCCLA Exhibits

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1. Participation is open to young people who are actively participating in an educational 4-H horse program under the direction of a volunteer 4-H horse project leader approved by Cornell Cooperative Extension's Schoharie County 4-H Program, or a vocational agriculture student carrying out a supervised horse husbandry program under the direction of a vocational agriculture teacher of one of the Schoharie County vocational agriculture departments.
2. All equines must have been officially designated as the member's project animal by June 1 of the current year. A copy of the completed horse/donkey/mule certificate must be on file with the Cooperative Extension Office by June 1. Members may designate up to 4 personally or family owned equines as project animals and one non-owned backup equine. Each equine must be entered separately. The same horse cannot be used for different riding levels within a discipline. Members with owned or family horses may lease a horse as a backup and must follow all Schoharie County 4-H Horse Program Policies. (\*) This horse will not be eligible to go to State Fair. Members may lease a horse, donkey or mule & for driving and a mini for those classes. Members not owning or using a family owned equine may designate two non-owned equine by June 1. Only one non-owned riding equine may be shown. The exhibitor must have cared for all entries continually since June 1 of the current year. A non-owned equine may be shown by different youth in different Divisions. A non-owned equine may not be shown by multiple youth in a given Division.
3. All youth who are exhibiting for their first time at the Sunshine Fair, and whose horse or horse/rider combination has never exhibited at the fair must be evaluated at a 4-H sponsored riding evaluation. If the youth is unable to attend the 4-H evaluation in Schoharie County, they may attend another county's 4-H evaluation event. Proof of evaluation in another County's 4-H program must be provided to the Schoharie County 4-H office prior to the Sunshine Fair Show date or the youth will not be permitted to ride in the show.
4. **Schoharie County Helmet Policy: All youth participating in an official 4-H activity, event or show, shall wear a properly fitted and secured, officially approved ASTM/SEI protective helmet at all times when leading, handling, mounted on an equine, or seated in a vehicle being pulled by one or more equines.** This age requirement overrules New York State Rules. Failure to comply with this rule will result in dismissal from the show. Per New York State Law No. VAT1265, all riders 17 years of age and under must wear a helmet meeting or exceeding ASTM F1163 (Safety Equipment Institute Certified) equestrian standard. The parent/guardian who signs the release form for an exhibitor 17 and under is personally responsible for seeing that those exhibitor(s) in their care, custody and control, obey this law.
5. Making Entries - Every participant must be properly entered in order to compete. Read general rules and regulations governing participation in fair and also rules and regulations for Department. Late entries cannot be accommodated. Entries should be received by July 6th. The address/payee is Cobleskill Agricultural Society, PO Box 249, Cobleskill, NY 12043.
6. No stallions allowed.
7. Exhibitors must purchase a youth exhibitor pass.
8. Exhibitors shall wear numbers clearly visible on their backs.
9. Requests for stall arrangements **must** be submitted with entry form. Requests will be acted on and stall assignments will be made by the director or superintendent in charge of youth horse program.
  - a. Overnight Stall Rental Fees: for 4-H days only are free. If you enter into an open Horse class you will be charged the \$12 per day stall fee.
10. Camper requests must be submitted on the entry form.
11. Horses must remain on the trailer until the required health and ownership papers have been checked. There shall be no unsupervised riding or driving of Junior Exhibitor animals housed on the fairgrounds at any time. All riding and leading on roadways is to be at a walk only. Pedestrians have the right of way. Schooling is allowed only in designated area.
12. The number of horses allowed in a class will be left to the judge's discretion, with input received from the Junior Department Show Superintendent.
13. Riders may only show at the level that the horse rider combination has been evaluated at.
14. Any w/t horse rider combination that breaks gait for more than 3 strides in two classes will be disqualified for the remainder of the show.
15. Class descriptions and judging shall be according to "NYS 4-H Horse Show Rules & Regulations". Copies are available at the Cooperative Extension Office.
16. No equine may be ridden without a bitted bridle except during the Gymkhana division when a hackamore may be used.
17. Appropriate bits and attire should be used. English wear and equipment should only be used in English classes. Western wear and equipment should only be used in Western classes. Western riders should only be using one hand to ride, with the exception of junior horse.
18. There shall be no horses on the ground around the 4-H Show Ring that are not bona fide 4-H project animals.
19. There shall be no horses past the draft barn towards the midway at any time.
20. Horses may come onto the fairgrounds after 3p.m. on the Monday before the fair start date.

21. Junior Department exhibitors must be chaperoned by parent/guardian of 21 or older at all times.
22. Junior Department exhibitors remaining on the grounds overnight must be in their sleeping quarters by 11 p.m. No exhibitors may be in the barns after 11 p.m. No grooming of animals after 11 p.m.
23. Youth must be present at the time of judging. Each member is expected to be responsible for the showing and care of his or her own animal. Exceptions can be made under such circumstances or conditions as the agriculture educator may determine necessary. Up to two entries per class will be allowed. If an exhibitor has two entries in a class, the second entry must be shown by another youth who is also exhibiting in the show. Adult assistance is permitted on a case by case basis with the approval of the Cooperative Extension representative.
24. Any member of this department found conducting themselves in an improper manner or who violates any of the rules set forth will forfeit any guarantee of premiums and may be dismissed from the fairgrounds with exhibits.
25. All equines are to be properly maintained by the exhibitors at all times.
26. W/T-Green or Gaited Horse classes are for youth that has three gait experience with junior horse of youth with a gaited horse

**2024 Fair Animal Health Requirements:** <https://agriculture.ny.gov/animals/fair-health-requirements>

**2024 Fair Interstate Health Requirements:** <https://agriculture.ny.gov/animals/interstate-health-requirements-fair-animals>

**Exhibitor Pre-Fair Guidelines:** <https://agriculture.ny.gov/animals/exhibitor-prefair-guidelines>

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<b>GYMKHANA</b>						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classes with Asterisks (*) count toward Championship. To qualify for a championship, rider must compete in all 4 classes. Ties will be decided based on shortest time of the combined 4 classes.</li> <li>• Gymkhana Championships: W/J, Junior, &amp; Senior</li> <li>• (***) Driving Gymkhana Championship: Youth must compete in all 3 classes to qualify for championship. Ties will be decided based on shortest time of the combined 3 classes.</li> </ul>						
The age divisions for all riding classes are as follows:						
Walk/Trot (at least 8 years old as of Jan 1 current year)						
Junior - 13 and under						
Senior - 14 and over						
				PREMIUMS PAID OUT		
Dept	Sect	Class	Description	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
017	001	00001	Pole Bending - Walk/Jog (*)	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	001	00002	Pole Bending – Junior (*)	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	001	00003	Pole Bending – Senior (*)	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	001	00004	Pole Bending – Driving (***)	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	001	00005	Cloverleaf Barrels - Walk/Jog (*)	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	001	00006	Cloverleaf Barrels – Junior (*)	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	001	00007	Cloverleaf Barrels – Senior (*)	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	001	00008	Cloverleaf Barrels – Driving (***)	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	001	00009	Texas T - Walk/Jog (*)	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	001	00010	Texas T – Junior (*)	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	001	00011	Texas T – Senior (*)	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	001	00012	Barrel Key Hole-Walk/Jog (*)	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	001	00013	Barrel Key Hole – Jr (*)	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	001	00014	Barrel Key Hole SR (*)	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	001	00015	Barrel Key Hole-Driving (***)	5.00	4.00	3.00
<b>HORSE SHOWMANSHIP, CLOVERBUDDS &amp; RIDING</b>						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each exhibitor 8 years and older as of January 1, current year must participate in fitting and showmanship and must enter the appropriate class on their entry form.</li> </ul>						
<b>Fitting &amp; Showmanship Classes</b>						
Grand Champion Showman and Reserve Champion Showman will be selected from the first and second place exhibitors from Classes 1-3.						
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fitting &amp; Showmanship - Novice (1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> year showing, 8 years and older as of January 1, current year)</li> <li>2. Fitting &amp; Showmanship - Junior (13 and under as of January 1, current year)</li> </ol>						
<b>Fitting &amp; Showmanship - Senior (14 &amp; older as of January 1, current year)</b>						
017	002	00001	Novice 1 <sup>ST</sup> & 2 <sup>ND</sup> year showing, 8 years and older as of January 1, current year	5.00	3.00	2.00
017	002	00002	Junior 13 and under as of January 1, current year	5.00	3.00	2.00
017	002	00003	Senior 14 & older as of January 1, current year	5.00	3.00	2.00
017	002	00005	Horse Stall Display The display is judged on an attractive educational display, an effective message, draws and holds attention, uses explanatory material, promotes 4-H and presents a pleasing appearance.	5.00	3.00	2.00

**RIDING CLASSES****Championship Awards:**

English – W/J, Junior, and Senior Champion

Western – W/J, Junior, and Senior Champion

Championships will be decided by placings in Pleasure &amp; Equitation Classes. Youth must participate in both to qualify for Championship.

Ranch Horse Champion – Walk/Jog, Junior, and Senior youth must participate in all 4-H Ranch Horse classes.

Jumping – youth must participate in equitation and hunter hack.

In result of a tie for championship, Fitting and Showmanship placement will be counted.

The age divisions for all riding classes are as follows: Walk/Jog or Trot (at least 8 years old as of Jan 1 current year)

Junior - 13 and under Senior - 14 and over

CLOVERBUD CLASSES are for exhibition only for youth ages 5 to 8. No premium. Each Cloverbud rider must be supervised by an adult while in the ring. Cloverbuds may exhibit with or without lead lines. This is the only Cloverbud classes.

**Cloverbuds classes for exhibition only; RIBBON ONLY**

Dept	Sect	Class	Description	PREMIUMS PAID OUT		
				1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
017	003	00001	Cloverbud Western Pleasure	0.00	0.00	0.00
017	003	00002	Cloverbud Western Equitation	0.00	0.00	0.00
017	003	00003	Wester Pleasure Walk/Jog	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00004	Western Pleasure - Junior	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00005	Western Pleasure - Senior	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00006	Western Equitation - Walk Jog	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00007	Western Equitation Junior	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00008	Western Equitation - Senior	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00009	Ranch Horse Pleasure-Walk Jog	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00010	Ranch Horse Pleasure - Junior	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00011	Ranch Horse Pleasure - Senior	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00012	Ranch Horse Equitation W/J	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00013	Ranch Horse Equitation Junior	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00014	Ranch Horse Equitation Senior	5.00	4.00	3.00

**ONE HOUR BREAK – HALF HOUR LUNCH & HALF HOUR WARM-UP PERIOD PRIOR TO ENGLISH RIDING DIVISION****ENGLISH RIDING**

017	003	00015	Cloverbud English Pleasure			
017	003	00016	Cloverbud English Equitation			
017	003	00017	English Pleasure Walk/Trot	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00018	English Pleasure - Junior	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00019	English Pleasure Senior	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00020	English Equitation Walk/Trot	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00021	English Equitation Junior	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00022	English Equitation Senior	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00023	Disciplined Rail Walk Trot	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00024	Disciplined Rail Junior	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00025	Disciplined Rail Senior	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00026	Driving - Pleasure	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00027	Driving Obstacle	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00028	Ranch Working Horse W/T	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00029	Ranch Working Horse Junior	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00030	Ranch Working Horse Senior	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00031	Cloverbud Walking Modified			
017	003	00032	Trail Walk/Jog-Trot	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00033	Trail Walk/Jog-Green Horse	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00034	Trail Junior	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00035	Trail Senior	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00036	Ranch Trail W/T	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00037	Ranch Trail Junior	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00038	Ranch Trail Senior	5.00	4.00	3.00

**JUMPING – RIDERS MUST HAVE PRE-QUALIFIED FOR JUMP CLASSES AT EVALUATIONS;  
MAY USE A STANDING MARTINGALE**

Dept	Sect	Class	Description	PREMIUMS PAID OUT		
				1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
017	003	00039	Jumping Equitation, Walk Trot	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00040	Jumping Equitation Over Fences	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00041	Jumping Equitation Over Fences	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00042	Jumping-Hunter Hack Over	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00043	Jumping-Hunter Hack Over	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00044	Junping Hunter Hack over	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00045	Miniature Horse	5.00	4.00	3.00
017	003	00046	Miniature Horse Obstacle Cours	5.00	4.00	3.00