



Department 6– Horses

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*****The Official Fair Schedule will be posted on The Oconto County Youth webpage*****

ADDITIONAL RULES OF ENTRY

- Youth enrolled in a 4-H, FFA, or other youth groups in a supervised horse or pony project are eligible to participate in this project.
- Horses cannot be unloaded until a horse superintendent has evidence the horse(s) have current vaccinations for Eastern and Western encephalomyelitis, Rhino Flu, Tetanus, and a negative Coggins test within the previous 12 months before the Fair; rabies vaccine is recommended. Copies are to be turned in to the Horse Project Superintendent(s) one week prior to the show. Horses will be examined at the show by the horse project superintendent.
- All health requirements must be met before the animals are entered. See *Animal Health Regulations for Fairs and Shows in Wisconsin: Current Season* section of the premium book.
- Horses are entered on the day of judging and are removed from the grounds the same day. Must clean up all debris around your horse trailer.
- No exhibitor may enter more than two (2) animals. Two exhibitors from the same family may enter the same animal in their age-appropriate group.
- Ponies may be measured to be sure they are 56 inches and under the day of the show.
- No stallions born before January 1 of the Fair year may be shown. Gelding must have been castrated before May 1 of the Fair year.
- All horses must be owned or managed by May 1st before the show. Exhibitors must turn in the "Horse Information Sheet" to the Horse Project Superintendent(s) prior to May 1. (No exceptions).
- Professional trainers and grooms are not allowed to work with project animals on the Fairgrounds. Horses may not be ridden by anyone other than the exhibitor.
- Coaching from the rail is prohibited and can result in disqualification of the exhibitor.
- Class placement decisions of the judge are final.
- Questions about policy, a judge's ruling, or a decision not related to placing shall be brought to the Superintendent's attention first.
- Exhibitors and spectators are not to approach the judge directly with questions related to a ruling.
- Superintendent decisions related to policy and rulings may be appealed to the Fair Board Grievance Committee.
- Failure to follow rules may result in disqualification of the exhibitor.
- Decisions made by the fair board are final.
- All exhibitors are required to wear approved safety helmets (SEI) and boots while riding or driving. Show attire should comply with State 4-H Horse Association guidelines.
- The steward or judge will disqualify from class any horse that is being unruly or disturbing any other entry.
- A 4-H exhibitor in grade 6 and up, may exhibit in Showmanship, Horsemanship, Equitation, or driving Reinsmanship; Pleasure riding or driving, Trail Class, In Hand Trail, or Obstacle driving. with cart; Horseless-horse Showmanship or Horseless-horse Walk/Trot; is eligible to participate in the State 4-H Horse Expo. Paperwork is required to be completed prior to the Sunday of the Fair. See the Horse Project Superintendent(s) for more information.
- First-year exhibitors in driving class may be accompanied by a header.
- All 4-H Horseless horse exhibitors must follow Oconto County 4-H Horseless Horse Project guidelines.
- No bareback riding is allowed on the fairgrounds, either in or out of the arena during the show.
- Exhibitors of donkeys must follow all the same rules/guidelines as horses/mules. Please note: Donkeys are not allowed at the State Expo show. Oconto County follows the WI State 4H guidelines with the exception of allowing donkeys to be shown at our county fair horse show.

AWARDS

SALE OF CHAMPIONS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

- Exhibitors in the Oconto County Fair Junior Horse Show are eligible to participate in the sale, if qualified.
- Exhibitors must have completed and turned in for verification a horse project record that has been approved for use by the Oconto County Fair (4-H horse project record and FFA horse record or horse proficiency award application qualify; any other record forms should be submitted to the Fair board in advance for approval).
- Exhibitors must have entered and participated in the appropriate horse showmanship class for his/her age.
- Exhibitors must certify that they have participated in a minimum of three training, or educational activities; or the equivalent, during the current project year. To qualify a horse to sell an item at the sale one educational activity must be specific to horses. See Educational Point Requirements for Oconto County Fair Animal Project Exhibitors document in this premium book for details. The educational points certification form must be turned in to the Horse Project committee at least one week prior to the show for verification.

- Exhibitors may sell only one item in the Sale of Champions.
 - An exhibitor qualifying a champion or reserve champion is encouraged to sell the champion.
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 - An exhibitor qualifying two champions or two reserve champions will decide which exhibit to sell.
 - Exhibitors qualifying more than one non-champion entry will decide which exhibit to sell.
 - When an exhibitor qualifies more than one entry for the Sale, the next ranked qualifying entry in the class not sold from the same show will be eligible to sell.
 - Exhibitors who must decide what entry to sell must report their decision to the department superintendent or chairman of the Sale of Champions committee no later than one hour following the end of the last animal show of the fair.
 - If the exhibitor does not comply, the Sale of Champions committee will make the decision.
- Exhibitors of the Best of Show and Grand Champion in Showmanship are eligible to sell in the Sale of Champions, if the exhibitor is qualified. In the event one exhibitor earns both Best of Show and Grand Champion Showmanship, the exhibitor will sell as Best of Show. The reserve Grand Champion Showmanship exhibitor would then be eligible to sell. If the exhibitor earning the Best of Show is not eligible to sell, the next highest exhibitor based on premium classes A, B, C, D, E, G, H, I and J is eligible to sell. If the exhibitor earning Grand Champion Showmanship is not eligible to sell, the Reserve Grand Champion Showmanship exhibitor becomes eligible to sell. In the event of a tie for Best of Show, the tied exhibitors will participate in and be judged in a Disciplined Rail as a tie-breaker immediately following the last class that counts toward Best of Show.
- Exhibits must earn a blue ribbon to be eligible to sell.
- The 4-H Horse Project committee will provide items to represent these champions in the sale.
- Exhibitors selling in the Sale of Champions will receive the amount bid for their exhibit minus a percentage determined by the Youth Animal Science Committee and Fair. The percentage covers awards, advertising and other expenses of the performance project and sale.
- Horse Education projects are listed under Department 10 – Animal and Veterinary Science. Clothes Horse, are listed under Clothing - Department 26. Horse woodworking projects are listed under Department 24 - Woodworking. Horse photography projects are listed under Department 20 – Photography. These entries will be entered and judged on Wednesday of the fair in the respective departments listed.

OTHER AWARDS

- All 1st and 2nd Place Halter Horses will compete for Grand Champion Halter Horse equally.
- If an exhibitor shows 2 horses in halter, and wins 1st or 2nd with both horses, they can only show one horse for Grand Champion Halter Horse and must choose which horse they will show.
- Exhibitors of Grand and Reserve Champions in Halter Class (Class E) are awarded plaques/banners/trophies.
- Exhibitors earning top ribbons in each beginner, intermediate, and senior showmanship in horse and pony, and draft horse Showmanship (Classes A and B) receive an award.
- All exhibitors who earn a blue ribbon in their Showmanship class will compete for the Grand Champion Showmanship Award.
- Exhibitors of the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion in Showmanship receive an award.
- The Best of Show award will be given based on points earned for placing in the following classes: Classes A, B, C, D, E, G, H, I, and J. The Best of Show Award will be based on a horse and rider/handler combination. Points will be as follows: Top Blue-6pts, 1st Place-5pts, 2nd Place-4pts, 3rd Place-3pts, 4th Place-2pts and 5th Place-1pt.

SPECIAL LUNCH BREAK EVENT

Stick Horse Competition-For Youth Grade 2 & Under - Western Attire

Must bring own stick horse-No pre-registration required

CLASS A - SHOWMANSHIP, Horse or Pony - Danish Judging

CLASS B - SHOWMANSHIP, Draft Horse -Danish Judging

(Judge will evaluate the exhibitor's ability to show the animal at halter.)

<u>Premium</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>
	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00

Lot Numbers

1	Beginner, Grades 3-5	4	Horseless horse, Grades 3-8 (Ribbon Only)
2	Intermediate, Grades 6-8	5	Horseless horse, Grades 9 & up (Ribbon Only)
3	Senior, Grades 9 & up		

CLASS C - WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP/ENGLISH (Hunt seat or Saddle seat) EQUITATION -- Danish Judging

- Judge will evaluate the exhibitor's ability to ride

<u>Premium</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>
	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00

Lot Numbers

1	Horse or pony, English equitation Grades 3-5	4	Horse or pony, Western Horsemanship Grades 3-5
2	Horse or pony, English equitation Grades 6-8	5	Horse or pony, Western Horsemanship Grades 6-8
3	Horse or pony, English equitation Grades 9 & up	6	Horse or pony, Western Horsemanship Grades 9 & up

CLASS D - PLEASURE – Regular Judging

- Judge will evaluate the performance of the horse or pony as a pleasure mount.

<u>Premium</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>
	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00

Lot Numbers

1	Pony, English - Grades 3-5	7	Pony, Western - Grades 3-5
2	Pony, English - Grades 6-8	8	Pony, Western - Grades 6-8
3	Pony, English - Grades 9 & up	9	Pony, Western - Grades 9 & up
4	Horse, English - Grades 3-5	10	Horse, Western - Grades 3-5
5	Horse, English - Grades 6-8	11	Horse, Western - Grades 6-8
6	Horse, English - Grades 9 & up	12	Horse, Western - Grades 9 & up

CLASS E - HALTER-Regular Judging

- Judge will evaluate the conformation of the horse or pony.

<u>Premium</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>
	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00

Lot Numbers

1	Horse, Gelding, 5 & under	6	Draft, mare or gelding, 6 +
2	Horse, Gelding, 6 +	7	Pony, Gelding, 5 & under
3	Horse, Mare, 5 & under	8	Pony, Gelding, 6+
4	Horse, Mare 6 +	9	Pony, Mare, 5 & under
5	Draft, mare or gelding, 5 & under	10	Pony, Mare, 6+

CLASS F – WALK/TROT- Regular Judging (Ribbon Only)

- Exhibitors may not cross enter in canter classes C, D and G.

Lot Numbers

1	Grades 3-8	3	Horseless Horse Grades 3-8
2	Grades 9 & Up	4	Horseless Horse Grades 9 & up

CLASS G -TRAIL-Regular Judging

<u>Premium</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>
	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00

Lot Numbers

1	Trail Ride - Grades 3-5	4	Horseless Horse - Grades 3-8 (Perform trail pattern as walk trot only)
2	Trail Ride - Grades 6-8	5	Horseless Horse - Grades 9 & up (Perform trail pattern as walk trot only)
3	Trail Ride - Grades 9 & Up		

CLASS P – WALK/TROT ONLY TRAIL - Regular judging (Ribbon Only)

- Exhibitors may not cross enter in canter classes C, D and G.

Lot Numbers

1	Trail Ride - W/T (Grades 3-5)	3	Trail Ride - W/T (Grades 9 & up)
2	Trail Ride - W/T (Grades 6-8)	4	In Hand Trail - All grades – may not cross enter exhibitor/horse combination in any other Trail class. Handler leads the horse through obstacles from the ground. This class will be for the more novice handlers and/or younger/greener horses, including Horseless Horse Exhibitors.

CLASS H - OBSTACLE DRIVING – (with or without cart) - Regular Judging

- (Cannot cross enter horse/driver combination in any with-cart and without cart lots.) WI state 4-H rules apply with the exception of no harness required for obstacles driving without a cart.)

<u>Premium</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>
	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00
<i>Without Cart (Ribbon Only)</i>				

Lot Numbers

1	Obstacle driving, with cart (grades 3-5)	4	Obstacle driving, without cart (Grades 3-5)
2	Obstacle driving, with cart (grades 6-8)	5	Obstacle driving, without cart (Grades 6-8)
3	Obstacle driving, with cart (grades 9 & up)	6	Obstacle driving, without cart (Grades 9 & up)

CLASS I - PLEASURE DRIVING (with cart)-Regular Judging

- Judge evaluates horse's manners, way of going, presence, and quality

<u>Premium</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>
	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00

Lot Numbers

1	Single Animal Driving (Grades 3-5)	3	Single Animal Driving (Grades 9 & Up)
2	Single Animal Driving (Grades 6-8)		

CLASS J - REINSMANSHIP (with cart) - Danish Judging

- Judge evaluates exhibitor's ability to handle driving animal

<u>Premium</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>
	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00

Lot Numbers

1	Single Animal Driving (Grades 3-5)	3	Single Animal Driving (Grades 9 & Up)
2	Single Animal Driving (Grades 6-8)		

CLASS K – WALK/TROT HORSEMANSHIP & WALK/TROT EQUITATION (Ribbon Only)

- Exhibitors may not cross enter in any other canter classes. Exhibitors will perform a W/T pattern.

Lot Numbers

1	Walk/Trot Horsemanship (Grades 3-8)	3	Walk/Trot Equitation (Grades 3-8)
2	Walk/Trot Horsemanship (Grades 9 & up)	4	Walk/Trot Equitation (Grades 9 & Up)

CLASS L – EGG AND SPOON EVENT (Ribbon Only)Lot Numbers

1	Grades 3-5	3	Grades 9 & Up
2	Grades 6-8		

CLASS M – DISCIPLINED RAIL CLASS (Ribbon Only)Lot Numbers

1	Grades 3-5	3	Grades 9 & Up
2	Grades 6-8		

CLASS N – COSTUME CLASS (Ribbon Only)

- Open to Horse/Pony and Horseless-Horse exhibitors

Rules:

- Horse & exhibitor both dressed in comedy or traditional costume.
- Exhibitor may ride or lead
- Exhibitors will walk their horses
- Nothing dangerous or hazardous may be hanging from a horse or exhibitor.

****Note: If time is running short, one of the "fun" events may be canceled. ****

CLASS O-KIDDY HORSEMANSHIP/EQUITATION--(Leadline)- (Ribbon Only)

Requirements:

- Exhibitor's horses must be led by a parent or guardian 18 years of age or older.
- Approved safety helmets (SEI) and boots must be worn by exhibitors while exhibiting in this class.
- Rider's attire should suit the riding style.
- Exhibitors in this class may not enter any other riding class.
- Horses must be fully and properly tacked with a saddle, bridle, and halter.
- The rider must hold the reins and have feet in stirrups.
- Sign up prior to show or day of the show.
- Halter must be worn under the bridle.

[Lot Numbers](#)

1	Age - 4 yrs. to grade 2 as of October 1st of the year before the Fair year.		
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