

## DEPARTMENT 16 – HORSES/PONIES

1. Horse Record Books are due between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> to the horse entry show booth at the fairgrounds.
2. Classes with an (\*) are state 4-H Horse Show qualifying classes.
3. No stallions will be shown if foaled before January 1st of current year.
4. Only horses that wish to show in pony classes need to be measured on Sunday of fair by Superintendent. Time and place will be posted at the announcer's booth. Ponies are 56 inches and under.
5. No class will be held for an exhibitor after the second call to the ring.
6. Special riders are allowed to have assistance in the show ring if necessary. Special riders are defined as children who experience a physical or mental impairment, which may require extra assistance or other consideration during riding activity.
7. Approved safety helmets required for all 5-8-year olds, and in English, saddleseat, bareback and speed classes. The Montcalm County Fair supports and encourage the use of approved safety helmets by every rider when mounted.
- 8. 8 Year olds: 8-year olds may choose to participate as a Cloverbud on Monday evening or as a daily exhibitor all week. Choice of showing must be made by May 1st.**
9. Long pants and boots required if mounted anywhere on the fairgrounds. Closed toed footwear is required for anyone involved with a horse related activity at the Fair.
10. Any exhibitor entering Walk/Trot classes may ONLY show in Walk/Trot events and costume class. Exhibitors entering Walk/Trot classes are not allowed to canter/lope on the grounds at anytime during fair.
11. Classes with five (5) or less exhibitors may be combined with the exception of Special Riders and Walk/Trot.
12. The Montcalm County 4-H Horse Leaders Executive Committee may split classes with more than ten (10) entries.
13. State delegate eligibility requires a submitted application on the back of the 4-H Horse/Pony Fair Registration form.
14. All Champion Trophies will be awarded on Saturday of Fair at the award ceremony – time to be announced.
15. In Walk/Trot Gymkhana classes a 10 second penalty will be added for cantering.
16. Riders may only ride in one (1) jumping division.
17. In Western Events, Horsemanship is judged on the rider's performance and Pleasure is judged on the horse's performance. In English events, Equitation is judged on the rider's performance and Pleasure is judged on the horse's performance.
18. Riders may request special order to accommodate other fair commitments. Every attempt will be made to accommodate.
19. Riders swapping horses, as in primary to secondary, have a four hour window of time to return a horse to the show fairgrounds. Once a horse leaves the fairgrounds it is finished showing for that day. Riders may only have ONE horse on the fairgrounds at a time. Each time a horse enters the fairgrounds, it must be inspected by a superintendent (even if the horse had previously been on the grounds).
20. Barn Curfew: 10 pm for exhibitors, 11 pm for leaders.
21. Only horse 4-H exhibitors are allowed to ride horses except for the Pro-am class.
22. Pen Cards are required to be posted on each stall.
23. No lunging of horses on any grass.
24. No cantering allowed outside of show rings.
25. If horse stalls are found unlocked during evening check by superintendents, the stall will be tagged. The exhibitor will be required to provide a community service prior to showing that day.
26. Refer to additional Montcalm County Fair Horse/Pony rules, available at the MSU Montcalm Extension office and website at: <http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/info/montcalm>.

**Adds & drops MUST be completed by the evening before the class is scheduled (cut off time TBA).**

**Add/drops sheets can be obtained from each leader and must be submitted to the entry booth by the leader (add/drops are to be approved and signed off by a leader).**

**Monday - 8:30 a.m.**

**SECTION 2 – SHOWMANSHIP**

- 1610 Showmanship Horse/Pony – Advanced (\*)
- 1611 Showmanship Horse/Pony – Intermediate (\*)
- 1612 Showmanship Horse/Pony – Novice
- 1613 Showmanship Horse/Pony – Walk/Trot

- 1625 Reining – Horse/Pony – Intermediate
- 1626 Reining – Horse/Pony – Novice
- 1627 Western Horsemanship – Horse/Pony – Advanced (\*)
- 1628 Western Horsemanship – Horse/Pony – Intermediate (\*)
- 1629 Western Horsemanship – Horse – Novice
- 1630 Western Horsemanship – Pony – Novice
- 1631 Western Bareback Horsemanship – Horse/Pony – Advanced
- 1632 Western Bareback Horsemanship – Horse/Pony – Intermediate
- 1633 Western Bareback Horsemanship – Horse – Novice
- 1634 Western Bareback Horsemanship – Pony-Novice

**SECTION 3 – WESTERN**

- 1620 Western Horsemanship – Horse – Walk/Trot
- 1621 Western Horsemanship – Pony – Walk/Trot
- 1624 Reining – Horse/Pony – Advanced

**Cloverbud Show 6:30 pm Monday Evening**

**Tuesday - 8:30 a.m.**

**SECTION 3 – WESTERN and SECTION 4 – TRAIL, VERSATILITY TRAIL CLASSES, RIDING PATTERN**

- 1622 Western Pleasure – Horse – Walk/Trot
- 1623 Western Pleasure – Pony – Walk/Trot
- 1650 Trail – Horse/Pony – Walk/Trot & Special Riders
- 1651 Trail – Horse/Pony – Advanced (\*)
- 1652 Trail – Horse/Pony – Intermediate (\*)
- 1653 Trail – Horse/Pony – Novice
- 1654 Trail-In Hand – Horse/Pony – All Levels

After Lunch Break:

- 1635 Western Pleasure – Horse – Advanced (\*)
- 1636 Western Pleasure – Horse – Intermediate (\*)

- 1637 Western Pleasure – Horse – Novice
- 1638 Western Pleasure – Pony – Advanced/Intermediate (\*)
- 1639 Western Pleasure – Pony – Novice Western Pleasure Championships
- 1655 Western/English Riding Pattern – Advanced (\*)
- 1656 Western/English Riding Pattern – Intermediate (\*)
- 1657 Western/English Riding Pattern – Novice

**VERSATILITY**

- 1658 Versatility – Horse/Pony – Advanced/Intermediate Only English Pleasure, Western Pleasure, Western/English Riding Pattern\* and Cloverleaf  
\*(we use the 4-H approved pattern that we use with advanced classes)

**Wednesday – 8:00 a.m.**

**OVER FENCE CLASSES**

1. Classes will run in order.
2. Two year maximum in novice jumping classes.
3. Riders may participate in only one Equitation Over Fences and one Hunter Over Fences class (must be at the same level).
4. Level 2 and 3 may also ride in Hunter Hack class 1683.
5. Must be at least one change in direction in all patterns.
6. All jumps along a straight line are multiples of 12 feet apart.
7. See Appendix of Montcalm County 4-H Horse Leaders Organization and Management Handbook for jump patterns.

- 1675 Ground Pole Equitation – Novice Riders ONLY, will be Walk/Trot Gate ONLY  
1676 Ground Pole Hunter Over Fences – Novice Riders ONLY, will be Walk/Trot Gate ONLY  
1677 Level 1 Equitation Over Fences – Novice and Green Riders/Horses ONLY, 12” cross rails  
1678 Level 1 Hunter Over Fences – Novice and Green Riders/Horses ONLY, 12” cross rails  
1679 Level 2 Equitation Over Fences – Advanced/Intermediate ONLY, 18” verticals  
1680 Level 2 Hunter Over Fences – Advanced/Intermediate ONLY, 18” verticals  
1681 Level 3 Equitation Over Fences – Advanced/Intermediate ONLY, 24” verticals  
1682 Level 3 Hunter Over Fences – Advanced/Intermediate ONLY, 24” verticals  
1745 Hunter Hack – Advanced/Intermediate ONLY, 27” Horse, 24” Pony, 2 Fences + Rail Work (\*)

**DRESSAGE CLASSES**

1. Dressage riders will be assigned a time slot. Schedule to be posted Tuesday P.M. Be at the entry gate on time or risk being denied participation in the class. If there is a no show, riders may elect to go before their posted times.
2. Dressage patterns used are the 2015 USEF patterns ([www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org)).

- 1683 Dressage Pattern – Walk/Trot ONLY – Pre-Intro Walk/Trot Test  
1684 Suitable for Dressage (pleasure class) – Horse/ Pony – Advanced/Intermediate/Novice  
1685 Dressage Seat Equitation – Horse/Pony – Novice  
1686 Dressage Pattern – Novice ONLY – Introductory Level Test A  
1687 Dressage Pattern – Novice ONLY – Introductory Level Test B  
1688 Dressage Seat Equitation – Horse/Pony –Advanced/Intermediate  
1689 Dressage Pattern – Intermediate ONLY – Introductory Level Test C (\*)  
1690 Dressage Pattern – Intermediate ONLY – Training Level Test 1 (\*)  
1691 Dressage Pattern – Advanced ONLY – Training Level Test 2 (\*)  
1692 Dressage Pattern – Advanced ONLY – Training Level Test 3 (\*)  
1693 Western Dressage Test Novice – Introductory Level 1  
1694 Western Dressage Test Novice – Introductory Level 3  
1695 Western Dressage Test Intermediate – Basic Level 1  
1696 Western Dressage Test Intermediate – Basic Level 2  
1697 Western Dressage Test Advanced – Basic Level 1  
1698 Western Dressage Test Advanced – Basic Level 2

**PRO-AM SHOW Wednesday – 6:30 p.m.**

**Pro-Am Classes**

- 1800 Pro-Am Walk/Trot  
1801 Pro-Am Novice  
1802 Pro-Am Intermediate  
1803 Pro-Am Advanced  
1804 Pro-Am Two Man Relay

**Thursday - 8:30 a.m.**

**SECTION 5 – ENGLISH**

1670	English Equitation–Horse–Walk/Trot & Special Riders	1705	English Bareback Equitation – Horse – Novice
1671	English Equitation – Pony – Walk/Trot & Special Riders	1706	English Bareback Equitation – Pony – Novice
1707	Saddle Seat Equitation – Adv/Int/ Novice	1673	English Pleasure – Horse – Walk/Trot & Special Riders
1708	Saddle Seat Pleasure Adv/Int/ Novice	1674	English Pleasure – Pony – Walk/Trot & Special Riders
1699	Hunt Seat Equitation – Horse/Pony – Advanced (*)	1709	Hunt Seat Pleasure – Horse – Advanced (*)
1700	Hunt Seat Equitation–Horse/Pony– Intermediate (*)	1710	Hunt Seat Pleasure – Horse – Intermediate (*)
1701	Hunt Seat Equitation – Horse – Novice	1711	Hunt Seat Pleasure – Horse – Novice
1702	Hunt Seat Equitation – Pony – Novice	1712	Hunt Seat Pleasure – Pony – Advanced/ Intermediate (*)
1703	English Bareback Equitation – Horse/Pony – Advanced	1713	Hunt Seat Pleasure – Pony – Novice
1704	English Bareback Equitation – Horse/Pony – Intermediate		

**Friday - 8:00 a.m.**

**SECTION 6 - GYMKHANA**

1. All Gymkhana riders will compete according to their age as of January 1st of the current year – not by skill level. Except Walk/Trot riders, they must compete in Walk/Trot classes.
2. If a horse has not previously ridden in an equitation class, YOU MUST ride the horse in Gymkhana Equitation before competing in any other Gymkhana classes.

**GYMKHANA EQUITATION CLASSES**

1900	Gymkhana Equitation – Age 8 – 15 (may NOT ride same horse ridden in any Horsemanship or Equitation)
1901	Gymkhana Equitation – Age 16 – 19 (may NOT ride same horse ridden in any Horsemanship or Equitation)

**ALTERNATING CLASS**

1903	Barrel Bending – Horse – Age 16 – 19
1904	Barrel Bending – Horse – Age 13 – 15
1905	Barrel Bending – Horse – Age 8 – 12
1906	Barrel Bending – Pony – Age 13 – 19
1907	Barrel Bending – Pony – Age 8 – 12

**POLE BENDING CLASSES**

1908	Pole Bending – Horse – Age 16 – 19 (*)
1909	Pole Bending – Horse – Age 13 – 15 (*)
1910	Pole Bending – Horse – Age 8 – 12
1911	Pole Bending – Pony – Age 13 – 19 (*)
1912	Pole Bending – Pony – Age 8 – 12

**KEYHOLE CLASSES**

1914	Keyhole – Horse – Age 16 – 19 (*)
1915	Keyhole – Horse – Age 13 – 15 (*)
1916	Keyhole – Horse – Age 8 – 12
1917	Keyhole – Pony – Age 13 – 19 (*)
1918	Keyhole – Pony – Age 8 – 12

**WALK/TROT\*\***

1902	Barrel Bending – Walk/Trot
1913	Keyhole – Walk/Trot
1919	Cloverleaf – Walk/Trot

\*\*Note: Walk/Trot classes will be run in separate arena. Start time is not before 9:30 a.m.

#### CLOVERLEAF CLASSES

- 1920 Cloverleaf – Horse – Age 16 – 19 (\*)
- 1921 Cloverleaf – Horse – Age 13 – 15 (\*)
- 1922 Cloverleaf – Horse – Age 8 – 12
- 1923 Cloverleaf – Pony – Age 13 – 19 (\*)
- 1924 Cloverleaf – Pony – Age 8 – 12

#### FLAG RACE CLASSES

- 1925 Flag Race – Horse – Age 16 – 19 (\*)
- 1926 Flag Race – Horse – Age 13 – 15 (\*)
- 1927 Flag Race – Horse – Age 8 – 12
- 1928 Flag Race – Pony – Age 13 – 19
- 1929 Flag Race – Pony – Age 8 – 12

#### SPEED AND ACTION CLASSES

- 1930 Speed & Action – Horse – Age 16 – 19(\*)
- 1931 Speed & Action – Horse – Age 13 – 15 (\*)
- 1932 Speed & Action – Horse – Age 8 – 12
- 1933 Speed & Action – Pony – Age 13 – 19 (\*)
- 1934 Speed & Action – Pony – Age 8 – 12

#### TWO MAN RELAY CLASSES

- \* Teams will ride in the class of the oldest rider.
- \* May only ride ONCE.
- 1935 Two Man Relay – Age 16 – 19
- 1936 Two Man Relay – Age 13 – 15
- 1937 Two Man Relay – Age 8 – 12

### **SATURDAY - 8:00 a.m.**

#### CART CLASSES

- 1659 Obstacle Course – Cart – Horse/Pony – All Levels
- 1660 Cart Reinsmanship – Horse/Pony – All Levels
- 1661 Driving Pattern – Horse/Pony – All Levels
- 1662 Driving Training Level Test (Dressage with Cart) – All Levels – The American Driving Society Training Level Test 1 – Short Test

#### **SECTION 8 – COSTUME**

(After showmanship sweepstakes)

- 1738 Costume – Horse/Pony – Age 8 – 12
- 1739 Costume – Horse/Pony – Age 13 – 19

1. Team Competition - Sign up for Team Competition at the Announcer's Booth during the week. Each team will have different levels and clubs represented.
2. Overall Awards for each division, including record books and championship trophies, will be awarded after Costume Classes at the Awards Ceremony on Saturday (time to be determined).

#### **SECTION 9 – HERDSMANSHIP**

- 1740 Horse Club Herdsmanship

#### **SECTION 10 – HORSE/PONY RECORD BOOK**

- 1741 Horse/Pony Record Book