

CRAWFORD COUNTY JR. FAIR HORSE EXHIBITOR RULES

The following rules apply to all Crawford County Jr. Fair Horse Exhibitors. County clubs can make additional rules that members must follow to be members in good standings.

Rules for Exhibiting:

The book UNIFORM RULES FOR 4-H HORSE SHOWS, will be followed for all 4-H horse activities and during the Crawford County Fair.

1. Violation of any of the state or county rules during the project time period, including the PAS and the County Fair, must be brought to the attention of the 4-H Horse Council on the same day the incident occurs. Disciplinary action from the council may include, but is not limited to, disqualification of the member from the PAS show, the County Fair Shows.
2. Horse Council and or judge reserves the right to deem the horse or rider unsafe and or not sound for showing at the county fair, work meetings, and any other 4-H affiliated event. (See Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows book for details)
3. Violation of any of the rules during the project time period, including the PAS and the County Fair, must be brought to the attention of the 4-H Horse Council on the same day the incident occurs. Disciplinary action from the council may include, but is not limited to, disqualification of the member from the PAS show, and or the County/State Fair Shows.
4. The Crawford County Horse Council will have the final say on all hardship cases. Each case will be handled on an individual basis.
5. All exhibitors must follow the Ohio 4-H Helmet Policy at all times. (See Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows book for details)

Exhibitor Requirements:

1. Horse Project Selection
 - a. 4-H members
 - i. A 4-H member needs to complete one 4-H horse project book for the year; projects can be repeated for a maximum of 3 years. (A member may choose take more than one 4-H horse project book a year if they wish)
 1. If the book does not contain member knowledge questions, the exhibitor is required to write a 1-page essay on topic covered in the project book.
 - ii. All 4-H members must complete a 4-H record book for EACH horse exhibited. *The same book can be used along with book inserts for as long as the horse is shown.*
 - b. FFA members
 - i. A FFA member needs to complete one 4-H horse project book for the year or create their own learning experience with the approval of their FFA advisor.

- ii. All FFA members must complete their AET record documents and submit a final hard copy.
2. EquiSTEP Completion
 - a. Online training must be completed annually and is required to participate at the PAS, Crawford County and State Fair. Must be completed by June 1st of each year.
3. Countywide Attendance and Participation Requirements
 - a. All exhibitors must participate in the county Horse Skillathon to be eligible to participate in the County Fair and the State Fair horse programs.
 - b. All exhibitors must fulfill their own club's requirements to be eligible to participate in the County Fair and the State Fair horse programs.
 - c. Any non horse club exhibitors must attend, participate and have 4 show bills/ score sheet signed by Judge or Qualified Show Representative and their club advisor by July 1st turned in to OSU Extension.
 - d. Barn Cleanup and All Barn Meeting will be the week before of fair (exact date is TBD) attendance is required.
 - e. Barn Duty sign up will be posted to sign up at the fair—2 shifts minimum required.
4. Countywide Sponsorship
 - a. Each horse exhibitor household must obtain \$100 in sponsor money. If more than 2 exhibitors per household \$50.00 per additional exhibitor worth of paid sponsors for the Crawford County Fair or pay on their own. This money is used to offset the cost of judges and awards during the fair. All the sponsorship names and payments need to be turned in to the Horse Council Treasurer by June 1st if a member of horse club, if member of non horse club turn in to Extension Office.
 - b. Sponsorship money does not include items that may be provided by individual club, i.e., t-shirts, banners, sawdust, fair passes etc.

Animal Requirements:

1. Animals must be either leased or owned. If leased, a copy of the lease form must be turned into the OSU Extension office by June 1st.
2. Each member may have one alternate horse. In families of more than one member, the alternate horse may be shared, but it must not be a declared project for any other member.
3. Horse Identification Sheets (one per project animal), Crawford County Horse Council Rules, Sponsor Sheet, Class Sign Up and Code of Conduct must submit via JotForm Link by June 1st. Forms are submitted to Horse Council and OSU Extension Office.
4. Ponies will be measured at Fairgrounds at PAS Show, Ponies must show as they were measured- shod or unshod. Must be 4 ponies to have a pony division at the fair.
5. The Crawford County Horse Council requires that all Jr. Fair Horse projects be vaccinated for tetanus, encephalomyelitis, influenza with fluvac ewt, and rhinopneumonitis. Vaccine certificate must be COMPLETED by June 15th and turned in via JotForm by July 1st.

PAS Show Requirements:

1. State Fair participation will be based on PAS qualifying score and member in good standing status. If a member breaks their member in good standing status, the Crawford County 4-H Educator has the right to pull any members state fair showing qualifications **until the day of the exhibitors first state fair Jr. Horse show** (without any reimbursement).
2. A member may show only one project horse at the PAS horse show.
3. All state fair qualifiers that choose to go to State Fair Jr Horse Show are required to follow all State Fair requirements and deadlines.
 - a. Exhibitors must also notify Sr. Fair Board and OSU Extension in writing of when they are participating at State Fair by July 1.
 - b. Horses are released before 10am and can return after 10pm same day from State Fair. Horses shall be walked to arena and loaded there and exit out of South gate (by race horse barns)
 - c. No horse trailers are to be in the barn areas of grounds between 10am-10pm.
 - d. Exhibitors who choose to only exhibit at state fair must discuss fair passes with their club advisor.
 - i. Exhibitors must have a project displayed during the Crawford County Fair to receive an exhibitor fair pass and fair premium as per the Crawford County Fairbook.

Different numbers will be given for the PAS show and County Fair. Numbers must be placed on each side of the saddle pad. For English classes, numbers must be on the exhibitors back or saddle pad at the discretion of the judge.

Crawford County Horse Skillathon:

1. Horse skillathon or makeup Skillathon is required for exhibitor project completion.
 - a. Skillathon requirement includes completed project & record book, interview, and knowledge stations.
2. The horse skillathon is an opportunity for members to test their overall knowledge about horses. During the skillathon, members will rotate through stations and answer questions about various aspects of horses and their care.
3. Members will be placed first through fifth in each age division. Skillathon scores will be added to horse show points for Overall and Reserve Overall high Point Awards.
4. The Champions of each division will be recognized at the award ceremony. Scores for the Skillathon will not be released.
5. The skillathon kit is available for club and individual use from a member of Horse Council first come, first serve basis
6. The kit may not be checked out the week before skillathon and it is requested that no club or individual keep the kit out for more than one week's time.
7. Any member may also participate in the State Fair Skillathon. *Visit the Ohio 4-H Horse program website for additional information.*

Crawford County Fair Week Policies and Requirements:

Horse Council and the Crawford County Sr. Fair Board have the final say over all matters the week of fair. *Review Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows book and Crawford County Fairbook for additional information.*

1. No training (paid or unpaid) is to be done on a Jr. Fair Exhibitors horse 30 days prior to the PAS show or the Crawford County Fair, whichever comes first.
2. Paid/Unpaid equine professionals, excluding farriers and or veterinarians not affiliated with Crawford County Fair are prohibited from contact with project animals at the PAS show & during the Crawford County Fair. Grooming not included as long as member is present.
3. Excessive coaching from the sidelines during the PAS & Crawford County Fair horse shows is absolutely prohibited while the exhibitor is in the main show arena.
4. In the case of a sick or injured horse, a representative 4-H horse advisor and one horse council member must grade the horse at the 4-H members home one(1) week before the fair for a project completion. In order to receive the project premium, the member must still participate in the horse skillathon and complete project book(s) and up to date record book.
 - a. During the Crawford County fair any project or member that becomes sick or injured will still receive a grade or premium.
5. Horses are to be in place no later than 10am on FIRST Sunday of fair and will be released at 7am on LAST SUNDAY of fair. There will be no late arrivals or early release for any horses without prior permission from horse council and the Crawford County Sr. Fairboard.
6. Formal show attire is not required for the Crawford County fair horse show. However, members are required to wear jeans, a long sleeve button up shirt (with collar) a belt and western boots. Jeans must be clean with no visible holes or tears. Chaps are optional. For English attire please see the Uniform Rules for 4-H horse shows.
7. No one may sit on, ride or drive a Jr. Fair exhibitor's fair horse, except that member, while the fair is in progress unless the horse becomes unruly. In such case, the advisor and two or more Horse Council members will have the final say as to who may ride the horse and will observe the designated rider on that horse at all times.
8. Work out in the ring before classes will be determined by the amount of time available.
9. If a member's horse measures as pony, they MUST pick either pony or age division classes to show in but are not allowed to show in both classes.

Horse Show Judge Complaints:

1. At the Crawford County Fair, PAS Show, or any 4-H Horse show: any exhibitor(s), parent, or relative with a complaint, or protest must go directly to Horse Council.
 - a. They MAY NOT approach the judge themselves at any time. After Horse Council has been contacted, they must be present if it is determined that the request to speak to the judge is justified.
2. If any complaint cannot be resolved, a written protest should be filed with the Horse Council.

Protests:

1. All protests must be made in writing and signed by the party or parties making the protest.
2. A \$75 fee must accompany the protest. The fee will be retained by the Horse Council and used to pay the costs of investigating the protest.
3. The protest and fee must be filed with the Horse Council the same day of the show. The protest will be considered at a time designated by the Horse Council and will include the accused, the assessor, and the Extension representative and any other needed parties. If any party cannot attend, a representative must be sent.
4. Any decision on how a class is placed, or decision on the disqualification of an exhibitor based on the Judge's interpretation of the rules for that class, shall not be protested.
5. Horse Council obtains the right to prohibit any one from showing if there is evidence that the exhibitor has violated any 4-H Uniform Rules or County Fair Rule that would make ineligible to show. Any person not complying will be penalized by withholding the premiums of the member involved, dismissing the member from the Fair/horse show and any upcoming shows and State Fair, and/or by deducting award points and awards from that member.

General Protests

1. The protest and \$75 fee must be filed with the Horse Council the same day of the show or incident. The protest will be considered at a time designated by the Horse Council and will include the accused, the assessor, Sr. Fair Board Representative, the Extension representative, and any other needed parties. If any party chooses not to attend, all decisions are final and they will not receive another opportunity to.

Fair Week Award System:

1. Members must show in English or Western at the PAS or the Crawford County Fair Point horse show to be eligible to show in the Crawford County Fun show. The advisors of the member may take an exception to this rule.
2. Any member not completing record or project book will not be eligible for awards.
3. Members must show in a showmanship and horsemanship class or their respective production halter class to receive their premium money. The advisor of the member may make an exception to this rule.
4. If any member is not capable of showing in a 3-gaited class, a walk/trot class will be offered. Walk/trot classes will have their own high point awards.
5. Horse premiums are limited to a total of \$25 per exhibitor.

6. Any horse and or rider that becomes unruly/uncontrollable in any class at the Crawford County fair will be removed at the judge's and Horse Council's discretion. A premium will still be permitted.
7. Members may enter as many classes as they wish. However, members may only enter one animal per class except for single horse classes. Example-Gymkhana, Reining, Western Riding, Trail.
8. If there are less than 5 entries in a class, age groups will be combined with the younger age group moving up and the 18 year olds moving down.
9. All classes require minimum of 5 entries excluding walk/trot.
10. Classes with less than 5 entries will be prorated for high point awards. Example:
 - a. 5 points 1st place
 - b. 4 points 2nd place
 - c. 3 points for 3rd place
 - d. 2 points for 4th place
 - e. 1 point for 5th placeExample: If only had 3 entries in a class
 - a. 3 points for 1st
 - b. 2 points for 2nd
 - c. 1 point for 3rd
11. Classes are to be determined by the show committee and are subject to change.
12. Members may accumulate points on more than one horse, but those points CANNOT be combined for any awards.
13. The Overall and Reserve Overall High Point awards will combine all horse show points for one horse and member combination. Skillathon score will be used as a tie breaker.
14. Ties for individual high point awards will be broken using members skillathon scores.
15. All members will be recognized with vouchers, pins and certificates during the award ceremony at the end of fair week. All high point awards will also be presented at this time.
16. Thank You notes must be completed by the Jr. Fair Exhibitor right after the awards ceremony and turned into horse council. Thank you notes must be given back to Horse Council by end of day Saturday Fair end. NO horse may leave without Thank you note written.
17. Showman of Showmen will have its own Showmanship class (Ranch, English, or Western) this score will be added to their Skillathon score. Tie-breaker is a question from the judge.
 - a. Showman of Showmen representative must be 14 years or older.
18. Overall and Reserve Overall Ties will be awarded to highest skillathon score.
19. Overall and Reserve Overall are only age division classes.
20. Team tournament for the week of Fair. The teams will be picked at random (2-4 members on a team) At the end of fair, two high point teams will receive awards.

Free Style Reining:

***Not being offered in 2026. Additional changes to come in 2027 if member participation is given.**

The Crawford County Fair will be using rules for reining as stated in the Uniform 4-H Rule Book.

1. Members must participate in the beginner pattern class to be eligible to participate in reining patterns.
 - c. Reining pattern A- Any member may do this class. Must attempt to perform a flying lead change.
 - d. Reining Pattern B- Only those members who received an A grade in Pattern A are eligible to move on to pattern B.
 - e. Reining Pattern C- Only those members who received an A grade in Pattern B are eligible to move on to Pattern C.
2. Must compete in Reining Pattern A or B or C class to participate in Free Style reining.

Versatility:

1. The county Jr. Fair Versatility contest will be held at the fairgrounds horse arena, see fair schedule for details. Versatility is for any exhibitor who works with his/her horse and has the desire to perform well in all divisions.
2. Classes are at the discretion of the Crawford County Horse Council. The requirements are as follows:
 - a. Participants must show in four out of the five classes at the Point show or PAS with the same horse.
 - b. The number of participants in the class will determine the scoring. The judge will score participants 1 through 5 in the class.
Example: if there are 10 participants in the class
 - a. 1st receives 10 points
 - b. 2nd receives 9 points
 - c. 3rd receives 8 points and so on.Only 1 through 5 will receive ribbons.
3. Ties will be broken as follows:
 1. Fastest Gymkhana Time
 2. Or Greater Number of firsts, 2nd greatest number of seconds.
4. The judge will choose the pattern before each class and will explain them to the participants and ask for any questions. If there are no questions the classes will proceed.
5. Participants must use the same horse as shown as the PAS or Point Show.
6. Only 2 helpers are permitted: one inside the ring and one outside of ring.
7. Participants may not leave the arena area at any time. However, following the last horse in each event or after the horses are lined up, exhibitors will be allowed to leave the paddock or the line to use their 5 minute break to water their horse and change tack. Horses and riders are not permitted to leave the inside of the arena to make these changes.
8. The time limit of 5 minutes between events will be strictly enforced.
9. Once a child wins versatility class, that combination of horse and rider may not compete again.

10. The Five classes shall consist of:
 - a. Showmanship Class (English or Western)
 - b. Pleasure Class (ranch, western, English)
 - c. Horsemanship/Equitation Contesting (barrels, poles, stakes, keyhole)
 - d. Trail
 - e. Ranch Pleasure, Ranch Riding, Reining
11. The 5 Classes will be picked at random from a hat.
12. The order of the 5 classes will be picked at random from hat and announced on Tuesday.

Horse Arena & Barn Rules:

1. HORSES ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THE HILL AFTER 9 PM unless exhibiting.
2. Horses may not be ridden around, or from the horse barns to the horse arena; they must be led at a hand-walk on the designated walking path with a chain.
3. Exhibitors will ride their horses in a safe manner during all schooling and showing sessions. Horses are not to be ridden with the rider sitting backwards at anytime.
4. Horses are not permitted on the west side of the arena (between the arena and race track)
5. Exhibitors are not permitted in the announcer's stand at ANY TIME.
6. In order to prevent accidents, horses may only enter the 4-h horse arena from the designated entrance and leave through the designated exit.
7. Only horses waiting to enter the next class are permitted inside the paddock area. All other horses must be kept outside the paddock area.
8. Horses may not be worked in the paddock area during the Crawford Co. Fair or PAS show.
9. Horses may not be turned loose around or in the wooded area, the arena, or the warm up area at any time.
10. Due to health regulations, exhibitors are not permitted to purchase food from the food stand while on horseback. Also, horses are not permitted within 10 feet of the food area. If the rules are violated the food stand could lose our license.
11. Washing and rinsing of horses may only be done at the wash rack.
12. Members are required to clean up all manure outside of arena. Please put manure in the designated area.
13. Do not walk horses over electrical cords or between campers.
14. Cars and trailers are not permitted to park between the restrooms and horse arena during the county fair horse shows, so that emergency vehicles and water trucks have easy access to the arenas.
15. Horses are required to have a halter and lead rope with a chain accessible by their stalls. Horses must have a halter on at all times with clip turned inward.
16. Water fights are not permitted in the horse barns or at the horse arena while horses are present in those areas. Horseplay is absolutely prohibited in or around the barns or horse arena.
17. Horses are not permitted on the roadway on the south side of the barns.
18. Horses may exit the barns through the NORTH doors ONLY.
19. Aisle ways in barns may not be blocked at any time.
20. Stalls must be cleaned daily.
21. Each club is expected to enforce and abide by their own barn rules.
22. No kids under 18 years of age to stay overnight in campers without parental permission.

****Any concerns, questions, or complaints must follow the chain of command which is in writing to the following:**

- 1)Horse Council Member
- 2)Extension Educator
- 3) Senior Fairboard Horse Representative

I _____ acknowledge that I have read and understand the
4-H Member Name

above outlined rules.

4-H Member Signature _____

I _____ acknowledge that I have read and understand the
Parent Name

above outlined rules

Parent Signature _____

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