

## DEPT 6 – HORSES & PONIES

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### **Health Requirements**

**All animals exhibiting at the fair must be free of any contagious, infectious or communicable disease.**

**Equine animals originating from within Wisconsin:** All equine animals shall be accompanied by documentation of a negative EIA conducted within the current calendar year and which clearly identifies the equine by registration number, lip tattoos or freeze brand, or a complete description of the equine. Documentation must either be an original laboratory report VS 10-11 or a certificate of veterinary inspection with the negative EIA results listed.

**Equine animals originating from outside Wisconsin:** All equine animals shall be accompanied by certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) and have been tested negative for equine infectious anemia (EIA) within the last year. The certificate must clearly identify the equine by registration number, lip tattoos or freeze brand, or a complete description of the equine. Equines from Minnesota are exempt from the CVI requirement if all of the following apply: 1) Ownership does not change while the animal is in the state; 2) the animal remains in this state for no more than 7 days; and 3) the animal is accompanied by a report of a negative equine infectious anemia from the current calendar year.

1. All horses over three months of age **MUST BE VACCINATED** within the last twelve months and at least two weeks prior to the fair for:
  - Eastern and Western Encephalomyelitis
  - Influenza
  - Tetanus
2. Equine **are encouraged** to have their horses vaccinated for the following diseases. Please consult your veterinarian for their recommendation in your local area.
  - Strangles, Equine Rhinopneumonitis, Rabies, West Niles virus, Potomac Horse Fever
3. All horses will be examined upon their arrival to the fair by a designated member or representative of the St. Croix County 4-H Youth Horse Project Committee. Any horse exhibiting possible signs of disease will be examined by the fair veterinarian before the horse enters a stall. Any horse determined by the fair veterinarian to be exhibiting signs of contagious, infectious, or communicable disease will be required to leave the fairgrounds.
4. The St. Croix County 4-H Youth Horse Project Committee reserves the right to make decisions for emergency treatment of any animal, if necessary, when the owner cannot be immediately contacted.

### **General Rules**

1. **PROJECT ANIMAL** –The date for all Horse project members to have managerial care of their animal is June 1st. Only the project member may ride the project animal while attending a project event.
2. **MAY EXHIBIT UP TO 2 ANIMALS** - The horse must be at least two years of age by January 1 of the current year. No stallions may be exhibited. Members of the same family may show the same horse provided the horse is only shown once in a specific class. The only exceptions being Trail Class and Dressage.
3. **PONIES / LIGHT HORSES** - Ponies are Shetland, Welsh, POA and similar breeds – 56” and under at the withers. Light horses are over 56” at the withers. Draft horses are Belgians, Clydesdales, Percherons and similar breeds. No state aids are available for separate draft horse classes.
4. **HELMETS & BOOTS** – Project members riding a horse at a project sponsored event **MUST** wear an SEI approved helmet with chin strap fastened and a boot with a minimum ½” cut out heel whenever mounted. The helmet rule is a state rule and there are **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**
5. **EQUIPMENT** - Whenever a horse is being ridden, it must be saddled and bridled (bit or hackamore). The only exception to this rule is when the exhibitor is participating in (not practicing) Bareback Hunter or Costume Class.
6. **COGGINS** - All horses must have a current negative Coggins . The **original** Coggins results must be presented at each activity involving the horse. No horse will be allowed to participate at a clinic or show without a negative Coggins. Coggins results are valid for one year.

**CARRY YOUR ORIGINAL COGGINS PAPERS WITH YOU EACH AND EVERY TIME YOU  
TRANSPORT YOUR HORSE. THIS IS A STATE LAW!**

7. Current class rules and state dress code will be followed.  
<http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4haganimalscience/files/2014/06/equestrian-guidlines.pdf>
8. Show committee reserves the right to split or combine classes depending on class size.
9. You must sign-up for classes through the UW 4-H Extension office by the sign-up deadline. Classes may be scratched the day of the show with the show secretary.
10. Uncontrollable or lame horses will be asked to leave the ring at the judge's discretion.
11. Horse project members are encouraged to stall horses at the fair.
12. **4-H Members Only** – It is considered a privilege to represent your county at a State or District 4-H event. All blue ribbon winners in qualifying classes (see below), grades 6-13, are eligible for the State Horse Expo Show. State Gymkhana and State Hunt/Dressage Shows are non-qualifying but still require approval. To participate in State events, a 4-H youth must be a member in good standing at the county level, as certified by a signature of a horse project leader and the county UWEX agent. Application forms will be available at the County Fair Show. Please be aware of Entry Form deadlines.
13. Qualifying classes for the State Horse Expo Show are: Showmanship, English Hunter, English Pleasure, Stock Seat Hunter, Western Pleasure and Trail. Driving is also a qualifying class for State.
14. Novice Classes are entry level classes set up for beginning riders and/or inexperienced horses. They are walk/trot only classes. The lope/canter will not be performed. If a member is showing in the Novice they may not enter another lot # in that class. Novice classes are not eligible for the Grand Championship Classes, and do not qualify for State Shows.
15. There is no special class for Explorers. Explorers are allowed to participate in the horse project, in the appropriate grade level.
16. Members are to ride their horses in designated areas at times supervised/approved by the Horse Committee.

A RESPONSIBLE ADULT MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE FOR A MEMBER  
TO RIDE AT A CLINIC OR HORSE SHOW REGARDLESS OF AGE.

Premium Classes: Blue (8.00) Red (7.00) White (6.00) Pink (5.00)  
Horseless Horse Premium Classes: Blue (3.50) Red (3.00) White (2.50) Pink (2.00)

**Pleasure Show** – Sunday, 8:00 am

- St. Croix County Pleasure Horse Show will be held on **Sunday at 8:00 am**
- Participants are encouraged to attend at least one clinic specific to Pleasure with the horse they are showing
- In **Pleasure** classes, the horse and rider are judged on manners and suitability of the horse for a relaxed but collected gait, relatively slow speed, along with calm and responsive disposition.
- **Hunter** refers to a rider's position while mounted, and encompasses a rider's ability to ride correctly and with effective aids. In competition, the rider, rather than the horse is evaluated.
- **Stock Seat/Western classes** require a Western saddle and a curb bit, unless the horse is 5 years old or younger. The rider uses one hand on the reins with a curb bit. Horses 5 years old and younger may be shown in a snaffle bit. 2 hands on the reins are allowed if the horse is ridden in a snaffle bit. Riders are required to wear a long sleeved, collared shirt, boots and helmet.
- **English classes** require English saddle and bridle. Riders are required to wear breeches, long sleeved shirt, preferably with a jacket, tall boots or paddock boots with half chaps and helmet.
- **Pony** is defined as height, measured at the withers of 56 inches or less. If you ride a pony by this definition, you ride in English & Western Pleasure Lots 10 or 11. In other classes, the horses and ponies are judged together.
- The Show Committee reserves the right to split or combine classes depending on class size.
- Participants may drop entries on the day of the show.

**CLASS A – SHOWMANSHIP – Danish (Premium, except Novice group)**

**Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion are selected from the Blue Ribbon Winners of Lots 1-4**

Lot Number:

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| 1. Showmanship, Grades 9 & up | 3. Showmanship, Grades 5 – 6 | 5. Showmanship, Novice Class,<br>Grade 3 – 13 |
| 2. Showmanship, Grades 7 – 8  | 4. Showmanship, Grades 3 – 4 |   |

**CLASS B – BAREBACK EQUITATION (Ribbons 1-6 Places, Non-Premium)**

Lot Number: 1. Bareback Equitation, Grade 9 – 13      2. Bareback Equitation, Grade 6 - 8

**CLASS C – ENGLISH EQUITATION – Danish (Premium, except Novice group)**

**Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion are selected from the Blue Ribbon Winners of Lots 1-4**

Lot Number: 1. English Equitation, Grades 9 & up      4. English Equitation, Grades 3 - 4  
2. English Equitation, Grades 7 – 8      5. English Equitation, Novice, Grade 3 – 13 (Walk/Trot)  
3. English Equitation, Grades 5 - 6

**CLASS D – ENGLISH PLEASURE – Danish (Non-Premium)**

Lot Number: 1. English Pleasure, Grades 9 & up      4. English Pleasure, Grades 3 - 4  
2. English Pleasure, Grades 7 – 8      5. English Pleasure, Novice Class, Grade 3-13  
3. English Pleasure, Grades 5 – 6      (Walk/Trot)

**CLASS E – PLEASURE DRIVING (Ribbons 1-6 Places, Non-Premium)**

Lot Number: 1. Pleasure Driving, Exhibitor Grade 3-13

**CLASS F – STOCK SEAT EQUITATION (Western Horsemanship)**

**Danish (Premium, except Novice group)**

**Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion are selected from the Blue Ribbon Winners of Lots 1- 4**

Lot Number: 1. Stock Seat, Grades 9 & up      4. Stock Seat, Grades 3 - 4  
2. Stock Seat, Grades 7 – 8      5. Stock Seat, Novice Class, Grade 3 – 13 (Walk/Trot)  
3. Stock Seat, Grades 5 – 6

**CLASS G – WESTERN PLEASURE – Danish (Non-Premium)**

Lot Number: 1. Western Pleasure, Grades 9 & up      4. Western Pleasure, Grades 3 - 4  
2. Western Pleasure, Grades 7 – 8      5. Western Pleasure, Novice, Grade 3 – 13 (Walk/Trot)  
3. Western Pleasure, Grades 5 – 6

**CLASS H – WESTERN RIDING (Ribbons 1-6 Places, Non-Premium)**

Lot Number: 1. Western Riding, Grade 6-13

**CLASS I – COSTUME CLASS (Ribbons 1-6 Places, Non-Premium)**

Lot Number: 1. Costume, Grade 9 – 13      2. Costume, Grade 3 – 8

**Trail Class**

Please see the Kick-off materials for the date/time when the St. Croix County Hunter/Jumper Show will be held.

Trail can be ridden western or English, but you need to wear attire that matches the discipline you are riding.

Example: If you are riding English you need to be in English attire.

**CLASS J – TRAIL CLASS – Danish (Non Premium)**

Lot Number: 1. Trail, Grades 9 & up      4. Trail, Grades 3 – 4  
2. Trail, Grades 7 – 8      5. Novice Horse Trail Class (Gr 3-13)  
3. Trail, Grades 5 - 6

## 4-H Gymkhana “Game” Classes (Place 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Non Premium)

- **Please see the kick-off materials for the date/time when the St. Croix County Gymkhana Show will be held.**
- Participants are encouraged to attend at least one clinic specific to Gymkhana with the horse they are showing
- Western tack is required for all Gymkhana events, with the exception of Egg and Spoon, which may be ridden in English tack.
- All riders must wear a long sleeved shirt with a collar, appropriate heeled boots and SEI approved helmet with chin strap.
- 4-H participants are eligible for District & State Competition (Contact show committee for details).
- **Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Highpoint** will be awarded in each age category, Class S\* 4-In-Line Barrels will not count towards highpoint.
- The Show Committee reserves the right to split or combine classes depending on class size.
- Participants may drop entries on the day of the show.

<b>CLASS K – <u>EGG and SPOON</u></b>	Lot #:	1. Egg and Spoon, Grades 11 & Over 2. Egg and Spoon, Grades 9 -10 3. Egg and Spoon, Grades 7-8	4. Egg and Spoon, Grades 5-6 5. Egg and Spoon, Grades 3-4
<b>CLASS L – <u>CLOVERLEAF BARRELS</u></b>	Lot #:	1. Cloverleaf Barrels, Grades 11 & Over 2. Cloverleaf Barrels, Grades 9-10 3. Cloverleaf Barrels, Grades 7-8	4. Cloverleaf Barrels, Grades 5-6 5. Cloverleaf Barrels, Grades 3-4
<b>CLASS M – <u>POLE BENDING</u></b>	Lot #:	1. Pole Bending, Grades 11 & Over 2. Pole Bending, Grades 9-10 3. Pole Bending, Grades 7-8	4. Pole Bending, Grades 5-6 5. Pole Bending, Grades 3-4
<b>CLASS N – <u>KEY RACE</u></b>	Lot #:	1. Key Race, Grades 11 & Over 2. Key Race, Grades 9-10 3. Key Race, Grades 7-8	4. Key Race, Grades 5-6 5. Key Race, Grades 3-4
<b>CLASS O – <u>FLAG RACE</u></b>	Lot #:	1. Flag Race, Grades 11 & Over 2. Flag Race, Grades 9-10 3. Flag Race, Grades 7-8	4. Flag Race, Grades 5-6 5. Flag Race, Grades 3-4
<b>CLASS P – <u>LT SPECIAL</u></b>	Lot #:	1. LT Special, Grades 11 & Over 2. LT Special, Grades 9-10 3. LT Special, Grades 7-8	4. LT Special, Grades 5-6 5. LT Special, Grades 3-4
<b>CLASS Q – <u>PLUG RACE</u></b>	Lot #:	1. Plug Race, Grades 11 & Over 2. Plug Race, Grades 9-10 3. Plug Race, Grades 7-8	4. Plug Race, Grades 5-6 5. Plug Race, Grades 3-4
<b>CLASS R – <u>JUMPING FIGURE 8</u></b>	Lot #:	1. Jumping Figure 8, Grades 11 & Over 2. Jumping Figure 8, Grades 9-10 3. Jumping Figure 8, Grades 7-8	4. Jumping Figure 8, Grades 5-6 5. Jumping Figure 8, Grades 3-4
<b>CLASS S* – <u>4 IN A LINE BARRELS</u></b>	<b>Sign-up day of show</b>		

## Class T - DRESSAGE (Places 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Non Premium)

- Please see the kick-off materials for the date/time when the St. Croix County Dressage Show will be held
- Participants are encouraged to attend at least one clinic specific to dressage with the horse they are showing
- **Riders may enter as many classes as desired. Number of rides may be limited to fit in the allotted time for show. This will be determined just before the fair.**
- The lot numbers entered, must be consecutive s (Example: Intro- A and Intro-B, or Intro- C and Training 1, etc.)
- **USDF rules will be followed** with an exception to attire. Riders are to wear breeches with tall boots or paddock boots with half chaps. Full English dress (rat catcher & jacket) or Polo shirts are acceptable.
- **Western Dressage** – Intro will be a walk/Jog pattern. Basic will be a walk/Jog/Lope pattern. Western tack and attire are required.
- 4-H participants, grades 6-13, are eligible for the State Hunt/Dressage Show which is held in June (prior to the county fair show). Contact show committee for eligibility requirements.
- **Grand Champion and Reserve Champion** will be awarded based on the highest average test scores. Test level differential will be included.
- The Show Committee reserves the right to split or combine classes depending on class size.
- Participants may drop entries on the day of the show.
- USDF RULES: [https://www.usef.org/\\_iframes/rulebook/rules.aspx](https://www.usef.org/_iframes/rulebook/rules.aspx)

### Lot Number:

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| 1. USDF Intro- A, Grades 9-13    | 12. USDF Training 2, Grades 9-13   |
| 2. USDF Intro- A, Grades 6-8     | 13. USDF Training 2, Grades 3-8  |
| 3. USDF Intro- A, Grades 3-5     |  |
|                                  | 14. USDF Training 3, Grades 9-13   |
| 4. USDF Intro-B, Grades 9-13     | 15. USDF Training 3, Grades 3-8  |
| 5. USDF Intro-B, Grades 6-8      | 16. USDF First Level Test of Choice 1,2,3<br>(Placed on %) – Grades 3-13 |
| 6. USDF Intro-B, Grades 3-5      |  |
|                                  | 17. Western Intro 1, Grades 3-13   |
| 7. USDF Intro- C, Grades 9-13    | 18. Western Intro 2, Grades 3-14   |
| 8. USDF Intro- C, Grades 6-8     |  |
| 9. USDF Intro- C, Grades 3-5     | 19. Western Basic 1, Grades 3-13   |
|                                  | 20. Western Basic 2, Grades 3-13   |
| 10. USDF Training 1, Grades 9-13 |  |
| 11. USDF Training 1, Grades 3-8  | 21. Musical Freestyle (Expedition) Grades 3-13                           |

## Class U - Hunter / Jumper (Place 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Non Premium)

- Please see the Kick-off materials for the date/time when the St. Croix County Hunter/Jumper Show will be held.
- **Participants must have attended at least one clinic specific to Hunter/jumper with the horse they are showing. You will need to be “pre-qualified” to jump at the county fair. This can either happen at camp or a clinic.**
  - Riders are allowed to sign up for as many classes as desired. Number of rides may be limited to remain in allotted time allowed for the show. This will be determined just before the fair.
- **USEF rules will be followed with the exception to attire.** Riders are to wear breeches with tall boots or paddock boots with half chaps. Full English habit (rat catcher & Jacket) or Polo shirts are acceptable. **English Saddle Required.**
- The Show Committee reserves the right to split or combine classes depending on class size.
- Participants may drop entries on the day of the show.

### Hunter Classes:

Hunters are judged subjectively on the degree to which they meet an ideal standard of manners, style, and way of going. Hunters have meticulous turnout and tend toward very quiet, conservative horse tack and rider attire. Hunter bits, bridles, crops, spurs, and martingales are tightly regulated.

USEF Hunter Rules: [www.usef.org/documents/rulebook/2015/17-HU.pdf](http://www.usef.org/documents/rulebook/2015/17-HU.pdf)

Lot Number:

1. Ground Poles,	Grades 3-13	8. Hunter over fences 18”,	Grades 3-5
2. 12” cross rails,	Grades 3-13		
3. Hunter over fences 12”,	Grades 9-13	9. Hunter over fences 2’0”,	Grades 9-13
4. Hunter over fences 12”,	Grades 6-8	10. Hunter over fences 2’0”,	Grades -8
5. Hunter over fences 12”,	Grades 3-5	11. Hunter over fences 2’0”,	Grades 3-5
6. Hunter over fences 18”,	Grades 9-13	12. Hunter over fences 2’6”,	Grades 3-13
7. Hunter over fences 18”,	Grades 6-8	13. Hunter over fences 3’0”,	Grades 3-13

### Jumper Classes:

Jumper classes are scored objectively, based entirely on a numerical score determined only by whether the horse attempts the obstacle, clears it, and finishes the course in the allotted time. Jumper courses often are colorful, and at times, quite creatively designed. Jumper courses tend to be much more complex and technical than hunter courses, because riders and horses are not being judged on style.

Jumpers, while caring for their horses and grooming them well, are not scored on turnout, are allowed a wider range of equipment, and riders may wear less conservative attire, so long as it stays within the rules. Formal turnout always is preferred; a neat rider gives a good impression at shows.

USEF Jumper Rules [www.usef.org/documents/rulebook/2016/18-JP.pdf](http://www.usef.org/documents/rulebook/2016/18-JP.pdf)

14. Jumper 2’0”,	Grades 3 - 13
15. Jumper 2’6”,	Grades 3 - 13
16. Jumper 3’0”,	Grades 3 - 13