

Horse & Pony Department 6

Judging

All Horse & Pony Lots, Pavilion 1, Conference - Danish Judging

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Eligible 4-H Project Areas

Animal Sciences - Horse & Horseless Horse

Education Requirements for Horse & Pony Exhibitors

To exhibit any equine at the Dane County Fair, exhibitors must submit a completed educational requirements card, and follow the submittal rules printed on the educational requirements card. ****NEW THIS YEAR** Youth must provide Education Card uploaded in FairEntry by June 1, with entry submission.** If this requirement is not met, the exhibitor will not be eligible to show. NO exceptions will be made.

Education Cards for both 4-H and Non-4-H organizations can be found at the Dane County fair web page (<https://www.danecountyfair.com/p/youth-exhibitors/education-requirements--opportunities/horse-pony-department>)

REGULATIONS

(No Cloverbuds)

1. All exhibitors must read, sign and adhere to the Youth Animal Exhibitor Code of Practice as stated on page 13 in the front of the Fair Book.
2. Exhibitors are responsible for complying with State and County Fair Regulations contained in this fair book and the Horse and Pony Rules & Guidelines. A complete set of guidelines, rules and descriptions can be obtained through your club, Dane County Extension Office (website: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/dane4hyouth/4-h-projects/horse-pony/>) or Dane County Fair Office (website: <https://www.danecountyfair.com/p/youth-exhibitors/premium-book>).
3. Any Dane County Fair Department 6 Horse and Pony questions are referred first to the Dane County Premium Book. If they can not be answered there, they are then referred to the Department 6 Horse and Pony Rules & Guidelines, and finally to US Equestrian Federation Rule Book. **The Department 6 Horse and Pony Rules & Guidelines are an extension of the Dane County Premium Book rules and regulations for the Horse & Pony Department 6.**
4. Formal disputes and/or appeals should be referred to the front of this book under Rules & Regulations or contact the Fair Office.
5. It is a privilege to participate at the Dane County Fair, however, this privilege can be revoked by no less than three (3) Department 6 Superintendents. Exhibitors, parents, guardians, leaders and volunteers are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times.
6. **Abuse of any animal will be grounds for disqualification.**
7. Each horse and pony exhibitor, including horseless horse, must submit a Project Animal Declaration Form for their project animal(s) they intend to show. Only two animals may be shown. This must be submitted via online form no later than **May 1, 2026. If it is not received by 11:59 p.m. May 1, you will not be allowed to show. This rule will be strictly enforced.**

8. Animal Substitution Policy: If a declared animal dies or becomes lame or injured, you may request a substitution as follows:
 - a) Submit a written request prior to July 10, 2026 with a letter from your veterinarian as to the reason the animal will not be able to attend.
 - b) Send requests to Horse and Pony Dept. 6, Dane County Fair, PO Box 930385, Verona, WI 53593 or email to entries.danecountyfair@gmail.com.
 - c) All substitutions are evaluated on an individual basis and are subject to the superintendent's approval.
9. All horses/ponies are required to stable and remain on the fairgrounds Wednesday through Sunday. Animals that have a chronic health issue that does not allow them to be stalled for the duration of the Fair must submit a completed Trailing-In Request form, which can be obtained from the Dane County Fair website. This form must be submitted to the Fair Office for approval by July 10, 2026.
10. On-Site Veterinarians may examine any horse at any time. Those found lame or posing a health hazard to themselves, other animals or people may be ordered off the fairgrounds.
11. The age of an animal is determined as of January 1 of the current year. Stallions must have been born in the current year to be exhibited at the Fair.
12. Exhibitors, including Horseless Horse, must electronically submit the appropriate information into FairEntry by June 1. The large animal fee of \$1.00 per head, is \$1.00 per horse not for every Class entered. Cancellations may be made by emailing Fair Entries Department, entries.danecountyfair@gmail.com by 5 p.m. the Monday prior to the start of the Fair.
13. All stalls will be assigned by the superintendents. All horses must exhibit in at least one lot in Department 6. Tack stalls are assigned depending on availability.
14. Stall decorations can be taken down after 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. Horses cannot be removed before 6:30 p.m. on Sunday. If not followed, the Fair Office requires that the premiums for the entire club be forfeited.

CHECK-IN

All Animals and Exhibitors, including Horseless Horse exhibitors, must be checked in on Wednesday the week of the Fair between the hours of 12 - 8 p.m.

The following must to be completed at check-in:

1. Complete a veterinary examination by presenting your animal for inspection on Wednesday at horse check-in outside of Pavilion 1.
2. A negative EIA (Coggins) test is required for all equine. The test must have been conducted after July 18, 2025. A copy of this test is required to be turned in at check in. Horses may not enter the pavilion until this coggins has been turned in.
3. If a horse resides outside of Wisconsin, an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must be provided at horse check-in. The certificate cannot be completed prior to July 10, 2026. If multiple horses are listed on the Intrastate/Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, an individual copy of the form must be provided for each exhibitor's folder.
4. Review your class entries, verify they are correct and sign your folder.
5. Provide emergency contact information while at the Fair.
6. All equines entered as a pony (56" and under) may be measured at time of check in.

No animals or exhibitors will be checked in to the Fair after 8 p.m. Wednesday. If you are not checked in, you may not show.

EVENTS AND CLASSES

1. An animal may not be shown in more than 15 lots unless it is being shared by family members or with a horseless horse member. The animal may then be shown in up to 18 lots.
2. Fifteen total lots are allowed per exhibitor.
3. At least one Showmanship lot is mandatory for ALL exhibitors in Grades 3-8.
4. Hippology events are open to anyone on the fairgrounds. Time and location will be posted in Pavilion 1.

5. Fun Show will be held Thursday. Look for postings in Pavilion 1 for more information.
6. Some trail obstacles may be set up for practice prior to the show.
7. Exhibitor meeting, including elections for the Fair Superintendents and youth Superintendent will be held on Thursday. Time and location will be posted in Pavilion 1. All arenas will be closed during the meeting time. Project members, their parents or guardians and Horse Project Leaders are encouraged to attend, provide feedback, and vote. Any person interested in running for a superintendent position should make their intentions known to a current superintendent at least one hour prior to the meeting.
8. **Club Showcase Award.** Awarded on a club/chapter basis. Award will be based on:
 - The cleanliness and neatness of project animal and stall area.
 - The immediate disposal of waste.
 - The cleanliness and neatness of aisles. Chores must be done by 9 a.m. daily during Fair.
 - Good sportsmanship among exhibitors, leaders, superintendents, judges and spectators.
 - Added consideration will be given to clubs/chapters with educational displays on Learning Lane and additional volunteer efforts during the Fair.
9. The Dane County Fair Horse and Pony Superintendents reserve the right to combine or divide lots in accordance with ATCP 160.04 and ATCP 160.07 in the front of this book. If a question arises, the judgment of the superintendents shall prevail.
10. **Lot Splitting:** If a riding lot has more than 18 exhibitors it will be split. The splits will exhibit separately and the top placings from each split will be brought back for a ride off. The split will be determined by the order listed in Pavilion 1. You must be checked in prior to the start of the lot even if you are in the second split to be able to show in this lot.
11. **Lot Combining:** Lots may be combined to a maximum of 18 exhibitors, but each lot will be judged separately.
12. Premiums will be awarded on the Danish System

<u>Premiums</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Red</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Pink</u>
Class A - R	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$5.00

Fair Classes and Show Schedule

Thursday 1 p.m.

CLASS A. English & Western Dressage

- 1) Dressage Introductory Level - Test A*
- 2) Dressage Introductory Level - Test B*
- 3) Dressage Training Level - Test 1
- 4) Dressage Training Level - Test 2
- 5) Western Dressage Introductory Level - Test 1*
- 6) Western Dressage Introductory Level - Test 2*
- 7) Western Dressage Basic Level - Test 1
- 8) Western Dressage Basic Level - Test 2

**(Exhibitor/horse combination that have won a blue in this lot must move to a different level test).*

Friday 11 a.m.

CLASS B. Trail

Trail Class walk through 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. without animals

- 1) Trail in Hand grades 6-13 (see Guidelines for eligibility)
- 2) Trail in Hand grades 3-5 (see Guidelines for eligibility)
- 3) Trail Obstacle Walk/Trot grades 6-13
- 4) Trail Obstacle Walk/Trot grades 3-5
- 5) Trail Obstacle Walk/Trot/Canter grades 12-13
- 6) Trail Obstacle Walk/Trot/Canter grade 11
- 7) Trail Obstacle Walk/Trot/Canter grade 10
- 8) Trail Obstacle Walk/Trot/Canter grade 9
- 9) Trail Obstacle Walk/Trot/Canter grade 8
- 10) Trail Obstacle Walk/Trot/Canter grade 7
- 11) Trail Obstacle Walk/Trot/Canter grade 6
- 12) Trail Obstacle Walk/Trot/Canter grades 3-5
- 13) Ranch Trail Walk/Trot grades 3-13
- 14) Ranch Trail Walk/Trot/Canter grades 3-13

Friday - Not to start before 3 p.m.

CLASS C. Ranch

- 1) Ranch Rail grades 8-13
- 2) Ranch Rail grades 3-7
- 3) Ranch Rail Walk/Trot grades 8-13
- 4) Ranch Rail Walk/Trot grades 3-7
- 5) Ranchmanship grades 8-13
- 6) Ranchmanship grades 3-7
- 7) Ranchmanship Walk/Trot grades 8-13
- 8) Ranchmanship Walk/Trot grades 3-7
- 9) Ranch Showmanship grades 8-13
- 10) Ranch Showmanship grades 3-7

Saturday 8:30 a.m.

CLASS D. Western In-Hand Fitting & Showing

- 1) In-Hand Fitting & Showing Western Pony - all ages
- 2) In-Hand Fitting & Showing Western Horse - all ages

CLASS E. Western Showmanship

Judging to follow the completion of Class D.

- 1) Western Pony Showmanship grades 8-13
- 2) Western Pony Showmanship grades 3-7
- 3) Western Horse Showmanship grades 12-13
- 4) Western Horse Showmanship grade 11
- 5) Western Horse Showmanship grade 10
- 6) Western Horse Showmanship grade 9
- 7) Western Horse Showmanship grade 8
- 8) Western Horse Showmanship grade 7
- 9) Western Horse Showmanship grades 6
- 10) Western Horse Showmanship grades 3-5
- 11) Horseless Horse Western Showmanship grades 8-13
- 12) Horseless Horse Western Showmanship grades 3-7

CLASS F. Western Pleasure

Judging to follow the completion of Class E.

- 1) Western Pony Pleasure grades 8-13
- 2) Western Pony Pleasure grades 3-7
- 3) Western Horse Pleasure grades 12-13
- 4) Western Horse Pleasure grade 11
- 5) Western Horse Pleasure grade 10
- 6) Western Horse Pleasure grade 9
- 7) Western Horse Pleasure grade 8
- 8) Western Horse Pleasure grade 7
- 9) Western Horse Pleasure grade 6
- 10) Western Horse Pleasure grades 3-5
- 11) Western Pony Walk/Trot Pleasure grades 3-13
- 12) Western Horse Walk/Trot Pleasure grades 8-13
- 13) Western Horse Walk/Trot Pleasure grades 3-7

CLASS G. Horseless Horse Western Horsemanship

Judging to follow the completion of Class F.

- 1) H/H Western Leadline Horsemanship grades 3-13
- 2) H/H Western Walk/Trot Horsemanship grades 6-13
- 3) H/H Western Walk/Trot Horsemanship grades 3-5
- 4) H/H Western Horsemanship grades 6-13
- 5) H/H Western Horsemanship grades 3-5

CLASS H. Western Discipline Rail and Horsemanship

Judging to follow the completion of Class G.

- 1) Western Discipline Rail grades 8-13
- 2) Western Discipline Rail grades 3-7
- 3) ****NEW THIS YEAR**** Western Discipline Rail Walk/Trot grades 8-13
- 4) ****NEW THIS YEAR**** Western Discipline Rail Walk/Trot grades 3-7
- 5) Western Pony Horsemanship grades 8-13
- 6) Western Pony Horsemanship grades 3-7
- 7) Western Horse Horsemanship grades 12-13
- 8) Western Horse Horsemanship grade 11
- 9) Western Horse Horsemanship grade 10
- 10) Western Horse Horsemanship grade 9
- 11) Western Horse Horsemanship grade 8
- 12) Western Horse Horsemanship grade 7
- 13) Western Horse Horsemanship grade 6
- 14) Western Horse Horsemanship grades 3-5
- 15) Western Pony Horsemanship Walk/Trot grades 3-13
- 16) Western Horse Walk/Trot Horsemanship grades 8-13
- 17) Western Horse Walk/Trot Horsemanship grades 3-7

CLASS I. Western Riding and Musical Freestyle

Judging to follow the completion of Class H.

- 1) Western Riding grades 8-13
- 2) Western Riding grades 3-7
- 3) ****NEW THIS YEAR**** Musical Freestyle Walk/Trot, grades 8-13*
- 4) ****NEW THIS YEAR**** Musical Freestyle Walk/Trot, grades 3-7*
- 5) Musical Freestyle grades 8-13
- 6) Musical Freestyle grades 3-7

**Exhibitor/horse combination that have previously won a blue in these lots must move to a different level test*

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

CLASS J. In-Hand English Type, Any Other Equine and Draft Breed Fitting & Showing

- 1) In-Hand Fitting & Showing English type at halter Pony - all ages
- 2) In-Hand Fitting & Showing English type at halter Horse - all ages
- 3) In-Hand Fitting & Showing Draft Breed halter - all ages

CLASS K. Draft Breed, Any Other Equine & Horseless Horse English Showmanship

Judging to follow the completion of Class J.

- 1) Draft Breed Showmanship grades 6-13
- 2) Draft Breed Showmanship grades 3-5
- 3) Horseless Horse English Showmanship grades 6-13
- 4) Horseless Horse English Showmanship grades 3-5
- 5) Any Other Equine - Showmanship grades 3-13

CLASS L. Hunt Showmanship

Judging to follow the completion of Class L.

- 1) Hunt Pony Showmanship grades 8-13
- 2) Hunt Pony Showmanship grades 3-7
- 3) Hunt Horse Showmanship grades 12-13
- 4) Hunt Horse Showmanship grade 11
- 5) Hunt Horse Showmanship grade 10
- 6) Hunt Horse Showmanship grade 9
- 7) Hunt Horse Showmanship grade 8
- 8) Hunt Horse Showmanship grade 7
- 9) Hunt Horse Showmanship grades 6
- 10) Hunt Horse Showmanship grades 3-5

CLASS M. Saddle Seat Showmanship

Judging to follow the completion of Class K.

- 1) Saddle Seat Pony Showmanship grades 8-13
- 2) Saddle Seat Pony Showmanship grades 3-7
- 3) Saddle Seat Horse Showmanship grades 8-13
- 4) Saddle Seat Horse Showmanship grades 3-7

CLASS N. Saddle Seat Pleasure Judging to follow the completion of Class N.

- 1) Saddle Seat Pony Pleasure grades 8-13
- 2) Saddle Seat Pony Pleasure grades 3-7
- 3) Saddle Seat Horse Pleasure grades 8-13
- 4) Saddle Seat Horse Pleasure grades 3-7
- 5) Saddle Seat Pony Walk/Trot Pleasure grades 3-13
- 6) Saddle Seat Horse Walk/Trot Pleasure grades 3-13

CLASS O. Saddle Seat Discipline Rail and Equitation

Judging to follow the completion of Class O.

- 1) Saddle Seat Discipline Rail grades 8-13
- 2) Saddle Seat Discipline Rail grades 3-7
- 3) Saddle Seat Pony Equitation grades 10-13
- 4) Saddle Seat Pony Equitation grades 6-9
- 5) Saddle Seat Pony Equitation grades 3-5
- 6) Saddle Seat Horse Equitation grades 10-13
- 7) Saddle Seat Horse Equitation grades 6-9
- 8) Saddle Seat Horse Equitation grades 3-5
- 9) Saddle Seat Pony Walk/Trot Equitation grades 3-13
- 10) Saddle Seat Horse Walk/Trot Equitation grades 3-13

CLASS P. Hunt Pony/Horse Pleasure

Judging to follow the completion of Class P.

- 1) Hunt Pony Pleasure grades 8-13
- 2) Hunt Pony Pleasure grades 3-7
- 3) Hunt Horse Pleasure grade 12-13
- 4) Hunt Horse Pleasure grade 11
- 5) Hunt Horse Pleasure grade 10
- 6) Hunt Horse Pleasure grade 9
- 7) Hunt Horse Pleasure grade 8
- 8) Hunt Horse Pleasure grade 7
- 9) Hunt Horse Pleasure grade 6
- 10) Hunt Horse Pleasure grades 3-5
- 11) Hunt Pony Walk/Trot Pleasure grades 3-13
- 12) Hunt Horse Walk/Trot Pleasure grades 8-13
- 13) Hunt Horse Walk/Trot Pleasure grades 3-7

CLASS Q. Therapeutic Horsemanship & Horseless Horse English Equitation

Judging to follow the completion of Class Q.

- 1) Therapeutic Horsemanship - Riding and/or In-Hand.
(Exhibitors must submit their program on check-in day between 12 - 8 p.m.)
- 2) H/H English Leadline Equitation grades 3-13
- 3) H/H English Walk/Trot Equitation grades 6-13
- 4) H/H English Walk/Trot Equitation grades 3-5
- 5) H/H English Equitation grades 6-13
- 6) H/H English Equitation grades 3-5

CLASS R. Hunt Discipline Rail and Equitation

Judging to follow the completion of Class R.

- 1) Hunt Discipline Rail grades 8-13
- 2) Hunt Discipline Rail grades 3-7
- 3) ****NEW THIS YEAR**** Hunt Discipline Rail Walk/Trot grade 8-13
- 4) ****NEW THIS YEAR**** Hunt Discipline Rail Walk/Trot grade 3-7
- 5) Hunt Pony Equitation grades 8-13
- 6) Hunt Pony Equitation grades 3-7
- 7) Hunt Horse Equitation grades 12-13
- 8) Hunt Horse Equitation grade 11
- 9) Hunt Horse Equitation grade 10
- 10) Hunt Horse Equitation grade 9
- 11) Hunt Horse Equitation grade 8
- 12) Hunt Horse Equitation grade 7
- 13) Hunt Horse Equitation grade 6
- 14) Hunt Horse Equitation grades 3-5
- 15) Hunt Pony Walk/Trot Equitation grades 3-13
- 16) Hunt Horse Walk/Trot Equitation grades 8-13
- 17) Hunt Horse Walk/Trot Equitation grades 3-7