

HORSES (K)

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Location: Main Arena

Premiums: Open Ribbons to 5th Place

RULES:

1. All horse entrants **must contact the Fairgrounds Staff to arrange space in advance by July 28th** and must be checked by the fair veterinarian in attendance.
2. Riders who compete for perpetual trophies must have lived in San Juan County for 6 months.
3. All participants entering in mounted and driving equestrian events **MUST** wear an approved SEI/ASTM horse helmet while mounted or driving. There are no exceptions to this rule – this applies to adults as well. A refusal to wear a helmet will result in forfeiture of Premium Points and the participants will not be allowed to compete.
4. Boots must fit flat in the stirrup with the ball of the foot on the flat of the iron or stirrup: must be able to move freely in the stirrup and be able to slide out. Boot heel must have an adequate heel stop to prevent the forward movement of the boot through the stirrup.
5. All horses must complete the mandatory Vet Check. 4-H and open stalled horses, Tuesday and Wednesday Haul-In Western Games.
6. The age of the horse is determined as of January 1st of the calendar year and rider is determined as of October 1st of the current "4-H year" (Each 4-H year starts in Fall—open class, please use this age grouping too).
 - a. A Junior horse is defined as a horse that is 5 years or younger as of January 1st of the current 4-H year.
 - b. A Senior horse is defined as a horse that is 6 years or older as of January 1st of the current 4-H year.
7. All open classes will be conducted under United States Equestrian Federation Horse Show rules. There will be a current USA Equestrian rulebook at the judge's stand should there be any questions. Each exhibitor is responsible for knowing the rules.
8. In Western classes, curb chains or curb straps on western bridles must be at least one-half inch in width and lie flat. Full chaps are optional and not allowed in bareback or English classes. Snaffles are allowed on Junior horses, gaming classes and in English classes only.
9. Participants registered in a Maiden Class cannot have received a blue ribbon in that type (English/Western) class at San Juan County Fair.
10. Classes may be combined if there are less than 5 exhibitors. Judging of each exhibitor is based on their "class" whether 4-H or OPEN.
11. This event follows rules of ADS (American Driving Society).
 - a. Open to any size equine.
 - b. The three required gaits include: flat footed ground covering brisk walk, working trot, and strong trot or trotting on, to be worked in good form.
 - c. Teams must back readily four steps.
 - d. Proper driver attire (whips, hats, gloves, driving aprons and long sleeves) required.

Proper driving whip in hand at all times within the arena is required as are cavessons.

e. Side checks and pneumatic tires allowed.

f. Teams are judged on manners, performance, style and way of going, conformations, and driver's neatness and attire.

g. For Safety: Slower animals must work on outside track. In case of a runaway, other drivers are to stop and move to the center of the arena as directed, staying in vehicles. Uncontrolled horses will be immediately dismissed. For the safety of other exhibitors Headers are required, to enter at lineup, standing 5 feet in front of the equine to assist only in case of emergency. Drivers under 14 years must have an adult in the vehicle at all times while hitched.

12. Artificial hoof coloring is allowed in all classes.

13. Stallions must be registered and handled by adults only. Stallions are not allowed in the barns or overnight. A colt 1 year and older is considered a stallion. Any stallion on the grounds must be controlled at all times and handler must be 18 years or older.

14. All horses may only be led between the barn, arena and exercise arena. No horses are allowed beyond the grandstand on the west side of the horse tack barn.

15. Open Equitation Over Fences will be judged on 4-H equitation rules. See 4-H Horse Contest Guide which can be found at the 4-H website (<http://4h.wsu.edu>).

16. Unmanageable horses and uncooperative handlers will be asked to leave the Fair.

17. Abuse of a horse by any person is forbidden and will result in barring the offender from any participation and loss of premiums and awards; to be enforced at show management discretion. Inhumane treatment or abuse of a horse in any manner in the show arena or on the show grounds is prohibited ... abuse includes excessive jerking, spurring, whipping, slapping or any other act intended to cause trauma or injury to a horse. Any act of abuse, or intent to abuse a horse, in the show arena or on the show grounds which could also potentially endanger the safety of other persons or animals will be dealt with in the strongest possible manner. The "zero tolerance" policy requires that any of the following should be reported:

a. Slapping or hitting a horse on the head, one time or more than one time, in any manner, either with the rider's hands, reins or any other object.

b. Using a bit in such a way that a horse is caused to bleed from its mouth or face.

18. Horses are to be fed at regular intervals; they must have water available to them at all times. Adequate shavings must be provided. Pick up after your horse on the Fairgrounds. Anyone found not taking adequate care of their horse will be asked to leave the Fair at show management's discretion.

19. Owners are responsible for their horses at all times.

20. All youths (16 and under) MUST have adult supervision day and night.

21. Horses that kick must have a red ribbon in their tail. Horses that bite must have a red ribbon in their forelock.

22. All horse kept on fairground overnight must be stalled.

23. Please be on time for your classes. A gate hold will be held if you ask for it in advance. Otherwise, there will be a 30 second call for you and then the gate will be closed for that class.

24. Please observe arena etiquette at all times. Keep a horse's length between you and the horse in front of you. No racing of horses at any time.

25. Equipment and horse stalls destroyed by kicking, chewing and horse abuse will be the owner's responsibility to replace.

Judging and Protests:

26. The judge's decision is final in all classes.

27. A protest must be made in writing; signed and addressed to the Show Secretary and received within 48 hours of the alleged violation and must be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of \$50.00 made payable to SJC Fair.

Entry Forms and Fees:

28. Fair entry forms to be filled out, delivered to The Fairgrounds Office or mailed to **San Juan County Fair, 350 Court St. #8, Friday Harbor, WA 98250 received by July 28th to register.**

29. Open performance classes are \$7.00 pre-entered and \$15.00 post-entered per class. Gaming events one night \$30.00 entry fee or \$100.00 for three nights.

30. Post entries for those pre-registered participants during Fair days will be charged double. Please make changes at the judge's platform. Payment must be made at that time.

31. Exhibitors canceling entries shall forfeit their stall and entry fees, except in the case of disability of the horse, in which case entries shall be refunded on presentation to the show manager of a certificate of disability by a qualified veterinarian prior to the first class in which the horse is entered. You must also show a certificate of disability if the horse is unable to be shown after the show has started.

32. **A \$35.00 non-refundable hay & shaving fee per horse, is required for all horses stalled on the grounds.**

33. Stalls are allocated based on availability, please work with Horse superintendents on site for placement upon arrival.

34. **A \$75 Refundable Stall Cleaning Fee per stall.** Stalls & pens must be cleaned after use.

Trailer tags and camping tags paid for prior to the Fair will be included in your packet upon **mandatory** Horse Orientation Monday before the Fair opens at 5:00pm.

Trailer Parking & Fees:

Fees: Non-stall horse exhibitors: Haul-in/daily rate \$5 or \$10 for 2 or more haul-in days. Trailer passes will be distributed at orientation and **must be attached to tongue of trailer for duration of fair.** All trailers must have tag. Additional trailer and parking passes can be purchased at the Fair Admin Office or back gate ticket booth **if space remains.** Horse trailers must be parked in the designated area assigned upon arrival at the fairgrounds. Please keep the area around your trailer cleaned up. Please help us ease congestion by parking trailers close and leaving room in the middle for other trailers to come in and turn around. Poorly parked trailers will be asked to move if blocking common spaces. The South entrance off Dougherty Lane is to be used for entry of horse trailers to the Fairgrounds for unloading of horses and equipment only. Please do not bring your horse trailers in through the main entrance of the Fairgrounds.