

# 2025



Open Miniature Horse Show October 2, 2025, 10:00 am

Open Youth Miniature Horse Show October 3, 2025, 10:00  
am

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## Greetings!

We are excited for the 2025 State Fair of Virginia Miniature Horse Show. Move in will start on Wednesday October 1<sup>st</sup> at 3pm. Our Open Miniature Horse Show to include Halter, Driving, and Performance will begin October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 am. Our Youth Miniature Horse Show will be held on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10am. This is a rain or shine event!

**ALL STALLS MUST BE VACATED BY 6PM on October 3rd!! NO EXCEPTIONS! Plan accordingly.**

The Mini Show will be held in Ring 2. **Please be aware that Wednesday through Thursday is a big move in day for livestock exhibitors** and a barrel race moves in and happens **Wednesday** night. Please bear with SFVA and show staff as these are busy days and parking may be chaotic at times.

All horse trailers and vehicles must be parked in the designated area. **You will be unable to load/unload at the sides and ends of the barn due to fencing and barriers.**

We will try to get everyone as close to the ring as possible, but you may want to show from your trailer during the show and stall your horse when not showing.

REMEMBER- Back numbers are issued to the horse/rider combos. **EACH HORSE RIDER COMBO NEEDS A BACK NUMBER.**

An entry form needs to be filled out for each horse/rider combo as well.

Proceeds of the show will benefit the Varina Rising Stars 4-H Club.  
See you at the Fair!

### Wednesday October 1st Stable

assignments begin at 3pm. If you arrive after 11pm please call 804-833-4855 to plan for stabling. Please make these arrangements prior to Tuesday September 30<sup>th</sup>. Back numbers may be available at stall check in.

### Thursday October 2<sup>nd</sup> Open

#### Miniature Horse Performance

##### Classes:

1. Show Pony Halter
2. Model Show Pony
3. Solid Color Show Pony Halter
4. Multicolored Show Pony Halter
5. PMC Halter A/B/Show Pony
6. Green Horse Halter
7. Model Stallions/Geldings A/B
8. Jr A Stallion
9. Senior A Stallion
- Grand Champion Stallion A
10. Jr B Stallion
11. Senior B Stallion
- Grand Champion B Stallion
12. Jr A Geldings
13. Senior A Gelding
- Grand Champion Gelding A
14. Jr B Gelding
15. Senior B Gelding
- Grand Champion B Gelding 16.
16. Solid Color at Halter Geldings/Stallions A/B
17. Multicolored Stallions/Geldings A/B
18. Model Mares A/B
19. Jr A Mares
20. Senior A Mares
- Grand Champion Mare A
21. Jr B Mare
22. Senior B Mares
- Grand Champion B Mare
- \*\*SUPREME CHAMPION A
- \*\*SUPREME CHAMPION B
23. Solid Color Mares A/B
24. Multicolored Mares A/B
25. Open Showmanship A/B/Show Pony
26. PMC Showmanship
27. Golden Age Showmanship
28. Novice Handler Showmanship
29. Green Horse Showmanship
30. Extreme Showmanship
31. Mini Horse Pleasure Driving- A
32. Mini Horse Pleasure Driving- B

33. Open Pleasure Driving Pony
34. PMC Driving
35. Mini Horse- Golden Age Driving A/B/Pony
36. Novice Driver- Pleasure Driving A/B/Pony
37. Green Horse Pleasure Driving
38. Mini Horse/Show Pony- ADS Style Pleasure Driving A/B/SP
39. Open Ladies Pleasure Driving
40. Open Gentleman's Pleasure Driving
41. **Miniature Horse/Pony Open Pleasure Driving Jackpot Payback of 60%, 30%, 10% Added \$50.00 with 12 or more entries.\*\***
42. Mini Horse A Obstacle Driving
43. Mini Horse B Obstacle Driving
44. Show Pony Obstacle Driving
45. Novice Driver Obstacle Driving
46. Obstacle Driving- Golden Age
47. Green Horse Obstacle Driving
48. Open Roadster A/B/SP
49. Roadster Golden Age
50. Roadster Novice Driver
51. Green Horse Roadster
52. Obstacle A
53. Obstacle B
54. Obstacle Show Pony
55. PMC Obstacle
56. Golden Age Obstacle
57. Novice Handler Obstacle
58. Green Horse Obstacle
59. Hunter A
60. Hunter B
61. Hunter Show Pony
62. PMC Hunter
63. Hunter Golden Age
64. Hunter Novice Handler
65. Green Horse Hunter
66. Jumper A
67. Jumper B
68. Jumper Show Pony
69. Jumper Golden Age
70. Jumper Novice Handler
71. Green Horse Jumper

72. Open Costume Class
  73. Liberty A/B/Show Pony  
**Payback of 60% 30%10% Added \$50 if 12 or more entries.\*\***  
**\*\*All jackpot classes- \$5 of fee goes to 4H Club, remainder of class proceeds are split amongst winners**
- #### Miniature Horse YOUTH Show Oct. 3rd 10 AM
74. Children's Leadline 6 & Under
  75. Youth Showmanship 13-18
  76. Youth Showmanship 7-12
  77. Youth Showmanship 6 & under
  78. Youth PMC Showmanship
  79. Halter Mares
  80. Halter Geldings
  81. Youth Hunter 13-18
  82. Youth Hunter 7-12
  83. Youth Ground Poles 6 & under
  84. PMC Youth Hunter/Ground Poles
  85. Youth Jumper 13-18
  86. Youth Jumper 12 & under
  87. Youth Obstacle 13-18
  88. Youth Obstacle 7-12
  89. Youth Obstacle 6 & under
  90. PMC Youth Obstacle
  91. Youth Bribe-A-Mini Obstacle
  92. Youth Obstacle Driving
  93. Youth Pleasure Driving 12 and Under
  94. Youth Pleasure Driving 13-18
  95. Youth PMC Pleasure Driving
  96. Youth Roadster
  97. Youth Speed Barrel
  - 15 minute break-----
  98. Youth Costume Class 12 and under
  99. Youth Costume 13-18
  100. Carrot Race 12 and under
  101. Carrot Race 13-18
  102. Potato Race 12 and under
  103. Potato Race 13-18
  104. Egg and Spoon 12 and under
  105. Egg and Spoon 13-18
  106. Youth Liberty
  - \*\*\*\*All entries for youth liberty must be signed up by class 91.  
Youth Liberty winner to receive \$25.

**High Point Awards- All determined by horse/handler combo- Each combination needs a number or points will not count.**

*Open Miniature Horse Show Awards:*

In Hand Performance A Div- 52, 59, 66

In Hand Performance B Div- 53, 60, 67

Driving A Div- 31/38, 39/40, 42, 48

Driving B Div- 32/38, 39/40, 43, 48,

Miniature Horse Golden Age- 27, 35, 46, 49, 56, 63, 69

Show Pony Supreme High Point Champion- 1, 2, 3/4, 25, 33/38, 39/40, 44, 48, 54, 61, 68, 72, 73

Open PMC High Point Exhibitor- 5, 26, 34, 55, 62

Mini Novice Handler- 28, 36, 45, 50, 57, 64, 70

Green Horse - 6, 29, 37, 47, 51, 58, 65, 71

High Point Mini In Hand Performance Youth 7-12- 76, 82, 86, 88

High Point Mini Performance Youth 13-18- 75, 81, 85, 87

Youth 6& Under High Point Performance-77, 83, 89

Youth PMC High Point Exhibitor – 78, 84, 90, 95

Youth Driving Champion All ages –93/94, 96, 97

High Point Games Exhibitor 12 & under- 91, 98, 100, 102, 104

High Point Games Exhibitor 13-18 – 91, 99, 101, 103, 105

\*Overall Open Champion- All open classes (including halter/showmanship, miscellaneous classes) count (Horse/Handler Combo).

\*\*Overall Supreme Youth Champion (All Youth Classes Count towards this award horse/handler)

**Point Tabulations**

6 or more entries; 1<sup>st</sup>-6, 2<sup>nd</sup>-5, 3<sup>rd</sup>-4, 4<sup>th</sup>-3, 5<sup>th</sup>-2, 6<sup>th</sup>-1

5 entries; 1<sup>st</sup>-5, 2<sup>nd</sup>-4, 3<sup>rd</sup>-3, 4<sup>th</sup>-2 5<sup>th</sup>-1

4 entries; 1<sup>st</sup>-4, 2<sup>nd</sup>-3, 3<sup>rd</sup>-2, 4<sup>th</sup>-1

3 entries; 1<sup>st</sup>-3, 2<sup>nd</sup>-2, 3<sup>rd</sup>-1

2 entries; 1<sup>st</sup>-2, 2<sup>nd</sup>-1

1 entry= 1<sup>st</sup>-1

**General Rules- All Participants, Spectators.**

1. **NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED. All alcohol must be purchased from approved State Fair Vendors and must be consumed in areas designated by SFVA. If found in violation you will be dismissed from the show.**
2. Owners, agents, and exhibitors will refrain from any conduct deemed unsportsmanlike by SFVA or Show Staff. If found in violation you will be removed from the SFVA. Future entries to the show will be returned.
3. No Profane language or disorderly conduct will be tolerated. If found in violation you will be removed from the SFVA. Future entries to the show will be returned.
4. Any abusive acts towards an animal will not be tolerated. Those who violate this rule will be dismissed from the show grounds. All fees and prizes will be forfeited; criminal charges may be sought. Future entries to the show will be returned.

5. No merchandise, tack, or animals for sale may be set up near the horse rings. The State Fair of Virginia requires a vendor's fee. For info on vendor's permits contact SFVA.
6. Owners, agents, and exhibitors will not approach the judge without first getting permission from the ring manager. Failure to follow this rule will result in disqualification and forfeiture of all entry fees, points, and prizes. Future entries to the show will be returned.
7. **All youth will be required to wear protective headgear (ASTM/SEI certified) in ALL classes, except showmanship.** Chin Harness must be secured and properly fitted. Adults Helmets are optional, VCE Wavier will be required.
8. **All classes with 8 or more entries will receive paybacks.**

**Paybacks will be as follows.**

**1<sup>st</sup> place- \$10.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> place- \$8.00**

**General Rules- Miniature Horse Show**

9. Classes are open to any miniature horse regardless of registration status. A size horses

are 34" and under. B size horses are over 34"-38". Show Ponies are over 38"-48" tall.

10. Golden Age classes are open to those youngsters 50 years of age and older.
11. Model Horse class- Horses must be at least 2 years old.
12. Miniature Horse Halter Classifications  
Current Year foal - 30" & under B- Over 30"  
Yearling A- 32" & under B- Over 32"  
2 year old A- 33" & under B- Over 33"  
3yrs old +- A- Under 34" B- 34" & Over
13. Novice Handler= 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year ever showing a miniature horse.
14. Green Horse Division is open to all equines that fall under 48" tall. This division is open to horses in their 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year of showing. Those horses in their 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year of showing in driving classes may enter the green horse driving classes. May enter classes not designated as Mini or Show Pony.
15. In the case of an in hand high point championship tie, the horse that placed the highest in their respective obstacle in hand class will be deemed the winner of the tie.
16. **Horses and Ponies may NOT cross enter in the different driving categories (Open, ADS)**

#### **ENTRY FORMS/PAPERWORK- All Entries**

1. Pre-entry forms and other paperwork is **DUE** by **September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. Any paperwork received after the due date may delay the issuance of exhibitor passes. **Make ALL checks payable to VRS 4H**
2. Entries may be made the day of the show, however, to ensure easy access to the show grounds, we suggest pre-entry.
3. Please mail entry forms, copy of coggins, and payment to  
SFVA Miniature Horse Show  
4224 Darbytown Rd  
Henrico VA 23231
4. Entry fees- All classes \$10.00; **jackpot classes \$15 (no ribbons)**

**To help with show preparation, please place all classes you foresee entering on your entry form. A deposit may be paid on your entry fees instead of having to pay the entire amount up front. The deposit shall consist of the following: All Stall/grounds fees, extra exhibitor passes costs and 25% of your entry fees. Checks will be cashed prior to the show date. WARNING! If you do not settle up at the show appropriate legal action will be taken.**

5. You may **exchange or drop** classes 3 classes prior to the scheduled classes with no penalty. **ALL adds, drops, exchanges must be done at the**

**secretary's table located near the ring on a add/scratch sheet!**

6. **Refund Policy:** Refunds on show entries will be made for horses with health reasons after a veterinarian has provided written documentation to show secretary. **No refunds will be given on stall fees; grounds fees or extra exhibitor passes (that have been mailed).** All approved refunds will be mailed to the payor.
7. Out of state horses will be required to have a health certificate dated within 30 days of the show, all horses must have a coggins test within 12 months of the show. Both documents must be readily available for inspection during the show.
8. Any altering, counterfeiting or forging state health certificates or coggins tests is considered a criminal offense and will be prosecuted.

#### **STALLS-**

1. **Stall fees must be paid before occupying the stall!** The fees for stalls in 2025 will be \$50.00 per stall for the entire show, if a stall is occupied after the designated vacate time the party responsible may be barred from occupying a stall in 2026. Stalls are limited so please reserve early!
2. No stalls will be provided to an exhibitor until stall fees have been paid.
3. **If stalls are to be purchased, please fill out Stall Reservation Form!** Please follow the instructions on the form carefully.
4. **All stalls MUST be vacated by 6pm on Friday October 3rd. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
5. Stalls will be available after 3pm on October 1st. Do not arrive before then as you will not have a stall unlocked for you until after 3pm
6. Grounds fees must be paid for all horses not being stabled. The fee is \$10 per horse/day.
7. Horses staying overnight must be stabled. No horses will be allowed to remain in or be attached to any animal hauling vehicles overnight, or portable corrals.
8. There will be no smoking in the barn area by order of the fire marshal. Those in violation may be fined.
9. No trailers or vehicles are allowed to be parked at the ends/sides of the barn at any time. Please follow the parking instructions as directed by SFVA Staff. Violators may be ticketed and towed by SFVA.

#### **Check In- All Entries**

1. Stall Check in will begin October 1st at 3pm; Show entry check in will begin at 830am on October 2nd and 3rd.
2. **Stalls will be assigned by the show management.** Upon your arrival proceed to the

equine area gate for a State Fair Credential check. These credentials will be mailed in your exhibitor's packet. We have limited tickets so please keep this in mind.

3. **Proceed to the Secretary's office, for further instruction BEFORE UNLOADING any animals or equipment.** A note is usually posted on the booth with the location of barn manager.
4. When checking in with the show secretary, to receive your back numbers please bring the following information for verification: Coggins, state health certificate (out of state entries), if not already on file with show management.
5. Back numbers will not be issued until all required information is obtained by the show secretary. No number no show!
6. **Back numbers will be issued to each horse/handler combination.**
7. **All accounts must be settled within one hour of the conclusion of the show.** The show office will promptly close at that time and your account will be considered unpaid. If the owner of the horse is under the age of 18 years old, the adult responsible for the youth will be billed.

#### **Adding/Scratching classes- All Entries**

1. Any additions, changes or scratches from a class must be made 3 classes prior to the start of the class you want to change. After this time no additions, changes or scratches may be accepted and no entry fees for said class will be returned.
2. Please utilize an add/scratch sheet which can be found at the show management tent or at the announcer's booth.

#### **Ring Procedures- All Entries**

1. All entries must be identified by a back number. If you do not have the correct back number, you may be disqualified from the class and entry fees will be forfeited.
2. The show grounds will have a PA system. This system is merely a courtesy to our exhibitors. Please be aware of when your class is. If you show up after the class is closed, you will not be allowed to show, and fees will be forfeited. The class will not be re-run.
3. **Gate Call rule in effect!** You will have one minute to enter the ring once the last horse has entered.
4. Tack change requests must be given to the gate keeper at least 2 classes prior to the tack change or it will not be honored. A tack change will be allotted 5 minutes maximum.
5. Breaks will be announced as needed.

#### **Show Veterinarian/Farrier**

A veterinarian/farrier will be on call during the show. The numbers will be posted in the barn.

#### **Hotels/Directions**

Please visit [www.statefairva.org](http://www.statefairva.org)

#### **RV/Camper Hook Ups**

Available on a first come first serve basis. Contact the State Fair for more info. Tent camping allowed in campgrounds. No space will be assigned until payment is made to SFVA staff.

#### **Trailer Parking**

Ample parking for horse trailers and animal hauling vehicles will be provided near the barn area. Trailers may not be parked at the ends/sides of the barn. State Fair Credentials must be always displayed. Each household will **receive ONE** parking pass which is to be always displayed while in the equine area. All other vehicles must park in general parking. Vehicles not displaying proper parking permits may be towed.

#### **Exhibitor Passes**

#### **PASSES - PRE-ENTRY IS REQUIRED TO RECEIVE EXHIBITOR CREDENTIALS.**

Exhibitors who are not pre-entered may be required to purchase a regular priced ticket each day. Exhibitor Passes will be mailed in advance to pre-entered exhibitors. **Each Exhibitor will receive 2 fair entry passes. Each household will receive 1 parking pass.** The Exhibitor Passes and Exhibitor Sale tickets will be scanned daily. If you exit and plan to re-enter the equine area you will need a hand stamp. **Exhibitor credentials will provide admission to Fair only; ride wristband/tickets purchased separately.**

Pre-entered exhibitors requiring additional passes for workers may purchase a maximum of 2 Exhibitor Sale tickets for **\$20 each** dated for the same days as the show. These tickets must be purchased in advance on the entry blank. Additional sale passes will be mailed after the pre-entry deadline on a first come first serve basis. Our show is allotted a specific number of tickets, and we must ensure our exhibitors receive passes first.

#### **Driving Division General Rules**

1. In case of a runaway carriage/horse, all entries will move to the center of the ring immediately and stand at a halt. Headers will be allowed in for assistance. The judge/ring steward may issue further instructions as need be.
2. Breeching, Overchecks, Sidechecks and Martingales are optional for all Driving Classes.
3. Safety Helmets are not required for drivers over the age of 18, however they are encouraged. All Youth drivers must wear a safety helmet. VCE Wavier will be required for all adults opting to not wear safety headgear.
4. Classes may be combined or split based on entries/safety.
5. Horses should not be left unattended while put to a vehicle. Horses should not be left tied to a trailer, fence, stall etc... while hooked to a cart.

6. When fully harnessed to a vehicle a horse must wear a bridle with reins attached to the bit and passed through the saddle turrets.
7. Proper Show attire is requested.
8. Open Pleasure Driving Classes- Gaits to be called: Walk, Collected Trot, Working Trot, Halt, Back
9. ADS Driving Gaits to be called: Walk, Slow Trot, Working Trot, Strong Trot, Halt, Back
10. Ties for Championships: If a tie is determined in the Driving High Point Championships, the driver who placed highest in their respective Open Driving class will be deemed the winner of the tie.
11. Novice Driver= 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year Showing in Driving classes.

**Pleasure Driving Class Descriptions: Open Pleasure Driving-** horse shall be shown with light contact on the reins at all times. Ideally neck carriage should remain low and head set by horse being on the bit and face perpendicular to the ground. Stride should be sweeping and ground covering. Head carriage should be in the bridle, with poll not lower than the withers and eye of the horse not higher than the withers. Stride flowing with a flat knee, minimal knee and hock action. Gaits: Walk, collected trot, working trot.

**ADS Style Driving: MAY NOT CROSS ENTER PLEASURE DRIVING.** A Pleasure Driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the suitability of the horse to provide a pleasant drive. To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot and strong trot. To stand quietly, both on the rail and while lined up, and to rein back. All entries chosen for a workout may be worked both ways of the arena at any gait requested by the judge and may be asked to execute appropriate tests. To be judged: • 70% on performance, manners and way of going of the horse(s). • 20% on the condition and fit of harness and vehicle. • 10% on neatness of attire.

**Obstacle Driving-** Miniature Horse Obstacle Driving will be held in accordance with AMHR rules Pony obstacle driving will be held in accordance with the American Driving Society's, Town-N-Country Obstacle Driving.

**Roadster- Mini/Horse/Pony in Roadster classes must use a Roadster Cart. Proper Roadster attire is preferred.** To be shown at the Jog Trot, Road Gait, reversed and shown at the Jog Trot, Road Gait, and shown at speed. Horses will not be asked to walk nor back.

**Speed Barrel Race-** Driving race. Pleasure Cart or Roadster cart may be used. Pattern will be a single barrel, down and back, 5 second penalty added for knocked down barrel. If driver is off pattern they will be disqualified. Entries may canter or use any gait at which they feel comfortable.

### **Miscellaneous Class Descriptions/Rules**

**Extreme Showmanship-** Showmanship that is open to all with a high level of difficulty for both the horse and handler. Scored as regular showmanship class.

**Liberty:** Your horse will be set free in an enclosed area, with no halter/bridle and demonstrate gaits at liberty for 1 minute and 30 seconds. At the end of the time period, you have 2 minutes to catch your horse and show the judge you have successfully caught your horse. To be judged on freedom of movement, use of space, change of gaits/direction, suitability of music and ease of catch.

**Potato Race-** There will be a start/finish line. Individual work. Exhibitor will be given potatoes. There will be 3 buckets and a barrel in a straight line, set as the course. The exhibitor must quickly drop one potato in each bucket on the way up line, go around the barrel and cross the finish line. This is a timed event. 5 second penalty for potatoes that bounce out of the bucket. No time penalty for tipped over buckets if the potato stays in the bucket.

**Egg and Spoon-** There will be a start/finish line. All exhibitors will line up at once. Will be given an egg and a spoon. Must quickly move to the turnaround point, turn around and come back across the finish line. Once an exhibitor loses their egg, they should stop in place until the completion of the class. Exhibitor that crosses the line with their egg (or closest too) wins. In case of a tie, special tasks will be assigned to finalists by the judge.

### **Bribe A Mini Obstacle:**

This is a TIMED obstacle course or pattern. See pattern for course measurements. Must follow measured or entry will be penalized. Standard AQHA Measurements to be used between obstacles. **Fastest time wins.** Must attempt each obstacle at least 3 times before moving to next obstacle. The object is to see who has the greediest pony. You do this by leading your horse without touching it through a pattern using a bucket of treats or grain.

**Precision is NOT JUDGED.** If you need to weave through cones, it doesn't matter which side you start on. You don't need to be centered on a tarp or bridge and you can go on them also.

1. Unclip lead rope from horse. A neck rope may be worn by the horse (just in case if needed). Time starts when you start over the starting line.
2. You may not touch your horse. **Each time** you touch your horse or the neck rope (if applicable) that's a **5 second penalty**.
3. You must give an honest attempt at every obstacle. Try three times before moving on to next. Failure to do so will result in 10 second penalty for each obstacle not attempted 3 times.
4. You may not give your horse any treats until they have completed the course.
5. Complete the course in order.
6. You must stay in front of or beside your horse at all times.
7. You must cross the finish line in front or beside your horse or you will be disqualified. They cannot beat you across the line.

**Carrot Race-** All Exhibitors in the class will line up at start line. They will quickly run down to their assigned spotter who will provide a carrot/treat to the exhibitor. The exhibitor will feed the treat to the horse, once horse

has eaten the treat the spotter will tell exhibitor to head to finish line. Placed based on who crosses the finish line the fastest. If a horse drops the treat out of their mouth they are disqualified. If exhibitor drops the treat, they are disqualified.





## **PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS**

**THIS IS A LEGALLY BINDING CONTRACT. THIS DOCUMENT PROVIDES THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH YOU WILL BE GRANTED PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN CERTAIN EVENTS. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.**

**Agreement:** I desire to participate in one or more equine and/or agricultural and livestock events (“Events”) at the State Fair of Virginia, which is owned and/or operated by Virginia Farm Bureau Holding Corporation and/or State Fair of Virginia, Inc. (collectively, “State Fair of Virginia”). I understand that my participation in the Events is conditioned upon my agreement to the terms and conditions set forth herein, and I further understand that my agreement to these terms (along with any entrance fee charged for my participation in the Events) is intended to act as legal consideration for my participation in the Events. I further understand that my execution of this Participation Agreement and Acknowledgement of Risks (“Agreement”) is voluntary, and if I choose not to execute this Agreement, I will not be allowed to participate in the Events.

**Definitions:** **The Events covered by this Agreement include, but may not be limited to: the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia CMSA; ; Draft Horse/Mule Show & Pull; Miniature Horse Show; Dressage Show & Demos; VCA Roping, VCA Barrel Race; Revenge Roughstock Rodeo & High School Rodeo.**

**Acknowledgment of Risks:** I am aware and acknowledge that participation in these Events poses potential serious risks of injury or death to participants, and I am aware of the inherent dangers of equine sports and/or activities involving livestock. These risks include, but are not limited to: risks involved in riding (such as falling or being thrown from a horse) or dealing in close proximity with large animals (such as colliding with an animal or being trampled, stepped on or bitten); risks of failure or misuse of equipment such as saddles, riding gear, fences, jumps, rifles, trailers, and other items; risks associated with the facilities and property upon which the Events are held, such as uneven land, debris, holes, mud, weather conditions, and/or improperly designed, maintained or repaired fences, gates, jumps, etc.; and the risk that another participant might act in a negligent manner that may contribute to cause an injury to me. I understand that this list is illustrative, not exhaustive, and that various other risks are inherent in the Events in which I am going to be engaged. I understand that I may be injured or die as a result of my own negligence, the negligence of others, or through no fault of myself or anyone else, because of the nature of the Events in which I am going to be engaged. **Accordingly, I knowingly and freely assume all risks, including but not limited to the risk of bodily injury, death or property damage, both known and unknown, associated with my participation in the Events and my use of facilities and equipment owned, operated, maintained or provided by the State Fair of Virginia. I assume full responsibility for my participation in the Events and my use of such facilities and equipment.**

**Compliance with Rules:** I agree to comply with all rules, requirements, and regulations of the State Fair of Virginia as well as all requests and instructions of all State Fair of Virginia personnel. I agree to use reasonable judgment while participating in the Events to ensure my own safety and the safety of those around me, and I agree not to participate in any Events while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

**Release:** I, for myself, my spouse, my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, do hereby forever discharge, release, indemnify and hold harmless the State Fair of Virginia and all of its affiliates, subsidiaries, sponsors, contractors, licensees, employees, agents and representatives, from any and all claims, demands, damages, losses, actions, suits and/or proceedings, whether sounding in tort or contract, whatever kind or nature, whether present, future, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen (including, but not limited to, claims for personal injury, death, disability, and property damage), relating to, arising out of or regarding or as a result of my participation in the Events, or in any activity sponsored by the State Fair of Virginia, regardless of whether the act or omission complained of was caused in whole or in part by my own acts or omissions, the acts or omissions of any third parties, and/or by the acts or omissions of the State Fair of Virginia, or its agents, to the fullest

extent permitted by law. I further release the State Fair of Virginia from any claim whatsoever on account of medical treatment or service rendered me during my participation in the Events and/or my use of the State Fair of Virginia's facilities and/or equipment.

**Right to Use Image:** I grant the State Fair of Virginia permission to use my photographs, video images and/or quotes in any State Fair of Virginia publicity pieces. Publicity pieces include (but are not limited to) news releases, videos, publications, displays, newsletters, brochures, and internet use. All proprietary rights to the aforementioned media belong exclusively to the State Fair of Virginia.

**Duration:** This Agreement shall expire upon the completion of my participation in the Events. However, the acknowledgement of risks and release provisions in this Agreement shall remain valid and enforceable for a period of five years after the completion of my participation in the Events.

**Governing Law and Venue:** I further agree that any litigation arising out of my participation in the Events shall be decided under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and such litigation shall be brought in the Circuit Court for Caroline County, Virginia.

**Voluntary Execution and Severability:** I have carefully read this Agreement, fully understand its terms and conditions, understand that the terms and conditions are contractual and not a mere recital, that my execution of this Agreement is consideration for and a prerequisite to my participation in the Events, that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and I sign this Agreement freely and voluntarily as my own free act without inducement. In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this agreement shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the invalidity, illegality or unenforceability, shall not affect any other provisions of this agreement, and this agreement shall be curtailed, limited or eliminated only to the extent necessary to remove the invalidity, illegality or unenforceability.

**EVENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADULT PARTICIPANT INFORMATION**

\_\_\_\_\_  
PARTICIPANT'S NAME (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth (MM-DD-YYYY)

\_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS - Street Address/Mailing Address (please print) City, State Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
EMERGENCY CONTACT Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Relation

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

X \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date (MM-DD-YYYY)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

X \_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date (MM-DD-YYYY)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

**MINOR PARTICIPANT (UNDER 18) INFORMATION**

**\*Requires signature of Parent or Legal Guardian below**

I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, a minor, and on the minor's behalf and on my behalf and on behalf of all other parents or guardians of the minor, I hereby accept the above assumption of risk, release, and waiver of liability as an inducement for allowing my child, or this minor, to participate in the Events and use the State Fair of Virginia facilities and equipment, and do hereby consent and agree to the release and agreement, for myself, my minor child/ward, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I hereby release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the State Fair of Virginia from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child/ward's involvement or participation in any Events and any use of the State Fair of Virginia equipment or facilities as provided above to the fullest extent permitted by law. I have discussed the inherent dangers of participating in the Events with my child and fully understand the risks involved.

I have read and understand all of the rules and guidelines set forth in the show program and set forth by the State Fair of Virginia. I agree to abide by all rules and guidelines set forth. I understand that any outstanding entry/stabling fees, collection fees will be my responsibility and any unpaid fees will be collected from me. I also understand that this is an equine event and I will not hold responsible The State Fair Of Virginia, Virginia 4-H, Varina Rising Stars 4H, or Show Management/Volunteers liable for any damage to life, limb, or property.

**I agree that no outside alcohol will be brought onto the grounds, that I will act in sportsmanlike/respectful manner at all times. I also understand that any violation of these rules will cause for my dismissal from the show and may result in being barred from any future SFVA Miniature Horse Show.**

I, the undersigned (parent or guardian of a minor rider) execute this waiver of the undersigned' rights to sue and agree to assume all risks inherent in equine activities under Subsection 3.1-796.132 of the Code of Virginia and further agree that I understand the risks inherent in participating in equine activities at the State Fair of Virginia, including (i) the propensity of an equine to behave in dangerous ways which may result in injury to the participant or the equine, (ii) the inability to predict an equine's reaction to sound, movements, objects, persons or animals; and (iii) hazards of surface or subsurface conditions located at the above activity location. I will not hold responsible The State Fair of Va, 4-H of Virginia, Varina Rising Stars 4-H or Show Management/Volunteers liable for any damage to life, limb or property. This waiver executed by undersigned shall be effective until expressly revoked in writing. The revocation shall become effective thirty (30) days after it is delivered to Varina Rising Stars 4-H at the State Fair of Virginia.

Owner's Name Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ (If owner under 18 years of age)

Exhibitor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(If exhibitor under 18 years of age)

State Fair Miniature Horse Show  
Additional Exhibitor Pass Order Form

Exhibitor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Additional Passes 1 2 @ \$20.00 each

(Circle Amount of Additional Passes Requested)

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks payable to Varina Rising Stars 4H**  
**Mail Payment to:**

State Fair of Virginia  
Mini Horse Show  
4224 Darbytown Rd  
Henrico VA

Additional passes paid passes will not be mailed until September 15th to ensure our entrants and show volunteers receive their appropriate credentials. Not responsible for passes lost or delayed by the USPS.

# **STALL RESERVATION FORM!**

**Exhibitor's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of stalls needed** \_\_\_\_\_

**\$50 Entire Show- Must Vacate by 6:00 pm 10/3/2025**  
(Stalls Available 10/1/25 at 3pm)

**Special Stabling Request?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*\*NO STALLS WILL BE ASSIGNED UNTIL  
STALL FEE IS PAID.\*\***

**Do not arrive prior to 3pm on October 1st as your stalls will not be made available to you until that time.**