

## **Open Class Payment of Premiums**

Premium money will be paid in cash upon presenting proper identification at the information desk window located at the EXHIBIT HALL. Premium payouts will follow the below schedule:

Friday, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Saturday, 12 noon to 8:00 pm

Sunday, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Please pick-up premium money at the fair as money will not be sent out after the fair. **The deadline for claiming premiums is August 8, 2021.** All premiums not picked up by the deadline will be forfeited.

Premium amounts offered by the Fair cannot be changed nor will extra premiums be awarded by the Board. In the event there is no competition in a class or lot, the judge shall determine what classification the entry would be able to make in the face of competition, prize money and ribbon to be awarded.

## **Awards**

Open class exhibits will be placed as First, Second or Third unless otherwise specified. Only First and Second Place winners in each class will be eligible to compete in Championship classes. Only Grand Champion and Reserve champion ribbons will be awarded. No cash awards will be awarded in classes unless specified in the premium list. No Grand Champion or Reserve Champion rosettes or trophies will be awarded in divisions unless there are three or more entries in each class.

**Awards will be given out to qualified winners only. Color of Awards will be as follows:**

Grand Champion	Purple Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion	Lavender Rosette
First Place	Blue Ribbon
Second Place	Red Ribbon
Third Place	White Ribbon

## **Protests**

Should a conflict arise; exhibitors can submit an official protest to the Events Complex staff. All protests shall be in writing detailing the complaint. Events Complex staff will meet with the supervisor and judge for review of the protest and decide. That decision will be final.

## **Fair Store**

RV spaces, horse stalls and admission tickets may be purchased online at [www.sweetwaterevents.com](http://www.sweetwaterevents.com). The fair store opens at 8 a.m. on May 1<sup>st</sup> and RV spaces & stalls are assigned in the order received.

## **A Word to Our Patrons**

The Sweetwater County Fair is grateful for the cooperation and participation which is regularly received from the many friends throughout this area. Your suggestions for the betterment of our Fair will always be given careful consideration. We sincerely appreciate your patronage, and we will always do our best to deserve it.

### **ADVERTISING**

DISTRIBUTION OF HANDBILLS OR OTHER ADVERTISING BY INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED ON FAIRGROUND PROPERTY. TACKING OR POSTING OF ADVERTISING BILLS, CARDS, ETC. WILL NOT BE PERMITTED ON ANY BUILDINGS, POWER POLES, CARS OR ELSEWHERE. EXHIBITORS MAY ADVERTISE AND DISTRIBUTE FROM THEIR BOOTH OR EXHIBIT SPACE ONLY. ANYONE VIOLATING THIS WILL BE BILLED FOR ADVERTISING OR REMOVED FROM THE FAIRGROUNDS PROPERTY.

# 2021 Horse Events

## Tentative Class Schedule

Events will be in the Indoor Arena unless otherwise noted. Classes will run in the order listed.

### **Sunday**

Open Horse Performance Show & 4-H/FFA English Classes

9:00 a.m. Showmanship & Halter

11:00 a.m. Leadline, Western Pleasure, Western Equitation  
4-H/FFA Programmed Ride, Hunter Under Saddle & Hunt Seat Equitation  
Mini Show– Jumping, Trail & Halter

### **Monday**

Youth Horse Performance Show

9:00 a.m. Showmanship, Halter, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Ranch Riding, Western Riding, Miniature Obstacle In Hand, Miniature Jumping

Open & Youth Horse Performance Show – Double Show

6:00 p.m. Trail & Reining

### **Tuesday**

Youth Horse Show Speed Events

11:00 a.m. Barrels, Poles, Flag Race, Goat Tying, Breakaway Roping, Team Roping

Open Horse Show

5:00 p.m. Miniature Costume Class (Youth & Open, Double Judged)

6:00 p.m. Barrel Race, Pole Bending, Flag Race

### **Thursday**

Sweetwater Team Roping

5:30 p.m. Team Roping

### **Friday**

4-H/FFA Working Cow Horse

2:00 p.m. Youth Cow Horse

Sweetwater Ranch Sort Club

6:00 p.m. Team Penning

### **Saturday**

Sweetwater Ranch Sort Club – Jackpot Arena

10:00 a.m. Team Sorting/4H/FFA Team Sorting

## Code of Conduct

- ✓ The horse department supervisor and judges reserve the right to interpret rules and regulations and to settle and determine all matters, questions and differences.
- ✓ Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair/show management, other exhibitors, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. All judges, fair/show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
- ✓ Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated, and the offending exhibitor will forfeit premiums and may immediately be dismissed from the class, show and/or fairgrounds.
- ✓ Participants, judges and clerks are the only people permitted inside the arena once the show begins. Entering the ring or causing an interruption of the show may result in disqualification and/or eviction from the grounds.
- ✓ After a class has been placed and the judge's card has been signed the class cannot be re-run. The judge's decision is final.

## **General Horse Show Rules & Regulations**

Contestants must register on-line at [www.sweetwaterevents.com](http://www.sweetwaterevents.com). Registration can also be completed at a computer terminal located at the Fair Office. Telephone entries will not be accepted. NO REFUNDS OF ENTRY FEES. For further information, call 352-6789 ext. 100.

1. **STALLS:** Reserve stalls by contacting the 4-H office if you are involved in youth events or by calling the Events Complex at 307-352-6789 if you are an open exhibitor. Stalls are free but exhibitors must clean them before premiums will be released. Shavings are not provided. Stalls will be available for renters beginning Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 p.m. Stalls must be cleaned daily and up on check out. All material should be disposed of on the east end of the shed rows. Any horse found in a stall not assigned will be removed from the show and will forfeit prizes won.
2. **SPECIAL EVENTS:** Team Sorting, Team Penning, Team Roping are special events. Information or promoters contact details are included in this handbook.
3. **YOUTH CLASSES:** All youth must compete with proper fitting saddle and tack.
4. **BIRTHDAY:** Birth date is required on all entries to qualify. Age divisions are categorized according to age as of January 1st of current year for contestants and horses. Birth date of horse required on all halter entries.
5. **ENTERING:** No horse may be entered in any class more than once. Contestants may enter individual events on more than one horse, excluding reining and trail.
6. **JUDGING:** To qualify for judging, each contestant must appear wearing the correct number, plainly visible. Any horse not in the ring after the gates are closed for his class shall be refused to that class. One-minute maximum waiting period. The show will refer to the following resources: AQHA, AMHR, etc. Judge's decision in all events is final. Judge or committee will NOT review video footage to adjust.
7. **ATTIRE:** Western attire must be worn in all western classes. This includes a western hat (or helmet), long sleeved shirt or blouse and cowboy boots.

8. **WARM-UP:** Horse exhibitors are instructed not to ride or exercise their horse through or around any of the other livestock barns. Adequate exercise areas, away from crowds and other livestock barns, are provided.
9. **DISEASE:** Any horse with disease will be asked to leave the Fairgrounds.
10. **HORSES** must have proper brand inspection to move across county and/or state lines.
11. **RIGHT OF REFUSAL:** The Sweetwater County Fair Board reserves the right to reject anyone or any animal at any time for disrespect of the rules, rough treatment of animals, or any other reason they deem reasonable without being held liable for compensation or damages. Discrepancy of rules will be reviewed by supervisor and could result in disqualification. Contestants may be removed from competition if they exhibit an inability to control their animal and present a threat to the safety of themselves or other contestants.
12. **PARKING:** All trucks and trailers are to be parked in the area provided North of the Indoor Arena or East of the covered horse stalls.
13. **LEADLINE & WALK TROT:** Riders competing in LEADLINE must be 6 years or under are only eligible for halter and showmanship. Horse must be led by a responsible person 18 years or older and child must compete in proper fitting tack, judged at a walk. Riders competing in WALK TROT classes are only eligible for walk trot classes, halter, and showmanship. If a horse breaks gate in walk trot classes, the contestant will be disqualified.
14. **PROTESTS:** Should a conflict arise regarding entries or qualifications; exhibitors can submit an official protest to Events Complex staff. All protests shall be in writing detailing the complaint. Events Complex staff will meet with the department supervisor and judge for review of the protest and decision. That decision will be final. As far as results, the judge's decision in all events is final. Judge or committee will NOT review video footage to adjust.
15. **ALL AROUND HORSE AWARD – Buckles to Champion & Reserve Champion**  
Presented on the basis of points accumulated by Horse & Rider as a team participating in Reining, Western Pleasure, Western Equitation, Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Flag Race, Trail, and Showmanship (no Walk Trot All Around)
 

First Place - 6 points	Fourth Place - 3 points
Second Place - 5 points	Fifth Place - 2 points
Third Place - 4 points	Sixth Place - 1 point

Horses need not compete in all events to be eligible. In the case of a tie, Western Pleasure will be the tie breaker. The participant that places highest in that class will receive the award.
16. **DOUBLE SHOW CLASSES** – Classes with a class number in both the open & 4-H/FFA column will be double judged. Both classes will run concurrently. Ribbons, awards and premiums will be awarded for both the open and 4-H/FFA classes. For 2021 these include Reining & Trail.

### Awards

Open class entries will be placed as First through Sixth unless otherwise specified. See division information for details on ribbons, trophies, awards, etc.

### **Awards, Rosettes, Ribbons & Premiums**

Place	Premium
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$12
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$10
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$8
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$6
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$4
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$2

## Sunday Classes

Entries for Sunday close at 12 pm on Saturday, July 31st

Classes begin at 9:00 a.m.	
#	Class Name
01	Showmanship, 13 & under
02	Showmanship, 14-18
03	Showmanship, 19 & over
04	Halter, Stallion, 3 and under
05	Halter, Stallion, 4 and over
06	Halter, Gelding, 3 and under
07	Halter, Gelding, 4 and over
08	Halter, Mare, 3 and under
09	Halter, Mare, 4 and over

Classes begin at 11:00 a.m.	
#	Class Name
10	Leadline, 6 & under
11	Walk Trot Pleasure, 10 & under
12	Western Pleasure, 13 & under
13	Western Pleasure, 14-18
14	Western Pleasure, 19 & over
15	Western Equitation, 13 & under
16	Western Equitation, 14-18
17	Western Equitation, 19 & over
18	Halter, Mini or Pony Stallion
19	Halter, Mini or Pony Gelding
20	Halter, Mini or Pony Mare
21	Mini Trail In Hand, 15 & under
22	Mini Trail In Hand, 16 & over
23	Mini Jumping In Hand, 15 & under
24	Mini Jumping In Hand, 16 & over
**	Youth Programmed Ride
**	Youth Hunter Under Saddle
**	Youth Hunt Seat Equitation

## Monday Classes – Youth & Open, Double Judged

Entries for Monday close at 12 pm on Sunday, August 1

Classes begin at 6:00 p.m.

Be sure to register for BOTH OPEN & 4-H/FFA if you are eligible.

Open #	4-H/FFA #	Class Name
25	**	Trail, 10 & under, Walk Trot
26	**	Trail, 10 & under
27	**	Trail, 11-13
28	**	Trail, 14-18
29		Trail, 19 & over
30	**	Reining, 10 & under
31	**	Reining, 11-13
32	**	Reining, 14-18
33		Reining, 19 & over

*Please see 4-H/FFA Fairbook for details on youth show class rules & regulations.*

## Tuesday Classes

Entries close at 12 pm, Monday, August 2

**Double Judged - Classes begin at 5:00 p.m.**

**Be sure to register for BOTH OPEN & 4-H/FFA  
if you are eligible.**

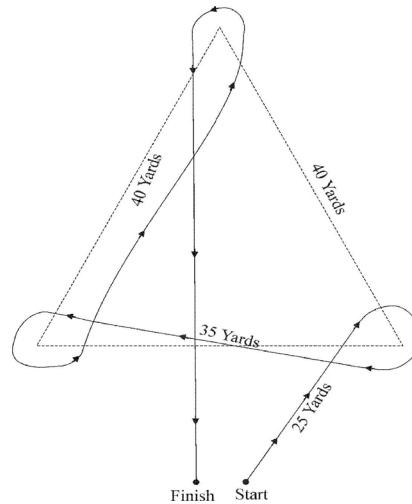
Open #	4-H/FFA #	Class Name
34	**	Mini Costume Class, 10 & Under
35	**	Mini Costume Class, 11-13
36	**	Mini Costume Class, 14-18
37	**	Mini Costume Class, Adult

**Classes begin at 6:00 p.m.**

#	Class Name
38	Barrel Race, 10 & under, Walk Trot
39	Barrel Race, 13 & under
40	Barrel Race, 14-18
41	Barrel Race, 19 & over
42	Pole Bending, 10 & under, Walk Trot
43	Pole Bending, 13 & under
44	Pole Bending, 14-18
45	Pole Bending, 19 & over
46	Flag Race, 13 & under
47	Flag Race, 14-18
48	Flag Race, 19 & over

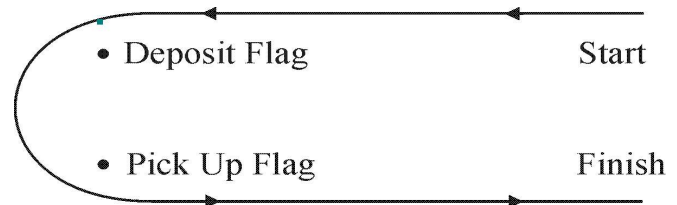
### Barrel Racing Rules

1. The contestant is allowed a running start. Timing shall begin and end as soon as the horse's nose reaches the electric eye.
2. At the signal from the starter or timer, the contestant will go to barrel number 1 passing to the right of this barrel, complete a 360-degree turn, then on to barrel 2, this time passing to the left where another 360-degree turn is completed.
3. As soon as the turn is completed around barrel 3, the contestant sprints the horse to the finish line where the timers stop.
4. This barrel course may also be run to the left. For example, the contestant will start to barrel number 2, turning to the left around this barrel, then to barrel number 1, turning to the right, then to barrel 3, turning again to the right, followed by a sprint to the finish line.
5. Knocking over a barrel will be a 5 second penalty. Breaking the pattern will be a no time.



### Flag Race Rules

1. Time limit: 1 minute
2. Five-gallon buckets set on 55-gallon barrels.
3. Buckets must be filled at least 2/3 full.
4. Contestant may run course from the right to the left. In either case, bucket on first barrel is empty; bucket on second barrel contains flag.
5. Contestant is given #1 flag prior to or upon entering the arena. When timers and flagger are ready, contestant goes to 1st barrel which holds a 5-gallon bucket and deposits #1 flag into the bucket; then proceeds to 2nd barrel on top of which there is a 5-gallon bucket with #2 flag and retrieves the flag and continues to the finish line.
6. Barrels 100 feet from starting line
7. Barrels placed no less than 25 feet apart.
8. Contestant will be disqualified for:
  - Circling around barrel.
  - Knocking over bucket or barrel.
  - Crossing finish line without flag.
  - Using flag as a whip.
  - Flag not remaining in first bucket.



### Mini Class Rules

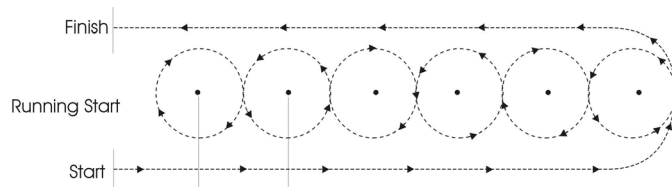
Refer to AQHA rules and AMHR rules.

### Pole Bending Rules

**SECTION 1:** There shall be six poles set in a straight line twenty-one feet apart. The starting line shall be twenty-one feet in front of the number one pole. This line shall also be the finish line.

**SECTION 2:** Horses shall face the poles at the starting line. At a given signal, riders shall run horses to number six pole, turn and bend back through poles, pivot number one pole and bend back to number six pole, pivot horse and race to finish line.

If rider should knock a pole down, he or she will be penalized five seconds for each pole. The rider shall continue course. Breaking the pattern will result in a no time.



## Showmanship Rules

The showmanship class shall be judged strictly on the exhibitor's ability to fit and show a horse at halter. Judging techniques and procedures will vary according to individual judge's preference, judge's decisions will be final. The ideal showmanship performance consists of a poised, confident, neatly attired exhibitor leading a well-groomed and conditioned horse that quickly and efficiently performs the requested pattern with promptness, smoothness and precision.

## Western Performance Rules

1. Equipment: Horses shall be shown with a stock saddle, but silver equipment will not count over a good working outfit.
  - Bits: Horses 5 years old and younger may be shown in a snaffle bit, hackamore (bosal), curb bit, half-breed or spade bit
  - Horses six years old and older may only be shown in a curb bit, half-breed or spade bit.
  - A snaffle bit shall mean the conventional O-ring, egg-butt or D-ring. A snaffle bit must be shown with both hands.
  - A hackamore (bosal) shall mean the use of a flexible, braided rawhide or leather, rope bosal, the core of which may be either rawhide or flexible cable.
  - A curb bit shall be referred to as a solid or broken mouthpiece, has shanks and acts with leverage. When a curb bit is used, a curb strap or curb chain is required, but must meet the approval of the judge, be at least one-half inch in width and lie flat against the jaw of the horse.
  - Mechanical Hackamores are not permitted. Slip or gag bits and donut and flat polo mouthpieces are also not acceptable.
2. For more information regarding bits, bosals, etc. please refer to Western Equipment in the current AQHA book.
3. Attire: Riders must wear western hat or helmet, long sleeve shirt or blouse, and cowboy boots. The use of spurs, chaps or similar gear is optional.
4. The use of stallions as pleasure horses will be permitted; however, the judge may order any horse or person from the competition for bad conduct of one or both.
5. Riders competing in walk trot classes are only eligible for walk trot classes, halter, and showmanship. If a horse breaks gate in walk trot classes (at judge's discretion) the contestant will be disqualified
6. Any question on technique or style should be addressed to the judge prior to showing with all judge's decisions being final.



## **Team Roping**

**Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm**  
**Indoor Arena**

**Produced by Chad Espenscheid**  
**(307) 231-2389**

## **Team Penning & Sorting**

**Penning – Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup> Indoor Arena**

Enter at 5:30 pm, Start at 7:00 pm

**Sorting – Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup> Jackpot Arena**

Enter at 9:00 am, Start at 10:00 am

**Produced by Sweetwater Ranch Sort Club**  
Contact Robin Fletcher, 307-389-1274 for rules and details.