

## DIVISION F - HORSES & PONIES

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### Division Rules & Regulations:

#### ELIGIBILITY - Exhibitors

1. Only 4-H and FFA members may exhibit in this division. Exhibitors and their exhibitors must comply with the "General State Fair Rules & Regulations", "General 4-H and FFA Rules & Regulations", "Animal Rules & Regulations", the "Maryland 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics", the "Health Regulations for Livestock Exhibited in Maryland", these "Division Rules & Regulations" and the applicable "Section Rules & Regulations". The Maryland 4-H Horse and Pony Show Rule Book (4-H 266) will be used. A copy of 4-H 266 is available from the 4-H Office. Class descriptions and restrictions are in 4-H 266.
2. Pre-entry is required. **YOU MUST USE THE INTERNET ENTRY SYSTEMS FOUND AT [www.marylandstatefair.com](http://www.marylandstatefair.com) Internet entries are due July 31st.** Exhibitors without internet access should contact their County Extension Educator for assistance. All release will be completed once you sign onto the Internet Entry System and emailed to the Maryland State Fair immediately.
3. Eligibility for the Maryland State Fair Horse and Pony Show will be determined by the 4-H Extension Educator for 4-H Exhibitors and FFA Advisors for FFA Exhibitors.
4. Performance requirements for showing are outlined in The Maryland 4-H Horse and Pony Show Rule Book (4-H 266) and the Maryland 4-H Equine Showmanship and Equitation Standards Handbook.
5. FFA exhibitors must have the same performance requirements as 4-Hers or the equivalent and must have shown in at least one horse show. Please contact the FFA Advisor for further information about FFA qualifications. Horse Show Superintendent must receive copies of completed requirements for FFA members.

#### ELIGIBILITY - Horses

6. Proof of a negative Coggins test within the past 12 months and a completed MDA Equine Exhibitor's Self-Certification of Equine Health Form must be presented at time of check in. This form is available at the Maryland Department of Agriculture website and may be required to enter the fairgrounds.
7. All exhibitors must have a Horse and Pony Card (including formal lease agreement if not owned) filed with the County Extension Office by June 1 of the current year for each animal.
8. In classes restricted to ponies, animals may not be shown in any class identified as a Pony class unless the exhibitor possesses a measurement card issued by the United States Equestrian (formerly AHSA, USEA) or an affiliated association (MHSA) or other recognized horse show association or the Maryland 4-H program. Every pony must be measured each year until it reaches the age of 6 years (Maryland 4-H Horse & Pony Rule Book, p. 3). A Steward will be present at our shows, at a time to be announced, to measure those ponies needing a card. All animals without a measurement card will be eligible for horse classes only.
9. Height divisions for ponies will be: English-Small Ponies - 12.2 hands and under; Medium Ponies - over 12.2 hands and not exceeding 13.2 hands; Large Ponies - Over 13.2 hands and not exceeding 14.2 hands; Horses - Over 14.2 hands; Western Ponies - under 14.1 hands; Horses - 14.1 hands and over.

#### SAFETY

10. Exhibitors must wear suitable shoes or boots at all times while in the barn and show ring areas, both mounted and on the ground - NO EXCEPTIONS. Trainers, coaches, leaders and parents in the schooling and barn areas must also wear suitable shoes or boots at all times. Suitable shoes must be closed toe and heel shoes that zip or lace or cover the ankle. Anyone mounted must wear boots with an appropriate heel.
11. Both English and Western riders must wear certified ASTM/SEI headgear at all times while mounted and lunging. Harnesses must be secured and properly fitted. Headgear must carry ASTM and SEI seals.
12. Exhibitors are required to follow stable management guidelines. Failure to comply or cooperate with management could result in forfeiture of premiums and/or future participation privileges.
13. Horses and ponies may only be ridden by the Exhibitor unless expressly permitted by Show Management. Animals may not be ridden outside the general stable and show ring areas.
14. **All exhibitors MUST report for a tack and equipment check prior to their first mounted class and before any additional class if a tack change is made (Example: Speed).**

#### SHOW RULES

15. Entries for this division must be available and ready for check-in at least one-half hour before the posted start time for the class being entered. Due to limited stable space, animals will be released at the end of the show and are not allowed to remain in the stalls for more than 2 hours after their last class of the day without permission from the Stable Manager or Superintendent.
16. **The show schedule will be:**  
**Friday, August 28 ..... Junior, Intermediate and Senior Western Classes ..... 9:00 a.m. START**  
**Sunday, August 30 ..... Junior, Intermediate and Senior English Classes ..... 9:00 a.m. START**
17. Entries for each show are received according to the following schedule:  
Western Classes ..... Friday, August 28, 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
English Classes ..... Sunday, August 30, 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
18. Classes may be combined or divided at the discretion of Show Management.
19. Exhibitors approved to participate will be limited to a total of 4 animals for all classes for 2 days of showing. Up to 4 animals may be exhibited in Conformation classes. Each exhibitor may exhibit one animal in Showmanship per day. Up to 2 animals may be exhibited in Performance classes with the following restrictions:
  - a. Exhibitor may show 2 animals in any combination of divisions of Performance classes except as noted below.
  - b. An Exhibitor MAY CROSS ENTER the same horse between Western and English shows, but NOT between Hunter and Pleasure divisions.
  - c. An Exhibitor may only enter one Equitation Division per day.
  - d. If a horse is shared by a Junior and an Intermediate on English day, one exhibitor may show in the Hunter Division and the other in the Pleasure' Division.
  - e. If a horse is shared by a Junior and an Intermediate on Western Day, a horse may be shown in each speed class only once.
  - f. Exhibitors must follow all rules concerning arrival and departure of horses. Stalls will be assigned for horses for each show without consideration of entries for other days.
  - g. Exhibitors showing in two shows will be limited to a TOTAL of 4 horses including performance, conformation and showmanship classes.
  - h. A horse may be entered in only ONE conformation class and ONE showmanship class per day.

20. Exhibitors will be allowed to cross enter their horses between English and Western shows. If a horse is leased by 2 Exhibitors, each Exhibitor may cross enter between English and Western Shows not to exceed a total class limit of 12 total performance classes per horse/rider combo for both shows combined. **NO HORSE MAY BE SHOWN IN MORE THAN 24 PERFORMANCE CLASSES OVER THE TOTAL 2 SHOWS OFFERED.**
21. Grooming and showmanship regulations and attire will be as outlined in 4-H 266. Grooming and Showmanship will be judged as follows: Grooming (25), Showmanship (50), Knowledge (15), and Personal Appearance (10). Grooming will be done outside the ring by the exhibitor prior to the start of the class.
22. Speed Classes begin when the exhibitor enters the ring and ends upon leaving the ring.
23. Assistance/coaching from outside the ring is not permitted. **Exhibitors receiving coaching from outside the ring will have only one warning before disqualification. Coaches receiving more than 2 warnings will be asked to leave the area.**
24. Awards: Rosettes will be awarded to the top 6 placings in each class. Champion and Reserve Champion will receive rosettes.

#### SECTION I - ENGLISH

##### GROOMING & SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

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|---|---|
| F101 Grooming & Showmanship - Junior (4-H ages 8-10)        | F104 Grooming & Showmanship - Intermediate Champion & Reserve |
| F102 Grooming & Showmanship - Junior Champion & Reserve     | F105 Grooming & Showmanship - Senior (4-H ages 14-18)         |
| F103 Grooming & Showmanship - Intermediate (4-H ages 11-13) | F106 Grooming & Showmanship - Senior Champion & Reserve       |

##### CONFORMATION CLASSES (SHOWN IN HAND) - JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR

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| F107 Fillies & Mares - Ponies - 3 years old & over - dry, not nursing foal | F110 Geldings - Ponies - 3 years old and over |
| F108 Fillies & Mares - Horses - 3 years old & over - dry not nursing foal  | F111 Geldings - Horses - 3 years old and over |
| F109 Fillies & Mares - Champion & Reserve                                  | F112 Geldings - Champion & Reserve            |

#### EQUITATION CLASSES - Rider may choose only one Equitation Division per day (Pleasure Equitation OR Hunter Equitation) PERFORMANCE CLASSES - Same horse/pony cannot enter BOTH Pleasure and Hunter - MUST choose one

##### PLEASURE DIVISION

- F121 Junior Pleasure Equitation (Pattern)
- F123 Intermediate Pleasure Equitation (Pattern)
- F159 Senior Pleasure Equitation (Pattern)
- F122 Junior Pleasure Equitation (Rail)
- F124 Intermediate Pleasure Equitation (Rail)
- F160 Senior Pleasure Equitation (Rail)
- F125 Junior Pleasure Equitation Champion & Reserve
- F126 Intermediate Pleasure Equitation Champion & Reserve
- F161 Senior Pleasure Equitation Champion & Reserve
- F127 Junior & Intermediate English Pleasure - Ponies
- F128 Junior & Intermediate English Pleasure - Horses
- F162 Senior English Pleasure - Ponies
- F163 Senior English Pleasure - Horses
- F129 Junior & Intermediate English Pleasure Disciplined Rail - Ponies
- F130 Junior & Intermediate English Pleasure Disciplined Rail - Horses
- F164 Senior English Pleasure Disciplined Rail - Ponies
- F165 Senior English Pleasure Disciplined Rail - Horses
- F131 Junior English Pleasure Command
- F132 Intermediate English Pleasure Command
- F166 Senior English Pleasure Command
- F133 Junior & Intermediate English Pleasure Over Fences - Pony 2'; Horse 2'6"
- F167 Senior English Pleasure Over Fences - Pony 2'; Horse 2'6"
- F134 Junior & Intermediate Pleasure Pony Champion & Reserve
- F135 Junior & Intermediate Pleasure Horse Champion & Reserve
- F168 Senior Pleasure Pony Champion & Reserve
- F169 Senior Pleasure Horse Champion & Reserve

##### HUNTER DIVISION

- F136 Junior & Intermediate Hunter Over Fences - Pony 2'; Horse 2'6"
- F170 Senior Hunter Over Fences - Pony 2'3"; Horse 2'9"
- F137 Junior & Intermediate Handy Hunter Over Fences - Pony 2'; Horse 2'6"
- F171 Senior Handy Hunter Over Fences - Pony 2'3"; Horse 2'9"
- F171 Senior Handy Hunter Over Fences - Pony 2'3"; Horse 2'9"
- F138 Junior Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences - Pony 2'; Horse 2'6"
- F139 Intermediate Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences - Pony 2'; Horse 2'6"
- F172 Senior Hunt Seat Equitation O/Fences - Pony 2'3"; Horse 2'9"
- F140 Junior Hunt Seat Equitation Under Saddle
- F141 Intermediate Hunt Seat Equitation Under Saddle
- F173 Senior Hunt Seat Equitation Under Saddle
- F142 Junior Hunter Equitation Champion & Reserve
- F143 Intermediate Hunter Equitation Champion & Reserve
- F174 Senior Hunter Equitation Champion & Reserve
- F144 Junior & Intermediate Hunter Under Saddle - Ponies
- F143 Junior & Intermediate Hunter Under Saddle - Horses
- F175 Senior Hunter Under Saddle - Ponies
- F176 Senior Hunter Under Saddle - Horses
- F146 Junior & Intermediate Pony Hunter Champion & Reserve
- F147 Junior & Intermediate Horse Hunter Champion & Reserve
- F177 Senior Pony Hunter Champion & Reserve
- F178 Senior Horse Hunter Champion & Reserve

## SECTION II - WESTERN

### GROOMING & SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

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|------|--|------|--|
| F201 | Grooming & Showmanship - Junior (4-H ages 8-10)        | F204 | Grooming & Showmanship - Intermediate Champion & Reserve |
| F202 | Grooming & Showmanship - Junior Champion & Reserve     | F205 | Grooming & Showmanship - Senior (4-H ages 14-18)         |
| F203 | Grooming & Showmanship - Intermediate (4-H ages 11-13) | F206 | Grooming & Showmanship - Senior Champion & Reserve       |

### CONFORMATION CLASSES (SHOWN IN HAND) - JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR

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|------|---|------|--|
| F207 | Fillies & Mares - Ponies - 3 years old & over - dry, not nursing foal | F210 | Geldings - Ponies - 3 years old and over |
| F208 | Fillies & Mares - Horses - 3 years old & over - dry not nursing foal  | F211 | Geldings - Horses - 3 years old and over |
| F209 | Fillies & Mares - Champion & Reserve                                  | F212 | Geldings - Champion & Reserve            |

### HORSEMANSHIP DIVISION

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|------|-------------------------------------|------|--|
| F221 | Junior Horsemanship (Pattern)       | F259 | Senior Horsemanship (Rail)                   |
| F224 | Intermediate Horsemanship (Pattern) | F223 | Junior Horsemanship Champion & Reserve       |
| F258 | Senior Horsemanship (Pattern)       | F226 | Intermediate Horsemanship Champion & Reserve |
| F222 | Junior Horsemanship (Rail)          | F260 | Senior Horsemanship Champion & Reserve       |
| F225 | Intermediate Horsemanship (Rail)    |      |  |

### WESTERN PERFORMANCE DIVISION

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|------|-------------------------------|------|---|
| F227 | Junior Western Command        | F263 | Senior Western Riding                               |
| F228 | Intermediate Western Command  | F233 | Junior Working Western                              |
| F261 | Senior Western Command        | F234 | Intermediate Working Western                        |
| F229 | Junior Western Pleasure       | F264 | Senior Working Western                              |
| F230 | Intermediate Western Pleasure | F237 | Junior Western Performance Champion & Reserve       |
| F262 | Senior Western Pleasure       | F238 | Intermediate Western Performance Champion & Reserve |
| F231 | Junior Western Riding         | F266 | Senior Western Performance Champion & Reserve       |
| F232 | Intermediate Western Riding   |      |   |

### SPEED DIVISION

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|------|---|------|--|
| F239 | Junior & Intermediate Pole Bending - Ponies | F243 | Junior & Intermediate Keyhole Race - Ponies          |
| F240 | Junior & Intermediate Pole Bending - Horses | F244 | Junior & Intermediate Keyhole Race - Horses          |
| F267 | Senior Pole Bending - Ponies                | F271 | Senior Keyhole Race - Ponies                         |
| F268 | Senior Pole Bending - Horses                | F272 | Senior Keyhole Race - Horses                         |
| F241 | Junior & Intermediate Barrel Race - Ponies  | F245 | Junior & Intermediate Pony Speed Champion & Reserve  |
| F242 | Junior & Intermediate Barrel Race - Horses  | F246 | Junior & Intermediate Horse Speed Champion & Reserve |
| F269 | Senior Barrel Race - Ponies                 | F273 | Senior Pony Speed Champion & Reserve                 |
| F270 | Senior Barrel Race - Horses                 | F274 | Senior Horse Speed Champion & Reserve                |