

## 4-H/FFA HORSE



**Superintendent: Gina Perkins**

*Please see schedule in front section for complete class listings.*

### HORSE SHOW POLICES AND GUIDELINES

#### General Rules:

1. Record Books are due and must be placed in the Extension Office no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, July 22, one week before fair. See records book section for criteria.
2. 4-H/FFA members may only show those horses they declared May 1, as being their Baker County 4-H Horse projects. Members may use more than one horse for overall high point. The horses must be declared on May 1. Between May 1 and June 1, hardship cases involving illness, injury and safety must be made known to the Horse Advisory committee in writing. The committee may decide that a different horse than the one originally declared may be shown at the fair, but the member and horse will not be considered for any champion ribbons and will not be considered as a delegate to the State Fair.
3. 4-H/FFA members leasing horses must have turned in a business-like agreement signed by them and the owner of the horse to the Extension Office by May 1. Members are to have done as much work as possible with the animal including: feeding, arranging for vet, farrier work, training, grooming, etc. However, circumstances beyond the member's control such as a prohibitive distance, will be given consideration. During the Horse Show the horse will be the member's full responsibility. A copy of the lease agreement is to be included with the 4-H/FFA records.
4. 4-H/FFA members are to do as much training and preparation for the Show as possible. A leader or parent may assist in cases when the member's safety is at risk and with younger and/or inexperienced 4-H'ers. This includes clipping, bathing, tacking, saddling, grooming of feet. This is not to mean that the leader or parent may do it for the member, but rather may provide advice, assistance, etc.
5. State Fair delegates will be chosen by combining Showmanship and Western or English Equitation scores, which must be a minimum of 170 points, with a score of 80 points or above in each class. Contestants must use the same horse in all events for Ground Training, driving classes, and Gaming. In addition, in every event, contestants must use the same horse they qualified with at their county fair. Intermediate and Senior members are eligible to attend State Fair. Pleasure classes do not receive score sheets because they are not state qualifying classes.
6. Certified helmets must be worn at all times when riding a horse on the fairgrounds.
7. If using a snaffle bit, check contest guide.
8. Your horse's manure must be removed off the grounds each day and you must check out with an official 4-H Leader before leaving at the end of the day or your premium money will be withheld.
9. Each horse is a separate project. Which requires a separate current record.

### CONDUCT DURING 4-H/FFA HORSE SHOW

1. Good sportsmanship is a must from everyone present at the show at all times. Show management may disqualify any contestant and horse for non-sportsmanlike conduct or inhumane treatment of horse by any contestant, owner, or parent.
2. The judge's decision is final. A protest, criticism, or suggestion will be accepted only in writing with a signature. No exception. Any complaint about judge's decisions not handled in this manner or directed at other contestants, by contestants, owners, or anyone associated with either, will be grounds for disqualification of the participant.
3. No one may approach the judge inside the ring or out, during the show. Anyone wishing to speak with a judge, during the show, must make arrangements with the horse superintendent first. If inappropriate behavior, either verbal or physical, is directed toward a judge outside of the show, and is reported by the judge to the Extension Agent and/or horse superintendent, this will be grounds for disqualification of the participant related to that person.
4. **ABSOLUTELY NO GALLOPING OUTSIDE THE ARENA.** Not only is it potentially very dangerous to those on foot and with the traffic, it is also very cruel to the horses who are working hard in the extreme heat. Those disregarding this rule will be reprimanded severely.
5. Members should dismount at all times possible between classes, provide plenty of water and shade for their horses, loosen cinches, etc, in order to make the horse as comfortable as they can be.
6. Members are not allowed to camp overnight without adult supervision. Those leaving horses overnight need to provide proper care and supervision also. Permission should be obtained from the Extension Agent and the

Horse Chairman notified.

7. **NO RIDING DOUBLE AND NO RIDING WITH HALTERS. BOOTS MUST BE WORN WHEN HANDLING OR RIDING HORSES.**
8. Horses must be kept away from food concessions.
9. Coaching from the rail and/or entering the ring may result in: 1) that person required to leave the grounds, 2) the rider being disqualified from the class at the judges discretion.

### TACK, ATTIRE, GROOMING REQUIREMENTS

1. Horses that will be ridden in the show must be shod or trimmed. It is recommended that this be done 7-10 days prior to the competition so as not to cause lameness. Horses that will only be shown in Ground Training or Showmanship should have their feet trimmed.
2. Exhibitors are to wear boots and long sleeved shirts. Belts are required if there are pant loops. Long hair must be restrained with nets, braids, etc., to allow a clear view of the competitor's number which must be placed squarely on their back before entering the arena. It is suggested that the number be pinned on the top and bottom so the wind does not flip it upside down. Members should know what their number is. Clothing should be clean and neat (freshly pressed) and should be appropriate for the class being entered. Pants should be long enough to reach the heel of the boot when mounted in western classes. Gloves and ties are optional. **Helmets required for all riding classes.**
3. Chaps are not allowed except in trail and western pleasure.
4. Spurs are allowed but must be used properly.
5. All tack must be clean, safe, in good repair, adjusted properly and meet all requirements and specifications in the 4-H Projects Materials. Silver will not count toward a higher score than a plain working outfit. Western saddles must have stirrup keepers and meet all requirements and specifications in the current 4-H Contest Guide and 4-H Horse Project materials.
6. Protective boots are allowed to be worn in designated classes: games, jumping, reining, ground training, kindergarten, working ranch horse.
7. In showmanship, horses must be shown in a halter or a show bridle. Riding bridles are not allowed.
8. Horses must be clean and well groomed for all events. Fetlocks, bridle paths, whiskers and jowl hairs should be trimmed. Mane and tail length is optional, but must be well cared for. Fly spray should be applied regularly. No hoof dressing.

### MISCELLANEOUS

1. All exhibitors must enter and show in Showmanship. Conformation of the horse is not judged in this class.
2. Dogs are not allowed on the grounds, except guide dogs. They must be supervised.
3. Stallions over the age of 1 may NOT be exhibited or present on the grounds. No wet mares. (Mares with nursing foals.)
4. The Danish system of judging will be used except in those classes designated otherwise.
5. Mules and donkeys may be used as Horse Projects.
6. **Members earning awards are required to write and mail thank-you's to the donor within 10 days of the show. No exceptions.** Without our generous donors, we wouldn't be able to have our trophies and awards.
7. Members needing gate holds between classes must request them in advance. They will be no longer than 10 minutes.
8. **Only** the 4-H/FFA member is allowed to ride or care for their horse except in cases when disciplinary action is needed that might risk a member's safety. Any 4-H/FFA member who is **not** covered by 4-H/FFA insurance may **not** ride or handle the horse during the fair.

### AWARDS

- \* All contestants will receive a Blue, Red, or White ribbon for each class unless designated otherwise. Premiums, will be paid after records are received and judged. Some classes may not be awarded premiums if there is a shortage of funds.
- \* Champions and Reserve Champions will be selected in each class only when the judge deems there are entries of championship quality.
- \* A special award will be given to the Champion of each class.

### High Point Overall 4-H/FFA Horseman

This award is given to the individual receiving the most points in 4-H Horse Project Countywide activities including: County Horse Judging Day, County Horse Bowl, County Presentations, 6 points each, no additional points awarded

for ribbons (contestants must compete in at least 2 of those events), and 4-H Horse Show. Classes at the 4-H Horse show include Ground Training, In-Hand Trail, Trail, Showmanship, Kindergarten Pleasure, Western Pleasure, Western Equitation, Bareback Equitation, Dressage, Hunter Hack, English Pleasure, English Equitation, and Pleasure Driving. Contestants are **required** to compete in the underlined classes and may also include scores from up to three additional classes offered at this show. \*\*Contestants will earn 3 points for each blue, 2 points for each red, 1 point for each white, 2 extra points for each champion, 1 point extra for each reserve champion. **Only one score from each class will count.** The actual record book score will be used in the event of a tie.

### Dressage Champion

It is the Judge's discretion to choose the High Point Individual from the highest scores of each riding test. This competitor will be awarded a perpetually rotating trophy and also an individual plaque to keep.

### Sportsmanship Award

\* This award will be given to the contestant demonstrating outstanding qualities throughout the year Including; an eagerness to learn and share knowledge and experience with others within the Horse program, courtesy, respect, and pleasant attitude with others, good attendance within 4-H group. A good working relationship with peers, leaders and their horse. This individual will maintain a positive attitude no matter the outcome of a competitive situation.

### CLASSES

The age classification for all contestants is as follows:

0 - Novice	All 4th, first year 5th and 6th graders
1 - Junior	..... 5th and 6th graders
2 - Intermediate	..... 7th, 8th and 9th graders
3 - Senior	..... 10th, 11th and 12th graders



**NOTE:** Use the corresponding number to complete the blank ( ) in the class numbers.

### SHOWMANSHIP

#### 751 500 00( ) - SHOWMANSHIP

- \* Showmanship is a demonstration of the member's ability to fit and show the animal to its best advantage at halter. Conformation is not judged but the animal must be serviceably sound. The class is required for all show participants. Class requirements and procedures are listed in the 4-H Horse Project materials.
- \* The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Horse Showman will compete in the Round Robin contest with the members showing each others horse, sheep, hog, goat, beef and dairy projects.

### EQUITATION

- \* The member will be judged on correct riding form and technique. Posture, balance, light hands and effective use of aids are all very important. Equal importance will be given to the methods used by the rider to obtain the desired results.
- \* Patterns used in the class are at the judge's discretion in the arena, or posted prior to the class. Refer to 4-H Horse Project Materials for additional information.
- \* Exhibitors are reminded to keep 2 horse lengths between them and the horse in front and adequate space while in line.

**751 100 13( ) - WESTERN EQUITATION** Western tack and other is required. No chaps allowed.

**751 100 11( ) - ENGLISH EQUITATION** English saddles and tack are required as is English attire. No jumping will be required.

**751 700 00( ) - BAREBACK EQUITATION (County Only)** Follow Western Equitation guidelines. Bridle is only riding gear allowed. No bareback pads. No chaps. Judging to be on the rail except in case of a tie. Exhibitors will not be asked to mount.

### PLEASURE CLASSES

- \* Equipment and attire requirements will be the same as for Equitation contest.
- \* Horses will be asked to work both ways of the arena at all three gaits to demonstrate their ability with different

leads. Riders should keep plenty of space between horses and should stay on the rail, not cutting corners. Horses may be asked to extend gaits, stop and stand quietly and to back easily. Horses will not be asked to reverse at the lope or canter.

- \* Horses should appear to be a "pleasure to ride" and respond readily and willingly to what is asked. A horse will be penalized for incorrect leads, tail switching, head tossing, opening mouth, excessive speed or slowness at any gait, overflexing or having nose too far out. Should demonstrate easy, comfortable gaits with smooth transitions. Performance 80%, appointments 20% (neatness and grooming; overall picture.)

#### 751 700 08( ) - WESTERN PLEASURE

- \* Horses to be shown in Western equipment at a walk, jog and lope on a reasonably loose rein or light contact without undue restraint. Extended gaits may be requested by the judge. Wrong leads will be penalized and horses considered for an award must back in a straight line. Faults include: breaking gait, open mouth, stumbling or falling, tail switching, sullen or lethargic appearance.

#### 751 700 07( ) - ENGLISH PLEASURE

- \* Horses to be shown under saddle, not to jump. English equipment with snaffle, pelham or double bridle, required. Horses should be alert and move obediently and be able to lengthen their stride when asked. Free movement and manners will be emphasized in scoring.
- \* Horses to be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways to the ring. Horses should back easily and stand quietly. At the discretion of the judge, horses may be asked to hand gallop and then to halt on a loose rein.

### GROUND TRAINING

#### 751 100 20( ) - Weanlings (County Only)

#### 751 100 21( ) - Yearlings

#### 751 100 22( ) - Two Year Olds

- \* Contestants may show horses providing they have not been broken to ride. Holders are permitted if they are also 4-H/FFA members. Contestant must provide the judge with a score sheet stating the age of horse, the age of the contestant, the amount of time spent in training, and a list of exercises to be attempted. Score sheet must be **SIGNED BY MEMBER AND LEADER**. All training must have been done by the member. Contestant allowed approximately 15 minutes. *Exercise*: picking up and handling feet, sacking, leading, lounging, haltering, turn on the forehand, turn on the haunch. Side step, backing, head handling, driving, bridling, saddling, hobbling, and posing as for show.



#### 751 700 06( ) - KINDERGARTEN HORSE (County Only)

- \* To compete in this class, an exhibitor must have registered and competed in the ground training class with the same horse, have registered and competed in a ground training class previously. The horse must be three (3) years old, or younger. The horse must have been trained, ridden and shown by member only. A trainer or leader may assist or teach a member, but may only ride the horse for brief disciplinary action. Horse may be used in any event except Ground Training.
- \* Contestants will work together on the rail at all 3 gaits and back up as judge requests.

### TRAIL HORSE

#### 751 700 31( ) - IN-HAND TRAIL (County Only)

- \* Cross entry with ground training only. Class objective is to successfully navigate a trail course with the horse In Hand, which will have a limited number of simple obstacles geared to young horses. This class will be judged on the performance of the horse over the obstacles, with emphasis on manners, response to the handler and attitude.
- \* Credit will be given to those horses negotiating the obstacles with style, and some degree of speed, providing carefulness is not sacrificed. Credit will be given to horses showing capability of picking their own way through course when obstacles warrant it, and willingly responding to handler's cues on more difficult obstacles. Handler may touch the horse with hands for cues. Horse will be required to walk and trot beside the handler as part of the course.

#### 751 100 31( ) - TRAIL

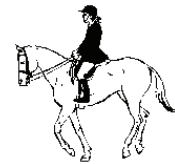
- \* This class will consist of a series of obstacles chosen from the 4-H contest guide. The pattern will be selected by at least 3 leaders, keeping in mind safety at all times. Time to complete trail course is 4 minutes or less. Trail

- must take place in an enclosed area.
- \* If an exhibitor is asked to handle a horse foot, it must be done safely and properly. The horse may not be tied to a structure while the member is picking up or handling feet.
- \* Obstacles to be attempted by Intermediate and Senior members may be more advanced than for Novice and Junior members.
- \* Each contestant will be allowed a total of 2 refusals or unnecessary delays on each obstacle. Failure to complete the obstacle will not disqualify an exhibitor, but will be scored accordingly. Riders' times may be used to break a tie in points.

**DRESSAGE**

- \* Exhibitors may ride 2 different tests. Any horse/rider combination that receives a score of 62 or above, must move up one test on the show premium list the following year.

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| <b>751 700 50( )</b> - Training Level, Test 1 | <b>751 100 54( )</b> - First Level, Test 1 |
| <b>751 100 51( )</b> - Training Level, Test 2 | <b>751 100 55( )</b> - First Level, Test 2 |
| <b>751 100 52( )</b> - Training Level, Test 3 | <b>751 100 56( )</b> - First Level, Test 3 |
| <b>751 100 53( )</b> - Training Level, Test 4 | <b>751 100 57( )</b> - First Level, Test 4 |



**HUNT SEAT EQUITATION OVER FENCES**

**751 800 00( ) - HUNT SEAT QUALIFIER— Non Premium Class (County Only)**  
*(Horse/Rider must receive a blue ribbon to go in the Hunter Hack Class).*

- \* This Class will consist of four to six fences, not to exceed 2'3". One consistent gait preferred at the trot or at the canter. The pattern will be posted. All tack and equipment rules apply here as they do in the Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences Class.

**751 700 04( ) - HUNTER HACK—Non Premium Class (County Only)**  
*(Horse/Rider must receive a blue in the Hunt Seat Qualifier class at this show to compete in this class).*

- \* Horses to be exhibited in appropriate tack and exhibitors in required appropriate attire. Refer to "Hunt Seat Equitation". Horses to be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the arena. Horses are required to jump two fences 2'6" or less and gallop one way of the arena. Stop and back. Stand on loose rein. Wait to be excused and return to line. Horses are judged on suitability as a hunter, way of going, conformation and soundness.
- \* All age levels will compete together for one Grand Champion and one Reserve Grand Champion

**751 100 16( ) - HUNT SEAT EQUITATION OVER FENCES**  
*(Must receive a blue in Hunter Hack at this show)*

- \* A horse should be at least 5 years old before going over jumps. An English jumping type saddle is required. Stirrup bars must be open. A snaffle bit is preferred, but a pelham is permitted. Twisted wire snaffles are not allowed. Use of spurs, breastplate or breast collar, and an English bat or crop up to 24 inches long is optional.
- \* Martingales are not permitted. Dropped-noseband cavessons may be used and must be below the bit and properly adjusted. Bell boots, splints, and bandages are allowed.
- \* All age levels will compete together for one Grand Champion and one Reserve Grand Champion

**DRIVING**

**751 700 05( ) - PLEASURE DRIVING**

**HORSE JUDGING CONTEST (Pre-Fair Contest)**

- 751 900 000** - Novice
- 751 900 001** - Junior
- 751 900 002** - Intermediate
- 751 900 003** - Senior

<b>Premiums</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>6th</b>
	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3	\$2	\$1