

# **EQUINE EXHIBITS INFORMATION**

## **EQUINE DUE/RELEASE**

No equine will be admitted to barns until vet checked. If your animal doesn't pass vet check, you will need to take it home immediately. There are no facilities to hold rejected animals. Equine should arrive so vet check can be completed and animals stalled during the hours given below for each section. No vets are scheduled after check-in time.

All equine and tack must be out of the barns, and stalls completely cleaned immediately following barn release announcement, to allow time to prepare the barns for the next section. Animals and tack must be removed immediately when released. You are encouraged to remove excess tack and equipment early on release day; you can drive onto the fairgrounds until 8:45 am for this purpose.

Wed, Sept 8	IN: Sr Dressage, 5-7pm
Thurs, Sept 9	IN: Sr Performance, 5-7 pm
Sat, Sept 11	OUT: Sr Dressage, 2 pm
Mon, Sept 13	OUT: Sr Performance/Dressage, 2 pm
Tues, Sept 14	IN: Int & Sr Harness, 5-7 pm
Wed, Sept 15	OUT: Int & Sr Harness, 2 pm
	IN: Sr Western Games, 5-7 pm
Sun, Sept 19	OUT: Sr Western Games, 2 pm
	IN: Int Performance/Dressage, 5-7 pm
Thurs, Sept 23	OUT: Int Performance/Dressage, 2 pm
	IN: Int Western Games, 5-7 pm
Sun, Sept 26	OUT: Int Western Games
	4 pm – Zone E Exits
	5 pm – Zone D Exits
	6 pm – Zone C Exits
	7 pm – Zone B Exits
	8 pm – Zone A Exits

## **SCHEDULE OF CLASSES (tentative)**

### Senior Performance/Dressage Section

Thurs, Sept 9	
7 am	Dressage, Dressage Seat Equitation
4:30pm	Dressage, Dressage Seat Equitation
Fri, Sept 10	
7 am	Fit/Show
4:30 pm	Hunt Seat, Saddle Seat
Sat, Sept 11	
8 am	Equine Judging Contest
2 pm	Groom Squad Written Test
4:30 pm	Groom Squad
6:30 pm	Stock Seat
Sun, Sept 12	
7 am	Trail
4:30 pm	Disciplined Rail
Mon, Sept 13	
8 am	Bareback

### Intermediate and Senior Harness Section

Wed, Sept 15	
7 am	Fit/Show, followed by Harness Driving Classes

### Senior Western Games Section

Thurs, Sept 16		
7 am	Fit/Show	
4:30pm	Gaming Events (exact schedule to be determined after entries are received)	
Fri, Sept 17		
8 am	Gaming Events	
4:30 pm	Gaming Events	
Sat, Sept 18		
8 am	Gaming Events	
Sun, Sept 19		
8 am	Gaming Events	

### Intermediate Performance/Dressage Section

Mon, Sept 20		
7 am	Fit/Show, followed by Performance Classes	
Tues, Sept 21		
7 am	Dressage, Dressage Seat Equitation	
Wed, Sept 22		
7 am	Performance Classes	
4:30 pm	Performance Classes	
Thurs, Sept 23		
7 a.m.	Performance Classes	

### Intermediate Western Games Section

Fri, Sept 24		
7 am	Fit/Show	
4:30 pm	Gaming Events (exact schedule to be determined after entries are received)	
Sat, Sept 25		
8 am	Gaming Events	
4:30 pm	Gaming Events	
Sun, Sept 26		
8 am	Gaming Events	

### **EQUINE CONCUSSION PROTOCOL**

A 4-H member who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury during 4-H shows, activities, and events shall be removed from the event at that time. Any 4-H member who has been removed from an event as a result of a suspected head injury may not return to participation until the member is evaluated by a licensed health care provider trained in evaluation and management of concussions and received written clearance to return to participation. (RCW 28A.600.190)

This concussion protocol statement is directly from the current year WSU 4-H Policy and Procedure Handbook. The policy is in effect for the State 4-H Fair and will be followed.

### **ANIMAL ELIGIBILITY**

1. Each member may enter only two species of animals. **Fair management will not adjust show schedules to accommodate exhibitors showing multiple species. Members may participate in multiple equine sections with qualified horse(s).**
2. The exhibit animal must be entered in at least one other class or lot, in addition to fitting and showing and herdsmanship to be eligible premiums.
3. All county allocations are for numbers of stalls. Horses do not share stalls.
4. Animal Entries: (Class 400-999) - Entries will be limited to classes listed in this book. While county show qualifying is not required in 2021, each county is responsible for determining how their allocation is filled. Each county may only fill the designated allocation and then list remaining entries as alternates, who will be called if space is available.

5. The equine used at State 4-H Fair must be the same animal with which the exhibitor qualified in Fitting and Showmanship, as well as in riding sex/age type, or handling classes (etc.) at county qualifying show. If an exhibitor participates with multiple equine at the State 4-H Fair, each animal must have qualified in Fitting and Showmanship, as well as in the riding classes at the county qualifying show. Exhibitors are limited to one animal per gaming or harness section. Exhibitors may qualify two different horses in the performance/dressage section, if their county allocation allows. Please see the rules in that section of the guide.
6. The State 4-H Policies now allow shared project animals. The County Extension Office must notify the State 4-H Fair of any shared project animals that will be participating in the fair. Shared project animals will be dealt with on an individual basis.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. Classes may be subdivided at the discretion of the judge or superintendent.
2. 4-H animal exhibits will be received and dismissed according to the Exhibits Due and Release Schedules.
3. When a county has several entries of the same type of animal, they will be stalled together. Stall decorations and educational theme should be coordinated as a county display - not individual or club.
4. Decorative materials must be fireproof. Flammable material will not be allowed. (Greenery must be dipped or sprayed with a solution of 9 oz. borax and 4 oz. boric acid in one gallon of water.)
5. Ribbons or awards from other fairs will not be displayed.
6. Equine educational displays are either (1) received when animals come in and released when animals leave or (2) may be turned in with other still life exhibits. In the latter case, educational displays will be stored in the 4-H Exhibit Building, and will be claimed by exhibitors at that location on the day of their equine entry. Clean-up crews will discard exhibits or displays left after the animals are released.
7. Equine exhibitors should notify their county Extension office or the State 4-H Fair manager immediately if they decide not to participate in the Fair. This will allow an opportunity for alternates to attend the Fair. A reduction in exhibit animals without notification to State 4-H Fair, after entry forms are sent, may result in lower allocations in the following year for the individual county.
8. Getting animals efficiently unloaded on check-in day requires cooperation from all those bringing animals to the fair. Please follow instructions given by those in charge of the entry, quickly unload animals and tack, and remove vehicles from the area as soon as possible. More information is available in Equine exhibitor letters.
9. All animals must be available for use in State 4-H Fair judging contests and the Equine Groom Squad contest. This includes performance or type judging classes. Refusal by the exhibitor to provide an animal when requested by the show management without adequate reason will result in forfeit of all awards and premiums and continued participation in this year's show.
10. All exhibitors who show animals must show their own animals in both fitting and showmanship and type (equitation, games, dressage or driving) to receive premiums and awards. Any exceptions must obtain the permission of the assistant manager in consultation with the department superintendent. In the case of shared project animals, the situation will be dealt with on an individual basis.
11. Exhibitor letters for members showing animals are available from county Extension offices or may be found on the State 4-H Fair web site. Letters contain specific details pertaining to vet checks, unloading, stalling, showing, schedules, herdsmanship, etc.
12. The Washington State Fair will furnish hay and shavings. Local grass hay only will be available from the fair. If you must have alfalfa or any other type of hay, you will need to provide it yourself. Storage space is not available on the fairgrounds for your personal hay supply. The hay and straw storage shed will not be open to exhibitors. Please order hay and straw in writing from your superintendent before 6pm for the following morning's feed and bedding requirements. Hay and straw bales should not be used for purposes other than feed and bedding. Bring appropriate equipment to handle bedding. All exhibitors must furnish their own grain.
13. The 4-H exhibitor must perform herdsmanship, grooming, handling, and exercise of the project animal. This includes clipping and washing the animal. In cases where 4-H exhibitors are physically

incapable of doing their own clipping or washing, only bona fide 4-H exhibitors may provide needed assistance. Violations of this rule creates loss of learning experience to the exhibitor and unfair competition to other members, particularly in the Fitting and Showmanship contest, and is cause for disqualification of entry. ONLY EXHIBITORS are allowed in stalls.

14. **In case of animal health care emergencies at any time, the 4-H show superintendent should be located. The 4-H superintendent will contact a veterinarian to provide animal health care. Veterinarians will charge for travel, service, and medications used. Exhibitors will be required to pay at the time of service. Vet charges will not be deducted from premium payments.**
15. In all animal exhibits, medication can only be given with the approval of the department superintendent or appropriate asst. manager, except in an emergency situation or when administered by a veterinarian at the scene. **It is not consistent with Washington State 4-H policy to administer any drug or medication that could affect the performance or disposition of the animal, resulting in an unfair advantage to the exhibitor or endangering the animal's well being.**
16. **All 4-H members who exhibit animal projects shall be responsible for the humane care and showmanship of their animal. Failure to comply may result in dismissal from the State 4-H Fair exhibit, and forfeiture of all premiums.**
17. State 4-H Fair management reserves the right to dismiss any animal showing signs of lameness, unsoundness, or stress from further participation, upon recommendation of the fair veterinarian.
18. Equine must leave when dismissed; tack and extra show equipment may be removed early on exit day. Animals and stall decor must remain in place until release. Do not leave animals unattended in parking lots.
19. **Policy on riders coming off of their horse in situations where there is NOT a suspected concussion or head injury: When a riders comes off of their horse the first time, the parent/legal guardian must sign a waiver to ride in further classes. The waiver form will be available in the horse barn office. If medical attention is required, medical staff must sign the waiver allowing the rider to ride in further classes. If a rider comes off of their horse a second time, the rider will be excused from riding further classes at this year's fair. If there is a suspected concussion or head injury, the 4-H State Policy on concussion protocol will be followed and takes priority.**

#### **QUALITY ANIMAL CARE AGREEMENT**

This is an agreement, formal or implied, between 4-H participants and the management of this Fair. Its purpose is to:

- Encourage ethical decisions and activities by 4-H youth.
  - Ensure the overall well-being of all 4-H animals exhibited.
  - Ensure the use of commonly accepted practices in preparing and exhibiting animals for show.
  - Maintain a safe and wholesome food supply.
  - Maintain the intent and integrity of animal competitions and displays for future generations.
1. The purpose of my participation in the Washington 4-H Animal Sciences Program is to strengthen my own knowledge, ability, and skill as a feeder, manager, trainer, caregiver, and exhibitor of animals and to develop my sense of responsibility and good character. If my project includes food production animals, my goal is to produce safe and wholesome food.
  2. I will do my own project work to the best of my ability.
  3. I will not use or allow abusive, fraudulent, or illegal practices or products to be used in the feeding, care, fitting, training, and showing of my animals.
  4. I will not misrepresent my animals or myself in any way.
  5. I will read, understand, and follow the rules, without exception, of animal shows in which I am a participant and ask that my parents and my 4-H leader do the same.

6. My animal project is an example of how to accept what life has to offer, both good and bad, and how to live with the outcome. I will treat other people's animals with the same respect and care I give my own animals.
7. I realize that I am responsible for the proper care and safe, humane treatment of my animals. I realize that I am also responsible for demonstrating strong moral fiber and good character as an example to others.
8. I will voice any objections to events related to my participation by using the protest policy described in the premium book. I will not directly interfere with the judge, show management, or other exhibitors before, during, or after the event.
9. I accept that failure to uphold this commitment could result in forfeiture of my right to participate in the 4-H Animal Sciences Program.

### **ANIMAL HEALTH AND THE USE OF ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES**

The use of illegal drugs and/or the improper use of animal health products or foreign substances will not be tolerated in the Washington State 4-H Youth Development Program. Extension personnel, 4-H volunteers, families, youth, and fair/show officials have a legal and moral obligation not to misuse these products. We have the responsibility to tell others not to use these substances, and to report those who do use any illegal substance.

The administration of any drug or medication, which could affect an animal's performance resulting in an unfair advantage or the disposition of the animal, is unacceptable. Additionally, there are federal penalties for using illegal substances in animals that are going into the nation's food supply.

### **HERDSMANSHIP**

1. Good care of your animal and assigned exhibiting space is an important part of the privilege and responsibility of exhibiting at this level in Washington 4-H. Because many more people see your animal in the barn than the show ring, exhibitors are expected to maintain barn, feeding, and grooming conditions that will insure the good health and safety of the animals in their care, and will show consideration and sensitivity toward the public visiting the State 4-H Fair exhibit. Exhibitors are expected to be available to the fair visitor to discuss their 4-H exhibit or project. 4-H exhibitors are reminded that they are hosts/hostesses in their barn.
2. The public's interest in animal welfare, and their opinion of the quality of care given to animals, has become a critical issue.
3. Exhibiting 4-H members are to perform their own herdsman chores. Herdsmanship done by non-exhibitors can result in forfeit of all awards and premiums by the exhibitor involved. Exception: see following paragraph.
4. Herdsmanship will not be scored until the first morning.
5. Each superintendent will ask for volunteer adults to monitor the actions of fairgoers, oversee the humane care of animals, and provide support for 4-H exhibitors. These are not adult herdsman. They will be assigned as deemed necessary by the superintendent and assistant manager, and will be given instructions. All show monitors will wear identifying tags.
6. It is the intent of the State 4-H Fair to recognize every exhibitor who maintains adequate standards, not to try to determine only a small group of "winners". Herdsmanship should not be competitive; it is a responsibility that comes with the privilege of participating at the Washington State 4-H Fair, and demonstrates personal pride and county team support.
7. **NO COOKING IS ALLOWED IN THE BARN.** For your own health, and to demonstrate to your fair visitor appropriate hygiene habits for when humans are in close proximity to farm animals, please do not cook, eat or drink while in the penning/stalling/ public areas in livestock and equine barns. This applies to exhibitor and chaperone/parent, etc. and will be enforced by the Washington State Fair.
8. In equine herdsman evaluations, scores of 80 - 89 will earn red ribbons, while 90 - 100 will earn blue ribbons. Scores lower than 80 will receive no ribbon placing, and will result in loss of 20 points in the total premiums earned by each member of the county team. One warning of inadequate herdsman will be given. A no-placing penalty will be assigned at the next herdsman evaluation if problems have not been corrected. Herdsman evaluation will be based on group performance, and all exhibitors within each county group will receive the same score. Each animal

section will be scored separately. If a red ribbon placing (score of 80-89) is earned by a county/group, the result will be the loss of one stall/pen in the same section during the following year. If no ribbon placing (score of 80 or lower) is earned by a county/group, that county/ group will not be invited back to the same section the following year.

9. Herdsmanship hours will be scheduled and regular hours will be maintained.
10. Exhibitors from counties with small numbers of entries are encouraged to combine herdsmanhip schedules with other counties with small exhibit numbers.
11. State 4-H Fair officials will designate grooming areas.

### **FITTING & SHOWMANSHIP CONTESTS**

1. In Fitting and Showmanship, the emphasis is on the knowledge and performance of the 4-H member. In type judging the emphasis is on the condition, conformation and characteristics of the animal. We are most concerned with personal development of the 4-H member. Therefore, all fitting & showmanship contests have the same premium points (blue-75, red-55, white-40) regardless of the type, size, training or value of the animal involved.
2. All exhibitors must complete a fitting and showmanship class in order to receive premiums and/or ribbons in their animal section. Fitting and showmanship classes are concluded with the selection of champion/reserve champion exhibitors. Exhibitors, if selected, may choose to not enter the championship contest but must make that decision prior to the start of the championship contest. Leaving the show ring after the contest has begun will result in loss of all premiums/ ribbons for the exhibitor in that animal section.
3. All animals used for fitting and showmanship must also be entered in type (performance, games, harness, dressage) competition in the 4-H show.
  - a. Equine exhibitors are required to show their own animal in fitting and showmanship as well as their riding, driving, performance, type, or obedience class. (Equine exhibitors must participate in a minimum of one performance event to qualify for any show premiums.) Permission for equine exhibitors to be excused from the performance requirement (due to illness or other emergency) must be obtained from the assistant manager or designated show official in order for fitting and showmanship premiums to be retained.
4. See appropriate animals portion of the premium list for class and lot numbers.
5. Fitting and showmanship reference for State Fair will be PNW574 – 4-H Horse Contest Guide.
6. Superintendents of each class will notify the judge of any exhibitor with disabilities so the judge can consider the nature of the disability when placing the contestant - at the exhibitor's option.

### **EXHIBITORS IN MULTIPLE EQUINE SECTIONS**

1. Each county is responsible to manage the selection of State 4-H Fair equine participants, within the rules prescribed in the Exhibitor Guide. Participants in multiple equine sections must fill out separate entry forms for each section.
2. All equine at the State 4-H Fair must have qualified in Fitting and Showmanship, along with a riding class at the county qualifying show.
3. Exhibitors must enter fitting and showmanship in each section they participate in at the State 4-H Fair. Premiums will be paid for only one fit/show class at the State 4-H Fair. Participants in multiple sections must designate, in advance, which fit/show class is their premium class. If the designation is not made, the first fit/show class will be the premium class.
4. Premiums will be paid to exhibitors on one riding class per section.

### **VETERINARY RULES**

#### **GENERAL VETERINARY INFORMATION**

A health certificate is NOT required by the Washington State Fair. The health status of entries will be ascertained at the time of entry and will continue under the Animal Health Department's surveillance while on the Fairgrounds. All entries must be free from visible evidence of infectious and contagious disease when presented and must remain so while on exhibit. The Fair veterinarian will be the final authority in determination of suitability for exhibition.

Any animal refused by the veterinarian at check-in must be removed from the fair grounds and returned home immediately. There are no facilities to house animals that can't be exhibited. Animals on exhibit at the Fair are the very best of their species and must present this image to the viewing public.

Exhibitors should note and respect the potential for exposure to health-threatening conditions while at a fair. Crowding of animals, long distance hauling and changing environmental conditions are major stresses to which exhibit animals are subjected. Animals, like humans, have the capability to become recovered carriers of viruses or other infectious agents. Exhibition-imposed stress may cause a recrudescence or reactivation with resulting outbreaks of disease, as occurs with malaria in humans. The Fair management will do all in its power to protect each exhibit while on display.

“4-H Animal Exhibitor Commitment to Quality Animal Care” statement has been added to this book. It has been adopted by the Washington State University Extension 4-H Youth Development Program, and will be enforced at the Washington State 4-H Fair. It's application is not restricted to food-source animals.

The exhibitor has important responsibilities prior to fair time. These responsibilities should be implemented three weeks before entering the fair circuit. Vaccinations must be up to date and an effective parasite control program employed. State-of-the-art prophylactic care is strongly recommended for all animals to be exhibited.

Animals not intended for exhibition will be denied entry to the fairgrounds.

**EQUINE:** An inspection will take place at the fairgrounds when your animal arrives. Prophylactic measures should be considered. See General Veterinarian Information.

The West Nile Virus is being diagnosed in some equine in Washington. While not requiring vaccine protection from this mosquito-borne illness, appropriate vaccine protection is encouraged by the WA State 4-H Fair.

Since incidents of equine monocytic ehrlichiosis (Potomac horse fever - PHF), Rhinopneumonitis (Equine Herpes Virus, EHV-1) influenza and tetanus occur in Washington, vaccinal protection is recommended by the Washington State Fair.

**COMPANION ANIMALS PROHIBITED:** Animals and birds not intended for exhibition will be denied entry to the fairgrounds. Please leave your pet at home for its own protection, with the exception of properly identified Guide or Service dogs. They should be properly protected against infectious and communicable diseases as indicated for exhibit animals.

### **EQUINE GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. State 4-H Fair equine department participation is limited to Intermediate and Senior 4-H members.
2. County quotas will be established yearly and all exhibitors must be a part of the county quota.
3. A 4-H member may participate in multiple State 4-H Fair equine show sections each year.
4. Stallions are prohibited in all classes.
5. Barn and show rules and other information important for a successful experience are available in the Equine Exhibitor Letter 1.14m. It is available from the County Extension Office or on the State 4-H website at <http://4h.wsu.edu/statefair/index.htm>
6. No mares with foals are allowed in the show.
7. Champions will be named in all classes in all sections, unless a class must be cancelled due to available arena time. Champion and placing rosettes are only awarded where warranted to blue ribbon participants.
8. The equine used by the exhibitor must be the equine on which the exhibitor qualified in both Fitting and Showmanship and Equitation, Games, Dressage or Harness at county. If a question of project equine identity arises, it will be the 4-H leader's responsibility to provide verification that the proper equine is being exhibited.
9. All participants will wear a contestant identification number provided by the Fair. Numbers must be clearly visible at all times when in competition. Participants may laminate their number if desired, but no other modifications may be made to them (trimming, coloring, etc.). Numbers will be worn on the contestant's back or on the side of the pads, either pinned or in harnesses specifically designed for

this purpose. A second number, if desired by the exhibitor, will be supplied by the State 4-H Fair. Donations are desired to cover the second set of numbers.

10. Because of safety and liability concerns, and to reduce opportunities for coaching (not appropriate), foot traffic in the paddock areas will be limited to exhibitors called for the next show lot, and identified show officials. The paddock areas are defined as the (1) area beginning at the southeast corner of the draft horse barn, and extending to the arena fencing. It is bounded on the southeast by the fence and exit road, and on the northwest by the fence and grassed area, and (2) arena south of barns. Disregard of this restriction will result in premium/ribbon loss by exhibitors related to, supervised by, and/or conversing with the unauthorized person.
11. If unexpected events reduce the amount of arena time available to conduct the entire section's show, the last scheduled class(es) will be eliminated from the section's schedule.
12. In the case of disparity in county/state safety regulations, the more restrictive rules will apply. If a county has safety-related rules for their exhibitors that are more restrictive than State 4-H Fair rules, county rules will take precedence with their 4-H exhibitors at State 4-H Fair. If a county's rules are less restrictive than State 4-H Fair rules, State Fair rules will take precedence for that county's exhibitors. State 4-H Fair management will enforce State 4-H Fair rules - county chaperones will be responsible to enforce more restrictive county rules.
13. State 4-H Fair management reserves the right to dismiss any animal showing signs of lameness, unsoundness, or stress, from further participation upon consultation with the official fair veterinarian. If your animal has a suspicious or irregular way of going, a signed statement from your local veterinarian would be helpful in correctly ascertaining condition of the animal.
14. All Washington 4-H youth participating in all equine projects and activities must wear ASTM/SEI approved headgear when mounted or driving. The headgear must have a chin strap and be properly fitted.
15. All rules and expectations for other 4-H animal exhibitors will be applicable to this section. See the front portion of this book, Animal Exhibits Information, for more detail.
16. Exhibiting your 4-H animal at the State 4-H Fair implies you will uphold the "Animal Project Exhibitor Commitment to Quality Animal Care" statement in this book. It applies to exhibitors of all species of animals. Please read that document prior to completing your entry forms.
17. Because of safety and liability concerns, photographers will not be allowed onto the floor of the arena during any class.
18. Tail extensions are considered to be "equipment". If the tail extension becomes loose, it will be considered an equipment failure and the exhibitor will be dismissed from the arena.
19. **State 4-H Fair Equine Dress Code:** We will be following the dress code as printed in the PNW Horse Contest Guide, with the exception that chaps are not allowed in any class.
20. **If an exhibitor received a white ribbon placing in a class at the county qualifying show, the member is not eligible to enter that same class at the State 4-H Fair.**
21. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning stalls, including washing stall walls, if needed. Cleaning stalls and/or taking down of decorations may not take place until the designated barn closure time for that section. Violations will result in the forfeiture of premiums.

## **EQUINE ACTIVITIES**

### **CLASS 4 – NATIONAL EQUINE PRESENTATION CONTEST**

**Contest Coordinator: Jennifer Leach, State 4-H Equine Specialist (jleach@wsu.edu)**

**Premium Points: Blue 40, Red 30, White 22**

- Lot 1 Public Presentation – individual
- Lot 2 Public Presentation – team (2)
- Lot 3 Public Speech – individual

**EVENT DATE: Sunday, September 12, beginning at 10 a.m., in the Paulhamus Meeting Room, upstairs above the State 4-H Fair Office.**

- a. Open to Senior 4-H members only.
- b. Business attire or dress appropriate to the subject is acceptable.



- c. Participation in this class will be limited to one entry per county in each lot.
- d. This contest will be conducted on one day only, and will be located in the Paulhamus Meeting Room. All participants must be listed by their County Extension Office on form WS4HF/1.06m. Participants will be called to be scheduled for their presentation time. If the participants cannot participate and needs to cancel, please call the State 4-H Fair Office to inform contest officials.
- e. The same judges will judge all presentations.
- f. Live animals may not be used as a part of the presentation.
- g. Information listed under Class 1 and Class 3, as applicable to these contests, will be part of Class 4, also. In this contest, electronic sounds amplification will not be used.
- h. Refer to General Information for Classes 1-22. Request Exhibitor Letter 1.23m.
- i. A complete copy of the rules and sample score sheets for the National Equine Presentation Contest is available from the County Extension Office.
- j. Top age eligible blue ribbon winners in team presentation, individual presentation, and public speech will be identified to represent Washington State 4-H and compete at the Eastern 4-H Equine Roundup in Louisville, KY the first weekend in November. Only the registration fee is covered by WSU 4-H. No other expenses are covered by WSU 4-H.
- k. Winners will be announced at the conclusion of all presentations with the intent of gathering registration information for the national equine presentations (see above).

### **CLASS 8 – GROOM SQUAD**

**Superintendents – Dawn Bauer**

**Premium Points: Blue 15, Red 11, White 8**

Lot 1 – Groom Squad Senior Team

**EVENT DATE: Saturday, September 11 with test at 2 p.m. – check in at the Paulhamus Meeting Room .... contest at 4:30 p.m. in the Paulhamus Horse Arena.**

1. This contest is open to one team of seniors from each county. The team will be composed of three county 4-H equine members selected in any manner deemed appropriate at the county level.
2. Members of the county groom squad may participate in this event without being entered in any other classes at the State 4-H Fair.
3. A separate green entry form (CO944) must be filled out at the time of registration for each squad member. **Do not fill the entry form out prior to the event.**
4. Groom squad horses will be selected by fair management from horses on exhibit. Information, “State 4-H Fair Groom Squad Event”, (WS4HF/3.66h) is available from County Extension Offices and on the State 4-H website. Because of the unique situation, the event conducted at the State 4-H Fair may not duplicate the county qualifying event.
5. Champion and Reserve Champion Rosettes will be awarded to the members of the top two teams, provided a blue ribbon placing has been earned.

### **CLASS 18 – EQUINE JUDGING CONTEST**

**Superintendent – Pat Pehling**

**Premium Points: Blue 30, Red 23, White 17**

Lot 1 – Juniors

Lot 2 – Intermediates

Lot 3 – Seniors

**EVENT DATE: Saturday, September 11....registration begins at 8 am in the Paulhamus Horse Arena.**

1. Please refer to all general judging contest rules and National Judging Contest rules found in the General Activities and Contests section of the premium book.
2. Each county may enter up to ten juniors, ten intermediates, and ten seniors in the equine judging contest.

3. All equine judging contestants are to register at 8 a.m. on the morning of the contest, in the Paulhamus Horse Arena. One adult should accompany each county team during registration (one for the junior team, one for the intermediate team, and one for the senior team).
4. Participants will judge six classes: two halter classes (any breed or type), one pleasure class (western, hunter, or other than hunter type), one equitation class (stock seat, saddle seat, or hunt seat), plus two other classes. All age divisions will judge the same classes.
5. Rules covering classes are in PNW574 – 4-H Horse Contest Guide, USA Equestrian Rules, and AQHA Rules.
6. Horses will not be handled by the contestants, but time will be provided in halter classes for close inspection and observe the horses at a walk and a trot.
7. Fifteen minutes will be allowed for contestants to judge non-reasons classes, 17 minutes for a reasons class. This is to allow contestants time to make observations, take notes, and fill out their placing cards.
8. Juniors will not participate in oral reasons. One class of oral reasons will be required for intermediates and two classes of oral reasons will be required for seniors. Written reasons will not be a part of the contest. Oral reasons will be scored using the WA 4-H Oral Reasons Score Card, C0737 or C0739. Intermediates may use notes when giving oral reasons; excessive reference to notes will be severely penalized. Seniors may not use notes when giving oral reasons.
9. Only contestants and contest officials will be allowed in the contest arena; portions of the bleachers will also be restricted to contestants only.
10. All horses using in judging classes will be considered sound of limb, eye, wind, and mouth. All tack and attire used in riding classes will be considered correct.
11. No printed study material is allowed in the contest area. Clipboards and blank note paper are allowed.
12. The top four age eligible senior winners will be identified to represent Washington State 4-H and compete at the Eastern 4-H Equine Roundup in Louisville, KY the first weekend in November. Only the registration fee is covered by WSU 4-H. No other expenses are covered by WSU 4-H.
13. Winners will be announced at the conclusion of the horse judging contest with the intent of gathering information for the national horse judging contest (see above).

### **PERFORMANCE/DRESSAGE EQUINE**

Coordinator – Debbie Harbin

1. Intermediate exhibitors may enter a maximum of seven classes in Classes 900 – 914. Each exhibitor must participate in fitting and showmanship, herdsmanship and one equitation class to earn premiums. Other equitation classes will be entered for ribbons only. English Dressage riders may enter only one class in Classes 911-913. Western Dressage riders may enter only one class in Classes 915-916. **The Disciplined Rail Classes will not be offered in the intermediate performance section.**
2. Senior exhibitors may enter a maximum of eight classes in Classes 900-908. Each exhibitor must participate in fitting and showmanship, herdsmanship, and one equitation class to earn premiums. Other equitation classes will be entered for ribbons only. English Dressage riders may enter only one class in Classes 911-913. Western Dressage riders may enter only one class in Classes 915-916. **Senior exhibitors may enter either Class 907 or Class 908, but not both.** If both classes are listed on the entry form, only the first class will be entered and the second class listed will be eliminated.
3. All classes, except Western Dressage, will be conducted as indicated in PNW574 “4-H Horse Contest Guide” (effective October 1, 2015) and is available through your Extension office and on the WSU 4-H website. Proper tack for riding each seat is listed in PNW574. If a particular piece of tack is not listed, it is not allowed at State 4-H Fair. Those chosen to participate in the championship round in each equitation class in each section will be required to ride an assigned pattern as part of the final placement of the class.
4. Equine in barns at time of judging contest will be used in the State 4-H Judging Contest. This includes both performance and type judging. Refusal by the exhibitor to provide an equine when

requested by show management, without reasonable excuse, will result in forfeiture of all awards and premiums and continued participation in this year's State 4-H Equine Show.

5. Specific rules for the "Disciplined Rail" class may be found at the end of the equine section of this exhibitor guide. Participants in this class must qualify at the county qualifying event.
6. **English Dressage:** Both Intermediates and Seniors will ride Dressage Test 3 at their level. The reference will be the United States Dressage Federation. All tests will be ridden in the standard sized arena. Readers will not be provided or permitted in the English Dressage Classes.
7. **Western Dressage:** Both Intermediates and Seniors will ride Western Dressage Test 4 at their level. For Washington state, the reference will be the Western Dressage Association of America. All tests will be ridden in the standard sized arena. Readers will not be provided or permitted in the Western Dressage Classes.
8. Exhibitors may qualify with two different horses, one in dressage and one in performance. If the county allocation allows, the exhibitor may bring both horses to the State 4-H Fair. While the exhibitor must qualify in fit/show with both horses at the county level, each exhibitor will only enter one horse in fit/show in this section at the State 4-H Fair. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to decide which horse to enter in their fit/show class.
9. Premiums will be paid for one fit/show class, one performance class, and one dressage class. The exhibitor must enter the appropriate lot on their entry form indicating their premium class.

**CLASS 900 - HERDSMANSHIP**

Lot 1 – Ribbon only

**CLASS 901 - FITTING & SHOWMANSHIP**

**Premium Points: Blue 75, Red 55, White 40**

Lot 2 – Intermediates

Lot 3 – Seniors

**CLASS 902 - SADDLE SEAT EQUITATION**

**CLASS 903 - HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION**

**CLASS 904 - STOCK SEAT EQUITATION**

**CLASS 905 - BAREBACK EQUITATION**

**CLASS 906 – TRAIL**

**CLASS 907 – DISCIPLINED RAIL – WESTERN - NOT OFFERED TO INTERMEDIATES**

**CLASS 908 – DISCIPLINED RAIL – ENGLISH – NOT OFFERED TO INTERMEDIATES**

**CLASS 911 – ENGLISH DRESSAGE, TRAINING LEVEL**

**CLASS 912 – ENGLISH DRESSAGE, FIRST LEVEL**

**CLASS 913 – ENGLISH DRESSAGE, SECOND LEVEL**

**CLASS 914 – ENGLISH DRESSAGE SEAT EQUITATION**

**CLASS 915 – WESTERN DRESSAGE, BASIC LEVEL**

**CLASS 916 – WESTERN DRESSAGE, LEVEL 1**

**CLASS 917 – WESTERN DRESSAGE SEAT EQUITATION**

**Premium Points: Blue 75, Red 55, White 40**

Lot 12 – Intermediate Premium Points

Lot 13 – Senior Premium Points

Lot 22 – Intermediate Ribbons only

Lot 23 – Senior Ribbons only

Champion through 8<sup>th</sup> place will be selected in each Class 901-906, provided blue placings were earned. No additional premium points will be awarded for placing 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Champion through 5<sup>th</sup> place will be selected in each Class 907-917, provided blue placings were earned. No additional premium points will be awarded for placing 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>.

## **WESTERN GAMES**

Coordinator – Gwen Carrell

1. Intermediate exhibitors may enter a maximum of seven classes in Classes 925-932. Each exhibitor must participate in fitting and showmanship, herdsmanship and one games event to earn premiums. Other games will be entered for ribbons only.
2. Senior exhibitors may enter a maximum of eight classes in Classes 925-932. Each exhibitor must participate in fitting and showmanship, herdsmanship and one games event to earn premiums. Other games will be entered for ribbons only.
3. All classes will be conducted as indicated in “4-H Horse Contest Guide”, (PNW574).
4. Lane lines will not be drawn. Start/finish lines and run out boxes will be drawn.
5. Times for ribbon awards will be established at the conclusion of the previous year’s contest, by averaging times with the two previous years. Show management will be allowed a 5% margin to compensate for arena conditions. Separate intermediate and senior times will be maintained.

### **CLASS 925 - HERDSMANSHIP**

Lot 1 – Ribbon only

### **CLASS 926 - FITTING & SHOWMANSHIP**

**Premium Points: Blue 75, Red 55, White 40**

Lot 2 – Intermediates

Lot 3 – Seniors

### **CLASS 927 - TEXAS BARREL RACE**

### **CLASS 928 - POLE BENDING**

### **CLASS 929 - TWO BARREL FLAG RACE**

### **CLASS 930 - IDAHO FIGURE EIGHT STAKE RACE**

### **CLASS 931 - POLE KEY RACE**

### **CLASS 932 – INTERNATIONAL FLAGS**

**Premium Points: Blue 75, Red 55, White 40**

Lot 12 – Intermediate Premium Points

Lot 22 – Intermediate Ribbons only

Lot 13 – Senior Premium Points

Lot 23 – Senior Ribbons only

Champion through 8th place will be selected in each Class 926-932, provided blue placings were earned. No additional premium points will be awarded for placing 1st -8<sup>th</sup>

## **HARNES DRIVING**

1. An exhibitor may enter a maximum of five classes in Classes 950 - 959. Each exhibitor must participate in fitting and showing/showmanship, herdsmanship and one driving class to earn premiums. Other driving classes will be entered for ribbons only.
2. "4-H Horse Contest Guide" (PNW 574) will be the official rules.
3. This exhibit includes both horse and ponies. Please specify size of horse or pony on blue entry form.
4. Class 956 may include either Precision Driving I or Precision Driving Open classes.
5. Harness driving and dressage exhibitors will share in the same fit/show class and compete against each other.

### **CLASS 950 - HERDSMANSHIP**

Lot 1 – Ribbon only

### **CLASS 951 - FITTING & SHOWMANSHIP**

Points Allowed: Blue 75, Red 55, White 40

Lot 2 – Intermediates

Lot 3 – Seniors

### **CLASS 955 - REINSMANSHIP**

### **CLASS 956 - PRECISION DRIVING, I OR OPEN**

### **CLASS 957 - PLEASURE DRIVING**

#### **Premium Points: Blue 75, Red 55, White 40**

Lot 12 – Intermediate Premium Points

Lot 22 – Intermediate Ribbons only

Lot 13 – Senior Premium Points

Lot 23 – Senior Ribbons only

Champion through 5th place will be selected in each Class 951-957, provided blue placings were earned, in each age group. No additional premium points will be awarded for placing 1st -5<sup>th</sup>.

## Washington State 4-H Fair Disciplined Rail Rules

This is an equitation class in which the rider performs maneuvers as a group, as a rail equitation class (i.e. no individual work).

Disciplined rail is a class that tests the skills of both the horse and rider, as they execute specific gaits, transitions, and/or movements as requested by the judge. The horse should do what the rider asks with the least possible effort on the part of the rider and the least amount of resistance from the horse. The member will be judged on correct posture, smooth gait transitions, and effective use of aids, with special emphasis on light hands. The performance of the horse is not to be considered more important than the methods used by the rider in obtaining that performance

The judge is encouraged to call for reasonable tests of horsemanship with the rider demonstrating overall equitation as related to *seat and hands*; *performance*; and *member and appointments* as per the Equitation division of the PNW 4-H Horse Contest Guide, PNW 574, current edition.

**This is not a game (i.e. “Simon Says”) or an elimination/out class.**

Tack, Equipment, and Appointments: Same requirements as per the respective seats of the Equitation Division in the PNW 4-H Horse Contest Guide, PNW 574, current edition.

The following are some, but not all, of the maneuvers the judge may ask you to perform:

- Enter ring on right track
- Transitions to and from any gait, such as trot to canter, hand gallop to halt, halt to canter, trot to counter canter, etc. You may also be asked to perform a gait for a specific number of steps or strides.
- Extension and collection of any gait.
- Lope/canter on correct lead
- Starting and traveling on the incorrect lead/counter canter.
- Hand gallop/extended canter/extended lope (depending on seat and/or number of exhibitors)
- Change leads—simple, interrupted, or flying (Example: “As you pass in front of the judge, perform a simple change of lead.”)
- Ride without irons/stirrups and drop and pick up irons/stirrups
- Haunch or forward turn (need forward motion), judge may ask for specific number of degrees
- Turn on forehand and turn on hind quarter (once each way).
- Leg Yield such as away from and back to the rail.
- Side pass both away from the rail (at least five steps) and then back to the rail.
- Transition from any gait to a balanced halt/stop
- Starting into a lope from a halt.
- Reverse at a jog/trot (but not at lope)
- Change of diagonals (English)
- Back -
- Walk “on the buckle”.
- Stand for inspection or stop and stand quietly on a loose rein.
- Mount and dismount
- Answer questions from 4-H project materials
- Judge may ask for additional safe work reflective of horsemanship and equitation

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*Disciplined rail rules adapted from the following sources: California 4-H Horse Program; New Hampshire 4-H Horse Program; and Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program. Edited by Jennifer Leach, Interim 4-H Horse Equine Specialist, May 2013 for use at the Washington State 4-H Fair.*