

Horse & Pony

1. All exhibitors, parents, and spectators will conduct themselves in a manner as to set a good example for other 4-H exhibitors and other spectators at the show. Impolite behavior, poor sportsmanship, disruptive actions, may cause disqualification and/or removal from the grounds. Trailer rigs may load and unload at the barn but must be parked in the area designated by the parking attendants.
2. No horses are to be ridden on the midway or streets. An area will be designated the day of the show for exercising animals before classes. No free-lunging or realizing of horses in the arena will be allowed. Horses are allowed to stand along fence and around the show ring. Horses may not be ridden in the barn. Only 4-H'ers are allowed to exercise animals in specified areas during posted times and under committee supervision.
3. Horses may only be mounted and dismounted on the south side of the road. All horses must be at a flat walk when leaving the riding or warm up arenas.
4. The horse Barn will be closed from midnight until 5:00 AM Friday through Tuesday nights of the 4-H Show. A security guard will patrol the barn during those time periods to monitor animals and personal property in the barn. No exhibitors may stay overnight in the Horse & Pony Barn.

Camping is under the jurisdiction of the Marion County Fair and is not a 4-h activity. 4-H Leaders and volunteers are not covered by 4-H liability protection while camping. Contact the appropriate club representative to reserve a camping space with the Marion county Fairgrounds.

5. All animals must be sound and healthy. Any questionable animal may be removed by a licensed veterinarian and/or the discretion of official show judge.
6. All animals must be shown at the height indicated on the enrollment form (i.e., shod or unshod). The show committee may measure at random, one time only, any animal of questionable height. Animals 56 inches and under are considered to be ponies and animals over 56 inches to be horses. If all club superintendents agree to a pre-measurement arrangement prior to May 15, the measurement enrollment form will be accepted by the Marion County Horse and Pony Committee.
7. All horse and ponies must be enrolled on state enrollment forms by May 15. This form must be on file with the county extension office. Each 4-H'er may enroll only three animals (mare and foal count as one). If using a share or lease agreement, this form is also due by May 15. (In the event May 15 falls on a weekend, the Monday following will be the deadline) to the Marion County Extension Office.
8. All 4-H'ers must be enrolled by May 15 to be eligible to show at the Marion county Horse & Pony Show.
9. If it is known that a horse or pony kicks, for safety reasons, while on the fairgrounds and during classes, a red ribbon must be attached to the animal's tail.
10. All 4-H'ers are required to keep stalls and aisles clean. Bring own suitable equipment.
11. All 4-H members are required to clean stalls before leaving the fairgrounds and check out with appropriate leader. Failure to clean your stalls prior to leaving will result in you being charged and additional fee of \$20 for your stall the next year before you can receive a stall.
12. The Marion County Fair Board does not permit dogs on the fairgrounds.
13. Exhibitor should also provide a suitable container and lock for all equipment in the barn. Please watch your equipment. No locks will be allowed on horse stalls.

14. Only 4-H Horse and Pony project members may ride, lunge, or drive 4-H animals on the Marion County Fairgrounds or at any 4-h event.
15. Stalling procedures will be by reservation. Information will be posted on the Marion County Horse & Pony website at to how and when reservations will be accepted. First priority will be given to horses, and tack stalls will be assigned if there is space available.
16. Parents and the public, along with 4-H'ers are expected to conduct themselves in a dignified, sportsman-like manner. **It is not acceptable to encourage misconduct, any violation of reasonably expected behavior and/or behavior that does not comply with terms and conditions of the 4-H Adult Behavioral Expectations.**
17. Any unauthorized motor vehicles will not be allowed in or around the show arena, horse barns, and nearby facilities.
18. **Protests:** Protests will be pursued with a \$100.00 fee submitted within two classes of the one being protested to the 4-H Youth Extension Educator on duty. The fee may be waived at the discretion of the protest committee if deemed a hardship. The protest committee will consist of the Extension Educator and all functioning 4-H Horse & Pony Superintendents or Assistant Superintendents on site at the time of the protest. The fee will be returned to protesting member if their protest is upheld. The fee will be forfeited to the appropriate 4-H Horse and Pony fund in the event that the protesting party fails to sustain the protest.

Non-Protestalbe Decisions:

- **The soundness of an animal as determined by the official veterinarian.**
- **The soundness of an animal as determined by the official judge.**
- **A judge's decision that represents his or her personal preference or opinion.**

Registration

1. A number will be assigned to each exhibitor. The exhibitor will use the same number for the entire show week. If the number becomes lost or damaged, please check at the registration booth for a new number. The exhibitor must be registered at least two classes ahead for the show day.
2. Registration is not necessary for the Fun Show. If you are interested in participating in these classes be at the gate when the class is called.

Show Rules

1. The administering of any drug, steroid, or forbidden substance to animals in the 4-H Horse & Pony Show is **strictly prohibited** per Indiana State Fair guidelines.
2. Animals exhibited must be owned by the contestant showing the animal or in partnership with the member family unless the 4-H'er has on file at the Marion County Extension Office a lease agreement. Lease agreements must be approved by your club's 4-H Superintendent.
3. Interpretation of 4-h Junior and Senior age as per the current Indiana State Fair Handbook and/or Purdue University State 4-H Department.
4. No stallions are eligible to show except in calendar year of birth. January 1 shall be considered the birthday of all animals. Animals may either be registered or grade.
5. A trophy and six placing ribbons will be awarded in each class.
6. Under control and at a walk, gaming horses may be ridden into and out of the ring.
7. If more than one child from a family wishes to show the same animal at the Marion County Fair a joint (share) agreement must be filed (stating reason) and approved by the 4-h Horse and Pony Educator. This must also be filed at the county extension office by May 15.

8. A lease agreement implies "ownership" of the horse. A leased animal can only be used by the "lessee" 4-H member unless the animal is being shared by a family member (and a share agreement has been filed and approved by the Marion County 4-H Horse and Pony Extension Educator) per Indiana Horse & Pony policy.
9. A field judge and ring steward will check for proper equipment before the exhibitor enters the ring. Riders can use the 2 minute gate call time to change to approved equipment or they will have to scratch from the class. They will also make decisions on re-rides, qualified rides, etc. This applies to Contesting Class only. If equipment breaks in a contesting event it must be called in the ring and a re-ride may be granted by the field judge. This applies to county fair show only.
10. Each exhibitor may only shoe three horses at the Marion County Fair. (Only one horse may be shown at the Indiana State Fair if it qualified for the State Fair.)
11. Performance classes with large enrollment will be split at the discretion of the committee.
12. Previous year's winners in Showmanship classes are eligible for this class each year.
13. Two minute gate call will be strictly observed in all classes (One minute after the last horse enters the ring, the gate will be closed for that class, with the exception of a notified tack change.)
14. Jump heights for the English participants will follow State 4-H Horse & Pony guidelines for fence height.
15. Versatility Show: Classes will be selected annually by the 4-H Horse & Pony Show Committee with a minimum guideline of one western class, one English class, one contesting class, and one class of the committee's choice. (A maximum of five minutes are allowed for tack changes between each class.) Versatility participants are allowed to have (up to, but no more than) two assistants/helpers during tack changes between each class. All tack, equipment, and necessary attire should be on designated vehicle before the versatility show starts. All classes and class participants will follow stated Indiana Horse & Pony terms and conditions for each class.
16. In case two animals (owned by the same 4-H'er) qualify for the same halter class (confirmation only), another Marion County 4-H'er can shoe the second animal in the halter class in question. In all other cases, the 4-H'er is only allowed to show their own (enrolled) animals.