

NM State Fair 2024 General Horse Show Rules



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Show Location: 300 San Pedro, Albuquerque, NM 87108 Gate 6



Entries: Pre-entry closing date is August 28, 2024. Office fee for entries postmarked/emailed by this date will be at pre-entry office fee of \$20. Post entries accepted only by EMAIL or in office to secretary only after closing date with office fee of \$30. Adding classes to a pre-entered horse will be \$5/class after closing date. Payment by check or Credit will not be required until check-in. Post entry WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED for dressage and western dressage. NO EXCEPTIONS. All other classes may be entered on site. Pre-entries are encouraged for expedited gate admissions and preferred stabling assignments. One horse per entry form. One form per breed entry. Please refer to the entry form for class fees. Entry confirmation will be sent to email on entry form for initial gate 6 access at move-in. Copies of horse registration papers and current membership cards must accompany entries for all owners and exhibitors. Stall Reservation form required with entries.

Payment: Checks payable to EXPO NM. You may send an entry by email without payment to secretary. Be aware of the secretary listed for your event. To obtain back number, each horse will need to submit health certificate (dated within 30 days) and leave an open check or credit card form. W-9 and liability form for every exhibitor must be completed before competing. Adult signature is required for minors. Bad checks and declined credit cards incur \$50/occurrence fee. Prize money will not be paid on outstanding accounts and bad debt will be reported to sanctioning organizations as well as state authority for collection. **You do not need to send payment with entry.**

Check-In: All entries will be assigned stalls when they enter Gate 6. There is a Horse Hut office that will greet you and show you your stall area. Please be prepared with your confirmation of entry and health papers to proceed to unloading. When your horses are settled, office in the indoor horse complex will check you in. Please refer to the New Mexico Livestock Board website for further requirements by state.

Check-Out: Health papers will be returned upon closing of account and proper payment completed at the end of the show in show office. Gate 6 attendants may verify your health papers upon departure. The health and safety of your horses is our top priority and these requirements will be enforced.

Office: Will be open 1 hour before the start of the competition daily and stay open at least 1 hour after final class. Check-in for groups of 6 or more are advised to contact the secretary for a time slot.

Scratched/Added classes: There is no refund on entries after the closing date without a vet certification of inability to show due to injury or illness. No refunds of any fees or classes after the closing date for any other reason accepted. Scratched classes will not be refunded. Classes may be added at the show for \$5/class post entry fee.

Feed & Bedding: Shavings and feed may be pre-ordered on entry form for \$11/bag to be ready at your stalls on arrival. Post entries/On-site orders are at show office. No outside shavings are allowed without veterinary certification of medical need.

Arenas: Indoor arena 117' x 250'. Outdoor arenas 125; x 264'. Footing is sandy loam in all arenas.

Stall Assignments: Pre-entered horses may request stall areas. We cannot guarantee those stalls will be available. Groups of horses or trainers should submit entries together to be stabled in a group with stall reservation form. Stalls may be occupied after 5pm the night before the event and must be vacated at the end of the day of show entered. Stalls will be assigned to all horses entered at \$25/night or day. Horses not using stalls must pay a grounds fee of \$25/night or day. Only one animal per stall. Tack rooms must be added to a horse's entry to reserve at the rate of \$25/night or day. The stall chart will be available at the Gate 6 entry Horse Hut. Kim Fay will be your concierge to assist in finding your assignments and getting you check-in efficiently upon arrival. **NEW MEXICO STATE FAIRGROUNDS IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ITEMS LEFT UNATTENDED.**

Parking: Designated unloading zones have a 45-minute limit. There is no parking in barn aisles or leaving trailers unhooked for any reason. Vehicle parking for exhibitors will be available, on a limited basis, in the Gate 6 area with parking pass. Each horse entered will include 1 parking pass and 2 admission tickets. Any additional passes and admissions will need to be purchased at the horse show office during check-in. Support vehicles during set up will need to purchase additional passes for show days. Entry for horse trailers and exhibitors is Gate 6 at the northwest corner of the grounds. This is south of Lomas on the east side on San Pedro (across from McDonald's). You must turn RIGHT (drive north from Central). Gate 6 is open from 6am to 9pm daily. After hours arrivals/departures use Gate 3, which is further south on San Pedro at the Copper stop light.

Trailer Parking: There is no on-site trailer parking. The armory located at 600 Wyoming Blvd., Albuquerque, NM 87123 is a secure site for trailers to be unhooked while you show. Parking in lot at gate 6 is for passenger vehicles only. You may obtain trailer tags at the horse show office or at Gate 6 Horse hospitality Hut with matching serial numbers to your parking pass. Map is available at show office. You have the option to show out of your hooked trailer by parking in the far east roping arena limited to daytime only and pay a grounds fee.

Prize List Corrections/Changes: The NM state Fair reserves to itself the final and absolute right to interpret these Competition Requirements, to fairly and impartially settle, determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident to the Show, and the right to amend or add to these Competition Requirements as its judgments may determine. The NM State Fair reserves the right to cancel events or change scheduling if determined necessary. See each division for any specific or special Competition Requirements.

Dogs: No dogs are allowed in competition arenas or warm-up areas.

Motorized Vehicles: No golf carts or private motorized vehicles are allowed.

Protective Headgear: Any rider may wear protective headgear in any division or class without penalty from the judge. USEF strongly encourages all riders to wear protective headgear. It is the responsibility of the rider, parent, guardian, or trainer of the junior exhibitor to see that the headgear worn complies with safety standards and is properly fitted and in good condition.

Prize Money & Awards: Payouts will be issued to the exhibitor of the class within 30 days. W-9 and full account payment required for all entries. Buckles will be awarded onsite at the conclusion of each show. Added raffles for sponsor products will be picked daily! Ribbons will be awarded through 6th place. We encourage selfies at the NEW horse show back drop this year!

Photographers: Lauren Aston Photography and Morning Glory Studios will be covering arenas for competition photos. Both will have booths in the front foyer area and online galleries to view and purchase your winning moments.

Sponsorships: At least \$15,000 of guaranteed money will be awarded thanks to the NM State Fair! Added sponsor money will continue to be accepted for each division through August 28. Please consider sponsorship to add more money to your division. Sponsor forms are available on the Fair website. Arena Banner sponsorships are also available to show your support of this great event and get your business in front of a major public audience!

Gate Calls: The two-minute gate will be enforced. The gate will close two minutes after the first horse enters the ring or in cases with large classes taking more than two minutes, after the entry of the final horse in a continuous string of horses. If tack changes are necessary, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to notify the gate person and request a three-minute gate hold. Note: Due to unforeseeable problems with the mechanical devices, the paddock and barn calls over the PA system must be considered a COURTESY. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be sure that his/her horse is at the gate at the prescribed time.

Refusal of Entry/Protest: All decisions made by the Judge and/or Show Management are final and cannot be protested. Show Management reserves the right to ask any exhibitor to leave the show grounds for any reason including but not limited to unsportsmanlike like conduct, intoxication, and animal cruelty.

Embrace: This is a new format for the NM State Fair. Many local non-profit horse clubs and volunteers are working hard with the Fair Commission and Expo Staff to create a fun and safe event for all. Please help us to make this a great experience with kindness and patience. Horse showing is about FUN and you have a large audience of kids who want to be just like you when they grow up! We all represent the best of what the horse community has to offer. THANK YOU for supporting YOUR New Mexico State Fair Horse Department!



NM State Fair 2024 4-H Rules



Eligibility:

Determination of eligibility and appropriate age divisions.

All contestants must be bona fide 4-H members in New Mexico, enrolled in a 4-H horse project for the current show year, and in good standing. Each contestant must enter their appropriate age group as follows:

Novice: Ages 9 through 11. A 4-H member must have passed his/her 9th birthday or be 8 years old and in third grade but cannot be in the 6th grade and have passed his/her 12th birthday prior to January 1 of the current 4-H program year.

Junior: Ages 12 through 13. A 4-H member must have passed his/her 12th birthday or be 11 years old and in the 6th grade but cannot be in 8th grade and have passed his/her 14th birthday prior to January 1 of the current 4-H program year.

Senior: Ages 14 through 18. A 4-H member must have passed his/her 14th birthday or be 13 years old and in the 8th grade but cannot have passed his/her 19th birthday by January 1 of the current 4-H program year.

A horse may be ridden in only one age division in each class, either Novice, Junior, or Senior, and the same horse cannot be shown in the other two age divisions. Horses entered in the show must be the project of the 4-H member. The 4-H member may own or lease a horse in which the 4-H'er must manage at least 50% of the time. For project purposes, management is considered to include feeding, grooming, exercising, training, and stall maintenance. The 4-H member is not allowed under any circumstances to exhibit stallions at any 4-H horse event.

The 4-H member must file an identification certificate (aka "4-H Horse Certificate") for his/her horse with the State 4-H Office by May 1st of the current 4-H program year. By filing the horse certificate, the 4-H member, parent and/or guardian, and county Extension Agent, agree that members have read, understood, and agree to abide by the rules stated herein. Upon receipt of a properly executed 4-H Horse Certificate, the State 4-H Office will issue a 4-H Horse Show Exhibitor Number for that horse/exhibitor combination for the 4-H Horse Show year. On the reverse side of that number, identifying information from the 4-H Horse Certificate will be printed as an aid to horse show management when verifying 4-H eligibility. Youth are responsible for their back number, and there will be a \$5 charge to replace any lost numbers.

Although horses are not required to be registered with any breed association, it is recommended that the 4-H member has documentation verifying the identity and ownership of the horse (e.g., registration certificate, New Mexico brand inspection transport permit, etc.)

Class Procedure/Rules:

All Classes will be conducted and judged according to the rules printed in the most current handbook of the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA). The handbook is available online at www.aqha.com. The only exception is for English Disciplined Rail which will be governed by the current rulebook of the Pinto Horse Association of America (PtHA) available at www.pinto.org.

Conduct and Safety: (supersede any AQHA/PtHA rules):

Safety is the foundation of good horsemanship. If the judge or show manager deems an exhibitor and/or horse is displaying unsafe behavior or lack of control, the judge or show manager shall notify the exhibitor to refrain from such behavior. If this behavior occurs in the show ring, the judge may "whistle off" the exhibitor to conclude the performance at that point, and the exhibitor will exit the arena. If this behavior occurs outside

the arena, the judge or show manager shall issue a warning to the exhibitor. If repeated occurrences of unsafe behavior continue, the judge or show manager may excuse them from the show.

Positive youth development requires a fair and level playing field and show management should make this a primary consideration for each 4-H Horse Show. Exhibitors expect fair and honest competition when they enter a contest, and all should strive to attain that at each event. If an exhibitor receives external aid (calling out specific maneuvers for a class, yelling out to correct a missed lead, etc. from a parent/guardian, trainer, coach, etc.) while in the competition arena, the judge and/or show manager shall issue a warning to those involved in the unfair behavior. If the external aid does not cease, the judge shall disqualify entry in the class. If the external aid continues beyond one class, the show manager may disqualify the exhibitor/horse combination from the show.

Any disqualification due to unsafe or unfair behavior forfeits any fees paid for participation in the show. However, any points gained prior to disqualification shall stand.

Show Attire and Equipment Rules:

Exhibitor attire requirements will follow AQHA SHW 320. Exhibitors and judges are reminded extra accoutrements shall not enhance class placing beyond a neat, clean, and functional presentation of exhibitor and horse that meets the class requirements.

Equipment for all classes shall conform to AQHA SHW 300, 305, 306, 307, 310, 311, and 312 for the respective class. Class specific rules mentioned in Section 2 above also apply. Equipment rules for English Disciplined Rail shall also follow these AQHA rules.

Determination of All Around Awards:

The number of approved 4-H Horse Shows that comprise the series will be posted on the State 4-H Office website by April 1 each year. To be eligible for series awards, a youth must compete in a minimum of 50% of the approved shows listed by April 1. For determination of overall 4-H Horse Show Series awards, the exhibitor may only count points from their best (highest point value) shows that represent, in whole show increments, a simple majority (i.e., 2 of 4, 4 of 8, 4 of 7, 3 of 5, etc.) of the entire number of shows offered in the series. For example, if there are a total of 8 shows scheduled for the series, an exhibitor must participate in at least 4 different shows to be eligible for series awards, and the exhibitor can only count points from their "4 best (highest point value) shows" of the entire series. If an exhibitor chooses to participate in all 8 shows, they may count the points from their "4 best" shows towards the series award point tabulation. In the case of only 3 shows being offered in the series, an exhibitor would need to participate in at least 2 shows, and only the points from the 2 best shows would count towards the series award point tabulation.

Points toward high point and series awards are as follows. For classes with 6 or more entries, 1st place receives 6 points, 2nd place receives 5 points, 3rd place receives 4 points, 4th place receives 3 points, 5th place receives 2 points, and 6th place receives 1 point. For classes with less than 6 entries, each placed exhibitor will receive a point for each exhibitor they place above plus 1 additional point. For example, in a class of 4, 1st place receives 4 points, 2nd place receives 3 points, 3rd place receives 2 points, and 4th place receives 1 point. Points are compiled on a one-horse, one 4-H member basis.

In case of a tie, the order of tie breakers will be: (1) earned points in the greatest number of different classes, (2) earned the most points in the riding classes, (3) greatest # of first places, (4) coin toss.

Two-year-old Western Pleasure Futurity and Showmanship Classic:

4-H'ers (Juniors and Seniors) with advanced skills in horsemanship are eligible to nominate a two-year-old horse for the Western Pleasure Futurity and Showmanship Classic held each year during the State 4-H Horse Show.

Nominations are due in the State 4-H Office by May 1st of the current 4-H program year.

Horses eligible for the two-year-old Western Pleasure Futurity must be totally green, that is, having never received any riding by ANYONE other than the member who nominates the horse to the futurity.

Basic Rules for the Western Pleasure Futurity:

The 4-H member, brother or sister, parent or guardian must own the horses. Horses eligible for the two-year-old Western Pleasure Futurity must be totally green, having never received any riding by anyone other than the 4-H member who nominates the horse.

Horses must be in the 4-H member's possession and under his or her complete management (100%) and care by May 1st of the current year.

4-H members may nominate more than one horse, but they may only show one horse in the class.

4-H members nominate horses for the futurity by completing the nomination form available from the State 4-H Office. The nomination form must be certified (signed) by the county extension agent. A \$20.00 nomination fee must accompany the form. Futurity nominations must be in the State 4-H Office postmarked no later than May 1st. No late entries will be accepted. A list of horses nominated will be published by June 1 on the State 4-H Office website. Nomination does not constitute an entry to the State 4-H Horse Show or Western Pleasure Futurity Class.

4-H members, with a properly nominated horse, may enter their futurity project in the State 4-H Horse Show. Members must submit the appropriate entry forms and fees to show management.

As soon as the horse becomes a futurity project, it can only be ridden and shown by the 4-H'er.

Advice and counsel on training techniques may come from outside sources; however, the 4-H member must do all the riding and work on his/her own futurity horse. Horses for the futurity do not have to be registered.

Procedures - Western Pleasure Futurity:

Three go-rounds will be held during the State 4-H Horse Show. Each round will be judged independently, by a different judge, according to AQHA rules for two-year-old Western Pleasure as described in rules SHW402 to 414.

The point system for each go-round will follow rules above.

The winner of the champion award will be the horse with the greatest number of points after all three go-rounds.

In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided by a coin toss.

Procedures - Showmanship Classic:

An additional dimension to the Western Pleasure Futurity is the Showmanship Classic. It is only open to those horses nominated to the Western Pleasure Futurity. This will enable 4-H'ers who do not feel their futurity prospect is sufficiently trained for the Western Pleasure Futurity to participate in the State 4-H Horse Show, and it will assure their futurity prospect's eligibility for the three-year-old versatility class the following year. The Showmanship Classic is also open to those horses that are going to be shown in the Western Pleasure Futurity. If the 4-H member has nominated (2) two or more horses to the two-year-old Western Pleasure Futurity, he or she may only show one horse in the Western Pleasure Futurity, but they may show a different eligible horse in the Showmanship Classic.

Basic Rules for Showmanship Classic:

Only those horses properly nominated to the Western Pleasure Futurity are eligible for the Showmanship Classic.

Members must submit the appropriate entry forms and entry fee to show management.



The Showmanship Classic will be handled in the same manner as the regular showmanship class. Exhibitors may be asked oral questions from the NM 4-H Horse Project Manual by the judge. The exhibitor's final score will be the score on showmanship and the score on the questions.

Note: Only those horses that are nominated as two-year-olds for the two-year-old Western Pleasure Futurity, whether shown or not, will be eligible for the three-year old Versatility Class the following year.

4-H Three-year-old Versatility:

The horses properly nominated as two-year-olds to the futurity are eligible the following year to enter the three-year-old versatility classes. The versatility class is held during the State 4-H Horse Show. **Nominations for the versatility class are due to the State 4-H Office by May 1st of the current year.**

Basic Rules for the Versatility Class:

1. Only those horses properly nominated as two-year-olds to the two-year-old Western Pleasure Futurity, whether shown or not, are eligible for the three-year-old versatility classes. Horses must be in the 4-H member's possession and under his or her complete management (100%).
2. Advice and counsel on training techniques may come from outside sources; however, the 4-H member must do all the riding and work on his/her own versatility horse. Horses for the versatility class do not have to be registered.
3. 4-H members may nominate more than one horse to the three-year-old Versatility Classes. However, only one horse may be shown.
4. 4-H members may nominate their horses for the three-year-old Versatility Class by completing the nomination form. A \$20 nomination is due in the State 4-H Office on or before May 1st.
5. AQHA class and equipment rules (see Section 2) for the three-year-old Versatility Classes (Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, and Ranch Trail) will be used.
6. It is suggested that each 4-H show offer classes for versatility prospects.

Procedures for the 3-year-old Versatility Classes:

1. Class procedure will consist of three separate classes: western pleasure, western horsemanship, and ranch trail. These classes will be their own separate classes for versatility entries.
2. Points will be kept on the places of all three classes. The winner of the versatility champion award will be the horse with the greatest number of points. In the case of a tie, the winner will be decided by a coin toss.
3. The point system for each go-round will follow Section 4 above.



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State Fair Show Schedule

4-H Horse Show

Saturday September 7, 2024



Indoor Horse Arena 9:00am

- 565. Showmanship Senior
- 566. Showmanship Junior
- 567. Showmanship Novice
- 568. Showmanship Classic Futurity

15 Minute Break + Raffle

- 569. Hunter Under Saddle Senior
- 570. Hunter Under Saddle Junior
- 571. Hunter Under Saddle Novice
- 572. Hunt Seat Equitation Senior
- 573. Hunt Seat Equitation Junior
- 574. Hunt Seat Equitation Novice
- 575. English Disciplined Rail Senior
- 576. English Disciplined Rail Junior
- 577. English Disciplined Rail Novice
- 578. Western Pleasure Futurity Round I

Lunch Break

Ranch Trail set-up/Warm-up

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Indoor Horse Arena Not Before 1:00pm

- 579. Western Pleasure Futurity Round II
- 580. Ranch Trail Senior
- 581. Ranch Trail Junior
- 582. Ranch Trail Novice
- 583. Versatility Ranch Trail

15 Minute Break + Raffle

- 584. Western Pleasure Senior
- 585. Western Pleasure Junior
- 586. Western Pleasure Novice
- 587. Versatility Western Pleasure
- 588. Western Horsemanship Senior
- 589. Western Horsemanship Junior
- 590. Western Horsemanship Novice
- 591. Versatility Horsemanship
- 592. Western Pleasure Futurity Round III
- 593. Ranch Riding Senior
- 594. Ranch Riding Junior
- 595. Ranch Riding Novice
- 596. Reining Senior
- 597. Reining Junior
- 598. Reining Novice

15 Minute Break + Raffle

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