



## ENTRY INFORMATION

**Entries:** Online Only - <http://adco.fairentry.com>

- Deadline: July 1, 2026

**Fair Written Test and Turn in Punch Card (mandatory):**

- Monday, July 13: 5-7pm
- 4-H Office Meeting rooms
  - If you can't attend, must contact Horse Committee at AdCo4HHorseProgram@gmail.com by July 12.

**Arrival (Mandatory):** Check in & Health Inspections:

- Thursday, July 23: 4:00PM-7:00PM
- Horse Barn (New)
- In lieu of bringing horses in for a free health check, a health certificate issued within 7 days of arrival must be presented.

**Judging:**

- Friday, July 24:
  - 9:00AM (Ranch Horse)
- Saturday, July 25:
  - 8:00AM (Showmanship, Western Perf, English Perf.)
- Sunday, July 26:
  - 9:00AM (Gymkhana and Musical Free Style)

**Departure:** Anytime exhibitor has completed showing. Horses not required to stall overnight. Decorations, trash and shavings must be removed by 4PM August 3 or exhibitor will be charged \$50 a stall.

**Superintendent:** Erin Pronto

**Extension Staff:** Christina Seely

**Entry Fees:**

- \$5.00/entry for Cutting and Cow Work Class
  - Pay cash day of check in.
  - Checks made to ADCO 4-H

**Record Book:**

- Horse Record and any necessary supplements required.
  - Due the Friday before Labor Day.

## AWARDS

Awards for each discipline (except Showmanship) is calculated as 1 horse/rider combo. All ties will be broken by the written test score. A second tie will be broken by highest placing in a randomly drawn class.

• Award Stipulations:

- **Walk Trot:** Participants can win Grand or Reserve once (one year), they must then attempt to "level up". If winners do not "level up", they will not be eligible to receive Grand or Reserve High Point again in Walk Trot, although they can win classes/ribbons.
  - Exception: 8-10 year old Walk Trot riders can win twice (two years) before they must "level up" or forfeit award.
  - Exception: If class size 5 or less, "level up" requirement waived
- **Novice:** Participants can win Grand or Reserve once (one year) per division, they must then attempt to "level up". If winners do not "level up", they will not be eligible to receive Grand or Reserve High Point again in Level 1 of that division, although they can win classes/ribbons.
  - Exception: 8-10 year old Level 1 riders can win twice (two years) per division before they must "level up" or forfeit award.
  - Exception: If class size 5 or less, "level up" requirement waived
- **Limited:** Participants can win Grand or Reserve twice (two years) per age division, they must then attempt to "level up". If winners do not "level up", they will not be eligible to receive Grand or Reserve High Point again in Level 2 of that age division, although they can win classes.
  - Exception: If class size 5 or less, "level up" requirement waived
- **Advanced:** There are no stipulations. Riders are eligible each year in each division. No restrictions.



LEVELS

Current Level Certification of the rider is required to show at fair.

Level Stipulations for participation at Adams County Fair:

Deadline for level testing to participate in the Adams County Fair is Fair Entry deadline. All riders must hold the proper level and competency certification for the discipline and level entered.

- **Showmanship:** 4-H members that plan to only exhibit in showmanship classes and do not plan to enter any mounted classes, must pass the Showmanship Safety Test.
- **Walk Trot:** Riders that plan to enter Walk Trot classes must pass the Horse Project Intro – Safety Test.
- **English:** All riders entering English classes must hold English Novice or higher certification in order to ride English.
- **Western:** All riders entering Western classes must hold Western Novice or higher certification in order to ride Western.
- **Gymkhana:** All riders entering Gymkhana classes must hold Western Novice or higher certification and Gymkhana Competency in order to ride Gymkhana.
- **Ranch Horse:** All riders entering Working Ranch Horse classes must hold Western Novice or higher certification and Ranch Competency in order to ride Ranch Horse.

RULES

- Read 4-H General Rules
- Read 4-H Livestock, Equine & Small Animal Rules
- The Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rule Book (v. 2024) is in effect unless otherwise stated. Class Descriptions may be found in the Colorado 4-H Show Rule Book.
- In accordance with ADCO 4-H Rules, members are required to wear ASTM/SEI approved protective headgear with secured harness at any and all county 4-H events while mounted on an equine or in a vehicle being pulled by an equine.
- Proper personal attire will be required as defined in the Colorado 4-H Horse Rule Book.
- One contestant number will be issued to each horse and rider combo. That same number is to be used throughout the duration of the County Fair Horse Show.
- Horses do not need to stay on fairgrounds overnight. Horses may come only for days and times when being shown. All horses must have health checks before entering arenas and stalling areas.
- Minimum standard of care:
  - Feed, water, exercise, and clean stall daily.



**Horse Project members who intend to exhibit their animals at the Adams County Fair must complete the following to remain eligible for fair entry and exhibition:**

	Enroll in the Horse Project by enrollment deadline
	Attend Mandatory Horse Meeting
	Complete and file an Animal Care and Housing Form (Primary Care) and turn form into Extension Office.
	Attend on Helmet Safety Clinic (must completed within first year of project)
	ID all horses in 4HOnline by May 1 deadline
	Complete and turn in level testing documentation by July 1. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written Level Test (taken at Extension Office)</li> <li>• Riding Test Score Sheet(s)</li> </ul>
	Attend Livestock Record Book Interviews and present an up-to-date E-Record Book.
	Enter fair classes online by <b>July 1</b> .
	Complete mandatory Horse Project Fair Written Test.
	Complete and turn in E-Record Book the <b>Friday before Labor Day</b> to the Extension Office. If a record book is not completed for each species exhibited, the member will forfeit premiums/awards and be ineligible to exhibit that species at the next year's Fair.
	4-H Horse Members who choose not to show at the Adams County Fair, must turn in a Horseless Horse Project.
	4-H Horse Members who choose to show at the Adams County Fair, must turn in a punch card with the appropriate punches at the Mandatory Fair Written Test.

# HORSE

## DIVISION: WRITTEN TEST (MANDATORY)

**Class: Walk-Trot (all ages)**  
**Class: Novice – 8-10 year olds (Junior)**  
**Class: Novice – 11-13 year olds (Intermediate)**  
**Class: Novice – 14-18 year olds (Senior)**  
**Class: Limited – 8-10 year olds (Junior)**  
**Class: Limited – 11-13 year olds (Intermediate)**  
**Class: Limited – 14-18 year olds (Senior)**  
**Class: Advanced – all age**

**Monday, July 14: 5:00PM-7:00PM**

- The written exam is required by all horse participants. Failure to take the written test will result in not being eligible to participate at Fair 4-H Horse events.
- If unable to take test on this date, member must contact Superintendent to arrange alternative test date.
- In all divisions the written test is considered a regular class and will be counted toward Champion/Reserve Champion and all around awards. All high point ties will be broken by the written test placing.

## DIVISION: RANCH TRAIL

**Class: Novice – 8-10 year olds (Junior)**  
**Class: Novice – 11-13 year olds (Intermediate)**  
**Class: Novice – 14-18 year olds (Senior)**  
**Class: Limited – 8-10 year olds (Junior)**  
**Class: Limited – 11-13 year olds (Intermediate)**  
**Class: Limited – 14-18 year olds (Senior)**  
**Class: Advanced – all age**

**Friday, July 24: 9:00AM**

- Must be at least Novice Western and have appropriate Ranch Competency.

## DIVISION: RANCH HORSEMANSHIP

**Class: Novice – 8-10 year olds (Junior)**  
**Class: Novice – 11-13 year olds (Intermediate)**  
**Class: Novice – 14-18 year olds (Senior)**  
**Class: Limited – 8-10 year olds (Junior)**  
**Class: Limited – 11-13 year olds (Intermediate)**  
**Class: Limited – 14-18 year olds (Senior)**  
**Class: Advanced – all age**

**Friday, July 24: Following Ranch Trail**

- Must be at least Novice Western and have appropriate Ranch Competency.

## DIVISION: RANCH HORSE CUTTING

**Class: Novice – 8-10 year olds (Junior)**  
**Class: Novice – 11-13 year olds (Intermediate)**  
**Class: Novice – 14-18 year olds (Senior)**  
**Class: Limited – 8-10 year olds (Junior)**  
**Class: Limited – 11-13 year olds (Intermediate)**  
**Class: Limited – 14-18 year olds (Senior)**  
**Class: Advanced – all age**

**Friday, July 24: Following Ranch Horsemanship**

- Stock Charge – \$5.00 added to each cow class
  - Cash or Check (payable to Adco 4-H) pay at Thursday Fair Horse check-in.
- Must be at least Novice Western and have appropriate Ranch Competency.

## DIVISION: INDIVIDUAL COW WORK

**Class: Novice – 8-10 year olds (Junior)**  
**Class: Novice – 11-13 year olds (Intermediate)**  
**Class: Novice – 14-18 year olds (Senior)**  
**Class: Limited – 8-10 year olds (Junior)**  
**Class: Limited – 11-13 year olds (Intermediate)**  
**Class: Limited – 14-18 year olds (Senior)**  
**Class: Advanced – all age**

**Friday, July 24: Following Ranch Horse Cutting**

- Stock Charge – \$5.00 added to each cow class
  - Cash or Check (payable to Adco 4-H) pay at Thursday Fair Horse check-in.
- Must be at least Novice Western and have appropriate Ranch Competency.

## DIVISION: SHOWMANSHIP

**Class: Walk-Trot Showmanship 8-10 (Junior)**  
**Class: Walk-Trot Showmanship 11-13 (Intermediate)**  
**Class: Walk-Trot Showmanship 14-18 (Senior)**  
**Class: Novice Showmanship – 8-10 (Junior)**  
**Class: Novice Showmanship – 11-13 (Intermediate)**  
**Class: Novice Showmanship – 14-18 (Senior)**  
**Class: Limited Showmanship – 8-10 (Junior)**  
**Class: Limited Showmanship – 11-13 (Intermediate)**  
**Class: Limited Showmanship – 14-18 (Senior)**  
**Class: Advanced Showmanship – 8-10 (Junior)**  
**Class: Advanced Showmanship – 11-13 (Intermediate)**  
**Class: Advanced Showmanship – 14-18 (Senior)**

**Saturday, July 25: 8:00AM**

- Must pass Safety Ground Work Test
- Champion Runoff:
  - Within 1 hr following the showmanship classes, Champions and Reserve Champions in each age group:
    - 1st and 2nd place from all Junior classes
    - 1st and 2nd place from all Intermediate classes
    - 1st and 2nd place from all Senior classes
  - Must elect or decline to participate in Round Robin by Completing the Round Robin Form.
    - Each participant must provide the horse they won Showmanship with. In the event of a shared horse, an additional horse must be provided and approved by Horse Superintendent at time of Round Robin intent form submission.
- Use of a chain in Showmanship Classes is optional and should only be used by exhibitors that have a horse familiar with their use.



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## DIVISION: WALK/TROT

**Class: Walk Trot Horsemanship-All ages (pattern class)**  
**Class: Walk Trot Trail-All ages**  
**Class: Walk Trot Equitation-All ages (rail class)**

**Saturday, July 25: Runs concurrently with division classes**

- Exhibitors in the Walk-Trot Classes are based on the rider or horse, who are uncomfortable with canter/lope and have passed the Horse Safety Test. Walk Trot riders, who choose to ride Western, are eligible to ride any age horse two-handed when using an O-Ring or D-Ring Snaffle bit and may use bridge or roping reins if desired. A leather or nylon curb strap is encouraged.
- These are equitation classes judged on the rider. Riders in this class are those who cannot yet handle their horses at a canter/lope.
- Exhibitors in this class may ride English or Western for the classes.

## DIVISION: WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP

**Class: Novice – 8-10 year olds (Junior)**  
**Class: Novice – 11-13 year olds (Intermediate)**  
**Class: Novice – 14-18 year olds (Senior)**  
**Class: Limited – 8-10 year olds (Junior)**  
**Class: Limited – 11-13 year olds (Intermediate)**  
**Class: Limited – 14-18 year olds (Senior)**  
**Class: Advanced – all age**

**Saturday, July 25: Following Showmanship**

- Must be Novice Western or above

## DIVISION: WESTERN TRAIL CLASS

**Class: Novice – 8-10 year olds (Junior)**  
**Class: Novice – 11-13 year olds (Intermediate)**  
**Class: Novice – 14-18 year olds (Senior)**  
**Class: Limited – 8-10 year olds (Junior)**  
**Class: Limited – 11-13 year olds (Intermediate)**  
**Class: Limited – 14-18 year olds (Senior)**  
**Class: Advanced – all age**

**Saturday, July 25: Following Western Horsemanship**

- Must be Novice Western or above

## DIVISION: WESTERN RIDING

**Class: Novice – 8-10 year olds (Junior)**  
**Class: Novice – 11-13 year olds (Intermediate)**  
**Class: Novice – 14-18 year olds (Senior)**  
**Class: Limited – 8-10 year olds (Junior)**  
**Class: Limited – 11-13 year olds (Intermediate)**  
**Class: Limited – 14-18 year olds (Senior)**  
**Class: Advanced – all age**

**Saturday, July 25: Following Western Trail Class**

- Must be Novice Western or above

## DIVISION: WESTERN REINING

**Class: Novice – 8-10 year olds (Junior)**  
**Class: Novice – 11-13 year olds (Intermediate)**  
**Class: Novice – 14-18 year olds (Senior)**  
**Class: Limited – 8-10 year olds (Junior)**  
**Class: Limited – 11-13 year olds (Intermediate)**  
**Class: Limited – 14-18 year olds (Senior)**  
**Class: Advanced – all age**

**Saturday, July 25: Following Western Riding**

- Must be Novice Western or above

## DIVISION: ENGLISH SHOW HACK

**Class: Novice – 8-10 year olds (Junior)**  
**Class: Novice – 11-13 year olds (Intermediate)**  
**Class: Novice – 14-18 year olds (Senior)**  
**Class: Limited – 8-10 year olds (Junior)**  
**Class: Limited – 11-13 year olds (Intermediate)**  
**Class: Limited – 14-18 year olds (Senior)**  
**Class: Advanced – all age**

**Saturday, July 25: Following Reining**

- Must be Novice English or above.

## DIVISION: ENGLISH EQUITATION

**Class: Novice – 8-10 year olds (Junior)**  
**Class: Novice – 11-13 year olds (Intermediate)**  
**Class: Novice – 14-18 year olds (Senior)**  
**Class: Limited – 8-10 year olds (Junior)**  
**Class: Limited – 11-13 year olds (Intermediate)**  
**Class: Limited – 14-18 year olds (Senior)**  
**Class: Advanced – all age**

**Saturday, July 25: Following Show Hack**

- Must be Novice English or above.

## DIVISION: ENGLISH RIDING CONTROL

**Class: Novice – 8-10 year olds (Junior)**  
**Class: Novice – 11-13 year olds (Intermediate)**  
**Class: Novice – 14-18 year olds (Senior)**  
**Class: Limited – 8-10 year olds (Junior)**  
**Class: Limited – 11-13 year olds (Intermediate)**  
**Class: Limited – 14-18 year olds (Senior)**  
**Class: Advanced – all age**

**Saturday, July 25: Following English Equitation**

- Must be Novice English or above.



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## DIVISION: GYMKHANA-POLE BENDING

**Class: Juniors: 8-10 years old**  
**Class: Intermediate: 11-13 years old**  
**Class: Senior 14-18 years old**

**Sunday, July 26: 9:00AM**

- Must be Novice Western or above with a Gymkhana Competency

## DIVISION: GYMKHANA-BARREL RACE

**Class: Juniors: 8-10 years old**  
**Class: Intermediate: 11-13 years old**  
**Class: Senior 14-18 years old**

**Sunday, July 26: Following Pole Bending**

- Must be Novice Western or above with a Gymkhana Competency

## DIVISION: GYMKHANA-FLAG RACE

**Class: Juniors: 8-10 years old**  
**Class: Intermediate: 11-13 years old**  
**Class: Senior 14-18 years old**

**Sunday, July 26: Following Barrel Race**

- Must be Novice Western or above with a Gymkhana Competency

## DIVISION: MUSICAL FREESTYLE

**Class: All Levels - 8-13 year olds**  
**Class: All Levels - 14-18 year olds**

**Sunday, July 26: Following Flag Race**

- Riders are to perform a routine to music. Music must be provided by contestant.
- Judged on costume, choreography, music, and horsemanship skills.
- Time limit of 4 minutes for routine. 1 1/2 minutes allowed for set-up and 1 1/2 minutes for tear down.
- All entrants in this class MUST have passed a Novice Western (or higher).
- Entrants must turn in music to the show secretary at Fair check-in. Spotify link preferred. Contact Horse Committee if you have questions.
- If music is not received by the check-in times exhibitors will not be able to compete in Musical Freestyle.

## DIVISION: PREMIER HORSE EXHIBITOR

**Class: Premier Horse Exhibitor**  
Premier Exhibitor

See ADCO 4-H Fair Exhibition: Special Animal Contests/Exhibits department for premier exhibitor details

**Class: Premier Horse Exhibitor Test**

**Sunday August 2: 9:00AM**  
Waymire Dome

## DIVISION: ANIMAL SCIENCE-HORSELESS HORSE

**Class: Unit 1: Junior (8-10)**  
**Class: Unit 1: Intermediate (11-13)**  
**Class: Unit 1: Senior (14-18)**  
**Class: Unit 2: Junior (8-10)**  
**Class: Unit 2: Intermediate (11-13)**  
**Class: Unit 2: Senior (14-18)**  
**Class: Unit 3: Junior (8-10)**  
**Class: Unit 3: Intermediate (11-13)**  
**Class: Unit 3: Senior (14-18)**  
**Class: Unit 4: Junior (8-10)**  
**Class: Unit 4: Intermediate (11-13)**  
**Class: Unit 4: Senior (14-18)**

**Project Dropoff/Interview: Monday July 27: Waymire Dome**  
**Release: Monday August 3: 4:00-7:00PM**

- See Animal Science Discovery under 4-H Tabletop Exhibits for exhibit requirements.



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