



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:
 - Following Ranch Horse
 - Not before 12PM
- Sunday, July 26:
 - Musical Free Style
 - Following Horse Gymkhana

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

Record Book:

- Horse Record and any necessary supplements required.
 - Including Mini Horse Supplement Page
 - Due the Friday before Labor Day.

AWARDS

Awards will be given for each horse/exhibitor 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.

RULES

- Read 4-H General Rules
- Read 4-H Livestock, Equine & Small Animal Rules
- The Colorado 4-H Miniature Horse Rule Book is in effect unless otherwise stated.
- A miniature horse must be 38" or under when measured at the last few hairs of the mane. Official measurement by approved 4-H horse leader.
- 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 Miniature Horse Rule Book.
- One contestant number will be issued to each horse and exhibitor 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.



Miniature 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 Miniature 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"> • Written Level Test (taken at Extension Office) • Competency Test Score Sheet(s)
	Attend Animal Record Book Interviews and present an up-to-date Record Book.
	Enter fair classes online by July 1 .
	Complete mandatory Mini Horse Project Fair Written Test.
	Complete and turn in Record Book the Friday before Labor Day 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 Mini Horse Members who choose not to show at the Adams County Fair, must turn in a Horseless Horse Project.
	4-H Mini 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.

MINIATURE HORSE

DIVISION: WRITTEN TEST (MANDATORY)

Class: Miniature (all ages)

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

- The written exam is required by all miniature horse participants. Failure to take the written test will result in not being eligible to participate at Fair 4-H Miniature 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: SHOWMANSHIP

Class: Miniature

Friday, July 24: Following Ranch-Not before 12:00

- Must pass Safety Ground Work Test
- When showing in Western tack and attire, Western style show halters with lead are to be used. A chain under the chin is allowed; no lip chains or chains over the nose are allowed.
- When showing in English tack and attire, appropriate English bridle or English style show halter are to be used
- Showmanship whips, war bridles or like devices or any type of wire or rope over a miniature horse's head are not permitted.
- Please refer to the Colorado 4-H Miniature Horse Rule Book for a complete set of rules.

DIVISION: SINGLE WORKING

Class: Halter Obstacle
Class: Hunter and Jumper in hand
Class: Costume

Friday, July 24: Following Showmanship

- Miniature horses can only be shown by one exhibitor per class.
- Please refer to the Colorado 4-H Miniature Horse Rule Book for a complete set of rules.

DIVISION: GYMKHANA

Class: Barrel Race In Hand
Class: Pole Bending In Hand
Class: Speed and Action In Hand

Friday, July 24: Following Single Working

- All gymkhana events will be timed.
- Miniature horses can trot, canter or gallop for in-hand events.
- Tennis shoes are allowed instead of boots.
- Please refer to the Colorado 4-H Miniature Horse Rule Book for a complete set of rules.

DIVISION: LIBERTY

Class: Liberty

Friday, July 24: Following Gymkhana

- Liberty is demonstrating the natural beauty of the horse. Horses are to be judged on style, grace, animation, gaits, presence, and ease of catching. The Liberty animal is expected to perform at both a canter and a trot.
- Please refer to the Colorado 4-H Miniature Horse Rule Book for a complete set of rules.

DIVISION: GROUND DRIVING

Class: Ground Driving Obstacles
Class: Ground Driving Cones
Class: Super Reinsmanship

Friday, July 24: Following Liberty

- All youth exhibitors in any ground driving class must have a header 13 years or older. Headers are to enter the ring when the line-up is called, may assist in setting up the animal and then step back two-paces where they are to remain, except in an emergency, until the judge's card is turned in.
- Horse must be 2 years of age or older.
- Please refer to the Colorado 4-H Miniature Horse Rule Book for a complete set of rules.

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: 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.