

**HORSE SHOW TIME**

Monday – June 15, 2026

Levels Testing Completed to Compete at
County Fair

Thursday – July 16, 2026 - 6:00 pm
Mandatory Riders Meeting, Written Test and
Check In (Pick up exhibitor numbers and
pattern books)

Saturday - July 18, 2026 - 8:00 am
Horse Show
English – Western – Gymkhana

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**PROJECT EXHIBIT RULES:**

1. All entries made in this department are subject to the Arapahoe County Fair General Rules and Livestock Rules.
2. Ownership or leasing of horse(s) must be in the name of the exhibitor and horse ID form must be uploaded to 4-H Online by May 1, 2026.
3. Exhibitors may enter classes only on horses that are identified on the horse ID and in their Horse E-Record book as being part of the individual's 4-H project. See record book instructions in Livestock Rules.
4. Exhibitors may identify up to four (4) horses.
5. An exhibitor may not enter more than one horse per class.
6. If a horse(s) cannot compete for any reason, no substitutions will be allowed after the May 1, 2026 Horse ID deadline.
7. Classes may be dropped but not added the day of the show.
8. Horse exhibitors are expected to write Thank You Notes to horse buckle sponsors in addition to those sponsors outlined in Livestock Rules.
9. Exhibitor numbers and patterns will be distributed at the time of the written test. If an exhibitor is not available for the written test on the Thursday before the show, it will be up to

**FAIR EXHIBIT ENTRY:**

1. Pre-entry is required for all 4-H Animal exhibits.
 2. All Levels Testing must be completed by pre-entry deadline, Monday, June 15, 2026. There will be a \$25.00 late fee for late entries.
 3. Late entries will be accepted up until Monday, June 22, 2026 with a late fee of \$25.00 per exhibitor. Late fees can be paid by mailing a check to:
Arapahoe County Extension Office
Attn: Fair Entry
6934 S Lima St, Suite B
Centennial, CO 80112
 4. 4-H members will use their "4honline.com" ID to log into the fair entry system.
 5. Entry will be done online at [Arapahoecounty.fairentry.com](https://www.fairentry.com).
 6. Use the Horse Entry Worksheet to assist you in having the information needed on hand when entering online.
 7. Permission to participate will be done electronically when pre-entering.
- that exhibitor to make special arrangements with the extension office prior to the test to take the written test and pick up numbers and patterns. If they do not, they will not be able to show at County Fair.
10. A mandatory rider's meeting will be held the night of the written test. The meeting will be held prior to the test.
 11. Exhibitors must provide either paper or electronic form of an up-to-date record book to the superintendent at the time of the written test. If no record book is presented, the exhibitor will receive 0 out of 10 record book points for the County Fair Show.
 12. Bareback riding or double riding will not be allowed on the fairgrounds.
 13. Classes will be conducted according to the current Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rulebook, available online.
 14. All exhibitors showing at the County Fair are required to at least take the written test and show in Showmanship.
 15. Horse Project members do not have to exhibit at the County Fair to complete the Horse Project. Please see the Arapahoe County Extension 4-H Policies for Success for full project completion requirements.

**SHOW RULES:**

1. 4-H horse entries, exhibitors, and adults are subject to the 4-H Code of Conduct, the rules published in the Colorado 4-H Horse Rule Book and the Livestock and Horse Rules published in the Fair Book. Read each page carefully.
2. The Arapahoe County Fair Horse show will follow the Colorado 4-H Horse Rule book. Please refer to that if you have any questions about rules for a specific class.
3. Members, parents/family members, spectators or adults deemed to be unruly or exhibiting behavior that violates the 4-H Code of Conduct may be asked to leave the horse show area. The penalty will be decided by CSU Extension.
4. Numbers must be worn by the member/horse at all times unless they are at the trailer/tack up. Failure to do so will result in a disqualification in the class.
5. Only 4-H members will be allowed to school their horses (no parents, leaders, trainers, etc.)
6. Coaching from the sidelines while the exhibitor is showing will not be allowed. Doing so will, at the discretion of the superintendent, cause disqualification of the riders' scores.
7. Anyone who utilizes another person to ride or otherwise physically "school" a member's horse while on the Arapahoe County Fair premises will immediately be disqualified and removed from the grounds.
8. Parents/family members and 4-H leaders may, as necessary, assist with tack changes and minor grooming help with the understanding that the 4-H member should do the majority of the work.
9. All horses doctored, or in any way improperly or unfairly prepared or tampered with before going into the show ring, will be disqualified by the Superintendent.
10. The show ring will be under absolute control of the show management. Only authorized persons will be allowed in the show ring during judging.
11. The Arapahoe County Fair requires all exhibitors to wear proper attire in all horse show classes.
 - Proper Western attire includes western hat, western or cowboy boots, long pants, belt and long sleeved, full-length shirt (chest and midriff covered) required. Any exhibitor may wear certified equestrian protective headgear in any division or class without penalty. A properly fitted, certified equestrian helmet with safety harness fastened in place is required in gymkhana events activities and practice sessions.
 - Proper English attire includes suitable hunt seat attire consisting of a shirt/dickey, a coat of any tweed or melton for hunting (conservative wash jackets in season); breeches or jodhpurs; appropriate boots; and a helmet is mandatory. A properly fitted, certified equestrian helmet with safety harness fastened in place is required in over fences classes. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of the 4-H member to see that the headgear worn complies with such standards and is in good condition. In extreme weather conditions, show attire requirements may be altered by show management.
12. Exhibitors riding without a helmet do so strictly at their own risk. A properly fitted, certified equestrian helmet is recommended at all times while on horseback on the Fairgrounds.
13. An exhibitor may switch horses between classes, provided the horse is identified on the exhibitor's horse Identification Certificate and no delay is created when the call to the arena for subsequent class is announced.
14. Novice exhibitors entering classes in English, Gymkhana or Western events must hold the applicable Novice certification by June 15, 2026. If they want to compete in the Gymkhana events, they must pass the Gymkhana Competency test by June 15, 2026. Exhibitors participating in Hunter Hack must at least have a Limited Level English certification and hold a Limited Over Fences/Jumping Competency certification.
15. Exhibitors will take the written test and show Showmanship in the highest level passed no matter what discipline. Points earned in Showmanship will be from the placing within the class shown.
16. Course walk throughs for Trail classes may be available at the discretion of the show management and judge. Only exhibitors are allowed to walk the course.
17. A notebook with the placing sheet and the judges score cards will be placed outside the show office and updated throughout the day of the show. Any discrepancies need to be addressed immediately in writing by the exhibitor. Discrepancies must be made in writing by the exhibitor to the Extension Specialist and will only be allowed the day of the show up to 1 hour after the final class. The Horse Superintendents and Extension Specialist will have the final word on the discrepancy.



4-H HORSE DRUG AND MEDICATION RULE:

- No horse or pony may be shown in any class at a 4-H show if it has been administered in any manner a forbidden substance. A forbidden substance is any stimulant, depressant or local anesthetic, which might affect the performance of a horse. Stimulants and depressants are defined as medications, which stimulate or depress the circulatory, respiratory, or central nervous systems.
- Also prohibited are any drugs, regardless of how harmless or innocuous they might be, which by their very nature might mask or screen the presence of the aforementioned prohibited drugs, or prevent or delay testing procedures. The use of these drugs will be considered physical abuse, and the consequences will be enforced according to the general rules and requirements of the Colorado 4-H Horse Book.
- The full use of modern therapeutic measures including phenylbutazone for the improvement and protection of the health of the horse is permitted, unless the treatment may also stimulate or depress the circulatory, respiratory, or central nervous systems.



HORSE HUMANE POLICY STATEMENT:

1. It is the responsibility of every 4-H member to ensure that proper care is taken of their horse according to acceptable methods of good equine husbandry, as set forth by CSU and the Colorado Department of Agriculture. A healthy horse requires sufficient food, water, shelter and correct health care. Cruel and inhumane training methods are not appropriate in the Colorado 4-H Horse Program. Specific equine husbandry guidelines and humane training methods are provided in the Colorado 4-H Horse Project Manual.
2. The Superintendents and the Arapahoe County Fair Planning Committee reserve the right to withhold premium awards for violation of any rule governing this department, and to disqualify an exhibitor from participation at this Arapahoe County Fair and/or future Arapahoe County Fairs.



FACILITY INFORMATION:

1. Exhibitors must supply their own horse feed, water buckets, tack, and equipment.
2. A horse trailer parking area will be provided. All trailers and vehicles must be parked in the designated area.
3. Dogs are not allowed around the horse show area.



HORSE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

1. A horse exhibiting any signs of infectious disease will not be allowed on the fairgrounds at the discretion of the show management.
2. Horses must be serviceably sound for the events they are entered in.



PREMIUMS AND AWARDS:

1. Premiums for 4-H horse classes will be:

Placing	Premiums
• 1st	\$5.00
• 2nd	\$4.00
• 3rd	\$3.00
2. Premiums will be awarded only on those classes listed in the Fair Book.
3. Ribbons: Single strand rosette ribbons will be given 1st-6th place in each class.



SUPER HORSE AWARD

1. The Super Horse Award will be a “high point” award given to a one horse/one rider combination.
2. The award will be based on class scores in all Western, English and Gymkhana classes throughout the show following the Colorado 4-H Horse Rulebook. Gymkhana classes will be scored on a pro-rated 70 point score based on time.
3. The winner will receive a belt buckle sponsored by the Arapahoe County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee.



POINT SCORING SYSTEM:

1. Points per class are figured on a 10-1 scale no matter how many exhibitors are in a class. Example: A child placing 1st in a class of three will receive 10pts, a child placing 2nd would receive 9pts, and so on... These points will be tabulated towards any high point awards.
2. Class disqualifications will be at the discretion of the judge and the exhibitor will be awarded 0 points for the class.



HIGH POINT AWARDS:

Saturday, July 25, 2026 – 11:00 am
(after Round Robin) East Wing

1. Divisional Western, English and Gymkhana High Point Winners will receive:
 - Grand Champion award and double strand purple rosette ribbons.
 - Reserve Grand Champion receives Reserve Grand Champion award and double strand lavender rosette ribbon.
 - High Point Awards will be awarded to the rider in each division with the most points in the following.
 - Walk Trot Division
 - English – Written Test, Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation and English Trail.
 - Western – Written Test, Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Horsemanship and Western Trail.
 - Rookie Division
 - English – Written Test, Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, English Riding Control and English Trail.
 - Western – Written Test, Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, Reining and Western Trail.
 - Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions
 - English – Written Test, Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Show Hack, English Riding Control and English Trail.
 - Western – Written Test, Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, Reining, Western Riding and Western Trail.

- Gymkhana – Written Test, Showmanship, Barrels, Flags, Pole Bending, Keyhole, and Cracker Race.

2. Written Test placing will count for high point awards and will be used to break high point ties. Tie Breaker questions will be included in the written test and will be used to break ties but not included in the original score.
3. To qualify for Overall High Point and Reserve Overall High Point, competitors must take the written test, compete in showmanship, plus two (2) or more classes in each: English, Western, and Gymkhana Divisions..
 - Exception: Walk Trot and Rookie members are not eligible for Gymkhana classes so that requirement will be waived for their Overall tabulations.
4. Overall High Point and Reserve Overall High Point winners in each division will receive belt buckles presented by the Arapahoe County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee.



HORSE SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

1. Individuals may be nominated for an Outstanding Sportsmanship Award. Nomination applications can be picked up in the 4-H Fair Office.
2. There will be four divisions in which nominations will be accepted for 4-H members, parents and volunteers: Junior 8-10 Intermediate 11-13, Senior 14-18, and Adult 19 and over.
3. Nomination applications can be turned in at the 4-H fair Office or to the Extension Office by Tuesday, September 1.
4. A committee will be selected to screen the nominations and select the award recipients.
5. Various qualities should be considered when selecting nominees such as helping others, positive attitude, cooperation, punctuality, work ethic, conduct, observation of all rules and other as seen fit.
6. Sportsmanship Awards will be presented at the year-end Achievement Awards Ceremony.



WALK TROT AND ROOKIE

1. Walk Trot classes are for unrated riders who are not yet proficient at the lope. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Walk Trot and Rookie winners will not be eligible to win in the respective division the following year.
2. Walk Trot exhibitors may show their following year in Rookie classes.
3. Rookie riders are defined as 4-H youth, ages 8-18, who are unrated, having not yet passed the Novice written and riding test(s) by June 15 of current year.
4. Walk Trot and Rookie Exhibitors must take the Safety Pre-Level 1 Riding test by June 15, 2026.
5. Rookie riders are riders in their first year of showing at the Arapahoe County fair or a member that competed previously in Walk Trot classes only.
6. Rookie horse members should attempt to pass the Novice written and riding tests the following year.
7. Walk Trot and Rookie riders are not eligible to enter Gymkhana classes.



WRITTEN TEST

Thursday, July 16, 2026 - 6:00 pm

1. Sr. Written Test
2. Int. Written Test
3. Jr. Written Test
4. Rookie Written Test
5. Walk Trot Written Test

HORSE SHOW

Saturday, July 18, 2026 - 8:00 am



SHOWMANSHIP ENGLISH AND WESTERN COMBINED

6. Sr. Showmanship
7. Int. Showmanship
8. Jr. Showmanship
9. Rookie – All Ages Showmanship
10. Walk Trot Showmanship



GRAND CHAMPION SHOWMAN AND ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP:

1. The top two Horse Showmanship winners in each division, Junior, Intermediate and Senior will have an opportunity to compete in the Round Robin Showmanship Contest at 8:00 am on Saturday, July 25. See Livestock & Small Animal Rules for Round Robin Showmanship Contest Rules.
2. Walk-trot and Rookie contestants will not be eligible for Round Robin Showmanship unless the respective age group showmanship winners are unable to participate.
3. The only changes permitted to the list of those participating will be for emergencies, sickness or a participant qualifying for Round Robin in another species.
4. Round Robin contestants will haul in Saturday morning. Stalls will not be available.
5. The Horse Advisory Committee reserves the right to substitute a horse when it is deemed necessary.





Break For Tack Change And Warm Up



4-H ENGLISH SHOW CLASSES

11. Sr. Hunter Under Saddle
12. Int. Hunter Under Saddle
13. Jr. Hunter Under Saddle
14. Rookie Hunter Under Saddle
15. Walk Trot Hunter Under Saddle
16. Sr. Hunt Seat Equitation
17. Int. Hunt Seat Equitation
18. Jr. Hunt Seat Equitation
19. Rookie Hunt Seat Equitation
20. Walk Trot Hunt Seat Equitation
21. Sr. Show Hack
22. Int. Show Hack
23. Jr. Show Hack
24. Sr. Riding Control
25. Int. Riding Control
26. Jr. Riding Control
27. Rookie Riding Control
28. Open Hunter Hack *



- Hunter Hack does not count towards English High Point or Overall High Point.



ENGLISH TRAIL

29. Sr. English Trail
30. Int. English Trail
31. Jr. English Trail
32. Rookie English Trail
33. Walk Trot English Trail



- 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (Only Scheduled Time)

Lunch Break





4-H WESTERN SHOW CLASSES

34. Sr. Western Pleasure
35. Int. Western Pleasure
36. Jr. Western Pleasure
37. Rookie Western Pleasure
38. Walk Trot Western Pleasure
39. Sr. Horsemanship
40. Int. Horsemanship
41. Jr. Horsemanship
42. Rookie Horsemanship
43. Walk Trot Horsemanship
44. Sr. Reining
45. Int. Reining
46. Jr. Reining
47. Rookie Reining
48. Sr. Western Riding
49. Int. Western Riding
50. Jr. Western Riding



WESTERN TRAIL



• 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm (Only Scheduled Time)

51. Sr. Western Trail
52. Int. Western Trail
53. Jr. Western Trail
54. Rookie Western Trail
55. Walk Trot Western Trail



4-H GYMKHANA SHOW CLASSES

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| 56. Sr. Barrel Race | 64. Jr. Pole Bending |
| 57. Int. Barrel Race | 65. Sr. Keyhole Race |
| 58. Jr. Barrel Race | 66. Int. Keyhole Race |
| 59. Sr. Flag Race | 67. Jr. Keyhole Race |
| 60. Int. Flag Race | 68. Sr. Figure 8 Option |
| 61. Jr. Flag Race | 69. Int. Figure 8 Option |
| 62. Sr. Pole Bending | 70. Jr. Figure 8 Option |
| 63. Int. Pole Bending | |