



- Stallions may only be shown by exhibitors 18 and older.
- State 4-H Horse Rules apply.

## **OPEN CLASS HORSES**

**Pre-Registration:** July 21, 2017 @ Red Barn 6:00p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Show Date:** July 22, 2017; Classes Begin at 8:00 a.m.

Location: Goodells County Park, Goodells, MI

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### **ENTRY FEES**

\$6.00/Class

\$10.00/Sweepstakes Class

### **PAYBACK**

1<sup>st</sup> Place \$20

2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$10

3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$ 8

### **LEGEND**

- ◆ Same horse/rider combination not to ride in any other class
- ♣ Sweepstakes awarded \$50 + 50% of entry fees - \$50 is only added to classes with 10 or more exhibitors.
- ♠ Only Paybacks awarded

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

- 4-H youth will use their same back number from the fair classes.
- Age as of January 1st, 2017.
- All individuals leading the exhibitor and horse must be 18 years of age or older.
- All Lead Line exhibitors must wear a helmet.
- All open class horses are not to be on the grounds until 7 a.m.
- Back numbers are to be worn in the ring by all exhibitors.
- Judge's decision is final.
- Negative Coggins required.
- **NO DOGS ON GROUNDS**
- No refunds for scratched or no-show classes
- Open class horses are not permitted in the horse barns. They must stay in show pen area or designated trailer area.
- Open classes are for horses and ponies, both grade and registered, or horseman of St. Clair and adjoining counties.
- SEI helmets required for all participants of 4-H age. [19 years of age and younger].

### **DISCLAIMER**

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### **CLASS LIST**

1. Mini - Color
2. Halter Mares – ANY AGE & ANY SEAT
3. Halter Stallions & Gelding – ANY AGE & ANY SEAT
4. Mini - Showmanship
5. Showmanship [13 & under]
6. Showmanship [14-19]
7. Showmanship [20 & over]
8. Showmanship Sweepstakes [Open] ♣
9. Lead Line [6 & under] ◆
10. Walk/Trot English [13 & under] ◆
11. Walk/Trot English [14 & over] ◆
12. English Equitation [13 & under]
13. English Equitation [14-19 yrs. old]
14. English Equitation [20 & over]
15. English Pleasure [13 & under]
16. English Pleasure [14-19]
17. English Pleasure [20 & over]
18. English Pleasure Sweepstakes [Open]
19. Walk/Trot Western [13 & under] ◆
20. Walk/Trot Western [14 & Over] ◆
21. Western Horsemanship {13 & under]
22. Western Horsemanship [14 – 19]
23. Western Horsemanship [20 & Over]
24. Western Pleasure [13 & Under]
25. Western Pleasure [14-19]
26. Western Pleasure [20 & Over]
27. Western Pleasure Sweepstakes [Open] ♣
28. Leaders & Parents Down & Back Challenge
29. Down & Back [13 & Under]
30. Down & Back [14-19]
31. Down & Back [20 & Over] ♠
32. Pole Bending [13 & Under]
33. Pole Bending [14 – 19]
34. Pole Bending [20 & Over] ♠
35. Indiana Flags [13 & Under]
36. Indiana Flags [14 – 19]
37. Indiana Flags [20 & Over] ♠
38. Cloverleaf [13 & Under]
39. Cloverleaf [14 - 19]
40. Cloverleaf [20 & Over] ♠
41. Cloverleaf Sweepstakes (Open) ♣

## **HORSE & PONY**

**Horse Superintendents:** Sue Cook (810) 367-6471 ;  
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**Miniature Horse Superintendents:** Duke Fields (810) 956-5115;  
and Barb Schember

### **\*\*EXHIBITORS IN THE HORSE & PONY PROJECT AREA MAY SHOW BOTH A LIGHT HORSE AND A MINIATURE HORSE\*\***

**Judging:** See Horse Judging Schedule

**Set-up:** Friday @ 6p.m., Check-in: Sunday 4-8 p.m.

Location: Horse Ring A & B

SEE LIVESTOCK RULES & REGULATIONS & LIVESTOCK CARE AGREEMENT

Premiums: A=\$6, B=\$4, C=No Premiums, will pay up to 3 "A" ratings

**Record Book: Required of all exhibitors in order to show. Must be completed according to guidelines and turned in at the May 1<sup>st</sup> Deadline. Books available at the Fair Office, Website or 4-H office.**

**GENERAL FAIR RULES** – *If a situation arises that is not specifically covered by these rules, you should refer to the state guidelines, "The Horse and Pony Project Show Rules & Regulations Book", issued through Michigan State University, and available at the County Extension Office or on the following website:*

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/uploads/234/40261/State\\_Rules.pdf](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/uploads/234/40261/State_Rules.pdf)

**Attention Exhibitors:** Located in the front of this book is a list of Safety Rules & Regulations for Exhibitors. This information should be read, in addition to the Horse & Pony Rules & Regulations.

All participants wanting to show in the horse project during fair must be in a registered 4-H club by May 1<sup>st</sup> of current year. If not registered in a 4-H club they may show in the Open Horse Show on Saturday. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**The Fair Superintendent(s) will handle any rule not printed in the Fair or State Rulebooks.**

**A.** IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT ALL HORSE SUPERINTENDENTS HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO PULL ANY HORSE/RIDER FROM ANY RING AT ANY TIME FOR EXHIBITING UNSAFE CONDITIONS, OR UNSPORTSMAN LIKE CONDUCT! SAFETY RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED AT ALL TIMES.

**B.** Rules & regulations listed in Fair book, by Fair Board, shall apply, in addition to the following guidelines.

**C.** Failure to comply with any of the rules, requirements, registration requirements or deadlines, and/or failure to provide stall duties and trophy sponsor money may result in the ineligibility from any or all of the following: Championship Classes, High Point Awards, and Premium Paybacks.

**D.** Every club must have an adult representative at the fair at all times. A senior exhibitor is NOT considered an adult representative. A parent, guardian, or leader must supervise practice riding. Bareback practice is limited to the day of showing that class.

**E.** Overt coaching will be penalized.

### **F. STALLS:**

1. The Horse Superintendents must approve all stall changes.
2. No electrical appliances of any kind (fans, etc.) are to be placed in stalls.
3. No hay bags are to be left in stalls overnight.
4. No haul-in animals allowed in barns.
5. Only exhibitor registered to a project animal is allowed to ride that project animal. (NO ADULTS, TRAINERS, OTHER PARTICIPANTS OR SPECTATORS) In the event of an emergency situation parents or trainers may ride project animal after clearing it with a Horse Superintendent.
6. When showing a Light and Miniature horse the exhibitor is assigned only one stall. Exhibitor may stall only one project animal in this stall for the week of fair. The other project animal must be hauled-in for their day(s) of showing.

### **G. NO night riding**

**H.** Protective Headgear: The helmets must meet the specifications of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), must be manufactured and distributed by a participant in the certification program of the Safety Equipment Institute (SEI) and must bear the SEI certification label (SEI F1163 or above).

1. Show officials reserve the right to spot-check at any time to **verify compliance with helmet rule. If the helmet comes off the head while in a class it is an automatic disqualification.**
2. All participants in all hunter (over fences, on the flat and bareback), dressage, bareback, saddle seat and gymkhana classes are required to wear properly secured protective riding helmets whenever they are mounted.

**I.** Back Numbers-Exhibitors must display a visible number(s) in all classes. Any exhibitor failing to display a number(s) or displaying the wrong number(s) is disqualified.

### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS-EXHIBITORS & ANIMALS**

**A.** The project animal's age is determined as of January 1st of the current year.

**B.** Project animals may be shown by siblings, limit two siblings per project animal. They may show in the same division, but **NOT** in the same class.

**C.** No exhibitor may show in the same animal project in multiple counties.

**D.** Horses in all classes must be serviceably sound, or they will be excused from the ring at the judge's discretion.

**E.** Exhibitor should own or have under continual care, as much as possible, their project animal. Feed and care should start May 1 and continue through fair.

### **REGISTRATION & DEADLINE REQUIREMENTS:**

All horses must have a negative Coggins test to participate in Fair. **The original Coggins must be shown at check-in.** Test must have occurred at least one year from haul-out date of fair.

**A.** Following is a deadline schedule for turning in required forms, documentation, etc.

**May 1st** – Project record books must be completed and turned in by this date. Project animal must be registered by this date, by turning in a Fair Horse Photo ID form. This form is available through Fair Web Site and Horse Leader’s Assn. website. It must be turned in with an identifying photo of the project animal. All photos must be clear, bright enough, and show all distinctive markings. There should be no tack or rider in the photo, except for the halter and lead. No other photos will be accepted. Failure to register project animal by these guidelines will disqualify exhibitor from premiums and any championships.

**June 15<sup>th</sup>** - Deadline for exhibitors to sign-up for fair. All entries must be done online at [www.stclaircounty4hfair.org](http://www.stclaircounty4hfair.org)

**B. NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER DEADLINE.**

**C.** All horse classes to be competed must be listed on this form including project record book. This document will be the final authority on class sign-up for exhibitors’ judging, awards and premiums.

**July Leader's Meeting** - Project animals can be changed up to Horse Leaders meeting in July with a vet certificate and/or written letter from leader stating safety concerns. Horse Superintendents and Fair Board must approve these changes. No classes can be changed or added after June 15<sup>th</sup> sign up, unless approved by horse superintendents and reflect changes in project animal or safety concerns. Any exhibitor changing their project animal after May 1<sup>st</sup> is not eligible for championship classes or high-point awards.

**Check-In:** Horses may be checked in between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Sunday before Fair. Horses must be unloaded in the parking lot, off the pavement, stop at picnic table under trees for inspection, then lead across the crosswalk, lead behind the red barn, and then up the hill to assigned barn. Original negative Coggins and helmets must be presented for inspection at this time. Once your helmet is inspected, the ID you will be given must be attached at all times to designate that your helmet has been inspected. Ponies and minis will be measured and tagged at designated time (promptly after check in has closed), in front of the Blue Horse Barn. Gymkhana only haul-in’s: Check in Wednesday from 12-1 p.m. ONLY in designated area. Horses must be checked out Sunday after Fair starting at 6:00 a.m. and no later than 11:00 a.m. A barn manager must check each exhibitor’s stall before horses are removed from grounds. Exceptions will be made only in an extreme emergency. Anyone leaving early without written permission from Fair Board and horse superintendent may not be eligible for premiums the current year or stalls the following year, and may be subject to any further discipline as the Society deems appropriate.

**AWARDS:**

- A.** Ten place ribbons will be awarded in each class. Rating ribbons may be awarded in fitting and showing classes.
- B.** Each animal in each class will be rated A, B, or C.
- C.** Following is the chart of how points will be assigned for placing. These points apply to all participants, for all high points.

Grand Champion	10 points
Reserve Champion	9 points
First place	6 points
Second place	5 points
Third place	4 points
Fourth place	3 points
Fifth place	2 points
Sixth place	1 point

**D.** The judge's decision is final.

**E. Championship Classes:**

- 1. Novice and Walk/Trot exhibitors are excluded.
- 2. Only 1st & 2nd place exhibitors from regular classes are eligible.
- 3. It is at the discretion of the judge whether there will be a ride off or not. Riders should expect to perform any tests listed in the current rulebook, at the judge's discretion. NOTE - if an exhibitor 9-12 years old qualifies for a championship class, and is riding bareback, where loping or cantering is required, it is parent's/leader's discretion whether the exhibitor is able to enter and ride the class and remain safe.
- 4. Championships for Gymkhana classes will be decided by the fastest times for each division.
- 5. Championships for trail, e/w riding, reining, dressage, hunter over fences and equitation over fences will be determined by individual high points according to judge’s scorecards.

**F.** Traveling Trophies – All Overall & Hi-point trophies and the Sportsmanship Trophy are considered “Traveling Trophies”. These trophies are presented at the presentation parade on the final day of competition. They must be returned prior to the parade of the next years’ fair. Each trophy winner will receive a recognition award. Any traveling trophy won by the same exhibitor 3 consecutive years is retired to that exhibitor excluding novice and walk/trot divisions.

**G.** Overall Fitting & Showing and Equitation:

- 1. Miniature Horse, Novice & walk/trot exhibitors are excluded.
- 2. There is an overall championship class for the Fitting & Showing division, and the Equitation division. All Junior & Senior Grand Champion winners (no Reserves) in these divisions will be eligible to participate in these classes. These points are not included in the high-point youth.
- 3. **The grand and reserve champions from Overall Showmanship must participate in Sweepstakes on Saturday of fair.**

**H.** High-Point Trophies: All high-point trophies are awarded to the individual accumulating the most points in that division, excluding horse project record books, according to the following lists of classes.

- 1. **High-Point English:** Fitting & Showing; Dressage; English Equitation; English Pleasure; Hunter Hack; Equitation over Fences; Hunter Over Fences; Trail; Bareback; English/Western Riding.
- 2. **High-Point Gymkhana:** Down & Back; Pole Bending; Cloverleaf; Speed & Action; Keyhole; Indiana Flag Race.
- 3. **High-Point Pony:** Fitting & Showing; Pony Pleasure; Pony

Horsemanship; Pony Bareback; Pony English Equitation; Pony English Pleasure

**4. High-Point Western:** Fitting & Showing; Western Pleasure; Western Horsemanship; Trail; Bareback; Reining; English/Western Riding.

**5. High-Point Novice:** (Classes specified as Novice) Novice Fitting & Showing; Novice Western Pleasure; Novice Western Horsemanship; Novice English Pleasure; Novice English Equitation; Novice Bareback; Novice Trail; Novice Dressage.

**6. High-Point Walk/Trot:** (Classes specified as Walk/Trot) WT Fitting & Showing; WT English Equitation; WT English Pleasure; WT Western Horsemanship; WT Western Pleasure; WT Bareback (English or Western); WT Trail, WT Dressage.

**7. High-Point Miniature Horse:** Mini Showmanship; Mini Pleasure Driving; Mini Obstacle Driving; Mini In-hand Trail; Hunter

**8. High-Point Youth:** This is awarded to the exhibitor accumulating the most points throughout the fair. This high-point includes all youth, all seats, horse or pony.

**9. High-Point Horseless Horse:** This is awarded to the Horseless Horse exhibitor accumulating the most points throughout the fair. This high-point includes the Horseless Horse Project Record Book and Monday's Horseless Horse classes.

**10.** In the event that 2 or more exhibitors accumulate the same total of points the award will be shared equally.

#### I. SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD:

1. Voted on by exhibitors during fair week.

#### **CLASS SIGN-UP GUIDELINES:**

**A.** Exhibitors can select only ONE class in each Division - (Example: All Fitting & Showing is under one Division). Please refer to the guidelines below for further explanations. The division numbers are shown in the Horse Class Schedule.

**B.** Novice riders can only enter classes designated "Novice" on the class lists

**C.** Walk/Trot riders can only enter classes designated "Walk/Trot".

**D.** Classes will not be held for any exhibitor who has not previously requested a tack change. There is a 3-minute allowance from the time the first horse enters the ring until the class is closed. For Gymkhana classes, no class will be stopped or held open. If you are not there, ready to ride, you will be disqualified.

#### **Additional information regarding class sign up for Light Horses:**

##### **1. DRESSAGE**

**a.** Introduction to dressage is a class for beginning 3 gait riders.

**b.** No 3-gait rider should enter Walk/Trot or Novice Dressage.

##### **2. ENGLISH/WESTERN RIDING**

The state guidelines requires performing at least 4 flying lead changes. For the Advance class exhibitors need to perform 4 or more flying lead changes or be disqualified. For the Simple class

all lead changes must be simple, performing flying lead changes will result in disqualification. For both advance and simple, failure to change leads when called for will result in disqualification.

##### **3. HUNTER HACK & OVER FENCES**

All horses competing will be lined up at one side of the arena for instructions prior to start of class. Individual jump patterns to be completed before flat phase. Baby Green Hunter Hack and Crosspoles are classes designated for beginning jumpers. Exhibitors showing in any baby green jumping classes cannot show in regular classes.

##### **4. GYMKHANA**

Gymkhana classes are classified as 3 gait classes. All walk/trot and novice exhibitors are excluded.

##### **5. WESTERN PLEASURE**

P/S Western Pleasure includes all Gaited, Arabs, Half Arabs, Saddlebreds, and Morgans.

##### **6. BAREBACK EQUITATION**

**a.** Riders may enter ONE bareback class, either western or English.

**b.** Ages 12 & under, all novice, and all walk/trot classes will walk & jog/trot. Only ages 13 & over will be required to lope or canter.

**c.** Helmet required for all classes and in practice ring.

##### **7. PONIES:**

Ponies must measure 56 inches or less at the withers. Shod ponies will be allowed ½ inch for the thickness of shoes. If you have an animal that falls under this height, and wish to show as a pony exhibitor, you must have your animal measured & tagged at haul-in. If you wish to show in your age group instead of the pony division, you do not need to have your animal measured. However, you are then not eligible to show in the designated pony classes. You will have to show in your age group for all classes.

##### **8. WALK/TROT CLASSES:**

**a.** Open to any age rider with horse/pony who is unable to lope/canter in a class situation.

**b.** The same guidelines apply to all walk/trot classes that apply to regular classes, except that, at no time shall a walk/trot rider canter or lope. Doing so could mean a disqualification from that class.

**c.** Any Walk/Trot class will be split if there are more than 15 entries. Any Walk/Trot class can be split, or combined, by the fair superintendent. Splits will be done by ages only.

**d.** If a rider chooses to enter ANY Walk/Trot class, that rider is no longer eligible, and CANNOT enter any class that requires three gaits. They MUST enter ONLY classes designated Walk/Trot and are not eligible for Championships.

**e.** Once the same horse/rider combination has competed for 2 years in the walk/trot division, they must move up to three gate classes.

**f.** Once an exhibitor wins the High Point walk/trot trophy, that exhibitor must move up to three gate classes.

##### **10. NOVICE CLASSES**

**a.** The Novice classes are for exhibitors competing in

their first or second year at the 3rd gait regardless of the animal being shown. Exhibitors choosing to compete as "Novice" may not enter any class that is not designated as "Novice".

b. Novice exhibitors are not eligible for any Championships.

c. Once an exhibitor has competed for 2 years in the Novice division, they must move up to their age group the following year.

d. Once an exhibitor has won the High Point trophy, that exhibitor must move up to their regular age group the following year.

## 11. HORSELESS HORSE CLASSES

a. 4-H members ages 9-19 may participate in the Horseless Horse project.

1. The Horseless horse Book (Class 133) and The Horseless Horse Project Record Book are **BOTH** required (Class 900). If both books are not completed and on the exhibitor's premium sheet they will not be eligible for championships.

b. A mentor and use of the mentor's project animal is required for Class 130.

1. A horse I.D. must be submitted at the May 1<sup>st</sup> turn in meeting.

2. The mentor is required to be present in ring during class.

c. All Horseless Horse classes will take place on Monday, after the Overall Fitting and Showing Class.

1. Horseless Horse Book Interview time and location will be announced during fair set up and Monday during fair.

## 12. CLOVER SPROUTS

a. **ONLY Senior Clover Sprouts (8 year olds) are allowed to participate in Class 1023 as participation ONLY**

b. A mentor and use of the mentor's project animal is required for Class 1023.

1. A horse I.D. must be submitted at the May 1<sup>st</sup> turn in meeting.

2. The mentor is required to be present in ring during class.

## 13. MINIATURE HORSE CLASSES

a. The current maximum height for minis is 38 inches. Minis are required to be a minimum age of 3 to show in Driving and Hunter classes.

b. AMHR Rules apply to miniature horse Classes. The Rule book for our current classes can be found on the St. Clair County 4-h Horse leaders website or at [www.shetlandminiature.com](http://www.shetlandminiature.com).

c. 4-H Horse & Pony Show Rules and Regulation does state that tennis shoes are not acceptable footwear. This rule will apply to 4-H members showing and handling Minis.

CLASSES ON FOLLOWING PAGES. ARRANGED BY THE DAY THAT THEY ARE SHOWN.

