HORSE DEPARTMENT 39
PLEASE READ ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY

GROUNDS AND SAFETY

- See General Rules, Livestock Rules, Animal Health Regulations, Refund Policy on Livestock and Overnight Policy.
- All overnighters will abide by the Rules and Regulations as set forth by the Middlesex County 4-H Fair Board of Directors.

NOTE: On Thursday, horses may enter the grounds between 2:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. only. Horses without proper vet certification will be denied entry.

- **The following rules issued by the Massachusetts Department of Food and Agriculture apply to all equine**:
  1. All equines entering a Massachusetts fairground must have a valid health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian certifying that the animals are clinically free of infectious or contagious disease and exposure from such disease. Documents of health certification for out-of-state animals must be written on relevant state or federal health forms only. In-state animals may be accompanied by a certificate of examination on a veterinarian's letterhead stationery which clearly identifies the contact information for the veterinarian signing the certification. Certificates written on plain paper are not acceptable. These certificates must be available upon request to fair inspectors. Health certificates must be dated January 1st or after for this year. These documents will be acceptable for the entire fair season.
  2. All equines must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions: mange, ringworm, soring, strangles and open or draining wounds.
  3. All equines originating from within and outside of the Commonwealth must have a negative USDA-approved EIA test (i.e., Coggins test or ELISA test) dated within twelve months of entry. A detailed description of the horse must appear on the test form and must match the description that appears on the health certificate.

ALL EQUINE WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A CERTIFICATE (SIGNED VETERINARIAN SHOT RECORD) OF VACCINATION FOR RABIES, CURRENT NEGATIVE COGGINS TEST AND EWT. NAME OF HORSE AND DESCRIPTION MUST BE THE SAME ON ALL PAPERWORK.

- Riders must wear an ASTM/SEI Approved Hard Hat (as marked on the inside of the hat) with built-in safety harness securely fastened at all times when mounted. Riders will not be penalized for wearing protective headgear or protective vests outside of their seat. Any rider who violates this rule will be prohibited from further riding until this headgear is properly in place.
- Exhibitors must abide by the following safety rules:
  - Riders must be astride while mounted **with both feet in stirrups (except in bareback classes)**.
  - Riders must have reins in hand while mounted.
  - Exhibitors may not smoke, eat or drink while mounted or have horse in hand.
  - Riders may not be mounted in the pine grove or stable areas.
  - Horses must proceed at a walk at all times outside the rings and exercise areas.
  - All schooling will be limited to the designated areas.
  - Riders may ride or exercise their horse in any area after the close of the show each day, at the discretion of the Show Manager and must be accompanied by a leader or an adult designated by the leader.
  - Riders should not congregate in the gate area too far in advance of their class.
  - Horses must be haltered or bridled at all times.

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GROUNDS AND SAFETY (continued):

- Wood or metal panel enclosures must be used to house horses; no snow fencing or bailing twine will be allowed. Horses kept in the straight stalls in the horse barn must be cross-tied with two 1/2" tie ropes and have a butt chain or stall guard. Safety knots must be used for any tying (cotton leads will stay tied). This area will be monitored.
- All exhibitors must bring hay, grain, bedding and tack in on Thursday evening for the entire weekend.
- After Thursday night, horse trailers and cars are not allowed to move in the Horse Grove Area until after 6PM. Horse truck & trailers staying the entire weekend will be parked inside the fence BUT cannot move.
- Day exhibitors will be allowed in the fence area, BUT, CANNOT leave until after 6 PM on Friday and Saturday only! Trucks and Trailers parking outside the fence in the parking lot will be charged a PER DAY PARKING FEE!
- **EXHIBITORS MAY NOT REMOVE ANIMALS OR LEAVE THE GROUNDS UNTIL AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE CLOSING CEREMONIES OF THE FAIR, AND THEIR AREAS ARE CLEAN.**

REMINDER: Please be aware of horses with red ribbons in their tails and give them wide berth.

MANAGEMENT POLICY

- Decisions of the Judges and/or Show Committee will be final. This show shall be governed by the rules of New England 4-H Horse Show Rule Book and the Middlesex County 4-H Fair Horse Show Committee, which have been adapted from the rules of the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF).
- Evidence of poor sportsmanship on the part of the exhibitor will be subject to dismissal from the show and the forfeiture of all entry fees and awards. Parents, leaders and coaches also must exhibit good sportsmanship or be escorted off the grounds.
- Exhibits must be prepared, handled and maintained entirely by the 4-H'er without assistance from family or friends. **4-H Horseshow safety rules apply.**
- No person shall approach or speak to a judge without the express permission of the Show Steward. Failure of exhibitors to observe this rule may result in disqualification from the show without refund of fees. Parents, leaders and coaches also must observe this rule. Requests to speak to the Judge should come from the exhibitor.
- Unruly or dangerous horses may be disqualified from the show without return of entry fees.
- The Horse Show Committee reserves the right to change class order and location due to weather or other complications.
- Breaks in the show will not necessarily coincide with posted kitchen hours. Every effort will be made to accommodate meal times. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor, leader or parent to obtain meals.
- The Fair Association, Horse Advisory Board, Show Committee and Show officials will not be responsible for the loss or damage of exhibitor's belongings and/or of injury to animals or persons.

- **DRUGS ARE PROHIBITED ACCORDING TO USEF RULES, AND THE RULES OF THE FAIR.**

PERFORMANCE/APPOINTMENTS

- Proper dress is required in all classes according to the "New England 4-H Horse Show Rule Book." This means formal attire in all performance classes.
- English shirts without jackets must be either short or long sleeved, NO SLEEVELESS SHIRTS WITHOUT A JACKET.
- Boots must have a raised heel.
- Sneakers, loafers, tank tops or T-shirts are prohibited when mounted.
- Western shirts must be long sleeved and buttoned to the collar.
- Numbers must be visible at all times.
- Jeans (except Western dress jeans) are prohibited except under chaps.
- Novice jumping classes are only for exhibiters that are jumping for the 1st time or 1st year out of walk trot. Points in these classes will not count towards championships.

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PERFORMANCE/APPOINTMENTS (continued)

- Small Equine
    - Must be 12 hands (48 inches) or under and all classes are in-hand
    - Handlers should be dressed in long sleeved shirts and pants (non faded, solid color or dress pants without holes) but not necessarily dressed in riding attire.
    - ASTM/SEI Helmets and hard soled boots with a heal must be worn for Fitting & Showmanship, Trail but securely fastened sneakers may be worn in games and/or jumping classes.

NOTE: USEF and 4-H Rules specify proper equipment. Artificial aid may be prohibited. Questions should be addressed to the Show Steward.

HORSE EXHIBITOR ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Exhibitors must have submitted Horse Project Verification form to County Office 90 days prior to the Fair horse show.
Age requirements for exhibitors in the Horse Department are as follows:

Cloverbud:	Age 5 through 7 as of January 1, of the current 4-H year
Junior:	Age 8 through 13 as of January 1, of the current 4-H year
Senior:	Age 14 through 18 as of January 1, of the current 4-H year
Walk/Trot	Age 8 through 18 as of January 1, of the current 4-H year
Small Equine	Age 8 through 18 as of January 1, of the current 4-H year

NEW! Each Exhibitor can enter up to two horse projects with combinations being:
1 performance horse and 1 gymkhana horse, or 1 performance horse and 1 small equine,
(**Note: Egg and Spoon classes are performance classes, so rider must use their performance horse for this class**).

All classes must be pre-entered and paid for. Be sure your entry and overnight forms have **all the required signatures**! **Forms will not be accepted without the signatures of a parent/guardian and leader and the proper animal records.** After reviewing each exhibitor's form for accuracy, leaders should be the last to sign the forms. Horse Club Leaders must submit all overnight requests for their clubs as a one entry package, including chaperones. Individual entries will be returned.

Fitting and Showmanship classes will be assigned by the show management. Every Exhibitor must show in Fitting and Showmanship classes in order to be able to participate in Fair classes. Exhibitors will use appointments and tack appropriate to the division they have entered for the Fair. Fitting and Showmanship classes are on Friday morning (Saturday morning for Small Equine). **There is a Saturday morning Fitting and Showmanship class, but Entry in this class must be approved by the department chair prior to forms being turned into the office!** If you are an overnighter on Thursday, you must show in Friday Fitting and Showmanship classes with exception for Small Equine which is held on Saturday.

The Show Management will measure horse/pony height if the exhibitor is in doubt of classification.

Show packets with numbers will be distributed to the leaders at their camp site on Thursday Night.

CLASS INFORMATION:

- Fitting and Showmanship judging will be station to station. There will be a Junior and a Senior Championship class.

- Leadline classes will be held with Cloverbuds only astride. Ponies/horses can be borrowed 4-H projects that are already entered in the Horse Show by another exhibitor, or the Cloverbud's own horse/pony. All horses/ponies must comply with all animal health regulations and all other fair requirements for animals and exhibitors. The leader of the horse must be an adult or a senior 4-H member and may be from the same club ***or*** from a different club. Cloverbuds may ONLY participate in Leadline classes. These are not judged classes; all entrants will be awarded participation ribbons.

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- Horse Lover's Showmanship class is open to any 4-H Horse Lover member. The class will be judged on the member's ability to show the horse to its best advantage. Leaders must arrange for all horses and horses must comply with all Health Regulations and Horse Show Rules. All necessary signatures on the back of the entry form must be complete. Horse Lovers may show only in Horse Lover's classes.

- Walk-Trot exhibitors are ages 8 -18. Exhibitors must not have previously shown in a performance class with a canter or lope.

- Walk-Trot exhibitors must show in a Fitting and Showmanship class as appropriate by their age.

- Small Equine exhibitors are ages 8-18. Equine must be 12 hands or under and all classes will be in-hand.

- **ALL CLASSES MUST BE PRE-ENTERED; NO ADDING OF CLASSES DURING THE FAIR.**

- Classes may be switched from one ring to another by the Horse Show Committee if timing and or size of the classes warrant it; **classes must have at least 3 exhibitors to be considered a class**.

IMPORTANT NOTE

WARNING: Under Massachusetts Law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to Section 2D of Chapter 128 of the General Laws.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Award	Description
Fitting & Showmanship Topaz Memorial Trophy	Awarded to the Club accumulating the most points in the Fitting & Showmanship classes at this Fair.
The Stable Challenge Trophy	Club stable award is based on stable area and adherence to fairs regulations by members, parents and chaperones. Scoring is 30% Safety, 25% Management, 25% Courtesy and 20% Display.
English Trophy	Awarded to the club which accumulates the most points in the English performance classes.
Western Trophy	Awarded to the club which accumulates the most points in the Western performance classes.
Walk – Trot Trophy	Awarded to the club which accumulates the most points in the Walk – Trot classes.
Gymkhana Trophy	Awarded to the club which accumulates the most points in the timed events.
Small Equine	Awarded to the club which accumulates the most points in the Small Equine classes.
Club Team Challenge Trophy Horse	Awarded to the club whose team of 3 riders places first in the Club team competition.
Club Pair Challenge Trophy Horse	Awarded to the club whose pair of 2 riders places first in the Club Pair competition.
Average Point Trophy	Awarded to the club who has the most points divided by the number of riders in the club showing at the fair (Cloverbuds, Horselovers and Small Equine not included in club count).
Sportsmanship Trophy	Awarded to the club deemed to display the best spirit of sportsmanship throughout the show as voted by the clubs.
High Point Senior Award	Awarded to the Senior with the highest point total combined from all classes.
High Point Junior Award	Awarded to the Junior with the highest point total combined from all classes.

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2018 Middlesex County 4-H Fair
Horse Show Class Schedule
Friday, August 24, 2018
Start Time is 8:30 a.m.

Fitting and Showmanship Classes will be posted by Exhibitor's number as to what Ring and what side of the Ring the exhibitor's class will be in. All Walk-Trot exhibitors must enter a Fitting and Showmanship Class based on their age.

Classes are in the appropriate tack for your riding seat

1. Junior Fitting & Showmanship (8 - 13 years)
2. Senior Fitting & Showmanship (14 - 18 years)
3. Shared Project Fitting & Showmanship (8 - 18 years)
4. Horse Lover's Fitting & Showmanship (8 - 18 years)

   Junior Championship Fitting & Showmanship (8 - 13 years)

   Senior Championship Fitting & Showmanship (14 - 18 years)
5. Gymkhana (2nd horses only) Fitting & Showmanship (8-18 year)

RING 1

6. Walk/Trot Equitation
7. Walk/Trot Egg & Spoon
8. Western Equitation
9. Western Egg & Spoon
10. Junior English Equitation
11. Junior English Egg & Spoon
12. Senior English Equitation
13. Senior English Egg & Spoon

RING 2

14. Walk/Trot Pickup & Deliver
15. Junior Pickup & Deliver
16. Junior Pony Express
17. Senior Pickup & Deliver
18. Senior Pony Express

Warm up area Ring 2 & 3 after Fitting & Showmanship

Lunch break-time will be coordinated with kitchen lunchtime as close as possible

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2018 Middlesex County 4-H Fair
Horse Show Class Schedule
Saturday, August 25, 2018
Start Time is 8:30 a.m.

RING 1

19. Fitting & Showmanship (Only for those with **advanced approved absence** on Fridays F&S from the Fair Horse Chairman)
20. Small Equine Fitting & Showmanship

RING 1

21. Horse Lovers Trail (Walk/Trot only)
22. Walk /Trot Trail
23. Junior English Trail
24. Senior English Trail
25. Western Trail
26. Small Equine Trail
27. Cloverbud Trail

RING 3

28. Walk/Trot USDF 2011 Intro (Walk/Trot only)
29. Junior USDF 2011 Intro Test C
30. Senior USDF 2011Intro Test C
31. Walk/Trot Western Dressage 2013 Intro Level
32. Western Dressage 2013 Basic Level 1

RING 1

33. Small Equine Over Fences
34. Walk/Trot Equitation Over Ground Poles
35. Novice over Cross Rails 18" (1st year out of W/T only)
36. Junior Equitation over Fences 2'
37. Senior Equitation over Fences 2'
38. Western Reining
39. Walk/Trot Pole Bending
40. Small Equine Pole Bending
41. Junior Pole Bending
42. Senior Pole Bending
43. Walk/Trot Barrel Race
44. Small Equine Barrel Race
45. Junior Barrel Race
46. Senior Barrel Race

RING 2

47. Walk/Trot Tennis Ball Drop
48. Junior Tennis Ball Drop
49. Senior Tennis Ball Drop
50. Junior Flag Race
51. Senior Flag Express
52. Junior Speed Action Control
53. Senior Speed Action Control

CLOVERBUD CLASSES (will be held after lunch break).

54. Cloverbud Lead line
55. Cloverbud Lead line Egg & Spoon

INTERCLUB PAIRS: Horse Pairs, Pony Pairs To be comprised of exhibitors from different clubs. Judged 80% performance, 20% uniformity of appointments (Will be held after lunch break).

Ring 2 warm-up until after Dressage. Following Dressage warm-up will be in Ring 3

Lunch break-time will be coordinated with kitchen lunchtime as close as possible.

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2018 Middlesex County 4-H Fair
Horse Show Class Schedule
Sunday, August 26, 2018
Start Time is 9:00 a.m.

RING 1

56. Walk/Trot Pleasure
57. Junior English Pleasure
58. Senior English Pleasure
59. Western Pleasure
60. Junior Hunter Hack
61. Senior Hunter Hack

RING 1

62. Western Horsemanship
63. Junior English Bareback Equitation
64. Western Bareback Equitation
65. Senior English Bareback Equitation

RING 1

66. Walk/Trot Discipline Rail
67. Junior English Discipline Rail
68. Senior English Discipline Rail
69. Western Discipline Rail

RING 2

70. Walk/Trot Keyhole
71. Junior Keyhole
72. Senior Keyhole

CLUB TEAM COMPETITION (will be run after lunch break)

One team entry per club. To be comprised of three exhibitors from the same club and can be any combination of horses and ponies. Will be judged on 80% performance, 20% uniformity of appointments.

CLUB PAIR COMPETITION (will be run after lunch break)

One team entry per club. To be comprised of two exhibitors from the same club and can be any combination of horses and ponies. Will be judged on 80% performance, 20% uniformity of appointments.

WARM UP IN RING 3 ALL DAY

Lunch break-time will be coordinated with kitchen lunchtime as close as possible