

HORSE DEPARTMENT 39
PLEASE READ ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY

GROUND 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 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. only. Horses without proper vet certification or signed vet shot record 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 or veterinarian shot record 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 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.
- 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 **6PM** 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 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.

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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 or rider will be disqualified.
- Jeans (except Western dress jeans) are prohibited except under chaps.
- Novice jumping classes are only for exhibitors that are jumping for the 1st time or 1st year out of walk/trot. Points in these classes will not count towards championships.
- 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 heel 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

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

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).

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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.

Show packets with numbers will be distributed to the leaders on or before Thursday Night of the Fair.

CLASS INFORMATION:

- Fitting and Showmanship judging will be station to station. There will be a Junior and a Senior Championship class.
- Lead-line 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 Cloverbuds 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 Lead-line classes. These are not judged classes; all entrants will be awarded participation ribbons.
- 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 must not have previously shown in a performance class with a canter or lope and must show in a Fitting and Showmanship class as appropriate by their age.
- **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 2 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.

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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 Fair 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/Horse in Hand Trophy	Awarded to the club which accumulates the most points in the Small Equine/Horse in Hand 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, Horse Lovers 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 Western Award	Awarded to the rider with the highest point total combined from all Western classes.
High Point English Award	Awarded to the rider with the highest point total combined from all English classes.

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2019 Middlesex County 4-H Fair Horse Show Class Schedule Friday, August 23, 2019 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 (if necessary). 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 years)

RING 1

6. Senior English Equitation
7. Senior English Egg & Spoon
8. Junior English Equitation
9. Junior English Egg & Spoon
10. Western Equitation
11. Western Egg & Spoon
12. Walk/Trot Equitation
13. Walk/Trot Egg & Spoon
14. Senior Four-Leaf Clover
15. Junior Four-Leaf Clover

RING 2 (may be run in Ring 1)

16. Senior Beverage Race
17. Junior Beverage Race
18. Walk/Trot Beverage Race

Warm-up rings will be determined and announced each morning of the show.

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

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2019 Middlesex County 4-H Fair Horse Show Class Schedule Saturday, August 24, 2019 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/Horse In-Hand Fitting & Showmanship

RING 1

21. Horse Lovers Trail

22. Walk/Trot Trail

23. Junior English Trail

24. Senior English Trail

25. Western Trail

26. Small Equine/Horse In-Hand Trail

27. Cloverbud Trail

CLOVERBUD CLASSES (will be held after lunch break)

33. Cloverbud Lead-line

34. Cloverbud Lead-line Egg & Spoon

RING 3

28. Walk/Trot USDF 2015 Intro A

29. Junior USDF 2015 Intro Test C

30. Senior USDF 2015 Intro Test C

31. Walk/Trot Western Dressage 2017 Intro Level Test 1

32. Western Dressage 2017 Basic Level Test 1

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 1

35. Small Equine/Horse In-Hand over Fences or Poles

36. Junior Hunter Hack

37. Senior Hunter Hack

38. Walk/Trot Equitation over Ground Poles

39. Novice over Cross Rails 18" (1st year out of W/T only)

40. Junior Equitation over Fences 2'

41. Senior Equitation over Fences 2'

42. Western Reining

43. Walk/Trot Pole Bending

44. Junior Pole Bending

45. Senior Pole Bending

46. Walk/Trot Barrel Race

47. Junior Barrel Race

48. Senior Barrel Race

RING 2

49. Small Equine/Horse In-Hand Pattern

50. Small Equine/Horse In-Hand Egg & Spoon

51. Walk/Trot Pick-up & Deliver

52. Junior Pick-up & Deliver

53. Senior Pick-up & Deliver

Warm-up rings will be determined and announced each morning of the show.

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

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2019 Middlesex County 4-H Fair Horse Show Class Schedule Sunday, August 25, 2019 Start Time is 9:00 a.m.

RING 1

- 54. Senior English Pleasure
- 55. Senior English Discipline Rail
- 56. Junior English Pleasure
- 57. Junior English Discipline Rail
- 58. Western Pleasure
- 59. Western Discipline Rail
- 60. Walk/Trot Pleasure
- 61. Walk/Trot Discipline Rail

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.

NOTE: Riders in Club Team Competition cannot also participate in Club Pair Competition.

RING 1

- 62. Junior English Bareback Equitation
- 63. Western Bareback Equitation
- 64. Senior English Bareback Equitation
- 65. Western Horsemanship
- 66. Walk/Trot Hourglass
- 67. Junior Hourglass
- 68. Senior Hourglass
- 69. Alumni Equitation

RING 2

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

Warm-up rings will be determined and announced each morning of the show.

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