

## Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee – 2021 Fair Rules

Current Uniform Rules for 4H Horse Shows will be in effect. The following are in addition to the Uniform Rules.

### Procedure

1. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor, advisors, and parents to read and understand all of the current Uniform Rules for 4H Horse Shows, and Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee rules. A rules acknowledgment form must be signed and returned by June 1<sup>st</sup> with Fair packet to the appropriate Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee chairperson.
2. All Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee members, 4Hers, parents, siblings, and advisors attending the Summit County Fair will be bound by the General Rules and Regulations of the Summit County Agricultural Society (SCAS) and the regulations outlined in the Horse Division. Violations will be handled by the Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee and SCAS if needed.
3. Any parent/advisor witnessing any type of misconduct, including animal abuse or violation of these rules, fairgrounds rules, or the 4H code of conduct, is encouraged to report such misconduct promptly to the SCAS or Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee Chairperson. A written report must contain: rule which was violated, the member's name who violated the rule, the project horse's name, and if anyone else was involved (i.e. trainer, other 4Her, etc.) that person's name, as well as definitive proof. This information will be kept confidential. Misconduct may result in one or any of the following: loss of high point, loss of versatility eligibility, and/or dismissal from the fairgrounds.
4. For 2021, a fee of \$100 per participant and \$75 for each sibling will be charged to attend the Horse Program at the Summit County Fair, or raise the appropriate amount of funds in JFB sanctioned fundraiser(s). In 2022, a fee of \$125 per participant and \$100 for each sibling will be charged. Check and money orders are to be made payable to SCAS Jr. Fairboard. Fair Registration and fees must be turned in by June 1<sup>st</sup> by the club advisor only at the designated check in dates/time. A late fee of \$50.00 will be assessed after June 1<sup>st</sup> to each 4Her who does not meet the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. The outstanding fees and late fees must be paid in full by the start of fair.
5. A 4-H'er may bring a maximum of two horses to Fair in the same year in different disciplines, sibling rates apply. There will be one horse per stall. Only one horse is eligible for versatility (#63K)
6. A fee for each NSF check, equal to the bank's fee, along with the amount of the NSF check, must be paid by cash or money order within 30 days of notification and before the Monday of fair week.
7. If any person other than the 4-H member is riding the project animal at the Summit County Fair, the 4-H member and all other 4-H members involved will forfeit all points for versatility and high point awards and will be ineligible to show the remainder of fair, with the exception of parents/advisors during designated times.
8. Only exhibitors may sign up to speak with the steward and judges. Parents are prohibited to talk to judge.
9. No one is allowed to approach the announcer's stand at any time during fair.
10. All horses stabled on Summit County fairgrounds must have emergency information adhered to the front of the stall next to the latch on the stall in a clear manner. This information shall consist of a contact person's name, club name, advisor's names and camping lot numbers or emergency phone number. The contact person must be 21 years old, staying on the grounds, and provide a contact number. Copies of the club rosters will be kept in the Saddle Horse office, the Fair Board office, and with the barn manager.
11. Summit County has determined that hitting a horse 4 or more times with a wop/bat is excessive.

12. All horses must be stalled in the barns. All tack and equipment must be placed or stored in assigned tack stalls or horse trailers. No hay or feed may be stored in the barns. Hay bags may be used but must be removed from stalls before the barn closes unless a vet order is on file.
13. Lunging will be permitted before shows and during breaks, not while others need to warm up in rings. No free lunging in any rings. No turnout in any rings.
14. Definitions of Entry, Participant, etc. An “entry” is defined as a horse/rider combination that signed the appropriate forms to be recorded in a division. The number of entries in a division is determined as the number of recorded people/horses in that division as of Monday evening of the current year’s fair. A “participant” is defined as rider/horse that actually competes in a class at fair. Class is defined as one specific event in a division
15. Bits will be checked on Monday night. Judges have the right to recheck a bit. Exhibitor’s lead for Trail in Hand must be a minimum of 6 feet long, rather than the 12 feet listed in the rulebook.
16. There will be a strict 2 minute gate call for all classes. Exhibitors are to monitor the classes in the rings. Announcements are not always broadcast over all speakers.

## **Safety**

17. All 4H members and other minors attending association events at the fairgrounds must have adult supervision (parent/guardian over the age of 21, or approved 4H advisor).
18. If any lightning is seen, all classes will be suspended for a 30 minute period. Classes will resume 30 minutes after the last lighting witnessed and fair steward deems it is safe to continue. Fair steward may cancel or postpone any class if unsafe conditions exist.
19. If the heat index reaches 90 or above, exhibitors may wear short sleeves or cap sleeve shirts. An announcement will be made if these conditions are met.
20. Condition of the Show Rings. The overall condition of the show rings shall be determined by the Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee chairs with consultation with the fair steward and judge. The show judge has final decision over the condition of the show rings and if the class must be modified as a result. The final decision on participation lies in the hands of the participant and his/her guardian.
21. Do not tack your horse in the aisle way.
22. Do not enter anyone else’s stall without the owner’s permission and/or being present.
23. Please keep your stall, aisles, and wash rack clean and clear.
24. All horses are to remain in designated areas. No horses are allowed in the camping area, park, or pavilion areas. No horses are allowed past the bathroom or on the driveway. No horses or animals are to be left alone while tied to trailers.
25. Bareback riding allowed only in designated fun classes. No other bareback riding at any time.
26. No one under the age of 18 is permitted to operate a golf cart during the week of fair, and NO 4Her is permitted to operate a golf cart during the week of fair regardless of age or driving status. Golf carts are not permitted in the grassy area around the show Rings or inside barns.
27. Canopies are permitted to be set up in the grassy area between announcer booth and rest rooms. Canopy must be set up close to guardrail only. No canopy’s are to be set up on the wooded side.

28. You are not permitted to stop motion in the practice ring. (No stopping and gathering at rail).
29. A Green ribbon in a horse's tail designates an inexperienced horse or rider. A Red ribbon designates a horse may kick.
30. No riding in barns, riders are to mount and dismount in designated areas. Horse must walk to and from rings.
31. Any class where a judge calls for a hand gallop, only 8 horses may gallop on the rail at one time.

### **Dress Code**

32. All 4H members and adults must wear proper closed toe shoes whenever they are handling a horse. Long pants and boots must be worn whenever mounted. All apparel must be appropriately worn in style and modesty. Midriffs must be covered. This applies to any equine area of the fairgrounds during fair. Advisors are to monitor their club members and families.

### **Grievance**

33. The grievance board will consist of one Jr. Fairboard Director with horse experience, Jr. Fairboard Horse Advisory Director, and a Jr Fairboard Horse Committee Representative or Chairperson. This board will hear all requests for project changes. All requests must be submitted via email from the 4-H member and/or parent/guardian or the advisor and be emailed to [horsecommitteejfb@gmail.com](mailto:horsecommitteejfb@gmail.com).
  - a) Any request to regress a division (open to novice, novice to walk-trot etc) must be approved by the grievance committee within 1 week of the registration deadline. Possible reasons: new horse does not canter safely, is gaited, is green etc.
  - b) Projects may be changed up until July 1<sup>st</sup> without penalty or grievance unless regression of riding level is requested. Any changes between July 1<sup>st</sup> and fair must be approved by the grievance committee. It is their decision whether penalty will be incurred, such as loss of highpoint or versatility eligibility. All injuries should be substantiated by a vet or physician.
  - c) During the discussion, the 4-her, his/her parent/guardian and/OR the 4-H advisor must be present for the board to ask questions. Upon completion of questions, the 4-Her, his/her parent/guardian and 4-H advisor will be dismissed during the closed discussion and vote. Following the vote as to whether to allow the grievance or not, they will be brought back before the Grievance Board to hear the board's final decision. Decisions of the board are final.
  - d) This board will notify the parties involved of action to be taken. The 4-H office will be kept informed.

### **Horse Project Animal**

34. Each 4H participant must volunteer a minimum of (4) hours per horse and rider combination before the current year's fair. Fair workdays may be earned at any scheduled fairground workdays beginning the day after the previous year's fair and at any open show or PAS, that they are not assigned to work as a club prior to fair. A 4H member or representative must sign in and out and indicate the person they are working the volunteer hours to be counted. The top three 4H participants with the highest total amount of volunteer hours and a minimum of 16 volunteer hours will receive an award. The penalty for not completing at least the minimum amount of work hours is no eligibility for high point or versatility and will not receive a wrist band for the next year's fair.
35. To compete at fair, the 4Her must complete a 4-H horse project for the current year. Project verification is subject to OSU Extension Office review. Completing a project includes having a horse project book judged by the extension office deadline.
36. A project is defined as one horse per child. Non-siblings may share/ lease academy horses only. If two 4-Hers share a horse, only one child is using the horse as a project; the other is participating at the fair with the horse. This must be declared on their registration form.

37. If a horse is leased, it is the 4Her's project until the animal is dismissed from fair.
38. Proof of inoculations for Rhino pneumonitis, Influenza, Tetanus, Eastern and Western encephalomyelitis are required before the project animal is brought to the fair. This is to be turned in by June 1st and dated between February 1<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. Proof of vaccines must accompany all project changes after June 1. Failure to comply by the June 1<sup>st</sup> date will result in disqualification from fair. Self-administered vaccinations require paid proof of purchase. Additional vaccinations recommended by the association veterinarian may be required at a later date. Any questions of animal health will be determined by the Summit County Fair's equine veterinarian on Monday of Fair. The veterinarian's decision is final.
39. The following deadlines must be met:
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| March 15 | 4-H enrollment forms due to extension                                 |
| June 1   | Fair packet due – including fees, leases, and academy horse if needed |
| July 1   | Any Project changes (without penalty)                                 |
40. Academy Horses: An academy horse is one regularly used in a professional lesson program. Academy horses must provide a copy of a lease and an Academy Horse Registration form with their fair packet. No more than two 4Hers can use an academy horse at the Summit County Fair. Academy horse riders do not have to be siblings to share a horse. If two 4Hers share an academy horse, both riders may treat the horse as their project animal. The order of priority for riders will be determined by the order listed on the Academy Horse Registration Form that is due with fair packet. Academy riders may request a tack change as defined in Ohio 4H Uniform Rules for Horse Shows but classes will not be held beyond the time allocated for a tack change. Academy Horse owners, riders, and parents are responsible for submitting an accurate priority list on the Academy Horse Registration Form. If two individuals use one horse they must pay sibling rates. Academy horse owners may determine how the fee is split. All 4Hers must complete a project book and other requirements as outlined by OSU Extension to be eligible for fair. Shared academy horse riders must be in different disciplines and/or divisions. Academy horses are eligible for all classes offered in the rider's chosen discipline and division. Academy horses are eligible for all awards, high point, and versatility.

### **Removing Project Animal from Fair**

41. In case of illness or other emergency to 4Her or horse, projects affected must obtain release from the Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee Adult or Barn manager. Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee reserves the right to obtain verification for the excuse.
42. To remove a project for competition at State Fair, the project must receive written approval by the Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee chairperson prior to release. The project may be removed during the approved time any day during Fair. The project may return to Fair with preapproval of the Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee chairperson and as allowed by Fairboard.
43. No project can leave Fair before the Fairboard approved dismissal time the last day of Fair unless excused as in (41) and (42).
44. All project animals leaving the Fairgrounds during Fair and at Fair completion must clean and strip stalls. Barn manager or Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee member will provide a release slip for the project animal after checking stall.
45. Trailers must enter and leave through appropriate Gates. Horses must be loaded in the loading area north of Barn 10. No vehicles are allowed on the midway, No vehicles will be allowed to park behind Barn 10 in the trailer area, the gate will remain closed during fair. Horses returning must follow the same procedure.
46. Failure to comply with Removal of Project rules will result in disciplinary action by the SCAS
47. All horse project members are required to clean their stalls of all bedding, etc., before taking horse off the fairgrounds. No release slips will be issued before stalls are inspected and approved.

## **Barn & Stall**

48. Barn is closed between 11:00 p.m. (or one hour after the end of the show) and 5:30 a.m. ALL horses must be in stalls and ALL work completed. Only barn managers or club adults that are on duty will be allowed in the barn when closed.
49. All fans and temporary lights (those not wired directly into the building's wiring) used in stalls must be out of horses' reach by hanging them outside the stalls or hanging them at least nine (9) feet off the ground. All temporary lights must be turned off by 11:00 p.m. or one hour after the last class.
50. Stall Decoration and Clean Stall awards will be given. The entire club must participate and all club stalls must be decorated including the tack stalls. Stall decoration guidelines are as follows:
  - a) Decorations made by 4H members and the club, rather than be purchased, will score higher.
  - b) Only tape, staples or zip ties, twine etc may be used. NO NAILS OR SCREWS.
  - c) Banners must be at least nine (9) feet off the ground if crossing over an aisle way.
  - d) Stall Decorations are judged by a committee of three (3) non-JFB horse committee people. The 4H motto and pledge must be displayed at least once throughout the display.
  - e) Stall decorations must be completed during the time specified by the fair chairperson. The club advisors are responsible for stall decoration to be completed by the deadline.
  - f) All guidelines must be followed to be eligible for awards. All decorations must be 4H appropriate.
  - g) Stall decorations can only be removed starting on the first day after Fair. The barn will be open the week after Fair for decorations to be removed. All stall decorations to be taken to the dumpster outside of gate B. IF stall decorations are removed before the first day after Fair your club will be fined \$100.00 to be paid to the Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee and subject to non-issuance of wrist bands to that club the following fair year.

## **Points and Fair Divisions**

51. Up to eight (8) ribbons will be awarded in each class. Open Divisions: If greater than 10 entries, 8 placings. If 10 or less, only 6 placings will count toward points. (Due to excess inventory of ribbons, they may still be given ribbons!) Points will be awarded in the point classes as determined by the committee annually, before the start of fair. Points will be kept on horse / rider combination. All splits will be placed separately for high point.
52. Highpoint will be determined based on top 7 out of 10 classes (Walk Trot 7 out of 9) that are offered for each division, whether it's a combined division or not. Small equine – all classes count toward Highpoint. In the event of an error, a duplicate award will be presented but appropriate points will be awarded based on corrected results. Awards given out in error will not be required to be returned at any time.
53. Fair Divisions: Once an exhibitor has shown in a particular division, she/he may not regress to a lower division .

## Walk/Trot

- a) Not allowed to show in any canter classes at the Summit County Fair. Zero canter strides allowed in fun classes.
- b) May elect to show in Walk/Trot for a maximum of two (2) years.
- c) No age limits
- d) Walk/Trot riders are not eligible for Versatility class.
- e) You may grievance to remain in Walk Trot for a third year or regress to Walk Trot for valid reasons.

## Novice

- a) May elect to show Novice for a maximum of three (3) years.
- b) Novice riders are not eligible for Versatility class.

- c) You may grievance to remain in Novice for a 4<sup>th</sup> year or regress to Novice for valid reasons.

Open

- a. Eligible for versatility

Small Equine – This is an OPEN division – all small equines show as ONE division.

54. Splits will be determined by the number of entries recorded at the end of the July Jr Fairboard Horse committee meeting, including any grievances. Only the Grand Champion of each split will move up to the next division. All splits will be based on average age.

Walk Trot & Novice: Classes will be split at 14 or more entries.

Open: Classes will be split at 17 or more entries.

55. Number of entries required to determine a division and who moves up!

- a. Small Equine Division will exist regardless of # of entries.
- b. Pony division will only be made if there are 6 or more ponies in that division.
- c. If there are 6 or more entries in any division, including combined divisions, both the grand and the reserve champions will move up to the next division.
- d. If there are 3, 4, or 5 riders in any division, including combined divisions, only the Grand Champion will move up to the next division.
- e. Splits: Only the Grand Champion of each split will move up to the next division.

56. Combining divisions

a. If there are only 1 or 2 riders in any division or seat, Horse Committee will decide (prior to fair) what divisions and/or seats will be best to combine, eliminate, or create.

57. Divisions and High Point Awards: 4Hers are not allowed to ride in classes outside of their declared discipline and division. (i.e. No cross entering). Fair High Point award will be given in the following divisions.

Division	Discipline
OPEN	Western, English, Contest, (Saddle Seat)
Novice	Western, English, Contest, (Saddle Seat)
Walk/Trot	Western, English
Open	Small Equine

All Summit County non-gymkhana classes and any other structured and/or state approved classes may be used to calculate High Point as suggested by Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee. First-year classes that are added and not in the state rule book will not be included in High Point or Versatility computations.

58. Awards

- 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Champion Award
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reserve Champion Award
- 3<sup>rd</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> Awards \* if number of participants allow

In case of a tie, the rider with the most first place placings will be placed above the other participant. Then number of 2nd place placings, etc. A first-year walk/trot champion or reserve champion may elect to show walk/trot a second year but will be required to grievance.

## 59. Fun Classes

- a) Officials for fun classes will include a Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee member.
- b) Each rider may only ride in the division listed on his/her Fair registration. Fun Classes do not have splits. Open divisions will be combined if there are less than 8 entries in any seat.
- c) IF there is a Saddle Seat division, they will be combined with their respective English division.
- d) In case of an odd number of entries, a rider from the same division may ride in the class a second time to complete a team but the points won will only go to the first-time entrant, but the rider may receive two ribbons.
- e) Riders must wear a club shirt of conservative style with sleeves or a long or short sleeved, western style shirt or English show shirt with long or short sleeves, breeches or jeans, and riding boots. No sleeveless shirts.
- f) Walk/Trot games riders must only walk or trot while mounted. No canter strides are allowed for Walk/Trot classes. One or more canter strides is cause for disqualification from the class the canter occurred in.
- g) In all games classes, no time will be given to an entry who stops forward motion at any time after the timer is activated. Stopping of forward motion includes pausing, spinning, backing, turning circles outside the pattern, etc.

## Versatility

### 60. Versatility Class (See current Uniform Rules for 4H Horse Shows)

- a) Riders eligible for participation in Versatility include the OPEN Division riders having earned the highest points in eligible classes.
- b) The exhibitor must have a minimum of four (4) points to be eligible for Versatility.
- c) There will be a maximum of twenty-four (24) exhibitors. The number of versatility participants will be as follows unless it exceeds 24 – at which point, the horse committee will vote on the number of entries from each open division.
  1. 50% if even # of entries or 50% plus 1 if odd number of entries of each Open division.
- d) Selected participants or parent with proper identification and back number must sign to confirm participation within one (1) hour after eligibility is posted- failure to do so will result in forfeiture of eligibility. Alternate participants will only be selected until one (1) hour after acceptance by selected participants (two (2) hours after original posting). At 12 midnight, time limits for signups will stop and resume at 7:00 a.m. if necessary. In the event of a tie of points, see (61). If any OPEN member declines to participate, a replacement will be selected in the following order:
  - a. The next highest point exhibitor in the same seat as the declining participant;
  - b. If there is no other eligible exhibitor in the same seat as the declining participant, the next participant selected will be based on the highest points earned without regard to seat.
- e) Each rider is allowed two (2) grooms. All changes of tack and appointments must be made in the designated area. No rider or groom is allowed to leave the designated area during the tack change. No one is allowed to accept anything across the barrier into the designated area at any time. No change of tack or exchanges of any kind are allowed between participants. No groom is allowed to enter or exit the designated area after the 5-minute tack change interval.
- f) All Versatility participants and grooms must attend a meeting prior to the class. This will be scheduled for a specific time on the day of the class. Failure of the entrant or grooms to attend the meeting results in loss of eligibility from the entire Versatility class.
- g) Appropriate dress is required of the grooms (long pants, boots, long sleeve shirts or club or “team” shirts) or the entrant will be disqualified from the entire Versatility class.
- h) The Versatility rider will be dressed for each class as specified in the current Uniform Rules for 4H Horse Shows. One Exception: Riders may wear English riding pants under western chaps.
- i) All grooms and wheelbarrows must enter the make-up area at the same time and must remain there until after the last tack change.
- j) Up to Ten (10) places will be awarded. The exhibitor must complete all classes to be eligible for awards. Complete is defined as an exhibitor starting and attempting to finish each individual class. If a horse/rider combination is unable to show in, as defined above, all four versatility classes and results in elimination from all placings in any individual class, the

judge must adjust placings of the individual classes to have ten placings awarded in each class, unless less than 10 horse/rider combinations are eligible to place in any particular class. In the event of a tie, we will follow our county rule of greater number of higher placings, followed by highest placing in showmanship.

- k) If a participant qualifies for versatility with two horses, only one horse may be used in versatility class. The participant must declare which horse is entered and which is declined in the same manner as (60d.).
- l) If a shared horse, either as siblings or as an academy horse, only the project horse is eligible for versatility.