

Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee –2023 Fair Rules

Current Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows will be in effect.

The following rules are in addition to the Uniform Rules.

Procedure

1. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor, advisors, and parents to read and understand all the current Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows, and Summit County Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee rules. A rules acknowledgment form and quiz must be signed and returned by June 1 with the Fair packet to the appropriate Summit County Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee coordinator(s).
2. All Summit County Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee members, 4-H member, 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 Summit County 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 4-H code of conduct, is encouraged to report such misconduct promptly to the SCAS or Summit County Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee coordinator(s). A written report must contain the rule, which was violated, the 4-H member's name who violated the rule, the project horse's name, and if anyone else was involved (i.e. trainer, other 4-H member, 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. A fee of \$125 per participant and \$100 for each sibling will be charged to attend the Horse Program at the Summit County Fair or raise the appropriate amount of funds in Summit County Jr. Fairboard sanctioned fundraiser(s), determined by the Horse Committee. Checks and money orders are to be made payable to SCAS Jr. Fairboard. Fair Registration is due June 1. Fees must be postmarked by June 1. A late fee of \$50.00 will be assessed after June 1 to each 4-H member who does not meet the June 1 deadline. The outstanding fees and late fees must be paid in full by the start of Fair unless other payment arrangements have been made with the committee coordinator(s).
5. A 4-H member may bring multiple horses to Fair in the same year, sibling rates apply. There will be one horse per stall. Only one horse is eligible for versatility. A 4-H member may choose to show the same horse in multiple divisions, sibling rates apply.
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 from talking to the judge.
9. No one is allowed to approach the announcer's stand at any time. Any questions or concerns may be directed to the show window on the northside of the Low Family Pavilion Building.

10. All horses stabled on Summit County Fairgrounds must have emergency information adhered next to the latch on the stall in a clear manner. This information shall consist of the 4-H member's name, a contact person's name, club name, advisor's names, and camping lot numbers (if applicable) or emergency phone number. The contact person must be 21 years old and provide a contact number.
11. Summit County has determined that hitting a horse 4 or more times with a crop, whip or wop 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 at the exhibitor's own risk.
13. Lunging will be permitted before shows and during breaks. No free lunging in any rings unless in a designated area (i.e., Round Pen) No turnout in any rings.
14. 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 by the number of entries recorded at the end of the July Summit County Jr. Fairboard Horse committee meeting. 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 by an approved committee member/volunteer, Judge or Fair Steward. 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 4-H members and other minors attending 4-H related events at the Fairgrounds must have adult supervision (parent/guardian over the age of 21 or approved 4-H 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 lightning is 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 Fair steward. The show judge has the final decision if the class must be modified because of the condition of the show ring. 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 outside of the stall.
25. Bareback riding is allowed only in designated fun classes. No other bareback riding at any time.

26. Canopies are permitted to be set up in the grassy area between the announcer booth and the restrooms. Canopies must be set up close to the driveway guardrail only, away from the paddock area. No canopies are to be set up on the wooded side.
27. You are not permitted to stop motion in any practice ring. (No stopping and gathering at rail).
28. A Green ribbon in a horse's tail designates an inexperienced horse or rider.
A Red ribbon designates a horse may kick.
29. No riding in barns. Horses must walk to and from rings.
30. Any class where a judge calls for a hand gallop, only 8 horses may gallop on the rail at one time.

Dress Code

31. All 4-H members and adults must wear proper closed toe shoes whenever they are handling a horse. Long pants, boots, and show number 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 the Fair. Advisors are to monitor their club members and families.

Changing of the Project Animal & Regression of Divisions

32. Projects may be changed before July 1 without penalty unless regression of riding level is requested. To change a project, an email must be sent to the Summit County Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee explaining that a change is needed.
33. A new entry will need to be submitted for the new project including project photos, shot records, and a current calendar year's negative coggins test. Shot records (or proof of purchase) must be dated between February 1 and 14 days prior to the animal arriving at the Fair.

A request to regress a division will be allowed if deemed appropriate by the committee. These requests must be submitted to the committee by June 1. Possible reasons: new horse does not canter safely, is gaited, is green, 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.

34. If a change in project is being requested after July 1, a veterinarian must support or confirm the request to change the project. If a vet note is not provided, the exhibitor will not be eligible for High Point and Versatility.

Horse Project Animal

35. Each 4-H participant must volunteer a minimum of eight (8) hours per horse/rider combination, any additional horse would only require 4 more hours before the current year's Fair. Fair work hours may be earned at any scheduled Fairground workdays beginning the day after the previous year's Fair and at any open show or PAS show being hosted by the Summit County Jr. Fairboard. A 4-H member or representative must sign in and out indicating the 4 H member they are working for in order for the volunteer hours to be counted. The top three 4-H participants with the highest total amount of volunteer hours and a minimum of 16 volunteer hours will receive an award.
36. To compete at Fair, the 4-H member must complete the following:

- a. A 4-H horse project book (including one-page summary and visual aid) and Equine Record Book 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.
 - b. Complete OSU's Equine Safety Training Education Program (EquiSTEP). EquiSTEP Certificates may be emailed directly to the Summit County Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee or may be uploaded when submitting your Fair Registration on the Google Form.
 - c. Any requirements that may be put in place by the 4-H Extension Office, The Ohio State University 4-H Horse Program or the Summit County Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee
37. A project is defined as one horse per child. Non-siblings may share/lease academy horses only. If two 4-H members 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 via email to the Summit County Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee at the time of registration.
38. If a horse is leased, it is the 4-H member's project until the animal is dismissed from Fair.
39. Proof of inoculations for Rhino pneumonitis, Influenza, Tetanus, Eastern and Western encephalomyelitis and a current calendar year's negative coggins test are required before the project animal is brought to the Fair. Proof of vaccinations (or proof of purchase) are to be turned in at the time of registration and dated between February 1 and June 1 of the current year. Failure to comply will result in disqualification from Fair. Self-administered vaccinations require paid proof of purchase. Additional vaccinations recommended by the Fair 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.
40. The following deadlines must be met:
- June 1 Fair packet due-including fees, leases, medical forms, and academy horse if needed
 - July 1 Any Project changes (without penalty)
41. 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 4-H members 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 4-H members 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 June 1 to the Summit County Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee. Academy riders may request a tack change as defined in Ohio 4-H 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 4-H members must complete a project book and other requirements as outlined by OSU Extension and the Summit County Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee 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 (according to the order of priority as outlines on the Academy Horse Registration form).

Removing Project Animal from Fair

42. In case of illness or other emergency to 4-H member or horse, projects affected must obtain release from the Summit County Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee Coordinator(s). Summit County Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee reserves the right to obtain verification for the excuse.
43. To remove a project for competition at State Fair, the project must receive written approval by the Summit County Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee coordinator(s) 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 Summit County Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee coordinator(s) and as allowed by SCAS.

44. No project can leave Fair before the SCAS approved dismissal time on the last day of Fair unless excused as in rules 42 and 43.
45. All 4-H members and project animals leaving the Fairgrounds during Fair and at Fair completion must clean their stalls of all bedding, etc., before taking the horse from the Fairgrounds. No release will be approved before stalls are inspected by the Barn Supervisor or a member of the Summit County Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee.
46. 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 and no vehicles are allowed to park behind Barn 10 in the trailer area.
47. Failure to comply with Removal of Project rules will result in disciplinary action by the SCAS.

Barn & Stall

48. Barn is closed between 11 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 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 stalls housing a horse, and/or on the center aisle must be decorated. Stall decoration guidelines are as follows:
 - a. Decorations made by 4-H 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-Summit County Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee people. The 4-H motto and pledge must be displayed at least once throughout the display.
 - e. Stall decorations must be completed during the time specified by the Summit County Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee Fair coordinator(s). The club advisors are responsible for ensuring stall decorating is completed by the deadline.
 - f. All guidelines must be followed to be eligible for awards. All decorations must be 4-H appropriate.
 - g. Stall decorations can only be removed beginning the Sunday of Fair before 9 a.m. OR after the close of the Fair on Sunday, regardless of the activity. The barn will be open until August 15 for decorations to be removed. All stall decorations are to be taken to the dumpster outside of gate B.

If stall decorations are removed outside of the aforementioned parameters, your club(s) will be fined \$100 to be paid to the Summit County Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee before the next fair and possibly be 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. If any division has 10 or more entries, 8 placings will be awarded. If fewer than 10 entries, only 6 placings will be awarded. All first-place ribbons will carry a point value of 8 points and will follow chronologically. Point classes will be 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 for Novice and Open divisions will be determined based on top 7 out of 10 classes and Walk Trot will be based on top 7 out of 9 that are offered for each division, whether it's a combined division or not. Equine in Hand – 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 a horse/rider combination has shown in a particular division, she/he may not regress to a lower division unless following the regression of division outlined in rules 32-34.

Walk/Trot

- a) Not allowed to show in any canter classes at the Summit County Fair.
- 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.

Novice

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

Open – Eligible for versatility

Equine in Hand – This is an OPEN division – Not eligible for versatility.

54. Splits will be determined by the number of entries recorded at the end of July at the Summit County 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. Equine in Hand Division will exist regardless of number 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.

56. Combining divisions: If there are only 1 or 2 riders in any division or seat, the Summit County Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee will decide at the July committee meeting (prior to Fair) what divisions and/or seats will be best to combine, eliminate, or create.

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

<u>Division</u>	<u>Discipline</u>
Open	Western, English, Contest, (Saddle Seat)
Novice	Western, English, Contest, (Saddle Seat)
Walk/Trot	Western, English
Open	Equine in Hand

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 the Summit County 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

1st place	Grand Champion Award
2nd place	Reserve Champion Award
3rd- 8th places	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 second 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 Summit County Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee member or the Fair Steward.
- b. Each rider may only ride in the division listed on his/her Fair registration. Fun Classes do not have splits.
- 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 long or short sleeves, a long or short sleeved western style shirt or a long or short sleeved English show shirt, 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 a 15 second penalty for the class the canter occurred in.
- g. Failure to do a correct pattern will result in "no time". If the horse were to stop forward motion, and back there will still be a time awarded. If any additional circles or turns are added outside of the path for the pattern there will be no time given. During classes where a specific task needs to be completed, as long as the horse remains behind the designated marker, the motions of the horse do not matter. Once the rider is done with the task and the horse comes back from beyond the marker they must remain on the designated path for this class.
- h. Fun Classes High Point awards are calculated using all fun classes.

Versatility

60. Versatility Class (See current *Uniform Rules for 4-H 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. The number of versatility participants will be 50% if even number of entries or 50% plus 1 if odd number of entries of each Open Division. There will be a maximum of twenty-four (24) exhibitors. If the number of eligible participants exceed 24 exhibitors, the Summit County Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee will vote at the July meeting on the number of entries from each Open Division.
- d. Selected participants or parent with proper identification 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 a.m. if necessary.
- e. If any Open member declines to participate, a replacement will be selected in the following order:
 1. The next highest point exhibitor in the same seat as the declining participant.

2. 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.
- f. 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.
 - g. All Versatility participants and grooms must attend a meeting (either in person or virtually) 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 will result in loss of eligibility from the entire Versatility class.
 - h. 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.
 - i. The Versatility rider will be dressed for each class as specified in the current Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows. One Exception: Riders may wear English riding pants under western chaps.-
 - j. All grooms and wheelbarrows or wagons must enter the make-up area at the same time and must remain there until after the last tack change.
 - k. Exhibitor may stand in the middle of the arena/area. Exhibitors and Grooms may not leave designated areas until dismissal from Versatility class.
 - l. The exhibitor must complete all classes to be eligible for awards. If a horse/rider combination is unable to show in 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 fewer 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/In-Hand Class.
 - m. 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.).
 - n. If a shared horse, either as siblings or as an academy horse, only the project horse is eligible for versatility.
 - o. Cell phones may not be used by grooms during versatility unless actively taking photos or recording the classes.

State Representatives

61. State Representatives

- a. All State Fair representatives will receive an award every other year. If belt buckles are purchased as the state qualifier/representative award, then buckles may be purchased at the expense of the participant and/or his/her family on the alternate year. This includes PAS, Competitive Trail, Groom & Clean, Horse Bowl, Dressage, Public Speaking, Hippology, and Judging Team.
- b. State Fair representative awards will only be awarded to 4-H members who attend state level competitions in any event that does not conflict with the Summit County Fair.
- c. Every qualifier will receive a sign every year.
- d. Awards will only be given to individuals who are eligible to compete at the state level in the event in which they qualified.
- e. To receive a State Qualifier or Representative award for a PAS event, the 4-H member MUST enter and follow all entry guidelines for at least one Summit County or Summit County Jr. Fairboard Horse Committee approved PAS show.