

DIVISION XIII – EQUINE

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Points Allowed

Showmanship	Blue – 44, Red – 34, White – 24
Driving/Equitation/Games	Blue – 35, Red – 27, White – 19
Trail or Western/English Riding	Blue – 35, Red – 27, White – 19

SPECIAL DEPARTMENT RULES

1. Open to 4-H Equine Project members only.
2. Ages of exhibitors determined by grades in school (as of Oct.1 of current 4-H year). See Exhibitor Rules for 4-H & FFA.
3. Helmets required for all participants. See publication PNW574, 4-H Horse Contest Guide.
4. See Herdsmanship Rules for details.
5. Entries are due at July Horse Leader Meeting. To be eligible to show any equine at the Fair, there must be an equine certificate on file for that equine dated no later than May 15 of the current year.
6. A 4-H Animal Ownership Appeal Board has been established to arbitrate emergencies arising from the death, severe injury or lease termination of a member's project animal after May 15 ownership deadline. Contact the Extension Office for information or refer to the livestock rules section of the premium book for complete details.
7. It is required that each individual in a club who wishes to exhibit at Fair must give a public presentation & attend 2 equine judging activities (see Equine Judging). Equine Superintendent must be notified in writing by the July Horse Leaders meeting that a member has given a public presentation at club level. Name of leader outside of member's club listening to presentation must be given to Superintendent.
8. To be eligible to participate in performance classes, western games, or driving classes member must be enrolled in Beginning Horsemanship (required first year only) or Horsemanship, Management, and Care Project.
9. It is required that 4-H/FFA exhibitors who stall their equine at Fair enter Showmanship, Trail or Western/English Riding Pattern Class and a minimum of two equitation or games classes (or a combination of the two). Additional classes may be entered.
10. Dailey trailering will not be allowed unless equine stalls are filled to capacity. For those trailering their equine, the only required class is Showmanship.
11. Premium monies will be paid on the following classes: Showmanship, Trail or Western/English Riding Pattern Class, two (2) Equitation or two (2) Games or a combination of the two. (Costume is not a premium class.)
12. You must enter either Trail or Western/English Riding Pattern Class. Simple lead changes are the minimum requirement.
13. To be eligible to qualify for the State Fair Performance Team, point classes will come from Advanced Showmanship and two of the following: Advanced Saddle Seat, Advanced Hunt Seat, Advanced Stock Seat Equitation, Advanced Bareback Equitation, or Advanced Trail, Western/English. To be eligible to qualify for the State Game Team, point classes will come from Advanced Showmanship and two of the following: Barrels, Poles, Pole Key Race, Idaho Stake Race, Two Barrel Flags, or International Flags. To be eligible for Dressage/Equitation Over Fences Team, points will come from the Advanced Showmanship, Equitation Over Fences and Advanced Hunt Seat Equitation. Remember, if you don't ride a class at Fair that is offered at State, you cannot ride that class at State. Novice classes do not qualify for State.
14. The Groom Squad Team will be selected by the Groom Squad contest at the County Fair (see Division IV, Class E for specifics). The Champion Team will represent Kitsap County at the State Fair. Alternates to State 4-H Groom Squad Team will be selected from the Reserve Champion Team.
15. Equine Breeder Award foals MUST be shown as a weanling or a yearling at the Kitsap Country Fair. All foals must be vet checked the day of the showing. You are strongly encouraged to exhibit your award foal in their foaling year.
16. No stallions allowed except Breeders Award colts.
17. No exhibitors will be allowed to participate in the Kitsap County Stampede with the 4-H animal entered as an exhibit during the Kitsap County Fair.
18. Advanced riders wishing to ride Bareback Novice or Bareback Novice W/J or W/T will be allowed. However, neither novice bareback class counts towards State Fair. Games riders will be allowed to participate in novice riding classes. These are the ONLY cross entries allowed. Note: To qualify for State Fair, you must compete in the Advanced Showmanship Class.

EQUINE FACILITY RULES

See Equine Superintendent for copy of rules. These will also be posted on the entry booth at the lower horse arena.

CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

If large classes are to be divided and all high blues are returned to a Championship class, the champion and reserve will be picked on the merit of this class only. No additional points or credit towards State Fair will be added for Grand or Reserve. If no championship class is required, the championship will come from the exhibitor receiving 94 or above. For trail class they will be taken from exhibitors receiving 90 points or above.

EQUINE JUDGING

Two judging activities are mandatory every year to be eligible to exhibit their equine at Fair, at least one of which must be in Kitsap County. If outside of Kitsap County, 4-H member is responsible for locating judging and submitting paperwork to the judging chairperson by June 1st. Proof of participation must be submitted to the Equine Superintendent by the July Horse Leaders meeting. The top eight seniors and top eight intermediates are eligible to judge at State Fair. (It is highly recommended to participate at all equine judging activities.) Regional judging competition delegates are selected from State 4-H participants.

NOTE: As of 1997, the following will be a requirement: Verified participation of 4-H equine with member in one of the following events: equine show, Pre-Fair, equine clinic or schooling show. Participation to be verified by club or equine project leader on Fair entry form.

RECORD BOOK

To be eligible to exhibit their equine at County Fair, each 4-H & FFA equine project member must submit their up-to-date record book for review. Members must do one of the following: Give to club or equine project leader on or before August 1 for review or turn in to Extension Office by August 1 for Fair entry & evaluation. If turned in as a Fair entry, the book must receive a blue, red or white placing. Green ribbons do not qualify you for Fair participation.

POINT SYSTEM

Kitsap County Fair scores on the Danish System as follows:

High Blue	94 to 100	Blue	85 to 93	Red	70 to 84
White	69 & Below	Green	Participation		

Trail or Western/English Riding Pattern Classes are scored as follows:

High Blue	90 to 100	Blue	75 to 89	Red	50 to 74
White	49 & Below	Green	Participation		

Championship classes will receive a Grand and Reserve Champion. The class will be judged using the Danish System.

GENERAL RULES FOR SHOWMANSHIP, EQUITATION, JUMPING & TRAIL OR WESTERN/ENGLISH RIDING PATTERN

- The 4-H Horse Contest Guide PNW574, available at the Extension Office, will be used with the following exceptions:
 - Chaps will be prohibited in Bareback Equitation.
 - No hobbles or riatas.
 - Running martingales are permitted in training only.
- Grooming of the project animal and herdsmanship must only be performed by the exhibitor; this includes clipping and washing the animal. In cases where exhibitors are too young and/or physically incapable of doing their own clipping, only bonafide 4-H members may provide the needed assistance. Violations of this rule creates loss of learning experience to the exhibitor and unfair competition to other members, particularly in showmanship contest and is cause for disqualification of entry. Parental supervision is encouraged. However, in the event of an emergency which is endangering an exhibitor or someone from the public's safety, adult help is acceptable.
- Skill level descriptions:
 - Novice:** Open to any Equine project member. The move to advanced level will be automatic when a member receives Grand or Reserve Champion in any novice classes at the Kitsap County Fair, **at the discretion of the leader.** Does not apply to those members who change project animals. Bareback and Training classes are exempt from this rule. It is strongly recommended those 4-H members who participate (on a regular basis) at "A" & "B" system shows, participate in advanced classes. **It is the 4-H leaders responsibility to monitor this when signing members up for Fair.**
 - Advanced:** Open to any Equine project member who has advanced level skills in riding as determined by their 4-H leader. State 4-H Fair placement for intermediate and senior age divisions are selected from this level only. If a member changes to a new equine, they may select to go back to the novice level.
- Permission Slips: You must have a "Permission to Ride Bareback" slip signed by a parent or guardian to ride bareback in bareback class, costume class, parade of champions, or during exercise time. You must have a "Permission to Jump" slip signed by a parent or guardian to participate in Hunter Over Fences.
- Hunter Over Fences is limited to advanced intermediate and advanced senior riders only

TRAINING CLASS (EQUITATION) ENGLISH OR WESTERN

1. Open to equine NOT MORE THAN 5 YEARS OLD as of January 1 of current year. Must never have been shown in any event in a bridle with a bit other than a ring snaffle, d-ring or a bosal.
2. Equine are to be shown at a walk, jog/trot and lope/canter both ways of the arena without undue restraint and may be required to lope/canter a figure eight, stop, turn and back in a straight line with extremely light rein. Results shown by performance of the equine are not to be considered more important than method used in obtaining them.
3. Good hands are paramount. Either one or both hands may be used on reins but contestants may not change after once entering the arena.
4. Bosals must be rawhide braided, leather braided or rope. Absolutely no iron will be permitted under the jaws regardless of how padded or taped.
5. Appointments:
 - a. Personal Attire: may be either English or Western, but must meet specifications under attire in appropriate equitation section.
 - b. Tack: A standard stock seat saddle for Western and proper English types for hunt or saddle seat. Saddle seat CANNOT show in full bridle in this class; must be snaffle only. Running martingales are permitted in training only.
6. No Junior Training Class.

CART EQUITATION CLASS

To be shown in a suitable two-wheel cart at the walk, trot and road gate (extreme speed to be penalized) both ways of the ring. To stand quietly and back readily. Contestants to be judged on light hands with reins, posture and cleanliness of animal and driver to count. The ability to control animal and perform gaits when asked will be paramount. General ring showmanship shall also be judged.

EQUINE BREEDERS AWARD FOALS

1. Equine Breeder Award foals must participate in the scheduled Sunday parade at County Fair within the first 2 yrs of foaling.
2. No foals other than those bred through the 4-H Equine Breeders Award Program may participate on Sunday. (2009 will be the last year to show foals).

EQUINE GROOM SQUAD CONTEST

Points Allowed
Blue – 20, Red – 16, White – 12

1. Open to team of three senior 4-H equine project members.
2. Team members may be from different clubs and do not have to be exhibiting an equine at County Fair.
3. Entries for contest due to Equine Division Superintendent by the July Horse Leaders Meeting.
4. Groom squad horses will be selected from horses on exhibit at the Fair.
5. Each team will furnish their own grooming equipment and supplies.

EQUINE CLASSES AT THE KITSAP COUNTY FAIR

WEDNESDAY – AUGUST 26

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|-------|---|-------|--|
| Lot 1 | Showmanship, Advanced <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Seniorb. Intermediatec. Junior | Lot 3 | Hunter Over Fences <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Seniorb. Intermediate |
| Lot 2 | Showmanship, Novice <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Seniorb. Intermediatec. Junior | Lot 4 | Groom Squad <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Senior (3 per team) |

THURSDAY – AUGUST 27

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| Lot 5 | Pattern Driving <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Seniorb. Intermediatec. Junior | Lot 6 | Cart Equitation <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Seniorb. Intermediatec. Junior |
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- Lot 7 Training Equitation, English or Western
 - a. Senior
 - b. Intermediate
- Lot 8 Saddle Seat Equitation, Advanced
 - a. Senior
 - b. Intermediate
 - c. Junior
- Lot 9 Saddle Seat Equitation, Novice
 - a. Senior
 - b. Intermediate
 - c. Junior
- Lot 10 Saddle Seat Equitation, Novice W/T
 - a. Senior
 - b. Intermediate
 - c. Junior
- Lot 11 Hunt Seat Equitation, Advanced
 - a. Senior
 - b. Intermediate
 - c. Junior
- Lot 12 Hunt Seat Equitation, Novice
 - a. Senior
 - b. Intermediate
 - c. Junior
- Lot 13 Hunt Seat Equitation, Novice W/T
 - a. Senior
 - b. Intermediate
 - c. Junior

FRIDAY – AUGUST 28

- Lot 20 Western/English Riding Pattern (3 gait)
 - a. Senior
 - b. Intermediate
 - c. Junior
- Lot 21 Training Trail, Western or English
 - a. Senior
 - b. Intermediate
- Lot 22 Cart Trail
 - a. Senior
 - b. Intermediate
 - c. Junior

SATURDAY – AUGUST 23

WESTERN GAMES

- Lot 26 Barrels
 - a. Senior
 - b. Intermediate
 - a. Junior
- Lot 27 Poles
 - a. Senior
 - b. Intermediate
 - b. Junior
- Lot 28 Pole Key Race
 - a. Senior
 - b. Intermediate
 - c. Junior

- Lot 14 Stock Seat Equitation, Advanced
 - a. Senior
 - b. Intermediate
 - c. Junior
- Lot 15 Stock Seat Equitation, Novice
 - a. Senior
 - b. Intermediate
 - c. Junior
- Lot 16 Stock Seat Equitation, Novice W/J
 - a. Senior
 - b. Intermediate
 - c. Junior
- Lot 17 Bareback Equitation, Advanced
 - a. Senior
 - b. Intermediate
 - c. Junior
- Lot 18 Bareback Equitation, Novice
 - a. Senior
 - b. Intermediate
 - c. Junior
- Lot 19 Bareback Equitation, Novice W/J or W/T
 - a. Senior
 - b. Intermediate
 - c. Junior

- Lot 23 Trail, Western or English, Advanced
 - a. Senior
 - b. Intermediate
 - c. Junior
- Lot 24 Trail, Western or English, Novice
 - a. Senior
 - b. Intermediate
 - c. Junior
- Lot 25 Trail, Western or English, Novice W/J or W/T
 - a. Senior
 - b. Intermediate
 - c. Junior

- Lot 29 Idaho Stake Race
 - a. Senior
 - b. Intermediate
 - c. Junior
- Lot 30 Two Barrel Flag
 - a. Senior
 - b. Intermediate
 - c. Junior
- Lot 31 International Flags
 - a. Senior
 - b. Intermediate
 - c. Junior

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- Lot 32 Barrels
a. Senior
b. Intermediate
c. Junior

- Lot 33 Poles
a. Senior
b. Intermediate
c. Junior

- Lot 34 Idaho Stake Race
a. Senior
b. Intermediate
c. Junior

SUNDAY – AUGUST 24

Equine Knowledge Bowl, Junior, Intermediate, Senior	8:30 a.m.
Equine State 4-H Contestant Meeting	10:00 a.m.
Equine Costume Class	1:00 p.m.
Breeders Awards Foals	
Parade of Champions	3:00 p.m.
Equine Awards	3:00 p.m.