

**DEPARTMENT 16**  
**SADDLE HORSES & PONIES**  
**Superintendent - Steve Newman - 517-541-0376**  
**Assistant Superintendent - Casey Visger**

**GENERAL RULES**

1. Livestock exhibitors must be in compliance with animal Health requirements as defined by the department. Please Refer to the MDA web site [www.michigan.gov/mdafairreqs](http://www.michigan.gov/mdafairreqs).
2. A maximum number of one equine per exhibitor.
3. All equide, except foals under six months of age & nursing their dam, entered in a fair, exhibition, exposition, or show must test negative to an official Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test within the current calendar year. Exhibitors must be able to present proof in the form of an official EIA laboratory report. (Calendar year is defined as December 1<sup>st</sup> through the 31<sup>st</sup> of the following December (13 months) if an EIA negative test is not provided, the animal will be sent home.
4. Administrative leaders must have their exhibitor's horse or pony project designation forms turned into the horse superintendent or the assistant superintendent as a club and not as individuals by May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year to be eligible to exhibit at the Eaton County Fair. A copy of the negative EIA laboratory report MUST be attached to the horse/pony project designation form for the horse or pony being exhibited at the fair. Only 4-H members are eligible to exhibit in the state show selection class or the state 4-H show.
5. Exhibitors may show in one showmanship or gymkhana class and nine other classes. Participation in the horse judging contest and fun events will not be included in the limit of classes.
6. All classes are open to boys and girls except those mentioned above. (See youth division regulations).
7. Horses and ponies are to be confined to areas designated by the superintendent.
8. Horse/pony to be exercised morning and evening only by the exhibitor, or a registered Eaton County 4-H Horse project leader or a member of their immediate family age nine or older. Warming up a horse/pony before a class will be done by the exhibitor. Boots are required to be worn while working, exercising or leading the animal.
9. All horses and ponies are to be led to and from the show arena and exercise area by route designated by the superintendent. Animals are not to be in the campgrounds for any reason.
10. Clubs or exhibitors are responsible for daily clean up of barns before 10:00 a.m.
11. Exhibitor's age for showing is determined by the age the exhibitor will attain as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current calendar year. Animal's age for showing to be as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. (Horses become a year older on January 1<sup>st</sup>).
12. Ponies or horses exhibited must not be hired out for rides.
13. No stallions are eligible for showing unless foaled in the current year.
14. Classes will be judged under rules published in the "4-H Horse and Pony Project Show Rules and Regulations" (revised January 2003 formerly 4-H Bulletin #1145) and Eaton County class guidelines. Copies may be obtained from the Eaton County MSU Extension Office or on the internet at [www.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/horse/horserules.html](http://www.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/horse/horserules.html).
15. The same horse or pony cannot be shown by more than one exhibitor.
16. Exhibitor may show in walk/trot classes for two years only.
17. All requests for special considerations are to be made to the superintendent.
18. Enter every class you plan to participate in on your fair enrollment form, including fun events. Any requests for changes after the entry due date (see entry form information) are to be made in writing and be approved by the superintendent.
19. All ponies must be 56" and under and will only be measured if a written request is made to the superintendent.
20. Horses are to be entered in halter classes (3 years of age and older) based on their registration. Non-registered horses are to be shown as grade horses. A registered horse is defined as one registered in a breed association recognized by the American Horse Show Association Rule Book. Exhibitors with horses registered in more than one association shall choose one registration. A copy of the horse's registration paper shall be attached to the Horse and Pony Project Registration Form.
21. If an exhibitor does not wish to receive a premium please note on entry form, "Will not accept premium".
22. Aisles are to be kept clean and clear. If radios are used, they are to be played at a low level. Exhibitors are not to use the barns as a recreation area.
23. Major clipping and cleaning is to be done before putting animal on exhibition. Minor clipping and cleaning is to be done in designated areas.
24. All animals are to be confined to stalls with appropriate material (binder twine is not to be used).
25. All horses/ponies in all classes must be serviceably sound. No vet slips will be accepted that will require a box stall.
26. There will be a manure disposal fee of \$5 per horse. Fees are due on May 1<sup>st</sup> (All horses/ponies stand in slip stalls). Please write one check payable to the Eaton County Agriculture Society that covers all the horses and ponies in the club.
27. Bedding must be clean straw, pine chips or sawdust.
28. Exhibitor and parent/guardian must sign an exhibitor agreement at check-in time.
29. Check-in times are as follows: Saturday, Noon to 3:00 p.m., Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. & Monday, 8:00 a.m. to noon. If other arrangements need to be made, you must contact the superintendent.

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**HORSE AND PONY SHOW SCHEDULE**

**Monday**

1:00 p.m.....Horse Judging Contest  
Followed by.....Leaders Meeting  
Followed by.....Pee Wee Showmanship  
Followed by.....Gymkhana Pattern All Ages

**Tuesday**

8:30 a.m.....Fitting & Showmanship  
Followed by.....Showman Sweepstakes  
Followed by.....Basic Riding Pattern  
Followed by.....English Pleasure/ Saddle Seat  
Followed by.....Reining  
Followed by.....Gymkhana

**Wednesday**

8:30 a.m.....Bareback Equitation  
Followed by.....Walk/trot Pleasure  
Followed by.....Western Pleasure Horse & Pony  
Followed by.....Western Or English Riding Pattern  
Followed by.....Gymkhana Non Premium

**Thursday**

8:30 a.m.....English Equitation Horse & Pony  
Followed by.....Walk/Trot Equitation  
Followed by.....Western Horsemanship  
Followed by.....State Show Selections  
Followed by.....Gymkhana State Show  
Followed by.....Western/English Fun/Costume Class

**Friday**

8:30 a.m.....Halter Class  
Followed by.....Walk/Trot Championship  
Followed by.....Darrell Crandell Memorial  
Followed by.....Youth Versatility  
Followed by.....Pleasure Driving

**Saturday**

9:00 a.m.....Livestock Sweepstakes  
Followed by.....Hunter Hack  
(To participate in this class the exhibitor MUST have written permission from BOTH the parent and the leader.)  
Followed by.....Dressage  
Followed by.....Horse & Pony Trail Class

**MONDAY**

**SECTION 1 - HORSE JUDGING CONTEST**

**Ribbons**

Superintendent - Kim Lerch - 517-663-1689

1. **Learning Objective:** To learn the ability to evaluate an animal for its performance and breed's quality.
2. Cannot be older than 19 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year to participate.  
12:30 p.m. at horse show arena, contest begins at 1:00 p.m.  
Enter classes on fair entry form. Open to youth ages 9-19.  
Participants will judge one halter class and one performance class.  
No oral reasons. Quiz for every class.

Class

1. Halter: Ages 14 and under
2. Halter: Ages 15-19 years
3. Performance: Ages 14 and under
4. Performance: Ages 15-19 years
5. Overall: Ages 14 and under (Scores from halter and performance)
6. Overall: Ages 15-19 years (Scores from halter and performance)

**SECTION 2 - GYMKHANA - PATTERN CLASS**

**Ribbons**

**Horses**

Class

7. Ages 16 and over
8. Ages 13-15
9. Ages 11-12
10. Ages 9-10

**Ponies**

Class

11. Ages 13 & over
12. Ages 12 & under

**TUESDAY**

**SECTION 3 - FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP**

**Ribbons**

**Horses - All Types**

Class

13. Ages 17 and over
14. Ages 15-16
15. Ages 13-14
16. Ages 11-12
17. Ages 9-10
18. Champion and Reserve Champion - Ages 13 and over
19. Champion and Reserve Champion - Ages 12 and under

**Ponies**

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Class

- 20. Ages 15 and over
- 21. Ages 13-14
- 22. Ages 11-12
- 23. Ages 9-10
- 24. Champion and Reserve Champion - Ages 13 and over
- 25. Champion and Reserve Champion - Ages 12 and under

**SHOWMAN SWEEPSTAKES**

Champion & Reserve Champion in Section 3 will compete on an equal basis for horse/pony. Champion & Reserve Champion from this class will compete in Large Livestock Sweepstakes Showmanship Contest.

**Awards donated by Chester Blacksmith Shop and Steve Newman In memory of Doug Schultz.**

Class

- 26. Grand and Reserve Champion Showman

**SECTION 4 - BASIC RIDING PATTERN - WALK/TROT**

**Ribbons**

Exhibitors entering in these classes will not be able to enter any classes requiring a canter and will not be eligible for Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16 or 17.

**Basic Riding Pattern Horses and Ponies Combined**

Class

- 27. Ages 13 and over
- 28. Ages 12 and under

**SECTION 5 - ENGLISH PLEASURE**

**Ribbons**

**Horses - All Types - Hunt Seat**

Class

- 29. Ages 16 and over
- 30. Ages 13-15
- 31. Ages 12 and under
- 32. Champion and Reserve Champion - Ages 13 and over
- 33. Champion and Reserve Champion - Ages 12 and under

**Horses - All Type - Saddle Seat**

Class

- 34. All Ages
- 35. Champion and Reserve Champion

**Pony - All English Seats**

Class

- 36. Ages 13 and over
- 37. Ages 12 and under
- 38. Champion and Reserve Champion - Ages 13 and over
- 39. Champion and Reserve Champion - Ages 12 and under

**SECTION 6 - REINING PATTERN**

**Ribbons**

**Horses and Ponies - All Types Combined**

Class

- 40. Ages 13 and over
- 41. Ages 12 and under

**SECTION 7 - GYMKHANA**

**Ribbons**

**Horses**

Class

- 42. Speed and Action - Ages 16 and over
- 43. Speed and Action - Ages 13-15
- 44. Speed and Action - Ages 11-12
- 45. Speed and Action - Ages 9-10
- 46. Pole Bending - Ages 16 and over
- 47. Pole Bending - Ages 13-15
- 48. Pole Bending - Ages 11-12
- 49. Pole Bending - Ages 9-10
- 50. Cloverleaf Barrel Race - Ages 16 and over
- 51. Cloverleaf Barrel Race - Ages 13-15
- 52. Cloverleaf Barrel Race - Ages 11-12
- 53. Cloverleaf Barrel Race - Ages 9-10
- 54. Indiana Flag Race - Ages 16 and over
- 55. Indiana Flag Race - Ages 13-15
- 56. Indiana Flag Race - Ages 11-12
- 57. Indiana Flag Race - Ages 9-10
- 58. Keyhole - Ages 16 and over
- 59. Keyhole - Ages 13-15
- 60. Keyhole - Ages 11-12
- 61. Keyhole - Ages 9-10

**Ponies**

Class

- 62. Speed and Action - Ages 13 & over
- 63. Speed and Action - Ages 12 & under
- 64. Pole Bending - Ages 13 & over
- 65. Pole Bending - Ages 12 & under
- 66. Cloverleaf Barrel Race - Ages 13 & over
- 67. Cloverleaf Barrel Race - Ages 12 & under
- 68. Indiana Flag Race - Ages 13 & over
- 69. Indiana Flag Race - Ages 12 & under
- 70. Keyhole - Ages 13 & over
- 71. Keyhole - Ages 12 & under

**WEDNESDAY**

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**SECTION 8 - BAREBACK EQUITATION**

**Ribbons**

**Horses - All Types**

Class

- 72. Ages 16 and over
- 73. Ages 13-15
- 74. Ages 12 and under
- 75. Champion and Reserve Champion - Ages 13 and over
- 76. Champion and Reserve Champion - Ages 12 and under

**Pony**

Class

- 77. Ages 13 and over
- 78. Ages 12 and under
- 79. Champion and Reserve Champion - Ages 13 and over
- 80. Champion and Reserve Champion - Ages 12 and under

**SECTION 9 - WALK/TROT PLEASURE**

**Ribbons**

Exhibitors entering in these classes will not be able to enter any classes requiring a canter and will not be eligible for Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16 or 17.

**Horses**

Class

- 81. Ages 16 and over
- 82. Ages 13-15
- 83. Ages 11-12
- 84. Ages 9-10

**Ponies**

Class

- 85. Ages 13 and over
- 86. Ages 12 and under

**SECTION 10 - WESTERN PLEASURE**

**Ribbons**

**Horses - All Types**

Class

- 87. Ages 17 and over
- 88. Ages 15-16
- 89. Ages 13-14
- 90. Ages 11-12
- 91. Ages 9-10
- 92. Champion and Reserve Champion - Ages 13 and over
- 93. Champion and Reserve Champion - Ages 12 and under

**Ponies**

2012 Fair

Class

- 94. Ages 15 and over
- 95. Ages 13-14
- 96. Ages 11-12
- 97. Ages 9-10
- 98. Champion and Reserve Champion - Ages 13 and over
- 99. Champion and Reserve Champion - Ages 12 and under

**SECTION 11**

**WESTERN OR ENGLISH RIDING PATTERN**

**Ribbons**

**Horses and Ponies - All Types Combined**

Class

- 100. Ages 13 and over
- 101. Ages 12 and under

**SECTION 12 - GYMKHANA - ALL AGES**

**Ribbons**

**Horses**

Class

- 102. Speed and Action - Ages 16 and over
- 103. Speed and Action - Ages 13-15
- 104. Speed and Action - Ages 11-12
- 105. Speed and Action - Ages 9 -10
- 106. Pole Bending - Ages 16 and over
- 107. Pole Bending - Ages 13-15
- 108. Pole Bending - Ages 11-12
- 109. Pole Bending - Ages 9 -10
- 110. Cloverleaf Barrel Race - Ages 16 and over
- 111. Cloverleaf Barrel Race - Ages 13-15
- 112. Cloverleaf Barrel Race - Ages 11-12
- 113. Cloverleaf Barrel Race - Ages 9-10
- 114. Indiana Flag Racing - Ages 16 and over
- 115. Indiana Flag Racing - Ages 13-15
- 116. Indiana Flag Racing - Ages 11-12
- 117. Indiana Flag Racing - Ages 9-10
- 118. Keyhole - Ages 16 and over
- 119. Keyhole - Ages 13-15
- 120. Keyhole - Ages 11-12
- 121. Keyhole - Ages 9-10

**Ponies**

Class

- 122. Speed and Action - Ages 13 & over
- 123. Speed and Action - Ages 12 & under
- 124. Pole Bending - Ages 13 & over
- 125. Pole Bending - Ages 12 & under
- 126. Cloverleaf Barrel Race - Ages 13 & over
- 127. Cloverleaf Barrel Race - Ages 12 & under
- 128. Indiana Flag Racing - Ages 13 & over
- 129. Indiana Flag Racing - Ages 12 & under

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130. Keyhole - Ages 13 & over  
131. Keyhole - Ages 12 & under  
132. Champion and Reserve Champion - Ages 16 and over  
Placing in this class will be based upon the combined performance in classes of sections 2, 7, & 12  
133. Champion and Reserve Champion - Ages 13-15  
Placing in this class will be based upon the combined performance in classes of section 2, 7 & 12  
134. Champion and Reserve Champion - Ages 11-12  
Placing in this class will be based upon the combined performance in classes of section 2, 7 & 12  
135. Champion and Reserve Champion - Ages 9-10  
Placing in this class will be based upon the combined performance in classes of section 2, 7 & 12

**THURSDAY**  
**SECTION 13 - ENGLISH EQUITATION**

**Ribbons**

**Horses - All Types - Hunt Seat**

- Class  
136. Ages 16 and over  
137. Ages 13-15  
138. Ages 12 and under  
139. Champion and Reserve Champion - Ages 13 and over  
140. Champion and Reserve Champion - Ages 12 and under

**Horses - All Types - Saddle Seat**

- Class  
141. All ages  
142. Champion and Reserve Champion

**Pony - All English Seats**

- Class  
143. Ages 13 and over  
144. Ages 12 and under  
145. Champion and Reserve Champion - Ages 13 and over  
146. Champion and Reserve Champion - Ages 12 and under

**SECTION 14 - WALK/TROT EQUITATION**

**Ribbons**

Exhibitors entering in these classes will not be able to enter any classes requiring a canter and will not be eligible for:  
Sections 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 or 17.

**Horses**

- Class  
147. Ages 16 and over  
148. Ages 13-15  
149. Ages 11-12  
150. Ages 9-10

**Ponies**

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- Class  
151. Ages 13 and over  
152. Ages 12 and under

**SECTION 15 - WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP**

**Ribbons**

**Chaps are optional**

**Horses - All Types**

- Class  
153. Ages 17 and over  
154. Ages 15-16  
155. Ages 13-14  
156. Ages 11-12  
157. Ages 9-10  
158. Champion and Reserve Champion - Ages 13 and over  
159. Champion and Reserve Champion - Ages 12 and under

**Pony**

- Class  
160. Ages 15 and over  
161. Ages 13-14  
162. Ages 11-12  
163. Ages 9-10  
164. Champion and Reserve Champion - Ages 13 and over  
165. Champion and Reserve Champion - Ages 12 and under

**SECTION 16 - 4-H STATE SHOW SELECTION**

Contact the extension office for eligibility requirements.

**Horse**

- Class  
166. Exhibitor must be a 4-H member and meet the eligibility requirements for the state 4-H horse show. Exhibitors placing first through 6<sup>th</sup> placing in the horse classes in Sections 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, or 15 are eligible. This class will be evaluated in the following areas: fitting and showmanship, pleasure and equitation (horsemanship).

**Ponies**

- Class  
167. Exhibitor must be a 4-H member and meet the eligibility requirements for the state 4-H horse show. Exhibitors placing first through 6<sup>th</sup> placing in the pony classes in Sections 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13 or 15 are eligible. This class will be evaluated in the following areas: fitting and showmanship, pleasure and equitation (horsemanship).

**SECTION 17 - GYMKHANA STATE SHOW SELECTION**

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**Horse**

**Class**

168. Exhibitor must be a 4-H member and meet the eligibility requirements for the state 4-H horse show. A first through sixth placing in the classes listed in sections 2, 7 or 12 are eligible.

**Ponies**

**Class**

169. Exhibitor must be a 4-H member and meet the eligibility requirements for the state 4-H horse show. A first through sixth placing in the classes listed in sections 2, 7 or 12 are eligible.

**SECTION 18 - HORSE/PONY FUN EVENTS**

**Ribbons**

Exhibitors must enter these classes on their entry form if they want to participate. Exhibitors must use their own horse or pony.

**Class**

170. Hunter Hack - Friday  
171. Dressage – Friday  
172. Pleasure Driving Class - Friday  
173. Peewee Horse Project - Monday  
(exhibitor must be between the ages of 5 and 8 as of Jan 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year) 4-H horse/pony must be on grounds. Youth showing in this class must be accompanied into the show ring by a parent or legal guardian.  
174. Horse and Pony Costume Class – Thursday  
175. Horse and Pony Fun Class - Thursday  
176. Horse and Pony Trail Class - Saturday  
177. Driver Reinsmanship Class – Tuesday

**FRIDAY**

**SECTION 19 - HALTER  
RIBBONS**

(Not eligible for Crandell, Bass or State Show Selection Classes)

**Horses**

Horses for halter classes will be divided by registered horses and non-registered horses (grade) 3 years and older.

- A. Registered Quarter Horses.
- B. Registered Horses-Appaloosa, Paint, Palomino, Pinto and Buckskin.
- C. Registered Horse other than those in types A and B.

**Horses - All Types**

**Class**

178. All yearlings and 2 year olds

**Horses - Type A (Registered Quarter Horses)**

**Class**

179. Horses aged 3 years and over

**Horses - Type B**

**(Registered Appaloosa, Paint, Palomino, Pinto & Buckskins)**  
**Class**

180. Horses aged 3 years and over

**Horses - Type C (Registered horse other than A or B)**

**Class**

181. Horses aged 3 years and over

**Horses - Type D (Non-registered/grade)**

**Class**

182. Horses aged 3 years and over

**Championship**

(1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners from all horse halter classes)

**Class**

183. Champion and Reserve Champion

**Pony**

**Class**

184. Ponies aged 3 years and over  
185. Champion and Reserve Champion  
(1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners from class #13 will be Champion and Reserve Champion)

**SECTION 20 - WALK/TROT CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Awards donated by the Bob Powell Memorial**

**Horse** (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place from classes 57,58,59,60,149,150,151&152 to compete)

**Class**

186. Champion and Reserve Champion - Ages 13 and over  
187. Champion and Reserve Champion - Ages 12 and under

**Pony** (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place from Classes 70, 71, 72, 73, 125, 126, 127 and 128)

**Class**

188. Champion and Reserve Champion

**SECTION 21 - DARRELL A. CRANDELL MEMORIAL**

**Class**

189. 4-H exhibitors ages 12 years & under as of Jan 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year, who placed 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in sections 2, 7, or 17.

**SECTION 22 - YOUTH VERSATILITY**

**Awards donate by  
Joe and Diane Newman**

**Class**

190. 4-H exhibitors 12 years of age or younger as of Jan 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year, who placed first through 6<sup>th</sup> placing in the classes listed in sections 3, 5, 8, 10, 11, 12, 15 or 16. This class will be evaluated on fitting & showmanship, pleasure and equitation (horsemanship).