

8TH ANNUAL CONNECTICUT 4-H HORSE SHOW

**Saturday, July 22, 2023
Rain date July 23
Classes start at 9am**

**Tolland Agricultural Center
24 Hyde Ave., Vernon, CT 06066**

Judges

**Sherri Thorton —Main Ring
Ellen Paine—Mini Ring**

UConn COVID Protocols will be followed



CT 4-H HORSE SHOW RULES

- **This show will follow all COVID guidelines as put forth by UConn. We will update exhibitors as we get closer to the date of the show; being aware that the guidelines may change from time of printing of these rules to the show date. Masks may be required to be worn by everyone (including exhibitors) in attendance; failure to comply may result in removal from the grounds.**
- **All exhibitors must be current Connecticut 4-H members and must be exhibiting their verified horse project.** Please present current verification papers to the show secretary's booth at time of check-in. For the purposes of this show a Junior is any member age 13 or under and a Senior is any member age 14-19. All ages are as of Jan. 1st of the current calendar year.
- Entry fees are as follows: \$8.00 per class. No Fees for Fitting & Showmanship Classes. Please send entries prior to 9 PM Monday, 7/10/23 or a post entry fee of \$20 per horse/rider combination will be charged. Payment is not needed with pre-entry, but must be paid prior to entering show ring. A class requiring 2 horse/riders requires 2 entry fees and 2 numbers. Minors must have the signature of a parent/guardian on entry forms. Entry fees must be paid before entering the ring. **Venmo is the preferred method of payment; @CTState-Horse**
- Signed verification form (and lease form, if applicable), proof of Rabies vaccination, and negative Coggins should be mailed with entries or be presented to show secretary at check-in. Rabies inoculation must have been given at least 30 days prior and horses must have a negative Coggins test within 1 year of show date. Out-of-state horses must also have a health certificate issued within 30 day prior to show. Lack of these required papers will require dismissal from the show grounds and forfeiture of entry fees. Review the Connecticut Show and Fair Requirements for more details.
- All classes will be judged according to the Connecticut 4-H Horse Show Rulebook. A copy of the rulebook can be found at www.cag.uconn.edu/ces/4H/publications.php. In cases not covered by the 4-H Rulebook, the USEF Rulebook applies. Proper attire is requested for all classes unless otherwise specified.
- Classes may be canceled, combined or split at the discretion of the show committee.
- A judge's decisions are final. No exhibitor may approach any judge concerning a decision. All questions will be presented to the show steward.
- Up to 6 placings will be awarded in each class.; only danish ribbons will be awarded for all fitting and showmanship classes.
- All riders/driver under age 18 (and all 4-H members regardless of age) must wear a properly fitting ASTM/SEI approved helmet with harness when mounted or driving anywhere on the grounds. All adult riders are strongly encouraged to wear a helmet.
- Exhibitors must prepare their horses for Fitting and Showmanship classes without assistance. The animal must be taken care of by the exhibitor except when holding, leading, and loading the horse, or when safety may be compromised without adult assistance.
- Jumping class courses will be posted the day of the show. The jumping course opens at the conclusion of the flat classes in the lower ring.
- Gymkhana classes will start after the jumping classes are completed.
- Stallions are not permitted on the show grounds. Horses or ponies that kick must wear a red ribbon in their tails. All dangerous and unruly horses will be excused. Participants will be excused at the discretion of the judge if their treatment of a horse is considered excessive or cruel. If excused, there will not be any fee refunds.
- Use of mechanical devices not deemed legal in the show ring are prohibited in warm-up (exception are protective boots & wraps.) Lunging may only occur in designated areas. Martingales & tie-downs are only permitted in jumping, driving & gymkhana classes and must be legal according to the 4-H rulebook.
- In gymkhana, the out gate will remain closed after each run until a show official is satisfied that the exhibitor has his/her horse under sufficient control.
- The Show Committee, CT 4-H, Tolland Agricultural Center and the CT 4-H Horse Advisory Board will not be held responsible for any accident or damage to rider, horse, or vehicle at the show and will not be held responsible for anything lost or stolen during the show.
- No alcoholic beverages are allowed on the show grounds. No dogs allowed on the show grounds.
- All horses must be ridden/driven at a walk outside the show rings, except in the specified warm up area.
- No leaving horses unattended anywhere on the show grounds.

Divisions/Class Descriptions

All divisions are open to riders of any seat. Division appropriate attire is required for all riders unless stated otherwise in the class description. Western & Saddleseat riders will not be penalized for wearing an Huntseat helmet. Gymkhana riders may wear jeans. All riders must wear long pants, proper footwear & an approved helmet.

Fitting & Showmanship: Judged in accordance with the New England 4-H Show Rule Book. **All exhibitors MUST compete in a fitting & showmanship class.** Novice exhibitors are defined as those in their 1st or 2nd year of showing. Only danish ribbons will be awarded. **Please check with your county for premier eligibility if showing as a novice.**

Leadline: Open to **4-H Members** ages 7 & 8 who have not shown off lead at ANY competition. Handlers must be at least 14 years of age.

Walk/Trot: Open to English or Western riders of any age who have never shown in a class that requires the canter/lope in ANY competition. To be shown at the walk & trot/jog both directions of the ring. W/T exhibitors may NOT cross enter in any class requiring a canter.

Junior W/T/C: Open to any rider ages 13 & under. To be shown at the walk, trot/jog & canter/lope both directions of the ring.

Senior W/T/C: Open to riders ages 14-19. To be shown at the walk, trot/jog & canter/lope both direction of the ring.

Gymkhana: "Show" attire is not required however all riders must wear long pants, no sleeveless shirts, proper footwear & an approved helmet.

- **W/T:** Open to riders of any age who have never shown at the canter/lope in ANY competition, many not cross-enter in any class requiring a canter/lope.
- **W/T/C:** Open to riders of any age.

Hunter: Open to huntseat exhibitors only. Open to exhibitors of any age. W/T is open to riders of any age who have never shown at the canter in ANY competition.

- **W/T Hunter Hack:** To be shown at the walk & trot both directions and individually jump a line of 2 jumps not to exceed 18".
- **W/T/C Hunter Hack:** To be shown at the walk, trot & canter both directions and individually jump a line of 2 jumps not to exceed 2' 3".

Driving: Open to equine animals of ANY size, however exhibitors may NOT cross-enter in SE & Donkey/Mule driving classes. Classes will be split at the discretion of the judge and/or show steward if entries warrant.

- **Cones:** To be shown over a course of 5-8 marked "gates."

Small Equine In Hand: Open to equine animals under 12 hands. Animals do NOT need to be registered. Animals in classes requiring a jump must be at least 3 years of age. Driving animals may not cross-enter in Main Ring driving classes.

- **Halter:** To be judged on conformation.
- **Discipline:** To be shown at the walk & trot. May be asked to extend gaits, back, halt, stand, reverse or perform other commands at the discretion of the judge.
- **In-Hand Hunter:** To be shown over a course of 6-8 jumps.
- **Jumpers:** To be shown over a course of 6-8 jumps. Judging is based on faults. Jump-off will occur for ties in 1st place.
- **Obstacle:** To be shown over a course of 5-8 obstacles similar to a trail course. Jumps will be no more than 12" in height.

Championship Division Classes

Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded in each division on a 7-5-4-3-2-1 scale . To be eligible for a division championship you must exhibit in all classes for that division. English, western & Small Equine exhibitors must also exhibit in a Fitting & Showmanship class. Ties in divisions will be broken by equitation/ horsemanship, hunter – eq. over fences, mini – obstacle, driving –reinsmanship, gymkhana – barrels.

Leadline - 36, 37, 38

English W/T - 39, 40, 41

Western W/T - 32, 48 ,49

Junior English W/T/C - 42, 43, 44

Senior English W/T/C - 45, 46, 47

Junior Western W/T/C - 33, 51 ,52

Senior Western W/T/C - 34, 54 ,55

W/T Gymkhana - 22, 23, 24

W/T/C Gymkhana - 25, 26 ,27

W/T/C Hunter - 58, 59, 60

Junior Small Equine - 5, 7, 13

Senior Small Equine - 6, 8, 14

Small Equine Driving - 15, 16, 17

CONNECTICUT 4-H HORSE SHOW ENTRY FORM-

One entry form per horse/rider combination

Rider's Name: _____ Age (as of 1/1): _____
 Address: _____ Town, State & Zip _____
 Phone: _____ Email Address: _____
 Horse's Name: _____ County Enrolled In: _____

Total entry fees: _____

Class #	Class Description	Fee	Class #	Class Description	Fee

Entry fees are \$8 per class unless otherwise noted. Entries received after July 10th or on the day of the show will be charged an additional \$20 per rider post-entry fee. No re-funds on pre-entries without a veterinarian's or doctor's note. Mail entry forms along with copies of approved verification/lease forms, proof of rabies & negative Coggins to:
Carol Birdsey
 Attn: State 4-H Horse Show
 2 Randolph Road, Middletown, CT 06457
Venmo Preferred @CTState-Horse
Make checks payable to CT State Horse Advisory

Post-Entry Fee: _____
TOTAL: _____

Forms may be emailed to: rbirdsey01@snet.net

I agree by signing above not to hold the horse show committee, show steward, judges, Tolland Agricultural Center or anyone involved with the horse show liable for any injury, theft, or death occurring at the CT 4-H Horse Show.

Rider's Signature _____ Date _____ Parent/Legal Guardian Signature if under 18 _____ Date _____
Rabies: _____ **Coggins:** _____ **Exhibitor Number:** _____ **OFFICE USE ONLY:** _____ **Date Rec'd:** _____
 4-H Forms: _____

