



10TH ANNUAL CONNECTICUT 4-H HORSE SHOW

**Saturday, July 19, 2025
Rain date July 20, 2025
Classes start at 9 a.m.**

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

**Judges
Rhealynn Distefano — Main Ring
Brie-Anna Massoni-Facto — Mini Ring**

**Steward
Dawn Andrews**

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CT 4-H HORSE SHOW RULES

- **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 ages 14-19. All ages are as of Jan. 1st of the current calendar year. Any novice offerings are for exhibitors in their first calendar year of showing horses independently.
- Entry fees are as follows: \$10.00 per class. No Fees for Fitting & Showmanship Classes. Please send entries prior to 9 p.m. Monday, 7/14/2025 or a post entry fee of \$20 per horse/rider combination will be charged. 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 days 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/drivers 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. All exhibitors entered in a jumping class must also be entered in a flat class.
- 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 a 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. All exhibitors entered in a jumping class MUST also enter in a flat class.** Novice exhibitors are defined as those in their 1st year of showing. Only Danish ribbons will be awarded. **Please check with your county for premier eligibility if showing as a Novice. Once you enter a Novice class; you are NOT eligible for your age division classes.**

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 directions 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, may 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. **All exhibitors entered in a jumping class MUST also enter in a flat class.**

- **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. Division offerings in Novice, Junior, and Senior

- **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, – barrels.

English W/T - 41, 42, 43

Western W/T - 50, 51, 52

Junior English W/T/C - 44, 45, 46

Senior English W/T/C - 47, 48, 49

Junior Western W/T/C - 38, 53, 54

Senior Western W/T/C - 39, 56, 57

W/T Gymkhana - 31, 33, 35

W/T/C Gymkhana - 32, 34, 36

W/T/C Hunter - 59, 61, 62

Junior Small Equine - 10, 13, 22

Senior Small Equine - 11, 14, 23

Novice Small Equine - 9, 12, 21

Small Equine Driving - 24, 25, 26

Upper Ring - Starting PROMPTLY at 9 a.m.

1. Novice Junior Fitting & Showmanship
2. Novice Senior Fitting & Showmanship
3. Junior Fitting & Showmanship
4. Senior Fitting & Showmanship
5. Junior Novice SE Fitting & Showmanship
6. Junior SE Fitting & Showmanship
7. Senior Novice SE Fitting & Showmanship
8. Senior SE Fitting & Showmanship
9. Novice SE Halter
10. Junior SE Halter
11. Senior SE Halter
12. Novice SE Discipline
13. Junior SE Discipline
14. Senior SE Discipline
15. Novice SE In-Hand Hunter
16. Junior SE In-Hand Hunter
17. Senior SE In-Hand Hunter
18. Novice SE Jumpers
19. Junior SE Jumpers
20. Senior SE Jumpers
21. Novice SE Obstacle
22. Junior SE Obstacle
23. Senior SE Obstacle
24. SE Pleasure Driving
25. SE Reinsmanship
26. SE Obstacle Driving
27. Pleasure Driving
28. Reinsmanship
29. Costume Class—**this class and gymkhana will start after the lower ring is finished with jumping classes**
30. Sit A Buck
31. W/T Pole Bending
32. W/T/C Pole Bending
33. W/T Arena Race
34. W/T/C Arena Race
35. W/T Barrels
36. W/T/C Barrels

Lower Ring - Starting PROMPTLY after Showmanship

37. Western/English W/T Trail
38. Junior Western W/T/C Trail
39. Senior Western W/T/C Trail
40. Open English W/T/C Trail

Lower Ring – Continued

41. English W/T – Equitation
42. English W/T – Pleasure
43. English W/T – Discipline
44. Junior English W/T/C – Equitation
45. Junior English W/T/C – Pleasure
46. Junior English W/T/C – Discipline
47. Senior English W/T/C – Equitation
48. Senior English W/T/C – Pleasure
49. Senior English W/T/C – Discipline
50. Western W/T—Equitation
51. Western W/T—Pleasure
52. Western W/T—Discipline
53. Junior Western W/T/C—Equitation
54. Junior Western W/T/C—Pleasure
55. Junior Western W/T/C—Discipline
56. Senior Western W/T/C—Equitation
57. Senior Western W/T/C—Pleasure
58. Senior Western W/T/C—Discipline
59. W/T/C Hunter Under Saddle—**Required for any jumping class**
60. W/T Crossrails—**Entrants not eligible for any other hunter class and must be in the English W/T Division**
61. W/T/C Equitation Over Fences 2'- 2'3" **
62. W/T/C Hunter Over Fences 2'- 2'3" **
63. W/T/C Hunter Hack **

Once jumps are set up there will be a jumping warm up in the lower ring. Fee is \$5 per horse and rider combination.

* *Mounted Jumping classes will be held in the lower ring; at that time the upper ring will be prepared for the Gymkhana classes.

Lunch Break will be determined the day of the show.

Announcements are a courtesy, and the showgrounds are large – please plan to track the show schedule carefully.

Sportsmanship Award

The winners of this award will have demonstrated a strong 4-H spirit by being honest, helpful, courteous & enthusiastic throughout the day. Any 4-H member who attends the show is eligible whether or not he or she has exhibited. The recipients of this award will be chosen by the judges & members of the Show Committee. The award recipient will be notified at a later time.