

Hartford Independent Fair

Horse Department Helpful Hints

Entering classes...

- Entry forms must display project name exactly as shown on 4-H ID forms that were submitted.
- Exhibitors entering “Free-Style Reining” must submit music to the Horse Complex Entry Booth by no later than the barn meeting on Saturday. “Free-Style Dressage” music should be submitted during the Barn Meeting. Note: Music must be 4-H appropriate (language, content, etc.).

Entering Fairgrounds with Horse Project...

- Horse will be free of saddles, blankets and/or covers for vet check upon entering fairgrounds.
- Horses are to enter Fairgrounds at Gate D2, behind the Sheep / Goat Barns.
- Exhibitors must present shot record and vet card upon entering the Fair Grounds.

Haul-Ins...

- Parents and members are strongly encouraged to attend the barn meeting located at in the Horse Complex on the first Saturday. Check fair book for details. It is important for all to attend this meeting for last minute information.
- Stalls will be assigned as determined by Senior / Junior Fair Board Equine Committee.
- Stalls will be locked by a Junior Fair Board member and will be checked to ensure the stall has been properly cleaned prior to departing the fairgrounds.
- If Senior Fair Board determines the member has left without cleaning the stall, the member forfeits the use of a stall during the next year’s fair.

Stalls...

- Do not leave fan cords hanging outside of stall. Contain extra cord with a zip tie or rubber band.
- If at all possible, hang fan “upside down” so that the controls are at the bottom.
- Stall cards must have an “**Emergency Contact**” phone number, preferably an adviser or parent.
- Stalls must be free of all sawdust and manure before leaving the fairgrounds on Saturday. Please beware of cleaning your stall and moving your horse back into the stall before leaving. The horses tend to leave presents.
- Absolutely **NO** hay or grain left at barn. Hay and grain may be kept inside (enclosed) tack box.
- Stall Decorations: Decorations may not be attached to the barn / stall with the use of nails, tape, screws or staples.

Grading and Premiums...

- Horses must be clean and have clean tack (halter and lead).
- Exhibitor must dress appropriate, such as jeans, t-shirt and boots. There shall be no flip-flops, nor sleeveless shirts.
- Must have Junior Fair ID, Project book, Record Book (if applicable), Shot Record and Vet Card.
- Exhibitor must bring Grading Sheet (given at grading) to the Entry Booth side window for signature of a Senior Fair Board member and issuance of voucher.
- Voucher should be picked up on the same day that grading is completed.
- Exhibitor must **“cash in”** voucher to the **“Bank”** located behind the restrooms and next to the ice cream stand **BEFORE** closing on Saturday. Bank is open during specific hours which will be announced.

Required Shots & Body Score...

- Shots required for equine entries include West Nile Combo (Tetanus, Rhino Flu and Equine Rabies). Strangles vaccination is also recommended.
- All equine entries are required to be evaluated as a Body Condition Score of 4 or greater. Horses with a BCS of less than 4, obviously sick horses, and horses with a Grade 3 or greater lameness should not be allowed to show. (Uniform Rules, 2015)

Veterinary Emergency...

- Contact a vet by going to the Junior Fair Board Office or Entry Booth.
- Leave your name, contact number, and stall number and type of the emergency.
- **STAY** with your animal until Vet arrives. The vet may be on another call, so please be patience.

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