

## DIVISION A - HORSES

### **The horse program will not have a horse check in.**

1. All 4-H members must register their project horse(s) in 4hOnline. This must be done before May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year if you intend to use the horse at State Fair. Any horses to be used by a member at the Lincoln County Fair must be properly registered as a project horse in 4hOnline no later than July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
2. FFA members must obtain and return a Horse Identification Certification to the County Extension Office no later than July 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. 4-H/FFA horses can be co-exhibited, but not shown in the same class or event, regardless of age of exhibitor.
4. 4-H/FFA enrolled members are not eligible to show in Open Class Horse if they are participating in 4-H/FFA classes. However, horses used in 4-H/FFA classes may be used in Open Class.
5. Horse project members bringing their horse(s) to the fairgrounds the night before the 4-H/FFA horse show; must have approval from the horse show superintendent. Members may take horse(s) home at the end of the show or they may choose to leave their horse(s) at fair as long as the horse superintendent knows where the horse(s) will be stalled.
6. No riding on the track in front of Grandstands during judging events. No horses in midway or parking lot.
7. In the event of a tie occurring for Champion or Reserve Performance or Champion or Reserve Timed Events, the contestant who has the most first places, then second, etc. will be tallied until the tie is broken.
8. Patterns and guidelines for the timed classes are found in the current Colorado 4-H Horse Rule Book.  
\*\*\*If the horse refuses to enter the arena, three attempts will be allowed.
9. A contestant will have three attempts to ride their horse into the box and turn around. If the horse still refuses after the third attempt it will be an automatic No Time. The time limit allowed per roping contestant(s) will be 30 seconds per event.
10. All horse exhibitors are eligible for Showmanship.
11. There are no Horse Level requirements to participate in the traditional Horse Show/Gymkhana.

**Dress Code for Lincoln County (not state) contests:** All exhibitors are required to wear western attire, including western hat or protective helmet, boots, belt, long-sleeved shirt, and jeans; to reflect a neat, clean and well-fitted appearance. Members will not be penalized for wearing protective head gear. Expensive clothing is not necessary and will not be counted over neat, clean clothing. Accessories are optional as permitted in the current Colorado 4-H Horse Rule Book. Riders participating in English classes are required to wear a helmet. Tack must be English tack according to the current Colorado 4-H Horse Rule Book.

### **Ranch Horse**

**\$5.00 Stock Charge per class. If the stock charge prevents a 4-H or FFA member from participating, please contact the Extension Office for information on a stock charge scholarship.**

**All classes will count towards Overall Ranch Horseman**

### **RULES**

1. 4-H Working Ranch Horse and Cattle Events are open to 4-Hers enrolled in the Activity Group.
2. Classes are divided by levels and not age divisions.
3. All 4-H participants in cattle classes must have passed Level 2 Ranch Horse test prior to exhibiting at fair. Ranch Trail exhibitors must have passed Level 1 Ranch Horse test prior to exhibiting.
4. Any abuse of livestock or horses will result in automatic expulsion from the event.
5. The Working Ranch Horse Divisions will be conducted according to the rules published in the current State 4-H Horse Show Rule Book.
6. Tack and Attire: Western Dress Code and equipment, according to the current 4-H Colorado Horse Show Rule Book. If a rider's equipment breaks, there will be no re-ride granted in any class. Any horse with open sores or bleeding apparently caused by tack, equipment, or rough handling shall be eliminated from competition and shall not be placed.
7. Working Ranch Horse classes are based upon a score system. Scoring, penalty points, and rules for all classes are followed according to the Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rule Book.
8. Patterns will be e-mailed to each exhibitor 5 days prior to the show.
9. Ties will be decided by straight head-to-head placing.