8TH ANNUAL
CONNECTICUT
4-H HORSE SHOW

Sunday, July 17, 2022
Rain or Shine

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

Judges
Sherri Thorton — Main 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 send 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 entry. No Fees for Fitting & Showmanship Classes. Please send entries prior to 9 PM Friday, 7/1/22 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 result in 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.cas.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 placements will be awarded in each class; only division 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 9:30 am and all competitors must complete their jumping course before noon.

- You can enter both W/T and W/T/C crosshairs.

- 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 Danahs 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 directions of the ring.

Alumni/Volunteer: Open to any UConn 4-H alumni or volunteer who are registered in Z Suites for the current year. Show clothes are not required for any Alumni/Volunteer classes; however proper foot wear is required.

Norm Sayre Memorial Pleasure Class: Open to any exhibitor showing any seat. To be shown at the walk, trot/jog & canter/lope both directions of the ring. Sponsored by the CT Horse Council.

Dick Woolum W/T Classic: In memory of a longtime 4-H friend and leader who enjoyed well-behaved horses. This class will consist of a command class followed by a trail course to be held in the same ring and worked individually. Open to English & Western riders of any age who have never shown at the canter in ANY competition.

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Gymkhana: “Show” attire is not required however all riders must wear long pants, 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.
- Ground Driving: To be shown over a course of 5-8 obstacles similar to a trail course. No jumps.
- Cones: To be shown over a course of 5-8 marked “gates.”
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 - 32, 36, 37
- English W/T - 38, 39, 40
- Western W/T - 33, 47, 48
- Junior English W/T/C - 41, 42, 43
- Senior English W/T/C - 44, 45, 46
- Junior Western W/T/C - 34, 50, 51
- Senior Western W/T/C - 35, 53, 54
- W/T Gymkhana - 67, 69, 71
- W/T/C Gymkhana - 68, 70, 72
- W/T Hunter - 57, 58, 63
- W/T/C Hunter - 61, 62, 64
- Junior Small Equine - 5, 8, 14
- Senior Small Equine - 6, 9, 15
- Small Equine Driving - 17, 19, 20
Ring 3 - Main Ring - Starting PROMPTLY at 9 am
1. Junior Novice SE Fitting and Showmanship
2. Junior SE Fitting and Showmanship
3. Senior Novice SE Fitting and Showmanship
4. Senior SE Fitting and Showmanship
5. Junior SE Halter
6. Senior SE Halter
7. Alumni/Volunteer SE Halter
8. Junior SE Discipline
9. Senior SE Discipline
10. Junior SE In-Hand Hunter
11. Senior SE In-Hand Hunter
12. Junior SE Jumpers
13. Senior SE Jumpers
14. Junior SE Obstacle
15. Senior SE Obstacle
16. SE Ground Driving
17. SE Pleasure Driving
18. Alumni/Volunteer SE Pleasure Driving
19. SE Reinsmanship
20. SE Obstacle Driving
21. Pleasure Driving
22. Reinsmanship
23. Novice Junior Fitting & Showmanship
24. Novice Senior Fitting & Showmanship
25. Junior Fitting and Showmanship
26. Senior Fitting & Showmanship
27. Alumni/Volunteer Fitting & Showmanship
28. Youth Horse Halter (all types and seats)
29. Alumni/Volunteer Horse Halter (all types)
30. Junior In-Hand Trail *
31. Senior In-Hand Trail *
32. Leadline Trail *
33. Western W/T Trail *
34. Junior Western W/T/C Trail *
35. Senior Western W/T/C Trail *
36. Leadline—Equitation
37. Leadline—Pleasure
38. English W/T – Equitation
39. English W/T – Pleasure
40. English W/T – Discipline
41. Junior English W/T/C – Equitation
42. Junior English W/T/C – Pleasure
43. Junior English W/T/C – Discipline
44. Senior English W/T/C – Equitation
45. Senior English W/T/C – Pleasure
46. Senior English W/T/C – Discipline
47. Western W/T—Equitation
48. Western W/T—Pleasure
49. Western W/T—Discipline
50. Junior Western W/T/C—Equitation
51. Junior Western W/T/C—Pleasure
52. Junior Western W/T/C—Discipline
53. Senior Western W/T/C—Equitation
54. Senior Western W/T/C—Pleasure
55. Senior Western W/T/C—Discipline
56. Alumni/Volunteer English/Western Pleasure W/T/C
57. W/T Crossrails—Equitation 18” **
58. W/T Crossrails—Hunter 18” **
59. W/T/C Crossrails—Equitation 18” **
60. W/T/C Crossrails—Hunter 18” **
61. W/T/C Equitation Over Fences 2’ - 2’3” **
62. W/T/C Hunter Over Fences 2’- 2’3” **
63. W/T Hunter Hack **
64. W/T/C Hunter Hack **
65. Costume Class
66. Sit A Buck
67. W/T Pole Bending
68. W/T/C Pole Bending
69. W/T Arena Race
70. W/T Arena Race
71. W/T Barrels
72. W/T/C Barrels

* Trail Classes will be held in the lower ring; during that time the upper ring will be open for schooling.

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

* *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 determine the day of the show.

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

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** Sportsmanship Awards

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.

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# CONNECTICUT 4-H HORSE SHOW ENTRY FORM

**Rider’s Name:**

**Address:**

**Phone:**

**Horse’s Name:**

**Age (as of 1/1):**

**Town, State & Zip:**

**Email Address:**

**County Enrolled In:**

**Total entry fees:**

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**Post Entry Fee:**

**TOTAL:**

Forms may be emailed to: rbirdsey01@snet.net

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**Entry fees are $8 per class unless otherwise noted. Entries received after July 1st or on the day of the show will be charged an additional $20 per rider post-entry fee. No refunds 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

Venue Preferred @CTState-Horse

Make checks payable to CT State Horse Advisory

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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:**

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**OFFICE USE ONLY:**

**Rabies:**

**Coggins:**

**Exhibitor Number:**

**4-H Forms:**

**Date Rec’d:**

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