

LEAVENWORTH COUNTY FAIR 2026

4-H / FFA HORSE

Superintendent: Katherine Shade

Exhibit Judging: Sunday, July 26th; 9am; Horse Arena

You will have the opportunity to learn, handle, care for and ride horses. Members may own or lease a horse, but must manage the horse 75% of the time, whether owned or leased.

Horseless horse members do not own or lease a horse. 4-H members participate by learning about horses and can participate in judging contests, quiz bowl, hippology, and give presentations. Horseless horse members may volunteer to assist with horse shows and trail rides.

Rules

1. Read General Rules. Violation of any of the following rules may result in disqualification. All decisions will be made by a county agent and their decision is final.
2. Each exhibitor must complete the Kansas 4-H Equine Webinar Safety Episode with quiz by the county fair entry deadline (June 30).
3. Horseless Horse members MUST abide by the following guidelines as set up by State 4-H. Horseless Horse is not a State Fair class.
 - a. 4-H member does not own or lease a horse.
 - b. The project is intended to offer a 4-H member opportunity to learn about horses. 4-H member may participate in judging contests, quiz bowl, hippology and give presentations.
 - c. 4-H member may volunteer to assist another 4-H member at horse show and trail rides.
 - d. Project member may exhibit at local fair with a borrowed 4-H Identified horse in the showmanship class only.
 - e. NO riding.
4. The show will be guided by the Kansas 4-H Horse Rule Book. Show committee reserves the right to cancel classes. Class schedule is subject to change.
5. All equine must have proof of Sleeping Sickness, Tetanus, and Influenza vaccinations and an E.I.A. (Coggins) test prior to the fair. It is strongly encouraged to have the West Nile vaccination.
6. Health and wellbeing of all animals brought to the fairgrounds is at the exhibitor's risk.
7. A member must submit an identification certificate, identifying exhibitor and the horse he/she will exhibit, into the Extension Office by June 1 of the current year. Identification certificates will be checked the day of the show. Leased horses must meet all rules that apply.
8. Horse age is determined as of January 1 in the year in which the animal was born.
9. Any animal 58 inches or above will be shown as a horse. Any animal 56 inches or under will be shown as a pony. Animals over 56 inches but under 58 inches may be shown as either a horse or a pony.

10. All horses and ponies must be confined to the area near the horse arena.
11. All 4-H exhibitors entered in horse will enter a showmanship class. Animal used must be owned/leased by exhibitor.
12. Beginner classes are for members who have not shown in that riding style (English, Western, or Timed Events) at a Leavenworth County 4-H Horse Show prior to the current year.
13. Exhibitors may not have more than four horses in any one halter class. Exhibitor is allowed only one entry per section in the performance classes.
14. This show is not a qualifying 4-H horse show.
15. No one outside the 4-H member's family is to be on the horse the day of the show.
16. Anyone unable to control their horse will be excused from the show ring.
17. All exhibitors and family members are expected to display proper conduct and politeness at all times. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated at any time and will result in disqualification.
18. Horses must be serviceable sound. Signs of pain shall result in dismissal.
19. At no time should the exhibitor and/or parents be allowed to confront the judge during the show. Judges decisions and placings will be final.
20. Unorthodox and severe mouthpieces or headstalls are not permitted. It should be kept in mind that 4-H supports humane treatment of animals and this should be reflected in the head gear. Unethical behaviors will not be tolerated.

CLASS

EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY, NOTEBOOK OR POSTER

Ages 07-08

Ages 09-13

Ages 14-18

ENGLISH CLASSES –

Equitation, ages 07-08

Equitation, ages 09-13

Equitation, ages 14-18

Hunter Hack, ages 07-08

Hunter Hack, ages 09-13

Hunter Hack, ages 14-18

Pleasure, ages 07-08

Pleasure, ages 09-13

Pleasure, ages 14-18

HALTER CLASSES –

Grade Horses, 2 and under

Grade Horses, 3 and over

Ponies 56" and under, all ages

Registered American Miniature Horse, all ages

Registered Non-Stock Type Horse, 2 and under

Registered Non-Stock Type Horse, 3 and over

Registered Stock Type Horse, 2 and under
Registered Stock Type Horse, 3 and over

MISC. CLASSES –

Bareback Equitation, ages 07-08

Bareback Equitation, ages 09-13

Bareback Equitation, ages 14-18

Miniature Horse Obstacle and Horseless Horse, all ages

Walk/Trot Horsemanship (English or Western) and Horseless Horse, all ages Cannot enter any class requiring canter/lope.

SPEED EVENTS CLASSES –

Barrel Racing, ages 07-08

Barrel Racing, ages 09-13

Barrel Racing, ages 14-18

Flag Race, ages 07-08

Flag Race, ages 09-13

Flag Race, ages 14-18

Pole Bending, ages 07-08

Pole Bending, ages 09-13

Pole Bending, ages 14-18

WESTERN CLASSES -

Horsemanship, ages 07-08

Horsemanship, ages 09-13

Horsemanship, ages 14-18

Pleasure, ages 07-08

Pleasure, ages 09-13

Pleasure, ages 14-18

Reining, all ages

Trail Class, all ages

SHOWMANSHIP (Age as of Jan 1 of current 4-H year) CLASSES -

Ages 07-08

Ages 09-13

Ages 14-18

Horseless Horse

Two-Year-Old Western Futurity, all ages *Refer to Handbook for rules. Must be nominated for State Fair and qualifications met. Management has right to determine age and check bits.

Working Ranch Horse, all ages