



2021-22 Galveston County 4-H Horse Show Rules & Regulations

Galveston County. 4-H Horse Show & Clinic Dates

Judged Western Clinic, Saturday, September 26, 2021

Speed Clinic, Saturday, December 11, 2021

County 4-H Point Horse Shows

Show #1

- **Entry deadline for 4-H Classes:** October 10, 2021
 - Late entries accepted until October 12, 2021 at extra cost, no exceptions
- **Friday, October 15, 2021:** Speed Division
 - Gates & Books open at 6:00 p.m. ♦ Shows Begin at 7:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, October 16, 2021:** Halter, Hunter Flat, and Judged Western Divisions
 - Gates & Books open at 10:00 a.m. ♦ Shows Begin at 11:00 a.m.

Show #2

- **Entry deadline for 4-H Classes:** January 24, 2022
 - Late entries accepted until January 26, 2022 at extra cost
- **Friday, February 4, 2022:** Speed Division
 - Gates & Books open at 6:00 p.m. ♦ Shows Begin at 7:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, February 5, 2022:** Halter, Hunter Flat, and Judged Western Divisions
 - Gates & Books open at 10:00 a.m. ♦ Shows Begin at 11:00 a.m.

Show #3

- **Entry deadline for 4-H Classes:** March 14, 2022
 - Late entries accepted until March 16, 2022 at extra cost
- **Friday, March 25, 2022:** Speed Division
- **Saturday, March 26, 2022:** Halter, Hunter Flat, and Judged Western Divisions
 - Gates & Books open at 10:00 a.m. ♦ Shows Begin at 11:00 a.m.

PLEASE STUDY THIS INFORMATION CAREFULLY

1. The Galveston County Horse Program Committee reserves to its members the final and absolute right to interpret all rules and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with, or incident to the Galveston County Horse Shows. The Committee reserves the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. If necessary, the Show Coordinator(s) will give an on-the-spot decision that shall be accepted as final.

Appeals and/or protests will be handled as follows: The Committee will receive and act upon protests arising out of any class. A protest must be filed in writing, accompanied by a \$100 cash fee given to the Show Secretary, during or immediately upon conclusion of the event. Judging and competitive procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. Depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until a complete investigation has been conducted. If the protest is upheld by the committee, the deposit shall be refunded to the protester. If the protest is overruled, the deposit shall be forfeited to the horse show fund.

2. The Galveston County 4-H Horse Shows will be conducted according to the official rules of the latest edition of the *Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations*, plus additional stipulations outlined here.

It is the responsibility of the 4-H member and their parents to become familiar with the rules and to abide by them. Refer to the *Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations* for more information on:

- a) Eligibility
- b) Sportsmanship
- c) Reasons for disqualification
- d) Safety Considerations
- e) Equipment
- f) Attire for Point Shows will follow State Rules. **EXCEPTION: English attire is allowed for all halter and showmanship classes at Galveston County Shows.** Attire for county instructional events is casual but must be 4-H appropriate. However, boots with a definitive heel must be worn. Although not required, unless otherwise stated, the use of helmets for all riders is strongly recommended.

3. **Ownership Requirements (for Galveston County horse shows):** A 4-H member is not required to own any horse used for participation at the Galveston County 4-H Horse Shows. Please see ownership/validation requirements if plan on participating in District or State 4-H Horse Show.
4. **Validation Requirements (per State rules):** Each horse that is to be entered in the *District and/or State 4-H Horse Shows* (including any possible substitution horses and futurity projects) must meet the validation requirements set forth in the *Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules & Regulations*.
5. **Each contestant may enter one OR more horses in each Division; however, a horse CANNOT be entered or shown in an individual class more than once.**
6. **EIA Test:** Contestant must provide proof of a negative test for EIA (Coggins Test), conducted within the past 12 months, to participate in the County, District and State 4-H Horse Shows.
7. **All participants (adult and youth) must be at least 8 years old (and in 3rd grade) by Aug. 31 of current 4-H year.**
8. **Entry Forms:** Entries will be submitted per instructions from the Galveston County Extension Office.

9. **Entry Fees: Fees are due with entry.**
- a) **Office fee:** \$10.00 per rider (non-refundable)
 - b) **4-H Classes for Galveston County 4-H members:**
 - i) \$8.00 per class (\$10.00/class for late entries) *or*
 - ii) \$60.00 all-show fee per rider (\$80.00/rider for late entries), which includes **all** 4-H classes, regardless of day they are held, **does not include** *open/jackpot classes*
 - c) **Open Classes:** \$8.00 per class for adult and youth participants.
 - d) **Open Jackpot Classes:** \$10.00 per class for adult and youth participants.
 - i) Riders may enter the same jackpot class multiple times on *different* horses. No limit on the number of horses a rider may show in an individual jackpot class. A horse CANNOT be entered or shown in an individual jackpot class more than once.
 - ii) Minimum payout for all jackpot classes: 1st - \$15, 2nd - \$10, 3rd - \$5
 - iii) If over 5 entries – 80% payout (1st – 50%, 2nd – 30%, 3rd – 20%)
 - e) **Refunds:** will be given up to day of show, excluding \$10.00 non-refundable office fee.
10. **Entry Deadlines for 4-H Classes:** Entry forms AND payment must be received by the County Extension Office by deadlines on page 1. *Entry form will be used to verify **academic eligibility** for Galveston County 4-H participants*
11. **Academic Eligibility:** Academic eligibility **will be verified by the Extension Office staff only** for all Galveston County 4-H Point Show contestants, in accordance with UIL policies. Ineligible contestants will not be permitted to compete in 4-H classes but may still participate in Open classes if available.
12. **Division & Class Listing:** The Galveston County 4-H Point/Open Horse Shows will offer all of the following classes. **The Show Coordinator(s) reserves the right to cancel, limit, split, or combine classes.**
- a) **4-H Classes:** Point classes, entry counts toward qualification for eligibility for High Point awards.
 - i) **For Speed and Judged Western Divisions,** 4-H members compete in ONE of the following groups.
 - o **Senior:** not novice, grades 9, 10, 11, and 12
 - o **Junior/Intermediate:** not novice, grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8
 - o **Novice:** A rider with less than 2 years riding experience, **who is comfortable and in control** at the walk and/or trot but has limited experience or comfort trotting and/or cantering and/or loping (grades 3-12). Must compete in Novice for both Judged Western and Speed if participating in both Divisions.
 - Riders will automatically advance to their respective age division when: 1) they have participated in the Novice Division for 2 years, or, 2) have participated in District 4-H and/or State 4-H Horse Shows.
 - No buckles awarded to Novice Division.
 - Riders may choose to advance to their respective age division during the 4-H year, but, points will not transfer between Divisions.

- b) **Open Classes:** Non-point classes, entry does not count toward qualification for High Point Award eligibility. Classes open to any adult or youth (minimum 3rd grade) interested in participating, regardless of affiliation with 4-H or the Galveston County Extension Office

SPEED DIVISION (Ribbons 1st- 6th)

4-H Stakes Race (Sr)
 4-H Pole Bending (Sr)
 4-H Barrel Racing (Sr)
 4-H Straight Away Barrels (Sr)

OR

4-H Stakes Race (Jr/Int)
 4-H Pole Bending (Jr/Int)
 4-H Barrel Racing (Jr/Int)
 4-H Straight Away Barrels (Jr/Int)

OR

4-H Stakes Race (Novice)
 4-H Pole Bending (Novice)
 4-H Barrel Racing (Novice)
 4-H Straight Away Barrels (Novice)

JUDGED WESTERN DIVISION (Ribbons 1st- 6th)

4-H Showmanship at Halter (Sr)
 4-H Walk Trot Western Pleasure (Sr, a)**
 4-H Western Pleasure (Sr, b)**
 4-H Western Horsemanship (Sr)
 4-H Western Trail (Sr)

OR

4-H Showmanship at Halter (Jr/Int)
 4-H Walk Trot Western Pleasure (Jr/Int, a)**
 4-H Western Pleasure (Jr/Int, b)**
 4-H Western Horsemanship (Jr/Int)
 4-H Western Trail (Jr/Int)

OR

4-H Showmanship at Halter (Novice)
 4-H Walk/Trot Western Pleasure (Novice)
 4-H Walk/Trot Western Horsemanship (Novice)
 4-H Walk/Trot Western Trail "In Hand" (a) (Novice)**
 4-H Walk/Trot Western Trail (b) (Novice)**

REGISTERED MARE DIVISION (Ribbons 1st- 6th)

4-H Registered Mares

GRADE MARE DIVISION (Ribbons 1st- 6th)

4-H Grade Mares

REGISTERED GELDING DIVISION (Ribbons 1st- 6th)

4-H Registered Geldings

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4-H Grade Geldings

OPEN DIVISION (Ribbons 1st- 6th)

Open Yearling & 2-Year Old Halter
 Open Halter Mares All Ages
 Open Halter Geldings All Ages
 Open Showmanship at Halter
 Open Walk/Trot Hunter Under Saddle
 Open Hunter Under Saddle
 Open Hunt Seat Equitation
 Open Hunter Showmanship
 Open Walk/Trot Western Pleasure
 Open Western Pleasure
 Open Western Horsemanship
 Open Western Trail
 Open Pole Bending
 Open Barrel Racing
 Open Straight Away Barrels

OPEN JACKPOT DIVISION (No Ribbons)

Open Jackpot Pole Bending
 Open Jackpot Barrel Racing
 Open Jackpot Straight Away Barrels

***In Judged Western Division, for Senior and Junior/Intermediate participants, 4-Hers may ride in either 4-H Walk Trot Western Pleasure (a) OR in 4-H Western Pleasure (b) but not in both classes. For Novice participants, 4-Hers may ride in either 4-H Novice Trail 'In Hand' (a) or 4-H Novice Trail (b), but not in both classes.*

13. **Two minute rule:** All riders must be through the gate and into arena within two minutes of first call or rider will be disqualified.

14. During speed events, the gate will remain open. Riders may notify show management if they wish the gate to be closed.

15. No alcohol or illegal drugs allowed at 4-H functions.

16. **Scoring:** Per State guidelines, point System C will be used to score all classes and will be calculated through 10th place.

a) **Counting Riders/Horses:** All riders/horses that participated in class, including those that were disqualified or received a no time, will be included in the participation count for that class. *Examples with 11 riders/horses registered for class below:*

| Rider | Place | Point |
|----------|-------|-------|
| Jennifer | 1 | 10 |
| Barbara | 2 | 9 |
| David | 3 | 8 |
| John | 4 | 7 |
| Michael | 5 | 6 |
| James | 6 | 5 |
| Linda | 7 | 4 |
| Jane | 8 | 3 |
| Mary | 9 | 2 |
| Richard | 10 | 1 |
| Susan | 0 | 0 |

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| Linda | 7 | 3 |
| Jane | 8 | 2 |
| Mary | DQ | zero |
| Richard | scratched | n/a |
| Susan | scratched | n/a |

b) **Ties** will be broken as follows:

i) **Individual Class Placings:** In the case of a tie in timed or scored classes, ties will be broken by the fastest time or highest score within the Division.

ii) **High Points:** In the case of a tie for High Points, ties will be broken in following order:

- Placing in greater number of classes within the Division (e.g., across all shows, exhibitor placing in 10 classes ranks higher than exhibitor placing in 9 classes);
- Greater number of horses placed over in all classes within the division (e.g., across all shows, exhibitor placing over 12 horses ranks higher than exhibitor placing over 7 horses, regardless of actual placing).
- If a tie still exists, ties will be broken by the number of 1st places, 2nd places, 3rd places within the Division.

17. **Show Awards:** Ribbons for 1st – 6th place will be given at the Point Shows.

18. **End of Year Awards:** High Point and other annual awards will be given at a day/time chosen by the Galveston County 4-H Horse Committee.

a) **Yearling Award** - The Horse Show Committee will select one 4-H member who participated in the Galveston County 4-H Horse Show(s) for the first time to receive a “Yearling” award.

b) **High Point Awards** - Within a Division, **all points will be awarded to the rider.** Contestants may compete for High Point in each Division. To qualify, contestants must compete in 2 of the 3 Point Shows (within the same Division). Contestants that are disqualified from a class for any reason (DQ

by judge, unruly/dangerous behavior of the horse, etc.) will receive participation credit for the class, thus allowing contestant to retain eligibility for High Point awards. Awards will be given for each Division

- i) Registered Halter Mare
- ii) Grade Halter Mare
- iii) Registered Halter Gelding
- iv) Grade Halter Gelding
- v) Judged Western (separate prizes awarded for Senior, Junior/Intermediate, and Novice groups). *No buckles awarded to Novice Division.*
- vi) Speed (separate prizes awarded for Senior, Junior/Intermediate, and Novice groups). *No buckles awarded to Novice Division.*

c) The number of High Point prizes given will be determined in the following manner:

- i) Prizes awarded to half of the average number of participants within a Division (calculated per instructions below). Maximum of 6 prizes awarded.
- ii) Within a Division, calculate the average number of participants across all point shows for the current 4-H year. Divide by 2. Round to nearest whole number. Example below

| Total # Participants Per Show | Western Senior | Speed Junior | Speed Senior | Halter Mare |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Point Show #1 | 16 | 12 | 11 | 6 |
| Point Show #2 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 6 |
| Point show #3 | 19 | 9 | 9 | 5 |
| Average across all shows | 16 | 11 | 10 | 6 |
| Half of average | 8 | 6 | 5 | 3 |
| Number of prizes given | 6 max | 6 | 5 | 3 |

19. **District 9 4-H Horse Show:** When available, information regarding the District 9 4-H Horse Show will be located at: <http://d94-h.tamu.edu/>

- a) In order to qualify for advancement to the **District 9 4-H Horse Show, 4-H members must participate in at least one of the Galveston County 4-H Horse Shows or program events AS A 4-H PARTICIPANT.** Exhibition in Open classes at a show does not qualify as participation. Youth who are participating in the Galveston County 4-H Horse project for their first time are exempt from this rule.
- b) **Hardship:** If 4-H member cannot compete due to horse or health, they may get prior approval from Show Coordinator(s) to receive participation credit towards district and must pay a \$20.00 fee.
- c) **State 4-H Horse Show:** When available, information regarding the State 4-H Horse Show will be located at: <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/state-4h-show/>