



# Growing the Tradition



Colorado  
State Fair

**AUG. 22 - SEPT. 1, 2025**




**Colorado  
State Fair**
**2025 Horse Show Schedule**

Tentative

Event Name	Date	Arena
4-H English Horse Show	Thursday, August 21, 2025	Covered/Outdoor
4-H Western Horse Show	Friday, August 22, 2025	Covered/Outdoor
4-H Ranch Horse Show	Saturday, August 23, 2025	Covered/Outdoor
Draft Pull Horse Event	Saturday, August 23, 2025	Covered
4-H Gymkhana Horse Show	Sunday, August 24, 2025	Outdoor
4-H Miniature Horse Show	Sunday, August 24, 2025	Outdoor Warm-up
Draft Pull Horse Event	Sunday, August 24, 2025	Covered
AQHA Versatility Paid Practice <i>*Fence/Box/Trail/Reining Paid Practices</i>	Monday, August 25, 2025	Covered/Outdoor
AQHA Ranch Horse Versatility <i>*Cutting, Ranch Riding, Reining, Conformation</i>	Tuesday, August 26, 2025	Covered/Outdoor
AQHA Ranching Heritage Cutting <i>*Runs concurrent with the VRH cutting</i>	Tuesday, August 26, 2025	
AQHA Ranch Horse Versatility <i>*Cow Work and Trail</i>	Wednesday, August 27, 2025	Covered/Outdoor
AQHA Special Event Ranch Trail <i>*Runs concurrent with VRH Trail</i>	Wednesday, August 27, 2025	
AQHA Team Roping	Wednesday, August 27, 2025	Outdoor
AQHA Ranching Heritage Roping & Barrel Race	Wednesday, August 27, 2025	
AQHA Ranching Heritage Event <i>*Cow Work &amp; Ranch Riding</i>	Thursday, August 28, 2025	Outdoor/Covered
AQHA Special Event Ranch Riding <i>*Runs concurrent with RHC Ranch Riding</i>	Thursday, August 28, 2025	

<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Arena</b>
Draft & Mule Challenge	Friday, August 29, 2025	Covered
NRCHA/AQHA Cow Horse Show <i>*Herd Work Classes (tentatively)</i>	Friday, August 29, 2025	Outdoor
NRCHA Cow Horse Show <i>*Rein Work Classes (tentatively)</i>	Saturday, August 30, 2025	Outdoor/Covered
AQHA Special Event Reining <i>*Tentative Event</i>	Saturday, August 30, 2025	Covered
NRCHA/AQHA Cow Horse Show <i>*Cow Horse Classes (tentatively)</i>	Sunday, August 31, 2025	Outdoor
NRHA Youth Freestyle	Sunday, August 31, 2025	Outdoor
NRCHA/AQHA Cow Horse Show <i>*Cow Horse Classes –Show # 2 (tentatively)</i>	Monday, September 1, 2025	Covered/Outdoor

# Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition

## 2025 Horse Show Competition and Entry Requirements

### Entries

Every entry constitutes an agreement that the person making it, owner, trainer, lessee, agent, manager, coach, rider, relative, and the horse are subject to the 2025 General Competition Requirements, the 2025 General Horse Show Competition Requirements, and the requirements of each sanctioning association or organization. All entries must be made on official Colorado State Fair Authority ("Authority") entry forms or through the Authority's online entry system. Exhibitors are responsible for their own errors and those of their agents when preparing entries. All fees are due at check-in to receive back numbers.

### Entry Deadlines

All online entries will open on Wednesday, June 1, 2025, and will close as set forth below:

1. 4-H Horse Show: Pre-entries will close on Monday, August 1, 2025. All entries must be completed through the online entry portal. Online entries must be completed by 11:59 p.m. August 1, 2025, to be considered on time.
2. 4-H Late Entries: The Authority will accept 4-H late entries from August 2 - 8, 2025, with a late fee of \$50 per exhibitor. Late entries must be completed online by 11:59 p.m. August 8, 2025.
3. All Other Horse Shows: Pre-entries and stall reservations will close Friday, August 15, 2025. All online entries must be completed by 11:59 p.m. August 15, 2025.
4. All Other Horse Shows Late Entries: The Authority will accept late entries from August 16, 2025, through the day before the class entering is being held. A late fee of \$50 per horse will be charged for all new horses entered after the August 16, 2025, deadline. If adding classes to a pre-entered horse no late fee will be charged. The online entry portal will close on August 25, 2025. If you need to enter after the 25th, you must do it at the show.

## **Post Class Entries**

- Post-class entries will be accepted for all horses previously entered into other classes during that event.
- If the event has specific deadlines due to draws and if an exhibitor enters after those deadlines, then the exhibitor must draw in the Horse Show Office for first or last in draw order.
- The only exception is for the cutting classes where, if an exhibitor enters in a cutting class after the draw, that exhibitor will go last in that draw.

## **Entry Fees**

- Except as set forth elsewhere within the individual Horse Show Exhibitor Handbook pages, all fees must accompany entries, stalls, and passes.
- Fees for each show are outlined on the specific Horse Show Exhibitor Handbook pages and online entry system.
- For any check returned to the Authority marked “NSF” or that does otherwise not clear the drafter’s bank, the Authority reserves the right to charge a \$35 returned check fee in addition to the cost of registration and to require that any subsequent payment be made in cash, by money order, cashier’s check, or by credit card.

## **Substitutions And Cancellations**

- Substitutions and cancellations must be approved through the Colorado State Fair Authority Management (“Management”).
- All substitutions or cancellations must be in writing or emailed to [lindsay.wadhams@state.co.us](mailto:lindsay.wadhams@state.co.us).

# Stalling

## Stall Reservations

- Stall reservations must be completed through the online stall reservation system. No in-person reservations, email reservations, telephone reservations, or mail reservations will be taken.
- The on-line deadline for reservations is: 4-H stall deadline: August 1, 2025; and all other horse shows: August 15, 2025
- Exhibitors may reserve stalls after the deadline by paying a late fee of \$50 per owner.
- Payment for stalls is due at time of check-in. Stalls will be assigned by Management. Horses must be placed in the assigned stalls.
- No change will be permitted without permission from Management.
- There is no day hauling allowed; therefore, exhibitors must have a stall for every horse entered.
- Stall fees do not include first bedding.
- Stall fees are based on a per-day basis.
- All stall rates are listed on the online stall reservation form.
- If entering multiple shows, please submit one stall form for all shows.

## Online Stall Reservation Form

- The Online Stall Reservation Forms are available at [www.coloradostatefair.com](http://www.coloradostatefair.com) on each event page.
- Only submit one stall form for all shows entering.
- Exhibitors may pay by cash, money order, check, or credit card (Visa, American Express, or MasterCard) at check-in.

- The online Stall Reservation Form must be completed by the appropriate deadline.

#### **4-H Stall Requests:**

- The 4-H Horse Show Exhibitors may request certain stalls, Management cannot guarantee any stalls requested.
- The Management will assign all stalls for each county.
- Each exhibitor will be stalled within the exhibitor's respective county block.
- No changing of stalls is allowed unless an exhibitor has permission from Management.

#### **All Other Horse Shows Stall Requests:**

- All exhibitors who need to stall with a specific person, trainer, or agent must signify that on the online stall reservation form.
- Full payment is not required until check-in at the Horse Show Office.

#### **Tack Stalls:**

- Tack stalls are to be reserved just like horse stalls.
- Tack stalls are the same price of a horse stall and are charged by the night.
- All tack stalls must be reserved through the online stall reservation form.

#### **Stall Assignments:**

- Stall assignments will be available at the Horse Show Check-In Station upon arrival to the fairgrounds.
- The Horse Show Check-In Station will be open 6:00 am to 9:00 pm.
- Arrival at any other times may result in a delay in receiving stall assignments and bedding.
- Please call ahead if you plan to arrive after 9:00 pm.

- Check-In station phone number: (719) 241-4608.

## **Feed and Bedding:**

- All Horse show exhibitors must purchase animal bedding through the Colorado State Fair Feed & Bedding Concessionaire.
- Outside bedding is not allowed in the horse show complex unless the exhibitor has received prior written permission from Management.
- Management will require that any foreign bedding be removed immediately from the Fairgrounds.
- Any person who fails to remove the outside bedding within one hour of notice will be subject to a fine of \$150, payable to the Colorado State Fair Authority.

## **Colorado State Fair Feed & Bedding Concessionaire.**

- 2025 Feed & Bed Concessionaire is TBD.

## **Vet Out**

- For any vet out, i.e., removal of an animal from competition because of a veterinary directive, received after August 20, 2025, exhibitors will only have entry fees returned.
- For vet-outs before August 20, 2025, exhibitors will only receive entry fees, stall fees, and cattle fees returned.
- The Authority does not return payment for office fees, parking passes, or gate passes purchased before vet out.
- Exhibitors canceling entries without a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) forfeit all fees.
- Once a horse is on the fairgrounds, a vet out must come from an Authority veterinarian.
- All vet-out certificates must be turned in to the Horse Show Office by the last day of the division in which the horse is competing.



- Riders and handlers may be substituted at any time, provided the change has been made in the Horse Show Office prior to the start of the class. The horse and exhibitor must meet all membership and horse eligibility requirements per the appropriate association.
- Refunds are at the sole discretion of Management.

## **Entry Numbers**

- All entry data must be accurately completed before each horse will be assigned an entry number.
- Entry numbers must always be accurately displayed in the arena per appropriate association rules.

## **Order of Go**

- Orders of go will be computer-generated unless a physical draw is necessary. At any physical draw, the exhibitors must be present.
- The 4-H, AQHA, and NRCHA Shows all have specific draw time deadlines. 4-H orders of go are available one per county per day for the 4-H Horse Show.
- All draws for each association show will be available on our Facebook group page: "Colorado State Fair Horse Show Updates"

## **Results**

- All results are subject to verification and review.
- All Horse Show results are unofficial until Management and the sanctioning organization have reviewed and approved those results.

## **Stallions**

Junior exhibitors will not be allowed to ride, drive, or handle stallions in any class except as provided for in the association requirements.

## **Premium Monies**

- To comply with the Colorado Department of Revenue and the Internal Revenue Service tax-reporting requirements, a properly completed current IRS form W-9 signed by the exhibitor must be submitted for any premium earnings of \$600 or more. No monies won or earned at the State Fair will be paid if the IRS Form W-9 form is incorrect. W-9 forms must be turned in to the Horse Show Office prior to an exhibitor receiving the exhibitor's back number.
- If an exhibitor chooses to receive premium monies in a corporate or ranch name, the exhibitor must report to the Show Office to update the W-9 to reflect the corporate or ranch name on the W-9 for the Colorado State Fair Accounting Authority's Department (Accounting Department) to accept the W-9 form.
- Every effort will be made to mail premium checks within 30 days after the conclusion of the State Fair.
- If checks are not received by November 1st, please contact the Colorado State Fair Authority's accounting department.
- Checks must be cashed within six months of the date of issue.
- Exhibitors have until December 31 of the same year to claim checks returned to Show Management.
- No replacement checks will be issued after December 31 of the current year.

## **Refunds**

Entry fees are non-refundable.

## **Horse Show Office**

The Horse Show Office will open on August 20, 2025, for 4-H check-in. Starting August 21, 2025, the Horse Show Office will open one hour before the start of the first class and remain open until thirty minutes after the last class of each day. All Horse Show Office business must be conducted during these hours.

## **Arena Procedures**

The show arena is under the complete control of Management. Only qualified personnel will be allowed in the show arena during judging. Management will provide daily notice – posted and by announcement – to all exhibitors regarding the time classes will be held. All horses must be ready and waiting at the show arena gate at the show's start. There will be a gate call two minutes before the gates are closed and the judge has started the class. No late exhibitor will be admitted once the gates are closed and the judge has started the class. Barn calls are made as a courtesy. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to be aware of the show's progression and be ready for his or her class when the class enters the arena. There will be no refunds for missed classes.

## **Attire**

The tradition of the show ring is that an exhibitor be correctly attired for the class in question, that exhibitors be neatly dressed and horses properly groomed. Management may, at its discretion, bar an entry or person from entering the show arena if not properly presented. There will be no refunds for classes missed due to improper appearance.

## **Arena Promptness**

Classes will run according to the published schedule. All horses and exhibitors must be ready and waiting to enter the arena promptly. Exhibitors are responsible for informing the gate steward of tack changes or conflicts that may cause the exhibitor to be late or miss the class. The gate will be held if the gate steward is made aware of an exhibitor delay or conflict. Classes may be split or combined at the discretion of Management.

## **Class Schedule:**

Management reserves the right to rearrange classes if necessary to compensate for excessive entries or time shortages. Classes with a draw order will post the draw at the Horse Show Office and the back of the announcer booths of each arena. All exhibitors will work in the order drawn. Exhibitors not at the gate to work in their draw order will not be allowed to work in that class. Schedule or draw information given over the phone must be considered unofficial. The

most recent information may be obtained from our website at [www.coloradostatefair.com](http://www.coloradostatefair.com) and our Facebook group page, "Colorado State Fair Horse Show Updates."

## **Arrival and Release**

- Arrival and release times are listed on individual premium pages for each show. Exhibitors must check this schedule carefully, as horses will be admitted on grounds only at these scheduled times.
- Upon arrival, all horses will come through Gate 7 for health inspections.
- Exhibitors must obtain a release from the Horse Show Office to take horses off the grounds.
- Exhibitors are asked to remove horses after they have finished their show competition.

## **Parking Permits and Exhibitor Admission**

### **Horse Show Exhibitor Parking Permits**

- No exhibitor parking is allowed inside the Horse Show Complex.
- Exhibitor vehicles with parking permits will be allowed to park in the Horseman's Lot (as space permits) inside Gate 6.
- If the Horseman's Lot is full, overflow parking is available in the South Lot. A free shuttle service is available for those parking in the South Lot.

### **Horseman's Lot Daily Parking Permits:**

- Permits are \$20 per day with limited spots available.; the permit does not include gate admission.
- The 4-H shows, starting Thursday, August 21, 2025, will be limited to one per owner.
- Parking permits can be pre-ordered on the Horse Show credential form and picked up in the Horse Show Office when the exhibitor checks in.

## **Hangar Lot Season Parking Permits:**

- Permits are \$45 each (good for 11 days of the State Fair) and do not include gate admission.
- The Hangar lot is located across S. Prairie Avenue from the fairgrounds.
- Parking permits can be pre-ordered on the Horse Show Credential form and picked up in the Horse Show Office when the exhibitor checks in.

## **Exhibitor Admission:**

- Every exhibitor attending the State Fair must purchase a Horse Show Wristband or Daily Gate Admission.
- The Horse Show Office will sell exhibitor wristbands for all ages that are good for the entire 11 days of the State Fair.
- All wristbands can be purchased at the Horse Show Office upon check-in.
- The Horse Show office does not sell daily admission. Daily admission passes need to be purchased at Gate 5 on Prairie Avenue or Gate 9 on Beulah Avenue.

## **Health Requirements:**

- All horses entering the fairgrounds must be accompanied by a Health Declaration at the check-in station, which must be completed before entering the Horse Show Complex.
- Horses entering the fairgrounds are subject to examination by a Colorado State Veterinarian's Office representative.
- Any animal showing evidence of infectious, contagious, or communicable diseases may be immediately withdrawn from the show and held at the owner's expense.
- The animal will be held until it is released by a representative from the Colorado State Veterinarian's Office after any necessary treatment and additional hold times.

- Exhibitors must comply with any direction from the Colorado State Veterinarian's Office regarding removal from the fairgrounds.
- Health requirements may change before the start of the State Fair if there is a disease outbreak in Colorado or the neighboring states
- Certificates of veterinary inspection ("CVI") must be dated no more than 7 days from arrival for all in-state and out-of-state horses coming onto the fairgrounds.

## **Colorado Origin**

### **Certificate Of Veterinary Inspection:**

1. All horses must have a certificate of veterinary inspection ("CVI").
2. CVIs must be provided to Show Management at the time of arrival.
3. CVIs must be dated no more than 7 prior to entry into the fairgrounds.

### **Equine Infectious Anemia**

No test is required for Colorado-origin horses.

## **Out Of State Origin**

### **Certificate Of Veterinary Inspection:**

1. All horses must have a certificate of veterinary inspection ("CVI")
2. CVIs must be provided to the Management at the time of arrival.
3. CVIs must be dated no more than 7 prior to entry into the fairgrounds.

### **Equine Infectious Anemia:**

Proof of a negative test for Equine Infectious Anemia (AGID or ELISA), separate from the CVI, is required. It must be provided to the Colorado State Fair Official at the time of arrival and dated no more than one (1) year from the date of arrival.

# **Brand Requirement**

## **Colorado Origin**

1. If your horse(s) is branded with your Colorado registered brand, you must have a brand card identifying you as the brand owner. If your horse(s) is not branded, you must have either: (1) the blue copy of a Colorado brand certificate identifying you as the horse's owner, or (2) a permanent travel card identifying you as the horse's owner.
2. If you travel over 75 miles to the fairgrounds from a location in Colorado, you must first get a brand inspection.

## **Out Of State Origin**

1. All horses from mandatory brand inspection states must have a current brand inspection certificate. The original copy of the inspection certificate must be presented with the CVI at the time of arrival. All animals found improperly shipped will be held until released by the state of origin.
2. All out-of-state exhibitors coming into Colorado for the State Fair from non-brand inspection states must provide legal proof of ownership by any of the following:
  - a. Legal bill of sale. The requirements of a legal bill of sale are:
    - i. Seller's name and address.
    - ii. Buyer's name and address.
    - iii. A complete description of livestock sold/purchased (the complete description should include the number of heads, color, sex, breed markings, registration numbers, and hot brands).
    - iv. Signature of seller.
    - v. Signature of the buyer and name, address, and signature of witness.
  - b. Registration Papers

## **State Veterinarian's Office - Colorado Department of Agriculture**

305 Interlocken Parkway, Broomfield, CO 80021

Contact Number: 303-869-9130

Website: <https://www.colorado.gov/aganimals>

Equine Disease Communications Center: <http://www.equinediseasecc.org>



# Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition

## 2025 4-H State Championship Horse Show

**Date:** August 21-24, 2025

### Show Management

Role	Contact
Director of Agriculture and Competitive Exhibits	Amber Henker Phone Number: (719) 404-2060 Email: <a href="mailto:amber.henker@state.co.us">amber.henker@state.co.us</a>
Horse Show Coordinator	Lindsay Wadhams Phone Number: (719) 439-7255 Email: <a href="mailto:lindsay.wadhams@state.co.us">lindsay.wadhams@state.co.us</a>
4-H State Horse Superintendent	Emily Green Email: <a href="mailto:emily.green@colostate.edu">emily.green@colostate.edu</a> Mercedes Glenn Email: <a href="mailto:Mercedes.Glenn@colostate.edu">Mercedes.Glenn@colostate.edu</a> Lillian Esterl-Byrne Email: <a href="mailto:l.esterl-byrne@colostate.edu">l.esterl-byrne@colostate.edu</a> Tearle Lessenden Email: <a href="mailto:Tearle.Lessenden@colostate.edu">Tearle.Lessenden@colostate.edu</a>
Event Secretary	Pam Orth

### Judges

Division	Judge
English, Western, Ranch, Gymkhana	Holly Hover Rebecca Halverson
Trail	Tiffany Mead
Miniature Horse	Lacey Cooper

## Important Dates

Event	Date and Time
Entry Deadline	August 1, at 11:59 p.m.
Stall Reservation Deadline	August 8, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.
Late Entry Deadline	August 8, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.
Arrival Dates	August 19, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.
Release Dates	Following Daily Award Ceremonies

## Class Fee Schedule

Class	Cost
Class Entry Fee (Per Class)	\$10.00
Written Test Fee (Per Written Test)	\$10.00
Ranch Horse (4 classes and Written Test)	\$100.00
Office Fee (Per Exhibitor)	\$10.00
Late Entry Fee (Per Late Entry)	\$75.00

## Stalling Fees

Stall	Fee
Early Arrival, August 19th, Horse Stall Fee (Per Stall)	\$60.00
Early Arrival Tack Stall Fee (Per Stall)	\$20.00
Fair Time, August 20th, Horse Stall Fee (Per Stall)	\$45.00
Fair Time Tack Stall Fee (Per Stall)	\$20.00

## **Stalls/Tack Reservation Information**

Weekend Stall and Tack Rate is based on the number of days. Example: An exhibitor can check-in and stall on August 20, 2025, and must check out of that stall or tack room by 9:00 p.m. on August 24, 2025. There is no day hauling available. Exhibitors must purchase a daily stall if only coming for one day. Horses are not to be tied to the outside of the arenas or stalls.

- Tack stalls - All exhibitors need to purchase their own tack stall or find someone to share one with. Exhibitors must share within their own county and one person must pay for the tack stall in full to the Colorado State Fair (CSF). Splitting the cost of the tack stall when making a payment to the CSF is not permitted.
- Payment – No payment is due until check-in. Do not send payments ahead of time. Forms of accepted payment are cash, check, or card.
- Stall Assignments – Stalls are assigned by the Colorado State Fair Horse Show Management (Management). There will be no moving of stall assignments, not even within your county, following check-in. Please notify the Management if you see or hear of anyone placing horses or tack in the incorrect stall assignments.

## **Gate Admission and Parking Passes**

### **Horse Show Exhibitor Parking Permits**

No exhibitor parking is allowed inside the Horse Show Complex. Exhibitor vehicles with parking permits will be allowed to park in the Horseman's Lot (as space permits) inside gate 6. If the Horseman's Lot is full, overflow parking is available in the South Lot. A free shuttle service is available for those parking in the South Lot.

### **Horseman's Lot Daily Parking Permits**

Permits are \$20.00 per day and correspond to a specific parking area inside lot 6; permit does not include gate admission. Parking permits can be pre-ordered on the horse show Parking and Gate form and picked up in the Horse Show Office when the exhibitor checks in.

## **Hangar Lot Season Parking Permits**

Permits are \$45.00 each (good for 11 days of the Fair); they do not include gate admission. The Hangar lot is located across S. Prairie Ave from the fairgrounds. Parking permits can be preordered on the horse show Parking and Gate form and picked up in the Horse Show Office when the exhibitor checks in.

- Exhibitor Admission: Every exhibitor attending the Fair must purchase a Horse Show Wristband or Daily Gate Admission. The Horse Show Office will be selling exhibitors of all ages wristbands that are good for the entire 11 days of the Fair. All Wristbands can be purchased at the time of check-in at the Horse Show Office.

## **General Show Information**

Each exhibitor is required to read and adhere to the 2025 Colorado State Fair General Competition Requirements, 2025 Horse Show Competition & Entry Requirements, the 2025 State Fair 4-H State Championship Rules, 2025 Colorado State Fair Exhibitor Code of Conduct, and the 2024 Colorado 4-H Horse Rulebooks, and 2025 Colorado Miniature Horse Rulebook. Entries must be completed through the appropriate online entry system. All entry fees will be paid in full during the check-in process once you arrive at the Colorado State Fair grounds.

## **Arrival/Load-In/Health Certifications**

Exhibitors will enter through Gate 7 and gates are open from 6:00 AM- 9:00 PM. If arriving late please contact Deb Evans at 719-241-4608. Please remember each horse must be identified on a health certificate that is issued within 7 days of the start of the State Fair.

# 4-H State Championship Show Entry Check Sheet

## Reminders

- Entry Forms must be filled out online, no payment is due until check-in at the Horse Show Office.
- 4-H Agent Verification: The 4-H Specialist in the county in which the Exhibitor is enrolled must verify all entries sent to the Colorado State Fair Horse Show Manager or 4-H State Fair Superintendent.
- W-9: Each exhibitor must correctly fill out a current W-9 and turn it into the Horse Show Office.
- Premiums: In order for premium monies to be issued each class must have at least 3 exhibitors compete.
- Camping Reservations: All RV and Trailer camping reservations must be made through the Colorado State Fair Facility Management Office. Please contact (719) 404-2023 to make a reservation.
- Dormitory Reservations: Contact Joy Bauder at (970) 491-3887 or [joy.bauder@colostate.edu](mailto:joy.bauder@colostate.edu)

## Check List

Submit the following to the Horse Show Office by August 1, 2025, or if entering late by August 8, 2025.

1. Completed Online Entry.
2. Completed Online Stall Form.
3. Complete the CSF W-9 Form and bring it to the CSF Horse Show office at check-in.  
This form is available on the Colorado State Fair website 4-H show event page.
4. Do not send payment, payment is due at check-in at the CSF Horse Show office.

## Exhibitor Eligibility

1. Exhibitors competing in the Colorado State Fair 4-H State Championship Horse Show (4-H Horse Show), must be members in good standing of a Colorado 4-H Club. Exhibitors who are at least 8 years of age and have not reached their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous year are eligible (See Rule 2 in the 2024 4-H Horse Show Rule book).
2. The 4-H Horse Show is a 4-H show only and is not an open or FFA horse show. All entry forms will be verified by a 4-H Extension Agent to certify the exhibitor is a member in good standing and enrolled in the Colorado 4-H Horse Project.
3. 4-H members that have passed their Level 1 test are eligible to enter the Novice Division.
4. Exhibitors must have passed their Gymkhana Competency to compete in the Gymkhana Division. Exhibitors must have passed their Ranch Horse Limited or Advanced Competency to compete in the Ranch Horse Division. 4-H members must have passed their Limited or Advanced Over Fences Competency to enter Hunter Hack.
5. All exhibitors are required to enter the division of which your County Agent verifies you in. This includes the Novice, Limited, and Advanced Divisions. Exhibitors can not enter a lower Division from what they are currently competing in, but exhibitors can choose to compete up a division. Example: A Novice rider can enter the Limited Division, or a Limited rider can enter the Advanced Division. However, certain classes require state competencies to enter.

# **Divisions for 2025**

## **Novice - Level 1 Skills**

- Age Divisions: All ages (8 - 18 years of age)
- Western Classes offered at the State Fair: Showmanship, Horsemanship, Trail, and Written Test
- English Classes offered at the State Fair: Showmanship, Hunt Seat Equitation, Riding Control, and Written Test
  - Novice Exhibitors are Level 1 skills only. Novice exhibitors can choose to compete up a division.

## **Limited - Level 2 Skills**

- Age Divisions: 8 - 13 & 14 - 18
- Western Classes offered at the State Fair: Showmanship, Horsemanship, Trail, Western Riding, Reining, and Written Test
- English Classes offered at the State Fair: Showmanship, Hunt Seat Equitation, Riding Control, Show Hack, and Written Test
- Gymkhana Classes offered at the State Fair: Barrels, Flags, Poles, and Written Test
- Ranch Classes offered at the State Fair: Ranch Riding, Ranch Trail, Individual Cow Work, Ranch Cutting, and Written Test

## **Advanced - Level 3 and 4 Skills**

- Age Divisions: 8 - 13 & 14 - 18
- Western Classes offered at the State Fair: Showmanship, Horsemanship, Trail, Reining, Western Riding, and Written Test
- English Classes offered at the State Fair: Showmanship, Hunt Seat Equitation, Riding Control, Show Hack, Hunter Hack, and Written Test
- Gymkhana Classes offered at the State Fair: Barrels, Flags, Poles, and Written Test
- Ranch Classes offered at the State Fair: Ranch Riding, Individual Cow Work, Ranch Cutting, Ranch Trail, and Written Test

## Horse Eligibility

1. Number of Horses: Exhibitors may bring a total of two horses, regardless of how many divisions the exhibitor chooses to enter. Exhibitors participating in the Working Ranch Horse Division are only allowed to enter and ride one horse throughout the entire ranch horse division.
2. Ownership and Identification: Ownership is not required to participate in the Colorado State Fair, but the exhibitor must have a valid lease for any horse he or she is showing if the exhibitor does not own the horse(s) the exhibitor is showing. However, the exhibitor must have provided a majority of the management, care, and training of the horse during the current 4-H year.

The County Agent's signature on the entry blank verification must attest to this fact. All horses entered in any division must be included in the Exhibitor's Horse Project Record Book and declared (completed identification certification on file at the County Extension Office) as a project horse in 4-H online as of May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

No substitution of horses will be permitted under any circumstances.

Horses Shared by Siblings: Horses may be shown by siblings if they show or are entered in different age divisions or classifications. Please see the 2024 Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rule Book regarding requirements for exhibitors using the same horse, rule 4C. The 4-H Horse Show will follow the Colorado 4-H Rule Book regarding the rule addressing this matter.

3. No stallions are permitted to compete in the 4-H Horse Show.

## Class Divisions

1. The show is divided into four-point counting divisions: English, Western, Ranch Horse, and Gymkhana. Exhibitors may compete in any or all divisions. Exhibitors may not switch divisions after the 4-H Horse Show registration deadline. Individual classes in each division are divided by age in such a manner as to equalize class size best. Ages are determined as of December 31 of the previous year.



2. Classes with fewer than three entries may be combined at the discretion of Management.
3. In all divisions, the written test and showmanship are considered regular classes and will be counted toward High Point and All-Around awards.

## Written Test

1. Completion of State 4-H Written Test is mandatory for high point and all-around award eligibility. Members will be ineligible for division High Point or All-Around awards if they do not complete the Written Test for the Division. All members will be automatically entered and charged for the Written Test class for each show Division they enter in.

The Written Test is a Colorado State Fair 4-H State Championship Horse Show class and will be treated as such. The Written Test will be 20 general equine science questions from the Colorado Horse manual, and will consist of 5 additional specific questions for each Division (English, Western, Ranch, and Gymkhana) from the most current 4-H Colorado Horse Rulebook. The total number of questions will be 25.

To be eligible to take the Written Test, exhibitors must be on time to take the test, have a pencil, bring their exhibitor number, be dressed appropriately (Colorado State 4-H dress code) and include all necessary information on their score sheet (i.e., exhibitor name, 4-H age, exhibitor number).

Written Test score sheets missing necessary exhibitor information or if the exhibitor is late to the test, may be disqualified. If the exhibitor takes the wrong test, they will receive a zero score and not be eligible to place, but would still be eligible for all High Point and Overall Awards.

See class list for Written Test start times. Per the competition requirement regarding combining classes, if an exhibitor gets moved to another age group/division, then that exhibitor will still take the written test in which his or her original entry designates. The only adults allowed in the testing area are those proctoring the test. Exhibitors may not talk to other exhibitors and may only direct questions to the test proctors during the

written test. Exhibitors may be asked to forfeit their test and leave the area if they talk to, share answers with, or take answers from other exhibitors.

2. The Ranch Horse Written Test will be scored based on 0 - 75 points; 75 being a perfect score.

## **Show Requirements**

1. Specific State and National Contest Rules will be observed in addition to the requirements above. Individual class requirements will follow the 2024 Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rule Book and the addendum.

Zero Score Rule: In Western Horsemanship, Hunt Seat Equitation, English Control, Ranch Horsemanship, and Showmanship, failure to complete the pattern will not result in a disqualification but will be scored accordingly. In these classes, Zero Scores are eligible for placing, but not above anyone receiving a score above zero.

In Reining, Western Riding, Ranch Cutting, Ranch Cattle Sorting, Trail, and Individual Cow Work, a Zero Score will not be placed on the judge's card.

Off Pattern (OP): In Ranch Riding and Ranch Trail, if an exhibitor goes off pattern. OP's are to be placed below horses performing all maneuvers and staying on pattern. OP's are eligible for placing, but not above anyone receiving a score.

2. Only contestants can school and ride their horses at any time while at the 4-H State Horse Show.
3. Contestants are not allowed to ride bareback or double at any time while at the Fair.
4. Exhibitor Numbers: Exhibitors must always wear their numbers while in the Horse Show area. While showing, exhibitors are encouraged to display their number on both sides of the saddle pad rather than on the exhibitor's back (exception for showmanship).

Show management will provide two copies of each contestant's number. An exhibitor entering the arena without a number on or who fails to wear the correct back number will be disqualified from that class.

5. Dress Code: Contestants must always follow 4-H dress code (including awards ceremonies) as the 4-H Horse Show is a 4-H event. Contestants will be asked to modify their dress attire to meet the Colorado 4-H Dress Code (which is posted at [co4h.colostate.edu](http://co4h.colostate.edu)). Acceptable dress code rules and exceptions are available through Colorado State Extension.
6. Awards Dress Code: Exhibitors must wear equestrian professional dress to receive an award during any of the awards ceremonies held at the 4-H State Horse Show. (Examples: a collared long-sleeve shirt, clean jeans free of holes, long-sleeve or short-sleeve polo shirts, or cardigans.) Exhibitors must always adhere to the 4-H Dress Code as stated above.
7. Promptness: Exhibitors will be responsible for making it to their class on time. The exhibitor must enter the ring according to the order of go in the time specified by the Show Management. Failure to do so will disqualify the exhibitor from the class. All gate calls are courtesy calls only.
8. Gate or Tack Changes: The time permitted for tack changes will be at the discretion of the Paddock Master and Show Management. Gate changes are only permitted if they are 4-H Horse Show related.
9. Gate Protocol: All events are required to be held inside a closed arena. During all runs, arena gates will remain closed. Failure to enter and leave the arena, mounted at a walk or trot, will result in a disqualification. Only exhibitors and Show Management should be in the arena.
10. Gymkhana: An exhibitor in Gymkhana is considered on course from the time the arena gate closes to the time the arena gate reopens. Gymkhana division rules apply from the time of entry to the time of exit (gate to gate) for every rider.
11. Limited Ranch Cow Work Class: An exhibitor will box for 50 seconds until notified by the announcer, then complete their run. The exhibitor will be allowed a total of 1 ½ minutes.

12. During cattle classes, only the stock contractor, his employees, or Show Management will be allowed in the cattle area. The fair will provide 4 herd helpers for Ranch Cutting. Exhibitors must use the fair-provided herd help for their bottom corners but have the option to pick two 4-H youth ranch horse exhibitors to use as their top two corners help. Rule 1, Rule 20, and Rule 21 in the Colorado 4-H Rule book will be strictly enforced.
13. Exhibitors may not approach a judge under any circumstances. All questions or comments must be directed through the State Fair 4-H Horse Show Superintendents or Show Management.
14. Exhibitors and parents or guardians may be disqualified and excused from the grounds at the discretion of Show Management for any unsportsmanlike conduct or abusive action to a horse. The Exhibitor's animal must always be under control and handled safely. Any exhibitor not adhering to the above requirement may be disqualified and forfeit all fees, prize money, and awards.
15. Show Management reserves the right to amend or change rules, combine classes, and change times of scheduled classes at any time prior to the judging, and due notice will be given to exhibitors of any changes.

## **Awards**

1. Points per class are calculated on a 10 - 1 scale, except for the Ranch Horse Division, no matter how many exhibitors are in a class. Example: A contestant placing 1<sup>st</sup> in a class of three will receive ten points; a contestant placing 2<sup>nd</sup> will receive nine points; and so on. These points will be tabulated towards any High Point Awards. Class ties will split the points.
2. Overall High Point Calculations: The overall high point will be calculated on raw scores. Overall high points are broken out as Limited Age Division 8 - 13 High point, Limited Age Division 14 - 18 High point, Limited Overall High point Champion and Reserve Champion. Advanced Age Division 8 - 13 High point, Advanced Age Division 14 - 18 High point, Advanced Overall High point Champion and Reserve Champion.
3. Awards Presentations: The Horse Show Office will be closed for one hour each day after completing the last class. This will allow Show Management to tabulate and double-check all scores and high points. No exhibitors, spectators, or family members

will be allowed in the office during this time. After the tabulation of scores by Show Management, the officials will call the exhibitors to the arena for the awards presentations.

4. Ranch Horse Division High point: Points per class will be based on the Exhibitor's earned performance score provided by the judge. Example: An exhibitor with a class score of 68 will receive 68 points for that class.
5. Novice Division only: No highpoint awards, only class awards and ribbons.
6. Awards Presentation: Most class awards will be presented at the arena gate after completing the class. Ribbons not picked up at the gate may be claimed at the 4-H Horse Show announcer booth or at the Horse Show Office. Awards will not be mailed. Division High Point Awards will be presented one hour following the completion of each division. Exhibitors are required to be in proper attire when accepting their awards.

The Colorado State Fair Authority reserves the right to adjust results if Show Management has become aware of an error in the point calculations of results previously announced. In any such case, the Colorado State Fair Authority has the right to take back all prizes distributed before the error and distribute them to the correct recipient. This will enable the Colorado State Fair Authority and Colorado 4-H Extension to continue to offer quality awards for the 4-H Horse Show.

Highpoint & Overall Ties: The Written Test scores will be used to break all ties. If a tie still exists, placing in the respective showmanship class for English and Western Division will be used. In Ranch Horse, the respective cutting class will be used. If a tie still exists, an official flip of a coin will be used to break the tie.

7. A contestant may enter all classes in a single division that he or she is qualified to enter. To be eligible for the 2025 4-H Division Champion Awards, the 4-H member may compete in the following classes:

a. Western

- i. Written Test
- ii. Western Showmanship
- iii. Western Horsemanship
- iv. Trail
- v. Western Riding
- vi. Reining

b. English

- i. Written Test
- ii. English Showmanship
- iii. English Equitation NTJ
- iv. English Riding Control
- v. Show Hack
- vi. \*Hunter Hack

c. Ranch Horse

- i. Written Test
- ii. Ranch Trail
- iii. Ranch Riding
- iv. Ranch Cow Work
- v. Ranch Cutting

d. Gymkhana

- i. Written Test
- ii. Barrels
- iii. Poles
- iv. Flags

\*These classes do not offer a Level II option for entry.

8. Overall Eligibility: Written Test each division, Showmanship (English and Western), and Horsemanship/Equitation are required for an exhibitor to be eligible for Western and English Division Overall Awards. All five classes are required for an exhibitor to be eligible for the Ranch Horse Division Overall Awards, and the Written Test plus at least one riding class is required to be eligible for the Gymkhana Division Overall Awards.

Any exhibitor who has previously won the Limited All-Around or Ranch Horse Saddle Award is not eligible to win the Limited All-Around Saddle in the future (this does not apply to Advanced). If you have previously won the Level II saddle in the All-Around or Ranch Horse, this rule applies under the new division name, "Limited."

## General

1. All entries in the Horse Show Department are subject to the 2025 Colorado State Fair General Competition & Entry Requirements.
2. Upon entry to the Colorado State Fairgrounds, all horses must have a health certificate that is issued within 7 days of the start of the State Fair.
3. Bedding will be available to purchase. No outside shavings are allowed. A fee will be assessed if the exhibitor brings in outside shavings. See Feed & Bedding requirements outlined in the 2025 Colorado State Fair Horse Show Competition Requirements.
4. Drug Testing: Horse Show Management reserves the right to randomly or directly drug test any horse on the Authority's Grounds at any time for forbidden substances. If forbidden substances are found to be administered to any horse during the 4-H Horse Show, exhibitors and horses will be disqualified from all classes. They will forfeit all premium money and awards. Please refer to the "forbidden substances" section of the 2025 AQHA Rule Book for a list of forbidden substances.
5. The 4-H Code of Conduct Rule will be strictly enforced during the 4-H Horse Show.
6. Video Protests – video protests are not allowed during the Colorado State Fair 4-H State Championship Show.

## Premiums

Premiums are paid in all 4-H classes as follows

1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place	5th Place	6th Place
\$25	\$20	\$15	\$13	\$10	\$7

Must have a minimum of three exhibitors per class to get premiums



# 4-H Horse Show Divisions and Classes

## Gymkhana Division

Division Number	Class	Ages
<b>Written Test.</b> Exhibitors must bring a No. 2 pencil. Required entry for High Points and Overall All awards.		
1144	Limited	Age 8-13
1145	Limited	Age 14-18
1146	Advanced	Age 8-13
1147	Advanced	Age 14-18
<b>Barrel Race</b>		
1148	Limited	Age 8-13
1149	Limited	Age 14-18
1150	Advanced	Age 8-13
1151	Advanced	Age 14-18
<b>Flags</b>		
1152	Limited	Age 8-13
1153	Limited	Age 14-18
1154	Advanced	Age 8-13
1155	Advanced	Age 14-18
<b>Poles</b>		
1156	Limited	Age 8-13
1157	Limited	Age 14-18
1158	Advanced	Age 8-13
1159	Advanced	Age 14-18

## English Division

Saddle Seat or Hunt Seat attire will be accepted. Judging emphasis shall be placed upon the rider and obedience of the horse. Commands at all gaits will be called for at the judge's discretion.

Division Number	Class	Class Division
<b>Written Test</b> Exhibitors must bring a No. 2 pencil. Required entry for High Points and Overall All awards.		
1160	Novice	Age 8-18
1161	Limited	Age 8-13
1162	Limited	Age 14-18
1163	Advanced	Age 8-13
1164	Advanced	Age 14-18
<b>English Showmanship at Halter</b>		
1165	Novice	Age 8-18
1166	Limited	Age 8-13
1167	Limited	Age 14-18
1168	Advanced	Age 8-13
1169	Advanced	Age 14-18
<b>English Equitation Not to Jump</b>		
1170	Novice	Age 8-18
1171	Limited	Age 8-13
1172	Limited	Age 14-18

<b>Division Number</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Class Division</b>
1173	Advanced	Age 8-13
1174	Advanced	Age 14-18
<b>English Riding Control</b> (Either Hunt, Saddle Seat, or Dressage seat riders may ride)		
1175	Novice	Age 8-18
1176	Limited	Age 8-13
1177	Limited	Age 14-18
1178	Advanced	Age 8-13
1179	Advanced	Age 14-18
<b>English Show Hack</b> (Hunt, Saddle Seat, or Dressage seat riders may ride)		
1180	Novice	Age 8-18
1181	Limited	Age 8-13
1182	Limited	Age 14-18
1183	Advanced	Age 8-13
1184	Advanced	Age 14-18
<b>Hunter Hack</b> (Competency card required to enter)  To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter. Horses are required to jump two fences that are 2' - 2'6" in height.		
1185	Advanced	Age 8-13
1186	Advanced	Age 14-18

## Western Division

Division Number	Class	Class Division
<b>Written Test</b>		
Exhibitors must bring a No.2 pencil.		
Required entry for High Points and Overall awards.		
1187	Novice	Age 8-18
1188	Limited	Age 8-13
1189	Limited	Age 14-18
1190	Advanced	Age 8-13
1191	Advanced	Age 14-18
<b>Western Showmanship at Halter</b>		
1192	Novice	Age 8-18
1193	Limited	Age 8-13
1194	Limited	Age 14-18
1195	Advanced	Age 8-13
1196	Advanced	Age 14-18
<b>Western Horsemanship</b>		
1197	Novice	Age 8-18
1198	Limited	Age 8-13
1199	Limited	Age 14-18
1200	Advanced	Age 8-13
1201	Advanced	Age 14-18

<b>Western Division Number</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Class Division</b>
<b>Trail</b>		
1202	Novice	Age 8-18
1203	Limited	Age 8-13
1204	Limited	Age 14-18
1205	Advanced	Age 8-13
1206	Advanced	Age 14-18
<b>Western Riding</b> *Limited Western Riding classes must perform simple lead changes		
1207	Limited	Age 8-13
1208	Limited	Age 14-18
1209	Advanced	Age 8-13
1210	Advanced	Age 14-18
<b>Reining</b> *Limited Western Riding classes must perform simple lead changes		
1211	Limited	Age 8-13
1212	Limited	Age 14-18
1213	Advanced	Age 8-13
<b>Western Division Number</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Class Division</b>
1214	Advanced	Age 14-18

## Ranch Horse Division

All Ranch Horse Division exhibitors must comply with Rule 300 and acceptable curbs as listed in the 2024 Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rule Book.

All riders must hold a Ranch Horse/Cow Horse competency card to participate. Exhibitors may only show one horse throughout the entire Working Ranch Horse Division and will only pay one fee for all five classes.

Division Number	Class	Class Division
Written Test - Exhibitors must bring a No.2 pencil. *Required entry for High Point and Overall All Awards		
1215	Limited	Age 8-13
1216	Limited	Age 14-18
1217	Advanced	Age 8-13
1218	Advanced	Age 14-18
<b>Ranch Riding</b> (required entry)		
1219	Limited	Age 8-13
1220	Limited	Age 14-18
1221	Advanced	Age 8-13
1222	Advanced	Age 14-18
<b>Ranch Trail</b> (required entry)		
1223	Limited	Age 8-13
1224	Limited	Age 14-18
1225	Advanced	Age 8-13
1226	Advanced	Age 14-18

<b>Ranch Horse Division Number</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Class Division</b>
<b>Individual Cow Work</b> (required entry)		
1227	Limited	Age 8-13
1228	Limited	Age 14-18
1229	Advanced	Age 8-13
1230	Advanced	Age 14-18
<b>Ranch Cutting</b> (required entry)		
1231	Limited	Age 8-13
1232	Limited	Age 14-18
1233	Advanced	Age 8-13
1234	Advanced	Age 14-18

## State Champion

The exhibitor with the highest score in his or her division/age group in each division will be recognized as a State Champion 4-H Horse Exhibitor. The state champion award and ten ribbons will be presented to the following age groups.

<b>Division</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Class Division</b>
English	Limited	Age 8-13
English	Limited	Age 14-18
English	Advanced	Age 8-13
English	Advanced	Age 14-18
Gymkhana	Limited	Age 8-13
Gymkhana	Limited	Age 14-18
Gymkhana	Advanced	Age 8-13
Gymkhana	Advanced	Age 14-18
Western Division	Limited	Age 8-13
Western Division	Limited	Age 14-18
Western Division	Advanced	Age 8-13
Western Division	Advanced	Age 14-18
Ranch Horse	Limited	Age 8-13
Ranch Horse	Limited	Age 14-18
Ranch Horse	Advanced	Age 8-13
Ranch Horse	Advanced	Age 14-18



# County Image Award

## Judging Criteria

Anonymous judges will circulate during the 4-H Horse Show. A committee will make inspections during the fair to determine the awards, taking into consideration the following points and rating 4-H members and country representatives in the following areas:

1. Horsemanship safety—Judges will penalize exhibitors who exhibit poor safety, including, but not limited to, bareback riding, riding with halter and lead shank, having more than one rider, and other dangerous displays.
2. Stall safety and cleanliness. Decorations are not to count.
3. Good sportsmanship.
4. Courtesy to Show Management, judges, exhibitors, and visitors.
5. The camaraderie among all county representatives.
6. Accuracy in submitting entries.
7. Orderliness and cleanliness of stalls, aisles, and animals. Adult help is not permitted.
8. Displaying a sign or banner that designates the county. A "point of contact" for each county must be posted in each county's stalling area and must be on file in the Horse Show Office. Each stall should have signage indicating who the owner is and what county he or she represents.
9. Systematic and neat arrangement of supplies, feed, hay, and straw.
10. Personal appearance, including award presentations and ceremonies.
11. Observance of all competition and other Colorado State Fair Authority requirements.
12. Cooperation with show officials, such as getting entries into the show rings on time.
13. Exhibitors should always wear their exhibitor number to be easily identifiable

14. Parade of Counties: Takes place on Friday night at 6:30 p.m. in the Covered Arena during the PRCA Rodeo. Exhibitors will need to be dressed in Western attire for this event. Each County will be presented one at a time and will walk the arena floor to be recognized. County agents can walk in the parade of counties with their contestants.

Top County will receive a Jack Janowitz Memorial Traveling Trophy for one year plus a plaque to stay with their county. Any county winning three consecutive times shall retain possession. Jack Janowitz Memorial Traveling Trophy sponsored by Horse Patch Farms, home of the "Sweet Horses", Mildred & the Jack Janowitz, Franktown, CO

1st Place "Gold Award" Traveling Trophy

2025 Colorado State Fair Theme – "Growing the Tradition"

## **Special Awards**

### **Colorado State Fair All-Around Advanced Saddle**

Awarded to the Advanced exhibitor who accumulates the greatest overall number of points in all three divisions (English, Gymkhana, and Western). Contestants must compete in the Advanced English and Western Divisions to be eligible (i.e., contestants competing in Limited Western and Advanced English are not eligible for this award). Gymkhana points in the contestants' respective age groups will also be counted. The Champion will receive a saddle awarded by the Colorado State Fair Authority. The Colorado State Fair Authority will sponsor the Reserve Champion awards for these All-Around awards.

### **Colorado State Fair All-Around Limited and Level Advanced Ranch Horse Saddles**

The Colorado State Fair Authority and Kiana Creek Ranch are sponsoring these saddles. Reserve winners in both levels will receive awards sponsored by the Colorado State Fair Authority. These awards will go to the individual who accumulates the greatest overall score in all five classes within their designated division of the Ranch Horse Competition. Contestants must compete in all five classes. This includes the written test for the ranch horse division.

### **Northeastern Junior College Scholarships**

The Northeastern Junior College (NJC), Sterling, CO, will award a \$1000 scholarship for tuition at NJC to a random exhibitor aged 14-18 who has previously signed up to be eligible for this scholarship. NJC will award one scholarship in the English, Western, and Ranch Horse Divisions. A framed certificate will be presented at the time of the show awards.

Colorado State Fair will put a place on the entry form for all exhibitors aged 14-18 to check if they wish to be eligible to win the NJC Scholarships. All seniors who do not check the box on the entry form will not be eligible to win a NJC Scholarship.

### **Supreme Showman**

In memory of Jason Archuleta the Supreme Showman belt buckle will be awarded to the exhibitor who achieved the highest showmanship score over all levels/ages. If there is to be a tie it will be decided by the overall effectiveness and form score. If that is not able to break the tie, then the written test score will be used. If the written test score is not able to break the tie, then it will be done by the first missed question on the written test.

# Colorado State Championship 4-H Horse Show

## August 21, 2025 Tentative Schedule

Show management reserves the right to change this schedule at any given time.

### English Class Schedule

#### English Classes

- East Arena Bleachers
- Start time: 10:00 a.m.
- Written Test Classes are administered all at the same time before the start of the first riding class

Class No.	Class Name	Class Division
1160	Novice	Age 8-18
1161	Limited	Age 8-13
1162	Limited	Age 14-18
1163	Advanced	Age 8-13
1164	Advanced	Age 14-18

Following the Written Test, we will start in both arenas at 11:00 a.m.

## English Classes

Covered Arena			Uncovered Arena		
Judge: Holly Hover			Judge: Rebecca Halverson		
Class No.	Class Name	Class Division	Class No.	Class Name	Class Division
1165	Novice English Showmanship	Age 8-18	1167	Limited English Showmanship	Age 14-18
1166	Limited English Showmanship	Age 8-13	1168	Advanced English Showmanship	Age 8-13
1169	Advanced English Showmanship	Age 14-18	1170	Novice English Equitation NTJ	Age 8-18
1174	Advanced English Equitation NTJ	Age 14-18	1171	Limited English Equitation NTJ	Age 8-13
1173	Advanced English Equitation NTJ	Age 8-13	1172	Limited English Equitation NTJ	Age 14-18
Short Break if needed			Short Break if needed		
1180	Novice ENGLISH Show Hack	8-18	1179	Advanced English Riding Control	Age 14-18
1181	Limited English Show Hack	Age 8-13	1178	Advanced English Riding Control	Age 8-13
1182	Limited English Show Hack	Age 14-18	1175	Novice English Riding Control	Age 8-18
1183	Advanced English Show Hack	Age 8-13	1176	Limited English Riding Control	Age 8-13
1184	Advanced English Show Hack	Age 14-18	1177	Limited English Riding Control	Age 14-18

<b>Short Break</b>		
<b>Pewag Snow Chain Arena</b>		
Judge: Rebecca Halverson		
<b>Class No.</b>	<b>Class Name</b>	<b>Class Division</b>
1185	Advanced Hunter Hack	Age 8-13
1186	Advanced Hunter Hack	Age 14-18

English Horse Awards Ceremony will be held one hour after the Completion of the English classes. If you are not present at the awards ceremony to collect your ribbons or awards or have someone to collect them for you, you forfeit your awards. Awards will not be mailed out.

# Colorado State Championship 4-H Horse Show

## August 22, 2025 Tentative Schedule

Show management reserves the right to change this schedule at any given time.

### Western Class Schedule

#### Western Classes

- Uncovered Arena Bleachers
- Start time: 7:30 a.m.
- Written Test Classes are administered simultaneously before the start of the first riding class.

Class No.	Class Name	Class Division
1187	Novice	Age 8-18
1188	Limited	Age 8-13
1189	Limited	Age 14-18
1190	Advanced	Age 8-13
1191	Advanced	Age 14-18

Following the Written Test, there will be a short 15-minute exhibitor meeting.

## Western Classes

Uncovered Arena			Covered Arena		
Judge: Rebecca Halverson			Judge: Holly Hover		
Class No.	Class Name	Class Division	Class No.	Class Name	Class Division
1196	Advanced Western Showmanship	Age 14-18	1192	Novice Western Showmanship	Age 8-18
1194	Limited Western Showmanship	Age 14-18	1193	Limited Western Showmanship	Age 8-13
1201	Advanced Western Horsemanship	Age 14-18	1195	Advanced Western Showmanship	Age 8-13
1199	Limited Western Horsemanship	Age 14-18	1197	Novice Western Horsemanship	Age 8-18
<b>Short Break</b>			1200	Advanced Western Horsemanship	Age 8-13
1207	Limited Western Riding	Age 8-13	1198	Limited Western Horsemanship	Age 8-13
1209	Advanced Western Riding	Age 8-13	<b>Short Break</b>		
1208	Limited Western Riding	Age 14-18	1212	Limited Reining	Age 14-18
1210	Advanced Western Riding	Age 14-18	1214	Advanced Reining	Age 14-18
			1211	Limited Reining	Age 8-13
			1213	Advanced Reining	Age 8-13



## Western Classes

- West Warm-up Arena
- Start time: 9:00 a.m.

Class No.	Class Name	Class Division
1202	Novice Trail	Age 8-18
1203	Limited Trail	Age 8-13
1204	Limited Trail	Age 14-18
1205	Advanced Trail	Age 8-13
1206	Advanced Trail	Age 14-18

### Western Trail - West Warm-Up Arena

Arena 9:30 a.m. - Judge Tiffany Mead

- The trail course will be open starting at 9:30 a.m. and will run at will, the course will remain open until Horse Show Staff gives a thirty (30) minute warning call to close the course for the day.
- Exhibitors are responsible for signing up to ride the trail course before it closes.
- Exhibitors must sign up at the gate with the official gate person and be ready to go when their turn comes.
- Suppose you have a class conflict in one of the other arenas. In that case, you must let the trail gate person know before going and showing in the other arena or send a parent or sibling to the trail arena to let the gate person know that you are showing in one of the other arenas.
- The East and West arena classes have precedence over the trail arena, so if you think you will have a conflict, please let the gate person know immediately so he or she may move you down on the list.
- Trail is a Western class; English tack is prohibited.

# Colorado State Championship 4-H Horse Show

## August 23, 2025 Tentative Schedule

Show management reserves the right to change this schedule at any given time.

### Ranch Horse Class Schedule

#### Ranch Horse Classes

Written Test Classes are administered all simultaneously before the start of the first riding class.

- Uncovered Arena Bleachers
- Start time: 7:30 a.m.

Class No.	Class Name	Class Division
1215	Limited	Age 8-13
1216	Limited	Age 14-18
1217	Advanced	Age 8-13
1218	Advanced	Age 14-18

Following the Written Test, there will be a short 15-minute exhibitor meeting

#### Ranch Horse Cutting & Cow Horse Classes

- Start time: 8:30 a.m. (Tentative)
- Uncovered Arena
- Judge: Holly Hover

Class No.	Class Name	Class Division
1234	Advanced RH Ranch Cutting	Age 14-18
1233	Advanced RH Ranch Cutting	Age 8-13
1232	Limited RH Ranch Cutting	Age 14-18

<b>Class No.</b>	<b>Class Name</b>	<b>Class Division</b>
1231	Limited RH Ranch Cutting	Age 8-13
1230	Advanced RH Ranch Individual Cow Work	Age 14-18
1229	Advanced RH Ranch Individual Cow Work	Age 8-13
1228	Limited RH Ranch Individual Cow Work	Age 14-18
1227	Limited RH Ranch Individual Cow Work	Age 8-13

### **Ranch Horse Trail Classes**

- Start time: 9:00 a.m. (tentative)
- Covered Arena
- Judge: TBD
- Exhibitors show at will. Check-in with the gate person to sign up on the list to go.
  - Failure to report to the trail course will result in a zero score.
  - Classes in the East arena will take precedence over trail classes
  - Consideration will be given to exhibitors showing in other classes
  - It is the exhibitor's responsibility to report this class conflict to the Trail gate person,

<b>Class No.</b>	<b>Class Name</b>	<b>Class Division</b>
1223	Limited RH Trail	Age 8-13
1224	Limited RH Trail	Age 14-18
1225	Advanced RH Trail	Age 8-13
1226	Advanced RH Trail	Age 14-18

## **Ranch Horse Ranch Riding Classes**

- Start time: after Trail
- Covered Arena
- Judge: TBD

<b>Class No.</b>	<b>Class Name</b>	<b>Class Division</b>
1219	Limited RH Ranch Riding	Age 8-13
1220	Limited RH Ranch Riding	Age 14-18
1221	Advanced RH Ranch Riding	Age 8-13
1222	Advanced RH Ranch Riding	Age 14-18

The Ranch Horse Awards Ceremony will be held one hour after completing the Ranch Horse classes. If you are not present at the awards ceremony to collect your ribbons or awards or have someone collect them for you, you forfeit your awards. Awards will not be mailed out.

# Colorado State Championship 4-H Horse Show

## August 24, 2025 Tentative Schedule

Show management reserves the right to change this schedule at any given time.

### Gymkhana Class Schedule

#### Gymkhana Classes

- Start time: 7:30 a.m.
- Uncovered Arena Bleachers
- Written Test Classes are administered simultaneously before the start of the first riding class.

Class No.	Class Name	Class Division
1144	Limited	Age 8-13
1145	Limited	Age 14-18
1146	Advanced	Age 8-13
1147	Advanced	Age 14-18

Following the Written Test, there will be a short 15-minute exhibitor meeting.

## Gymkhana Classes

- Start time: 8:15 a.m.
- Uncovered Arena
- Judge: Holly Hover

Class No.	Class Name	Class Division
1148	Limited Barrel Race	Age 8-13
1149	Limited Barrel Race	Age 14-18
1150	Advanced Barrel Race	Age 8-13
1151	Advanced Barrel Race	Age 14-18
1153	Limited Flags	Age 14-18
1152	Limited Flags	Age 8-13

Class No.	Class Name	Class Division
1155	Advanced Flags	Age 14-18
1154	Advanced Flags	Age 8-13
1157	Limited Poles	Age 14-18
1156	Limited Poles	Age 8-13
1159	Advanced Poles	Age 14-18
1158	Advanced Poles	Age 8-13

Gymkhana awards will be presented approximately one hour after the last class. If you are not present at the awards ceremony to collect your ribbons or awards or have someone collect them for you, you forfeit your awards. Awards will not be mailed.

# Colorado State Championship 4-H Horse Show

## August 24, 2025 Tentative Schedule

Show management reserves the right to change this schedule at any given time.

### Miniature Horse Class Schedule

#### Miniature Horse Classes

- Measurements will be from 7:00 - 7:30 AM
- Start time: 8:30 AM
- East warm-up Arena Bleachers
- Written Test Classes are administered simultaneously before the start of the first riding class.
- Exhibitors must bring a # 2 pencil

Class No.	Class Name	Class Division
1235	Juniors	Age 8-10
1236	Intermediate	Age 11-13
1237	Seniors	Age 14-18

#### Showmanship Classes

- Start time: 9:15 a.m.
- East warm-up Arena

Class No.	Class Name	Class Division
1238	Juniors	Age 8-10
1239	Intermediate	Age 11-13
1240	Seniors	Age 14-16

### **Halter Obstacle Classes**

<b>Class No.</b>	<b>Class Name</b>	<b>Class Division</b>
1241	Juniors	Age 8-10
1242	Intermediate	Age 11-13
1243	Seniors	Age 14-16

### **In-Hand Hunter Classes**

<b>Class No.</b>	<b>Class Name</b>	<b>Class Division</b>
1244	Juniors	Age 8-10
1245	Intermediate	Age 11-13
1246	Seniors	Age 14-16

### **In-Hand Jumper Classes**

<b>Class No.</b>	<b>Class Name</b>	<b>Class Division</b>
1247	Juniors	Age 8-10
1248	Intermediate	Age 11-13
1249	Seniors	Age 14-16



### **In-Hand Barrels**

<b>Class No.</b>	<b>Class Name</b>	<b>Class Division</b>
1250	Juniors	Age 8-10
1251	Intermediate	Age 11-13
1252	Seniors	Age 14-16

### **In-Hand Pole**

<b>Class No.</b>	<b>Class Name</b>	<b>Class Division</b>
1253	Juniors	Age 8-10
1254	Intermediate	Age 11-13
1255	Seniors	Age 14-16

### **Costume**

<b>Class No.</b>	<b>Class Name</b>	<b>Class Division</b>
1256	Juniors	Age 8-10
1257	Intermediate	Age 11-13
1258	Seniors	Age 14-16

### **Liberty**

<b>Class No.</b>	<b>Class Name</b>	<b>Class Division</b>
1259	Juniors	Age 8-10
1260	Intermediate	Age 11-13
1261	Seniors	Age 14-16

## Versatility

Class No.	Class Name	Class Division
1262	Juniors	Age 8-10
1263	Intermediate	Age 11-13
1264	Seniors	Age 14-16

## Halter Performance

Class No.	Class Name	Class Division
1265	Halter Mares	All ages
1266	Halter Geldings	All ages

# **Colorado State 4-H Championship Miniature Horse Show**

## **Exhibitor Eligibility and Project Rules**

1. Exhibitors competing in the Colorado State Fair 4-H State Championship Miniature Horse Show (4-H Miniature Horse Show) must be members in good standing of a Colorado 4-H Club. Exhibitors who are at least 8 years of age and have not reached their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous year are eligible (See Rule 2 in the 2025 4-H Miniature Horse Show Rule book).
2. The 4-H Miniature Horse Show is a 4-H show only, not an open or FFA horse show. A 4-H Extension Agent will verify all entry forms to certify that the exhibitor is a member in good standing and enrolled in the Colorado 4-H miniature horse project.
3. Ownership or leasing of miniature horse(s) must be in the name of the exhibitor and the horse ID form must be uploaded to 4HOnline by May 1, 2025. Members may not participate in fair-horse events if the miniature horse ID is not on file.
4. Exhibitors may enter classes with miniature horses identified on the horse ID and in their Horse E-Record book as being part of the individual's 4-H project.
5. An exhibitor may not enter more than one miniature horse per class.
6. If a miniature horse(s) cannot compete for any reason, no substitutions will be allowed after the May 1, 2025 Horse ID deadline.

## **4-H Horse Drug And Medication Rule**

1. No horse may be shown in any class at a 4-H show if it has been administered in any manner a forbidden substance. A forbidden substance is any stimulant, depressant or local anesthetic, which might affect the performance of a horse. Stimulants and depressants are defined as medications, which stimulate or depress the circulatory, respiratory, or central nervous systems.
2. Also prohibited are any drugs, regardless of how harmless or innocuous they might be, which by their very nature might mask or screen the presence of the prohibited drugs or prevent or delay testing procedures. The use of these drugs will be considered physical abuse and the consequences will be enforced according to the general rules and requirements of the Colorado 4-H Miniature Horse Book.

3. The full use of modern therapeutic measures, including phenylbutazone, to improve and protect the horse's health is permitted, unless the treatment may also stimulate or depress the circulatory, respiratory, or central nervous systems.

## **Horse Humane Policy Statement**

1. It is the responsibility of every 4-H member to ensure that proper care is taken of their horse according to acceptable methods of good equine husbandry, as set forth by Colorado State University (CSU) and the Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA). A healthy horse requires sufficient food, water, shelter, and correct health care. Cruel and inhumane training methods are inappropriate in the Colorado 4-H Horse Program. Specific equine husbandry guidelines and humane training methods are provided in the Colorado 4-H Horse Project Manual.
2. The Horse Show Management reserves the right to withhold premium awards for violation of any rule governing this department, and to disqualify an exhibitor from participation at this Fair and/or future Colorado State Fairs.

## **Measurements**

1. To compete in State Fair Classes, all miniature horses should pass their safety test and be officially measured by the miniature horse project leader. The requirements for obtaining measurements will be followed by the AMHR Rulebook.
2. The miniature horse project leader must re-measure miniature horses under 3 years old every year.
3. Miniature Horses must not exceed 38" inches.
4. If a miniature horse is measured and found to be over 38" inches the Superintendent shall not allow the horse to show.

## Show Rules

1. 4-H miniature horse entries, exhibitors, and adults are subject to the 4-H Code of Conduct and the rules published in this document.
2. Miniature horse project members must have shown each project horse they wish to qualify in a qualifying show and taken the written test.
3. The show ring will be under the absolute control of the Horse Show Management. Only authorized persons will be allowed in the show ring during judging.
4. The State Fair requires all exhibitors to wear proper attire in all horse show classes.
  - a. Proper attire includes a long-sleeved shirt (must be tucked in), long pants, and boots with a heel.
5. All exhibitors are required to take the written test.
6. Any behavior considered negative by the exhibitor, family members of the exhibitor, or leaders directed toward any show official, fair staff, 4-H staff, 4-H exhibitor or their parents will result in disqualification and awards forfeited.
7. All judges' decisions are final.
8. Exhibitors must display a back-tag number while in the show ring.
9. For safety reasons any unruly horse or unsafe equipment may be excused from the ring by the judge, or Superintendent. An exhibitor cannot protest this action.
10. Excessively large classes may be divided by Superintendent or Judge, as conditions warrant.

11. No entry may leave the ring after judging has begun without the permission of the Judge or Superintendent.
12. A horse must be handled and shown through an entire class by the same person. Should an additional handler be required due to physical limitation or emergency, approval must be obtained from the Show Superintendent.
13. Miniature horses may be shown with full mane or mane with bridle path clipped and full tail.
14. Disqualifications: Height more than 38 inches, dwarfism, and unsoundness.
15. Classes may be dropped, but not added the day of the show. There will be no refunds.
16. Failure to complete the pattern will not result in a disqualification but will be scored accordingly. In these classes, Zero Scores are eligible for placing, but not above anyone receiving a score above zero.
17. Please refer to the [4-H Colorado Miniature Horse Show Rulebook](#) for more in-depth information about the rules of the show, classes and expectations.

## **Performance Halter Division**

1. Horses are presented in a relaxed and dignified manner at all times.
2. Weight evenly distributed on their feet; not stretched. Showing in a relaxed manner includes no rocking back to change balance and create intensity.
3. It is acceptable for handlers to raise their hand or use their hand to get the horse's attention but cannot be intimidating to the horse nor cause an intense reaction from the horse.
4. Equipment: a traditional style Arabian show halter, a Western style show halter, Draft type halter, or a leather stable halter.
5. Chains through the mouth are not permitted. A chain or leather strap under the chin, or leather pieces connecting the two sides of the halter under the chin, are permitted.
6. Classes:
  - a. Performance Halter Mares
  - b. Performance Halter Geldings

7. Supreme Grand Champion and Supreme Reserve Grand Champion: The top two placing mares and top two placing geldings will be brought back in to compete for Supreme Grand Champion and Supreme Reserve Grand Champion. The halter performance judges card will not be used for this class. If an exhibitor has a gelding and a mare that qualifies, they choose another active 4-H member in good standing to be their handler for one of their animals. The judge's decision is final. If this class is used in Overall Placings the exhibitors highest placing will be used for points tabulation.

## **Showmanship Division**

1. Showmanship at Halter – Showmanship is designed to evaluate the exhibitor's ability to execute, in concert with a well-groomed and conditioned horse, a set of maneuvers prescribed by the judge with precision and smoothness while exhibiting poise and confidence, and maintaining a balanced, functional, and fundamentally correct body position.
2. In Showmanship classes, exhibitors are to show to the presiding (call) Judge only. Only the handler is judged, the horse is merely a prop to show the showmanship ability of the handler.
3. Show management and/or judges define the showmanship pattern.
4. Class Procedures – All exhibitors may enter the ring and then work individually, or each exhibitor may be worked from the gate individually (show and go).
5. The following maneuvers are acceptable for use in the pattern: lead the horse at a walk, trot, extended trot, or back; execute any of the gaits (including back) in straight and/or curved lines or a combination of straight and curved lines; stop; turn 90, 180, 270, 360 degrees or any combination or multiple of these turns. The pull turn is an unacceptable maneuver. The pattern must require the exhibitor to set the horse up squarely for inspection sometime during the class.
6. Equipment – When showing in Western tack and attire, Western style show halters with lead are to be used. A chain under the chin is allowed, no lip chains or chains over the nose are allowed. When showing in English tack and attire, appropriate English bridle or English style show halter are to be used. Showmanship whips, war bridles or like devices or any type of wire or rope over a horse's head are not permitted

# **In Hand Working Performance Division**

## **General Rules**

### **All Obstacle, Jumping, Hunter, and Versatility Classes**

1. A miniature horse can only be shown by one exhibitor per class.
2. The judge and/or Superintendent have the right to alter the course for safety or to meet rule requirements after the course is set and prior to the beginning of the class. Once the first exhibitor has completed the course, no changes may be made. If the same jump set up is used for different classes, and only jump order and/or heights are changed, the judge and Superintendent only need to walk the course one time.
3. Exhibitors will be allowed to walk the course after it has been set and verified by the judge and Superintendent.
4. A hunter/jumper miniature horse must be 3 years and older.

### **Halter Obstacle**

1. To be shown in halter with appropriate lead, chain on lead permitted under the chin of the horse.
2. Horse to be penalized for any unnecessary delay or excessive time at an obstacle. The judge can advance an exhibitor to the next obstacle if a horse is taking excessive time at an obstacle. Maximum time of thirty (30) seconds or two (2) attempts per obstacle.



3. Edible treats are not allowed to encourage an animal to perform one of the obstacles.
4. Whips are not allowed.
5. There must be a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 8 obstacles.

### **Hunter and Jumper in Hand**

- 1) Horses are to be shown in halter or bridle with appropriate lead. Chain on lead permitted under the chin of the horse.
- 2) Hunters and Jumpers may show braided manes and tails in the manner of their larger counterparts.
- 3) Exhibitors are not permitted to go over jumps.
- 4) Whip may not be carried.
- 5) A practice jump of similar construction to the jumps on course will be provided in the warmup area.
- 6) Jumps must be at least 5 feet wide but no wider than 6 feet.
- 7) There will be a minimum of 4 fences and a maximum of 6 fences.

### **Jumper Courses**

1. Jumper courses should be technically challenging. Jumper courses may consist of lines of fences or single fences, and fences may be placed on straight or curved lines. Multiple turns or changes of direction are encouraged.
2. Fence Heights for Jumpers are: Minimum height 18" Maximum height 24"
3. Jumpers Scoring: Jumpers are scored mathematically on accumulated faults, and on time to complete the course in case of ties. There will be one round which will be both scored for faults and timed. Exhibitors will be placed in order of least faults to most faults, with time utilized to break any ties (i.e. scoring by faults and then by time). There will be no additional rounds. Timing starts when the horse's nose passes the starting line and finishes when the horse's nose passes the finish line.

## **Hunter Courses**

1. Hunter courses are designed to allow the exhibitor to present the horse to its best advantage. Longer distances and wide corners are utilized to enable a smooth presentation. Exhibitors will not be asked for tight turns. Angled jumps must be approached from the long corner, not the short corners.
2. Hunter courses consist of two or three straight or gently curved lines of jumps that do not require turns between them, or single jumps, with room for wide corners between lines and jumps.
3. Fence heights for Hunters are: Minimum height 18" and Maximum height 24".
4. Hunters are not scored mathematically by faults nor by time. Hunters are judged on style and form over fences, manners, way of going and pace in that order. The Judge must penalize unsafe jumping (i.e., charging, refusals) and poor form over fences.
5. Circling once upon entering the ring and once upon leaving the ring is permissible.

## **Versatility**

1. The horse will be shown in performance halter, and then as a hunter, in that order.
2. After halter inspections are completed, exhibitors are to follow the Ringmaster and proceed to the hunter course.
3. The hunter requirements for judging are the same as specified under the "Hunter" Rules. The Performance Halter requirements will be judged the same as specified under the Performance Halter Rules.
4. There shall be 2 (two) fences.
5. When all have completed the hunter course, they must trot for soundness before the Judges. F. Horses do not leave the arena between divisions.
6. All two divisions count equally.
7. Horses must complete all two divisions, without disqualification, to be eligible for a ribbon.
8. No teeth will be checked

# Gymkhana Division

## General Rules

1. All gymkhana events will be timed.
2. Horses must be under control at all times.
3. Horses must be at least 1 year old for in-hand.
4. Horses are to be shown in a halter with appropriate lead (when in hand). Chain on lead permitted under the chin or over the nose of the horse. A chain is optional. Western, Cable, nylon, and Draft style halters are permitted. Bridles are not allowed.
5. Horses can trot, canter, or gallop for in-hand events.
6. Disqualifications – Any of the following infractions will disqualify an entry.
  - a. Running through the chute or gate to enter the arena. Failure to begin the course within 1 minute after the ready signal is given.
  - b. A stop or willful refusal to move forward (loss of forward motion).
  - c. Off course, which includes negotiating obstacles in other than the specified order or in the wrong direction. This includes circling, backing or reversing the direction of movement.
  - d. The horse is behaving in an unruly manner or out of control.
  - e. Any kind of cruelty to the horse whether or not specifically mentioned in these rules will disqualify the competitor.
  - f. Striking or beating the horse in any manner whatsoever after entering the arena. Touching the horse will not be considered striking or beating the horse.
  - g. Fall of horse or exhibitor while in the arena.
  - h. Carrying a whip.

7. Timing Procedure – Electric timers are preferred over stopwatches. If an electric timer is used, at least one official should take the time using a stopwatch in case the electric timer fails. If an electric timer is not available, three stopwatches will be used. The median time of the three readings will be the official time. (The median time is the time indicated by two of the three stopwatches if two agree. If no two watches agree, the median time is the time indicated by the watch which indicates neither the fastest nor the slowest time.) All stopwatches must be calibrated to at least one-tenth of a second. The start/finish timing line must be a minimum of 10 feet from the end of the arena. The timing line must be visibly marked in the arena. Contestants are allowed running starts.

### **In-Hand Barrel Racing**

Barrel racing classes can be performed in-hand. These are to be separate classes. Three 55-gallon barrels in safe, usable condition should be used.

1. The size of the pattern (see fig. 22) should be 35 feet between barrels 1 and 2, 40 feet between barrels 2 and 3, 40 feet between barrels 1 and 3, and 25 feet from the timer to the first barrel. The course must be measured exactly. If the course is too large for the available space, then each measurement of the pattern should be reduced 5 feet from the fence. If the course specified in this rule book is too big for the available space, the distance from barrel 3 to the finish line needs to be reduced 15 feet at a time, as long as there is enough room for the horse to stop safely.
2. Knocking down a barrel will result in a 5 second penalty.

### **In-Hand Pole Bending**

1. The pole bending pattern is run around six poles. The poles are placed in a straight line 10 feet apart. The first pole is to be 10 feet from the starting line. Poles are 6 feet high and set on top of the ground, with bases 10 inches to 14 inches in diameter.
2. Contestants may start on either side of the line of poles. They will cross the starting line, move in an approximately straight line to pole 6 (the farthest pole), make a 180-degree turn around pole 6, pass between pole 6 and pole 5, bend through the poles to pole 1, circle pole 1, bend through the poles to pole 6, make a 180-degree turn around pole 6, and cross the starting line by moving along the poles on the side opposite that on which they first approached pole 6.

3. A 5-second penalty will be assessed for each pole knocked down.

## **Costume Class**

1. General - Costumes must be considered safe.
2. Costume classes are to be judged 75% on originality of costume and 25% on presentation.
3. To be shown at a walk both ways of the arena and lined up in the middle of the arena for final judging.

## **Liberty**

1. Liberty is demonstrating the natural beauty of the horse. Horses are to be judged on style, grace, animation, gaits, presence, and ease of catching. The Liberty animal is expected to perform at both a canter and a trot.
2. General Rules:
  - a. Horses will be judged beginning when the halter is removed by the exhibitor (the individual wearing the number) and until caught and haltered by the exhibitor. Time of Liberty shall be 1½ minutes; time to catch shall be 2 minutes.
  - b. Timing will begin when the halter is removed, not when the music starts, and the show announcer will announce "time" when the 1½ minutes performance has ended to signal the exhibitor that they can begin the catch. Continue to time the catch. When the 2-minute catch time has elapsed, the show announcer will announce "time" to signal the end of the catch if the animal has not been caught. If the catch is not completed in the 2-minute allotted time frame, the exhibitor is disqualified.
  - c. Only the exhibitor can touch the animal during the catch. The horse must be caught and haltered by the exhibitor only within 2 minutes or be disqualified. The assistant may not touch the horse at any time. There will be "No Baiting" (no use of hay, grain, clickers, etc.) of Liberty horses during the catch or it will be disqualified.
  - d. Music is required. Music must not contain any profanity or reference to material that goes against 4-H guidelines. • No deliberate interference with the horse from outside the ring. Announcement should be made prior to the class to specify that no outside assistance is allowed.

- e. Exhibitors and assistants should wear appropriate, tasteful attire. A safe costume or theme outfit within the 4-H Dress Code is allowed for the exhibitor and assistant only. Horses will not be allowed to wear anything once the halter has been removed: no costume, ribbons or glitter.
- f. If a horse should fall during its performance, the entry is disqualified.
- g. Entry will be disqualified if the horse leaves the ring during competition or catch time.
- h. It is the Steward's responsibility to time Liberty classes and to be in possession of a timer. The Steward should be in the same location as the judge to adjudicate the class.

### **Point Scoring System**

- 1. Points per class are calculated on a 10-1 scale, no matter how many exhibitors are in a class. Example: A contestant placing 1<sup>st</sup> in a class of three will receive ten points; a contestant placing 2<sup>nd</sup> will receive nine points; and so on... These points will be tabulated towards any High Point Awards. Class ties will split the points.

### **Premiums And Awards**

- 1. Ribbons will be given 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> place in each class.
- 2. Premiums for 4-H Miniature horse classes will be:

1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place	5th Place	6th Place
\$25	\$20	\$15	\$13	\$10	\$7

### **Award Winners**

- 1. To qualify for Overall and Reserve Overall High Point in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior age divisions, competitors must take the written test, compete in showmanship, and enter two (2) or more classes in their division.
  - a. Overall High Point and Reserve Overall High Point winners will receive awards.

## 4-H Miniature Horse Show Class List & Show Order

- 7:00 -7:30 AM Measurements
- 8:30 AM Written Test
- 9:15 AM Begin

Class No.	Class Name	Class Division
1263	Performance Halter Geldings	All Ages
1262	Performance Halter Mares	All Ages
1240	Showmanship - Senior	Age 14-18
1239	Showmanship - Intermediate	Age 11-13
1238	Showmanship - Junior	Age 8-10
1243	In-Hand Obstacle Halter - Senior	Age 14-18
1242	In-Hand Obstacle Halter - Intermediate	Age 11-13
1241	In-Hand Obstacle Halter - Junior	Age 8-10
1266	Versatility - Senior	Age 14-18
1265	Versatility - Intermediate	Age 11-13
1264	Versatility - Junior	Age 8-10
1246	In-Hand Hunter - Senior	Age 14-18
1245	In-Hand Hunter - Intermediate	Age 11-13
1244	In-Hand Hunter - Junior	Age 8-10
1249	In-Hand Jumper - Senior	Age 14-18
1248	In-Hand Jumper - Intermediate	Age 11-13
1247	In-Hand Jumper - Junior	Age 8-10
1255	In-Hand Poles - Senior	Age 14-18
1254	In-Hand Poles - Intermediate	Age 11-13
1253	In-Hand Poles - Junior	Age 8-10
1252	In-Hand Barrels - Senior	Age 14-18
1251	In-Hand Barrels - Intermediate	Age 11-13
1250	In-Hand Barrels - Junior	Age 8-10

Class No.	Class Name	Class Division
1261	Liberty - Senior	Age 14-18
1260	Liberty - Intermediate	Age 11-13
1259	Liberty - Junior	Age 8-10
<b>15 minute Break</b>		
1261	Costume - Senior	Age 14-18
1260	Costume - Intermediate	Age 11-13
1259	Costume - Junior	Age 8-10



# Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition

## Draft Pull Competition Requirements 2025

**Date: August 23 - August 24, 2025**

### Show Management

Role	Contact
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Event Secretary	Lindsay Wadhams
Event Superintendent(s)	Joey Freund

### Important Dates

Event	Date and Time
Entry Deadline	August 23, 2025 at 12:30 p.m.
Early Arrival	August 23, 2025   8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Arrival Deadline	August 23, 2024   8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Release Dates	August 24, 2025   Following Event

## Class Fee Schedule

Fee	Cost
Class Entry Fee (Per Day)	\$60.00
Office Fee (Per Owner)	\$10.00
Drug Fee (Per Team)	\$15.00

## Stalling Fees

Stall	Cost
Fair Time Horse Stall Fee (One Time)	complementary
Fair Time Tack Stall Fee (One Time)	complementary

## General Show Information

1. Each exhibitor must read and adhere to the Colorado State Fair Competition Requirements adopted by the Colorado State Fair Board of Authority (Board): 2025 General Competition Requirements, 2025 General Horse Show Competition Requirements, and 2025 Draft Pull Competition Requirements.
2. Pulling rules of the Colorado Draft Horse Association shall prevail.
3. All entries are subject to a veterinarian examination and testing for the use of stimulants and/or drugs during and after the competition. Any horse or team showing evidence of non-approved drug administration will be subject to discipline as outlined in Section IV of the 2025 General Competition Requirements.

## Entry Information

1. Entries are available online at [www.coloradostatefair.com](http://www.coloradostatefair.com). Entries are online forms only that can be submitted directly to the horse show manager. Entries can be filled out in the show office upon arrival.
2. No payment is required until check-in.

## Weigh In:

1. All teams will be weighed in on Saturday, August 23, between 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Exhibitors must check in with Show Management to get weighed in.
2. Show Management will determine the final team weights.

## Awards and Premiums

1. High Point and Reserve High Point Awards will be given to the Champion Heavyweight Division and Champion Lightweight Division winners.
2. Teams must show both days to be eligible for awards.
  - a. Premium monies will be paid in both the Heavyweight and Lightweight Divisions based on the cumulative 2-day Draft Pull results. Teams must show both days to be eligible for premium monies. The payout scale below is the same for both weight classes.
  - b. Payout scale

1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place	5th Place	6th Place	7th Place
\$900	\$630	\$510	\$330	\$270	\$210	\$150

# Draft Pull Event Schedule

August 23, 2025

Event	Time	Arena
Pull	6:00 p.m. (tentative)	Covered

August 24, 2025

Event	Time	Arena
Pull	3:30 p.m.(tentative)	Covered

# Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition

## 2025 Versatility Ranch Horse Competition Requirements

Date: August 26 - August 27, 2025

### Show Management

Role	Contact
Director of Agriculture and Competitive Exhibits	Amber Henker Phone Number: (719) 404-2060 Email: amber.henker@state.co.us
Horse Show Coordinator	Lindsay Wadhams Phone Number: (719) 439-7255 Email: lindsay.wadhams@state.co.us
Event Secretary	Kelsey Coon

### Judges

Classes	Judges
VRH Classes	Holly Hover Rebecca Halverson Steve Brown Fielding Rogers Nancy Wright David Avery

## Important Dates

Event	Date and Time
Entry Deadline	August 15, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.
Stall Reservation Deadline	August 15, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.
Early Arrival	August 24, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Arrival Deadline	August 26, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.
Release Date(s)	Following event each day

## General Fee Schedule

Fee	Cost
Office Fee (Per Horse)	\$20.00
AQHA Admin Fee (Per Horse)	\$30.00
Late Fee (Per Horse)	\$50.00
RMQHA Fee (Per Entry)	\$2.00

## Stalling Fees

Stall	Fee
Fair Time Horse Stall Feel (Per Stall)	\$30.00
Fair Time Tack Stall Fee (Per Stall)	\$30.00

## Class Fee Schedule - Open/Cowboy/Amateur/Ltd Amateur

Fee	Cost
VRH Ranch Riding Class Fee	\$70.00
VRH Trail Class Fee	\$70.00
VRH Ranch Reining Class Fee	\$70.00
VRH Ranch Cow Work Class Fee	\$70.00
Ranch Cow Work Cattle Fee	\$70.00
VRH Ranch Cutting Class Fee	\$70.00
Ranch Cutting Cattle Fee	\$100.00
VRH Ranch Confirmation Class Fee	\$70.00
All-Day Show Fee (Cattle Fees Included) * This option enrolls the exhibitor in all classes. The \$510.00 fee applies to each division entering.	\$510.00

Note: If entering the AQHA Ranch Cow Work and AQHA Ranch Cutting Classes, exhibitors will only be required to pay the Cutting Cattle Fee.

## Class Fee Schedule - Rookie Amateur/Youth/Ltd Youth/Rookie Youth

Fee	Cost
VRH Ranch Riding Class Fee	\$50.00
VRH Trail Class Fee	\$50.00
VRH Ranch Reining Class Fee	\$50.00
CRH Cow Work Class Fee	\$50.00
Ranch Cow Work Class Fee	\$50.00
Ranch Cow Work Cattle Fee	\$55.00
VRH Ranch Cutting Class Fee	\$50.00
Ranch Cutting Cattle Fee	\$75.00
All Day Show Fee (Cattle Fees included) *This option enrolls exhibitors in all classes. The \$365.00 fee applies to each division entering.	\$365.00

Note: If entering in both the AQHA Ranch Cow Work and AQHA Ranch Cutting Classes, exhibitors will only be required to pay the Cutting Cattle Fee.

## Versatility Paid Practices

Monday, Aug. 25th, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Fence or Boxing Practice	\$50.00/run
Trail Practice	\$25.00/horse
Reining Practice	\$25.00/horse

\$5,500.00 Added Triple Judged AQHA Ranch Versatility



## **General Information**

1. Each exhibitor is expected to read and adhere to the following Colorado State Fair Competition Requirements as adopted by the Colorado State Fair Board of Authority (Board): 2025 Colorado State Fair General Competition Requirements, 2025 General Horse Show Competition Requirements, 2025 Versatility Ranch Horse Competition Requirements.
2. Each exhibitor is expected to read and adhere to the 2025 American Quarter Horse Association Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations.

## **Stall Reservations**

1. All stalls must be reserved by August 15, 2025, through the online form.
2. If received after August 15th, the Colorado State Fair will charge a \$50.00 late fee per owner.
3. Payments are not due until check-in at the Colorado State Fair.

## **Versatility Ranch Horse Paid Practices**

1. August 25, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. Paid Practice is open to anyone attending the State Fair Ranch Horse Versatility event. Paid practice will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Riders must sign up on entry form for paid practices.
2. Practices will be at will. Practice will begin with cow work in the East Arena and reining in the West Arena. Trail practice will follow reining practice. The trail course will be taken down at 3:00 p.m.

## **Awards and Premiums:**

1. The AQHA Ranch Versatility at the Colorado State Fair is a Triple Point Special Event. All-Around awards will be given to the Champion and Reserve Champions in each division. Exhibitors must enter all 6 classes to be eligible for the All-Around awards in each division. Ribbons will be handed out in each class.
2. The AQHA event has a total of \$5,500 added to the triple-judged event. The added money will be paid out only to those entering all 6 classes and will be included in the overall placings.
3. There will be \$4,000 added in the Open division, \$1,000 added in the Amateur division, \$250 added in the Cowboy division, and \$250 added in the Limited Amateur division.

4. In addition, \$20 out of every Open, Cowboy, Amateur, and Limited Amateur entry fee will be jackpotted.
5. The Youth, Ltd Youth, Rookie Youth, and Amateur Rookie classes have no jackpot or added money; they are prize-only classes.
6. The Authority will use the NRCHA sliding scale to pay all premium monies.

## **Patterns**

All Shows will use these AQHA patterns:

- VRH Ranch Riding is pattern TBD
- VRH Ranch Reining is pattern TBD

# Versatility Ranch Horse Daily Schedule

**Tuesday, August 26, 2025**

- East Arena
- Settle time: 7:40 a.m.
- Start time: 8:00 a.m.
- Judges: David Avery, Steve Brown, Fielding Rogers

<b>Class #</b>	<b>Class Name</b>
22/RHC 179600	VRH Open Ranch Cutting/RHC 4yr Old and Up Open Ranch Cutting
23	VRH Cowboy Ranch Cutting
38/RHC 279600	VRH Amateur Ranch Cutting/RHC 4yr Old and Up Amateur Ranch Cutting
58	VRH Limited Amateur Ranch Cutting
704	VRH Rookie Amateur Ranch Cutting
92/RHC 479600	VRH Youth Ranch Cutting/RHC 4yr Old and Up Youth Ranch Cutting
902	VRH Limited Youth Ranch Cutting
905	VRH Rookie Youth Ranch Cutting
	<b>Tear Down Cutting Pen to prep for Ranch Riding and Conformation.</b>

## Ranch Conformation and Ranch Riding

Class #	Class Name
11	VRH Open Ranch Riding
12	VRH Cowboy Ranch Riding
	<b>Short Break</b>
24	VRH Open Ranch Conformation
25	VRH Cowboy Ranch Conformation

- Covered Arena
- Start time: 9:00 a.m.
- Judges: Holly Hover, Rebecca Halverson, Nancy Wright

Class #	Class Name
94	VRH Youth Ranch Conformation
904	VRH Limited Youth Ranch Conformation
906	VRH Rookie Youth Ranch Conformation
39	VRH Amateur Ranch Conformation
59	VRH Limited Amateur Ranch Conformation
705	VRH Rookie Amateur Ranch Conformation
	<b>Short Break to setup for Ranch Reining</b>
17	VRH Open Ranch Reining
18	VRH Cowboy Ranch Reining
87	VRH Youth Ranch Reining
807	VRH Limited Youth Ranch Reining

<b>Class #</b>	<b>Class Name</b>
808	VRH Rookie Youth Ranch Reining
35	VRH Amateur Ranch Reining
55	VRH Limited Amateur Ranch Reining
702	VRH Rookie Amateur Ranch Reining
81	VRH Youth Ranch Riding
801	VRH Limited Youth Ranch Riding
802	VRH Rookie Youth Ranch Riding
31	VRH Amateur Ranch Riding
51	VRH Limited Amateur Ranch Riding
700	VRH Rookie Amateur Ranch Riding

## Wednesday, August 27, 2025

- East Arena
- Start time: 8:00 a.m.
- Judges: David Avery, Steve Brown, Fielding Rogers

Class #	Class Name
20	VRH Open Ranch Cow Work
21	VRH Cowboy Ranch Cow Work
37	VRH Amateur Ranch Cow Work (fence)
57	VRH Limited Amateur Ranch Cow Work (box, drive, box, drive)
90	VRH Youth Cow Work (fence)
91	VRH Limited Youth Cow Work (box, drive, box, drive)
903	VRH Rookie Youth Ranch Boxing
703	VRH Rookie Amateur Ranch Boxing

## Wednesday, August 27, 2025

- Covered Arena
- Start time: 9:00 a.m.
- Judges: Holly Hover, Rebecca Halverson, Nancy Wright

Class #	Class Name
84/AQHA SE253	VRH Youth Ranch Trail/AQHA SE Youth Trail
804	VRH Limited Youth Ranch Trail
805	VRH Rookie Youth Ranch Trail
33/AQHA SE254	VRH Amateur Ranch Trail/AQHA SE Amateur Trail
53	VRH Limited Amateur Ranch Trail
701	VRH Rookie Amateur Ranch Trail
14/AQHA SE255	AQHA Open Ranch Trail/AQHA SE Open Trail
15	AQHA Cowboy Ranch Trail

# Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition

## 2025 Special Event Team Roping, Ranch Riding, & Ranch Trail

**Date:** August 27-28, 2025

### Show Management

Role	Contact
Director of Agriculture and Competitive Exhibits	Amber Henker Phone Number: (719) 404-2060 Email: <a href="mailto:amber.henker@state.co.us">amber.henker@state.co.us</a>
Horse Show Coordinator	Lindsay Wadhams Phone Number: (719) 439-7255 Email: <a href="mailto:lindsay.wadhams@state.co.us">lindsay.wadhams@state.co.us</a>
Event Secretary	Kelsey Coon

### Judges

Classes	Judges
Special Event Ranch Riding	Holly Hover Steve Brown Rebecca Halverson
Special Event Team Roping	Fielding Rogers David Avery Steve Brown



## Important Dates

Event	Date and Time
Entry Deadline	August 15, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.
Stall Reservation Deadline	August 15, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.
Late Entry Deadline	August 26, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.
Arrival Dates	August 26, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.
Release Dates	Following the event each day

## Ranch Riding & Ranch Trail Class Fee Schedule

Fee	Cost
Open Division Fee (Per Entry)	\$100.00 (\$50.00 Jackpotted)
Amateur Division Fee (Per Entry)	\$100.00 (\$50.00 Jackpotted)
Youth Division Fee (Per Entry)	\$50.00 (\$25.00 Jackpotted)
Office Fee (Per Horse)	\$20.00
AQHA Admin Fee (Per Horse)	\$30.00
RMQHA Fee (Per Entry)	\$2.00

## Team Roping Class Fee Schedule

Fee	Cost
Open Division Fee (Per Entry)	\$50.00
Amateur Division Fee (Per Entry)	\$50.00
Youth Division Fee (Per Entry)	\$20.00

<b>Fee</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Office Fee (Per Horse)	\$20.00
AQHA Admin Fee (Per Horse)	\$30.00
RMQHA Fee (Per Entry)	\$2.00
Stock Charge (Per Entry)	\$25.00

## **Stalling Fees**

<b>Stall</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Fair Time Horse Stall Fee (Per Stall)	\$30.00
Fair Time Tack Stall Fee (Per Stall)	\$30.00

## **General Show Information**

1. Each exhibitor is expected to read and adhere to the following Colorado State Fair Competition Requirements as adopted by the Colorado State Fair Board of Authority (Board): 2025 Colorado State Fair General Competition Requirements, 2025 General Horse Show Competition Requirements, 2054 Special Event & Ranch Riding Competition Requirements.
2. Each exhibitor is expected to read and adhere to the 2025 American Quarter Horse Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations.
3. Memberships are available to purchase at the show if necessary.
4. AQHA Breakaway Rules: Legal Catch
  - A legal catch in the breakaway roping is a “bell collar catch” defined as the loop must pass over the calf’s entire head, then secure on the neck with no extremities in the loop and in front of the tail head and then cause the string to break away at the saddle horn.

## **Entry Information**

1. All entry and stall reservation forms are available online only at [www.coloradostatefair.com](http://www.coloradostatefair.com).
2. All entries are fillable online forms that can be directly submitted to the Horse Show Office.
3. No payment is required until check-in.
4. Ranching Heritage Ranch Riding will run concurrently.
5. All entries must be accompanied by a photocopy of each horse's registration papers and the exhibitor's current AQHA Membership Card.

## **Stall Reservations**

1. All stalls must be reserved by August 15, 2025, through the online form.
2. If received after August 15th, Colorado State Fair will charge a \$50.00 late fee per owner
3. Payments are not due until check-in at the Colorado State Fair.

## **Awards and Premiums**

Ribbons only.

1. \$2,500.00 in added premiums to the Ranch Riding & Ranch Trail Special Event.
2. Ranch Riding Premiums will be paid based on the number of horses actually shown. 50% of the entry fee will be jackpotted and combined with the Added Money per class and paid out based on the overall triple judged placings.
3. The NRCHA payout scale will be used. (This scale is only used for the AQHA Special Event Ranch Riding. The RHC has its own payout scale).

# AQHA Special Event Team Roping, Ranch Trail, & RHC Team Roping Schedule

**Wednesday, August 27, 2025**

Class #	Event	Concurrent Event	Arena
253	AQHA Youth Ranch Trail	VRH Youth Trail	Covered Arena
254	AQHA Amateur Ranch Trail	VRH Amateur Trail	Covered Arena
255	AQHA Open Ranch Trail	VRH Open Trail	Covered Arena
179900	RHC Open Heading		Uncovered Arena
177700	RHC Open Heeling		
177900	RHC Open Steer Stopping		
177800	RHC Cowboy Steer Stopping		
179700	RHC Open Breakaway		
179800	RHC Cowboy Breakaway		
479900	RHC Youth Heading		Uncovered Arena
4477700	RHC Youth Heeling		
477900	RHC Youth Steer Stopping		
479400	RHC Youth Breakaway		
279900	RHC Amateur Heading		Uncovered Arena
277700	RHC Amateur Heeling		Uncovered Arena
277900	RHC Amateur Steer Stopping		Uncovered Arena
279700	RHC Amateur Breakaway		Uncovered Arena
200	AQ Open Breakaway		
201	AQ Amateur Breakaway		
202	AQ Youth Breakaway		
203	AQ Youth Heading		
204	AQ Youth Heeling		
205	AQ Open Heading		
206	AQ Open Heeling		

207	Amateur Heading		Uncovered Arena
208	Amateur Heading		

### **Thursday, August 28 at 9:00 a.m.**

Will follow Ranching Heritage.

\*Cattle classes will not start before 11:00 a.m.

<b>Class #</b>	<b>Event</b>
250	Open Ranch Riding
251	Amateur Ranch Riding
252	Youth Ranch Riding

# Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition

## 2025 AQHA Ranching Heritage Competition

**Date:** August 26 - August 28, 2025

### Show Management

Role	Contact
Director of Agriculture and Competitive Exhibits	Amber Henker Phone Number: (719) 404-2060 Email: <a href="mailto:amber.henker@state.co.us">amber.henker@state.co.us</a>
Horse Show Coordinator	Lindsay Wadhams Phone Number: (719) 439-7255 Email: <a href="mailto:lindsay.wadhams@state.co.us">lindsay.wadhams@state.co.us</a>
Event Secretary	Kelsey Coon
Event Superintendent(s)	None

### Judges

Classes	Judges
AQHA Ranching Heritage Challenge	Fielding RogersDavid Avery

### Important Dates

Event	Date and Time
Entry Deadline	August 15, 2025   11:59 p.m.
Stall Reservation Deadline	August 15, 2025   11:59 p.m.
Early Arrival	August 25, 2025   3:00 p.m.
Arrival Deadline	August 25, 2025   8:00 a.m.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date and Time</b>
Release Date(s)	Following the event each day

## General Fee Schedule

<b>Fee</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Office Fee (Per Horse)	\$20.00
AQHA Admin Fee (Per Horse)	\$10.00
Cattle Fee (Fence & B-D-B-D)	\$65.00
Cattle Fee (Youth & Boxing Per Entry)	\$45.00
Cattle Fee (Cutting)	\$100.00
Late Fee (Per Horse)	\$50.00
RMQHA Fee (Per Entry)	\$2.00

## Stalling Fees

<b>Stall</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Fair Time Horse Stall Feel (Per Stall)	\$30.00
Fair Time Tack Stall Fee (Per Stall)	\$30.00

## **Ranching Heritage Cutting, Team Roping, Barrel Race, Working Ranch Horse, and Ranch Riding:**

RHC Ranch Cutting will run concurrently with the VRH Ranch Cutting on August 26th. The RHC Team Roping, Barrel Race, and Ranch Trail classes will run on August 27th. The Ranch Trail will run concurrently with the VRH trail. The Team Roping and Barrel Race will run with the AQHA Special Event Team Roping, Cow Horse and Ranch Riding classes will run on August 28th, starting with the Cow Work at 8:00 a.m. See below for competition requirements, fees, added money, and divisions offered.

Cutting will run concurrently with Versatility Cutting Classes on August 26, 2025.

### **General Information**

1. Each exhibitor is expected to read and adhere to the following Colorado State Fair Competition Requirements as adopted by the Colorado State Fair Board of Authority (Board): 2025 General Competition Requirements, 2025 General Horse Show Competition Requirements, 2025 Ranching Heritage Competition Requirements,
2. Each exhibitor must read and adhere to the 2025 American Quarter Horse Association Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations and the 2025 American Quarter Horse Association Ranching Heritage Breeder Rules.
3. Each exhibitor is expected to read and adhere to the 2025 AQHA Ranching Heritage Challenge Rules.
4. To verify AQHA Ranching Heritage eligibility, please contact the American Quarter Horse Association at (806) 376-4811.
5. See special class rules for more information on the classes offered at this event.
6. AQHA Breakaway Rule: Legal Catch
  - A legal catch in the breakaway roping is a “bell collar catch” defined as the loop must pass over the calf’s entire head, then secure on the neck with no extremities in the loop and in front of the tail head and then cause the string to break away at the saddle horn.



## **Entry Information**

1. All entry and stall reservation forms are available online only at [www.coloradostatefair.com](http://www.coloradostatefair.com).
2. No payment is required until check-in.
3. Cow Horse Cattle Fees: When cross-entering classes, only pay one cattle fee.
4. Ranch Riding Classes: The Ranching Heritage Ranch Riding classes will run concurrently with the triple-judged AQHA Special Event Ranch Riding on August 28.

## **Stall Reservations**

1. All stalls must be reserved by August 15, 2025, through the online form.
2. If received after August 15th, the Colorado State Fair will charge a \$50.00 late fee per owner.
3. Payments are not due until check-in at the Colorado State Fair.

## **Awards and Premiums**

1. \$23,000 in added premium money.
2. 1st - 6th place will receive ribbons.

## **Ranching Heritage Event Schedule**

**Tuesday, August 26, 2025**

- Settle at 7:30 a.m.. The show starts at 8:00 a.m.

**RHC Ranch Cutting (4-year old & up) Cutting will run concurrently with VRH Cutting**

<b>Class No.</b>	<b>Class Name</b>
179600	Open Ranch Cutting
279600	Amateur Ranch Cutting
479600	Youth Ranch Cutting

**Wednesday, August 27, 2025**

**RHC Team Roping, Breakaway, and Steer Stopping (4-year old & up)**

- Start time: Will not start before 2:00 p.m.

<b>RHC Team Roping Heading (4-year old &amp; up)</b>	
<b>Class No.</b>	<b>Class Name</b>
179900	RHC Open Heading
279900	RHC Amateur Heading
479900	RHC Youth Heading
<b>RHC Team Roping Heeling (4-year old &amp; up)</b>	
177700	RHC Open Heeling
277700	RHC Amateur Heeling
477700	RHC Youth Heeling
<b>RHC Breakaway Roping (4-year old &amp; up)</b>	
179700	Open Breakaway
179800	Cowboy Breakaway
279700	Amateur Breakaway
479700	Youth Breakaway
<b>RHC Steer Stopping (4-year old &amp; up)</b>	
177900	Open Steer Stopping
177800	Cowboy Steer Stopping
277900	Amateur Steer Stopping
477900	Youth Steer Stopping
<b>RHC Barrel Race</b>	
179300	Open Barrel Race
279300	Amateur Barrel Race
479300	Youth Barrel Race

**Thursday, August 28, 2025**

**Working Ranch Horse - Rein Work and Down the Fence**

- Start time: 8:00 a.m.
- VRH Reining Pattern # 7 Lope in (all working ranch horse classes)

<b>Class No.</b>	<b>Class Name</b>
178100	RHC Working Ranch Horse - Open 4 yr. old
178200	RHC Working Ranch Horse - Limited Open 4 yr. old *Runs concurrent with Open
178500	RHC Working Ranch Horse - Cowboy 4 yr. old and up
179100	RHC Working Ranch Horse - Open 5 & 6 yr. old
179200	Limited Open 5 & 6 yr. old *Runs concurrent with Open
179500	RHC Working Ranch Horse - Open 7 yr. old & up
278900	RHC Working Ranch Horse - Amateur 4 yr. old & up
478900	RHC Working Ranch Horse - Youth 4 yr. old & up

**Limited Working Ranch Horse-Rein Work and Box-Drive-Box-Drive**

<b>Class No.</b>	<b>Class Name</b>
279500	RHC Working Ranch Horse - Limited Amateur 4 yr. old & up
479500	RHC Working Ranch Horse - Limited Youth 4 yr. old & up

**Rookie Ranch Cow Work - Rein Work and Boxing**

<b>Class No.</b>	<b>Class Name</b>
278700	RHC Working Ranch Horse - Rookie Amateur 7 yr. old & up
478700	RHC Working Ranch Horse - Rookie Youth 4 yr. old & up

## **RHC/AQHA Ranch Riding Pattern: # 2**

\*This class will run concurrently with the AQHA Special Event Ranch Riding Classes

<b>Class No.</b>	<b>Class Name</b>
178800	RHC Open Ranch Riding 3 yr. old & up
278800	RHC Amateur Ranch Riding 3 yr. old & up
478800	RHC Youth Ranch Riding 3 yr. old & up

## Ranching Heritage Challenge Class and Fee List

Category	Fee
<b>(179900) Open Heading 4 yrs old and up - \$500.00 added</b>	
Entry Fee	\$250.00
Jackpotted	\$150.00
Stock Charge	\$20.00
<b>(279900) Amateur Heading 4 yrs old and up - \$500.00 added</b>	
Entry Fee	\$250.00
Jackpotted	\$150.00
Stock Charge	\$20.00
<b>(479900) Youth Heading 4 yrs old and up - Jackpot only</b>	
Entry Fee	\$50.00
Jackpotted	\$25.00
Stock Charge	\$10.00
<b>(177700) Open Heeling 4 yrs old and up - \$500.00 added</b>	
Entry Fee	\$250.00
Jackpotted	\$150.00
Stock Charge	\$20.00
<b>(277700) Amateur Heeling 4 yrs old and up - \$500 added</b>	
Entry Fee	\$250.00
Jackpotted	\$150.00
Stock Charge	\$20.00
<b>(477700) Youth Heeling 4 yrs old and up - Jackpot Only</b>	
Entry Fee	\$50.00
Jackpotted	\$25.00
Stock Charge	\$10.00

<b>Category</b>	<b>Fee</b>
<b>RHC Breakaway</b>	
<b>(179700) Open Breakaway 4 yrs old and up - \$250.00 added</b>	
Entry Fee	\$150.00
Jackpot	\$100.00
Stock Charge	\$20.00
<b>(179800) Cowboy Breakaway 4 yrs old and up - \$150.00 added</b>	
Entry Fee	\$100.00
Jackpot	\$50.00
Stock Charge	\$20.00
<b>(279700) Amateur Breakaway 4 yrs old and up - \$250.00 added</b>	
Entry Fee	\$150.00
Jackpot	\$100.00
Stock Charge	\$20.00
<b>(479700) Youth Breakaway 4 yrs old and up - Jackpot Only</b>	
Entry Fee	\$50.00
Jackpot	\$25.00
Stock Charge	\$10.00

<b>Category</b>	<b>Fee</b>
<b>RHC Steer Stopping</b>	
<b>(177900) Open Steer Stopping 4 yrs old and up - \$250.00 added</b>	
Entry Fee	\$150.00
Jackpot	\$100.00
Stock Charge	\$20.00
<b>(177800) Cowboy Steer Stopping 4 yrs old and up - \$150.00 added</b>	
Entry Fee	\$100.00
Jackpot	\$50.00

<b>Category</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Stock Charge	\$20.00
<b>(277900) Amateur Steer Stopping 4 yrs old and up - \$250.00 added</b>	
Entry Fee	\$150.00
Jackpot	\$100.00
Stock Charge	\$20.00
<b>(477900) Youth Steer Stopping 4 yrs old and up - Jackpot Only</b>	
Entry Fee	\$50.00
Jackpot	\$25.00
Stock Charge	\$10.00

<b>Category</b>	<b>Fee</b>
<b>RHC Barrel Race</b>	
<b>(179300) Open 4 yrs old and up - \$250.00 added</b>	
Entry Fee	\$100.00
Jackpot	\$75.00
<b>(279300) Amateur 4 yrs old and up - \$250.00 added</b>	
Entry Fee	\$100.00
Jackpot	\$75.00
<b>(479300) Youth 4 yrs old and up - Jackpot Only</b>	
Entry Fee	\$35.00
Jackpot	\$20.00



<b>Category</b>	<b>Fee</b>
RHC Ranch Cutting	
<b>(179600) Open 4-year old &amp; up - \$3,5000.00 added</b>	
Entry Fee	\$250.00
Jackpot	\$150.00
Stock Charge	\$100.00
<b>(279600) Amateur 4-year old &amp; up - \$1,600.00 added</b>	
Entry Fee	\$250.00
Jackpot	\$150.00
Stock Charge	\$100.00
<b>(479600) Youth 4-year old &amp; up - Jackpot Only</b>	
Entry Fee	\$100.00
Jackpot	\$50.00
Stock Charge	\$40.00

<b>Category</b>	<b>Fee</b>
<b>RHC Working Ranch Horse</b>	
<b>(178100) Open 4 yrs old and up - \$2,500.00 added</b>	
Entry Fee	\$250.00
Jackpot	\$150.00
Stock Charge	\$65.00
<b>(178200) Limited Open 4 yrs old and up - \$1,500.00 added</b>	
Entry Fee	\$200.00
Jackpot	\$150.00
Stock Charge	\$65.00
<b>(179100) Open 5 &amp; 6 year old - \$2,000.00 added</b>	

<b>Category</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Entry Fee	\$250.00
Jackpot	\$75.00
Stock Charge	\$65.00
<b>(179200) Limited Open 5 &amp; 6 year old - \$1,000.00 added</b>	
Entry Fee	\$150.00
Jackpot	\$75.00
Stock Charge	\$65.00
<b>(179500) Open 7 year old &amp; up - \$500.00 added</b>	
Entry Fee	\$200.00
Jackpot	\$150.00
Stock Charge	\$65.00
<b>(178500) Cowboy 4 yrs old and up - \$1,500.00 added</b>	
Entry Fee	\$250.00
Jackpot	\$150.00
Stock Charge	\$65.00

<b>Category</b>	<b>Fee</b>
<b>(278900) Amateur 4 yrs old and up - \$1,600.00 added</b>	
Entry Fee	\$250.00
Jackpot	\$150.00
Stock Charge	\$65.00
<b>(478900) Youth 4 yrs old and up - Jackpot Only</b>	
Entry Fee	\$50.00
Jackpot	\$25.00

<b>Category</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Stock Charge	\$45.00

<b>Category</b>	<b>Fee</b>
<b>RHC Limited Working Ranch Horse (Box-Drive-Box-Drive)</b>	
<b>(279500) Limited Amateur 4 yrs old and up - \$500.00 added</b>	
Entry Fee	\$100.00
Jackpot	\$50.00
Stock Charge	\$65.00
<b>(479500) Limited Youth 4 yrs old and up - Jackpot Only</b>	
Entry Fee	\$50.00
Jackpot	\$25.00
Stock Charge	\$45.00

<b>Category</b>	<b>Fee</b>
<b>RHC Rookie Working Ranch Horse (Boxing)</b>	
<b>(278700) Rookie Amateur 4 yrs old and up - Jackpot Only</b>	
Entry Fee	\$100.00
Jackpot	\$50.00
Stock Charge	\$45.00
<b>(478700) Rookie Youth 4 yrs old and up - Jackpot Only</b>	
Entry Fee	\$50.00
Jackpot	\$25.00
Stock Charge	\$45.00

Category	Fee
<b>Ranch Riding</b>	
<b>(178800) Open 3 year old &amp; up - \$1,500.00 added</b>	
Entry Fee	\$150.00
Jackpot	\$75.00
<b>(278800) Amateur 3 year old &amp; up - \$1,500.00 added</b>	
Entry Fee	\$150.00
Jackpot	\$75.00
<b>(478800) Youth 3 year old &amp; up - Jackpot Only</b>	
Entry Fee	\$35.00
Jackpot	\$25.00

\*Note: Cattle Fees are charged once if exhibitors cross-enter concurrent classes.

# Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition

## NRCHA Event 2025

**Date: August 29 - September 1, 2025**

### Show Management

Role	Contact
Director of Agriculture and Competitive Exhibits	Amber Henker Phone Number: (719) 404-2060 Email: amber.henker@state.co.us
Horse Show Coordinator	Lindsay Wadhams Phone Number: (719) 439-7255 Email: lindsay.wadhams@state.co.us
Event Secretary	Pam Orth
Event Show Representative	Robert Smith

### Judges

Classes	Judges
NRCHA Event	Jason Hershberger Laurel Stuart

### Important Dates

Event	Date and Time
Entry Deadline	August 15, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.
Stall Reservation Deadline	August 15, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.
Late Entry Deadline	August 28, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.
Arrival Dates	August 28, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
Release Date(s)	September 1, 2025, Following the event

## General Fee Schedule

Fee	Cost
Office Fee (Per Horse)	Included in Cattle/Office fee
AQHA Admin Fee (Per Horse)	\$10.00
NRCHA Fee (Per Class)	\$10.00
Video Fee (Per Class)	\$10.00
Late Fee (Per Horse)	\$50.00
RMQHA Fee (Per entry) AQHA only	\$2.00

## Stalling Fees

Stall	Cost
Fair Time Horse Stall Fee (Per Stall)	\$30.00
Fair Time Tack Stall Fee (Per Stall)	\$30.00

\$5,000.00 Added Ultimate Top Hand Challenge

\$35,200.00 Added NRCHA classes, plus great prizes

Futurity, Derby, Bridle Spectacular, 4 Event Top Hand Challenge, two slates of NRCHA Horse Show classes, and Single Judged AQHA Special Event classes are offered!

## Friday, August 29 - Monday, September 1, 2025

<b>Class No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Added \$</b>	<b>Entry Fee</b>	<b>Cattle/ Off</b>	<b>NRCHA/ AQ</b>	<b>Video</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Pattern No.</b>
700	Open Futurity	\$5700	\$500	\$200	\$10	\$10	\$720	12 A
701	Limited Open Fut.	\$500	\$150	\$0	\$10	\$0	\$160	12 A
702	L.1 Open Futurity	\$500	\$150	\$200	\$10	\$10	\$370	12
703	NP Futurity	\$500	\$150	\$200	\$10	\$10	\$370	12 A
704	L1 NP Futurity	\$250	\$150	\$200	\$10	\$10	\$370	12 A
705	NP Boxing Futurity	\$500	\$150	\$180	\$10	\$10	\$350	12 A
706	L1 NP Boxing Futurity	\$100	\$125	\$0	\$10	\$0	\$135	12 A

## Derby/Horse Show 1 Classes

<b>Class No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Added \$</b>	<b>Entry Fee</b>	<b>Cattle/ Off</b>	<b>NRCHA/ AQ</b>	<b>Video</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Pattern No.</b>
707	Open Derby	\$10,000	\$500	\$200	\$10	\$10	\$720	8 T
708	Limited Open Derby	\$1,000	\$150	\$0	\$10	\$0	\$160	8 T
709	L. 1 Open Derby	\$500	\$150	\$200	\$10	\$10	\$370	8 T
710	Novice Horse Derby	\$1,000	\$150	\$200	\$10	\$10	\$370	8 T
711	Open Hackamore	\$300	\$125	\$100	\$10	\$10	\$245	8 T

<b>Class No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Added \$</b>	<b>Entry Fee</b>	<b>Cattle/ Off</b>	<b>NRCHA/ AQ</b>	<b>Video</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Pattern No.</b>
712	Intermediate Open Hackamore** **Must enter open hackamore	\$150	\$125	\$0	\$10	\$0	\$135	8 T
713	Limited Open Hackamore	\$100	\$75	\$100	\$10	\$10	\$195	8 T
256	AQHA Junior	\$0	\$35	\$75	\$10	\$10	\$130	8 T
714	Non-Pro Derby	\$1,000	\$150	\$200	\$10	\$10	\$370	8 T
715	L.1 NP Derby	\$300	\$150	\$200	\$10	\$10	\$370	8 T
716	Non-Pro Hackamore	\$150	\$125	\$100	\$10	\$10	\$245	8 T
717	NP Boxing Derby	\$350	\$150	\$180	\$10	\$10	\$350	8 T
718	L.1 NP Boxing Derby	\$150	\$125	\$0	\$10	\$0	\$135	8 T

## Spectaculars / Horse Show 1 Classes

<b>Class No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Added \$</b>	<b>Entry Fee</b>	<b>Cattle/ Off</b>	<b>NRCHA/ AQ</b>	<b>Video</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Pattern No.</b>
719	Open Bridle Spectacular	\$2000	\$250	\$200	\$10	\$10	\$470	8 T
720	Open Two Rein Spec.	\$1,000	\$150	\$200	\$10	\$10	\$370	8 T
721	Open Bridle	\$750	\$150	\$100	\$10	\$10	\$270	8 T
722	Inter. Open Bridle* *Must enter Open Bridle	\$250	\$125	\$0	\$10	\$0	\$135	8 T
723	Ltd. Open Bridle	\$150	\$125	\$100	\$10	\$10	\$245	8 T



<b>Class No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Added \$</b>	<b>Entry Fee</b>	<b>Cattle/ Off</b>	<b>NRCHA/ AQ</b>	<b>Video</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Pattern No.</b>
724	Open Two Rein	\$500	\$150	\$100	\$10	\$10	\$270	8 T
257	AQHA Senior CH	\$0	\$35	\$75	\$10	\$10	\$130	8 T
739	Ultimate Top Hand Challenge *Must enter OBS or OTRS	\$4,000	\$250	\$0	\$10	\$0	\$260	8 T
725	Non-Pro Bridle Spec.	\$1,500	\$150	\$200	\$10	\$10	\$370	8 T
726	L1 NP Bridle Spec.	\$750	\$150	\$200	\$10	\$10	\$370	8 T
727	NP Two Rein Spec.	\$650	\$150	\$200	\$10	\$10	\$370	8 T
728	NP Bridle	\$500	\$150	\$100	\$10	\$10	\$270	8 T
729	Int. NP Bridle	\$200	\$125	\$100	\$10	\$10	\$245	8 T
730	L.1 NP Bridle	\$300	\$150	\$100	\$10	\$10	\$270	8 T
731	NP Two Rein	\$200	\$150	\$100	\$10	\$10	\$270	8 T
258	AQHA Amateur CH	\$0	\$35	\$75	\$10	\$10	\$130	8 T
740	NP Ultimate Top Hand Challenge *Must enter NPBS, L1NPBS, or NPTRS	\$1,000	\$250	\$0	\$10	\$0	\$260	8 T

<b>Class No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Added \$</b>	<b>Entry Fee</b>	<b>Cattle/ Off</b>	<b>NRCHA /AQ</b>	<b>Video</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Pattern No.</b>
732	Youth Bridle	\$50	\$50	\$40	\$10	\$10	\$110	8 T
260	AQ Yth Cow Horse	\$0	\$35	\$40	\$10	\$10	\$95	8 T
733	Youth Boxing	\$50	\$50	\$40	\$10	\$10	\$110	8 T

<b>Class No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Added \$</b>	<b>Entry Fee</b>	<b>Cattle/ Off</b>	<b>NRCHA /AQ</b>	<b>Video</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Pattern No.</b>
261	AQ Youth Boxing	\$0	\$35	\$40	\$10	\$10	\$95	8 T
734	NP Boxing Spec	\$1,000	\$150	\$180	\$10	\$10	\$350	8 T
735	NP Boxing	\$250	\$125	\$75	\$10	\$10	\$220	8 T
736	Int. NP. Boxing	\$JP	\$100	\$75	\$10	\$10	\$195	18 T
259	AQHA Amt. Boxing	\$0	\$35	\$75	\$10	\$10	\$130	8 T
737	Ltd NP Boxing	\$JP	\$100	\$75	\$10	\$10	\$195	8 T
738	Box Drive	\$50	\$50	\$75	\$10	\$10	\$145	8 T
741	Herd Practice/Horse		\$75					
742	Fence Practice/Horse/Day		\$60					

## Horse Show 2 Classes (Monday Only)

Class No.	Name	Added \$	Entry Fee	Cattle/ Off	NRCHA /AQ	Video	Total	Pattern No.
735	NP Boxing	\$100	\$125	\$75	\$10	\$10	\$220	11 T
736	Int. NP Boxing	\$JP	\$100	\$75	\$10	\$10	\$195	11 T
737	Ltd. NP Boxing	\$JP	\$100	\$75	\$10	\$10	\$195	11 T
733	Youth Boxing	\$JP	\$50	\$40	\$10	\$10	\$110	11 T
732	Youth Bridle	\$JP	\$50	\$40	\$10	\$10	\$110	11 T
738	Box Drive	\$JP	\$50	\$75	\$10	\$10	\$145	11 T
711	Open Hackamore	\$250	\$125	\$100	\$10	\$10	\$245	11 T
712	Int. Open Hackamore *Must enter the Open Hackamore	\$JP	\$125	\$0	\$10	\$0	\$135	11 T
713	Ltd Open Hackamore	\$JP	\$75	\$100	\$10	\$10	\$195	11 T
716	NP Hackamore	\$100	\$125	\$100	\$10	\$10	\$245	11 T
724	Open Two Rein	\$200	\$125	\$100	\$10	\$10	\$245	11 T
731	NP Two Rein	\$100	\$125	\$100	\$10	\$10	\$245	11 T
721	Open Bridle	\$500	\$150	\$100	\$10	\$10	\$270	11 T
722	Int. Open Bridle *Must enter Open Bridle	\$150	\$125	\$0	\$10	\$0	\$135	11 T
723	Ltd. Open Bridle	\$100	\$125	\$100	\$10	\$10	\$245	11 T
728	NP Bridle	\$300	\$125	\$100	\$10	\$10	\$245	11 T
729	Int. NP Bridle	\$100	\$125	\$100	\$10	\$10	\$245	11 T
730	Ltd. NP Bridle	\$100	\$125	\$100	\$10	\$10	\$245	11 T

# Event Competition Requirements and Information

## General Information

1. Each exhibitor must read and adhere to the Colorado State Fair Competition Requirements adopted by the Colorado State Fair Board of Authority (Board): 2025 General Competition Requirements, 2025 General Horse Show Competition Requirements, and the AQHA and NRCHA rules.
2. When checking in to receive back numbers, exhibitors must bring a copy of their horse papers, all membership cards, and a completed W-9 form to the office.

## Class Competition Requirements

1. Open LAE Futurity Classes - You can enter all you are eligible for but only pay one cattle/office fee and one video fee. The Level One Open Futurity will run by itself.
2. Open LAE Derby Classes - You can enter all you are eligible for **but** only pay one cattle/office fee and one video fee. The Level One Open Derby will run by itself.
3. Non-Pro LAE Futurity & Derby Classes - If cross-entering with the Non-Pro Futurity or Derby classes, only pay one cattle/office fee and one video fee.
4. Classes that run concurrently. When cross-entering, exhibitors pay the highest cattle/office fee.
5. AQHA classes—Exhibitors can only enter an AQHA class once, even though it is offered in multiple class groupings. AQHA classes are single-judged and point-only, and there are no awards for them.
6. Box Drive - To be eligible to enter this class, Non-Pro riders cannot have earned \$750 in fence work classes at any judged classes or events, with the exception of horse show classes.

## **NRCHA And AQHA General Rules**

1. Classes close at times posted, and the draw will be posted 30 minutes after the classes close. If you enter after the draw, you will go last in the Herd work, and in all other classes, you will go first. Draws will be posted on our CSF Facebook Horse Show Group Page!
2. 70% of the entry fees are paid back in Added Money classes, and 100% are paid back in jackpot classes.
3. 3 event classes and the Top Hand Challenge will pay 30% to high go-round scores and 70% to final placements.
4. You must be a member of the NRCHA for all approved classes and a member of AQHA if entering those approved classes. You can join at the show.
5. NRCHA Sliding Scale will be used for all classes.
6. Horses must be shown in order of draw unless there is a conflict with the other arena. All conflicts must inform the announcer and the back gate person beforehand.
7. Protests may be filed by NRCHA rules.
8. AQHA rules apply for all AQHA classes offered.
9. NRCHA Show Rep –Robert Smith

## **Entry Forms**

Entries are available online at <http://www.coloradostatefair.com>. These online forms can be submitted directly to the Colorado State Fair Authority Horse Show Department. No payment is necessary until the time of check-in. The entry deadline is August 15th. Late entries are accepted, but a \$50/horse charge will be applied to your bill.

## **Awards**

Open Futurity, Derby, and Ultimate Top Hand Challenge will receive Champion saddles. All three event classes and Ultimate Top Hand Challenges will receive champion and reserve champion awards. Horse Show classes and AQHA classes will receive ribbons only.

## **RV Reservations**

Call (719) 404-2023 to reserve a spot. Call early, as spots fill up fast. Do not send your camping reservation and payment to the Horse Show office.

## Practice Pen

Please sign up on your entry form if you plan to be in the Herd or Fence practice. Herd practice: each exhibitor will be given 3 minutes. Fence practice: each exhibitor will be given 4 minutes.

## \$5,000.00 Added Ultimate Top Hand Challenge (UTHC) Rules

1. All exhibitors must enter the Open or Non-Pro bridle, Spectacular, or the Open or Non-Pro Two Rein Spectacular to be eligible.
2. The Challenge will run concurrently with these classes; therefore, your score from them will be your UTHC score for the herd, rein & fence work.
3. Steer Stopping will run on Saturday after Herd Work. There will be no barrier, but a marker will designate where you can rope the steer.
4. UTHC will have a Non-Pro division and an Open division. \$4,000 added to the Open and \$1,000 added to the Non-Pro.
5. One horse, one rider, one bridle throughout the entire 4 classes. It must be legal NRCHA equipment.
6. The exhibitor with the highest score from all four events will be crowned the "Open Ultimate Top Hand Champion and Non-Pro Ultimate Top Hand Champion."
7. Awards will be given to the Open & Non-Pro Champion and Reserve Champion.
8. Open - \$250 Entry Fee and Non-Pro - \$150 Entry Fee (100% Payback)
9. The Ultimate Top Hand Challenge is an NRCHA-approved event.

## Ultimate Top Hand Challenge Sponsors



**Thank you to all our sponsors who make our events happen!**

## NRCHA Class Schedule

Thursday, August 28, 2025

Class No.	Class Name	Performance
741	Herd Practice - won't start before 1:00 p.m.	

## Friday, August 29, 2025

Herd Work Day - Settle at 7:40 am

Class No.	Class Name	Performance
700	Open Futurity	Herd Work
701	Limited Open Futurity	Herd Work
702	Level 1 Open Futurity	Herd Work
703	Non-Pro Futurity	Herd Work
704	Level 1 Non-Pro Futurity	Herd Work
705	Non-Pro Boxing Futurity	Herd Work
706	L.1 Non-Pro Boxing Futurity	Herd Work
707	Open Derby	Herd Work
708	Limited Open Derby	Herd Work
709	Level 1 Ltd Open Derby	Herd Work
710	Novice Horse Derby	Herd Work
714	Non-Pro Derby	Herd Work
715	Level 1 Non-Pro Derby	Herd Work
717	Non-Pro Boxing Derby	Herd Work
718	Level 1 Non-Pro Boxing Derby	Herd Work

<b>Class No.</b>	<b>Class Name</b>	<b>Performance</b>
719	Open Bridle Spectacular	Herd Work
739	Ultimate Top Hand Challenge	Herd Work
720	Open Two Rein Spectacular	Herd Work
739	Ultimate Top Hand Challenge	Herd Work
725	Non-Pro Bridle Spectacular	Herd Work
740	Non-Pro Ultimate Top Hand Challenge	Herd Work
726	Level 1 Non-Pro Bridle Spec.	Herd Work
740	Non-Pro Ultimate Top Hand Challenge	Herd Work
727	Non-Pro Two Rein Spec.	Herd Work
740	Non-Pro Ultimate Top Hand Challenge	Herd Work
734	Non-Pro Boxing Spectacular	Herd Work
	<b>Tear Down Cutting Pen</b>	
UTHC	Steer Stopping for the Open and Non-Pro UTHC	
742	Priority Fence Practice "Saturday Classes only"	



## Saturday, August 30, 2025

Classes Held - start time - 8:00 am

Class No.	Class Name	Performance
700	Open Futurity	Rein/Fence
701	Limited Open Futurity	Rein/Fence
702	Level 1 Open Futurity	Rein/Fence
703	Non Pro Futurity	Rein/Fence
704	Level 1 Non-Pro Futurity	Rein/Fence
705	Non-Pro Boxing Futurity	Rein/Box
706	Level 1 Non-Pro Boxing Futurity	Rein/Box
707	Open Derby	Rein/Fence
708	Limited Open Derby	Rein/Fence
709	Level 1 Ltd Open Derby	Rein/Fence
710	Novice Horse Derby	Rein/Fence
711	Open Hackamore	Rein/Fence
712	Intermediate Open Hackamore	Rein/Fence
713	Limited Open Hackamore	Rein/Fence
256	AQHA Junior Cow Horse	Rein/Fence
714	Non-Pro Derby	Rein/Fence
715	Level 1 Non-Pro Derby	Rein/Fence
716	Non-Pro Hackamore	Rein/Fence
717	Non-Pro Boxing Derby	Rein/Box
718	Level 1 Non-Pro Boxing Derby	Rein/Box
742	Fence Practice	

## Sunday, August 31, 2025

Start Time - 8:00 am

Class No.	Class Name	Performance
719	Open Bridle Spectacular	Rein/Fence
739	Open Ultimate Top Hand Challenge (Bridle horses only)	Rein/Fence
721	Open Bridle	Rein/Fence
722	Intermediate. Open Bridle*	Rein/Fence
723	Limited Open Bridle	Rein/Fence
257	AQHA Sr Cow Horse	Rein/Fence
720	Open Two Rein Spectacular	Rein/Fence
739	Open Ultimate Top Hand Challenge (two rein horses only)	Rein/Fence
724	Open Two Rein	Rein/Fence
257	AQHA Sr Cow Horse*enter if in two rein gear	Rein/Fence
725	Non-Pro Bridle Spectacular	Rein/Fence
726	Level 1 Non-Pro Bridle Spectacular	Rein/Fence
740	Non-Pro Ultimate Top Hand Challenge	Rein/Fence
728	Non-Pro Bridle	Rein/Fence
729	Intermediate Non-Pro Bridle	Rein/Fence
730	Level 1 Non-Pro Bridle	Rein/Fence
258	AQHA Amateur Cow Horse	Rein/Fence
727	Non-Pro Two Rein Spec.	Rein/Fence
740	Non-Pro Ultimate Top Hand Challenge (two rein horses only)	Rein/Fence
731	Non-Pro Two Rein	Rein/Fence
258	AQHA Amateur Cow Horse*enter if in two rein gear	Rein/Fence
732	Youth Cow Horse	Rein/Fence
260	AQHA Youth Cow Horse	Rein/Fence
733	Youth Boxing	Rein/Box
261	AQHA Youth Boxing	Rein/Box
738	Box Drive	Rein/Box/Drive
742	Fence Practice	

## Monday, September 1, 2025 - Horse Show 2

Start Time - 8:00 am

Class No.	Class Name	Performance
735	NP Boxing	Rein/Box
736	Int. NP Boxing	Rein/Box
737	Ltd NP Boxing	Rein/Box
733	Youth Boxing	Rein/Box
732	Youth Bridle	Rein/Fence
738	Box Drive	Rein/Box/Drive
711	Open Hackamore	Rein/Fence
712	Int. Open Hackamore* Must enter the Open Hackamore	Rein/Fence
713	Ltd Open Hackamore	Rein/Fence
716	NP Hackamore	Rein/Fence
724	Open Two Rein	Rein/Fence
731	NP Two Rein	Rein/Fence
721	Open Bridle	Rein/Fence
722	Int. Open Bridle* Must enter the Open Bridle	Rein/Fence
723	Ltd. Open Bridle	Rein/Fence
728	NP Bridle	Rein/Fence
729	Int. NP Bridle	Rein/Fence
730	Ltd NP Bridle	Rein/Fence

## Thursday, August 28, 2025 - Closing Times

- Herd Practice will close at 1:00 p.m.
- Classes that close by 5:00 p.m.

Class No.	Class Name
700	Open Futurity
701	Limited Open Futurity
702	Level 1 Open Futurity
703	Non-Pro Futurity
704	Level 1 Non-Pro Futurity
707	Open Derby
708	Limited Open Derby
709	Level 1 Ltd Open Derby
710	Novice Horse Derby
711	Open Hackamore
712	Intermediate Open Hackamore
713	Limited Open Hackamore
256	AQHA Junior Cow Horse
714	Non-Pro Derby
715	Level 1 Non-Pro Derby
716	Non-Pro Hackamore
717	Non-Pro Boxing Derby
718	Level 1 Non-Pro Boxing Derby
719	Open Bridle Spectacular
720	Open Two Rein Spectacular
739	Open Ultimate Top Hand Challenge
740	Non-Pro Ultimate Top Hand Challenge
725	Non-Pro Bridle Spectacular
726	Level 1 Non-Pro Bridle Spectacular
727	Non-Pro Two Rein Spectacular
734	Non-Pro Boxing Spectacular
741	Herd Practice - closes at 1:00 p.m.

## Friday, August 29, 2025 - Closing Times

Classes that close by 5:00 p.m.

Class No.	Class Name
700	Open Futurity
701	Limited Open Futurity
702	Level 1 Open Futurity
703	Non-Pro Futurity
704	Level 1 Non-Pro Futurity
705	Non-Pro Boxing Futurity
706	Level 1 Non-Pro Boxing Futurity
707	Open Derby
708	Limited Open Derby
709	Level 1 Limited Open Derby
710	Novice Horse Derby
711	Open Hackamore
712	Intermediate Open Hackamore
713	Limited Open Hackamore
256	AQHA Junior Cowhorse
714	Non-Pro Derby
715	Level 1 Non-Pro Derby
716	NP Hackamore
717	Non-Pro Boxing Derby
718	Level 1 Non-Pro Boxing Derby
742	Priority Fence Practice "Saturday Classes only"

## Saturday, August 31, 2024 - Closing Times

Classes that close by 5:00 p.m.

Class No.	Event Name
721	Open Bridle
722	Intermediate Open Bridle
723	Limited Open Bridle
257	AQHA Sr Cowhorse *Bridle horses only
724	Open Two Rein
257	AQHA Sr Cowhorse *Two rein horses only
728	Non-Pro Bridle
729	Intermediate Non-Pro Bridle
730	Level 1 Non-Pro Bridle
258	AQHA Amateur Cow Horse *Bridle horses only
731	Non-Pro Two Rein
258	AQHA Amateur Cow Horse *Two rein horses only
732	Youth Cow Horse
260	AQHA Youth Cow Horse
733	Youth Boxing
260	AQHA Youth Boxing
738	Box Drive
742	Priority Fence Practice "Sunday Classes only"

## Sunday, August 31, 2025 - Closing Times

Classes that close by 5:00 p.m.

Class No.	Event Name
735	Non-Pro Boxing
736	Intermediate Non-Pro Boxing
737	Ltd. Non-Pro Boxing
733	Youth Boxing
732	Youth Bridle
738	Box Drive
711	Open Hackamore
712	Int. Open Hackamore *Must enter Open Hackamore
713	Ltd Open Hackamore
716	Non-Pro Hackamore
724	Open Two Rein
731	Non-Pro Two Rein
721	Open Bridle
722	Int. Open Bridle *Must enter Open bridle
723	Ltd Open Bridle
728	Non-Pro Bridle
729	Int. Non-Pro Bridle
730	Ltd. Non-Pro Bridle

# Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition

## Draft and Mule Challenge Competition 2025

**Date:** August 29, 2025

### Show Management

Role	Contact
Director of Agriculture & Competitive Exhibits	Amber Henker Phone Number: (719) 404-2060 Email: <a href="mailto:amber.henker@state.co.us">amber.henker@state.co.us</a>
Horse Show Coordinator	Lindsay Wadhams Phone Number: (719) 439-7255 Email: <a href="mailto:lindsay.wadhams@state.co.us">lindsay.wadhams@state.co.us</a>
Event Secretary	Theresa Martinez
Event Show Superintendent(s)	Matt Carmichael

### Judges

Classes	Judges
Draft and Mule Challenge Events	Matt Carmichael

### Important Dates

Event	Date and Time
Entry Deadline	August 29, 2025 at  12:00 p.m.



Event	Date and Time
Arrival Deadline	August 29, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
Release Date(s)	August 30, 2024 at Following Event

## Class Fee Schedule

Fee	Cost
Class Entry Fee (Per Class)	\$25.00
Office Fee (Per Owner)	\$10.00

## Stalling Fees

Stall	Cost
Fair Time Horse Stall Fee (Per Stall)	Free
Fair Time Tack Stall Fee (Per Stall)	Free

## **General Information**

1. Each exhibitor is expected to read and adhere to the following Colorado State Fair Competition Requirements as adopted by the Colorado State Fair Board of Authority (Board): 2025 General Competition Requirements, 2025 General Horse Show Competition Requirements, 2025 Draft and Mule Challenge Competition Requirements.
2. All breeds of recognized draft horses and mules, grade or registered, are eligible to compete.
3. All entries are subject to a veterinarian examination and testing for the use of stimulants and/or drugs during and following the competition. Any horse or team showing evidence of non-approved drugs will be disqualified, and all awards and premiums will be forfeited.

## **Entry Information**

1. Entries are available online at [www.coloradostatefair.com](http://www.coloradostatefair.com). All entries are fillable online forms that can be directly emailed to the horse show office, or you can print the forms and mail them in.
2. Exhibitors can enter when they arrive but must be entered by 12:00 p.m. on August 29, 2025.
3. No payment is required until check-in.

## **Awards and Premiums**

1. High Point & Reserve High Point Belt Buckles will be given to the Champion and Reserve Champion winners.
2. \$1,500 in premium monies added.
3. Premium monies will be paid out to the individual classes and to the winners. Team classes will have a higher payout than a single class. 60% of the entry fee will be jackpotted per class, and 40% of the added money will be paid in the individual classes. The remaining 60% of the added money will be paid in the overall placings. The overall will pay 5 places using the following scale: (31%,25%,19%,15%,10%). The class payout scale will depend on the number of entries per class.

## Draft and Mule Challenge Event Schedule

**Friday, August 29, 2025**

Start Time: 1:00 p.m.

<b>Class #</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Arena</b>
1	Barrels	1:30 p.m.	Covered Arena
2	Poles	Following Class 1	Covered Arena
3	Farm Team on Rail	Following Class 2	Covered Arena
4	Farm Team Obstacle	Following Class 3	Covered Arena
5	Single Obstacle	Following Class 4	Covered Arena
6	Feed Team Race	Following Class 5	Covered Arena
7	Team Log Skid	Following Class 6	Covered Arena
8	Single Log Skid	Following Class 7	Covered Arena

# Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition

## NRHA Youth Freestyle Event 2025

Date: August 31, 2025

### Show Management

Role	Contact
Director of Agriculture & Competitive Exhibits	Amber Henker Phone Number: (719) 404-2060 Email: <a href="mailto:amber.henker@state.co.us">amber.henker@state.co.us</a>
Horse Show Coordinator	Lindsay Wadhams Phone Number: (719) 439-7255 Email: <a href="mailto:lindsay.wadhams@state.co.us">lindsay.wadhams@state.co.us</a>
Event Secretary	Debbie Drinko
Event Show Representative	Dori Schwartzenberger Steve Schwartzenberger

### Judges

Classes	Judges
NRHA Event	Dori Schwartzenberger

## Important Dates

Event	Date and Time
Entries Open	June 13, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
Entries Close	Entries will close as soon as CSF receives 12 entries.
Stall Reservation Deadline	August 15, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.
Early Arrival	August 29, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.
Arrival Deadline	August 31, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.
Release Date(s)	September 1, 2024, or Following Event

## General Fee Schedule

Fee	Cost
Office Fee (Per Horse)	\$20.00
AQHA Admin Fee (Per Horse)	\$20.00
NRHA Drug Fee (Per Horse)	\$10.00
Video Fee (Per Class)	\$10.00
RMQHA Fee (Per Entry) AQHA only	\$2.00

## Stalling Fees

Stall	Fee
Fair Time Horse Stall Feel (Per Stall)	\$30.00
Fair Time Tack Stall Fee (Per Stall)	\$30.00

## Class Fee Schedule

Fee	Cost
Paid Practice (per horse)	\$20.00

## NRHA Horse Show Classes

Please refer to the Entry Form for a breakdown of Entry Fees and Added Money.

\$2,500 Added to NRHA Youth Freestyle Event

## General Information

1. Each exhibitor must read and adhere to the Colorado State Fair Competition Requirements adopted by the Colorado State Fair Board of Authority (Board): 2025 General Competition Requirements, 2025 General Horse Show Competition Requirements, and 2025 NRHA Event Competition Requirements.
2. Each exhibitor must read and adhere to the 2025 NRHA Handbook: Rules, Regulations, and Judges Guide.

## Entry Information

1. Entries are available online at [www.coloradostatefair.com](http://www.coloradostatefair.com). All entries are online forms that can be directly emailed to the horse show office. No payment is required until check-in.
2. Paid Practices: The paid practices will be by sign up only. Each exhibitor will get 4 minutes. Exhibitors can enter multiple times on the same horse or on multiple horses. Each horse/rider will be charged for every practice work they sign up for. .
3. Youth Freestyle Class: Entries for the Youth Freestyle Competition are limited to 12 competitors and two alternates. The entry process will open June 13, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. via the Youth Freestyle page at [www.coloradostatefair.com](http://www.coloradostatefair.com). The entry portal will close as soon as 12 contestants and two alternates complete the online entry process.
4. No payment is necessary until check-in.

## **Stalling Information**

1. All stalls must be reserved online by August 15, 2025, using the 2025 Online Stall Reservation Form at [www.coloradostatefair.com](http://www.coloradostatefair.com).
2. If received after August 15, 2025, the CSF will charge a \$50.00 late fee per owner.
3. No payment is necessary until check-in.

## **NRHA Rules**

1. This event will adhere to and follow the following NRHA rules:
  - a. Draws will be posted each night on the bulletin board outside the office and on the CSF Horse Show Updates group page on Facebook.
  - b. Entry fees for classes scratched after the class closing time will not be refunded!
  - c. At check-in, exhibitors must provide copies of all current membership cards and Horse Licenses at the show office.
  - d. All NRHA 2025 rules apply, and all classes will be paid back on schedule A.
  - e. CSF accepts payment through credit card, money order, check, or cash.
  - f. Refer to the daily schedule for start times each day and the class list

## **Awards and Premiums**

1. The Youth Freestyle Champion will receive an NRHA Bronze trophy, custom buckle, and Champion Ribbon. The Reserve Champion will receive a custom reserve buckle and Reserve Ribbon. Third through 12th will receive ribbons and goody bags.

## NRHA Event Schedule

### August 30-31, 2025

8:00 a.m. Start Time

Class #	Name	
700	Paid Practice August 30, 2025	
701	Paid Practice August 31, 2025	

Youth Freestyle Practice will begin shortly after the last class.

### August 31, 2025

6:00 p.m. Start Time

Class #	Name	
820	\$2,500 Added Youth Freestyle	