

Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition

2026 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 2026 General Competition Requirements, the 2026 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 Monday, June 1, 2026, and will close as set forth below:

1. 4-H Horse Show: Pre-entries will close on Saturday, August 1, 2026. All entries must be completed through the online entry portal. Online entries must be completed by 11:59 p.m. August 1, 2026, to be considered on time.
2. 4-H Late Entries: The Authority will accept 4-H late entries from August 2 - 8, 2026, 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, 2026.
4. All Other Horse Shows Late Entries: The Authority will accept late entries from August 16, 2026, 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, 2026, deadline. If adding classes to a pre-entered horse no late fee will be charged. The online entry portal will close on August 25, 2026. 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 cda_csf_horse_show@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, 2026; and all other horse shows: August 15, 2026
- 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 <https://coloradostatefair.com/horse-show/> 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

- The official Colorado State Fair Feed & Bedding Concessionaire contract is pending. Provider details and pre-order instructions will be posted at a later date.

Vet Out

- For any vet out, i.e., removal of an animal from competition because of a veterinary directive, received after August 26, 2025, exhibitors will only have entry fees returned.
- For vet-outs before August 26, 2026, 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 31st of the same year to claim checks returned to Show Management.
- No replacement checks will be issued after December 31st of the current year.

Refunds

Entry fees are non-refundable.

Horse Show Office

The Horse Show Office will open on August 26, 2026, for 4-H check-in. Starting August 27, 2026, 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 and our Facebook group page, "Colorado State Fair Horse Show Updates."

Arrival and Release

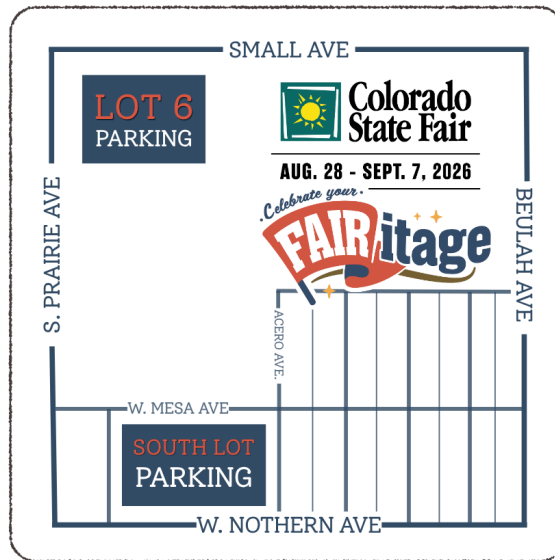
- Arrival and release times are listed on individual premium pages for each show. Exhibitors must check this schedule carefully, as horses will be admitted on grounds only at these scheduled times.
- Upon arrival, all horses will come through Gate 7 for health inspections.
- Exhibitors must obtain a 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.

2026 CSF PARKING



LOT 6 PARKING | \$20/DAILY

Located west of the Horse Show Grounds on Fair Grounds

S. LOT PARKING | \$45/SEASONALLY

Located South of Fair Grounds off Grounds

Parking reservations are available on CSF Entry forms

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 27, 2026, 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.

South Lot Season Parking Permits:

- Permits are \$45 each (good for 11 days of the State Fair) and do not include gate admission.
- The South lot is located on Mesa Ave. on the South side of 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>