



2022-23 Galveston County 4-H Horse Show Rules & Regulations

Galveston County. 4-H Horse Show & Clinic Dates

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County 4-H Point Horse Shows

Show #1

- **Entry deadline for 4-H Classes:** October 10, 2022
 - Late entries accepted until October 12 at extra cost
- **Entry deadline for Open:** day of
- **Friday, October 21, 2022:** Speed Division
- **Saturday, October 22, 2022:** Halter, Hunter Flat, Judged Western, & Ranch Riding Divisions

Show #2

- **Entry deadline for 4-H Classes:** November 15, 2022
 - Late entries accepted until November 17 at extra cost
- **Entry deadline for Open:** day of
- **Friday, December 9, 2022:** Speed Division
- **Saturday, December 10, 2022:** Halter, Hunter Flat, Judged Western, & Ranch Riding Divisions

Show #3

- **Entry deadline for 4-H Classes:** April 27, 2023
 - Late entries accepted until February May 2 at extra cost
- **Entry deadline for Open:** day of
- **Friday, May 12, 2023:** Speed Division
- **Saturday, May 13, 2023:** Halter, Hunter Flat, Judged Western, & Ranch Riding Divisions

PLEASE STUDY THIS INFORMATION CAREFULLY

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

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

2. The Galveston County 4-H Horse Shows will be conducted according to the official rules of the latest edition of the *Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations*, plus additional stipulations outlined here. It is the responsibility of the 4-H member and their parents to become familiar with the rules and to abide by them. Exceptions for attire are noted below.
 - a) 4-Hers at competitive shows must adhere to State Rules for attire. ***EXCEPTION: 4-Hers may wear English attire for all halter and showmanship classes at Galveston County Shows.***
 - b) 4-Hers at non-competitive events AND Open riders at all events, attire is casual but must be 4-H appropriate. However, boots with a definitive heel must be worn.
 - c) Although not required, unless otherwise stated, the use of helmets for all riders is strongly recommended.
3. **Ownership Requirements (for Galveston County horse shows):** Riders are not required to own any horse used for participation at the Galveston County 4-H Horse Shows. See ownership and validation requirements if you plan on participating in District or State 4-H Horse Show.
4. **Validation Requirements (per State rules):** Each horse that is to be entered in the ***District and/or State 4-H Horse Shows*** (including any possible substitution horses and futurity projects) must meet the validation requirements set forth in the *Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules & Regulations*.
5. **Each contestant may enter one OR more horses in each Division; however, a horse CANNOT be entered or shown in an individual class more than once.**
 - a) **For select Open and/or Jackpot classes**, riders may enter the same class multiple times on *different* horses. No limit on the number of horses a rider may show in an individual class. A horse CANNOT be entered or shown in an individual class more than once. See class list for more info.
6. **EIA Test:** Contestant must provide proof of a negative test for EIA (Coggins Test), conducted within the past 12 months, to participate in the County, District and State 4-H Horse Shows.
7. **Age Requirements: All participants (adult and youth) must be at least 8 years old (and in 3rd grade) by Aug. 31 of current 4-H year.**
8. **Entry Forms:** Entries will be submitted per instructions from the Galveston County Extension Office.
9. **Entry Fees:** Fees are due with entry.
 - a) **Office fee:** \$10.00 per rider (non-refundable)
 - b) **4-H Classes for Galveston County 4-H members:**

- i) \$10.00 per class (\$12.00/class for late entries)
- ii) \$70.00 all-show fee per rider (\$90.00/rider for late entries), which includes **all** 4-H classes, regardless of day they are held, **does not include open/jackpot classes**
- c) **Open Classes for adult and youth participants**
 - i) \$12.00 per class
 - ii) \$70.00 limited-access fee per rider, which includes **up to 7 Open (non-speed) classes, does not include jackpot classes**
 - iii) \$120.00 all-access fee per rider, which includes **unlimited number of Open (non-speed) classes, does not include jackpot classes**
 - iv) \$15 nomination fee for Open Daily High Point
- d) **Open Jackpot Classes:** \$15.00 per class for adult and youth participants.
 - i) Minimum payout for all jackpot classes: 1st - \$15, 2nd - \$10, 3rd - \$5
 - ii) If 6 or more entries – 80% payout (1st – 50%, 2nd – 30%, 3rd – 20%)
- e) **Refunds:** will be given up to day of show, excluding \$10.00 non-refundable office fee.
- 10. **Entry Deadlines for 4-H Classes:** Entry forms AND payment must be received by the County Extension Office by deadlines on page 1. *Entry form will be used to verify **academic eligibility** for Galveston County 4-H participants*
- 11. **Academic Eligibility:** Academic eligibility **will be verified by the Extension Office staff only** for all Galveston County 4-H Point Show contestants, in accordance with UIL policies. Ineligible contestants will not be permitted to compete in 4-H classes but may still participate in Open classes if available.
- 12. **Division & Class Listing:** The Galveston County 4-H Point/Open Horse Shows will offer all of the following classes. **The Show Coordinator(s) reserves the right to cancel, limit, split, or combine classes.**
 - a) **4-H Classes:** Point classes, entry counts toward qualification for eligibility for High Point awards.
 - i) **For Speed and Judged Western Divisions,** 4-H members compete in ONE of the following:
 - o **Senior:** not novice, grades 9, 10, 11, and 12
 - o **Junior/Intermediate:** not novice, grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8
 - o **Novice:** A rider with less than 2 years riding experience, **who is comfortable and in control** at the walk and/or trot but has limited experience or comfort trotting and/or cantering and/or loping (grades 3-12). Must compete in Novice for both Judged Western and Speed if participating in both Divisions. Riders will automatically advance to their respective age division when: 1) they have participated in the Novice Division for 2 years, or, 2) have participated in District 4-H and/or State 4-H Horse Shows. No buckles awarded to Novice Division. Riders may choose to advance to their respective age division during the 4-H year, but, points will not transfer between Divisions.
 - b) **Open Classes:** Classes open to any adult or youth (see age requirements) interested in participating, regardless of affiliation with 4-H or the Galveston County Extension Office.

4-H SPEED DIVISION (Ribbons 1st- 6th)

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

OR

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

OR

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

4-H HALTER MARE DIVISION (Ribbons 1st- 6th)

4-H Halter Mares

4-H HALTER GELDING DIVISION (Ribbons 1st- 6th)

4-H Halter Geldings

4-H JUDGED WESTERN DIVISION (Ribbons 1st- 6th)*

Showmanship (4-H Senior)
Western Pleasure Walk/Trot (a) (4-H Senior)
Western Pleasure (b) (4-H Senior)
Western Horsemanship (4-H Senior)
Western Trail (4-H Senior)

OR

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

OR

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

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

OPEN SPEED DIVISION (Ribbons 1st- 6th)

Barrel Racing (Open)[§]
Straight Away Barrels (Open)[§]
Pole Bending (Open)[§]

JACKPOT SPEED DIVISION (No ribbons)

Jackpot Barrel Racing (Open)[§]
Jackpot Straight Away Barrels (Open)[§]
Jackpot Pole Bending (Open)[§]

JACKPOT RANCHING RIDING DIVISION (No ribbons)^{§§}

Jackpot Ranch Rail Walk/Trot (judged called)
Jackpot Ranch Rail (judged called)
Jackpot Ranch Horse Pleasure Walk/Trot[§]
Jackpot Ranch Horse Pleasure[§]
Jackpot Ranch Riding Walk/Trot[§]
Jackpot Ranch Riding[§]

OPEN PERFORMANCE DIVISION (Ribbons 1st- 6th)

Hunter Under Saddle Walk/Trot
Hunter Under Saddle
Hunt Seat Equitation Walk/Trot[§]
Hunt Seat Equitation[§]
Halter Mares
Halter Geldings
Halter Miniature & Pony
Showmanship[§]
Western Pleasure Walk/Trot
Western Pleasure
Western Horsemanship Walk/Trot[§]
Western Horsemanship[§]
Western Trail Walk/Trot[§]
Western Trail[§]

[§] Same rider may enter multiple times, on different horses.

^{§§} Refer to cchohsa.com/docs/rulebook2022.pdf for rules

13. **Two minute rule:** All riders must be through the gate and into arena within two minutes of first call or rider will be disqualified.
14. During speed events, the gate will remain open. Riders may notify show management if they wish the gate to be closed.
15. No alcohol or illegal drugs allowed at 4-H functions.
16. **Scoring:** Per State guidelines, point System C will be used to score all classes and will be calculated through 10th place.

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

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

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Jennifer	1	10
Barbara	2	9
David	3	8
John	4	7
Michael	5	6
James	6	5
Linda	7	4
Jane	8	3
Mary	DQ	zero
Richard	DQ	zero
Susan	DQ	zero

Rider	Place	Point
Jennifer	1	9
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Michael	5	5
James	6	4
Linda	7	3
Jane	8	2
Mary	DQ	zero
Richard	scratched	n/a
Susan	scratched	n/a

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

- i) Individual Class Placings: In the case of a tie in timed or scored classes, ties will be broken by the fastest time or highest score within the Division.
- ii) High Points: In the case of a tie for High Points, ties will be broken in following order:
 - Placing in greater number of classes within the Division (e.g., across all shows, exhibitor placing in 10 classes ranks higher than exhibitor placing in 9 classes);
 - Greater number of horses placed over in all classes within the division (e.g., across all shows, exhibitor placing over 12 horses ranks higher than exhibitor placing over 7 horses, regardless of actual placing).
 - If a tie still exists, ties will be broken by the number of 1st places, 2nd places, 3rd places within the Division.

17. Show Awards

- a) Ribbons for 1st – 6th place will be given at the Point Shows for 4-H and Open (non-jackpot) classes
- b) Jackpots will be paid out at conclusion of show

- c) Open Performance High Point Awards.
 - i) All points will be awarded to the rider
 - ii) Must pay nomination fee and declare HP division at registration
 - iii) Can only nominate for 1 division (but can show in other classes)
 - iv) Must participate in Halter (no points) and 3 performance Classes (any English, Showmanship, and Judged Western classes)
 - v) Contestants that are disqualified from a class will receive participation credit for the class, thus allowing contestant to retain eligibility for High Point awards. Awards will be given for each Division
 - o Walk/Trot
 - o Walk/Trot/Lope
 - vi) Jackpot Ranch and Speed Classes are not included in Open High Point

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

- a) **4-H Yearling Award** - The Horse Show Committee will select one 4-H member who participated in the Galveston County 4-H Horse Show(s) for the first time to receive a "Yearling" award.
- b) **4-H High Point Awards** - Within a Division, **all points will be awarded to the rider.** Contestants may compete for High Point in each Division. To qualify, contestants must compete in 2 of the 3 Point Shows (within the same Division). Contestants that are disqualified from a class for any reason (DQ by judge, unruly/dangerous behavior of the horse, etc.) will receive participation credit for the class, thus allowing contestant to retain eligibility for High Point awards. Awards will be given for each Division
 - i) Halter Mare
 - ii) Halter Gelding
 - iii) Judged Western (separate prizes awarded for Senior, Junior/Intermediate, and Novice groups). *No buckles awarded to Novice Division.*
 - iv) Speed (separate prizes awarded for Senior, Junior/Intermediate, and Novice groups). *No buckles awarded to Novice Division.*
- c) **The number of High Point prizes given will be determined in the following manner:**
 - i) Prizes awarded to half of the average number of participants within a Division (calculated per instructions below). Maximum of 6 prizes awarded.
 - ii) Within a Division, calculate the average number of participants across all point shows for the current 4-H year. Divide by 2. Round to nearest whole number. Example below

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

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