



4-H and Open Youth Model Horse Show

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Chairperson: Ellery Krause
Friday, August 9th - 10:00 a.m.
4-H Activities Building

The Howard County Fair 4-H and Open Youth Model Horse Show is a show where participants enter his/her model horse/horses to be exhibited and judged. The show is an educational event, entailing the collecting and showing of model horses. This hobby inspires exhibitors to pursue perfection, authenticity, and creativity.

Awards sponsored by: The Parsons Family and The Troppman Family

Premiums: 5.00 Participation Premium per exhibitor

Awards: Placing ribbons; Champion and Reserve Champion Ribbons (Clovers will receive participation ribbons only)

1. Entries will be accepted between 9:00 a.m and 9:45 a.m to allow time for youth to organize and prepare their entries.
2. The show will begin at 10:00 a.m.
3. Entries are open to youth (4-H and non 4-H youth) ages 5-18 (as of January 1, 2024).
4. There will be 4 age divisions based on age as of January 1, 2023: Clovers (5-7); Juniors (8-10); Intermediates (11-13); Seniors (14-18). Classes may be combined based upon the number of entrants.
5. 4-H members **do not need** to be carrying the horse project in order to participate.
6. Any brand of manufactured model horse can be exhibited.
7. A single model may be shown in one breed class. It may show in more than one performance and/or fun class.
8. Each youth may enter up to two models in each class, and therefore, may have two different entries placed in a class.
9. Each model must have an entry tag fastened to a hind leg that cannot be easily removed. The back of the tag will provide the Exhibitor Number. Tags with the exhibitor number will be provided on the day of the show by the Show Management. Entries without tags will not be judged.

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10. Intermediate and senior entrants must also identify the exhibited horse's breed. Tags to use for horse breed identification will be provided on the day of the show by the Show Management. Entries without breed identification or with incorrect identification will still be judged; however, correct breed identification will affect the judge's decision.
11. It is expected that the exhibitor (owner of the model) will be available to manage the model and to take it to the judging table. Adults are not permitted to assist in the setting-up of the horses.
12. There will be no talking to the judge while he/she is judging a class.
13. Once a class has started, only the judge and the ringmaster may be in the ring area.
14. The judge's decision is FINAL.
15. Please keep the noise level down during the show to hear announcements of classes.
16. Keep your area neat, clean, and free of any boxes or large items. Please clean up your area when the show is over.

Model Horse Show Class List

Division I – Breeds

Does your horse represent their breed in conformation, color, sex typing, and markings? In this division, the horse will be judged on breed qualities. Mares, stallions, geldings, and yearling are permitted in this division. No halters, bridles, or tack allowed, unless molded on.

1. Light Breeds (Arabian, Part-Arbian, Morgan, etc.)
2. Gaited/Spanish Breeds (Saddlebred, Tennessee Walker, Paso Fino, Andalusian, etc.)
3. Stock Horse (Quarter Horse, Appaloosa, Paint, Mustang)
4. Sport (Thoroughbred, Warmblood, Sport Horse, etc.)
5. Draft Breeds/Longears/Other (Haflinger, Fjord, Clydesdale, Percheron, Mules, Donkeys)
6. Ponies (American, Welsh, British, minis)

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Division II – Performance Classes

In this division, the horse is presented in a scenario that depicts a real horse event. Entries will be judged on gait, condition, proper tack, obstacle and presentation. Tack is required, but rider is optional.

1. English Performance – Cross country, dressage, stadium, pleasure, hunter
2. Western Performance – Barrel racing, roping, cutting, rodeo, pleasure
3. Trail – English or Western – Natural or arena obstacle required with horse. (Example: for opening a gate, you must have a gate and the horse must be placed in the correct position to open the gate.)
4. Do It Yourself Performance – All tack and props must be handmade by the exhibitor.
5. Other Performance - Harness, jousting, etc.

Division III –Fun Classes

Have fun with your model horse! Show your models in a fun way: dress them up in costume, show their spiritedness, or show your other farm animals. You can even show your plush horses.

Entries will be judged on presentation and originality.

1. Mare and Foal
2. Costume – Judged on presentation and originality. Rider optional, but must be costumed appropriately if used. Please provide a 3x5 card with a sentence or two describing your theme.
3. Fantasy – Pegasus, Unicorn, “Decorator” models
4. Paint Your Own Model Horse – Show your custom created model horse that you previously created using your own model horse embellished with paint. Other customizations can be included such as customized mail and tail detailing. Rider optional. Judged on presentation and originality.

Division IV – Horse Management

This class is judged on how you manage various aspects of your model horse facility. Bring your barns and be creative!

1. Best Barn

University programs, activities, and facilities are available to all without regard to race, color, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, age, national origin, political affiliation, physical or mental disability, religion, protected veteran status, genetic information, personal appearance, or any other legally protected class.