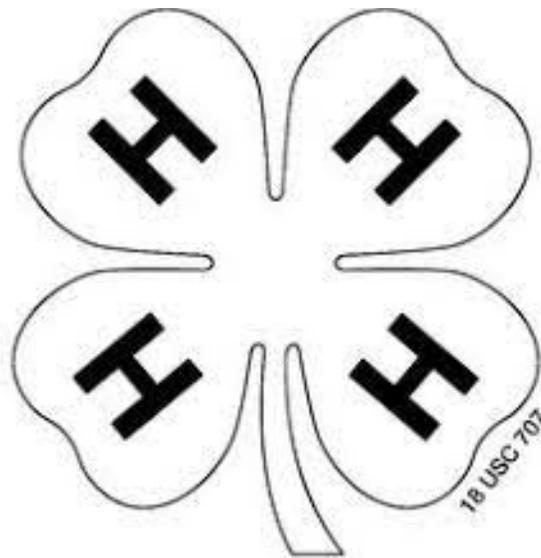


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Union County Horse Program Events

First Monday of the Month	7:00 pm	Horse Council Meeting: Union County OSUE or Zoom
March 1st		Membership Enrollment Deadline for Returning Members: Online
April 1st		Membership Enrollment Deadline for New Members: Online
May 1st	4:00 pm	Horse Identification Card Due: The Union County OSUE
May 1st		The Equine Safety, Training, and Education Program (EquiStep) Due: Online
April 20th	9:00 am	4-H Educational Horse Show: Union County Fairgrounds
June 15th	9:00 am	4-H Educational Horse Show: Union County Fairgrounds
June 16th	9:00 am	PAS Show: Union County Fairgrounds
July 19th	6:30 pm	Equine Orientation/Skill-a-thon (Union Co & Richwood Fairs) Ambassador Interviews following Skill-a-thon
July 19th - 20th	12 pm	Horses moved into Union County Fairgrounds by 3:00 pm Saturday for Vet Check
July 21st - 27th		Union County Fair
August 11th		4-H Educational Horse Show: Richwood County Fairgrounds
August 28th - Sept 2nd		Richwood Independent Fair

Union County Horse Program Web Resources

The Union County 4-H Horse Program has a web page that will be continually updated throughout the year with county and state horse 4-H information, as well as additional information to aid you with your 4-H Horse Project.

The website is: <http://union.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/horse-program>

Additional information about other 4-H programs is also available on the web:

- Union County 4-H web page: www.union.osu.edu
- **Show bills can be found on the Union County 4-H web page.
- The Union County Fair Board website: www.ohiounioncountyfair.org
- The Richwood Independent Fair website: <https://richwoodfair.com>
- The Ohio 4-H Horse Program State website:
<http://www.ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/horse/>
- Ohio 4-H Horse Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/UnionCounty4HHorseProgram>

The Union County Ohio State University Extension Office is located at the Union County Agricultural Center, 18000 State Route 4, Suite E, Marysville. The office is open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. The phone number is 937.644.8117 for Union County Residents or toll-free at 800.589.8584.

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Union County Horse Program Rules

1. The Union County Horse Program uses the Union County Uniform Rules along with the Ohio State University Extension "Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows". The County Rules supersede all State Rules when specifically addressed in the County Uniform Rules; all other State Rules will be followed as found in the State Uniform Rules. Both are available at the OSU Extension Office in Marysville. The Union County 4-H Horse Council carries accident insurance through American Income Life. Insurance covers each 4-H member in good standing while they are participating in 4-H activities throughout the year.
2. A 4-H member must belong to a horse club to take a horse project, except for projects #173 Horseless Horse and #187 Roping.
3. Each club must conduct a minimum of eight (8) meetings annually. Members and advisors are required to attend five (5) meetings and four (4) practice rides with each project horse they will exhibit at the fair prior to the fair attended (Ohio State Fair, Union County Fair or Richwood Fair). Horses used as additional and shared projects must also attend four (4) practice rides to be eligible to exhibit at the fair. Practice rides must be conducted prior to the fair to be eligible to exhibit a horse at the fair. Anyone not fulfilling these requirements will not be able to exhibit a horse at the respective fair. To participate in a county State Qualifying Show (Performance Against Standards Show), the youth must be a member in good standing with their club.
4. The deadline for membership enrollment and a signed permission to participate in 4-H Horse Activities disclosures and release of claims forms will be March 1st (April 1st for new members). The horse project identification card, due to the Union County Extension Office before 4:00pm on May 1st, will be accompanied by TWO colored pictures: one of each side of the project animal (four legs and face must be shown in both pictures). A 4-H member can turn in a MAXIMUM of three (3) horse project identification cards (one card for a first project animal, one card for an Additional/ Shared project, and one card for a Dressage project (one card for a traditional and/or Western Dressage Project); however, only two (2) project animals may be exhibited at the county fair. Fair entries must be entered into Fairentry.com by June 18, 2024 for the Union County Fair and Fair entry cards by August 1, 2024 for the Richwood Independent Fair.
5. If the individual member does not get his/her Project Identification Card with TWO acceptable pictures and Body Condition Score (BCS)* statement signed by a licensed veterinarian by the May 1st deadline, THEN a ONE time (per lifetime membership) Late Agreement/Late Wavier must be submitted with the Horse Project Identification Card with TWO acceptable pictures and veterinarian signed BCS statement to the Union County Extension Office before 4:00pm on June 1st. Failure to complete this requirement will render the youth member ineligible for exhibiting a horse at the Union County Fair, Richwood Independent Fair or PAS shows for that year.

* The Henneke horse body condition scoring system will be utilized. "It is a standardized system that can be used across all breeds without specialized equipment; condition is assessed visually and by palpation. Scores range from 1 to 9 with one being poor and nine being extremely fat; the ideal range for most horses is from 4 to 6." No horse with a BCS, as determined by a licensed veterinarian, of less than 4/9 will be permitted to be exhibited at either fair.

A body conditioning score of 4 or greater is required to be eligible to exhibit your project horse. The score must be submitted on the Horse Project Identification Form. In the event the score does not meet the requirements as stated above, you should still submit your Horse Identification Form and pictures by the deadlines as stated above. You may then resubmit an acceptable verified score later per the schedule below. To resubmit, you may use a new Horse Identification Form with the proper Licensed Veterinarian validation. This form would need to be submitted to the Union County 4-H office accordingly:

Union County Fair - before 2nd Thursday in July by 4pm

Richwood Independent Fair – before the 2nd Thursday in August by 4pm.

If you successfully resubmit the acceptable updated score (BCS of four (4) or greater) and have met ALL other requirements, then you will be permitted to exhibit your horse at the county fair(s).

6. All Horse Club project members are required by the Ohio State Extension 4-H Horse Officials to participate in an Equine Safety, Training, and Education Program (EquiStep) each year. The Equine Safety, Training, and Education Program (EquiStep) is a requirement for all horse club project members participating in the Union County 4-H Horse

Program and is MANDATORY! Failure to complete this requirement will render a youth member ineligible for any 4-H sponsored Equine Event, including Union County State Qualifying Show, Union County Fair, Richwood Independent Fair, or any 4H sponsored horse clinic or activity. All Horse club 4-H members will be required to complete the Equi-STEP program online. Please see additional information for instructions to complete the program. All requirements must be met by May 1st before midnight of the current project year or PRIOR to participation in ANY State 4-H Horse Events.

7. Each Union County Fair equine exhibitor must secure a \$25 show sponsorship for (Union County Fair and Richwood) they attend and submit a check to Union County Horse Council **by May 1st**. Checks should be submitted with their Blue Cards. This money is used to pay for Union County and Richwood Fair awards. If there is a hardship a member faces, their advisor should reach out to Horse Council **BEFORE May 1st**.
8. Horse Club Advisors and Horse Council Members-At-Large are encouraged to attend a yearly advisor training/seminar to remain members in good standing with the 4-H Horse Council and Union County 4-H Advisory Council.
9. The advisor is responsible for validating the identity of projects prior to the fair in their respective clubs and reporting the results to the show stewards. Horse project identification cards will be placed at the Entry Booth on the fairgrounds, for both the State Fair Qualifying Show and the County Fair. Verification of animals will be conducted by the Point Secretary.
10. If a horse is leased, a copy of the lease agreement must be submitted with the horse identification card and filed with the Union County OSU Extension Office before 4:00pm on May 1st. A body score statement signed and dated by your veterinarian must be submitted with the blue card. All horses must have to score no less than a 4 out of 9. All animals carried as 4-H or FFA projects must be owned or leased and in the continual care of the member by May 1st. A one-time late option is available if necessary.

Continual care does permit boarding an animal, provided the member is involved in feeding, cleaning, and caring for the horse. Lessons, instructions, and advice for the member are encouraged. Such assistance can include occasional riding or handling of the horse by another person. It cannot include regular training and care of the horse by others than the 4-H member within 30 days of competition in the Union County State Fair Qualifying Show (PAS) or State Fair Junior 4-H Horse Show. Showing a project animal in a class at a show is not considered training. However, if a project animal is shown by someone other than the 4-H member or FFA member in an open or breed Show within 30 days prior to the 4-H competition, the member must be present and must show the project horse in that show. State Rules #4-#6 on pages 4-5 in the Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows will apply to everyone throughout the Union County Junior Fair Horse Show (including English and Fence, Western, Draft/Driving, Performance, Fantasia, Versatility, Championship/ Ambassador Classes, and the fun show).

11. When more than one immediate family member wishes to share one horse in the program, it is the advisor's and the member's responsibility to sign a joint statement of this intent. This statement must be turned in along with the horse project identification card to the OSU Extension Office before 4:00pm on May 1st.
12. **Definition of an Additional Project:** An additional project horse is one (1) member with two (2) project animals. If a member chooses to exhibit two (2) project animals, the same horse/rider combination cannot show in the equivalent Additional/Shared Project class (for example, a horse/ rider combination that shows in a Horsemanship class cannot also show in the Additional/Shared Project Horsemanship class). A member may show BOTH project animals in the proper age class that is judged on individual effort (ex. Trail, Jumping or Contesting). If a 4-H member does show in an Additional/Shared Project class that day, that 4-H member must also show another horse in the primary class that day. For example, to show in the easy-gaited pleasure, additional/shared project class, the 4-H member must also show in the easy-gaited, pleasure class with another horse.

Definition of a Shared Project: Two (2) members of the same family with one (1) project animal. When there are two (2) members of the same family with one (1) project animal, one family member shows the animal in his/her proper age class. The second member shows the animal in the Shared/Additional Project class if he/she is in the same age division. Both family members may show the project animal in the proper age class that is judged on individual effort (ex. Trail, Jumping or Contesting). Entry numbers for the Shared project should be worn on the back of each member.

13. If a member loses a horse due to death or physical disability, another horse may be substituted if the below criteria are met to allow the member to participate in the Union County Junior Fair show or the Richwood Junior Fair show:
- a. The club member's advisor must contact the President of the Union County Horse Council (UCHC) as soon as possible after the death or physical disability of the member's horse. No requests to substitute a horse will be considered no less than seven (7) days prior to the first day of the Union County Fair or the Richwood Fair.
 - b. The advisor must provide the following:
 - i. Written documentation of death or disability* by a licensed veterinarian.
 - ii. Written documentation, including dates, by the advisor that the member has or can successfully participate in at least two (2) eligible ride outs with the substitute horse. Documentation that the member has successfully participated in at least (2) eligible ride outs with the substitute horse must be received by the UCHC President prior to approval being granted.
 - iii. A completed Horse Project Identification Form for the substitute horse.
 - c. The substitute horse must meet the same health regulations as stated in this rulebook.
 - d. Member must be in good standing with his /her club. Member can only request the use of a substitute horse one time during the member's lifetime in 4-H.

Once all the documentation has been received by the UCHC President, the President will present the request for discussion and approval of the elected officers of UCHC. If criteria are met and officers vote in favor by a majority vote of those in attendance, the youth may show a substitute horse.

*Definition of disability: An acute onset of a medical issue of the project horse, and a licensed Veterinarian has deemed the horse unusable prior to the beginning of the Union County or Richwood Fairs. A body condition score of less than 4/9 is not considered a disability.

14. There is no limit on the number of years a 4-H member can be eligible to win first place awards.**However, Walk/Trot High Point English/Western is considered an entry-level division. The same walk/trot horse rider combination may only win Walk/Trot High Point one time. If a walk/trot horse rider combination has won a walk/trot high point division in the past, they may enter walk/trot classes and will be placed by the judge, but those points will not be considered for high point. **
15. If a member is unable to finish his/her project, perhaps due to death of his animal, etc., he/she may complete the project for that 4-H year by having the club advisor grade him/her on work completed in the project book.
16. No stallion over one year of age as of January 1st may be carried as a project.
17. Proper Tack & Dress Code: Please refer to the current State Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows under "Appearance of Exhibitor" (including the required protective headgear).
18. Rider is only permitted to ride in a structured saddle during all Union County 4-H sponsored events. (NO bareback riding, NO double riding, and NO bareback pads are allowed.)
19. Courtesy shall be always extended and coaching of individuals should not interfere or hinder another member who is being judged at the time. No abusive language shall be used, or you may be disqualified from showing.
20. Once all rules and regulations are finalized, all members and parents will receive written notification of the rules in effect for that year from the Extension Office.
21. Union County 4-H Horse Council will pay entries for the following State Programs/Contests: State Fair Jr. Horse Show, Groom and Clean, Hippology, Horse Judging, Communication & Poster Contest, Horse Bowl, and 4-H Competitive Trail Ride. A copy of the canceled check, stall card, or cash receipt must be submitted to the Union County 4-H Horse Council Treasurer by December 1st of the current project year, for reimbursement.

Expressing Thanks

Volunteers and donors are vital to the overall success of 4-H. They give their time, talent, and money to support current 4-H'ers. Members receiving medals, certificates, scholarships, trips, and other awards are encouraged to make it a priority to express appreciation to the donors and sponsors who made the awards and scholarships possible. If you are a winner, remember to take a few moments to write a "Thank You!" and tell your donor or sponsor how your award or scholarship has benefited you.

Online Equi-Step

The Online Equi-Step formerly known as the Equine Safety and Sportsmanship Program requirement (ESSP) is for all horse club project members participating in the Union County Horse Program. This program is MANDATORY!!!

Failure to complete this requirement will render the youth member ineligible for any 4-H sponsored equine event, including the State Fair Qualifying Show (PAS), Union County Fair, Richwood Independent Fair, or any 4-H sponsored horse clinic or activity. The Equistep requirement must be met by May 1, 2024 before midnight or PRIOR to participation in ANY State 4-H Horse Events.

4-H Horse Scholarship

The Union County 4-H Horse Council would like to recognize the outstanding participation and contributions of 4-H Horse Members to their 4-H Clubs and the Union County 4-H Program, and to assist in their continuing development as capable, caring and contributing citizens. The scholarship is awarded to the recipient as reimbursement for post-secondary fees paid. A receipt for the paid fees must be presented to the Union County 4-H Horse Council to receive the scholarship check. The scholarship award is valid for one (1) calendar year from date of award.

An application package can be found online at the County 4-H web site under "4-H Horse Program", then under "Forms and Booklets", or can be picked up at the OSU Extension Office. COMPLETED applications must be received at the OSU Extension Office before 4:00 p.m. on July 1st Recipients will be announced at the Horse Clubs Recognition and Awards during the Union County fair. To reach a contact person, refer to the Specialty Awards/ Scholarship Committee.

Union County 4-H Educational Shows

The Union County Summer Horse Shows are a source of fundraising for the Union County 4- H Horse Council. Along with the other wonderful sponsors, the money raised goes toward the Union County Horse Programs. It is also used to maintain the arena and facilities, as well as promote other opportunities available to youth through the 4-H Horse Program. All 4-H horse youth are encouraged to participate.

The purpose of UCHC sponsorship of the Union County Summer Series Open Horse Shows is to enrich the horse and 4-H community in an affordable, friendly atmosphere. The goals of the shows are: 1. gain funding for the 4-H Horse Programs, 2. provide a place for youth and adults to gain experience and 3. provide a place for 4-H members to create relationships and successful life experiences.

For the show to be successful - many youth and adult volunteers are needed - your help is critical to maintaining this form of fundraising. All show personnel are volunteers and help is needed at every show. The volunteer activities are varied and include many skill levels. They include such things as working in the entry booth and filling out paperwork; announcing; ringmaster; opening and closing gates; ring crew; prepping, dragging, and watering the ring; cleaning stalls; trash pick-up; and cleaning bathrooms.

Horse clubs may also use these shows as a fundraiser for their club. The Horse Council will pay \$5 per stall for cleaning stalls after the show.

Union County Jr Fair Horse Project Rules

1. Stall assignments at the Union County Fair will be left to the discretion of the 4-H Horse Council. All horses must be in place on either Friday, July 19 OR on Saturday, July 20 with horses in place before 3:00 pm on Saturday.
2. Members are responsible for cleaning their horse stall(s). The checking of aisles and stalls at the fair will be left up to the advisors of their club. One \$30 completed check (refundable) per stall is to be turned in to the Union County Horse Council prior to the July meeting (first Monday of the month). Cash will not be accepted. Checks ONLY. Stall assignments will be made prior to move in day and each club's organizational advisor will be notified. Stalls should be cleaned by youth members and inspected by a Point Secretary, Union County Horse Council Officer, or designated person the same day the horse leaves the Fairgrounds. Your check will be returned when your stall inspection has been completed. Donation of checks to the Facilities Fund does not negate the members' responsibility for cleaning his/her stall.
3. Exhibitors and advisors must attend the mandatory orientation and barn meeting at 6:30 before Skill-a-thon. Attendance will be taken. Barn standards and rules will be addressed during this meeting. If a 4H exhibitor fails to follow standards of care for their animal the week of the fair, they will receive a written notice. If, during the week, they receive three notices, they will need to remove their project animal(s) and will not be able to show the following year.
4. Although vaccinations are not being required, it is STRONGLY RECOMMENDED that your horse's vaccinations are up to date prior to the show season. Discuss with your veterinarian or consult the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) website for Core vaccination and At-risk vaccination recommendations.
(<https://aaep.org>)
5. **All horses are required to have a signed Body Condition Statement by a licensed veterinarian on file with their Project Identification Card. All horses must be in an acceptable body condition score of > or = 4/9. Horses not meeting this requirement will not be permitted to exhibit at the fair.** Horse body condition scoring will be discussed during Equistep and information will be provided on the Union County Fair website. You can also find this information on the Union County 4-H web page: www.union.osu.edu.
Note: The Union County Fair board will have a vet check completed on each horse upon arrival at the fairgrounds on Saturday. The 4-H member, advisor, and a UCHC member must be present during the vet check. It is highly recommended that a parent be present when their child's animal is checked. If the horse has a body condition score below a four (4), the member will be required to immediately remove the project animal from the fairgrounds and bring it home.
6. To receive a fair premium(s), an exhibitor must participate in the Skill-a-thon before the fair and exhibit his/her project(s) the week of the fair, from the required entry time until the required release time. Exhibitors may receive a maximum of four (4) premiums, one for each project book interview. Refer to Horse Skill-a-thon section for more information.
7. Anyone removing horses from the fairgrounds before dismissal time (for any reason) without prior permission from the Union County Horse Council President or Vice President will be ineligible to show the following year in any project area. The Union County Horse Council President or Vice President must be notified in writing as to the reason for early dismissal. The only exception is a veterinary certificate pursuant to the Senior Fair Board policy.
8. Tack and bits will be submitted to inspection before each class. Refer to current State, Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows.

9. Parents are responsible for members wearing a properly fitted, approved safety helmet, when riding or driving, with the chin strap securely fastened. Helmets will ALWAYS be worn by anyone 19 years of age or younger when riding or driving during the entire length of the fair. This includes during all practice and open arena times as well as the Jr. Fair Horse Show, Versatility Contests, Fun Show, Musical Fantasia, and the Open Horse Show. It is the responsibility of the rider, or parent or guardian of the youth participant, to make sure that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for the protective headgear intended for equestrian use, is properly fitted, and is in good condition. The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Judges, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders may, at his/her discretion, check a participant's protective headgear. If the youth is found to be wearing unapproved, defective, or improperly fitted headgear, he/she will not be permitted to participate in riding or driving activities until proper headgear is acquired. (Please see the STATE Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows for the entire rule.)
10. The liability insurance company used by the Senior Fair Board requires that halters be always on the horse while stalled at the fair. Leather halters or breakaway halters are suggested. For safety purposes, a lead rope must also be placed on each stall front. Emergency contact information for each horse should be posted on each stall. Also, per the fire marshal, extension cords less than 12 gauge will not be permitted on the fairgrounds.
11. Horses are to be led to and from designated riding areas. Arena lights will be turned out at 11 pm.
12. Prior to the opening of the horse show on Saturday, July 20th, project horses may be ridden by people other than the 4-H/ FFA member; however, the 4-H/FFA member must be present and watching the other person ride the horse, and the parents of horse project members will be responsible for all riders of the project horses.
13. Following the Jr. Fair Horse Show Championship classes on Tuesday evening (i.e., musical fantasia, preparing for the fun show, riding in the fun show), project horses can be ridden by people other than the 4-H member, but the 4-H member must be present and watching the other person ride the horse. Parents of horse project members will be responsible for all riders of the project horses.
14. A Horse/Rider combination showing in Walk-Trot classes may not show in any 3-gaited classes or in performance classes during the entire Junior Fair Horse Show. They may participate in Walk-Trot Versatility and can participate in Musical Fantasia if they only Walk-Trot.
15. No smoking is allowed in the barns.
16. No water fights are permitted in the barns.

Procedures for Safety Rule Violations

17. Discuss the rules with the child or project holder, by his or her advisor.
18. Read and discuss the rules with the parent and project holder, by a Show Steward.
19. Present rule violation to Senior Fair Board for disciplinary action, by a Show Steward.

Union County Jr. Fair Horse Event Schedule

Friday, July 19th	After 12:00 pm	Horses move in (Optional)
	6:30 pm	Orientation (Mandatory)
	7:00 pm	Skill-a-thon Contest (all ages)
	7:30 pm	Equine Ambassador Interview
Saturday, July 20th	3:00 pm	Mandatory Horses in place for vet check
	5:00 pm	Registration: Horse Judging/Team Tournament/High Point
	5:00 pm	Judging Contest
	7:00 pm	Opening Ceremonies
Sunday, July 21st	10:00 am	English Show
Monday, July 22nd	9:00 am	Western & Driving Show
	3:00 pm	Applications due for Friend of 4H and Sportsmanship award
Tuesday, July 23rd	10:00 am	Ranch Pleasure
	5:00 pm	Performance Show
Wednesday, July	10:00 am	JR/SR Versatility (will be split if more than 4 entries in each age group)
	12:00 pm	Walk/Trot Versatility
	2:00 pm	Ride & Drive Versatility
	5:00 pm	Championship/Ambassador
	7:00 pm	Fantasia
Thursday, July 25th	9:00 am	Demonstration Contest
	11:00 pm	Groom and Clean Team Tournament Contest
Friday, July 26th	10:00 am	Fun Show
	1:00 pm	Horseless Horse Show and Cowboy Challenge
	6:00 pm	Awards Banquet
	10:00 pm	Showman of Showmen Contest (Livestock Show Arena)
Saturday, July 27th	10:00 am	Horses must be removed from fairgrounds

Union County Jr. Fair Showman of Showmen Contest

The Showman of Showmen Contest is Friday of the fair week beginning 30 minutes after the beef show, unless otherwise noted at the Livestock Show Arena. The winner of the Championship Showmanship is expected to participate in the Showman of Showmen Contest.

This contest is for the winners of their species showman classes (beef, hog, sheep, rabbit, horses, and poultry or turkeys). They compete together showing each animal as that animal should be shown in a showmanship class. They will also answer five basic questions on that animal. Points are awarded. Total high points become the Showman of Showmen. Contestants should wear their proper showmanship apparel. See any Horse Council Member for details of the contest.

Union County Jr. Fair Horse Skill-a-thon

The Horse Skill-a-thon will be held on Friday, before the Union County Fair (unless otherwise posted) starting at 7:00 pm sharp. Save the date now and plan to participate! The Skill-a-thon will be open to all horse and roping project members in 4-H and FFA.. All members in good standing with their club/chapter will be eligible for Skill-a-thon awards. Please Note: *Horseless Horse project members are no longer eligible to participate in the horse Skill-a-thon.*

To receive a fair premium, an exhibitor must complete the Skill-a-thon ahead of the fair and exhibit their project(s) the week of the fair, from the required entry time until the required release time. Exhibitors may receive a maximum of four (4) premiums, one for each project book interview. *Horseless Horse Project exhibitors will be judged and receive premium vouchers during Special Interest Project Judging prior to fair and should following the yellow project guide sheet.*

Each member interested in participating in the Skill-a-thon should obtain a copy of the current project year Horse Skill-a-thon Study Guide. This guide will outline each station which will be in this year's Skill-a-thon and include information to help you learn about each topic. Each member should also obtain and complete an Equine Record Book, which will be required for the Skill-a-thon. Write your name and project name(s) on the top of your record book. **The Study Guide and the Record Book are available at the OSU Extension website www.union.osu.edu**

4H Exhibitors should bring one Equine Record Book (found on the extension office website link) for **EACH** horse they are exhibiting at the fair and bring it to Skill-a-thon. If members cannot attend the Union County Fair Skill-a-thon, they should complete the virtual state equine state skill-a-thon (<https://ohio4h.org/animalsciences/ohio-4-h-skillathons#Horse>). If an exhibitor is experiencing difficulty completing either the Union County Skill-a-thon or the State Virtual Skill-a-thon, their advisor needs to contact the horse council before the beginning of the fair.

Union County Jr. Fair 4 H Parade Unit Rules

1. Parents are responsible for their children and horses, ponies, or hitched teams. WE REQUIRE A PARENT OR AN ADULT TO WALK WITH EACH 4-H MEMBER OR TEAM WHO HAS THEIR HORSE IN PARADE. We want to keep everyone safe.
2. Unit members must belong to a Union County Horse 4-H Club.
3. Horses, ponies, or hitched teams MUST be clean and trimmed.
4. Attire: Western: Long pants, western boots, long sleeve shirt, and a properly fitted approved safety helmet securely fastened. Chaps are optional.
English: Jodhpurs or breeches, English boots, jacket, or coat, and a properly fitted approved safety helmet securely fastened.
Hitched Teams: Approved attire for their type of vehicles and teams, including a properly fitted approved safety helmet securely fastened. There will be NO T-shirts, baseball caps or tennis shoes for riding or driving members.
Safety walkers: Please dress comfortably.
5. 4-H project animals do not have to be used, but the animals must comply with the rules of the unit.
6. No stallions.
7. Parade participants must check in with the Council Chairperson prior to leaving the fairgrounds. Refer to our list of Program Committee for a contact person.

Union County Jr. Fair Team Tournament Contest Rules

1. Juniors: 8-13 years old; Seniors 14-18 years old.
2. Three members per team, same age group. Teams consisting of both junior and senior members will compete in the senior division.
3. Everyone can only be on one team.
4. Each team must register for the tournament at the Announcer Booth/Entry Booth at the beginning of the fair.
5. The Jr. and Sr. Tournament Team winners will be announced at the Awards Ceremony at the Union County Fairgrounds.
6. The following contest scores will comprise the team tournament placings if ALL can be completed in any given year.

Individual Skill-a-thon scores

Individual Horse Judging scores

Team Groom and Clean scores

Team Demonstration scores

Individual Class placing in 4 chosen classes of the Jr. Fair Horse Show

7. Skill-a-thon Contest takes place Friday, at the Armory, before the fair opens. Teams receive individual scores from each member.
8. The Horse Judging Contest will have 3 Classes and a set of questions about the classes. Teams receive individual scores from each member.
9. Groom and Clean Contest: Refer to the State web site for Rules and Guidelines, www.horse.osu.edu. Teams receive team scores from each member. Each team must provide at least one adult/advisor to help mud horse. All volunteers are welcome.
10. Demonstration Contest will consist of 3 individuals. All team members must be present to compete. Work will be original, created by the 4-H members and must be related to the members (teams) current projects, club office or 4-H experiences. No large animals may be used in a demonstration. Animals less than 20 lbs. may be used, provided they do not place the public or participants at risk. No firearms, bows, arrows, or weapons are permitted. Members should set up their presentation by themselves. Demonstrations should last between 3 and 10 minutes. Demonstrations receive points from the team's score. See the website for a sample of the demonstration score sheet.
11. The Jr. Fair Horse Show: Same horse, same rider combination. Each member of the team will choose four (4) classes. The same horse must be used for all four classes. Members must choose their classes by 9 am on Sunday, July 21st when signing up for the Team Tournament. Individual points will be added to the team. Scores will be based on placing's, using the High Point Chart. If the team member does not place in the class, no points will be awarded for that class.
12. Tie breakers will be broken by the team with the highest Skill-a-thon scores. If there is still a tie, it will be broken by using the Horse Judging Scores.

Union County Jr. Fair High Point Contest Rules

Hunt Seat	Western	Driving (draft/light)	Ranch	Contest	Walk-Trot Western Classes	Walk-Trot English Classes
Showmanship	Showmanship	Driving	Showmanship	Keyhole	Western Trail	English Trail
Hunter Under Saddle	Western Pleasure	Reinsmanship	Ranch Pleasure	Pole Bending	Horsemanship	Equitation
Hunt Seat Equitation	Western Horsemanship	Ground Driving	Ranch Horsemanship	Barrels	Western Pleasure	English Pleasure
Hunt Seat Trail	Trail	Driven Trail	Trail	Flags	Showmanship	Showmanship

1. Registration for High Point is Saturday, July 20th from 4:00-7:00 pm.
2. Must participate in the Junior Fair Horse Show and be a one-rider and one-horse combination per discipline, competing in ALL the above-listed events for each high-point category.
3. The awards are based on the horse's performance.
4. Entries must show in the arena.
5. D.Q. 's, No Time, or Off-Pattern exhibitors receive no points, but count as an entry.
6. Scratches do not count as an entry.
7. Only one Walk-Trot High Point will be awarded. The Walk-Trot High point will be awarded to the rider/horse combination that has the highest score for either the Western discipline or the English discipline. Walk-Trot is considered an entry-level division; therefore, Walk-Trot rider/horse combinations may not win Walk-Trot High Point if they have won a High Point Walk-Trot division in past years. Walk-Trot rider/horse combinations may not show in any 3-gaited classes in the Junior Fair Horse Show. They MAY Only participate in Walk-Trot Versatility but can participate in Musical Fantasia if they only WalkTrot.
8. Contesting High Point will be based on the fastest times across the board of all age groups.
9. Points will be given as indicated in the High Point Chart.
10. Tiebreakers are as follows: Horsemanship, Barrels, Reinsmanship, & Equitation.
11. Awards will be given at the Horse Club Recognition and Awards Ceremony.

High Point Chart: Points for Placing						
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
	10	9	8	7	6	5

Union County Jr. Fair Versatility Contest Rules

Classes: 1. Hunter Under Saddle 2. Western Pleasure 3. Reining 4. Barrels

1. Same Horse/Same Rider
2. Must have correct English and Western tack for classes.
3. Must have proper English attire:
 - a. Breeches/Jodhpurs
 - b. English Shirt or Dickie (covered by the jacket)
 - c. English Boots
 - d. Jacket/Coat
 - e. Approved safety helmet, properly fitted, securely fastened
4. Must have proper Western attire:
 - a. Long Pants or Breeches/Jodhpurs covered by chaps
 - b. Western/English Boots
 - c. Shirt-Long Sleeve with collar
 - d. Approved safety helmet, properly fitted, securely fastened
 - e. Chaps optional
5. Each contestant must provide one wheelbarrow or a non-motorized tack cart for his/her tack and clothing. Each contestant may have two helpers. No items may be added or removed from the cart once the contest has begun.
6. There will be a 5-minute time limit between classes for tack and clothing changes. All tack and clothing must be changed within this time limit. Dismounting must only occur when announced; remounting must take place before time expires.
7. Horse and Rider may NOT LEAVE the arena at any time after the Versatility Contest has begun.
8. Infraction of any of the above rules will result in the disqualification from that class, not the entire contest.
9. Points will be based on the number of total entries. Example: 17 entries, 1st Place will get 17 points, 17th place will receive 1 point. Entries that do not show in a class will receive 0 points for that class. DQ's, no time or off pattern will receive 0 points.
10. Points for the 4 classes will be added together. Grand Champion is awarded to the entry with the highest points. Reserve Champion is awarded to the entry with the next highest points.
11. Results of each class will be announced at the end of the entire show and then the overall results will be announced. There will be five placings in each class along with two overall placings (Grand and Reserve).
12. Reining will be used as a tiebreaker, with Barrels original time as a second tie breaker.

Helpful Hint: DO NOT FORGET water for rider and horse when packing your tack/cart.

Union County Jr. Fair Walk Trot Versatility Classes: 1 - Showmanship, 2 - Hunter Undersaddle/Ranch/Western Pleasure Class 3- Equitation/Horsemanship 4- Barrels

Walk Trot Class members should wear the attire/tack appropriate to the discipline in which they are most confident. They will complete a showmanship class, rail class, pattern class, and barrels.

Union County Jr. Fair Ride and Drive Versatility Contest Rules

Classes: 1. Draft/ Pleasure Driving 2. English Pleasure 3. Western Pleasure

1. This versatility contest is for ages 8-18 years old.
2. Same Horse/Pony, same exhibitor.
3. Must have correct Draft/Pleasure Harness, English tack, and Western tack for classes.
4. Must have proper English attire:
 - a. Breeches/Jodhpurs
 - b. English Boots
 - c. Jacket/Coat
 - d. English shirt or Dickie (covered by the jacket)
 - e. Approved Safety Helmet, proper fitted, securely fastened

5. Must have proper Western attire:
 - a. Long pants or Breeches/jodhpurs covered by chaps
 - b. Western/English boots
 - c. Shirt-Long sleeve with a collar
 - d. Approved Safety Helmet, properly fitted, securely fastened
 - e. Chaps-optional
6. Each contestant must provide ONE wheelbarrow or a non-motorized tack cart for his/her tack and clothing. Each contestant may have two (2) helpers. A contestant may have a knowledgeable adult horseman with them during the cart competition at no penalty. If one of your helpers is your adult passenger, you may ask another adult to help bring in your tack and clothing. Once your helpers are at the head of your horse/pony, the extra adult helper may leave the arena. If your adult passenger is not one of your helpers, they will exit the cart and leave the arena as soon as the two (2) helpers are at the head of your horse/pony.
7. A five-minute time limit will be between classes for tack and clothing changes. All tack and clothing must be changed within this time limit or you will be penalized. All bridles and lines must remain on the horse/pony until the cart is completely unhitched. There are no exceptions to this rule.
8. Horse/Pony and exhibitors may not leave the arena at any time after the Ride & Drive Versatility contest has begun.
9. Infraction of any of the above rules will result in the disqualification from the class. The judge must excuse from competition any unsafe vehicle, harness, unruly horse/pony, or driver clearly out of control.
10. Points will be awarded to all entries. Points will be based on the number of entries. Classes will be judged on 75% performance and 25% on appearance and equipment.
11. The driving portion of the contest will be shown in both directions at the walk and trot (pleasure drivers will perform the strong trot) as directed by the judge with the reverse at the diagonal. The English and Western Pleasure classes will consist of the walk and trot in both directions with a reverse on the rail.
12. Points for all three classes will be added together. Results of each class will be announced at the end of the entire show and then the Grand and Reserve will be announced. Grand will go to the entry with the highest number of points and Reserve will go to the next highest entry.
13. Draft/Pleasure Driving class will be used at the tiebreaker.

Union County Jr. Fair Musical Fantasia

1. A pattern must be performed in the arena. Each contestant will perform his or her pattern within a five minute allotted time.
2. A contestant and horse may exhibit in costume regardless of discipline.
3. No stallions.
4. Each contestant or contestant's helpers will have two minutes to set up any props in the arena before their pattern is worked.
5. Judging will take place by a panel of three judges from the community, who are familiar with 4-H horse shows.
6. The pattern should contain a minimum of five of the following: Spins, Rollbacks, Pivots (90, 180, 270, 360 degrees) Side passes, Figure 8, Fanning, Lopes, Circles, Trot, Jog, Backs
7. Points will be awarded for grace, style, use of the arena and smoothness.
8. The contestant should choose a song on a cassette tape, a CD, an I-pod, or an I-phone to be played while the contestant performs his/her pattern. The contestant will be judged on the appropriateness of the music to the pattern work. (Offensive or inappropriate music selection will cause the contestant to be immediately disqualified from the entire contest. The judges' decision is final on music appropriateness. If in doubt, request a review of the music by the Horse Council President and Vice President.) Music must be turned in by the Monday during the Fair.
9. Each contestant will be scored out of 100 points per judge divided as follows:
 - a. 20 pts. music selection
 - b. 20 pts. turn out (costume and/or props)
 - c. 30 pts. Pattern ability (Were at least 5 different maneuvers included? How well were they done? Did the pattern flow?)
 - d. 20 pts. creativity (music, pattern, synchronization, costume)
 - e. 10 pts. use of arena, within in allowed time
10. The three scores will then be combined and announced; the winner will be the contestant with the largest combined score.
 - a. In the event of a tie, the tie will be broken by the contestant placing highest in the pattern ability by Judge A.
 - b. In the event this does not break the tie, the tie will be broken by the contestant placing highest in the pattern ability by Judge B.
 - c. If the tie is still not broken, the Judge C pattern ability score will be used.
 - d. If the tie is still not broken, the judges will determine the fair way to break the tie.
11. Following the class, judge's sheets will be posted for review.
12. The contest will be divided into 4 divisions: Single, Doubles, Team, Open Non-4-H Youth and Adults. Adults may join 4-H youth in the Double and Team divisions.

Union County Jr. Fair Equestrian Ambassador Information:

Guidelines and Duties:

1. Only one candidate will be selected as Union County Equestrian Ambassador.
2. Candidate must be currently carrying a horse project.
3. Candidates must show their own project horse in the Ambassador Classes.
4. Candidates must exhibit at the current year's fair.
5. Candidates cannot be the Equestrian Ambassador more than once.
6. Candidates must be willing and available to present ribbons and awards at the Union County Fair, 4-H Qualifying Show and Union County Open Shows and Ohio State Fair Junior Horse Show. He/she must wear Equestrian attire for these presentations.
7. Candidates must be willing to promote the industry and attend special events, when asked.
8. Winning Candidate will represent the Union County Horse Program at a minimum of 1 predetermined/approved event per month during reign (this should include at least 1 Union County Summer Series Shows.) Appropriate equestrian attire is expected (and crown/sash if applicable).
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Criteria for Selection

1. Applications must be returned to the Union County Extension Office before 4:00pm on July 1st. **NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**
2. **ONE-HALF OF A CANDIDATE'S POINT TOTAL WILL COME FROM THE SKILL-A-THON AND AN INTERVIEW.** The interview will be held with each candidate on July 19 at 7:30 pm (following skillathon).
 - a. 25% Skill-a-thon (percentage of accuracy)
 - b. 25% Interview: The scores for the interview will be determined as follows:
 - i. Knowledge and ability to answer questions (50 pts.)
 - ii. Activities, leadership, and experience in the area (20 pts.)
 - iii. Presentation and poise (20 pts.)
 - iv. Appropriate show attire for your discipline (10 pts.)

A possible total of 200 points (100 points from each judge) will come from the interview and then be averaged.

A set of five interview questions will be given to the judges. Questions will be selected by the Ambassador Committee from 175 Light Horse Selection, 174 Beginning Horse Management, and 191R Horse Safety and You. **ONE-HALF OF CANDIDATE'S POINT TOTAL WILL COME FROM SHOWING** at the Championship/Ambassador Show in the Ambassador Showmanship and Ambassador Horsemanship/Equitation Classes. For Draft candidates, Ambassador Hitch Driving Class will replace the Horsemanship Class. A possible total of 200 points (100 from each class) will come from Show scores (calculated by the Show Judge using PAS Score sheets.) Show Score Sheets will be submitted to a member of the Ambassador Committee for tabulation with the interview score and the Skill-a-thon score. The winner will be determined by the highest point total.

3. Tie breaker will be the score of the horsemanship/equitation/driving class, based on the P.A.S. Score Sheet, then the highest interview score, if needed.
4. Announcement of the Equine Ambassador will be at the conclusion of the Championship/ Ambassador Show.
5. Applications are available online at www.union.osu.edu under the 4-H Horse Program.

Union County Jr. Fair Horse Exhibitor's Sportsmanship Award

The Union County Horse Council Sportsmanship Award honors Horse 4-H project exhibitors who, through their actions inside and outside of the Union County Fair competitive arena and events, have demonstrated one or more of the ideals of sportsmanship, including fairness, civility, honesty, unselfishness, respect, and responsibility. Award selection is made by the Union County 4-H Horse Council's Specialty Awards Committee and by one advisor from each horse club. The Exhibitor's Sportsmanship Award will be presented at the Union County Jr. Fair horse club recognition banquet on Friday evening of the fair.

Nominations for the Sportsmanship Award must be submitted to the UCHC Specialty Awards Committee prior to 3:00 pm on **Monday July 22nd** at the entry booth. The nomination form can be found on-line at www.union.osu.edu.

Union County Friend of 4-H Award

Guidelines: Each year, a committee appointed by the Union County Horse Council President will select a recipient of the Friends of 4-H Award. Nominations must be made from active 4-H advisors or members at large by 3:00 pm on **Monday, July 22nd** to the entry booth. The award, a plaque, will be presented at the Union County Fair by the Fair Ambassador at the Award Program. Nomination forms can be found on-line at www.union.osu.edu.

2024 Union County Jr. Fair Show Bills

A Horse/Rider combination showing in walk-trot classes may not show in any 3-gaited classes during the entire Jr. Fair Horse Show.

The same horse/ rider combination cannot show in the equivalent Additional/Shared Project class.

Tack and bits will be submitted to inspection before each class.

Breaks and splits will be announced as needed.

Showmanship classes will occur in the makeup arena.

Easy-Gaited Classes: Horse or Pony may not show in Walk-Trot Horsemanship or Pleasure.

Easy-gaited horses/classes are not eligible for High Point.

Same horse/ rider combination can only show in one trail class.

Refer to current State, Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows for detailed information.

2024 4-H Youth Union County Educational Horse Show Series

Number	Class	April 20th and June 15th at Union County Fairgrounds 845 N. Main St. Marysville, OH 43040 9:00 am
1	PAS Poles	
2	Novice Poles	
3	Beginner W/T Poles	August 11th at Richwood Fairgrounds
4	PAS Stakes	1 Gill St. Richwood, OH 43344
5	Novice Stakes	
6	Beginner W/T Stakes	
7	PAS Keyhole	Stall Fee \$20 Classes \$5 each Camping \$25 per night
8	Novice Keyhole	Ohio 4 H Uniform Rules for Horse Shows apply.
9	Beginner W/T Keyhole	**Each horse/rider combination MUST choose a 'division' for the duration of the educational show**
10	PAS Barrels	
11	Novice Barrels	*PAS for experienced 3 gaited showman
12	Beginner W/T Barrels	
13	Small Equine Showmanship	*Novice is for less experienced 3 gaited showman
14	PAS Hunter Showmanship	*Beginner is for Walk/Trot showman only Ribbons through 6th place.
15	Novice Hunter Showmanship	
16	Beginner Hunter Showmanship	Same horse/rider combination may show in Ranch Pleasure OR Western Pleasure-not both.
17	PAS Hunter Under Saddle	
18	Novice Hunter Under Saddle	Same horse/rider combination may show in Trail OR Trail in Hand-not both.
19	Beginner Hunter Under Saddle	
20	PAS Hunt Seat Equitation	PAS class patterns posted at www.horse.osu.edu Beginner and Novice class patterns posted day of show.
21	Novice Hunt Seat Equitation	
22	Beginner Hunt Seat Equitation	
23	Hunter in Hand Small Equine	For additional information contact: Jennifer Kessler 740-972-1199 flas2sox@aol.com
24	Jumpers Small Equine	
25	PAS Western/English Trail	**DISCLAIMER: The organizer, 4H, Fairground Management, judges, officials, members, advisors, and volunteers WILL NOT be responsible in any way for injury, loss or damage to any person, animal or equipment. Participants and their representatives assume liability and risk. This is not a Performance Against the Standard qualifying show, Union County PAS State qualifying show is June 16th 2024
26	Novice/Beginner Walk-trot trail	
27	PAS/Novice/Beginner Trail in Hand	
28	PAS Western Showmanship	
29	Novice Western Showmanship	
30	Beginner Western Showmanship	
31	PAS Western Pleasure	
32	Novice Western Pleasure	
33	Beginner Western Pleasure	
34	PAS Horsemanship	
35	Novice Horsemanship	
36	Beginner W/T Horsemanship PAS Ranch Pleasure	
37	Novice Ranch Pleasure	
38	Beginner Ranch Pleasure	
39	PAS Ranch Riding	
40	Novice Ranch Riding	

2024 4-H Youth Union County 4 H State Fair Qualifying Show (PAS):
Sunday June 16, 2024 9:00 am

Information regarding patterns, requirements, and qualifying scores and times can be found at:
<https://ohio4h.org/animalsciences/horse/pas-qualifying-shows>
Union County Fairgrounds 845 North Main St. Marysville, OH 43040

Union County members \$5.00 per class.
Speed will not start before 10:00 am

Out of county \$10.00 per class. Stall fee \$20.00
No refunds for scratched classes

Class

- 1 Trail Horse/Pony 9-18 *Cannot show in Trail in hand
- 2 Trail-in-Hand Horse/Pony/Sm.Equine 9-18 *Cannot show in Trail
- 3 Ranch Trail
- 4 Barrel Racing Horse/Pony 9-18
- 5 Pole Bending Horse/Pony 9-18
- 6 Stakes Race Horse/Pony 9-18
- 7 Keyhole Horse/Pony 9-18
- 8 Small Equine Showmanship
- 9 Western Showmanship Horse/Pony 15 yrs & up *Sweat marks excused
- 10 Western Showmanship Horse/Pony 14 yrs & under *Sweat marks excused
- 11 Ranch Showmanship Horse/Pony 15 yrs & up *Sweat marks excused
- 12 Ranch Showmanship Horse/Pony 14 yrs & under
- 13 Draft Showmanship Horse/Pony/Mule 9-18 *Sweat marks excused
- 14 Easy Gaited Showmanship Horse/Pony 9-18 *Sweat marks excused
- 15 Saddle Type Showmanship Horse/Pony 9-18 *Sweat marks excused
- 16 English Showmanship Horse/Pony 15 yrs & up *Sweat marks excused
- 17 English Showmanship Horse/Pony 14 yrs & under
- 18 Ground Roping 9-18 Held at Armory
- 19 Single Hitch Draft Driving Horse/Pony 9-18 *Cannot Show in Pleasure Driving
- 20 Pleasure Driving Light Horse/Pony/Sm.Equine 9-18 *Cannot Show in Draft Driving
- 21 Driving Reinsmanship Draft/Light Horse/Pony/ Sm.Equine 9-18
- 22 Driven Trail Draft/Light Horse/Pony/ Sm.Equine 9-18
- 23 Hunter Under Saddle Horse/Pony 9-18
- 24 Hunt Seat Equitation Horse/Pony 15 yrs & up
- 25 Hunt Seat Equitation Horse/Pony 14 yrs & under
- 26 Hunter in Hand Small Equine 9-18
- 27 Jumpers Small Equine 9-18

- 28 Reg Working Hunter 2'3", 2'6", 2'9" Horse/Pony 9-18 *2'3 sm /2'6" med /2'9" lg & horses (no 29/30)
- 29 Adv Hunt Seat Eq 2'3", 2'6", 2'9" Horse/Pony 9-18 *2'3 sm /2'6" med /2'9" lg & horses (no 29/30)
- 30 Low Working Hunter 2', 2'3", 2'6" Horse/Pony 9-18 * 2' sm /2'3" med /2'6" lg & horses (no 27/28)
- 31 Inter Hunt Seat Eq 2', 2'3", 2'6" Horse/Pony 9-18 * 2' sm /2'3" med /2'6" lg & horses (no 27/28)
- 32 Hunter Hack 2' Horse Pony 9-18
- 33 Easy Gaited Equitation 14 yrs & up
- 34 Easy Gaited Equitation English/Western Horse/Pony 13 yrs and under
- 35 Easy Gaited Pleasure English/Western Horse/Pony 9-18
- 36 Easy Gaited Horsemanship 14 yrs & up
- 37 Saddle Seat Equitation Horse/Pony 9-18
- 38 Saddle Seat Pleasure Horse/Pony 9-18
- 39 Western Pleasure Horse/Pony 9-18 *Cannot show in Ranch Pleasure
- 40 Western Horsemanship Horse/Pony 15 yrs & up
- 41 Western Horsemanship Horse/Pony 14 yrs & under
- 42 Ranch Pleasure Horse/Pony 9-18 *Cannot show in Western Pleasure
- 43 Ranch Horsemanship Horse/Pony 15 yrs & up
- 44 Ranch Horsemanship Horse/Pony 14 yrs & under
- 45 Ranch Riding Horse/Pony 9-18 *Cannot show in Western Pleasure
- 46 Western Riding Horse/Pony 9-18
- 47 Reining Horse/Pony 9-18

Ohio Uniform 4 H Rules for Horse Shows apply.

Tack and Bits will be inspected prior to class.

Helmets are required for all riding and driving classes.

Breaks and splits will be announced as needed.

Union County Equine subject to project verification prior to showing.

All ponies will be measured the day of the show.

All out of county exhibitors must bring OUT OF COUNTY PAS FORM SIGNED BY HOME EXTENSION EDUCATOR AND HORSE ID FORM IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE.

Participants assume all liability.

Patterns are posted on state website www.horse.osu.edu For more entry information contact

Kim Cole 937-594-2184

2024 Union County Jr Fair Horse Show: English Over Fences Classes:

Sunday, July 21st at 10 am

Easy Gaited classes may be shown in English or Western attire.

Tack and bits will be submitted to inspection before each class.

Showmanship classes will occur in the make up arena.

A Horse/Rider combination showing in walk-trot classes may not show in any 3-gaited classes during the entire Jr. Fair Horse Show.

The same horse/ rider combination cannot show in the equivalent Additional/Shared Project class.

A horse/rider combination may only show in one Hunter Over Fences class. A horse/rider combination may only show in one Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences class.

Refer to current State, Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows for information about horse/pony fence heights and for Small Equine.

Class	Age Group	Type
1 English Showmanship	14-18	Horse/Pony
2 English Showmanship	8-13	Horse/Pony
3 Small Equine Hunter Showmanship	All Ages	Sm. Equine 38" & under
4 English Showmanship Add/Sh Project	All Ages	Horse/Pony/Sm. Equine
5 English Trail	All Ages	Horse/Pony
6 Walk-Trot English Trail	All Ages	Horse/Pony

Break

7 English Equitation	14-18	Horse
8 English Equitation	8-13	Horse
9 English Equitation	All Ages	Ponies 58" & under
10 Walk-Trot English Equitation	14-18	Horse/Pony
11 Walk-Trot English Equitation	8-13	Horse/Pony
12 English Equitation, Add/Sh Project	All Ages	Horse/Pony
13 Walk-Trot English Equitation, Additional/Shared project	All Ages	Horse/Pony
14 Easy-Gaited Equitation	All Ages	Horse/Pony
15 Easy-Gaited Equitation, Add/ Sh Project	All Ages	Horse/Pony
16 English Pleasure/Hunter Under Saddle	14-18	Horse
17 English Pleasure/Hunter Under Saddle	8-13	Horse
18 English Pleasure/Hunter Under Saddle	All Ages	Ponies 58" & under
19 Walk-Trot English Pleasure/Hunter Under Saddle	14-18	Horse/Pony
20 Walk-Trot English Pleasure/Hunter Under Saddle	8-13	Horse/Pony
21 English Pleasure/Hunter Under Saddle, Additional/Shared Project	All Ages	Horse/Pony
22 Walk-Trot English Pleasure, Additional/Shared Project	All Ages	Horse/Pony
23 Small Equine Hunter in Hand	All Ages	Sm. Equine 38" & under
24 Small Equine Jumper in Hand	All Ages	Sm. Equine 38" & under
25 Regular Working Hunter 2'3",2'6",2'9"	All Ages	Horse/Pony
26 Adv Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences 2'3",2'6",2'9"	All Age	Horse/Pony
27 Low Working Hunter 2',2'3",2'6"	All Ages	Horse/Pony
28 Intermediate Hunt Seat Eq 2',2'3",2'6"	All Ages	Horse/Pony
29 Crossrails	All Ages	Horse/Pony
30 Ground Poles	All Ages	Horse/Pony
31 Hunter Hack	All Ages	Horse/Pony
32 Hunter Hack, Additional/Shared Project	All Ages	Horse/Pony

2024 Union County Jr Fair Horse Show: Draft, Driving and Western Classes

Monday, July 22nd at 9:00 am

A Horse/Rider combination showing in walk-trot classes may not show in any 3-gaited classes during the entire Jr. Fair Horse Show.
The same horse/ rider combination cannot show in the equivalent Additional/Shared Project class.

Tack and bits will be submitted to inspection before each class.

Showmanship classes will occur in the make up arena.

Easy-Gaited Classes: Horse or Pony may not show in Walk-Trot Horsemanship or Pleasure.

Easy-gaited horses/classes are not eligible for High Point.

Same horse/ rider combination can only be shown in one trail class.

Refer to current State, Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows for detailed information.

Class	Age Group	Type	
1	Draft Showmanship	All Ages	Horse/Pony
2	Draft Showmanship Additional/Shared Project	All Ages	Horse/Pony
3	Pleasure Driving, Light	All Ages	Horse/Pony
4	Pleasure Driving, Light	All Ages	Sm. Equine 38" & under
5	Pleasure Driving Additional/Shared Project	All Ages	Horse/Pony/Sm Equine
6	Draft Driving	All Ages	Horse/Pony/Sm Equine
7	Draft Driving Additional/Shared Project	All Ages	Horse/Pony/Sm Equine
8	Reinsmanship, Light	All Ages	Horse/Pony
9	Reinsmanship, Draft	All Ages	Horse/Pony
10	Reinsmanship, Light, Additional/Shared Project	All Ages	Horse/Pony/Sm Equine
11	Reinsmanship, Draft, Additional/Shared Project	All Ages	Horse/Pony
12	Driven Trail	All Ages	Horse/Pony
13	Ground Driving Light	All Ages	Horse/Pony
14	Ground Driving Draft	All Ages	Horse/Pony
15	Western Showmanship	14-18	Horse/Pony
16	Western Showmanship	8-13	Horse/Pony
17	Small Equine Western Showmanship	All Ages	Sm. Equine 38" & under
18	Western Showmanship Additional/Shared Project	All Ages	Horse/Pony/Sm Equine
19	Trail-in-Hand	All Ages	Horse/Pony/Sm Equine
20	Western Trail	All Ages	Horse/Pony
21	Walk-Trot Trail	All Ages	Horse/Pony
Break			
22	Western Horsemanship	14-18	Horse
23	Western Horsemanship	8-13	Horse
24	Western Horsemanship	All Ages	Ponies 58" & under
25	Walk-Trot Western Horsemanship	14-18	Horse/Pony
26	Walk-Trot Western Horsemanship	8-13	Horse/Pony
27	Western Horsemanship Additional/Shared Project	All Ages	Horse/Pony
28	Walk-Trot Western Horsemanship Additional/Shared Project	All Ages	Horse/Pony
29	Walk Equine Assisted Horsemanship/Equitation	All Ages	Horse/Pony
30	Easy-Gaited	All Ages	Horse/Pony
31	Easy-Gaited Additional/Shared Project	All Ages	Horse/Pony
32	Western Pleasure	14-18	Horse
33	Western Pleasure	8-13	Horse
34	Western Pleasure	All Ages	Ponies 58" & under
35	Walk-Trot Western Pleasure	14-18	Horse/Pony
36	Walk-Trot Western Pleasure	8-13	Horse/Pony
37	Western Pleasure Additional/Shared Project	All Ages	Horse/Pony
38	Walk-Trot Western Pleasure Additional/Shared Project	All Ages	Horse/Pony
39	Western Riding	14-18	Horse/Pony

2024 Union County Jr Fair Horse Show: Ranch and Performance Classes

Tuesday, July 23rd

10:00 am Ranch 5:00 pm Performance

A Horse/Rider combination showing in walk-trot classes may not show in any 3-gaited classes during the entire Jr. Fair Horse Show.

The same horse/ rider combination cannot show in the equivalent Additional/Shared Project class.

Tack and bits will be submitted to inspection before each class.

Breaks and splits will be announced as needed.

Showmanship classes will occur in the make up arena.

Timed classes will be calculated to the closest 1,000ths placing

Class	Age Group	Type
1 Ranch Showmanship	14-18	Horse/Pony
2 Ranch Showmanship	8-13	Horse/Pony
3 Ranch Showmanship	All Ages	Sm. Equine 38" & under
4 Ranch Showmanship Add/Shared	All Ages	Horse/Pony
5 Ranch Trail	All Ages	Horse/Pony
6 W/T Ranch Trail	All Ages	Horse/Pony
7 Ranch Pleasure	14-18	Horse
8 Ranch Pleasure	8-13	Horse
9 Ranch Pleasure	All Ages	Ponies 58" & under
10 W/T Ranch Pleasure	All Ages	Horse/Pony
11 Ranch Pleasure, Add/Sh Project	All Ages	Horse/Pony
12 W/T Ranch Pleasure, Add/Sh Project	All Ages	Horse/Pony
13 Ranch Horsemanship	14-18	Horse
14 Ranch Horsemanship	8-13	Horse
15 Ranch Horsemanship	All Ages	Ponies 58" & under
16 W/T Ranch Horsemanship	All Ages	Horse/Pony
17 Ranch Horsemanship, Add/Sh Project	All Ages	Horse/Pony
18 W/T Ranch Horsemanship, Add/Sh Project	All Ages	Horse/Pony
19 Ranch Riding	14-18	Horse/Pony
20 Ranch Riding	8-13	Horse/Pony
21 Reining	14-18	Horse/Pony
22 Reining	8-13	Horse/Pony
23 Ground Roping	All Ages	

Break

24 Pole Bending	14-18	Horse/Pony
25 Pole Bending	8-13	Horse/Pony
26 W/T Pole Bending	All Ages	Horse/Pony
27 Stakes Race	14-18	Horse/Pony
28 Stakes Race	8-13	Horse/Pony
29 W/T Stakes Race	All Ages	Horse/Pony
30 Keyhole	14-18	Horse/Pony
31 Keyhole	8-13	Horse/Pony
32 W/T Keyhole	All Ages	Horse/Pony
30 Barrels	14-18	Horse/Pony
31 Barrels	8-13	Horse/Pony
32 W/T Barrels	All Ages	Horse/Pony
33 Flags	14-18	Horse/Pony
34 Flags	8-13	Horse/Pony
35 W/T Flags	All Ages	Horse/Pony

2024 Union County Jr Fair Horse Show: Versatility, Championship, Fantasia Classes

Wednesday, July 24

10:00 am -Senior Versatility
- Junior Versatility

12:00 Walk/Trot Versatility

2:00 pm Ride and Drive

5:00 pm Ambassador and Championship

7:00 Fantasia

Tack and bits will be submitted to inspection before each class.

Breaks and splits will be announced as needed.

The Championship classes include the first and second place winners of all the Showmanship and Horsemanship/
Equitation classes throughout the week except for the Walk-Trot classes.

The winner of the Championship Showmanship qualifies for the Showman of Showmen Contest.

	Class	Age Group	Type
1	Senior Versatility	14-18	Horse/Pony
	Senior Versatility Hunter Under Saddle	14-18	Horse/Pony
	Senior Versatility Western Pleasure	14-18	Horse/Pony
	Senior Versatility Reining	14-18	Horse/Pony
	Senior Versatility Barrels	14-18	Horse/Pony
2	Junior Versatility	8-13	Horse/Pony
	Junior Versatility Hunter Under Saddle	8-13	Horse/Pony
	Junior Versatility Western Pleasure	8-13	Horse/Pony
	Junior Versatility Reining	8-13	Horse/Pony
	Junior Versatility Barrels	8-13	Horse/Pony
3	Walk Trot Versatility	All Ages	Horse/Pony
	Walk Trot Showmanship	All Ages	Horse/Pony
	Walk Trot Pleasure	All Ages	Horse/Pony
	Walk Trot Horsemanship/Equitation	All Ages	Horse/Pony
	Walk Trot Barrels	All Ages	Horse/Pony
4	Ride & Drive Versatility	All Ages	Horse/Pony
	Draft/ Pleasure Driving	All Ages	Horse/Pony
	English Pleasure	All Ages	Horse/Pony
	Western Pleasure	All Ages	Horse/Pony

Break

5	Ambassador Showmanship	All Ages	Horse/Pony
6	Championship Showmanship	All Ages	Horse/Pony
7	Ambassador Driving/Reinsmanship	All Ages	Horse/Pony
8	Ambassador Horsemanship/Equitation	All Ages	Horse/Pony
9	Championship Horsemanship/Equitation	All Ages	Horse/Pony

Break

10	Fantasia Singles	All Ages	Horse/Pony
11	Fantasia Doubles	All Ages	Horse/Pony
12	Fantasia Team	All Ages	Horse/Pony
13	Fantasia Open Non-4H Youth and Adults	All Ages	Horse/Pony

2024 Richwood Independent Fair Horse Project Rules

Disclaimer: The program rules may be subject to change prior to the Richwood Independent Fair. Refer to the Richwood Independent Fair Paper or the Richwood Independent Fair website, www.richwoodfair.com, for final program rules.

1. The Richwood Independent Fair Horse Program will follow the State Uniform Rules dress code and the requirements for care, training and showing of the project.
2. 4-H member must belong to a horse club to exhibit a horse project.
3. Members are responsible for cleaning their horse stall(s). The checking of aisles and stalls at the fair will be left up to the advisors of their club. One \$40 completed check (refundable) per stall is to be turned in to each club's organizational advisor prior to move in. Each club's organizational advisor shall be responsible for collecting a completed check from each member/ each stall and turning the completed check into the Richwood Fair Board at the Mandatory Barn Meeting held at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday prior to fair. Cash will not be accepted. **CHECKS ONLY**. Stall assignments will be made prior to move in day and each club's organizational advisor will be notified. Stalls should be cleaned by youth members and inspected by a organizational advisor, Richwood Fair board Member, or designated person the same day the horse leaves the Fairgrounds. Your check will be returned when your stall inspection has been completed. Donation of checks to the Facilities Fund does not negate the members' responsibility for cleaning his/her stall.
4. Horse project members not selling in the non-livestock or livestock auction shall pay a grounds maintenance fee (non-refundable) to the Richwood Fair Board. A completed \$20.00 check per member shall be turned in to each club's organizational advisor prior to move in. Each club's organizational advisor shall be responsible for collecting a completed check from each member/ each stall and turning the completed check into the Richwood Fair Board at the Mandatory Barn Meeting held at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday prior to fair. Cash will not be accepted. **CHECKS ONLY**.
5. Horse projects that have been shown at the Union County Fair are eligible to enter the Richwood Independent Fair Junior Fair horse classes. However, exhibitors that received a premium for a horse project at the Union County Fair are not eligible to receive a Richwood Independent Fair horse project premium.
6. Although vaccinations are not being required, it is STRONGLY RECOMMENDED that your horse's vaccinations are up to date prior to the show season. Discuss with your veterinarian or consult the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) website for Core vaccination and At-risk vaccination recommendations. (<https://aaep.org>)

All horses are required to have a signed Body Condition Statement by a licensed veterinarian on file with their Project Identification Card. All horses must be in an acceptable body condition score of > or = 4/9. Horses not meeting this requirement will not be permitted to exhibit at the fair. Horse body condition scoring will be discussed during Equine Safety, Training, and Education Program (Equistep) and information will be provided on the Union County Fair website. You can also find this information on the Union County 4-H web page: www.union.osu.edu.

Note: The Richwood Fair board will have a vet check completed on each horse upon at 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday. The 4-H member, advisor, and a UCHC member must be present during the vet check. It is highly recommended that a parent be present when their child's animal is checked. If the horse has a body condition score below a four (4), the member will be required to immediately remove the project animal from the fairgrounds and bring it home.

7. To receive a fair premium(s), an exhibitor must participate in the Skill-a-thon before the fair (Skillathon for Richwood exhibitors will take place July 19th at the Union County Fairgrounds) and exhibit his/her project(s) the week of the fair, from the required entry time until the required release time. Exhibitors may receive a maximum of four (4) premiums, one for each project book interview. Richwood exhibitors will receive their premium during the Richwood Fair.

8. Each club must conduct a minimum of eight (8) meetings annually. Members and advisors are required to attend five (5) meetings and four (4) practice rides with each project horse they will exhibit at the fair prior to the fair attended (Ohio State Fair, Union County Fair or Richwood Fair). Horses used as additional and shared projects must also attend four (4) practice rides to be eligible to exhibit at the fair. Practice rides must be conducted prior to the fair to be eligible to exhibit a horse at the fair. Anyone not fulfilling these requirements will not be able to exhibit a horse at the respective fair. To participate in a county State Qualifying Show (Performance Against Standards Show), the youth must be a member in good standing with their club.
9. Participants shall be a 4-H or FFA member in good standing with the 4-H or FFA program and the Richwood Independent Fair Board.
10. Members shall submit a horse project declaration card and applicable leases to the Union County Extension Office before 4:00pm on May 1st. Members shall indicate their intention to attend the Richwood Independent Fair on the project declaration card. The declaration card shall be accompanied by two color photos, one of each side of the equine including all four legs and the face.
11. If the individual member does not get his/her Project Identification Card with TWO acceptable pictures and Body Condition Score (BCS)* statement signed by a licensed veterinarian by the May 1st deadline, THEN a ONE time (per lifetime membership) Late Agreement/Late Wavier must be submitted with the Horse Project Identification Card with TWO acceptable pictures and veterinarian signed BCS statement to the Union County Extension Office before 4:00pm on June 1st. Failure to complete this requirement will render the youth member ineligible for exhibiting a horse at the Union County Fair, Richwood Independent Fair or PAS shows for that year.
12. Declaration cards shall be kept in the Richwood Junior Fair office during the fair so that the show steward can verify that the proper horse has been presented for the project. It is the organizational advisor's responsibility to ensure that members bring the correct project animal.
13. Project animals shall be owned or leased and in full care of the member by May 1st.
14. Members shall submit a Richwood Independent Fair entry card by the deadline established by the Richwood Independent Fair Livestock Committee.
15. Immediate family members may share a project horse provided that a statement of the joint project is submitted with the horse project declaration card.
16. Member may show a maximum of two project animals.
17. Stallions are not eligible to be used as project horses.
18. The Richwood Independent Fair Horse Program follows the horse health requirements established by the Ohio Department of Agriculture. The Richwood Independent Fair Livestock Committee reserves the right to request any animal showing signs of contagious disease or illness to be removed from the grounds.
19. Horses must be in place by 9:00 pm the day before the fair opens (Tuesday). All project horses must remain on the grounds until 3:00 pm the last day of the fair. There will be a mandatory barn meeting at 8:00 pm on move-in day.
20. No animal or articles entered for exhibition can be taken from the fairgrounds before 3:00 pm the last day of the fair. Removing a project from the fairgrounds early without prior approval from the Richwood Independent Fair Board may result in the member being denied eligibility for future exhibition.
21. The liability insurance company used by the Senior Fair Board requires that halters be always on the horse while stalled at the fair. Leather halters or breakaway halters are suggested. For safety purposes, a lead rope must also be placed on each stall front. Emergency contact information for each horse should be posted on each stall.
22. Members are responsible for the care of their project.

23. Stalls shall be stripped on the last day of the fair.
24. Turn-out is not permitted on the fairgrounds. Courteous lunging is permitted.
25. Horses are to be led to and from designated riding areas. Horses must be ridden inside the arena or warm-up area. Arena lights will be turned out at 11 pm. **EXCEPTION:** *During the Fair Parade, horses may be ridden outside of the arena while under advisor supervision, for the specific purpose of participating in the parade.*
26. Judges and/or show stewards' decisions are final.
27. Tack and bits will be submitted to inspection before each class. Refer to current State, Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows.
28. NO SMOKING IN OR AROUND THE BARN.

Procedure for Rule Violations during Richwood Independent Fair:

1. Read the rules to the member.
2. Read and discuss the rules with the parent and member.
3. Present the violation to the Senior Fair Board for disciplinary action.

Richwood Independent Fair Horse Schedule

Tuesday, Aug 27	8:00 am -9:00 pm	Move in
Tuesday, Aug 27	8:00 pm	MANDATORY barn meeting
Thursday, Aug 29	9:00 am	English / Driving Horse Show
Friday, August 30	9:00 am	Western / Ranch Horse Show
Saturday, August 31	10:00 am	Versatility
Saturday, August 31	6:00 pm	Performance Speed Horse Show
Sunday, September 01	10:00 a.m	Costume Class
Sunday, September 01	10:30 a.m. – 12:00 (noon)	Fun Classes
Sunday, September 01	2:00 p.m	Showman of Showman (Livestock Arena)
Sunday, September 01	4:00 p.m.	Parade
Sunday, September 01	6:00 p.m.	Family potluck / awards / family fun night at the horse area
Monday Sept 2	3:00 pm	Horses Released

Richwood Independent Jr. Fair Showman of Showmen Contest

The Showman of Showmen Contest is Sunday of the fair week at 2:00 pm, unless otherwise noted at the Livestock Show Arena. The winner of the Supreme Showmanship class is expected to participate in the Showman of Showmen Contest.

This contest is for the winners of their species showman classes (beef, hog, sheep, rabbit, horses, and poultry or turkeys). They compete together showing each animal as that animal should be shown in a showmanship class. They will also answer five basic questions on that animal. Points are awarded. Total high points become the Showman of Showmen. Contestants should wear their proper showmanship apparel. See any Horse Council Member for details of the contest.

Richwood Independent Jr. Fair Horse Skill-a-thon

The Horse Skill-a-thon will be held on July 19th at 6:30pm at the Union County Fair Grounds. Save the date now and plan to participate! The Skill-a-thon will be open to all horse and roping project members in 4-H and FFA. All members in good standing with their club/chapter will be eligible for Skill-a-thon awards. *Horseless Horse project members are no longer eligible to participate in the horse Skill-a-thon.

Richwood exhibitors will receive their premium during the Richwood Fair. To receive a fair premium, an exhibitor must complete the Skill-a-thon ahead of the fair and exhibit their project(s) the week of the fair, from the required entry time until the required release time. Exhibitors may receive a maximum of four (4) premiums, one for each project book interview. Horseless Horse Project exhibitors will be judged and receive premium vouchers during Special Interest Project Judging prior to fair and should following the yellow project guide sheet.*

Each member interested in participating in the Skill-a-thon should obtain a copy of the current project year Horse Skill-a-thon Study Guide. This guide will outline each station which will be in this year's Skill-a-thon and include information to help you learn about each topic. Each member should also obtain and complete an Equine Record Book, which will be required for the Skill-a-thon. Write your name and project name(s) on the top of your record book. **The Study Guide and the Record Book are available at the OSU Extension website www.union.osu.edu**

Richwood Independent Jr. Fair 4 H Parade Unit Rules

1. All participants wanting to participate in the fair parade, either on horseback or walking, please be saddled and ready to go in the make-up arena / arena no later than 3:30 p.m.
2. Parents are responsible for their children and horses, ponies, or hitched teams. WE REQUIRE A PARENT OR AN ADULT TO WALK WITH EACH 4-H MEMBER OR TEAM WHO HAS THEIR HORSE IN PARADE. We want to keep everyone safe.
3. Unit members must belong to a Union County Horse 4-H Club/ or 4-H Horse Club Family immediate family member.
4. Attire: Western: Long pants, western boots and a properly fitted approved safety helmet securely fastened. Chaps are optional.
English: Jodhpurs or breeches, English boots, and a properly fitted approved safety helmet securely fastened.
Hitched Teams: Approved attire for their type of vehicles and teams, including a properly fitted approved safety helmet securely fastened.
Safety walkers: Please dress comfortably.
5. No stallions.

Richwood Independent Fair English and Driving Classes

Thursday, August 29, 2024 at 9:00 am

1. Youth Showmanship..... 14 -18 yrs.
2. Youth Showmanship..... 8 - 13 yrs.
3. Walk-Trot English Equitation..... 18 years & under
4. English Equitation..... 14 -18 yrs.
5. English Equitation..... 8 -13 yrs.
6. Walk-Trot Hunter Under Saddle..... 14 -18 yrs.
7. Walk-Trot Hunter Under Saddle..... 8 -13 yrs.
8. Hunter Under Saddle..... 14-18 yrs.
9. Hunter Under Saddle..... 8 - 13 yrs.
10. *Ground Poles..... 18 yrs. & under
11. *Cross Rails (18")..... 18 yrs. & under
12. *Hunter Over Fences (2')..... 18 yrs. & under
13. *Hunter Over Fences (2' 3")..... 18 yrs. & under
14. *Equitation Over Fences..... 18 yrs. & under
15. *Hunter Hack..... 18 yrs. & under
16. Reinsmanship..... 18 yrs. & under
17. Pleasure Driving..... 18 yrs. & under
18. Driven Trail..... 18 yrs. & under
19. English Trail 18 yrs. & under
20. English Trail in Hand..... 18 yrs. & under

NOTE:

- *This class will be split into 8-13 yrs. and 14-18 yrs. if there are 3 or more entries for each class.
- The same horse/rider combination showing in Ground Poles or Cross Rails cannot show in Hunter Hack, Hunter Over Fences or Equitation Over Fences classes.
- The same horse/rider combination showing in 3-gaited classes is not eligible for walk/trot classes.

Richwood Independent Fair Western and Ranch Classes

Friday, August 30, 2024 at 9:00 am

1. Western Youth Showmanship.....	14 -18yr
2. Western Youth Showmanship.....	8-13 yrs.
3. Ranch Youth Showmanship.....	14 -18yr
4. Ranch Youth Showmanship.....	8-13 yrs.
5. Walk-Trot Western Horsemanship.....	18 yrs. & under
6. Western Horsemanship.....	14-18 yrs.
7. Western Horsemanship.....	8 -13 yrs.
8. Walk-Trot Western Pleasure.....	18 yrs. & under
9. Western Pleasure.....	9-18 yrs.
10. Walk-Trot Ranch Horsemanship.....	18 yrs. & under
11. Ranch Horsemanship.....	14-18 yrs.
12. Ranch Horsemanship.....	9 -13 yrs.
13. Walk-Trot Ranch Pleasure.....	18 yrs. & under
14. Ranch Pleasure.....	9-13 yrs.
15. Ranch Pleasure.....	14-18 yrs.
16. Walk-Trot Ranch Riding.....	18 yrs. & under
17. Ranch Riding.....	9-13 yrs.
18. Ranch Riding.....	14-18 yrs.
19. *Reining.....	18 yrs. & under
20. *Trail in hand.....	18 yrs. & under
24. *Walk-Trot Trail.....	18 yrs. & under
25. *Trail.....	18 yrs. & under
26. Ground Roping.....	18 yrs. & under
27. Supreme Showmanship	18 yrs. & under

Note:

Supreme showmanship are all participants who placed 1st or 2nd in any showmanship class, either Western/Ranch or English.

- *This class will be split into 8-13 yrs. and 14-18 yrs. if there are 3 or more entries for each class.
- The same horse/rider combination cannot show in Ranch Pleasure/Riding and Western Pleasure at the same show.
- The same horse/rider combination showing in 3-gaited classes is not eligible for walk/trot classes.

Richwood Independent Fair Versatility Contest and Rules

Saturday, August 31, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Classes:

Age 14 - 18 yrs.	Age: 8 – 13 yrs.
1. Hunter Under Saddle	1. Showmanship
2. Western Pleasure / Ranch Pleasure	2. Hunter Under Saddle
3. Reining	3. Western Pleasure / Ranch Pleasure
4. Barrels	4. Barrels

1. Same Horse/Same Rider. Junior Fair Horse Show Walk/Trot participants MAY NOT participate in the Versatility Contest.
2. Must have correct English and Western tack for classes.
3. Must have proper English attire:
4. Breeches/Jodhpurs
5. English Boots
6. English shirt or Dickie (covered by the jacket)
7. Jacket/Coat
8. Approved safety helmet, properly fitted, securely fastened
9. Must have proper Western attire:
10. Long Pants or Breeches/Jodhpurs covered by chaps
11. Western/English Boots
12. Shirt, long sleeve with collar
13. Approved safety helmet, properly fitted, securely fastened • Chaps optional
14. Each contestant must provide one wheelbarrow or a non-motorized tack cart for his/her tack and clothing. Each contestant may have two helpers. No items may be added or removed from the cart once the contest has begun.
15. There will be a 5-minute time limit between classes for tack and clothing changes. All tack and clothing must be changed within this time limit. Dismounting must only occur when announced; remounting must take place before time expires.
16. Horse and rider may NOT LEAVE the arena at any time after the Versatility Contest has begun.
17. Infraction of any of the above rules will result in the disqualification from that class, not the entire contest.
18. Points will be based on the number of total entries. Example: 17 entries, 1st place will get 17 points, 17th place will receive 1 point. Entries that do not show in a class will receive 0 points for that class. DQs, no time or off pattern will receive 0 points.
19. Points for the 4 classes will be added together. Grand Champion is awarded to the entry with the highest points. Reserve Champion is awarded to the entry with the next highest points.
20. Results of each class will be announced at the end of the entire show and then the overall results will be announced. There will be five placings in each class along with two overall placings (Grand and Reserve).
21. The judge will determine the tiebreakers in advance of the contest.

Helpful Hint: DO NOT FORGET water for rider and horse when packing your tack/cart.

Richwood Independent Fair Performance Speed Show and Rules

Saturday, August 31, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Classes will be split between age groups (9-13 & 14-18).

1. Barrels..... 14-18 yrs.
2. Barrels..... 8-13 yrs.
3. Flag Race 14-18 yrs.
4. Flag Race 8-13 yrs.
5. Speed and Control 14-18 yrs.
6. Speed and Control 8-13 yrs.
7. Pole Bending 14-18 yrs.
8. Pole Bending 8-13 yrs.
9. Key Hole 14-18 yrs.
10. Key Hole 8-13 yrs.
11. Stake Bend 14-18 yrs.
12. Steak Bend 8-13 yrs.
13. Down and Back 14-18 yrs.
14. Down and Back 8-13 yrs.

1. Must have Western tack for classes.
2. Must have proper Western attire:
 - a. Long Pants
 - b. Western Boots
 - c. Shirt, long sleeve with collar
 - d. Approved safety helmet, properly fitted, securely fastened
 - e. Chaps optional
3. The horse and rider must enter the arena alone. The rider must not enter the gate any faster than the trot, must stop forward motion by completely stopping or completing a circle prior to starting the pattern.
4. Timing will begin when the horse's nose crosses the starting line and stops when it crosses the finish line.
5. For Speed and Control, time begins when the horse leaves the box and stops when it re-enters the box. The horse must enter and exit the box through the designated opening. The horse must be completely in the box to start and at the end of the run. The rider must be mounted while in the box.
6. Two hands are permitted on the reins.
7. A rider may hold onto the saddle.
8. A rider may bump an obstacle without penalty if it does not fall over.
9. Actions that will result in a 'No Time' (disqualification) include being off pattern, touching an obstacle to hold it up or trying to reset it, and loss of forward motion once the starting line has been crossed.
10. For Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Speed and Control, and Cones and Barrels, knocking over a barrel, pole or cone will result in a 5 second penalty for each barrel, pole, or cone knocked over.
11. For the Stakes Race and Keyhole Race, knocking over a pole will result in a 'No Time' and for the Speed and Control, knocking the box down will result in a 'No Time.'
12. Ties will be broken by a runoff.
13. Once the pattern is completed, the gate will remain closed until the horse is under control and then the horse will be allowed to leave the arena. A rider may ride or lead their horse from the arena.
14. Riders must enter all six classes to be eligible for Grand Champion.
15. Times for the six classes will be added together. Grand Champion is awarded to the entry with the lowest overall time.
16. The Gymkhana Classes rules and patterns in the Uniform Rules for 4-H Shows will be followed.

Richwood Independent Fair High Point Contest Rules

Western	Contest	Hunt Seat	Walk-Trot Western Classes	Walk-Trot English Classes
Showmanship	Keyhole	Showmanship	Western Trail	English Trail
Ranch Pleasure OR Western Pleasure	Pole Bending	Hunter Under Saddle	Horsemanship	Equitation
Ranch Horsemanship OR Western Horsemanship	Barrels	Hunt Seat Equitation	Ranch Pleasure/Western Pleasure	English Pleasure
Trail	Flags	Hunt Seat Trail	Showmanship	Showmanship

Registration for High Point is Wednesday, August 28 from 4:00-5:00 pm.

1. Must participate in the Junior Fair Horse Show and be a one-rider/horse combination, competing in ALL the above-listed events for each high-point category.
2. The awards are based on the horse's performance.
3. Entries must show in the arena.
4. D.Q. 's, No Time, or Off-Pattern exhibitors receive no points, but count as an entry.
5. Scratches do not count as an entry.
6. Only one Walk-Trot High Point will be awarded. The Walk-Trot High point will be awarded to the rider/horse combination that has the highest score for either the Western discipline or the English discipline. Walk-Trot is considered an entry-level division; therefore, Walk-Trot rider/horse combinations may not win Walk-Trot High Point if they have won a High Point Walk-Trot division in past years. Walk-Trot rider/horse combinations may not show in any 3-gaited classes in the Junior Fair Horse Show.
7. Contesting High Point will be based on the fastest times across the board of all classes.
8. Points will be given as indicated in the High Point Chart.
9. Tiebreakers are as follows: Horsemanship, Pole Bending & Equitation.
10. Awards will be given at the Horse Club Recognition and Awards Ceremony.

High Point Chart: Points for Placing					
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
10	9	8	7	6	5

Ohio 4-H Horse Program Calendar of Events

January 2024

27-4-H State Volunteer(Advisor) Training

March 2024

2-Hippology, Horse Bowl & Judging Clinic

2-Communications Contest (Oral)

2-Year End Awards of Merit Presentation

2-State 4-H Horse Poster Contest

April 2024

6-State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest

6-State 4-H Hippology Contest

July 2024

15-State 4-H Horse Judging Contest

15-19-Ohio State Fair Junior Horse Show

18-Ohio State Fair Junior Horse Show - Classical & Western Dressage Show

15-Ohio State Fair Horse Skillathon In-person & Virtual

August 2024

24-State 4-H Groom & Clean Contest

September 2024

6-7-State 4-H Competitive Trail Ride

December 2024

7-Ohio 4-H Horse Show Judges Clinic

These state competitions occur throughout the year. See the state 4-H website for more information on the contests and registration materials at <http://www.ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/horse>. Click on Calendar of 4-H State Horse Events for a listing of each event.

Ohio State Fair Junior Horse Show Exhibitor Application Process

THE PAS RULES BELOW APPLY TO STATE FAIR PARTICIPATION:

1. Each member is limited to no more than four classes; these classes may be any of the classes offered at State Fair.
2. See current rulebook for requirements in all classes.
3. A horse cannot show at the State Fair in both Trail In-Hand and in Trail classes.
4. A horse cannot show at the State Fair in both Western Pleasure and Ranch Pleasure classes.
5. A horse can enter only one height hunter over fences division and a horse can enter only one hunt seat equitation over fences class at State Fair.
6. Exhibitors that have animals that are of incorrect size for the entered class will be moved to the correct class. All ponies will be re-measured at the State Fair.
7. Showmanship, Horsemanship or Hunter Equitation classes must include a pattern. Rail work and splits for horsemanship/equitation classes are at the judge's discretion.
8. Exhibitors should put their entry numbers on both sides of the horse in riding classes.
9. A youth may show in draft (horse or pony) or light (horse or pony) driving, but not both. A heavy harness is expected in draft classes while a light harness is expected in light horse/pony driving classes.
10. Refer to current Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows for requirements for Trail in Hand, Trail, Reining and Western Riding.
11. Tack and bits will be submitted to inspection before each class. Refer to current State Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows.
12. Easy Gaited horses may not show in classes requiring a trot. Correct tack and attire for Easy Gaited Equitation and Easy Gaited Pleasure is Saddle Seat or Western tack and attire, respectively. Easy Gaited Classes for State Fair will be two-gaited classes (no canter). Gaits will be Show Walk and Show Gait. In Easy Gaited Pleasure, the Show Gait will be worth 70 points since they do not canter.
13. Draft horses are an exception in that they will always come into the arena and work out of the line.
14. For Western Horsemanship and Hunter Equitation, the judge may work the pattern as the rider enters the arena and then bring either the finalist or the whole class back for rail work. They may work the rail first and do the pattern afterward for any Horsemanship/Equitation class. Saddle Seat and Easy Gaited Equitation will always work the rail first.

Union County 4-H Horse Council Constitution

Article I

The name of this Council shall be the Union County 4-H Horse Council. This group shall function as a subcommittee of the Union County 4-H Advisory Council, which is the parent group. The purpose of the Union County 4-H Horse Council is:

To create an awareness of the opportunities which are available to the youth through 4-H Horse Project Work.

To promote participation in the 4-H Horse Program by youth and adults.

To keep members and their parents informed about the rules, policies, opportunities, etc., which affect the operations of the local clubs.

To make recommendations regarding situations that arise at authorized 4-H Shows and Junior Fair Shows.

To clarify rules, policies, and procedures which are in effect.

To suggest necessary rules and regulations uniform in Union County.

ARTICLE II

To be considered a "horse club", the main focus of that club will be "horses." The advisors and members of that club must abide by the Uniform Rules for the Union County 4-H Horse Program, the State Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows and Union County 4-H Horse Council's Constitution. Participation in the Union County 4-H Horse Council by at least one advisor of each horse club is required.

To carry a "horse project", you must belong to a 4-H club whose main focus is "horses", where the advisors and members of that club abide by the Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Program, the State Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows and Union County 4-H Horse Council's Constitution.

ARTICLE III

The adult volunteers, who are recognized to be members in good standing by the Union County Extension Service as 4-H Horse Club Advisors, and Members At Large, will become members of the Union County 4-H Horse Council. These persons shall remain members of the Union County 4-H Horse Council provided they are recognized advisors and members at large within the Union County 4-H Horse Clubs and remain in good standing within those clubs. Adult volunteers are considered members in good standing if they meet the requirements of the Union County 4-H Council and 4-H Horse Council attendance of training and meetings and serve on committees.

ARTICLE IV

For the Union County Fair, there will be two (2) show stewards elected each year, including the elected President who will act as Lead Steward in addition to the duties of President. The duties of the show steward will be to make sure of all rules and regulations of that show are followed. They will preside at the Union County State Fair Qualifying Show, 4-H Sponsored Shows, and the Union County Junior Fair. If none of the show stewards can attend and carry out their duties at a particular show, the show stewards will elect a substitute show steward for that show. In the event a show steward should resign before fulfillment of the term of office, the Horse Council shall elect, by majority vote at a regular meeting, a person to complete the term.

For the Richwood Independent Fair, show stewards will be selected by the club advisors for the clubs attending the fair and announced at the barn meeting prior to the start of the fair.

Stewards at both fairs must have with them at every show (1) State 4-H Rule Book, (2) Uniform Rules of Union County and any organization rules as furnished by the group sanctioning the show (ex: ICPHA, OWHA, etc.). Show stewards will hear all protests the day of the show and rule on that protest according to the rules and regulations of that show. Each steward must exercise a vote. No tie is acceptable.

ARTICLE V

For the Union County Fair, there will be three (3) point secretaries responsible for running the entry booth and keep points and records for the P.A.S show, Union County Jr. Fair show, Versatility, High Point and Team Tournament. They are also responsible for the horse project identification cards and to verify project entries. They collect the fair stall deposits (checks only) and return the checks at the end of the fair and verify participation by members in the Skill-a-thon for fair premiums. There will be one (1) point secretary assigned to each barn responsible for collecting and returning stall deposits. The 1st assistant point secretary will be elected annually at our regular September meeting. At that time, the point secretary will resign. The assistant and 1st assistant point secretaries will then move up in position; with the former assistant point secretary becoming the point secretary. The Committee will then elect a person, by majority vote at a regular meeting, to fill the 1st assistant point secretary position.

For the Richwood Independent Fair, a point secretary and an assistant point secretary will be selected by the club advisors for the clubs attending the fair and announced at the barn meeting. The point secretaries will be responsible for keeping points and records for the Richwood Fair show, Versatility, and High Point. They are also responsible for the horse project identification cards and verifying project entries.

ARTICLE VI

The officers to be elected annually at our regular September meeting shall be as follow:

President: The duties of the President shall be to preside over all meetings and act as the lead Show Steward. The President will also have the power to appoint all committee chairs. **Immediate Past President:** This person occupies the office just prior to the current president. Gives council to the president. In the absence or disability of both the president and the vice-president, possesses the power to perform the duties of the president.

Vice President: The Vice President shall perform all duties of the President when he or she is unavailable. He or she will act as Co-Chairman of all committees. If the President resigns or cannot fulfill their term of office, the Vice President shall assume all presidential responsibilities until the next annual election.

Recording Secretary: The duties of the Recording Secretary are to take the minutes of each meeting and handle all correspondence. The Recording Secretary will send e-mails to advisors and members at large that will include the meeting minutes and agenda. He or she will record the attendance at all meetings and will confirm that all advisors and members at large have met the training requirements and remain members in good standing.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall serve a 2-year term. The election of this office will be held September of the even year (ex: 2004). Financial year for the Union County Horse Council is from January 1 to December 31. Yearly financial reports are due at the January meeting. The budget for the next financial year is due at the December meeting. He or she will handle all monies and financial transactions and give a monthly accounting of all transactions. Monies may not be allocated for any reason without a majority vote of the Horse Council. The Treasurer will have an internal review with the Union County Extension Service each year on the even years (ex: 2006). The treasurer will have an external review at the expense of the Horse Council on the odd years (ex: 2005). The Treasurer is responsible for the bank accounts and the Tax I.D. information.

ARTICLE VII

The duties of the Committee Chairs will be to appoint members to their committee, notify all members of their committee of any meetings, etc. and have the authority to sign off on contracts, etc. per the guidelines given by the Horse Council by majority vote at a regular meeting. All committee members and chairs must be a recognized horse advisor or member at large in good standing within the Union County 4-H Horse Clubs.

ARTICLE VIII

The Union County 4-H Horse Council will meet the first Monday of every month (unless it falls on a holiday). If necessary, a special meeting may be called by the Executive Officers with proper notification being provided to all members of the Council. When a special meeting is called, all Union County 4-H Horse Council members will be notified via email address on file.

ARTICLE IX

The Union County 4-H Horse Council shall govern all State Fair Qualifying Shows, 4-H Sponsored Shows, the Union County Junior Fair, and the Richwood Junior Fair. A FFA representative, if available, shall work with the Horse Council in planning and conducting all horse events held in conjunction with the Union County Junior Fair and the Richwood Junior Fair.

ARTICLE X

Business will be conducted at each meeting with a majority vote of those in attendance. Major policy decisions will be made by a majority of those in attendance. Parliamentary Procedures will be used as a guideline unless in conflict with the Union County 4-H Horse Council Constitution.

Any additions and amendments to the Constitution may be made by a majority vote of membership in attendance at any regular 4-H Horse Council meeting from September through March.

ARTICLE XI

Only 4-H Horse Club advisors, FFA advisors and Members At Large have voting privileges at a Horse Council meeting and who have attended four (4) Horse Council meetings within the last 12 months to be a member in good standing with voting privileges at current meeting.

ARTICLE XII

All Members At Large are approved by majority vote by the 4-H Horse Council between September and March. Members At Large may be removed by the majority vote of the Horse Council if found not to be members in good standing by the April meeting. Members At Large must complete the advisor application and attend an advisor's training program approved by OSU Extension Service and remain in good standing. Newly elected Members At Large, including new horse club advisors, that have not been horse club advisors in previous years, must meet with the Union County Extension Educator for the entire advisor process.

ARTICLE XIII

The Union County 4-H Horse Council shall use the State system of Performance Against the Standard (P.A.S.) to qualify State Fair Representatives.

Union County Horse Council Officers 2024

President: Jennifer Kessler

Immediate Past President: Suzan Fisher

Vice President: Laurie Gallatin

Recording Secretary: Diane Smeenk

Treasurer: Gary Kessler

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FFA Representative: Shari Anderson

Union County Horse Ambassador: Lylli Kelly

Union County Horse Council Committees

*Note: The Chairperson for each committee is listed below. Please contact that person directly if you have any questions regarding that area. Contact information may be found inside the back page of this booklet.

Awards	Gary Kessler and Meagan Nance
Sponsorships	Kysta Wuertz, Nikki Griffin, Brittany Rausch
Judges	Casey Thomas
Ambassador	Lindsey Shepard
PAS	Kim Cole, Diane Smeenck
Scholarships	Krysta Wuertz, Nikki Griffin
State Programs	Jennifer Kessler and Lindsey Shepard
Opening Ceremonies	Laurie Gallatin
Barn Meeting and Orientation	Jennifer Kessler, Gary Kessler, Kristen James, Laurie Gallatin
Communications Committee	Diane Smeenck and Molly Long
Musical Fantasia	Lindsey Shepard and Cassidy Shepard
Team Tournament: Horse Judging, Groom and Clean, Team Tournament, Demonstration	Krysta Wuertz, Gary Kessler, Jennifer Kessler
Union County Jr. Fair Potluck	Tasha Bailey and Molly Long

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