

Horse

Superintendents: Allen Colson and Katie Clouss

Exhibit Schedule

Entries Close	Monday, June 15
Open Riding	Saturday, July 11, 6:30-7:30 a.m.
Exhibitor Meeting	Saturday, July 11, 7:30 a.m.
Horsemanship, Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Western Reining, Bareback, Trail, Western Games	Saturday, July 11, 8:00 a.m.
Open Riding	Sunday, July 12, 6:30-7:30 a.m.
Exhibitor Meeting	Sunday, July 12, 7:30 a.m.
Ranch Trail, Ranch Pleasure, Ranch Roping	Sunday, July 12, 8:00 a.m.
Barn Dance - O'Connor Field House	Friday, July 24, 8:00 p.m.

Horse Show location: Birt Arena, 2520 E Lewis Lane, Nampa

- General rules listed in this guide apply to all exhibitors.
- Patterns are released on July 1, 2026 at <https://www.canyoncountyfair.org/livestock/>.
- Horse rules and class descriptions are available in the *Canyon County 4-H Horse Show Classes and Rules Book*. Copies are available through the Canyon County Extension Office or at <https://www.canyoncountyfair.org/livestock/>.
- Order of Precedence (Rule Books) - In the event of inconsistencies between rule books, the following order applies:
 - Canyon County Fair Livestock Exhibitor Guide
 - Canyon County 4-H Horse Show Classes and Rules Book
 - Pacific Northwest 4-H Horse Contest Guide
 All decisions are at the discretion of the Horse Superintendents.
- Round Robin exhibitors show on July 26, 2026. Detailed unloading and parking instructions will be provided prior to Fair.
- All exhibitors participating in Idaho 4-H horse activities or events must wear an ASTM-SEI approved equestrian helmet whenever mounted on an equine, or in a vehicle (cart, wagon, buggy, etc.) pulled by an equine.**
- Appropriate attire is required at all times while participating in the Horse Show (classes, exhibitor meetings, and awards). Refer to pages 5-6 in the Pacific Northwest 4-H Horse Contest Guide.
- Exhibitors entering a class without proper equipment for themselves and/or their horse do not receive a score. Refer to the Pacific Northwest 4-H Horse Contest Guide for requirements:
 - Western Equipment (pages 6-8)
 - Western Games (pages 31-33)
- In the case of ties for high point awards, placement and performance in Western Pleasure will be used as a tie breaker. The tie breaker for Ranch Day will be placement in the Ranch Pleasure class. The tie breaker for Western Games will be the lowest total of all times combined.

10. The Canyon County Fair Horse Show is not a gaited horse show and is not judged as such. Refer to page 22 of the Canyon County Horse Show Classes and Rules Book for command terminology.
11. Hardship requests are reviewed on an individual, case-by-case basis. Contact the Canyon County Fair Office for the Horse Hardship Policy and Petition Form.
12. When a horse is shared by multiple exhibitors, only the primary project exhibitor receives points, premiums, medallion classes, and high point awards.
13. Western Games
 - Horses entered in Walk/Trot Limited I or II classes are not eligible for Western Game classes.
 - Ribbons are awarded per class. Overall high point awards are given.
 - Whips/crops are not allowed. Whipping of the horse with any equipment is not allowed. Any use results in a no time.
14. Gate holds are limited to 3 minutes. The class is held and does not begin until the gate hold time expires.
15. Ribbons are awarded per class based on performance. **Exception:** Ranch Day and Western Games classes award placing ribbons only.

Age classes are as follows (age is determined as of January 1 of the current year):

- Novice - Ages 8-10, first year of showing (all classes walk/trot only; no cross entry in loping classes)
 - If the youth exhibitor desires to enter classes that allow loping and can safely control their horse at a lope, they may enter the Junior - ages 8-10 classes.
- Walk/Trot Limited I - Ages 8-12 (all classes walk/trot; no cross entry in loping classes)
 - This division is intended to provide a safe environment for individuals not comfortable loping or who need more experience showing.
 - An exhibitor who has been awarded the Reserve Grand Champion award is ineligible to win the Reserve Grand Champion award in the future. The exhibitor is still eligible for Grand Champion award. This is based on the exhibitor - not the horse/exhibitor pair.
 - An exhibitor who has been awarded Grand Champion award is ineligible for Grand Champion award or Reserve Grand Champion award in the future. This is based on the exhibitor - not the horse/exhibitor pair.
- Walk/Trot Limited II - Ages 13-18 (all classes walk/trot; no cross entry in loping classes)
 - This division is intended to provide a safe environment for individuals not comfortable loping or who need more experience showing.
 - An exhibitor who has been awarded the Reserve Grand Champion award is ineligible to win the Reserve Grand Champion award in the future. The exhibitor is still eligible for Grand Champion award. This is based on the exhibitor, not the horse/exhibitor pair.
 - An exhibitor who has been awarded Grand Champion award is ineligible to win the Grand Champion award or Reserve Grand Champion award in the future. This is based on the exhibitor, not the horse/exhibitor pair.
 - Green Horse entries - exhibitor must be age 13-18 with a green horse age 2-4. Horse/exhibitor combination can only enter as a Green Horse entry one time.

- Junior - Ages 8-10 (walk/trot/lope - no cross entry in walk/trot classes)
- Intermediate - Ages 11-13 (walk/trot/lope - no cross entry in walk/trot classes)
- Senior - Ages 14-18 (walk/trot/lope - no cross entry in walk/trot classes)
- FFA - All FFA members, any age (Showmanship only - for all other divisions enter appropriate age group above)

Division 40A - Horse Showmanship

1. Participation in Showmanship is **MANDATORY** for exhibitors participating in any other horse division or activity during Fair.
2. Refer to Showmanship section for additional rules and Round Robin information.
3. Age is determined as of January 1 of the current year.
4. Walk/Trot Limited must show in Junior, Intermediate or Senior age groups as appropriate for this division.

Class

01 Novice (Youth 8-10 years old and first year showing any animal)

02 Junior (Youth 9-10 years old)

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Junior Showman

03 Intermediate (Youth 11-13 years old)

04 Senior (Youth 14-18 years old)

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Senior Showman

05 FFA

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion FFA Showman

Division 40B - Bareback Equitation

Class

01 Novice

02 Walk/Trot Limited I

03 Walk/Trot Limited II

04 Junior

05 Intermediate

06 Senior

Division 40C - Horsemanship

Pattern class with rail work optional.

Class

01 Novice

02 Walk/Trot Limited I

03 Walk/Trot Limited II

04 Junior

05 Intermediate

06 Senior

Division 40D - Western Pleasure

Class

- 01 Novice
- 02 Walk/Trot Limited I
- 03 Walk/Trot Limited II
- 04 Junior
- 05 Intermediate
- 06 Senior

Division 40E - Western Reining

Class

- 01 Intermediate
- 02 Senior

Division 40F - Trail

May not cross enter with In-Hand Trail

Class

- 01 Novice
- 02 Walk/Trot Limited I
- 03 Walk/Trot Limited II
- 04 Junior
- 05 Intermediate
- 06 Senior

Division 40G - In-Hand Trail

May not cross enter with Trail. Horses must be 2 years or younger or be a miniature horse.

Class

- 01 Weanling
- 02 Yearling
- 03 2 year old
- 04 Miniature Horse

Division 40H - Ranch Trail

Class

- 01 Cowpokes (Ages 8-10)
- 02 Cowhands (Ages 11-13)
- 03 Wranglers (Ages 14-18)

Division 40I - Ranch Pleasure/Riding

Class

- 01 Cowpokes (Ages 8-10)
- 02 Cowhands (Ages 11-13)
- 03 Wranglers (Ages 14-18)

Division 40J - Ranch Roping

Class

- 01 Cowpokes (Ages 8-10)
- 02 Cowhands (Ages 11-13)
- 03 Wranglers (Ages 14-18)

Division 40K - Western Games - Idaho Figure-8

Class

- 01 Junior (Ages 8-10)
- 02 Intermediate (Ages 11-13)
- 03 Senior (Ages 14-18)

Division 40L - Western Games - Key Race

Class

- 01 Junior (Ages 8-10)
- 02 Intermediate (Ages 11-13)
- 03 Senior (Ages 14-18)

Division 40M - Western Games - Texas Barrels (3 Barrel)

Class

- 01 Junior (Ages 8-10)
- 02 Intermediate (Ages 11-13)
- 03 Senior (Ages 14-18)

Division 40N - Western Games - LT Special Barrel Race

Class

- 01 Junior (Ages 8-10)
- 02 Intermediate (Ages 11-13)
- 03 Senior (Ages 14-18)