

AWARDS

Award of Excellence

First Award State Fair Rosette
Second Award State Fair Rosette
Third Award State Fair Rosette

Award of Distinction

Fourth Award State Fair Rosette
Fifth Award State Fair Rosette

Award of Merit

Award of Merit State Fair Rosette

CALENDAR

Aug 4 Entry forms and entry fees due in our office
Aug 4 Deadline to enter on-line
Aug 7 If entering on-line: Signature Acquisition Form Due
Aug 21 California State Fair opens
Sept 3 Youth Horse Show: English and Over Fences,
Gymkhana (8:00 am)
Sept 4 Youth Horse Show: Showmanship, Western, Trail
Sept 7 California State Fair closes

CREDENTIAL POLICY

Each exhibitor will receive only one exhibitor admission credential pass for themselves and only one guardian admission credential pass for each show date.

TASK FORCE

Youth Horse Show Task Force Exhibitors and adults wishing to participate in the Youth Horse Show Task Force must contact the Fair's Equine representative, Nancy Easton, at 916/263-3174 or 916/263-3205 during the fair to obtain an application.

HOW TO CONTACT US

Send entries to: California State Fair
County Fair Best of Show
P.O. Box 15649
Sacramento, CA 95852

Overnight delivery: 1600 Exposition Blvd
Sacramento, CA 95815

Enter On-Line: www.bigfun.org

For further information: Phone:(916)263-3149
entryoffice@calexpo.com

COUNTY FAIR BEST OF SHOW
HORSE SHOW
CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR
P.O. BOX 15649
SACRAMENTO, CA 95852
www.bigfun.org

County Fair Best of Show Youth Horse Show



ENTRY RECEIVED DEADLINE:

August 4, 2009

OPEN TO:

Exhibitors winning a class (listed in our Horse Section) at their county, district or citrus fair

SHOW DAYS:

September 3 - English & Gymkhana
September 4 - Trail

ENTER ON-LINE:

www.bigfun.org

For a complete County Fair Best of Show Handbook visit our website

ENTRY GUIDELINES

HOW TO ENTER:

- To enter on-line, log onto www.bigfun.org and click competitions. Click the on-line button and select the desired competition you wish to enter and follow the step by step instructions. OR Fill out the official County fair Best of Show entry form according to instructions.
- Entry in the County Fair Best of Show Competition is open to California residents only.
- This special competition is open to the "Best of Show" Class winners from throughout the California Fair industry. Only exhibitors winning a Class (listed in this Horse Show Section) at their County, District or Citrus Fair between August 7, 2007 and August 5, 2008 are eligible to compete. For clarification, only those Horse Shows approved by the California State Fair officials will be recognized for entry, and only those fairs (with an approved show) under the auspices of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Division of Fairs and Expositions will be recognized for entry. An official listing of sanctioned shows is available by contacting the California State Fair Horse Show office. Final approval of any show shall only be given by the California State Fair.
- Entry forms must be endorsed with an authorized signature from the Fair Manager.
- All signatures and information necessary to determine that an entry is eligible must be on the entry form.
- NO LATE ENTRY FORMS OR ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.
- There will be no stabling available on the fairgrounds.

ENTRY DEADLINE: AUGUST 4, 2009

- Overnight mail (or personal delivery) may be necessary. All entries must be received at the California State Fair Entry Office on or before August 4 or submitted on-line.
- **Send entries to:**
California State Fair
County Fair Best of Show
Horse Show
PO Box 15649
Sacramento, CA 95852
- **Overnight entries to:**
California State Fair
Entry Office
Attn: Horse Show
1600 Exposition Blvd
Sacramento, CA 95815

ENTRY FEE: \$10.00 per class

- **Drug Fee:** \$5.00 per horse
- Please enclose entry fee with entry form.
- Make check payable to: California State Fair.
- Entry fee is nonrefundable.

QUALIFYING FFA, GRANGE, AND INDEPENDENT JUNIOR SHOWS

- All qualifying shows must be exclusively County, District, or Citrus Fair Horse Shows with FFA, Grange, or Independent Junior Classes offered. The FFA, Grange, or Independent Junior must be named first in the Class - no exceptions.

QUALIFYING 4-H SHOWS

- All qualifying shows should be exclusively 4-H Horse Shows with 4-H Classes offered. Shows offering Classes in which 4-H members compete against other non 4-H entrants can be used to qualify if and only if: 1) The show is held in conjunction with the Fair, 2) A minimum of three (3), 4-H members actually competed in the Class for which the winner qualifies, and 3) one of the competing 4-H members was named first in the Class (no exceptions).

QUALIFYING CLASSES

- Qualifying Classes at the County, District, Citrus Fair or sanctioned Horse Show must be of Senior or Junior Level. No restricted Classes will qualify for this special competition. (i.e. Novice, "Green", Maiden Beginner, Preliminary or Intermediate Classes as defined by A.H.S.A.) Walk/Jog classes must also be Open.
- Members winning a Class at any approved qualifying show are only eligible to show in the Horse Show. **No cross entering between 4-H or FFA, Grange and Independent Junior Divisions will be permitted.**

PONY REQUIREMENTS

- Entries in pony Classes must be 14-2 hands or under with 1/4 " allowance for shoes. AHSA Pony cards will be accepted. Ponies will be measured prior to start of show. Ponies are to be shown in pony Classes only.

ENTRY LIMITS

- Each exhibitor shall be limited to entering the Classes for which they qualify with the horse they qualified on and two additional classes of their choice for each class in which they qualify.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- All 4-H entrants must be official, current members of a California 4-H Club. All FFA entrants must be official, current members of a California FFA Chapter. All Grange Entrants must be official, current members of a California Grange. Independent Junior entrants are not required to be members of or affiliated with any club or organization.
- General Rules concerning age applies.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

- Appropriate attire and tack for the Western, English and Gymkhana Classes must be used. Please note USA Equestrian Association rules will be followed. All juniors riding in the Jumpers, Hunter Hack, Equitation Over Fences and the Hunters must wear protective headgear passing testing standards while riding in the designated schooling area, the show ring and while jumping anywhere on the grounds. Harness must be secured and if said headgear has a brim, it must be flexible or semi-flexible. Any rider violating this rule at any time will immediately be prohibited from further riding until his/her headgear is properly in place.
- A hard hat is defined as a hunt cap or a riding hat with a hard shell.
- An approved helmet will be required for all riding events.
- The organization uniform must be worn during showmanship Classes.

CHECK IN PROCEDURES

- Exhibitors must check-in at the Horse Show Office at least one hour prior to judging of classes that he/she is qualified to ride in.

SPECIAL RULES

- The horse shown must be the exhibitor's project at least 120 days prior to the show but need not be owned by or registered to the exhibitor (i.e. leasing of horses to juniors is acceptable).
- All exhibitors competing in this event must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian and or adult club or chapter leader while on the fairgrounds.
- Each entrant will provide all necessary equipment and horse or pony to compete in this competition.
- Any changes in the Horse Show scheduling will be announced at the Horse Show areas on the day of the show.
- If any person leaves the arena for any reason, he/she cannot come back into the Class.
- Exhibitors are not eligible if they or their horses have trained under the judge within 90 days of the show date.
- Exhibitors of horses will comply with provisions of the Horse Protection Act of 1970 (P.O. 91540) and all rules adopted by the U. S. Secretary of Agriculture to carry out all of its provisions.
- Exhibitors must declare any medications given their horses when they check-in at the Horse Show Office.
- Substitutions are permitted only in cases of illness or injury of animal with a Veterinarian's Certificate. The substitute must be member's project animals.
- Exhibitors are required to care for, prepare for showing and show their own animals. A horse or pony may be shown by one exhibitor only.
- Members of 4-H, FFA, or Grange must be in good standing with their organization and projects entered as such must have been conducted under the supervision of that organization.
- The Fair shall not be responsible for exhibits remaining on the fairgrounds after designated release time.
- The judge may disqualify any animal that is not sufficiently gentle to be shown with safety. The judge may not make any awards to any animal which shows visible evidence of disease, deformity or lameness. No award will be made to entries eliminated under this rule. All animals in the Horse Show must be serviceably sound.
- No animal shall be admitted or remain on the grounds that show any evidence of any communicable disease or any unsightly disease conditions.
- Judges decision is final. Decisions of the Horse Show management will be final. 4-H Rules do not govern this show.
- The State Fair management reserves the right to return entries and cancel any Division or Class which, in its judgement, the entries are insufficient to assure adequate competition.
- Horses will be released from the California State Fairgrounds when they have completed showing.

SHOW LOCATION

- State Fair Arena, California State Fairgrounds

SHOW SCHEDULE

- September 3 & 4, 2009 starting at 8:00 a.m.
- Details of show schedule to be announced after close of entries

DEFINITIONS:

- Junior - an exhibitor who is 13 years of age or under as of January 1, 2009.
- Senior - an exhibitor who is 14 years of age or older as of January 1, 2009.
- Pony - pony and mixed pony breeds 14-2 hands and under.

DIVISIONS:

- **Division 81** - Junior - Exhibitors are 13 years of age and under as of January 1, 2009.
- **Division 84** - Senior - Exhibitors are 14 years of age and older as of January 1, 2009.
- **Division 85** - Walk/Jog Divisions
- **Division 87** - Ponies - 14-2 hands and under of pony or mixed pony breeds. Ponies are to be shown in pony classes only.
- **Division 90** - Open FFA, Grange and Independent Junior exhibitors. (Open - any FFA, Grange or Independent Junior exhibitor between the age of 9 and 19 years of age as of January 1, 2009.)

DIVISION 81 - 4-H JUNIORS

- Class
 1. Showmanship
 2. English Equitation
 3. English Pleasure
 4. Hunter Hack (2'3" jumps)
 5. Equitation Over Fences (to 2'6" jumps)
 6. Working Hunters (to 2'6" jumps)
 7. Jumpers (to 2'6" jumps)
 8. Bareback Equitation
 9. Western Equitation
 10. Western Horsemanship
 11. Western Pleasure
 12. Trail
 13. Single Stake Race
 14. California Pole Bending
 15. California Speed Barrels
 16. Cloverleaf Barrels
 17. Bi-rangle Stake Race

DIVISION 84 - 4-H SENIORS

- Class
 1. Showmanship
 2. English Equitation
 3. English Pleasure
 4. Hunter Hack (2'6" jumps)
 5. Equitation Over Fences (to 2'9" jumps)
 6. Working Hunters (to 2'9" jumps)
 7. Jumpers (to 2'9" jumps)
 8. Bareback Equitation
 9. Western Equitation
 10. Western Horsemanship
 11. Western Pleasure
 12. Trail
 13. Single Stake Race
 14. California Pole Bending
 15. California Speed Barrels
 16. Cloverleaf Barrels
 17. Bi-rangle Stake Race

DIVISION 85 - WALK/JOG

- Exhibitors will be eligible to compete in the Walk/Jog Division for one year only.
- Exhibitors may be any age within the 4-H, FFA, Grange and Independent divisions.
- Exhibitors may not have qualified or shown at the County Fair Best of Show Youth Horse Show previous to 2009.
- Exhibitors must have qualified at their California State Fair approved horse show in the Walk/Jog Division.
- Exhibitors must have qualified on an approved project horse.
- Exhibitors may choose two Walk/Jog classes for each they qualified in. They must not be qualified in any classes in any other division.
- Qualifying classes at County Fairs must be Walk/Jog Open, Junior or Senior, no restricted classes.
- Class
 1. Walk/Jog Showmanship - Western or English
 2. Walk/Jog Bareback Equitation - Western or English
 3. Walk/Jog Western Pleasure
 4. Walk/Jog Western Equitation
 5. Walk/Jog Hunter Hack
 6. Walk/Jog English Pleasure
 7. Walk/Jog English Equitation
 8. Walk/Jog Trail

NOTE

- Classes may also be adjusted based on safety concerns.
- The State of California 4-H Equine Project is currently being standardized. As this change is adopted, the California State Fair will attempt to incorporate any and all changes as they become appropriate to this Best of Show event.

DIVISION 87 - PONY

- Class
 1. Showmanship
 2. English Equitation
 3. English Pleasure
 4. Hunter Hack (2'0" jumps)
 5. Equitation Over Fences (to 2'3" jumps)
 6. Working Hunters (to 2'3" jumps)
 7. Jumpers (to 2'3" jumps)
 8. Bareback Equitation
 9. Western Equitation
 10. Western Horsemanship
 11. Western Pleasure
 12. Trail
 13. Single Stake Race
 14. California Pole Bending
 15. California Speed Barrels
 16. Cloverleaf Barrels
 17. Bi-rangle Stake Race

DIVISION 90 - FFA, GRANGE, AND INDEPENDENT JUNIOR HORSE SHOW

- Class
 1. Showmanship
 2. English Equitation
 3. English Pleasure
 4. Hunter Hack (2'3" jumps)
 5. Equitation Over Fences (to 2'9" jumps)
 6. Working Hunters (to 2'9" jumps)
 7. Jumpers (to 2'9" jumps)
 8. Bareback Equitation
 9. Western Equitation
 10. Western Horsemanship
 11. Western Pleasure
 12. Trail
 13. Single Stake Race
 14. California Pole Bending
 15. California Speed Barrels
 16. Cloverleaf Barrels
 17. Bi-rangle Stake Race

EQUINE CHAMPION CHALLENGE

This competition will take place on Friday, September 4, 2009. All Champions of the divisions of the Best of Show Horse Show will be REQUIRED to compete in this competition. Other California State Fair Exhibitors may compete by taking the exam. All other youth in California may enter by taking the exam after paying an entry fee of \$10.00. The exam will take place at 8:00 AM on Friday, September 4.