

HORSE DEPARTMENT 39

**READ ALL OF THE FOLLOWING AND UNDERSTAND,
THIS APPLIES TO EVERYONE EQUALLY!!**

GROUNDS AND SAFETY

- See General Rules, Livestock Rules, Animal Health Regulations, Refund Policy on Livestock and Overnight Policy.
- All overnighters will abide by the Rules and Regulations as set forth by the Middlesex County 4-H Fair Board of Directors.

NOTE: On Thursday, horses may enter the grounds between 2:00 and 10:00 p.m. only. Horses without proper vet certification will be denied entry.

- **The following rules issued by the Massachusetts's Department of Food and Agriculture apply to all equine:**
 1. All equines entering a Massachusetts fairground must have a valid health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian certifying that the animals are clinically free of infectious or contagious disease and exposure from such disease. Documents of health certification for out-of-state animals must be written on relevant state or federal health forms only. In-state animals may be accompanied by a certificate of examination on a veterinarian's letterhead stationery which clearly identifies the contact information for the veterinarian signing the certification. Certificates written on plain paper are not acceptable. These certificates must be available upon request to fair inspectors. Health certificates must be dated January 1st or after for this year. These documents will be acceptable for the entire fair season.
 2. All equines must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions: mange, ringworm, soring, stranglers and open or draining wounds.
 3. All equines originating from within and outside of the Commonwealth must have a negative USDA-approved EIA test (i.e., Coggins test or ELISA test) dated within twelve months of entry. A detailed description of the horse must appear on the test form, and must match the description that appears on the health certificate.

All Horses will be required to provide a certificate (signed veterinarian Shot Record) of vaccination for Rabies, current Coggins Test and EWT. Name of horse and description must be the same on all paperwork.

- Riders must wear an ASTM/SEI Approved Hard Hat (as marked on the inside of the hat) with built-in safety harness securely fastened at all times when mounted. Riders will not be penalized for wearing protective headgear or protective vests outside of their seat. Any rider who violates this rule will be prohibited from further riding until this headgear is properly in place.
- Exhibitors must abide by the following safety rules:
 - Riders must be astride while mounted **with both feet in stirrups**.
 - Riders must have reins in hand while mounted.
 - Exhibitors may not smoke, eat or drink while mounted or have horse in hand.
 - Riders may not be mounted in the pine grove or stable areas.
 - Horses must proceed at a walk at all times outside the rings and exercise areas.
 - All schooling will be limited to the designated areas.
 - Riders may ride or exercise their horse in any area after the close of the show each day, at the discretion of the Show Manager.
 - Riders should not congregate in the gate area too far in advance of their class.
 - Horses must be haltered or bridled at all times.
- Snow fence or fence enclosure; no bailing twine will be allowed. Horses kept in the straight stalls in the horse barn must be cross-tied with two 1/2" tie ropes and have a butt chain or stall guard. Safety knots must be used for any tying (cotton leads will stay tied). This area will be monitored.
- All exhibitors must bring hay, grain, bedding and tack in on Thursday evening for the entire weekend.

GROUNDS AND SAFETY (continued):

- After Thursday night, horse trailers and cars are not allowed in the Horse Grove Area. Horse truck & trailers staying the entire weekend will be parked inside the fence, BUT cannot move. Day exhibitors will be allowed in the fence area, BUT, CANNOT leave until show is over for the day!! Trucks and Trailers parking outside the fence in the parking lot will be charged a PER DAY PARKING FEE!
- **Exhibitors may not remove animals or leave the grounds until after the conclusion of the Closing Ceremonies of the Fair, and until their stable areas are clean.**

REMINDER: Please be aware of horses with red ribbons in their tails and give them wide berth.

MANAGEMENT POLICY

- Decisions of the Judges and/or Show Committee will be final. This show shall be governed by the rules of Massachusetts 4-H Horse Shows and the Middlesex County 4-H Fair Horse Show Committee, which have been adapted from the rules of the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF).
- Evidence of poor sportsmanship on the part of the exhibitor will be subject to dismissal from the show and the forfeiture of all entry fees and awards. Parents, leaders and coaches also must exhibit good sportsmanship or be escorted off the grounds.
- Exhibits must be prepared, handled and maintained entirely by the 4-H'er without assistance from family or friends. **4-H Horseshow safety rules apply.**
- No person shall approach or speak to a judge without the express permission of the Show Steward. Failure of exhibitors to observe this rule may result in disqualification from the show without refund of fees. Parents, leaders and coaches also must observe this rule. Requests to speak to the Judge should come from the exhibitor.
- Unruly or dangerous horses may be disqualified from the show without return of entry fees.

DRUGS ARE PROHIBITED ACCORDING TO USEF RULES, AND THE RULES OF THE FAIR.

- The Horse Show Committee reserves the right to change class order and location due to weather or other complications.
- Breaks in the show will not necessarily coincide with posted kitchen hours. Every effort will be made to accommodate meal times. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor, leader or parent to obtain meals.
- The Fair Association, Horse Advisory Board, Show Committee and Show officials will not be responsible for the loss or damage of exhibitor's belongings and/or of injury to animals or persons.

PERFORMANCE/APPOINTMENTS

- Proper dress is required in all classes according to the "Massachusetts 4-H Horse Show Rules." This means formal attire in all performance classes.
- English shirts without jackets must be either short or long sleeved, **NO SLEEVELESS WITHOUT A JACKET!**
- Boots must have a raised heel.
- Sneakers, loafers, tank tops or T-shirts are prohibited when mounted.
- Western shirts must be long sleeved and buttoned to the collar.
- Hair should be in hairnets and/or confined under hats. Long hair will be tucked up into the hats.
- Numbers must be visible at all times.
- Dungarees (except Western dress jeans) are prohibited except under chaps.

NOTE: USEF and 4-H Rules specify proper equipment. Artificial aid may be prohibited. Questions should be addressed to the Show Steward.

HORSE EXHIBITOR ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Exhibitors must have submitted Horse Project Verification form to County Office 90 days prior to the Fair horse show.

Age requirements for exhibitors in the Horse Department are as follows:

Cloverbud:	Age 5 through 7 as of January 1, 2011
Junior:	Age 8 through 13 as of January 1, 2011
Senior:	Age 14 through 18 as of January 1, 2011

Each Exhibitor can **ONLY** enter **ONE** horse project. All classes at the fair must be pre-entered and paid for. Be sure your entry and overnight forms have **all the required signatures! Forms will not be accepted without the signatures of a parent/guardian and leader.** After reviewing each exhibitor's form for accuracy, leaders should be the last to sign the forms. Horse Club Leaders must submit all overnight requests for their clubs as a one entry package, including chaperones. Individual entries will be returned.

Fitting and Showmanship classes will be assigned by the show management. Every Exhibitor must show in Fitting and Showmanship classes in order to be able to ride in Fair classes. Exhibitors will use appointments and tack appropriate to the division they have entered for the Fair. Fitting and Showmanship classes are on Friday morning. **There is a Saturday morning Fitting and Showmanship class, but Entry in this class must be approved by the department chair prior to forms being turned into the office!** If you are an overnighter on Thursday, you must show in Friday Fitting and Showmanship classes.

The Show Management will measure horse/pony height if the exhibitor is in doubt of classification. Measurements will be taken Thursday night.

Show packets with numbers will be distributed at the Show Booth on Thursday Night.

CLASS INFORMATION:

- Fitting and Showmanship judging will be station to station. There will be a Junior and a Senior Championship class.
- A Leadline class will be held with Cloverbuds only astride. Ponies/horses can be borrowed 4-H projects that are already entered in the Horse Show by another exhibitor, or the Cloverbud's own horse/pony. All horses/ponies must comply with all animal health regulations and all other fair requirements for animals and exhibitors. The leader of the horse must be a senior 4-H member, and may be from the same club **or** from a different club. Cloverbuds may **ONLY** participate in Leadline class. This is not a judged class; all entrants will be awarded a participation ribbon.
- Maiden classes are intended for inexperienced beginner riders who never won a BLUE Ribbon prior to this fair.
- Horse Lover's Showmanship class is open to any 4-H Horse Lover member. The class will be judged on the member's ability to show the horse to its best advantage. Leaders must arrange for all horses and horses must comply with all Health Regulations and Horse Show Rules. All necessary signatures on the back of the entry form must be complete. Horse Lovers may show only in Horse Lover's classes.
- Walk-Trot exhibitors are ages 8 -18. Exhibitors must not have previously shown in a performance class with a canter or lope.
- Novice Walk-Trot are ages 8-18. Exhibitors must be in their first year showing at the Walk Trot.
- Walk-Trot exhibitors must show in a Fitting and Showmanship class as appropriate by their age.
- All other Horse Show rules apply to exhibitors in the Walk-Trot classes.
- **ALL CLASSES MUST BE PRE-ENTERED; NO ADDING OF CLASSES DURING THE FAIR!**
- Classes may be switched from one ring to another by the Horse Show Committee if the size of the classes warrant; **classes must have at least 3 exhibitors to be considered a class.**

IMPORTANT NOTE

WARNING: Under Massachusetts Law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to Section 2D of Chapter 128 of the General Laws.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Award	Description
Fitting & Showmanship Topaz Memorial Trophy	Awarded to the Club accumulating the most points in the Fitting & Showmanship classes at this Fair.
The Stable Challenge Trophy	Club stable award is based on stable area and adherence to fairs regulations by members, parents and chaperones. Scoring is 30% Safety, 25% Management, 25% Courtesy and 20% Display.
English Trophy	Awarded to the club which accumulates the most points in the English performance classes.
Western Trophy	Awarded to the club which accumulates the most points in the Western performance classes.
Walk – Trot Trophy	Awarded to the club which accumulates the most points in the Walk – Trot classes (includes Novice Walk-Trot).
Gymkhana Trophy	Awarded to the club which accumulates the most points in the timed events.
Club Team Challenge Trophy Horse	Awarded to the club whose horse team places first in the Club team competition.
Club Team Challenge Trophy Pony	Awarded to the club whose pony team places first in the Club team competition.
Average Point Trophy	Awarded to the club who has the most points divided by the number of riders in the club showing at the fair (Cloverbuds and Horselovers are not included in club count).
Sportsmanship Trophy	Awarded to the club deemed to display the best spirit of sportsmanship throughout the show as voted by the clubs.

**2011 Middlesex County 4-H Fair
Horse Show Class Schedule
Friday, August 26, 2011
Start Time is 8:30 a.m.**

Fitting and Showmanship Classes will be posted by Exhibitor's number as to what Ring number and what side of the Ring the exhibitor's class will be in. All Walk-Trot exhibitors must enter a Fitting and Showmanship Class based on their age.

Classes are in the appropriate tack for your riding seat!

ALL CLASSES ARE TO BE PRE-ENTERED!

1. Junior Fitting & Showmanship (8 - 13 years)
2. Senior Fitting & Showmanship (14 - 18 years)
3. Shared Project Fitting & Showmanship (8 - 18 years)
4. Horse Lover's Fitting & Showmanship (8 - 18 years)
Junior Championship Fitting & Showmanship (8 - 18 years)
Senior Championship Fitting & Showmanship (14 - 18 years)

RING 1

7. Novice Walk/Trot Equitation 8-18 yrs NOTE 1
8. Walk/Trot Equitation 8 - 18 yrs
9. Jr. English Equitation 8 - 10 yrs
10. Jr. English Equitation 11 - 13 yrs
11. Sr. English Equitation 14 - 16 yrs
12. Sr. English Equitation 17 - 18 yrs
13. Jr. Pony Hunter Hack 14.2 & Under
14. Jr. Horse Hunter Hack 14.3 & Over
15. Sr. Hunter Hack (Jumps 18')

RING 2

16. Jr. Western Equitation 8 - 13 yrs
17. Sr. Western Equitation 14 - 18 yrs
18. Jr. Western Egg & Spoon
19. Sr. Western Egg & Spoon
20. Walk / Trot Egg & Spoon
21. Novice Walk / Trot Egg & Spoon
22. Walk/Trot Keyhole Race 8-18 years
23. Junior Keyhole Race
24. Senior Keyhole Race

NOTES 1: Novice Walk Trot is only for 1st year riders in the walk trot division

Warm up area Ring 2 & 3 after Fitting & Showmanship

**2011 Middlesex County 4-H Fair
Horse Show Class Schedule
Saturday, August 27, 2011
Start Time is 8:30 a.m.**

RING 1

25. Fitting & Showmanship (Only for those with an approved absence from Friday)

RING 1

- 26. Horse Lovers Trail
- 27. Walk / Trot Trail
- 28. Junior English Trail
- 29. Junior Western Trail
- 30. Senior English Trail
- 31. Senior Western Trail
- 32. Walk/Trot Western Reining (Note 2)
- 33. Maiden Western Reining
- 34. Junior Western Reining
- 35. Senior Western Reining

RING 1

- 41. Walk/Trot Equitation over ground poles
- 42. Maiden Equitation Over 18" Fences (Note 1)
- 43. Jr. Equitation over Fences 2'
- 44. Sr. Equitation over Fences 2'
- 45. Junior Pole Bending
- 46. Senior Pole Bending
- 47. Walk / Trot Barrel Race
- 48. Junior Barrel Race
- 49. Senior Barrel Race

RING 3 (All Tests 2007)

- 36. USDF Intro Test A (Walk/Trot only)
- 37. Junior Training Test 1
- 38. Junior Training Test 2
- 39. Senior Training Test 1
- 40. Senior Training Test 2

**Sr. & Jr. you can only sign up for 1
Dressage test, but it can be either test
1 or test 2.**

RING 2

- 50. Junior Flag Race
- 51. Senior Flag Race
- 52. Junior Pony Express
- 53. Senior Pony Express
- 54. Junior Speed Action Control
- 55. Senior Speed Action Control

Ring 2 warm-up until after Dressage. Following Dressage warm-up will be Ring 3

Lunch break-time will be coordinated with kitchen lunchtime as close as possible.

INTERCLUB PAIRS: Horse Pairs, Pony Pairs To be comprised of exhibitors from different clubs.
Judged 80% performance, 20% uniformity of appointments. (Will be held after lunch break.)

NOTE 1: Exhibitor must never have won a Blue ribbon in **ANY** over fences classes prior to this show and
MAY ONLY ENTER MAIDEN-JUMPING CLASSES!

NOTE 2: Exhibitor must never have won a Blue Ribbon in **ANY** Western Reining classes prior to this show and
MAY NOT ENTER OTHER WESTERN REINING CLASSES.

**2011 Middlesex County 4-H Fair
Horse Show Class Schedule
Sunday, August 28, 2011
Start Time is 8:30 a.m.**

RING 1

- 56. Novice Walk/Trot Pleasure 8 - 18 yrs
- 57. Walk/Trot Pleasure 8 - 18 yrs
- 58. Jr. English Pleasure Horse 14.3 & Over
- 59. Jr. Pony English Pleasure 14.2 7 Under
- 60. Jr. Western Pleasure
- 61. Sr. English Pleasure
- 62. Sr. Western Pleasure
- 63. Jr. English Bareback Equitation
- 64. Sr. English Bareback Equitation

RING 1

- 73. Maiden Western Riding (Note 1)
- 74. Junior Western Riding
- 75. Senior Western Riding
- 76. Sr. English Bareback Equitation
- 77. Novice Walk/Trot Discipline Rail 8-18 years
- 78. Walk/Trot Discipline Rail 8-18 years
- 79. Sr. Western Discipline Rail
- 80. Sr. English Discipline Rail

RING 2

- 65. Jr. Pony Eng Egg & Spoon 14.2 & Under
- 66. Jr. Horse Eng Egg & Spoon 14.3 & Over
- 67. Senior English Egg & Spoon
- 68. Walk/Trot Western Horsemanship
- 69. Jr. Western Horsemanship
- 70. Sr. Western Horsemanship
- 71. Jr. Western Bareback Equitation
- 72. Sr. Western Bareback Equitation

RING 2

- 81. Jr. Pony Eng Discipline Rail 14.2 & Under
- 82. Jr. English Discipline Rail 14.3 & Over
- 83. Jr. Western Discipline Rail
- 84. Walk/Trot Pick-Up & Deliver
- 85. Junior Pick-up & Deliver
- 86. Senior Pick-up & Deliver

CLUB TEAM COMPETITION (will be run after lunch break)

Horses and Ponies, **Clubs can have 1 team each!**

(Horse = 2 horses & 1 pony or 3 horses); (Pony = 2 ponies & 1 horse or 3 ponies).

To be comprised of three exhibitors from the same club.

Will be judged on 80% performance, 20% uniformity of appointments.

CLOVERBUD CLASSES (will be held after Club Team Competition).

87. Cloverbud Lead line

88. Cloverbud Lead line Egg & Spoon

- NOTE**
- 1. Exhibitor must never have won a Blue ribbon in **ANY** Western Riding classes prior to this show; may not enter other Western Riding Classes
 - 2. Novice Walk Trot is only for 1st year riders in the walk trot division

WARM UP IN RING 3 ALL DAY