

UPPER ARKANSAS RIVER VALLEY

- A. The 2010 Upper Arkansas River Valley 4-H Horse Show will be held on Thursday, June 17, 2010, at Hurley's Arena located West of Clarksville, Ark., on Highway 64 (1.5 miles West of Exit 55—Hurley's is on the right hand side of the road). Sign-in will begin at 9 a.m. Competition will begin promptly at 10 a.m., starting with the Posting of the Colors, followed by a 10-minute gate call for Halter and Showmanship classes and continuing in the order specified below. A 20-minute break will be taken after Senior Showmanship. The first 10 minutes of the break will be used for warming up and the last 10 minutes of the break will be used for setting up the trail pattern. No horse/rider will be allowed in the arena for any reason after the first 15 minutes of this break.

NOTE: All horses and contestants must be on the grounds and signed in **no later than 10 a.m.**

- B. There will be no limit on the number of horses a 4-H'er may enter and ride at the UARV 4-H Horse Show. **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE STATE SHOW DOES HAVE A 3 HORSE LIMIT PER 4-H MEMBER.**
- C. Horses used as projects in the 4-H Horse Show program must be owned or must have been under the exclusive care, training, and control of the 4-H member for at least three (3) months prior to entry in the UARV District 4-H Horse Show. If the latter, **proof must accompany the Registration Form that the 4-H'er is in compliance with this requirement.** (Any Registration Form received without proof of compliance with this rule will be returned to the 4-H'er and will not be considered submitted until appropriate documentation is attached.)
- D. Cloverbud classes are exhibition classes only, and contestants will not be placed; however, each Cloverbud participating in a class will receive a bar recognizing his/her participation. In all other classes, bars will be awarded for first through fifth place.
- E. **All entries must be preregistered.** There will be an entry fee of \$5 per contestant and \$4 per class. Please make checks payable to UARV 4-H Horse Show. Counties will be assessed on a contestant basis for added expenses if necessary.

No late registrations will be accepted and **No** classes may be added/substituted to registered entries the day of the show.

- F. The deadline for all entries is 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 3, 2010. No Registration Forms will be accepted after that date for any reason. Registration Forms should be mailed to:

Blair Griffin
Johnson County Extension Office
P.O. Box 590
Clarksville, Arkansas 72830

(**NOTE:** Class sponsorship information/money should also be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on May 3, 2010.)

All entry forms **must** be signed by four (4) individuals: a 4-H participant, a parent, a 4-H Leader, **AND** a County Extension Agent. A **copy** of a negative Coggins' test within the last 12 months of the show **must accompany each entry**. Be sure to include Coggins test results for each horse you enter. Any Registration Form received not in compliance with this requirement will be returned via mail to the participant and will not be considered received until accompanied by copy of current negative Coggins' papers.

Please note: You will need the original Coggins test results available the day of the show for verification before you can unload your horse(s). THIS IS APPLICABLE FOR ANY HORSE YOU BRING ON THE PREMISES, WHETHER YOU ARE SHOWING THE HORSE OR NOT. (In other words, **no** horse will be permitted on the grounds without proof of current—since June 18, 2010—negative Coggins' papers.)

Coggins papers will be checked until 10 a.m.

REMINDER: ALL HORSES BEING ENTERED IN THE SHOW MUST BE ON THE PREMISES PRIOR TO 10 am.

- G. Ponies shall be measured and certified by county 4-H horse club leaders. They shall not exceed 13.3 hands (actual measurement of 55 inches and under).
- H. Classes designated as having Junior and Senior divisions pertain to the age of the rider and not the age of the horse.
- I. Queens contest rules and regulations will be mailed to contestants.
- J. Classes at the 2010 show will be run in the following order and are subject to a 2-minute gate call. **Contestants will enter the arena in the order listed in the show program.**

Halter Classes: (**NOTE:** For Junior and Senior 4-H'ers **only**)

- Pony—Gelding and Mare
- Stock Horse—Mares
- Stock Horse—Gelding
- All Other Breeds

Fitting and Showmanship Classes

- Cloverbud Showmanship at Halter
- Junior Showmanship at Halter
- Senior Showmanship at Halter

20-minute break—first 10 minutes for warm ups (contestants only)
last 10 minutes for Trail pattern set up (**No** horses/contestants will be allowed in the arena for any reason.)

Western Pleasure/Performance Classes

Junior Trail Class	
Senior Trail Class	
Cloverbud Walk/Trot	(See restrictions in K.2 below)
Junior Rider Walk/Trot	(See restrictions in K.2 below)
Junior Pony Pleasure	
Cloverbud Western Pleasure	
Junior Western Pleasure	
Senior Western Pleasure	
Junior Gaited Pleasure	
Senior Gaited Pleasure	
Junior Youth Horsemanship	
Senior Youth Horsemanship	
Junior Western Riding	
Senior Western Riding	
Junior Reining	
Senior Reining	
Queens Contest	(See I.)

Timed Events

Junior Barrel Race	
Senior Barrel Race	
Cloverbud Flag Race	
Junior Flag Race	
Senior Flag Race	
Junior Speed Race	
Senior Speed Race	
Junior Pole Bending	
Senior Pole Bending	
Junior Stake Race	
Senior Stake Race	
Junior Key Hole Race	(60-second time limit)
Senior Key Hole Race	(60-second time limit)

K. All classes will be judged as described in the general rules and regulations of the Arkansas State 4-H Horse Show except:

1. **Halter Class**
Classes may be broken into heats based on horses age and number of entries.
2. **Walk/Trot**
Horse is to be shown at the walk and trot only and will not be asked to back. Except for these considerations, the class will be judged as a pleasure class. Any horse exhibited at a lope will be disqualified.

"CLOVERBUD WALK/TROT" CONTESTANTS NOTE: Riders who show in the Cloverbud Walk/Trot class cannot show in any other class/event except Cloverbud Showmanship at Halter.

"JUNIOR RIDER WALK/TROT" CONTESTANTS NOTE: Riders who show in the Junior Rider Walk/Trot Rider class cannot show in any other class/event except Halter and Showmanship classes.

3. **Gaited Pleasure—For Gaited Horses** (i.e., Tennessee Walkers, Missouri Fox Trotters, Saddlebreds, etc.) **Only**
 - a. Horse is to be shown at a walk and favorite gait.
 - b. Riders may comply with either Western or English dress codes.
 - c. One or both hands may be used on the reins.

- L. Correct attire required for all classes. Helmets are acceptable in any class; **NOTE:** In halter, speed events, and other Western classes, it is mandatory to wear appropriate Western attire including long sleeves (no rolled up sleeves will be permitted) and collar (band, standup, tuxedo, etc.). Coats, vests, ties, etc. are optional. Spurs, chaps, or similar equipment are also optional. All contestants must wear either a cowboy hat or protective head gear as noted above. Ball caps are **Not** acceptable. **No** sweat shirts, T-shirts, or pullovers allowed. Western boots **Must** be worn—sneaker type "sport shoes" are **not** acceptable. The use of rubber bands for any reason on any piece of equipment/tack—either on the horse or on the contestant—is prohibited. The dress code will be followed by **all** participants and strictly enforced. If the manufacturer of your shirt meant for it to be worn "tucked in," then your shirt must be tucked in—even for speed events. If a female showing in any class wears a short jacket, a shirt of some sort must be worn underneath the jacket so that no bare skin (midriff) is exposed when she raises her arms. If you wear a T-shirt under your long sleeved shirt for speed events, the long sleeved shirt must still be worn as designated above—you will not be allowed to enter the arena with your shirt only partially buttoned, your cuffs rolled up, and/or your shirrtails not tucked in.

**IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE RIDER AND THE PARENTS/
GUARDIANS OF THE RIDER TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WILL ALL DRESS
CODES. NON- COMPLIANCE WITH THE DRESS CODE WILL BE CAUSE
FOR DISQUALIFICATION.**

- M. Based on numbers entered per class, show committee reserves the right to combine Junior and Senior entries in performance classes in the interest of time. Junior and Seniors will be placed separately when this does occur.

- N. An official of the show may check the appointments of horse and rider as each horse enters the judging arena. Show officials may request removal or alteration of any piece of equipment deemed, in his/her opinion, to be inappropriate, unsafe, tends to give unfair advantage, or is deemed inhumane. The show official's decision as to the necessity for removal or alteration of any piece of equipment is final. **Any contestant being asked to remove/alter a piece of equipment more than twice will be disqualified from participating in any**

- further events.** Inhumane treatment of a horse identified by the show committee at any time during the UARV District 4-H Horse Show on any location of the show grounds may result in disqualification, dismissal, and suspension from further participation in the show. An appeal to the UARV District 4-H Horse Show Committee is justified only if there appears to be an error in the conduct or decision of the show official. Any appeal lodged must be in writing and accompanied by a \$50 cash remittance.
- O. The judge's decision as to placing is final. An appeal to the UARV District 4-H Horse Show Committee is justified only if there appears to be an error in the conduct or composition of the class. If doubt persists, the decision of the UARV District 4-H Horse Show Committee is final. An official protest must be in writing and accompanied by a \$50 cash remittance.
- P. There will be an immediate disqualification for out-of-control horses and the use of profanity per the State 4-H Code of Conduct as determined by the Show Committee.

IT IS EACH CONTESTANT'S AND HIS/HER PARENTS'/ GUARDIANS' RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT ALL ATTIRE AND TACK MEET SHOW CRITERIA AND THAT ALL CONTESTANTS/HORSES ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Please check with your County Extension Agent for a copy of the official State 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations governing acceptable tack, bits, etc., as these rules and regulations will be strictly enforced at the show. No exceptions.

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