

**DEPARTMENT 28 – HORSE AND PONY SHOW  
CARRIE O'MEARA – SUPERINTENDENT  
SHANNON FIEDLER & YANETT FIEDLER - Co-SUPERINTENDENTS**



*Important Note- For the 2018 show we are combining the English and Western Show into a single show where riders can “pick their tack”, meaning they may show in English or Western tack with the corresponding attire. All tack must still abide by the rules of the Maryland 4-H Horse and Pony Rule Book. We will evaluate the entries and determine if it is necessary to split the divisions by age to ensure a safe and fair show.*

*We will reevaluate the show structure and class list again prior to the 2019 fair to see if there are enough entries and if there is an interest from the exhibitors to go back to a more traditional show layout.*

*If you have questions about the new format, contact Carrie O'Meara at [carolineomeara04@gmail.com](mailto:carolineomeara04@gmail.com) or 410-961-3041.*

**Part 1: 4-Her Eligibility**

1. This show is NOT a qualifier for State Fair. See your Club Leader for State Fair entry rules.
2. This show is open ONLY to 4-H members who:
  - Are enrolled and a member in good standing of a Baltimore County 4-H Club.
  - Are enrolled by May 1 of the current year, in either:
    - The Horse and Pony Project (must own or lease the horse)
    - The Horse Lover's Project (doesn't own or lease the horse)
  - Have a pony card (owned or leased), lease agreement (leased) on file with the Baltimore County 4-H Office by June 1<sup>st</sup>. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS THIS YEAR.
  - Have completed appropriate Horsemanship Standards/Performance levels. Contact the Baltimore County 4-H Office for details.
  - Have ridden in at least one show with their project animal.
3. Supervision: each child must have a parent/guardian, or designated UME volunteer chaperone on site at all times. If the parent/guardian leaves, they must designate and alert a UME volunteer that will be responsible for their child. ALL parents must remain accessible at all times when they are away from the Fairgrounds in the event of an emergency.
4. Exhibitors are required to attend the ethics meeting held by the County 4-H Office prior to the fair.
5. Therapeutic Riding is only for riders who ride in an approved Therapeutic Riding Program. Exhibitors must be accompanied by program-approved handlers.

**Part 2: Project Animal**

Note: all entries are subject to **Health Regulations for Livestock Exhibited in Maryland.**

1. A negative coggins must be provided at check in. PLEASE NOTE- Even if you mail in your coggins, you will need to have a coggins available when your animal arrives at the fairgrounds-even if you are not hauling your own animal.
2. **All horse exhibitors must complete a Self Certification of Horse Health Form prior to loading animals and shall present it upon request to the designated fair and show representative.**
3. In the event that a project animal becomes un-usable prior to the fair, PLEASE contact Carrie O'Meara AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to discuss possible arrangements on a case-by-case basis. Substitutions are not guaranteed.
4. No Stallions over one year old are allowed on the grounds.
5. No companion animals are allowed on the grounds, unless they are a mare for an entry in a young animal class.

**Part 3: Sharing of animals:**

1. Only immediate family (siblings, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, step and half siblings) may share project animals that are owned or leased in non-horse lover divisions.
2. Any questions should be directed to Carrie O'Meara as early as possible, PRIOR TO REGISTRATION

**Part 4: Entries**

1. Each class cost \$2.00 each. THESE NON-REFUNDABLE FEES MUST BE MAILED TO Valerie Harlan by June 1st.
2. Exhibitors may only enter one animal per class.

3. Cross Entering: Exhibitors in Walk Trot Jog may not enter any other riding divisions, even on a different animal.

#### **Part 5: General Rules**

1. This show is governed by the MD 4-H Horse and Pony Rule Book, 4H226. If there is a clarification needed that the 4-H rule Book doesn't cover, then the AQHA Rule Book will be consulted. Please see the show superintendent if you need to consult a rulebook during the show. Note, fence heights are not rules and will be set at a level appropriate for county fair competition.
2. Only designated individuals are allowed in the ring.
3. The Judge or Superintendent may dismiss any entry that they feel is out of control or a danger.
4. Classes may be combined, divided or eliminated at the discretion of show officials. All under saddle classes must have 3 entries to fill a class.
5. Tie Breaking: In the event of a tie, a coin toss will be held.
6. Questions about placings or points: all questions should be directed to one of the superintendents. Only show management can direct questions to the scorekeeper.
7. Neither the Baltimore County 4-H Fair Association nor its show staff will be responsible for damages or injury to horses, riders, spectators or equipment.
8. Exhibitors are responsible for feed and bedding. Stalls must be stripped and checked out prior to leaving the fairgrounds.
9. See fair schedule for stall availability schedule. If you have a conflict, please contact Carrie O'Meara.
10. Any complaints or concerns must be addressed to one of the Superintendents. Protests must be accompanied by a \$100 check. The fee will be returned if the decision is in favor of the complainant. The decision of the Fair Board will be final.

#### **Division Specific Rules:**

1. UME volunteer Adult assistance is allowed entering and exiting the ring for speed classes.

**PROPOSED PREMIUM:** \$16 per animal. May be withheld by show officials for rules violations, such as leaving dirty stalls.