



## Multi-County 4-H Horse Qualifying Show

Registration and Information Packet



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# Multi-County 4-H Horse Qualifying Show

## Program Guidelines

The goal of this event is to help 4-H members to learn more about participating in horse shows and provide an opportunity to showcase their 4-H Horse projects.

This year, the statewide Hippology and Judging contests will also take place in conjunction with the Horse Show. Members throughout the state are welcome, and encouraged, to participate in hippology and judging. The County Horse Show is open to 4-Hers in all counties. Horse show exhibitors will have ample time to participate in Hippology & Judging. Participants must register for both events separately in 4-H online.

The event will take place Saturday, June 3 at the Belknap County Fairgrounds. The rain date will be Sunday, June 4. If the show is postponed to the rain date, a decision will be sent out to all participants by 6pm on June 2.

**Registration Deadline: Friday, May 19, 2023.**

## 1. General Information

### 1.1. Who Can Participate

- Any 4-H Member ages 5 and up enrolled in the 4-H Horse Program
- Exhibitors or stable managers
- Members 10 and older can qualify to try out for the County Horse Team
- All youth can submit a horse safety poster

### 1.2. Regulations

**Note:** If you wish to participate in both the Horse Show and in Hippology and Judging, you will need to register for each contest separately in 4-H Online.

Horses should be on the grounds by 7:30am. All trailers will be set up in the field.

4-H Members from Carroll and Merrimack may also qualify for their County Team at this show.

Each family should have a copy of the New England 4-H Horse Show Rules and Guidelines and the NH Supplement to NE 4-H Horse Show Rules (Attachments 1 and 2 in this packet). This information is summarized in the following sections.

### 1.3. Food Booths

Clubs are welcome to do fundraisers by selling food at the show. Please contact Karen Deighan ([karen.deighan@unh.edu](mailto:karen.deighan@unh.edu)) or Rachel Carow ([Rachel.carow@unh.edu](mailto:Rachel.carow@unh.edu)) to make arrangements.

There will be food available for purchase on the grounds. Please notify your 4-H County Program Manager if you are a vegetarian or have any other dietary restrictions.

### 1.4. Fees

*In accordance with UNH Cooperative Extension policy, no 4-H member will be denied the opportunity to participate because of an inability to pay. Please contact your 4-H County Program Manager to make other arrangements if needed. **Please bring cash or a check made out to Belknap County 4-H Advisory***

- \$25 per rider

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- \$10 per stable manager
- \$5 per participant in hippology
- \$5 per participant in judging

### 1.5. Schedule

7:00 am - Members start arriving

7:15-7:45 am - Check-in: Members hand in posters and record books

8:00 - Show Begins

9:00 - Quiz – Open to All

10:00 – Hippology Stations open

12-12:30 – Lunch Break (After English/Western Pleasure)

12:30 – Judging (All 4H Members participating in judging must arrive by noon)

2:30 – Hippology Stations Complete

## 2. County Horse Show

### 2.1. Show Regulations

Less experienced riders can get support from parents or leaders in unloading and loading their horse, caring for their horse, or getting ready for their classes.

Members who are trying out for the County Horse Team can have support unloading and loading and setting up. Members should help each other and again, parents, leaders or older members should assist if needed for safety or heavy lifting (a full bucket, for example).

### 2.2. Age Categories

| AGE CATEGORIES   |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Cloverbud*</b>  | 5-7 years old as of January 1, 2023   |
| <b>Novice Walk, Trot<br/>Novice Walk, Trot, Canter<br/>Juniors</b> | 8-13 years old as of January 1, 2023  |
| <b>Seniors<br/>SR W/T</b>  | 14-18 years old as of January 1, 2023 |

### 2.3. Cloverbud Participation

Below are the guidelines for Cloverbud Participation. Additional information can be found [here](#).

**Children Aged 5:** May be involved with equine on a halter and lead. Each 4-H Cloverbud must be directly accompanied one-on-one by a parent, guardian or adult volunteer who is on foot holding the lead or within easy reach (when leading) or leading the equine when member is mounted to maximize safety. For all 4-H Cloverbud horse experiences (whether mounted or leading the equine), Cloverbuds must wear helmets approved by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) or Safety Equipment

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Institute (SEI) certification and labeling. Each 4-H Cloverbud must be directly assisted one-on-one by a parent, guardian, or adult volunteer while the child is in contact with the animal.

**Children Aged 6:** May engage in the same activities listed as appropriate for a 5-year-old. May ride a horse unaccompanied but only at a walk and trot. Adult volunteers or experienced senior members age 14+ should be in the ring with the Cloverbud at all times. 4-H Cloverbud members must wear ASTM- or SEI-approved helmets for all 4-H Cloverbud horse experiences. Each 4-H Cloverbud must be directly assisted one-on-one as needed by a parent, guardian, adult volunteer, or 4-H teen who is in close proximity while the child is in contact with the animal.

**Children Aged 7:** May engage in the same activities listed as appropriate for a 5- or 6-year-old. May be involved with an equine on a halter and lead, unaccompanied by an adult on the ground (for example, a showmanship type class). May participate mounted in walk-trot events with adult volunteers in the ring at all times. 4-H Cloverbud members must wear ASTM- or SEI-approved helmets for all 4-H Cloverbud horse experiences. Parents, guardians, adult volunteers or 4-H teens should be in supporting roles in close proximity while the child is in contact with the animal.

## 2.4. Riding Class List

Classes 1-15 and 24 are required classes. All other classes are optional.

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| 1. Record Book to office  | 16. Pleasure Driving Junior/Senior   |
| 2. Fit and Show Senior  | 17. English/Western Pleasure Junior/Senior   |
| 3. Fit and Show Junior  | 18. English/Western Pleasure Beginner Walk Trot Canter                               |
| 4. Fit and Show Walk-Trot (age split 8-13 and 14-18)                                  | 19. English/Western Pleasure Walk Trot & Senior Walk Trot (age split 8-13 and 14-18) |
| 5. Fit and Show Cloverbud   | 20. In Hand Pleasure Junior/Senior   |
| 6. Quiz - All   | 21. In Hand Pleasure Novice (age split 8-13 and 14-18)                               |
| 7. English/Western Equitation Junior/Senior   | 22. In Hand Pleasure Cloverbud   |
| 8. English/Western Equitation Beginner Walk Trot Canter                               | 23. English/Western Pleasure Cloverbud   |
| 9. English/Western Walk Trot & Senior Walk Trot Equitation (age split 8-13 and 14-18) | 24. Judging - All  |
| 10. English/Western Equitation Cloverbud  | 25. Hunter Under Saddle Junior/Senior  |
| 11. In Hand Suitability Junior/Senior (In Hand Equitation)                            | 26. Hunter Under Saddle Beginner Walk Trot Canter                                    |
| 12. In Hand Suitability Novice (age split 8-13 and 14-18)                             | 27. Hunter Under Saddle Walk Trot & Senior Walk Trot (age split 8-13 and 14-18)      |
| 13. In Hand Suitability Cloverbud   | 28. Rail Discipline English/Western Junior/Senior                                    |
| 14. Horsemanship Junior/Senior (Gymkhana Equitation)                                  | 29. Rail Discipline English/Western Beginner Walk Trot Canter                        |
| 15. Reinsmanship Driving Junior/Senior (Driving Equitation)                           |  |

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| 30. Rail Discipline English/Western Walk Trot & Senior Walk Trot (age split 8-13 and 14-18) | 39. English/Western Trail Walk Trot & Senior Walk Trot (age split 8-13 and 14-18) |
| 31. Rail Discipline In Hand Junior/Senior   | 40. Handiness Driving Junior/Senior (Pattern provided)                            |
| 32. Rail Discipline Cloverbud   | 41. Handiness English/Western Junior/Senior (Pattern provided)                    |
| 33. Rail Discipline Driving Junior/Senior   | 42. In Hand Hunter Junior/Senior  |
| 34. Trail Driving Junior/Senior   | 43. In Hand Hunter  |
| 35. In Hand Trail Junior/Senior   | 44. Keyhole Race  |
| 36. In Hand Trail Novice (age split 8-13 and 14-18)   | 45. Pole Bending  |
| 37. English/Western Trail Cloverbud   | 46. Flag Race   |
| 38. English/Western Trail Junior/Senior   | 47. Barrel Race   |

### 2.5. In-Hand/Driving

You have the option to enter both In Hand and Driving classes. In Hand or Driving contestants must select two classes from the Optional Classes List. (Example: Driving contestants may select In Hand Jumping if desired, and In Hand contestants may select Driving optional classes if desired.) Exhibitors must pick 1 division for points to qualify for the state show.

### 2.6. Stable Management

All youth interested in becoming a stable manager will need to check off the box for stable manager when registering, in 4H Online, for the horse show. **Any member 10 and older as of January 1, 2023**, who meets the criteria for selection are encouraged to apply. (Even if a member is trying out as an exhibitor for State Show, they may consider applying for stable manager if they do not make the team.) Usually, at least two stable managers are appointed to the State Show. This job requires helping all team members, supervising the team barn area, checking the horse's safety, monitoring barn safety and being a gopher all day. It is NOT an easy job! You must be able to work and help the team for about 12 hours each day. It is hard work, but for the right person, it can be fun too. Team Captain will be selected by high point with State Show experience.

Those who apply will be interviewed based on the following criteria:

1. Practical knowledge
2. Maturity
3. Participation (desire to be part of a team)
4. Show experience (your experience with horses)
5. Citizenship (your participation in your club)
6. Quiz and Judging scores (from county qualifier)

### 2.7. Record Books

All 4-H County Horse Participants are expected to hand in county horse records for judging. You should have copies of your expenses for your horse (feed, supplements, tack, farrier, vet, lessons, show and any other expenses. Also, list the amount of time you spend with your horse. Examples:

Lessons – 1 hour



Riding – 30 minutes

Show – 6 hours

If you have any questions about this section on record books, please call your 4-H leader.

## 2.8. Items to bring with you

All equipment should be labeled with the participant or family's name.

- Basic Horse First Aid Kit – one per trailer or club
- Basic Human First Aid Kit
- Clipboard & Pencil
- Blanket/Saddle Pad
- Saddle, bridle, halter, lead shank or appropriate driving or in-hand tack and equipment
- Closed-toed shoes
- Show helmet – required - **must be ASTM/SEI approved**
- Red Ribbons for kickers (or horses apt to kick)
- Grooming equipment
- Small bucket for sponging
- Curries, clean rags, liquid soap
- Hay, water buckets, hay bag
- Basket or Wheelbarrow & Fork or shovel
- Record Book - required

## 2.9. Animal Qualifications for County Show

*Changes for the 2022-2023 Show Season:*

- **All NH 4-H animals exhibited at a NH 4-H show or fair must be added to the member's 4HOnline account by the June 1, 2023. [Use these instructions to enroll your animal.](#)**
- ALL species of animals that were not previously required to be listed such as **horse**, poultry, waterfowl, rabbits, and cavy's must also be enrolled through 4HOnline this year to exhibit at a NH 4-H show or fair.
- Animals registered with a breed registry and owned in the member's name must also be enrolled through 4HOnline this year to exhibit at a NH 4-H show or fair.
- Animal Enrollment deadlines for out of state shows vary. Fryeburg Fair Beef Market Steer Show Deadline is Nov. 1. **The Big E (Eastern States Exposition) animal enrollment Horse/Equine deadline is May 1.** All other species qualifying for ESE deadline is June 1.
- More information can be found at: <https://extension.unh.edu/blog/2023/01/4-h-animal-enrollment-intent-show>

Horses that kick or may kick must wear a red ribbon in tail at all times.

Stallions and nursing mares are not eligible to compete at 4-H Horse Shows.

Members should check with their vet to make sure your horse shots are up to date. Proof of rabies inoculation is required. The horse **must** be in good health in order to compete.

## 3. Hippology and Judging Contest



## New Hampshire 4-H Hippology and NH 4-H Horse Judging Contest Entry Information

**DATE:** June 3, 2023 (Rain Date June 4, 202)

\* any change will be posted on NH 4-H Horse Facebook page and emailed to participants registered in 4HOnline by 6 PM Friday 6/2)

**TIME:** 9 am quiz/hippology contest starts

12noon judging

**LOCATION:** Belknap County Fairgrounds, Mile Hill Rd, Belmont NH

**ENTRY DEADLINE:** May 26<sup>th</sup> (entries on site accepted as time/resources allow) **Enter via 4HOnline**

**ENTRY FEE:** Each contestant must pay a \$5.00 entry fee each for Hippology and Judging (\$10 if participating in both contests). *In accordance with UNH Cooperative Extension policy, no 4-H member will be denied the opportunity to participate because of an inability to pay.*

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:** \*\* Times are approximate; times subject to change and event could run late.

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| 9 am    | Registration for those not participating in the horse show                        |
| 930 am  | Hippology Quiz (for those showing, quiz will be immediately after F & S)          |
| 10 am   | Hippology Stations Open; please complete stations by 2:30 pm                      |
| 12 noon | Judging during horse show lunch break (Judging only contestants, arrive by 11:30) |

**The Hippology and Judging contests will be held in conjunction with the Belknap, Merrimack and Carroll County shows.** The show quiz is the Hippology quiz (senior Hippology contestants will have a supplemental quiz). The show's horse judging classes are the Judging contest. Due to the nature of a contest held at a horse show, times are approximate.

### **SHOW PARTICIPANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN HIPPOLOGY AND HORSE JUDGING**

**FOOD:** Watch for news – there may be food available on the grounds.

**INFORMATION:** The New Hampshire 4-H Hippology Contest is a comprehensive, skill-based competition where youth demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of equine science and horse husbandry. The Senior Division contest is used to select the senior members that may compete as the New Hampshire State 4-H Hippology Team in regional and national events.

The Horse Judging contest provides members an opportunity to evaluate a class of horses, place the horses and have their placings scored in comparison to the official placing. Members may choose to do judging reasons (required for seniors interested in being a member of the NH 4-H Horse Judging team.)

**Note:** For 2023, the Hippology and Judging contests will be shortened/modified.

All Hippology and Judging contestants may be entered in the county show held at the Belknap Fairgrounds the same day (those showing will need to complete stations during breaks between their classes).

The written test and judging for the show also be used for the hippology and judging Contests. A supplemental written test will be given to Senior Hippology contestants. In addition to the written test and judging, Hippology contestants will complete a stations phase on the grounds. There will be no "slides" or problem-solving phase



for 2023. There is no team component of either contest.

**Judging** will be held at approximately noon and will consist of two classes. Any senior interested in being part of the NH 4-H Horse Judging Team and any Junior or Intermediate who wishes to do so will present oral or written reasons for their judging placings.

The Judging classes will be the judging component of the Hippology contest. Hippology contestants do not present judging reasons.

The written test will be given to all Hippology contestants and all those participating in the show at approximately 9:30 am. The stations will be set up by 10 am and may be completed at the convenience of the member, not later than 2:30 pm.

*SCORING THIS CONTEST IS COMPLEX AND TIME CONSUMING. Awards will be given the day of the event if possible but may be provided at a later date.*

#### **ELIGIBILITY:**

**Cloverbud** Cloverbuds may enter the contest, which will consist of a quiz, horse judging and 2-3 Hippology stations. Cloverbuds are encouraged to have a reader &/or a scribe to help them. The Cloverbud division is non-competitive.

**Junior & Intermediate Divisions:** The Junior Division is open to 4-H members 8-10 years old on January 1 of the current year & The Intermediate Division is open to 4-H members 11-13 years old on January 1.

**Senior Division:** The Senior Division is open to 4-H members 14-18 years old on January 1 of the current year. There will be no team component in 2023. Participants must not have competed in the National 4-H Hippology Contest or in any official collegiate level contest and may not have taken collegiate level courses above introductory level in the subjects involved.

*Youth with special needs (physical, learning, etc.) who require accommodations, or their parent/guardian/leader should contact Mary Davis (see below) prior to the entry deadline.*

#### **STATE 4-H HIPPOLOGY or JUDGING TEAM CANDIDATES:**

The top four Senior 4-H contestants in New Hampshire 4-H Hippology Contest and the NH 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be invited to practice and prepare to compete at the New England Regional 4-H Horse Contest in October. Team members are not guaranteed a spot on the final team. Final team selection will be made by coaches according to objective, written criteria approved by the State 4-H Office and announced and handed out to all of the tentative team and alternates at the first official practice held ASAP after the contest (within 3 weeks of final coach appointment). **All youth qualifying for NH state teams will be asked to pay a portion of their trip expenses. Funding is uncertain for a Hippology or Judging team to attend the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup. The decision of which teams will attend ENHR will be determined by team rotation, team member qualification & participation and availability of a qualified coach.**

#### **HIPPOLOGY SOURCE MATERIAL**

**Cloverbuds** – basic horse knowledge, including the contents of the NH 4-H Horse Project Manual

##### **Junior & Intermediate:**

- Pacific Northwest 4-H Horse Project Manual – most recent edition (PNW)\*
- Pacific Northwest 4-H Horse Judging Manual (PNW Judg) New source 2020\*
- Washington State University Harness Driving Manual (WSUDrM)\*
- Equine Science: Basic Knowledge for Horse People of All Ages by Jean T. Griffiths, 2008. (Griff)
- Illustrated Dictionary of Equine Terms by New Horizons Equine Education Center (NewHor)

**Seniors:** ALL Junior and Intermediate sources above plus those listed below

- Feeding and Care of the Horse by Lon D. Lewis 2nd edition, 1996.

- Horse Industry Handbook by American Youth Horse Council (with all current updates).
- Horse Smarts by American Youth Horse Council, 2016
- The Coloring Atlas of Horse Anatomy by Robert Kainer and Thomas McCracken, 1998.
- Grains, forages, and feeds representative of those used in horse rations
- Common horse knowledge that every 4-H Horse Project member should know

\*Quiz for Horse Show participants and Junior and Intermediate members will come from sources marked with an asterisk (\*) only. The Hippology senior quiz 2 and all stations may draw materials from all sources listed above.

**INFO AND WHAT TO BRING TO THE CONTEST:**

1. Please dress appropriately for the weather and being outdoors or under cover in an unheated space. Wear appropriate footwear and bring insect repellent, sunscreen and a hat. Clothing or insignia that identifies 4-H may be worn during the contest.
2. Clipboard, pencils, notepad or paper. Phones or other electronics are not allowed during any phase of either contest. Outside assistance is not allowed except to accommodate a disability. Those referring to a device (even for non-related reasons) or receiving unauthorized assistance during the contest will receive a 0 score in that phase.
3. Personal items for outdoor weather (jacket, sunscreen, hat, etc.)

**QUESTIONS:** Mary Davis, Field Specialist, 4-H Animal and Agricultural Sciences. email: [Mary.Davis@unh.edu](mailto:Mary.Davis@unh.edu)  
Office: (603) 862-2188

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## NH 4-H Junior & Intermediate Hippology Contest Rules

### PHASES:

Phase I - Horse Judging: (100 Points) Juniors will judge classes using slides, photos, and/or videos.

Phase II - Examination: (100 Points)

- Written Exam including Anatomy. May include parts of the horse and detailed anatomy. Seniors will have a second written exam in addition to the show quiz.

Phase III - Station Phase: (100 Points) Identification of or questions about horse knowledge from official sources listed below.

### AWARDS:

Cloverbuds will receive participation awards.

The top 8 scoring juniors will receive place ribbons based upon total overall scores.

*Note: Junior and Intermediate 4-H members can participate in both Hippology and Horse Judging. This might be too long a day for some youth – please evaluate on an individual basis. Seniors may do only Judging or Hippology but not both.*

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## NH 4-H Senior Hippology Contest Rules

### PHASES:

Phase I – Horse Judging: (100 Points) - the average of the member's halter class scores (50 points) and the average of the performance class scores (50 points) earned in the morning at the New Hampshire 4-H Horse Judging Contest.

Phase II – Examination: (100 Points)

Written Exam: Questions on horse knowledge from sources listed below.

Phase III – Station Phase (100 Points): Series of stations to answer questions and identify items.

### AWARDS:

### SOURCES:

Senior test/station subject matter is taken from the following sources:

- Equine Science: Basic Knowledge for Horse People of All Ages by Jean Griffiths
- Pacific Northwest 4-H Horse Project Member's Manual (available online)
- Dover Saddlery Catalog & Schneider's Catalog
- Washington State University Harness Driving Manual (ONLINE)
- Grains, forages, and feeds representative of those used in horse rations & Common horse knowledge.
- Pacific Northwest 4-H Horse Judging Manual pages 1-25
- Dover Saddlery Catalog
- Schneider's Catalog
- Washington State University Harness Driving Manual (available online)
- Grains, forages, and feeds representative of those used in horse rations.
- Common horse knowledge that every 4-H Horse Project member should know.



## 4. State 4-H Horse Show & Big-E Horse Show Qualifying Information

### 4.1. Member Qualifications

Members of all age may participate in the show but **must be 10 years of age as of January 1, 2023** to be eligible for the N.H. State Horse Show, or 10 and up to be Stable Managers. Members needing accommodations should notify the 4-H Office in ample time to allow appropriate accommodations.

### 4.2. Animal Qualification

*Changes for the 2022-2023 Show Season:*

- **All NH 4-H animals exhibited at a NH 4-H show or fair must be added to the member's 4HOnline account by the June 1, 2023. [Use these instructions to enroll your animal.](#)**
- ALL species of animals that were not previously required to be listed such as **horse**, poultry, waterfowl, rabbits, and cavyies must also be enrolled through 4HOnline this year to exhibit at a NH 4-H show or fair.
- Animals registered with a breed registry and owned in the member's name must also be enrolled through 4HOnline this year to exhibit at a NH 4-H show or fair.
- Animal Enrollment deadlines for out of state shows vary. Fryeburg Fair Beef Market Steer Show Deadline is Nov. 1. **The Big E (Eastern States Exposition) animal enrollment Horse/Equine deadline is May 1.** All other species qualifying for ESE deadline is June 1.

Horses that kick or may kick must wear a red ribbon in tail at all times.

Stallions and nursing mares are not eligible to compete at 4-H Horse Shows.

Members should check with their vet to make sure your horse shots are up to date. Proof of rabies inoculation is required. The horse **must** be in good health in order to compete. Members will need to obtain a negative Coggins Test and a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection if they are selected for the Big-E 4-H Horse Show.

### 4.3. Points for Qualifying for State Show

State Show candidates for **Riding** points include - Quiz, Fitting and Showing, Judging, Equitation, Record Book, and two choice classes for point for the State 4-H Horse Show or ESE.

State Show candidates for **Gymkhana** points include - Quiz, Fitting and Showing, Judging, Horsemanship, Record Book, and two optional gymkhana classes.

State Show candidates for **Driving** points include - Quiz, Fitting and Showing, Judging, Reinsmanship Record Book, and two optional classes.

State Show candidates for **In Hand** points include - Quiz, Fitting and Showing, Judging, Suitability, Record Book, and two optional classes.

Individual scores will be given for - Fitting and Showing, Quiz, Judging and (maximum of 100 points per category).

Equitation classes will be awarded the following points:

- Blue: 90 – 100 points
- Red: 60 points
- White: 40 points

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In all optional classes the following points will be given:

- Blue: 40 – 50 points
- Red: 30 points
- White: 20 points

Members must be present for point announcement at the end of the show in order to qualify for trips to the State 4-H Horse Show unless competing for Stable Management only (with permission from the superintendent). With permission of the Show Committee, the horse may leave the grounds.

## 5. Attachments