

Important 2017 Virginia State 4-H Horse Show Rule Changes

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Nine Year Olds may now compete at the Virginia 4-H Horse Show

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H) 4-H Age Qualifications.

1. Junior exhibitors must turn at least **9 years** of age during the current 4-H year (October 1 – September 30). The Junior exhibitor must not have reached his/her 14th birthday during the current 4-H year (Oct. 1 – Sept. 30) to be eligible to ride in the Junior Exhibitor division.
2. Youth turning 14 years of age or older between October 1st and September 30^t of the current 4-H year will compete as Senior exhibitors. Senior eligibility terminates on Dec. 31 of the year the member has his/her 19th birthday.

Seniors may bring two horses to the Virginia 4-H Horse Show

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3) Junior Age Level riders may only enter one horse.

4) Senior Age Level Riders may enter **two horses.**

- a. Both horses must meet **all** entry qualifications.
- b. Youth may show different division or the same divisions, however they **MAY NOT** show two horses in the same showmanship or equitation class.
- c. Youth may show in two equitation or showmanship classes, as long as they are not showing two horses in the **same** class.
- d. If the youth qualifies two animals for **the same Classic Class:**
 - i. they may only show one animal
 - ii. A wait list will be posted for those who may become eligible when a rider chooses to show one horse. Riders will be notified immediately if they become eligible.
- e. **All class conflicts will be the youth's responsibility! Classes will not be held!**

Entry Fees

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1) **One hundred fifty dollars (\$150)** for one horse/rider combination.

2) **Two hundred dollars (\$200)** for the second horse for Senior Riders
a) **If Senior Riders bring two horses, the total cost is \$350**

3) **Checks must be made out of VTF- 4-H Horse Show**

Freestyle Drill Exhibition Showcase

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Class No. SECTION 5 – DRILL TEAM

Junior and Senior Riders

161 Freestyle Drill Team Exhibition Showcase

This class is only open to those teams entered in the Freestyle Class at the 2017 State Fair 4-H Drill Team Show.

Gymkhana Arena Set Up

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The arena will be set up so that riders will enter the arena and start and finish their run in the arena. Panels will be set up in one end of the arena with two holding pens. Riders will enter the arena into the primary holding pen in a small group and wait until their number is called. Horses may be led or ridden into this primary holding pen by the exhibitor only. Horses must remain under control in the holding pen. No one is allowed to stay in the holding pen except the riders and horses.

Once it is a rider's turn, they will enter the opposite holding pen alone and wait until the gate to the alley way is opened and they are given the go ahead from the show personnel to run. Once it is opened, the rider must proceed directly to the course. Riders may run up the alleyway into the pattern. Once the run is over, riders must stop and dismount their horses in the arena and lead them out.

Show Management reserves the right to change the arena set up as deemed necessary.

Gymkhana Classes – Junior and Senior Pony

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123	Cloverleaf Barrel Race - Pony, Junior Rider
124	Cloverleaf Barrel Race – Pony, Senior Rider
125	Cloverleaf Barrel Race – Horse, Junior Rider
126	Cloverleaf Barrel Race – Horse, Senior Rider
127	Pole Bending - Pony, Junior Rider
128	Pole Bending - Pony, Senior Rider
129	Pole Bending – Horse, Junior Rider
130	Pole Bending – Horse, Senior Rider
131	Stakes Race - Pony, Junior Rider
132	Stakes Race – Pony, Senior Rider
133	Stakes Race – Horse, Junior Rider
134	Stakes Race – Horse, Senior Rider

Reining Qualifier

There will be **no** reining qualifier

Stall Decoration Contest

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Groups are invited to decorate their stalls and compete for awards for the best decorated small, medium and large units. Safety and workability around the stall decorations must be taken into consideration by the competitors and judges. No electrical devices (including lights) should be used because of the fire hazards.

Small Units: 1-5 Stalls

Medium Unit: 6-11 stalls

Large Unit: 12+ stalls

Judging of the stall decorations will take place on Saturday at approximately 10:00 AM. Winners will be announced during the Ice Cream Social on Saturday afternoon at 3:00 PM. Units must declare their desire to be judged by Friday evening at 5:00 PM. A signup sheet on the bulletin board outside the show office will be provided for competitors to designate their stalls and unit size of competition.