2024 Cleveland County Fair

Horses, Ponies, Donkeys and Mules – Department C

OPEN TO EXHIBITORS 8 YEARS AND OLDER IN NORTH CAROLINA AND SOUTH CAROLINA

**Show Schedule:**

The competition is divided into two shows as outlined below

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| **ENGLISH HORSES, MINIATURES, PONIES AND DONKEYS** |

**Entry Deadline:**

Early Entry - September 5 ($15 entry fee)

Late Entry - September 12, 7 pm ($20 entry fee)

**Check-In:**

Thursday, September 26 from 10 AM – 2 Pm

**Show Time:**

Saturday, September 28 at 12 Noon

**Release:**

Monday, September 30 at 6 PM

*Exhibitors removing their animals prior to posted release time without the expressed permission of the director will forfeit all premiums earned.*

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| **WESTERN HORSES, WORK HORSES AND MULES** |

**Entry Deadline:**

Early Entry - September 5 ($15 entry fee)

Late Entry - September 12 7 pm ($20 entry fee)

**Check-In:**

Tuesday, October 1 from 9 AM – 2 PM

**Show Time:**

Saturday, October 5 at 10 AM

**Release:**

Saturday, October 5 at 8 PM

*Exhibitors removing their animals prior to posted release time with the expressed permission of the director will forfeit all premiums earned and shall be prohibited from competition and Cleveland County Fair the following year.*

**Entry Information:**

* Exhibitors are limited to two (2) entries in the Miniature Division, Pony Division, English Horse Division, Donkey Division, Work Horse & Mule Division, and Western Horse Division.
* Exhibitors are limited to one (1) entry per class.
* Any individual horse or pony may only compete in one division (for example either English Division or Western Division, but not both).
* Animals must be fitted and shown by the exhibitor. In the event of an emergency, a substitute show person may be used pending approval by the director.
* Animals may only be shown once in Fitting & Showmanship.
* Junior exhibitors 8-19 years of age must have fitted, cared for, and be in possession of their entries for more than 30 days prior to the show (refer to “Livestock, Horse, Poultry & Youth Shows Information”).
* Written proof of age is required for horses and ponies less than 1 year of age and must be uploaded to the online portal when making entries.
* Thirty (30) stalls are available for each show. Space is assigned in the order entries are received, and shows are limited to available stall space. Make your entries early; once available space is filled, no additional entries will be accepted.

**Check-In:**

* All weaned horses and ponies must be accompanied by:
	+ Written proof of negative test for equine infectious anemia (EIA)
	+ A copy of a negative Coggins report dated within 12 months of the opening day of the Fair and certified by the issuing veterinarian should uploaded to the online portal when making entries. The original Coggins report must be presented to the department director or their designated representative for verification prior to unloading.
* All equines are subject to visual health inspection by the NCDA&CS veterinarian. Animals showing signs of illness will be barred from entry.
* Vehicles and trailers must be moved to the designate Livestock Parking Area outside Gate 10 immediately after unloading.
* See department director for gate admission (2 per entry) and parking pass at check-in.

**Rules & Regulations:**

* Exhibitors must:
	+ provide feed for their animals and ensure that they are fed regularly.
	+ provide a continuous supply of fresh drinking water.
	+ provide on-site supervision of the animals.
	+ maintain control of their animals at all times (inside and outside the show ring).
	+ keep stalls, alleys, and the space they occupy in a clean, attractive, and orderly condition.
	+ display their animals as directed by show officials.
	+ accept stall assignment without controversy.
	+ cooperate with the director to increase the educational value of the barn and shows.
	+ promptly enter the show ring when their class is called. Animals not in place within 3 minutes of class opening will be disqualified and barred from competition.
* Discourteous and unsportsmanlike behavior will by exhibitors or ringside affiliates will not be tolerated. Violation could lead to disqualification and a one-year ban from showing equines at the Cleveland County Fair.
* The management reserves the right to bar from competition animals of decided poor conformation, those not fitted for show, or not possessing sufficient merit to warrant recognition. competing at other Fairs are not permitted to arrive late or leave early without prior approval from the department director.
* An experienced judge shall rule on each class, and shall determine proper placing in the absence of any competition. The Fair is under no obligation to award premiums to unsound, inferior, or distinctly unworthy specimens.
* All animals, regardless of age, must be shown at halter. All animals must be haltered except when confined to their stall.
* No weaned stud horses or ponies may be exhibited. All weaned males must be castrated and healed.
* Exhibitors 10 years of age and younger may be assisted by an adult in the show ring if needed. All others must be capable of showing their animal(s) without assistance.
* Any animal deemed by the director to be a threat to the safety of exhibitors, spectators, or other animals will be promptly returned to the farm of origin.
* Animals may be exercised only on the parking field prior to 2 PM each day. Animals must be saddled and unsaddled outside of the gate.
* **Cleveland County Fair shall not be responsible for any accident which may occur to or by reason of any exhibit animals. The exhibitor shall hold Cleveland County Fair blameless and indemnify them against any legal proceedings arising from such actions.**

**Stalls:**

* Only animals accepted for stall space will be permitted to show (no exceptions).
* No stall may be bedded, decorated, locked, or otherwise claimed until official assignments have been posted by the director.
* Cleveland County Fair ensure that stalls are clean and bedded with a base layer of sawdust prior to check-in. Exhibitors must provide all additional bedding (not available for sale at the Fair).

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| **HORSE EXHIBITOR CONTEST** |

Exhibitors in both the English Horse Show and the Western Horse Show will be evaluated from the time their animals are offloaded until animals are officially released. Criteria for judging include:

* Condition and cleanliness of animal(s)
* Neatness and cleanliness of exhibitor
* Courtesy and sportsmanship of exhibitor
* Cleanliness and decoration of stalls and aisles
* Promptness in entering show ring
* Cooperation with show personnel and judge
* Interactions with fairgoers
* Helpfulness to other exhibitors

Exhibitors are automatically eligible. Do not enter these classes when making online entries.

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| **Class** |  | **Premiums** |
|  |  | **1st** | **2nd** |
| English Horse Exhibitor Contest | $50 | $25 |
| Western Horse Exhibitor Contest | $50 | $25 |

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| **ENGLISH HORSES, MINIATURES, PONIES AND DONKEYS** |

**Participation/Training Class**

Non-competitive class open only to exhibitors 8 years of age and younger (including those who may require assistance), giving them the opportunity to gain experience and confidence in the show ring. Horses and ponies used in this class used in the Participation/Training Class may be shown in correct competition class by

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| **Class** | **Premium** |
| English horses, ponies & miniatures | $20 |

**MINIATURE HORSE SHOW**

**(Miniature Horses 34 Inches & under)**

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| **Miniature Mares and Geldings** |
| **Class Premiums** |
| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th-10th |
| $50 | $40 | $30 | $20 | $10 |
| **Classes** |
| Mares under 1 year of age |
| Mares 1 year of age & under 2  |
| Mares 2 years of age & under 3  |
| Mares 3 years of age & over |
| Geldings under 1 year of age |
| Geldings 1 year of age & under 2  |
| Geldings 2 years of age & under 3  |
| Geldings 3 years of age and over |
| Best Miniature mare & foal |

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| **Miniature Championships***Do not enter these classes when making online entries.* |
| **Championships** | **Premium** |
| Grand Champion Mare | $50 |
| Reserve Champion Mare | $40 |
| Grand Champion Gelding | $50 |
| Reserve Champion Gelding | $40 |

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| **Miniature Fitting & Showmanship**Enter these classes when making online entries. Each miniature is eligible to compete in only one class. To compete in showmanship, you must an entry in a competitive class. |
| **Class Premiums** |
| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th-10th |
| $50 | $40 | $30 | $20 | $10 |
| **Classes** |
| Junior exhibitors ages 9-14 |
| Senior exhibitors ages 15-19 |
| Adult exhibitors 20 years & older |

**PONY SHOW**

**(Small Ponies Under 48 inches)**

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| **Small Pony Mares and Geldings** |
| **Class Premiums** |
| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th-10th |
| $50 | $40 | $30 | $20 | $10 |
| **Classes** |
| Mares under 1 year of age |
| Mares 1 year of age & under 2  |
| Mares 2 years of age & under 3  |
| Mares 3 years of age & over |
| Geldings under 1 year of age |
| Geldings 1 year of age & under 2  |
| Geldings 2 years of age & under 3  |
| Geldings 3 years of age and over |

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| **Best Small Pony Mare & Foal** |
| **Class Premiums** |
| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th-10th |
| $50 | $40 | $30 | $20 | $10 |
| **Class** |
| Best mare & foal |

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| **Small Pony Championships***Do not enter these classes when making online entries.* |
| **Championships** | **Premium** |
| Grand Champion Mare | $50 |
| Reserve Champion Mare | $40 |
| Grand Champion Gelding | $50 |
| Reserve Champion Gelding | $40 |

**(LARGE PONIES 48 INCHES TO 57 INCHES)**

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| **Small Pony Mares and Geldings** |
| **Class Premiums** |
| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th-10th |
| $50 | $40 | $30 | $20 | $10 |
| **Classes** |
| Mares under 1 year of age |
| Mares 1 year of age & under 2  |
| Mares 2 years of age & under 3  |
| Mares 3 years of age & over |
| Geldings under 1 year of age |
| Geldings 1 year of age & under 2  |
| Geldings 2 years of age & under 3  |
| Geldings 3 years of age and over |

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| **Best Large Pony Mare & Foal** |
| **Class Premiums** |
| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th-10th |
| $50 | $40 | $30 | $20 | $10 |
| **Class** |
| Best mare & foal |
| **Large Pony Championships***Do not enter these classes when making online entries.* |
| **Championships** | **Premium** |
| Grand Champion Mare | $50 |
| Reserve Champion Mare | $40 |
| Grand Champion Gelding | $50 |
| Reserve Champion Gelding | $40 |

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| **Pony Fitting & Showmanship**Enter these classes when making online entries. Each miniature is eligible to compete in only one class. To compete in showmanship, you must an entry in a competitive class. |
| **Class Premiums** |
| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th-10th |
| $50 | $40 | $30 | $20 | $10 |
| **Classes** |
| Junior exhibitors ages 9-14 |
| Senior exhibitors ages 15-19 |
| Adult exhibitors 20 years & older |

**ENGLISH HORSE SHOW**

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| **Registered English Horses** |
| **Class Premiums** |
| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th-10th |
| $50 | $40 | $30 | $20 | $10 |
| **Classes** |
| Mares under 1 year of age |
| Mares 1 year of age & under 2  |
| Mares 2 years of age & under 3  |
| Mares 3 years of age & over |
| Geldings under 1 year of age |
| Geldings 1 year of age & under 2  |
| Geldings 2 years of age & under 3  |
| Geldings 3 years of age and over |

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| **Non-Registered English Horses** |
| **Class Premiums** |
| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th-10th |
| $50 | $40 | $30 | $20 | $10 |
| **Classes** |
| Mares under 1 year of age |
| Mares 1 year of age & under 2  |
| Mares 2 years of age & under 3  |
| Mares 3 years of age & over |
| Geldings under 1 year of age |
| Geldings 1 year of age & under 2  |
| Geldings 2 years of age & under 3  |
| Geldings 3 years of age and over |

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| **Best English Mare & Foal** |
| **Class Premiums** |
| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th-10th |
| $50 | $40 | $30 | $20 | $10 |
| **Class** |
| Best mare & foal |

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| **Registered English Horse Championships***Do not enter these classes when making online entries.* |
| **Classes** | **Premium** |
| Grand Champion Mare | $50 |
| Reserve Champion Mare | $40 |
| Grand Champion Gelding | $50 |
| Reserve Champion Gelding | $40 |

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| **Non-Registered English Horse Championships***Do not enter these classes when making online entries.*  |
| **Championships** | **Premium** |
| Grand Champion Mare | $50 |
| Reserve Champion Mare | $40 |
| Grand Champion Gelding | $50 |
| Reserve Champion Gelding | $40 |

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| **English Horse Fitting & Showmanship**Enter these classes when making online entries. Each miniature is eligible to compete in only one class. To compete in showmanship, you must an entry in a competitive class. |
| **Class Premiums** |
| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th-10th |
| $50 | $40 | $30 | $20 | $10 |
| **Classes** |
| Junior exhibitors ages 9-14 |
| Senior exhibitors ages 15-19 |
| Adult exhibitors 20 years & older |

**DONKEY SHOW**

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| **Donkeys** |
| **Class Premiums** |
| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th-10th |
| $50 | $40 | $30 | $20 | $10 |
| **Classes** |
| Donkey Mare (any age or size) |
| Donkey Gelding (any age or size) |

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| **Donkey Championships***Do not enter these classes when making online entries.*  |
| **Championships** | **Premium** |
| Grand Champion Mare | $50 |
| Reserve Champion Mare | $40 |
| Grand Champion Gelding | $50 |
| Reserve Champion Gelding | $40 |

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| **Donkey Showmanship**Enter these classes when making online entries. Each miniature is eligible to compete in only one class. To compete in showmanship, you must an entry in a competitive class. |
| **Class Premiums** |
| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th-10th |
| $50 | $40 | $30 | $20 | $10 |
| **Classes** |
| Junior exhibitors ages 9-14 |
| Senior exhibitors ages 15-19 |
| Adult exhibitors 20 years & older |

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| **WESTERN HORSES, WORK HORSES AND MULES** |

**WORK HORSE SHOW**

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| **Work Horses** |
| **Class Premiums** |
| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th-10th |
| $50 | $40 | $30 | $20 | $10 |
| **Classes** |
| Mares under 1 year of age |
| Mares 1 year of age & under 2  |
| Mares 2 years of age & under 3  |
| Mares 3 years of age & over |
| Geldings under 1 year of age |
| Geldings 1 year of age & under 2  |
| Geldings 2 years of age & under 3  |
| Geldings 3 years of age and over |

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| **Best Work Horse Mare & Foal** |
| **Class Premiums** |
| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th-10th |
| $50 | $40 | $30 | $20 | $10 |
| **Class** |
| Best mare & foal |

**MULES**

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| **Mules** |
| **Class Premiums** |
| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th-10th |
| $50 | $40 | $30 | $20 | $10 |
| **Classes** |
| Mule Mare (any age 800 pounds & over) |
| Mule Gelding (any age 800 pounds & over) |
| Mule Mare (any age 799 pounds & under) |
| Mule Gelding (any age 800 pounds & over) |

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| **Mule Championships***Do not enter these classes when making online entries.* |
| **Championships** | **Premium** |
| Grand Champion Mare | $50 |
| Reserve Champion Mare | $40 |
| Grand Champion Gelding | $50 |
| Reserve Champion Gelding | $40 |

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| **Work Horse & Mule Showmanship**Enter these classes when making online entries. Each miniature is eligible to compete in only one class. To compete in showmanship, you must an entry in a competitive class. |
| **Class Premiums** |
| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th-10th |
| $50 | $40 | $30 | $20 | $10 |
| **Classes** |
| Junior exhibitors ages 9-14 |
| Senior exhibitors ages 15-19 |
| Adult exhibitors 20 years & older |

**WESTERN HORSE SHOW**

**Participation/Training Class**

Non-competitive class open only to exhibitors 8 years of age and younger (including those who may require assistance), giving them the opportunity to gain experience and confidence in the show ring. Horses and ponies used in this class used in the Participation/Training Class may be shown in correct competition class by

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| **Class** | **Premium** |
| Western horse participation | $20 |

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| **Registered Western Horses** |
| **Class Premiums** |
| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th-10th |
| $50 | $40 | $30 | $20 | $10 |
| **Classes** |
| Mares under 1 year of age |
| Mares 1 year of age & under 2  |
| Mares 2 years of age & under 3  |
| Mares 3 years of age & over |
| Geldings under 1 year of age |
| Geldings 1 year of age & under 2  |
| Geldings 2 years of age & under 3  |
| Geldings 3 years of age and over |

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| **Non-Registered Western Horses** |
| **Class Premiums** |
| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th-10th |
| $50 | $40 | $30 | $20 | $10 |
| **Classes** |
| Mares under 1 year of age |
| Mares 1 year of age & under 2  |
| Mares 2 years of age & under 3  |
| Mares 3 years of age & over |
| Geldings under 1 year of age |
| Geldings 1 year of age & under 2  |
| Geldings 2 years of age & under 3  |
| Geldings 3 years of age and over |

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| **Best Western Mare & Foal** |
| **Class Premiums** |
| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th-10th |
| $50 | $40 | $30 | $20 | $10 |
| **Class** |
| Best mare and foal |

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| **Western Horse Championships***Do not enter these classes when making online entries.* |
| **Championships** | **Premium** |
| Grand Champion Mare | $50 |
| Reserve Champion Mare | $40 |
| Grand Champion Gelding | $50 |
| Reserve Champion Gelding | $40 |

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| **Western Horse Fitting & Showmanship**Enter these classes when making online entries. Each miniature is eligible to compete in only one class. To compete in showmanship, you must an entry in a competitive class. |
| **Class Premiums** |
| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th-10th |
| $50 | $40 | $30 | $20 | $10 |
| **Classes** |
| Junior exhibitors ages 9-14 |
| Senior exhibitors ages 15-19 |
| Adult exhibitors 20 years & older |