

Horse Shows

Chairman: Shannon Dill

Stalling: Shannon Dill

Show Management: Megan Byrne

Rules and Regulations:

(4-H English & 4-H Western)

1. The 4-H English and Western shows are ONLY OPEN to Queen Anne's County 4-H members. The Under 8 division is an open show and not limited to Queen Anne's County.
2. Show Attire – Western 4-H will be khaki pants or jeans with a button-down shirt or polo and hard soled boots with heels. English 4-H will be breeches, hard soled boots with heels, and a button-down shirt or polo. Short-sleeved polo shirts or button-down shirts are acceptable. Helmets are required when mounted.
3. 4-H members must show only pony carded horses. If they do not have one, they may participate in the week-long fun and educational events but not the 4-H horse shows.
4. In the English division, Pony and Horse jump heights will be determined by size of the animal, not age of the child. See rule book for specific heights. Ponies start at 2 feet. Ponies will be measured prior to the show.
5. 4-H Exhibits are subject to all rules in the Maryland 4-H Horse and Pony Rule Book. The rule book may be downloaded at <http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/4-h-horse-program>.
6. All Queen Anne's County 4-H Exhibitors must have a valid official Horse & Pony Identification Card on file in the Extension office by 4:30pm on June 1. If you have a current card on file, you can call to update for the current year or if you have a new horse, you must submit a new card in person or by mail. Electronic versions are not accepted. Cards are not required for the Under 8 division. A Valid copy of a Coggins test must accompany the 4-H Horse and Pony Identification Card.
7. All Pony and Horse exhibits staying the entire fair week MUST be on the grounds by 3:30pm. Monday, August 11, 2025. Pony and horse exhibits showing for the day must be on the grounds by 8:00am on show day.

NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO TAKE ANIMAL STAYING FOR THE WEEK OFF THE GROUNDS BEFORE 10:00pm ON SATURDAY THE LAST DAY OF FAIR, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SAFETY OR HEALTH DISMISSAL.

8. All Animals entering the Fair Grounds must have a current copy of a "NEGATIVE" Coggins and an MDA Equine Self Certification form completed. YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED ON THE FAIR GROUNDS IF YOU ARE MISSING EITHER FORM.
9. If you have a stall you must compete in the Herdsman competition. Exhibitors who have stalls for the week should register for a minimum of 50% of the activities offered at the horse ring. You must sign up for these at the announcers stand or designated area assigned by the fair chairman.
10. One exhibitor per animal, per age division. **4-H show Walk/Trot division exhibitors may only show in conformation, showmanship, poles and barrels in addition to their Walk/Trot classes.**
11. If you were a 4-H Exhibitor and had a stall in the previous year, you will be offered one in the current year, if you turned in your record book, and there were no infractions at the fair in previous years.

Vacant stalls will be filled using the following criteria;

1. Number of years carrying the horse project.
 2. Record book turned in the previous year.
 3. Total number of years occupying a stall at the county fair.
 4. Must attend at least 75% of your club meetings and scheduled activities for the current year.
 5. Exhibitors under the age of 8 will be offered a stall, if there are stalls available after all of the 4-H exhibitors have been offered stalls.
12. If exhibitors cannot stay over-night, he or she must see that the animal is taken care of.
 13. Horses and ponies shall be under control and a safe distance apart at all times, both in and out of the ring.

14. Only 4-H exhibitors with a Horse and Pony Identification Card on file are permitted to work on their own animals during the entirety of show days. However, a 4-H member may assist with tacking, care, and other related tasks.
15. The Committee will not be responsible for any accident which may occur to any rider, attendants, animals, equipment or spectators at the show.
16. No person will be allowed in the Show Ring or interior of the Entry Booth during the time of Judging, except the Exhibitor and those having duties to perform.
17. **The Show Judge's decision is final.** If you have a question about a placing, you may ask the ring steward at the conclusion of the show. No Exhibitor or parent shall approach the judge without permission from the show committee.
18. Classes may be substituted, combined or dropped at the discretion of the Show Judge or show committee.
19. Exhibitors may enter unlimited classes between all show days, as long as they are not cross-entering into Walk/Trot.
20. Rosettes will be given for placings 1-6 for each Class. High Point Champion and High Point Reserve Champion will be given for each age division (fitting and showmanship, conformation, 8 and under, english flat (class# 2,3,4), english over fences (class# 5,6,7,8,9), western performance (class# 2,3,5,6), western working (class# 4,7,8). Ties will be broken by having a ride-off judged in that particular division class.
21. **4-H Show Fees:** There are no fees for the English and Western Show days.
22. **Open Show Fees:** Under 8 Division fees will be \$10.00 per class.

IT IS BEST TO ENTER ANY CLASS YOU ARE INTERESTED IN. YOU MAY SCRATCH CLASSES BEFORE THE SHOW STARTS AT THE ENTRY BOOTH.

Monday – August 11, 2025

Orientation – 4:00 pm

(Horse Barn Breeze Way)

Opening Ceremonies – 7:00 pm

(Horse Ring)

Tuesday – August 12, 2025

English Show Day – 9:00 am

Department LL – English

Division LL01 – English: Conformation

- 1 – Model Hunter Pony
- 2 – Model Hunter Mare
- 3 – Model Hunter Gelding

Division LL02 – English:

Junior

- 1 – Fitting & Showmanship
- 2 – English Equitation
- 3 – English Pleasure
- 4 – English Command
- 5 – English Equitation over Fences 18"
- 6 – Handy Hunter Ponies over Fences 18"
- 7 – Handy Hunter Horse over Fences 2'
- 8 – Hunter Hack Ponies 18"

- 9 – Hunter Hack Horses 2’
- 10 – Novice Walk/Trot English Equitation
- 11 – Novice Walk/Trot English Pleasure

Division LL03 – English: Intermediate

- 1 – Fitting & Showmanship
- 2 – English Equitation
- 3 – English Pleasure
- 4 – English Command
- 5 – English Equitation over Fences 18”
- 6 – Handy Hunter Ponies over Fences 2’
- 7 – Handy Hunter Horses over Fences 2’3”
- 8 – Hunter Hack Ponies 2’
- 9 – Hunter Hack Horses 2’3”
- 10 – Novice Walk/Trot English Equitation
- 11 – Novice Walk/Trot English Pleasure

Division LL04 – English:

Senior

- 1 – Fitting & Showing
- 2 – English Equitation
- 3 – English Pleasure
- 4 – English Command
- 5 – English Equitation over Fences 18”
- 6 – Handy Hunter Ponies over Fences 2’
- 7 – Handy Hunter Horse over Fences 2’3”
- 8 – Hunter Hack Ponies 2’
- 9 – Hunter Hack Horses 2’3”

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Division 10901: Under 8

English

- 1 – Fitting & Showing
- 2 – Lead Line
- 3 – Walk
- 4 – Walk/Trot

Wednesday – August 13, 2025

Western Show – 9:00 am

Department: MM – Western

Division: MM01 – Western: Conformation

- 1 – Conformation Pony
- 2 – Conformation Mare
- 3 – Conformation Gelding

Division MM02 – Western: Junior

- 1 – Fitting & Showmanship
- 2 – Horsemanship
- 3 – Western Pleasure

- 4 – Ranch Riding Pattern
- 5 – Command
- 6 – Trail
- 7 – Poles
- 8 – Barrels
- 9 – Novice Walk/Jog Horsemanship
- 10 – Novice Walk/Jog Pleasure

Division MM 03 – Western: Intermediate

- 1 – Fitting & Showmanship
- 2 – Horsemanship
- 3 – Western Pleasure
- 4 – Ranch Riding Pattern
- 5 – Command
- 6 – Trail
- 7 – Poles
- 8 – Barrels
- 9 – Novice Walk/Jog Horsemanship
- 10 – Novice Walk/Jog Pleasure

Division MM04 – Western: Senior

- 1 – Fitting & Showmanship
- 2 – Horsemanship
- 3 – Western Pleasure
- 4 – Ranch Riding Pattern
- 5 – Command
- 6 – Trail
- 7 – Poles
- 8 – Barrels

Department 109

Division 10902: Under 8 Western

- 1 – Fitting & Showing
- 2 – Lead Line
- 3 – Walk
- 4 – Walk/Trot