

2016-2017 CITRUS COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION OPEN AND YOUTH HORSE RULES & REGULATIONS

1. (A) All Open Exhibitors must be a resident of Citrus, Hernando, Levy, Marion or Sumter Counties to show at the Citrus County Fairgrounds. Exhibitors must register their animal with the Citrus County Fair Association.

(B) All Youth Exhibitors must be 8 years of age as of September 1, 2016 and a Citrus County 4-H or FFA member for the duration of their project. The 4-H Club or FFA Chapter must be recognized by the 4-H office or School to register to show an animal.

(C) Entry form and Entry fee must be in the fair office by 5:00 pm Friday, January 13, 2017.

\$ 5.00 (Non-Refundable) Youth In-Hand Trail Class Entry Fee
\$10.00 (Non-Refundable) Youth Showmanship Entry Fee
\$15.00 (Non-Refundable) **Open In-Hand Trail Class Entry Fee**

(D) Mandatory for Youth Exhibitors to attend (1) Educational Meeting to Show in the Youth program. Open Exhibitors are encouraged to attend any of the Youth Educational Meeting.

Educational Meeting - Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 6 pm at the Main Gate Bldg

Educational Clinic - Sunday, February 12, 2017 at 1 pm at the Livestock Complex - Bring your horse

2. Exhibitor may show only one horse in Showmanship but a different horse could be shown in the In Hand Trail class.
 - Stallions are not allowed to be shown. Showing uncastrated males past December 31st of the year of their birth is prohibited.
 - All horses should be properly immunized under the supervision of a veterinarian before coming to the horse show. Vaccines should be administered far enough in advance for adequate immunity to be developed. (approximately 30 or more days for most vaccines.) Horses should be vaccinated against Equine Encephalomyelitis (Eastern, E.E.E. and Western W.E.E.), tetanus, influenza, west nile, and in some cases rhinopneumonitis. **Equine Infectious Anemia (Coggins) test must be negative and current (within the past 12 months) at the time of show.** Papers must be presented with horse to inspecting personnel before the horse will be allowed to compete. Horse's name and description on both Coggins and entry form must be the same. Coggins paper may be original or a photo copy.

ELIGIBILITY OF PARTICIPANTS AND HORSES

3. Participant should **own or lease** at least one horse of any age or breed as a horsemanship project **for the youth show**. The horse care, feeding, grooming and training must be the responsibility of youth participant. More than one youth may exhibit a single horse. However, the horse may only be shown by a single exhibitor in each class (divided by Fair Exhibitor Age Groups: Junior 8 - 10 yrs, Intermediate 11 - 13 years and Senior 14 years and older.)
4. Youth Exhibitors will complete an official **record book** due at check-in on Saturday, March 25, 2017.

CONTEST RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES

5. Assistance or coaching of contestants while competing in a class may warrant penalties or disqualification.
6. The judge's decision shall be final and may not be protested.
7. Show management reserves the right to alter or modify any class procedures, obstacles, patterns, or rules for safety concerns, show facility restrictions, or other mitigating circumstances.
8. Show management reserves the right to refuse an exhibitor entry into any class or event if they deem that entry unsafe for the exhibitor and/or other exhibitors or animals. With the exhibitor's safety in mind, any activity or situation deemed unsafe can and will be stopped by show management and may result in disqualification from the class.
9. Any horse receiving inhumane treatment while on the show grounds may be dismissed upon the discretion of the judge or show official. The standard by which conduct or treatment will be measured is that which the show management rules a reasonable person, informed and experienced in generally accepted equine training and exhibition procedures, would determine to be cruel, abusive, or inhumane.

AWARDS & PREMIUMS FOR HORSE CLASSES

(A) Youth In-Hand Trail and Youth Showmanship Class Only

Entries will be judged by the Modified Danish System.

Blue Ribbon \$5.00 Red Ribbon \$3.00 White Ribbon \$1.00

(B) Open In-Hand Trail Class Only

Entries will receive Ribbons only

TROPHIES / PLAQUE:

Open and Youth Class Winners will receive a Trophy or Plaque

PAYOUT FOR SHOWMANSHIP IS A PERCENTAGE OF ENTRY FEES COLLECTED:

1 ST	25% OF THE ENTRY FEES	4 TH	15% OF THE ENTRY FEES
2 ND	20% OF THE ENTRY FEES	5 TH	12 1/2% OF THE ENTRY FEES
3 RD	17 1/2% OF THE ENTRY FEES	6 TH	10% OF THE ENTRY FEES

RIBBONS WILL BE AWARDED 1ST THROUGH 6TH

10. Any person winning a Trophy, Plaque or Belt Buckle is required to write a Thank You letter. Bring your letter to Barn Clean-up which is Saturday April 15, 2017 or to the Fair Office before the Barn Clean-up date. Letters must be stamped, addressed and **unsealed** with your return address on the envelope. Letters must be turned in to the designated person, so your name will be removed from the list. (There is a sponsor address label on the bottom of the trophy.) Exhibitors who don't attend either Barn Set-up or Barn Clean-up will not be allowed to show in the Horse program the following year at the fair.

EXHIBITOR: FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS BE SURE TO READ THE LIVESTOCK ADDENDUM, IAFE NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS, CITRUS COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS AND THE LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE AS THEY PERTAIN TO ALL LIVESTOCK SHOWS.