

2019-2020 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 to 18 years of age as of September 1, 2019 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) **Youth** Entry form and Entry fee of \$10.00 (non-refundable) per class per animal must be in the fair office by 5:00 pm Friday, January 10, 2020. Late Youth entries will be accepted in the Fair Office until 5:00 pm Friday, February 14, 2020 with a required \$15.00 late fee per class per animal.

REV

Classes - Showmanship, In Hand Trail and Riding Trail - Ages Jr 8 - 10 years, Int 11 - 13 years and Sr 14 years and old
Speed Event Classes - Barrel Racing, Key Hole and Pole Bending - Ages Jr 8 - 12 years and Sr 13 - 18 years

(D) **Open** Entry form and Entry fee of \$10.00 (non-refundable) per class per animal must be in the fair office by 5:00 pm Friday, January 10, 2020. Late Open entries will be accepted in the Fair Office until 5:00 pm Friday, February 14, 2020 with a required \$15.00 late fee per class per animal. **OPEN FEES PAID ON DAY OF SHOW WILL BE CASH ONLY, WITH LATE FEE.**

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Classes - In Hand Trail and Riding Trail
Speed Event Classes - Barrel Racing, Key Hole and Pole Bending

(F) **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 21, 2020 at 6 pm at the Main Gate Bldg

Educational Clinic - Sunday, February 16, 2020 at 1 pm at the Livestock Complex - Bring your horse

All exhibitors will be admitted Free day of Show through the Livestock Gate. ALL OTHERS ENTERING THE FAIRGROUNDS MUST PAY GATE PRICE OR SHOW FAIR MEMBERSHIP CARD.

2. Exhibitor may show only one horse in Showmanship but a different horse could be shown in the other classes.

- 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 YOUTH PARTICIPANTS AND HORSES

3. Youth Participant should **own or lease** at least one horse by January 10, 2020 (Date of Registration) and also **your start date for your record book**. The horse care, feeding, grooming and training must be the responsibility of the 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 years, Intermediate 11 - 13 years and Senior 14 years and older.**) Speed Event classes ages are **Junior 8 - 12 years and Senior 13 - 18 years**. If the horse is leased a Lease Agreement shall be attached to the Entry Form.

4. Youth Exhibitors will complete an official **record book** due at check-in.

CONTEST RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES

5. Show management reserves the right to alter or modify any class procedures, obstacles, patterns, or rules in this book for safety concerns, show facility restrictions, or other mitigating circumstances.

6. 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 that class.
7. The P.A. system is used to help the show move as smoothly as possible, but is only a courtesy. It is the responsibility of the contestants to know when they are required to be in the make-up area or arena. Not hearing or understanding gate calls, etc. is NOT an excuse for missing one's order of work, heat, or class.
8. The judge's decision shall be final and may not be protested.
9. All exhibitors are required to wear an SEI* or SEI/ASTM* approved safety equestrian helmet with fastened chin harness in all classes and all warm-up and make-up areas. Additionally, appropriate footwear and approved helmets must be worn, with harness fastened, at all times when mounted. This pertains to the entire show grounds from the time of arrival until departure. Failure to comply may result in disqualification. (SEI - Safety Equipment Institute, ASTM - American Society of Testing and Measures).
10. Contestant numbers shall be worn on the exhibitor's back or attached to the saddle pad on both sides. Failure to comply will result in disqualification from said class.
11. The show will be held on the date scheduled barring a natural catastrophe. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor's parent or guardian to determine if he/she is able to compete safely. In case of inclement weather, all contestants must realize that the conditions and facilities are the best available as determined by the show management and show accordingly.
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13. No horse or rider shall be assisted beyond the plane of the arena gate. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.
14. Lunging is not permitted in warm up areas where a class is being staged.
15. When an exhibitor or another person on behalf of an exhibitor is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct or misbehavior while on the show grounds, management may suspend such exhibitor's right to participate in future classes and/or shows as deemed appropriate.
16. Assistance or coaching of contestants while competing in a class may warrant penalties or disqualification. No electronic communication devices will be allowed by exhibitors while in the class.
17. The Judge and/or Horse Superintendent(s) may check the appointments of any horse/rider combination throughout the duration of the show. It is the responsibility of the contestant to comply with all 4-H rules and regulations. The judge, at his discretion, may disqualify an exhibitor for inappropriate appointments or equipment.
18. In concern for humane treatment of the horse, the judge, at Judges discretion, has the authority to excuse any horse which is obviously lame. Obvious lameness is: consistently observable at a trot under all circumstances; marked nodding, hitching, or shortened stride; minimal weight-bearing in motion and/or at rest and inability to move.

- 19. The Judge and/or Horse Superintendent(s) have the authority to require the removal or alteration of any piece of equipment which, in their opinion, is unsafe, tends to give unfair advantage, or is deemed inhumane. Inhumane treatment of a horse identified by the show committee at any time on the show grounds may result in disqualification, dismissal, and suspension from further participation in classes subject to approval of Horse Superintendent(s). Any individual treating a horse inhumanely while exhibiting may be dismissed upon the discretion of the Judge or Horse Superintendent(s). The standard by which conduct or treatment will be measured is that which the Horse Superintendent(s) rules a reasonable person, informed and experienced in generally accepted equine training and exhibition procedures, would determine to be cruel, abusive, or inhumane.

The Florida 4-H Area & State Horse Shows Rules will apply to the Open and Youth Riding Trail Classes. The rule book is available at the Citrus County Fair's web page under Livestock.

20. **AWARDS & PREMIUMS FOR HORSE CLASSES**



In-Hand Trail, Riding Trail and Speed Event classes.

RIBBONS WILL BE AWARDED FOR PLACES 1ST THROUGH 6TH - NO MONIES

AWARDS:

Open and Youth Class Winners will receive a awards.

PAYOUT FOR YOUTH 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

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- 21. All exhibitors are encouraged to participate in the optional Horse Skill-a-thon during Fair Week. The age of skill-a-thon and record books will be determined by the Exhibitor's age, prior to September 1, 2019.
- 22. Thank you letters for Awards, Skill-a-thon and Belt Buckles must be in the Fair Office before a check will be issued to the Exhibitor. Bring your letters to the Fair Office no later than the 3rd Friday in April. **(No Letters will be taken at Barn Clean-up).** Letters must be stamped, addressed **and unsealed with your return address on the envelope.** All money will be withheld until letters are written. Should deadline be missed there will be a \$25.00 forfeit. (There is a sponsor address label on the bottom of the trophy, plaque and belt buckle.) 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.
- 23. Barn Set-up is Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 9 am **OR** you must attend Barn Clean-up which is Saturday, April 4, 2020 at 9 am. Anyone unable to attend must contact the Livestock Committee Chairman, in writing, prior to Barn Set-up or Barn Clean-up. Failure to attend and participate in Barn Set-up **OR** Barn Clean-up will result in a \$150.00 fine or forfeit their premium monies, to be put into the Dr. Dumas Scholarship fund.
- 24. The Livestock Committee will present at least one educational meeting during the project period (September through February). The Exhibitor and a Parent or Guardian, 4-H Leader, FFA Teacher or responsible Adult, **WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND TOGETHER**, at least ONE of these in order to SHOW. **Exhibitor and Parent or Guardian, 4-H Leader, FFA Teacher or responsible Adult must sign in and sign out to receive credit for attending.**



Any Exhibitor requesting a special exception (for any rule) must submit their request in writing to the Livestock Chairman and the Superintendent of the show involved. For the Livestock Committee to review the request, it must be signed by the exhibitor, parent or guardian and the 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor. The Livestock Chairman may request an appearance by the Exhibitor, Parent or Guardian, and the 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor.

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.