



**4-H Youth
Development Program**
University of California
Agriculture & Natural Resources

Nevada County 4-H Open Schooling Horse Show

Saturday, October 24, 2026

Location: Martines Ranch
18697 Oak Springs Dr.
Penn Valley, CA 95946

Horse Show Information and Requirements

California 4-H Membership Not Required

Participation in the horse show does not require California 4-H membership.

Participant Requirements

- Participants must be at least 9 years old as of December 31, 2025.
- Participants who are not enrolled in 4-H must sign a 4-H Waiver of Liability.
- All participants must sign a Martines Ranch Release.
- Properly fitted, certified helmets that meet ASTM and SEI standards and have chin straps are required.
- Smooth-soled boots are required. Lace-up boots and boots with deep treads are not permitted.
- 4-H whites are recommended but are not required.
- Participants must bring their own buckets for watering their horses. For safety reasons, do not share buckets or use watering troughs with unfamiliar horses.

Class Requirements

- Participants entered in walk/trot classes may not enter walk/trot/lope classes.
- English classes with fewer than three entries may be combined with Western classes at management's discretion.

Showmanship Divisions

Novice Showmanship

Novice Showmanship is limited to two years in this division, with the following exception:

If a member wins a Novice Showmanship division at a 4-H-governed horse show during their first year, they may remain in the Novice division for the remainder of that project year. They may not compete in the Novice division for a second year.

Junior Showmanship

Junior Showmanship is for participants ages 9 through 13.

Age is determined by the participant's age as of December 31 of the current year.

Senior Showmanship

Senior Showmanship is for participants ages 14 through 19.

Age is determined by the participant's age as of December 31 of the current year.

Safety Policy

The following safety rules apply to all participants and classes:

- Bareback pads are not permitted in Bareback classes.
- At the discretion of management and/or the judges, a rider and horse may be excused from a class if they are determined to be out of control or unsafe. This will result in disqualification from that class.
- A horse showing signs of lameness may be excused from a class. Signs of lameness or discomfort, including head bobbing or limping, are not acceptable in classes. This will result in disqualification.
- A rider who needs to dismount during a class, is bucked off, or falls off during a class is disqualified from that individual class.
- California State Horsemen's Association rules apply unless otherwise stated.

For additional rules, see the [California State Horsemen's Association English and Western rules](#).

Schedule of Events

Time	Event
7:30 a.m.	Gates open for trailer arrival.
8:00 a.m.	Registration and check-in open.
8:30 a.m.	All class fees and exhibitor paperwork must be completed.
9:00 a.m.	First class begins. Remaining classes follow in order until the show is complete.
Approximately 12:30 p.m.	Lunch break for 30 minutes. The timing of the lunch break may be changed at management's discretion.

Important Information

- **Rain or shine:** The show will be held in the covered arena.
- **Bring water:** Bring an adequate supply of water for your horse.
- **Leave no trace:** Pick up all manure and debris at the show.
- **Food:** Food will be available on site. Food purchases are **cash or check only**.
- **Dogs:** No dogs are permitted.

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Class List

Showmanship

Class	Description
1	Novice Showmanship
2	Junior Showmanship
3	Senior Showmanship
4	Parents/Guardian Showmanship
X	Championship Showmanship

Championship Showmanship: Consists of the first- and second-place exhibitors from Classes 1, 2, and 3.

Parents/Guardian Showmanship: Judged by Level 5 and 6 4-H members.

English Classes

Class	Description
5	Walk/Trot Equitation
6	Walk/Trot/Canter Equitation
7	Walk/Trot Pleasure
8	Walk/Trot/Canter Pleasure

Western Classes

Class	Description
9	Walk/Jog Equitation
10	Walk/Jog/Lope Equitation
11	Walk/Jog Pleasure
12	Walk/Jog/Lope Pleasure

English or Western Classes

The following classes may be ridden English or Western style.

Class	Description
13	Walk/Jog Horsemanship
14	Walk/Jog/Lope Horsemanship
15	In-Hand Trail — no schooling
16	Walk/Jog Trail
17	Walk/Jog/Lope Trail
18	Walk/Jog Ranch Riding — pattern
19	Walk/Jog/Lope Ranch Riding — pattern
20	Walk/Jog Bareback
21	Walk/Jog/Lope Bareback

Class	Description
22	Walk-Only Costume

Tack Changes and Breaks

- 15-minute tack change between the Western and English portions of the show.
- 10-minute tack change before the Bareback classes.
- 30-minute break for tack changes and warm-up.

Awards

Prizes: first through third place. Ribbons: first through seventh place. High Point Awards: Walk/Jog-Trot and Walk/Jog-Trot/Lope-Canter. Eligible classes are identified in the show schedule.

Entry Notes

- Walk/Trot or Walk/Jog entries may not enter Walk/Trot/Canter or Walk/Jog/Lope classes.
- Novice, Junior, and Senior definitions are on the Rules sheet.
- English classes with fewer than three entries may be combined with Western classes at management's discretion.

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Entry Form — Saturday, October 24, 2026

Martines Ranch, 18697 Oak Springs Road, Penn Valley, CA 95946

Exhibitor Information

Exhibitor Name

Registered Owner

Address

City

Horse Name

Phone

Email

State

ZIP

Organization

☐ 4-H County: _____ ☐ FFA ☐ Other: _____

One entry form is required for each horse and rider combination.

Class Selection

Circle or mark all class numbers entered for this one horse/rider combination.

01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22

Entry Fees and Deadlines

Class	Description
Pre-Entry	\$10 per class — on or before Thursday, October 15, 2026.
Day of Entry	\$12 per class.
Refunds	No refunds.
Adds and Scratches	Cannot be made at the gate. They must be made at least one class ahead.

Entry Fee Calculation

Item	Calculation	Amount
Pre-entry classes	Number of classes × \$10.00	\$ _____
Day-of-show classes	Number of classes × \$12.00	\$ _____
Parents/Guardian discount	– \$5.00, if applicable	–\$ _____
Subtotal		\$ _____
Scratches	Total from Scratch Card; no refund	\$ _____
Adds	Total from Add Card	\$ _____
ENTRY TOTAL		\$ _____

Payment

Cash

Check Number

Total Check Amount

Make checks payable to: **Nevada County 4-H**

Submit the completed entry form for each horse/rider combination, with payment and signed waivers/forms, to:

Nevada County 4-H
P.O. Box 2851
Grass Valley, CA 95945

Online Entry

[Online Entry available at this link.](#)

Required Forms

- [4-H Youth Health History and Treatment Authorization Form](#)
- [Martines Ranch Release](#)
- [Signed 4-H Waiver of Liability](#) — required for non-4-H exhibitors only

Office Use Only

Exhibitor Number

Waivers/Forms Received

Entry Fee

Staff Initials

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