



Tulare County 4-H Youth Development Program ♦ 4437-B S. Laspina St ♦ Tulare, CA 93274
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2018 Tulare County 4-H YDP Horse Achievement Day

Saturday, May 19, 2018

Fairlea Ranch, 31535 Road 204, Exeter, CA

9:00 am Check-In, 9:30 am Show Starts

***Show order posted day of event**

Entry Fee: \$5 per exhibitor

Entry Deadline: Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Payment: Individual 4-H members are to pay entry fees to their 4-H Club; 4-H Clubs will issue a club check payable to Tulare County 4-H Leader's Council (TC 4-H LC) and mail it to the 4-H Office

Mail Entries to: Tulare County 4-H, 4437-B S. Laspina Street, Tulare, CA 93274

Rules:

I. Horses

- a) In all classes and skills tests, participant must use his/her own project horse, pony, or mule. No one may substitute as a show person. **Exception:** Members of Non-Owner Project in skills tests at Achievement Day.
- b) Participants may show only a mare or gelding in showmanship, riding classes, or skills test.
- c) Participant must have **Complete Control** of his/her horse at all times. Any uncontrollable horse may be sent home at the discretion of the Horse Leader Committee. Horses must be ridden only at the walk, except in practice and show rings.
- d) Horses may not be sent to any trainer to be trained within the 60 days' period prior to Horse Achievement Day, for **2018 the date is March 20th**. Members may participate with their horse in lessons, trainings or clinics outside the 4-H project, the key being "**participating with**". If the member is not riding or training the horse themselves, then it is not allowed. (Ruling amended at 11/07 Horse Committee Meeting).
- e) No other riders are to be on project members' horses. Leaders, Junior/Teen leaders, and/or parent may assist in saddling, bridling, or lunging, only if member is present and observing. A member's parent or project leader may handle or mount the members horse to school the horse only if the horse has been deemed unsafe or unmanageable with the intent to enable the member's participation and must abide by the Helmet policy as listed in III (c).
- f) Safety will be practiced all times while handling, riding or driving horses at all times.

II. Eligibility - In order to be eligible for any award at Achievement Day a member must:

- a) Participate with horse at 4-H Horse Achievement Day.

- b) Attend local club and project meetings regularly and be a member in good standing of the local Horse Project.
- c) It is policy a member in the first unit use the same horse to perform their Pre-Achievement skills and riding skills at Horse Achievement Day, unless the horse is deemed unsafe by the project leader for either of the skill testing. If this is the case the member can use two different horses.

III. Uniforms

- a) The western uniform consists of blue jeans or dark blue pants, white long-sleeved shirt, boots, belt, green 4-H tie or 4-H collar, helmet in showmanship and halter classes; western helmet or safety hat (ASTM SEI approved) in riding classes. In riding classes, spurs are optional.
- b) The English uniform consists of breeches or jodhpurs with appropriate boots, white long-sleeved shirt, belt, green 4-H tie or 4-H collar, helmet in showmanship and halter classes; English helmet (ASTM SEI approved) in riding classes. In riding classes, spurs are optional.
- c) All participants in any 4-H equestrian activity, regardless of riding seat, shall wear a properly fitted equestrian helmet which meets ASTM/SEI approval, and secured chin harness properly fastened at all times when handling, mounted on an equine or in a vehicle being pulled by one or more equine. (State 4-H Policy) Helmet is also required in showmanship and halter classes.

IV. Unacceptable Equipment

- a) No tie downs, martingales, draw reins, bosals or nose bands, and wire or chain gimmicks in conjunction with bit. Chain curbs are permissible, but must be at least 2 inch in width and lie flat against the jaw of the horse.

Exceptions:

1. In First Unit Classes any normal type of tie down and/or martingale will be allowed for First Unit members at Achievement Day.
2. In English Classes a Caveson bit will be allowed.
3. In Green Horse Classes a Caveson, nose band, and/or martingale will be acceptable.
4. Any snaffle or mechanical hackamore in any unit is permissible as long as safety and control is in effect.

V. Other Entry Requirements for Horse Achievement Day

- a) There will be a one-time entry fee (as designated on entry form) per exhibitor for the day, which covers all the participants' entries.
- b) Entries are due **April 25, 2018.**
- c) Participants may show **only** a mare or gelding in showmanship, halter, riding or skills tests.
- d) Participant must use the same horse in their showmanship class as their unit riding skills class.
- e) Participants **may** enter more than one horse project section, i.e., unit riding skills, training, driving, service, or graduate at Achievement Day.
- f) If there are enough entries in the first unit, it will be divided into two classes; Junior: 9-10 years old and Intermediate: 11-13 years old, age based on 12/31/17.

- g) Safety must be observed at all times. Never wrap the lead strap, halter shank, or reins around your hand, wrist, or body. When showing your horse, never fold the remaining lead strap in a loop around your hand, which is dangerous and can lead to serious injuries.

VI. Judging

The judge's decision is final. Any questions or complaints must be taken up with the Arbitration Committee of the Tulare County Horse Leaders Committee.

Protest Process - The following was adopted at the April 21, 1997 Tulare County 4-H Leader Council Meeting:

1. The judge's decisions on awards cannot be protested.
2. Protests will be considered only if there has been a violation of State or local rules.
3. **All protests must be presented to the arbitration committee of its respective Advisory Board in writing within 24 hours or the next business day of the alleged violation**, i.e. the protest is presented at the event, and must be accompanied by a \$50 deposit (cash, money order, or certified check), which will be returned if the protest is determined valid.
4. Protests and appropriate action are decided by the arbitration committee of the Ag Advisory Board.
5. If protests cannot be resolved with the above mentioned advisory boards' arbitration committee, the Tulare County 4-H Leader Council's Executive Board may intervene.

VII. Awards

- a) Showmanship, Broodmare and Halter classes will be judged by the American system.
- b) Unit classes will be judged by the Danish system with all participants receiving an award. If there are enough entries in the First Unit, it will be divided into Junior (9-10 years old) and Intermediate (11-13 years old) sections. Breakdown for awards are: 90% - 100% gold seal/gold medal; 70% - 89% blue seal; 50% - 69% red seal; 35% - 49% white seal; 34% and below green seal. All gold seal winners will receive achievement medals. In order to MEDAL a member must receive 90%, a combined score of the showmanship score and riding test.
- c) The top three (3) scores will receive grand champion, reserve grand champion and champion awards. In addition, top awards such as belt buckles, halters, etc. are awarded to these top three point winners in all units, as funds will allow. Members who receive one of the top three awards and do not achieve a 90% or higher may repeat the unit, but may only receive this award for 2 consecutive years with less than a 90% score. After receiving one of the top three awards for two consecutive years, the member is required to move on to the next unit.
- d) If a member receives 90% and is in the top 3 highest scores (Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, or Champion) then he or she MUST move up to the next unit. If they score a 90% But are NOT in the top 3 places they do not have to move up a unit if they so desire. All members who do not receive one of the top three awards may repeat a unit as many times as necessary to become competent in its requirements. In fact, repeating the early units is encouraged.
- e) 4-H members must meet all unit requirements to progress to the next unit and participate at Achievement Day.

2018 4-H HORSE ACHIEVEMENT DAY ENTRY FORM

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Due: Wednesday, April 25, 2018

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PLACE A CHECK MARK NEXT TO THE CLASSES) LISTED BELOW THAT YOU ARE ENTERING:
(Choose one from each category.)

Showmanship Classes: *Age of member based upon 12/31/17

- 1 *Showmanship – Senior (14-19 years old) Horses, Ponies, and Miniatures
- 2 *Showmanship – Intermediate (11-13 years old) Horses, Ponies, and Miniatures
- 3 *Showmanship – Junior (9-10 years old) Horses, Ponies, and Miniatures
- 4 Tulare County 4-H Champion Showman, Brenda Ferrel Award (No Pre-Entry)

Please, check here if you will require any accommodations in order to participate in this 4-H Youth Development Program Event.

List the accommodations needed below:

Unit Work Classes:

- 5 4th Unit Ring & Pattern Work
- 6 3rd Unit Ring & Pattern Work
- 7 2nd Unit Ring & Pattern Work
- 8 1st Unit Ring & Pattern Work – (Walk, Jog, & Lope) – Horses and Ponies
- 9 1st Unit Ring & Pattern Work. (Walk & Jog only) - Horses and Ponies

Trail/Skills Classes: *Trail course for 2nd unit and above members will be posted before the classes.*

- 10 Trail – 4th Unit
- 11 Trail – 3rd Unit
- 12 Trail – 2nd Unit
- 13 Skills – 1st Unit

Member's Name: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Phone #: _____ **Member's Signature:** _____

Name of Horse: _____ **Horse Project Unit:** _____ **Walk/Jog Only (1st Unit Only)**

Project Leader's Signature: _____ **4-H Club:** _____

Parent's Signature: _____ **Club Leader's Signature:** _____