

2020 CALIFORNIA 4-H HORSE CLASSIC PREMIUM

General rules and expectations for the Championship Horse Show



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WELCOME

Dear Exhibitors, Leaders, Volunteers, and Parents,

Welcome to the 24th Annual California 4-H Virtual Horse Classic. This event is designed to allow 4-H members the chance to showcase the culmination of their hard work put forth in their equine projects throughout the year.

This Premium contains the guidelines and official rules for the 2020 California 4-H Virtual Horse Classic. It is expected that all 4-H members, 4-H leaders, parents, and volunteers adhere to the rules and information provided within this document.

The primary purpose of the Horse Show is to create a forum where 4-H members can display their demonstrate their horsemanship skills and have fun. The goals of this event, as outlined by the 4-H Horse Classic Committee, are to provide participants with an opportunity to:

- Establish lifelong friendships with fellow 4-H members and leaders throughout the state.
- Network with other counties and share personal experiences that have been meaningful to each person's growth and development.
- Share their passion for horses and expand their equine knowledge.
- Experience personal growth.
- Promote good sportsmanship.
- Compete beyond the local, county, regional, or district levels.
- Help fundraising efforts to support the California delegation at national equine competitions.

The 2020 California 4-H Virtual Horse Classic Committee consists of a variety of knowledgeable and dedicated committee members. Each one of these committee members have put forth a great deal of time and effort into making this an educational, enjoyable, and fun event for youth and adults alike. Please take the time to thank them for their diligence and generosity. Also, the 4-H Horse Classic Committee would like to thank the exhibitors, parents, 4-H leaders, and adult volunteers for their hard work and their commitment to the California 4-H Equine Program. We hope that you will continue to share your positive experiences with others and encourage them to participate in the 4-H Youth Development Program.

Gratefully,
California State 4-H Horse Classic Committee Members

Officials and Planning Team

Officials

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Contest Supervisors

HORSE SHOW			
Western Flat	Becky Greer Davis	Jorden Mahenski	
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Fees, Entries, Deadlines, and Cancellation Policy

Fees

Championship Horse Show	\$12.00 per class
Dressage Tests and Classes	\$12.00 per test
Miniature Horse Classes	\$12.00 per class
Office fee (per exhibitor)	\$5.00

Entries

<p>Due to Covid-19 Pandemic, this year's show will be a non-qualifying open show.</p> <p>Participants must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have owned or leased the horse that they are exhibiting for at least 120 days prior to the last qualifying show that they attended. • Complete a SEPARATE ENTRY FORM FOR EACH HORSE/RIDER COMBINATION. • Include registered horse's name, registration number, and a copy of registration papers to qualify for breed association high point awards. • Register with a working email address to get numbers. 	
Entry Due Date	All entries due September 11, 2020
Registration Type(s)	<p>Registrations must be completed online at http://ucanr.edu/2020horseclassic</p> 
Payment Type(s)	Only credit card payments will be accepted this year.
Contacts	<p>For Horse Classic Event Questions, please contact Shauna Bond, sabond@ucanr.edu</p> <p>For registration or payment questions, please contact Bernadette Ramirez, ca4h@ucanr.edu</p>

Deadlines

All Entries are due by September 11, 2020 and no late entries will be accepted.

The following is a completed entry:

- One completed [Participant Agreement](#) form per exhibitor with signatures of 4-H member, parent, leader and 4-H staff. Emailed to ca4h@ucanr.edu
- One Entry Form per horse and rider combination (horse show online)
- Entry fees paid in full by credit card
- Sponsorship form (highly recommended but not required)

Cancellation and Refund Policy

The submission of your registration is a contractual commitment to California 4-H (CA 4-H) of your intent to participate in this event. Expenses for venues, judges, awards, and administrative needs are based on the number of registered participants. California 4-H will incur financial penalties when those numbers change.

Written requests to withdraw from this commitment received by September 15, 2020 will receive a 50% refund. No refunds will be issued after this date. Submit your withdrawal request to sabond@ucanr.edu.

Dress Code and Riding Attire

The 4-H Uniform is appropriate for all events. Participants must follow [California 4-H Dress Guidelines](#) unless otherwise noted below. Youth must wear an approved helmet that is in accordance with California 4-H Policy ([Chapter 11:XVII,A](#)).

English Attire

Hunt or Saddle seat coat, shirt, breeches or jodhpurs, boots and ASTM/SEI helmet.

Western Attire

Long-sleeve western shirt, pants or jeans, belt, tie, and ASTM/SEI helmet.

Showmanship

- 4-H Uniform, English or Western attire.
- Silver and/or professional show clothes (i.e. chaps) will not count over good, working equipment
- Advertising of any form on the clothing worn is not permissible.
- In the showmanship classes, the ASTM/SEI helmet is not required but youth must wear an approved helmet that is in accordance with California 4-H Policy ([Chapter 11:XVII,A](#)).

Ranch Horse

Collared long sleeved shirt, helmet, jeans and boots. Chaps or chinks are optional.

Miniature Horse

Athletic or tennis shoes are allowed.

Tack

Dressage

Plain snaffle bit.

English Showmanship classes

Horse is to be shown in an English bridle.

Ranch Classes

In all ranch classes horses will be shown in western saddle and appropriate bridle, snaffle or hackamore.

Prohibited equipment in Ranch Classes

Wire chin straps regardless of padding, any chin strap or chain narrower than one half inch, martingales and draw reins, nosebands, caves son, tie downs and roping reins.

Ranch Showmanship

- Halter must be plain leather, plain cotton, buckaroo style allowed, use of leather chain allowed.
- Silver equipment will not count over a good working outfit.
- May use a rope or riata, if used must be coiled and attached to saddle, hobbles must be attached to saddle, protective boots, leg wraps, and bandages are allowed.
- Spurs may be worn but not used in front of cinch, chaps or chinks optional.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- This current Exhibitor's Premium Book supersedes all previous premium books or rules.
- Due to COVID-19 this year's show is a virtual, non-qualifying Open Show.
- In addition to the show rules below, please see the Video page for rules and guidelines for video submissions for your entries.
- The rules in this premium are in line with the guidance of the following organizations: the United States Equestrian Federation; California Gymkhana Association, American Miniature Horse Association (AMHA); United State Dressage Association (USDF); American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) Ranch Horse Program; and Western States Versatility Ranch Horse Association (WSVRHA).

CLASSES AND DIVISIONS OFFERED

This year's show will be a virtual show due to COVID-19 pandemic.

The 2020 Horse Classic is limited in some aspects because of limitations with holding a competition virtually.

- This year's show is open for all 4-H members with no prequalification, but you must own or lease horse from April 20, 2020 on.
- **No gymkhana, pony or jumping classes this year.**
- Changes in class divisions:
 - Senior, Junior and Novice in Western and English
 - Ranch classes open
 - Dressage - no more than 3 tests
 - Miniature classes are open. If there are enough entries, there may be Junior and Senior divisions.
- Classes or divisions with less than five entries may be combined or cancelled.
- Exhibitors may not cross-enter divisions on the same horse.
- If entered in the walk/trot division, exhibitor may not cross over to any loping division.

Patterns will be posted on this page on Friday, September 18 at 5pm.

The activities may be videoed in a pasture, arena, or dirt lot. You must set the pattern up exactly as it reads.

Please see the [Video page](#) for rules and guidelines for video entries.

Classes and Divisions offered

[Dressage](#)

[English Classes](#)

[Western Classes](#)

[Ranch Classes](#)

[Miniature Classes](#)

Pattern Class

Walk 20 seconds, Trot/Jog 30 seconds, Lope/canter 30 seconds, walk reserves direction repeat prior segment after completion halt and back 5 steps.

Rail Class

Walk 20 seconds, Trot/Jog 30 seconds, Lope/canter 30 seconds, walk reserves direction repeat prior segment after completion halt and back 5 steps.

Class List

Dressage		
Class	Event	Level
1	Intro B	Open
2	Intro C	Open
3	Training Level 1	Open
English Classes		
Class	Event	Level
4	Showmanship	Senior
5	Showmanship	Junior
6	Showmanship	Novice
7	Hunt Seat Equitation	Senior
8	Hunt Seat Equitation	Junior
9	Hunt Seat Equitation	Novice
10	Hunter Under Saddle	Senior
11	Hunter Under Saddle	Junior
12	Hunter Under Saddle	Novice
13	English Pleasure	Senior
14	English Pleasure	Junior
15	English Pleasure	Novice
16	Dressage Suitability	Senior
17	Dressage Suitability	Junior
18	Dressage Suitability	Novice
Western Classes		
Class	Event	Level
19	Showmanship	Senior
20	Showmanship	Junior
21	Showmanship	Novice
22	Equitation	Senior
23	Equitation	Junior
24	Equitation	Novice
25	Horsemanship	Senior
26	Horsemanship	Junior
27	Horsemanship	Novice

28	Western Pleasure	Senior
29	Western Pleasure	Junior
30	Western Pleasure	Novice
31	Trail	Senior
32	Trail	Junior
33	Trail	Novice
Ranch Classes		
Class	Event	Level
34	Showmanship	Open
35	Ranch Riding	Open
36	Ranch Pleasure	Open
37	Ranch Reining	Open
38	Ranch Trail	Open
Miniature Horse Classes		
Class	Event	Level
39	Showmanship	Open
40	Trail	Open
41	Horsemanship	Open

HORSE SHOW ELIGIBILITY AND RULES

Eligibility

Due to Covid-19 Pandemic, this year's show will be a non-qualifying open show.

- The horse shown must be the member's project at least 120 days prior to Horse Classic but need not be owned by or registered to the exhibitor (i.e., leasing of horses is acceptable).
- Miniature horses must be 38" or less in height and includes miniature donkeys and mules.
- All equine species are eligible (horse, pony, miniature, mules and donkeys). No stallions may be shown.
- Exhibitors shall show in their respective divisions based upon their age as of December 31, 2019, regardless of their current age.
 - **Novice:** Based on the rider and limited to first and second year members with no age restriction but limited in performance (no cantering/loping in ANY event). **NEW:** Once a rider has won High Point at State Classic in Novice, the rider must move out of this division. However, a rider may compete at the State Classic in the Novice Division a second year if they are still Novice and have not started loping.
 - **Junior** - 13 years of age or under as of December 21, 2019.
 - **Senior** - 4 years of age or older and not yet 19 years of age as of December 31, 2019.
- 4-Hers are not eligible to participate if they or their horses have been trained under the judge within 90 days of the show date. The list of judges will be posted with the patterns online, one week before the competition.

Rules

- The horse shown must be the member's project at least 120 days prior to Horse Classic but need not be owned by or registered to the exhibitor (i.e., leasing of horses is acceptable).
- Horses that are owned or leased as a joint project may be shown by no more than (2) exhibitors per horse and cannot be shown in the same age division.
- All equine species are eligible (horse, pony, miniature, mules and donkeys). No stallions may be shown.
- Miniature horses must be 38" or less in height and includes miniature donkeys and mules.
Miniature entries must be measured at beginning of video. For further information please refer to the [American Miniature Horse Registry \(AMHR\)](#).
- Dressage will run according to [USDF guidelines](#). No more than three tests per horse.
- Ranch Horse will follow [AQHA](#) and [WSVRHA](#)
- Classes or divisions with less than five entries may be combined or cancelled.
- For Miniature Horses, if there are enough entries there may be Junior and Senior divisions.
- Exhibitors may not cross-enter divisions on the same horse.
- Exhibitors shall show in their respective divisions based upon their age as of December 31, 2019, regardless of their current age.

- Novice - Based on the rider and limited to first and second year members with no age restriction but limited in performance (no cantering/loping in ANY event).
- Junior - 13 years of age or under as of December 21, 2019.
- Senior - 14 years of age or older and not yet 19 years of age as of December 31, 2019.
- If entered in the walk/trot division (Novice), exhibitor may not cross over to any loping division.
- **NEW:** Once a rider has won High Point at State Classic in Novice, the rider must move out of this division. However, a rider may compete at the State Classic in the Novice Division a second year if they are still Novice and have not started loping.
- 4-H'ers are not eligible to participate if they or their horses have been trained under the judge within 90 days of the show date. The list of judges will be posted with the patterns one week before the show.
- 4-H'ers must wear an equestrian helmet which always meets ASTM/SEI standards while mounted, i.e. during classes, practice areas, and pleasure rides. If a helmet is not worn, the rider will be disqualified from all classes and points won will NOT count towards the high point awards. There will be no appeal process for this infraction.
- Exhibitors are required to care for, prepare for showing, and show their own animals. Adult help (including parents/trainers) in grooming, exercising and preparing for show at this Championship 4-H Horse Show may cause the member and/or animal to be disqualified. Adults may assist the member when necessary for safety purposes. No adult may mount a 4-H project horse to school, prepare for a class or ride for pleasure. (In the event an exhibitor's horse must be used as a fill-in for the judging contest, an adult would be allowed to ride said horse for contest, but "schooling" will not be allowed). Disqualification consists of withholding ribbons or awards, elimination from further competitions and removal from the event. It is strongly encouraged that older, more experienced 4-H members help younger, less experienced members.
- There is to be no coaching (coaching includes verbal and non-verbal commands, instructions, gestures, etc.) from the rail or during a video during classes.
- Lameness or incapacity: a judge or show management may at any time ask a rider to view a horse at trot or under saddle if they have concerns regarding lameness. The judge or show management has the authority to excuse any horse from the class due to lameness. Obvious lameness will result in a disqualification. Obvious lameness is consistently observed at a trot, marked nodding, hitching or shortened stride, minimal weight bearing in motion and or at rest and inability to move.
- Any and all decisions of the judges shall be final. No exhibitor shall be allowed, under any circumstances to interfere with the judge(s) during their adjudication or with Classic's staff and management. The judge may refuse to discuss a decision with anyone unless the individual first requests permission from the show management.
- Patterns/courses will be posted on the [Classes & Divisions page](#) on **Friday, Sept. 18 at 5pm.**
- Videos can be filmed after patterns/courses are posted. Please see [Video page](#) for details on video requirements, formats, and submission link.
- Exhibitors will receive their contestant number by email after completing their registration.

Video Guidelines

It is the responsibility of the individual exhibitors to secure all needed equipment and ensure that they are working properly.

Equipment needed

- Digital video camera, tablet or smartphone with video and audio capability
- Computer, smartphone or tablet with internet connection

Rules for Videos

- **Videos must be continuous without any editing.** If video is edited it will result in a no score.
- All video must have audio.
- Videos can be filmed after patterns are posted on Friday, Sept. 18 at 5pm.
- Only one rider at a time in each video.
- May be filmed in a pasture, arena or dirt lot. You must set pattern up exactly as it reads.
- Acceptable video formats:
 - MP4
 - MOV
 - MPEG-4
 - AVI

At beginning of video, hold up a sign with the following:

- Full name of rider
- Birthdate
- Class number
- Full name of horse
- Horse registration number
- Horse age

Guidelines for filming

Pattern Class

Walk 20 seconds, Trot/Jog 30 seconds, Lope/canter 30 seconds, walk reserves direction repeat prior segment after completion halt and back 5 steps.

- In Showmanship, the camera person represents the eyes and ears of the judge and should be standing and filming from that perspective.
- Other patterns - shoot the video from the best angle.

Rail Class

Walk 20 seconds, Trot/Jog 30 seconds, Lope/canter 30 seconds, walk reserves direction repeat prior segment after completion halt and back 5 steps.

- Ranch Class - camera person announces each gait for the rider.

Video Submissions

Videos can be filmed after patterns are posted to the website on Friday, Sept. 18 at 5pm.

Video submission schedule

- Sept. 21 to Sept. 26 at 6:00 pm: Western and Ranch classes
- Sept. 22 to Sept. 27 at 6:00 pm: English, Dressage and Miniature classes

Instructions for submitting videos

1. Title videos with the following format:
"Contestant Number_FirstNameLastName_Class Number"

Example: 2222_JohnSmith_03

2. Videos must be continuous, with sound, and without any editing. If video is edited it will result in a no score.
3. Please upload your video to the [Google Drive folder](#). NOTE: You will have to login to Google in order to upload. (Uploaded videos will be moved out of the folder regularly for security purposes)

Technical Support and questions

Please contact Scott Mautte at idevelopsupport@ucanr.edu, 530-750-1335.

HORSE SHOW PRIZE LIST

CLASS AWARDS

- Award ribbons will be given to first through tenth place. High points will be given in below listed areas.
- Champion winners will receive buckles and Reserve Champion winners will receive garment bags.

HIGH POINT AWARDS and Reserve High Point Awards

- Will be awarded to the horse/rider combination earning the most points and special award will be awarded to those with the 2nd highest points scored in each of the divisions listed below:
- Western Walk/Jog – Novice Rider
- Western – Junior
- Western – Senior
- English Walk/Trot - Novice Rider
- English Flat - Junior
- English Flat – Senior
- Miniature Horse – Open
- Ranch Horse – Open

Points are awarded in each class on a sliding scale according to number of exhibitors in that class.

New High Points for 2020

Ranch Horse Division

- Classes to include Ranch Horse Showmanship, Ranch Horse Trail, Ranch Pleasure, Ranch Riding, Ranch reining.
- All classes but Ranch Showmanship will be governed by AQHA Ranch Horse Program and WSVRHA.
- Ranch Showmanship will follow American Ranch Horse Association. Contestants do not have to qualify this year for this division.
- Ribbons first through tenth.
- High Point Awards and Reserve Highpoint Award.
- All classes are open and count for high point.

Dressage Division

- Classes will be USDF Intro A, B and C, and Training Level 1.
- USDF Guidelines will govern show.
- Will have first thru 10th place ribbons.

Handling of Tie Scores

Ties for high point will be broken as follows:

English & Western Divisions:

- Placing in showmanship, placing in Equitation, place in Horsemanship # of 1st places

Miniature Horse Division

- Showmanship, #1st places, #2nd places.

Ranch Horse Division

- Placing in Showmanship, Pattern class, then trail.

Complaint Process

Any protest must be emailed to sabond@ucanr.edu by October 4, 2020.

- The protest must be specific and propose one or more potential solutions to the situation.
- The protest will be discussed, and a final decision by the CA 4-H Equine Advisory Board will be made within 24 hours of submission to the show office.
- Protests will be considered only if there has been a violation of stated rules.
- The decisions of the judges and timers cannot be protested and are final.
- Any complaints filed after the submission deadline will not be considered.
- There is no appeals process. No refunds will be given to members who are disqualified.

Handling of Tie Scores

Ties for high point will be broken as follows:

English & Western Divisions:

Placing in showmanship, placing in Equitation, place in Horsemanship # of 1st places

Miniature Horse Division:

Showmanship, #1st places, #2nd places.

Ranch Horse Division

Placing in Showmanship, Pattern class, then trail.

SPONSORSHIPS

Sponsorships are necessary to provide a quality educational experience. We encourage 4-H members to secure sponsorships in a variety of ways: High Point Awards, Horse Show Class sponsorships or Event sponsors.

EXHIBITORS BRINGING IN SPONSORSHIPS MAY REDUCE THEIR ENTRY FEES

Get enough sponsorships and get all your CLASSES paid for! Sponsorships must be received by time of virtual show.

- For each Horse Show Class sponsorship brought in by exhibitor, the exhibitor will receive one (1) free class.
- For each High Point Award sponsorship brought in by exhibitor, the exhibitor will receive three (3) free classes.
- For each Day Sponsorship brought in by an exhibitor, the exhibitor will receive seven (7) class free classes.

Free classes will be applied to the exhibitor's account in the form of a refund after the event.

Sponsorship Pledge Flyer

Sponsors help to provide a quality educational experience for all 4-H members. For those wishing to support the California 4-H State Horse Classic, there are a number of ways to participate including becoming a Day, High Point Awards, Horse Show Class, or Breed High Point Sponsor.

Below are the steps to becoming a sponsor.

1. Choose a sponsorship level

Sponsorship Levels

Day Sponsor	\$1000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully supports one day of events, includes: facilities, judges, and class awards. • Donor recognition posted on event website • Donor recognized on California 4-H state Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts throughout the event. 	
High Point Award Sponsor	\$250
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Point features a custom design engraved buckle. • Donor recognized on event website • Donor recognized on California 4-H state Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts. 	
Horse Show Class	\$50
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funds 1st through 10th place ribbons per class awards. • Donor recognized on event website. 	
NEW! Breed High Point Sponsor	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breed registries can sponsor a High Point Award for their breed. • For more information, contact Amy Alongi @ amyalongi@live.com • Donor recognized on event website. 	

Please let us know should you NOT wish your name included in any publications.

2. Complete the online sponsorship form at <http://ucanr.edu/2020hcsponsor>
 3. Mail your sponsorship check
 - Please make your sponsorship check payable to: **California 4-H Foundation**
 - Mail to: California State 4-H Horse Classic
Attn: Mary Ciricillo
2801 Second Street
Davis, CA 95618
 4. Email your name and or logo as you would like it to appear on all media publications to ca4h@ucanr.edu
- No goods and services will be exchanged for gifts (sponsorships). All gifts are tax-deductible.**

