

2009
LOUP VALLEY 4-H CONFERENCE HORSE SHOW RULES

PLEASE NOTE: This set of rules supplements "Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide (4-H373).

- I. **ELIGIBILITY** - In order to show in the Loup Valley 4-H Conference Horse Show, the contestant must be enrolled as a 4-H member in his or her respective county before the county 4-H enrollment deadline, and must be a member in good standing enrolled in the Light Horse Project. The Conference shall include Garfield, Loup, Wheeler, Nance, Boone, Howard, Sherman, Valley, Greeley, Merrick, Buffalo and Hall Counties.
- II. **IDENTIFICATION** - Conference 4-H members may identify any number of horses for conference competition. The Nebraska identification deadline and requirements will be followed. Three officially identified horses only may be entered in each 4-H Conference Show. Members should be prepared to give identification proof.
- III. **ENTRIES** - Please note new entry system. No pre-registration will be required to participate in the Loup Valley 4-H Horse Conference shows. Each 4-Her who has met identification and eligibility requirements may participate by reporting to the gate when a class is called and presenting the gate person with a class ticket with their name on the back. Cost of the tickets is \$3.00 each and they may be purchased at the extension office starting May 1 or at the show. There is an additional \$5.00 one time office show charge per exhibitor due the same date as the liability waiver form. Tickets can be used at any conference show *for that year ONLY!* No refunds will be made on unused tickets.
- IV. **RETURNED CHECK POLICY** - Any returned checks will be charged an additional \$15 + the amount of the check. Cash entries thereafter will only be accepted from guilty parties.
- V. **LIABILITY WAIVER** - The liability waiver on the show entry form, signed by both the member and a parent, relieves the management of the show of any liability in case of accident to the 4-H member or his/her horse. This form must be turned in with Horse ID's to ensure the receipt of assigned numbers.
- VI. **CLASSES** - Classes will be divided according to age of 4-H members and/or size of horse in the following divisions:

Senior member	--	15 years old and not turned 19 as of Jan. 1, current year (no college credit restrictions)
Intermediate member	--	12, 13, 14 years of age as of Jan. 1, current year
Junior member	--	8 - 11 years old on Jan. 1, current year

Juniors who enter a Walk-Trot class will **NOT** be allowed to enter Reining, Western Riding, Barrels or Poles. A rider may enter Walk-Trot classes for a maximum of three years.

Halter classes will be held at ALL shows.

Showmanship classes will be held at ALL shows.

Contestant order of show in reining, barrels, poles, trail and western riding should be randomized.

VII. **EVENTS:** The order of events may vary.

ENGLISH EQUITATION

HALTER CLASSES:

Two horses per member may be shown at halter.

In case of five or fewer entries in a halter class division, ribbons shall be awarded at the discretion of the judge.

Yearlings and 2-3 year-olds may be combined if numbers are small.

Each class shall have all member age groups together.

1. Pony Halter - either sex, 14.2 hands or under
2. Yearling Fillies - one division
3. Yearling Geldings - one division
4. 2 & 3 Year Old Fillies - one division
5. 2 & 3 Year Old Geldings - one division
6. Aged Mares - one division
7. Aged Geldings - one division

8. SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES: Senior, Intermediate and Junior divisions

PERFORMANCE CLASSES:

Participant show order will be Seniors, Intermediates and Juniors.

9. 2- & 3 Year-Old Snaffle Bit (horse may not be used in any other Pleasure class) member trained **ONLY** as per state requirements, no minimum # of participants.
10. Western Pleasure (Senior, Intermediate and Junior divisions)
11. Walk-Trot Pleasure (Junior division) - A member who is entered in Walk-Trot may ride a horse owned by a family member entered in a pleasure class only in the Walk-Trot class.
12. Pony Pleasure (no age limit, horse may not be used in any other Pleasure class) 14.2 hands & under as per state rules. Minimum of three participants.
13. Western Horsemanship (Senior, Intermediate and Junior divisions)
14. Walk-Trot Horsemanship (Junior division) - A member who is entered in Walk-Trot may ride a horse owned by a family member entered in a horsemanship class only in the Walk-Trot class.
15. LEAD LINE (minimum of three entries required)

ONE-HALF-HOUR BREAK

16. TRAIL CLASS (Senior, Intermediate and Junior divisions)
The Trail Class will be held at each of the conference shows. The course will be patterned after the guidelines suggested in EC 2-97-82. Each county show superintendent will be responsible for the course when the show is in that county.

At least two entries required or class will be canceled.

17. WESTERN RIDING:
Western Riding will be held at each of the Conference Shows. There will be only one division. Competitors must be at least 12 years old by January 1 of the current year and have passed Level 3.
18. REINING: (Senior, Intermediate and Junior divisions)
Junior competitors do not have to pass a level; Intermediate and Senior competitors must have passed level 2.
Measurements between cones for reining classes will be approximately 50 yards.

TIMED EVENTS:

19. POLES: Senior, Intermediate and Junior divisions
20. BARRELS: Senior, Intermediate and Junior divisions

PENALTIES: For Poles and Barrels only.

Hats - Hats are optional in timed events but must stay on after crossing the starting line or rider will be penalized two (2) seconds.

Touching a pole with a hand shall cause disqualification. A two (2) second penalty will be assessed for each pole that is tipped over.

Touching a barrel with a hand shall cause disqualification. A two (2) second penalty will be assessed for each barrel that is tipped over.

Someone leading a contestant's horse past the gate will result in a two (2) second penalty.

- VIII. **EXHIBITOR DRESS:** Dress shall be according to standards in "Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide." 4-H armbands are required at all shows. No chaps will be allowed in Pleasure and Horsemanship.

Exhibitor numbers will be furnished at the first show attended and are to be used throughout the season. Numbers are to be attached so as to prohibit flapping.

The gate man and ring steward will have the authority to refuse any contestant to enter the ring if not in proper attire as listed in the "Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide" (4-H373).

- IX. **RUNNING OF SHOW:** Delegation of responsibility and general management considerations in "Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide" should be followed.

Two or three people should check entries at each show to speed up process.

Every show should have a good ringman.

Each show, after the first, should be able to replace lost exhibitor numbers.

Extension Educators will assist in setting up rules and regulations for the conference show and will act in an advisory capacity to the individual shows unless other plans are made in advance. The major responsibilities should go to the parents and leaders in the county.

- X. **AWARD SYSTEM:** Ribbons will be awarded on the Danish System; Purple, Blue, Red and White. Senior division participants have the option of taking a ribbon.

The top purple or blue exhibitor in each age division in riding, showmanship, and halter classes will be awarded 1 ticket and 1 beverage. Lead Line ribbons and prizes donated.

There will be **NO** year-end point winner or all-around awards.

XI. **CHANGE OF SHOW LOCATION:**

In case it is necessary to change a show location or to postpone a show, information regarding the change will be sent to the following radio stations for your convenience: KNLV-Ord and KZ100-Central City. If a show is moved due to rain the new show time will be 9:30 a.m.

2009 Conference Shows			
Day and Date	Place	Starting Time	Rain Site
Saturday, May 30	Wolbach	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul
Contact: Tanya Meyers 308-246-5382 (h)			
Saturday, June 6	Ord	9:00 a.m.	Ord
Contact: Deb Ritz 308-628-4291 (h) or 308-215-0477 (cell)			
Sunday, June 14	Albion	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul
Contact: Steve Pritchard 402-395-6882 (h)			
Sunday, June 21	Loup City	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul
Contact: Rod & Ann Tepy 308-745-0810 (h) or 308-730-2773 (cell)			
Sunday, June 28	Bartlett	9:00 a.m.	Ord
Contact: Steve Niemeyer 308-653-3162 (h) or 308-750-0365 (cell)			
Sunday, July 5	St. Paul	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul
Contact: Kevin & Theresa Jorgensen 308-336-3234 (h) or 308-754-8065 (cell) or Gaylord Jensen 308-687-6496 (h)			
- OPEN SHOW - Saturday, August 1	Ord	9:00 a.m.	Ord
Contact: Kelly Geweke 308-728-3815 (h) Amy Hornickel 308-496-4721 (h)			

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SENIOR

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COUNTY _____

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