

**TEXAS 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**



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TO: County Extension Agents

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SUBJECT: East Region 4-H Horse Show

**CONTEST INFORMATION**

The District 4 and 5 4-H Horse Shows have combined again this year to continue an exciting East Region Horse Show. The following decisions and rules pertaining to this year's show were made by the East Region Horse Show Planning Committee.

It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to read and follow the rules/information outlined in this memo as well as the rules for the Texas 4-H Horse Show, which can be downloaded from the following website: <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/state-4h-show/>.

***Please study this memo carefully, noting all changes being implemented.***

- 1. **Date.** The horse show will be held on June 15-17, 2015.
- 2. **Location.** Henderson County Fair Park Complex, Athens - [link](#)
- 3. **Schedule.** See the attached "Show Schedule" for class dates, times, and locations.

Monday Check-in	3:00 to 9 p.m.
Tuesday Check-in	7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Wednesday Check-in	7:30 a.m. to noon

If participants are arriving late on Monday or Tuesday, please contact one of the designated show officials listed below prior to 7 p.m. to make arrangements for stalls to be unlocked. Contact must be made prior to the closing check-in time each day.

For District 4 Mr. Derrick Bruton 903-520-3616  
For District 5 Dr. Montza Williams 903-539-7996

4. **Registration.** All entries for the East Region 4-H Horse Show will be made on 4-H Connect. Registration will open starting on April 17 and close on midnight Friday, May 15, 2015. **No late entries on 4-H Connect will be accepted.** The attached entry worksheet is only a tool for the contestants, parents, and leaders to work from before going on 4-H Connect. It is not a valid means of entry, and will not be accepted. For assistance with registration, please refer to the attached “4-H Connect Registration Checklists” or seek assistance from your County Extension office.

IMPORTANT: An Extension agent’s confirmation will certify that the entry meets all requirements, including horse ownership and registration, as stated in the Texas 4-H Horse Show Guidelines and in this memo.

- In addition to class fees, a Horse Show office fee of \$10 will be charged per contestant.
- Payment for the horse show is due before the event. Entries must show as paid on 4-H Connect by noon the Friday before the horse show.
- Classes may be added at the show at a cost of the class fee plus an additional \$25 fee per class.
- No refunds will be granted.

5. **Entries per county.** Any number of qualified entries will be accepted from each county (i.e., no county quota).

6. **Participation.** Contestants must be active 4-H members enrolled in a Texas 4-H Youth Development county program in District 4 or District 5. Contestants must also be academically eligible (according to UIL rules) to compete on the day of the contest.

7. **Exhibitor Age.** Eligible age is determined by a participant’s age as of September 1, 2014. Contestants must be between the ages of 8 and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and 18 as of this date. All ages will compete against one another in all classes. Age divisions for special awards are as follow:

Junior	8 and in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade, 9, or 10
Intermediate	11, 12, or 13
Senior	14, 15, 16, 17, or 18

8. **Awards.**

- Belt Buckles to class winners of the following Divisions  
Halter, Hunter Flat, Judged Western, Speed, Futurity, Roping, and Stock Horse
- Rosette Ribbons to the 2nd - 10th places in all classes
- Buckle to exhibitors of Champion and Reserve Champion Mare
- Buckle to exhibitors of Champion and Reserve Champion Gelding
- Award to each Division Champion in the Judged Western Division, Speed Division, Hunter Division, Roping Division and Stock Horse Division. Three Age Divisions (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior) will be recognized in each division and district. Awards will be determined based on the official class placings.

9. **Judges.**

- Richard Pokluda
- Ed Cridge

**10. Qualifying Show.** The show will offer classes in divisions that make up the Qualifying Show. A 4-H member must show in at least one class in each Division entered in order to qualify for the State 4-H Horse Show (see state rules for further explanation). Qualifying classes and entry fees are listed below.

<b>QUALIFYING SHOW</b>			
<b><u>Halter Division</u></b>			
4-year-old & younger Geldings	\$10		
5-year-old & older Geldings	\$10		
4-year-old & younger Mares	\$10		
5-year-old & older Mares	\$10		
<b><u>Hunter Flat Division</u></b>			
Hunter Showmanship	\$10		
Hunter Under Saddle	\$10		
Hunt Seat Equitation	\$10		
Hunt Seat Versatility	\$10		
		<b><u>Judged Western Division</u></b>	
		Showmanship	\$10
		Western Pleasure	\$10
		Western Horsemanship	\$10
		Western Riding	\$10
		Western Trail	\$10
		<b><u>Speed Events Division</u></b>	
		Barrel Racing	\$10
		Pole Bending	\$10
		Stake Race	\$10

**11. Futurity Division.** A futurity project horse must be shown at this show in order to qualify for a futurity class at the State Show. Only horses nominated through the state futurity online certification and, subsequently, through the state 4-H horse office, by May 1st, 2015 are eligible to enter and compete in the district and state 4-H horse show competition. You will need to have entered your horses on 4-H Connect and have them certified for you to have options for entering them into the District Horse Show.

Note: Participants must be at least 12 years of age on September 1, 2014 to enter this division.

<b>FUTURITY DIVISION</b>	
Yearling Halter Gelding Futurity	\$10
Yearling Halter Filly Futurity	\$10
Yearling Longe Line Futurity	\$10
2-year-old Futurity	\$25
(Must participate in 3 classes – Pleasure Pattern, Versatility, and Western Pleasure)	
3-year-old Futurity	\$25
(Must participate in 3 classes – Pleasure Pattern, Trail, and Reining)	

**12. Open Show.** Only horses nominated through the appropriate online certification and, subsequently, through the state 4-H horse office, by May 1st, 2015 are eligible to enter and compete in the district and state 4-H horse show competition.

Members do not have to compete in Open classes at the District Show in order to show in these classes at the State Show. They must, however, meet the entry deadline. Classes and entry fees are listed in the chart below.

<b>OPEN SHOW</b>			
<b><u>Roping Division</u></b>			<b><u>Stock Horse Division</u></b>
Tie-Down Calf Roping	\$25		Team Penning
Breakaway Roping	\$25		Reining
Team Roping	\$25		Working Cow Horse
			Stock Horse Trail
			Stock Horse Pleasure
<b><u>Non-Division Classes</u></b>			
Cow Boxing	\$25		
Hunter Hack	\$10		
Ranch Sorting	\$25		

**13. Team Roping.** Each 4-H member enters as an individual and may only enter once. The partner can be any 4-H member (from the region) who also is entered in the Team Roping class and may help as many times as needed.

**14. Team Penning.** 4-H members participating in this event can be a member of only one team and that team will compete with one go-round with the opportunity to advance to a final round. All team members must be listed on each entry on 4-H Connect and each team penner's entry must be consistent in listing team partners. Teams can be formed from different counties but all team members must be from the same district. "Unknown", "To be determined", or the similar wording is not acceptable, and in such case the entry will be returned to the member for corrections.

**15. Non Division Classes.** Since Cow Boxing and Hunter Hack are non-division classes, only class awards will be given. Ranch Sorting donors have been secured to give buckles for that class.

**Ranch Sorting** is a Regional Horse Show event only and will not be a class at the State Show. Each 4-H member enters as an individual and may only enter once. The partner can be any 4-H member (from the region) who is also entered in the Ranch Sorting. Rules for the Ranch Sorting class are attached.

**16. Jackpots.** For an additional \$10 cash payment (per class) on site and at least thirty-minutes before the class, 4-H members can enter the classes listed to the right for jackpot cash. Exhibitors must also be entered in each class on 4-H Connect. The official class run will determine the placing for both the class and the jackpot.

<b><u>JACKPOT CLASSES</u></b>
Barrels
Poles
Stakes
Ranch Sorting
Tie-Down Roping
Breakaway Roping
Team Roping
Team Penning

Awards will be paid through two places. 70% (60/40 split) of the jackpot entries received on site will be paid. Classes will be offered at the scheduled time as published in this letter and as posted. Rules and guidelines will be observed as distributed in this letter and the Texas 4-H Horse Show rules.

- 17. Monday Exhibitions.** Begins at 7:30 PM. Cash payment on site required.
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| Coliseum         | Barrels exhibition - \$10 for 3 runs. Times only; no awards. |
|                  | Poles exhibition - \$10 for 3 runs. Times only; no awards.   |
| J.D. Lewis Arena | Jackpot Team Roping – \$60 for 5 runs. 100% payout.          |
- 18. Participants with disabilities.** Any competitor who requires auxiliary aids or special accommodations must contact their respective District Extension Office at least two weeks before the competition to make a request or note the accommodations needed when registering on 4-H Connect.
- 19. Coggins.** In accordance with Texas state law, a negative EIA (Equine Infectious Anemia, also called "Coggins" or "Swamp Fever") test is required within the previous 12 months prior to entering a show. To check in and receive your show credentials you must have and present to show officials a current negative EIA test that is valid through the show. If a current EIA certificate (or Coggins) is not provided at check in, the horse(s) will not be allowed to unload. You may upload an electronic copy (PDF or JPG) of each horse's Coggins onto 4-H Connect at the time of registration or send to your County Extension office. County offices will need to mail any EIA report(s) that was submitted to them to the respective district office.
- 20. Exhibitor Packets.** Individual contestants are required to pick up their contestant packet at the registration area prior to showing.
- 21. Working Order.** The working orders for performance classes are drawn randomly and printed in the official show program. Events are scheduled in the most logical sequence considering contestants showing a horse in more than one event.
- Participants and their parents are responsible for keeping track of working orders and being in line or in the makeup area when their run or heat time arrives. If participants miss their heat or run, they will FORFEIT THEIR RUN IN THE CLASS MISSED UNLESS THE CLASS SUPERINTENDENT IS NOTIFIED OF AN UN-PREVENTABLE EMERGENCY BEFORE THE TIME TO WORK HAS PASSED. REQUESTS FOR CHANGES NEED TO BE MADE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.**
- 22. Speed Event Gates.** For speed events except the Stakes Race, participants and horses will be allowed to exit through the alley. A gate will be closed behind the alley between it and the barn. However, if a participant wishes to have the arena gate closed during his run, he must let the class coordinators/gate men know. It will be the option of the participant to run with an open or closed arena gate. The alley gate will be closed.
- 23. Roping Go's.** Team Ropers, Calf Ropers, Break-away Ropers, and Team Penners will have one full go, with no more than 10 entries advancing to a final round.
- 24. Electronic devices.** Walkie-talkies, cell phones, ear pieces, and the like may not be used by contestants during competition. Exception: Aides for the hearing impaired.
- 25. Like Conditions.** All participants will compete under the following like conditions:
- For speed events, two (2) people will be working inside the arena.
  - Spectators will be allowed to sit anywhere in stands.
  - Announcers will make announcements as needed.

d. Events will be managed consistently and the same as for any other show.

- 26. Rule Knowledge.** It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to know the rules of competition which include tack and equipment requirements.
- 27. Riding and Working Limitations.** Only participants may ride or work horses on the show grounds and must be wearing a contestant back number.
- 28. Dogs.** For the safety of individuals and their horses, all dogs on the show grounds must be on a leash. Violators may be subject to dismissal from the Show. In consideration of exhibitors' safety, please keep dogs outside of show arenas and stands.
- 29. Tobacco/Alcohol.** The use of tobacco and/or alcohol products by exhibitors on show grounds is prohibited.
- 30. Accidents.** All accidents must be reported to show officials immediately.
- 31. Vehicles in barns.** No trucks and/or trailers will be allowed in the barns.
- 32. Concessions.** A concession stand will be open both days of the show.
- 33. RVs, Stalls, and Shavings.** RV spots and stalls can be reserved and paid for on 4-H Connect. See worksheet or 4-H Connect for costs. Stall assignments will be made prior to the show and every effort will be made to group county exhibitors together. Shavings can also be ordered with your entry on 4-H Connect. The fair complex does not allow outside shavings to be brought in. If not paid in advance on 4-H Connect, stalls and RV spots will be available at the show on a first-come, first-served basis.
- 34. Hotel.** Watch your district 4-H website and/or email for more details to be announced.
- 35. State entry information.** See the Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations or your County Extension Agent for specific information.

## 4-H CONNECT REGISTRATION CHECKLISTS

### 4-H member entry process checklist

- Enter all required information in the fields pertaining to your entry(s)
- A separate entry is required for each horse
- Members will have the option to upload a copy of their negative Coggins papers on 4-H Connect during registration or provide a copy to his/her County Extension Agent by May 15. Papers must be valid through the show dates.
- Review entries on 4-H Connect thoroughly before submitting to the County Agent
- Select your method of payment
- Submit entries on 4-H Connect
- Print out the invoice summary report from 4-H Connect
- If you selected “4-H Check” as your payment method, you will pay the county for your entry. Check with your county office first before selecting this option.

### CEA 4-H Connect Process Checklist

- Facilitate the 4-H Connect entry process for county members
- Review submitted entries on 4-H Connect
- Enter horse validation numbers in applicable fields
- Confirm entries on 4-H Connect (prior to confirming, send any entries that need correcting back to members)
- Print out county invoice summary report from 4-H Connect

### CEA Payment and Documentation Process

- Mail the 4-H Connect county invoice report and send one check per county covering all entries to the Texas 4-H Foundation. Make checks payable to “Texas 4-H Foundation – East Region 4-H” and enter “East Region Horse Show” in the memo line.

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