

## **2011 McCurtain County 4-H Horse Show**

This handbook of rules is intended to establish uniform regulations and procedures for the McCurtain County Free Fair. These rules are also in line with district and state 4-H qualification horse shows.

**When the word or emblem signifying "4-H" is used in connection with local shows, events and other activities involving 4-H Horse Project members, those in charge of the show must work closely with local Extension educators to ensure rules for participation and use of symbols, emblems and wording meet general 4-H policies and procedures.**

Rules and Regulations prepared by David W. Freeman, Ph.D., Extension Equine Specialist, under the advisement of the Oklahoma State 4-H Horse Advisory Council.

### **Eligibility of Participants:**

1. Ownership requirements: Manage at least one horse or pony at any age or breed as a horsemanship project.
2. The contestant may enter one or all of the classes (s)he is eligible for.
3. Exhibitors must present their own entries. (NO Substitute exhibitors)
4. Halter judging will be based on the horse only.
5. Showmanship judging will be considered a performance event.
6. An electric timer with a backup stopwatch will be used in timed events. If the electric timer is not available, at least 2 stop watches will be used with the average time of the watches used as the official time.
7. The standard rules set forth by the Oklahoma State 4-H Events and Activities guidelines.
8. No rerun will be given to any contestant due to contestant equipment failure or accident of horse or rider.
9. In the event of a tie in a timed event, a runoff will be held to determine the placing. The contestant declared the winner of the runoff must run the pattern in not more than two (2) seconds over the original time or the runoff must be held again.
10. The Horse Show Committee will carry out the management of the horse show. Any protest arising from an event must be filed in writing upon the conclusion of the show.
11. The judge's decision WILL BE FINAL. When an exhibitor or exhibitor's parent or guardian, leader, or others are guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct, the show management may suspend such exhibitor's right for participation in upcoming classes and/or shows.
12. Stallions will not be shown at the McCurtain County 4-H Horse Show.
13. ALL HORSES MUST HAVE NEGATIVE COGGINS CERTIFICATION DATED WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE SHOE. These certifications are to be presented with the entry of the exhibitor two (2) weeks before the show.
14. Horses competing may be registered or grade animals.

**Entry Information:**

1. All entries will be due to the OSU Extension Office NO LATER THAN two (2) weeks before the start of the fair.
2. All event patterns will be available four (4) weeks before the show date on the Free Fair Website: [www.mccurtaincofreefair.com](http://www.mccurtaincofreefair.com)
3. All exhibitors over the age of nine (9) should be certified 4-H or FFA members.

**Events: broken by age of exhibitor:**

Cloverbud Classes (ages 5-8)

1. Showmanship at Halter – ponies
2. Western Pleasure
3. Western Horsemanship
4. Barrel Race
5. Pole Bending
6. Stakes Race
7. Keyhole

Junior Classes (ages 9-11)

1. Showmanship at Halter
2. Western Pleasure
3. Western Horsemanship
4. Barrel Race
5. Pole Bending
6. Stakes Race
7. Keyhole

Intermediate Classes (ages 12-14)

1. Showmanship at Halter
2. Western Pleasure
3. Western Horsemanship
4. Barrel Race
5. Pole Bending
6. Stakes Race
7. Keyhole

Senior Classes (ages 15-19)

1. Showmanship at Halter
2. Western Pleasure
3. Western Horsemanship
4. Barrel Race
5. Pole Bending
6. Stakes Race
7. Keyhole

**Horsemanship Classes:**

**Broken by age of horse**

1. Halter Mares (3-5)
2. Halter Mares (6 and over)
3. Halter Gelding (3-5)
4. Halter Gelding (6 and over)

**All Around**

1. Cloverbud
2. Junior
3. Intermediate
4. Senior

**Awards:**

- First Place will receive a belt buckle.
- Second through fifth place will receive ribbons.
- All Around winner in each age division will receive a prize.
- No monetary premiums will be paid for horse show.
- Exhibitor must be entered in a minimum of four (4) classes to be eligible for all around award