

2019 District 4-H Horse Show Rules

1. New England 4-H Horse Show Rules & Guidelines will be followed at all District 4-H Horse Shows. Eastern States Exposition (ESE) applications, New England 4-H Horse Show Rules & Guidelines and other detailed information on RI 4-H Horse Shows is available on the RI 4-H Horse Program website <https://web.uri.edu/ri4-hhorseprogram/>. In cases not covered by the RI and New England Rules and Guidelines, the USEF and AMHR/ASPC/ASPR rulebooks apply. All RI 4-H riders/drivers/in hand must be active 4-H members (currently enrolled) prior to registering for a District 4-H Horse Show. Changes/clarifications to this year's rules are highlighted.
2. Age of riders and drivers shall be determined as of January 1, 2019:
 - Senior - 14 to 18 years
 - Junior - 8 to 13 years
 - Novice (Showmanship) – first or second year showing in a district 4-H show
3. Animal Health: All horses must have had a rabies vaccination within one year and at least 30 days before a show and present a vaccination certificate at the show. Proof of negative Coggins test is required (within 12 months for in-state and 6 months for out of state horses) and must be presented at show time. No stallions or nursing mares may be shown by a 4-H member in any 4-H event or show and are not permitted on the grounds. All medications/supplements should be checked against USEF Equine Drugs and Medications Rules before being administered to any horse. All horses competing in RI 4-H Horse Shows must follow USEF Equine Drugs and Medications Rules <https://www.usef.org/compete/resources-forms/rules-regulations/drugs-medications>
4. Walk/Trot riders may not participate in any division requiring a canter and the WT divisions are only open to a 4-H rider who have never shown at the canter/lope in a 4-H or non-4-H show.
5. **All Riders, In Hand and Drivers must participate in Fitting and Showmanship** – this applies to all district shows. Riders must complete the Trail Class (if offered) within the designated times at each show.
6. Gate holds: There will be a 2 minute gate holds for tack changes requested in advance. Request MUST be made at the secretary's booth, NOT at the gate. Tack changes must be performed at the in gate within sight of the judge. No holds beyond 2 minutes. Please plan your classes accordingly.
7. In order to qualify as a rider/driver/in-hand for participation at ESE, a 4-H member must participate in 2 of the District 4-H Shows as rider/driver/in hand. In order to qualify as a teen leader for ESE, a 4-H member must participate in 2 of the District 4-H Shows as either as a rider, driver, in-hand or volunteer. Points will not be awarded for volunteering.
8. On the day of the show, classes may be split, combined or cancelled at the show manager/superintendent's discretion. If classes are combined individual rider points will be assigned to the appropriate year end division.
9. Any and all coaching from the rail is **prohibited**.
10. ASTM-SEI approved equestrian helmets are required for all riders regardless of discipline and for drivers and the driver's passenger. All drivers **must** be accompanied by a passenger 19 years of age or over – the passenger rule does not apply to mini's.
11. **Neat attire and proper boots are required of exhibitors at all RI 4-H Horse Shows**. Proper attire is encouraged at district shows - see appointments under discipline ridden in NE Rulebook.
12. Martingales are prohibited in flat classes. Standing martingales only are allowed in over fence classes.
13. **All decisions of the Judge are final**. No person/rider/driver shall approach the judge without the permission of the show manager/superintendent/steward.
14. **Lyrics must be approved by the show manager in advance**. Please check the individual 4-H Horse Rules to see how far in advance the lyrics must be submitted. Please consider using music without lyrics.
15. Exhibitors must have their horses under control at all times. Issues with unruly/dangerous animals will be handled by the show manager. These animals may be excused from the grounds at the show manager's discretion.

16. Dogs must be under the owners direct control at all times. Please check the individual 4-H Horse Show rules to see if dogs are not allowed on the grounds or required to be on a leash at all times.
17. 4-H exhibitors are to prepare and manage their own project animals to the extent of their ability. In regards to safety justifying assistance, that intervention will be at the discretion of the participant's parent or designee (required designee form is posted on the RI 4-H Horse Website and must be made available to the horse show management at the 4-H District Horse Shows or submitted to the State 4-H Office by May 1st for the 4-H Horse Show Season) or themselves if they have attained majority. Exception to the above wording would be any ESE participant who must be able to manage their horse in all state and regional phases of ESE selection and competition. In Rhode Island ESE riders and drivers are expected to assume sole management of their program horse at clinics and district shows.
18. Horses that kick must wear a red ribbon on tail.
19. The URI CELS Cooperative Extension/State 4-H Office, 4-H Show Management, property owners, volunteers, and employees shall not be held liable for injury to or death of animals or persons or damage or theft of property of such. **All participants and spectators enter the show grounds at their own risk.**
20. Entry fees are non-refundable.
21. Only 4-H-Carded Judges (A & B judges) will be used at the RI District 4-H Horse Shows. It is preferred that Trail Judges be 4-H carded but not required.

HORSE CLASSES:

The following list of horse classes will be offered at all District 4-H Horse Shows. It is the decision of the district horse show's management as to whether non-RI 4-H members will be allowed to compete in 4-H classes. 4-H Classes (Bridal Path Hack, Command, Trail, Over Fences etc.) and Open show classes may be added. Review the specific district horse show information posted on the RI 4-H horse website <http://web.uri.edu/ri4-hhorseprogram/> for what will or will not be offered.

Standardized CLASS LIST:

1. Senior Fitting and Showmanship
2. Junior Fitting and Showmanship
3. Novice Fitting and Showmanship
4. 4-H Cloverbud/Member Leadline Fitting and Showmanship (must be accompanied by adult or Senior 4-Her)
5. Fitting and Showmanship Championship
6. In Hand Suitability (comparable to Equitation)
7. 4-H Cloverbud/Member Leadline Equitation
8. 4-H Cloverbud/Member Leadline Pleasure
9. Senior Equitation
10. Junior Equitation
11. Senior Walk-Trot Equitation
12. Junior Walk-Trot Equitation
13. Reinsmanship
14. Pleasure Driving (limited to 2 wheel driving vehicles)
15. Driving Obstacles
16. Driving Disciplined Rail
17. Senior Pleasure
18. Junior Pleasure
19. Senior Walk-Trot Pleasure
20. Junior Walk-Trot Pleasure
21. Bridlepath Hack
22. Working Hunter Under Saddle
23. RI 4-H Horse Program Benefit Pleasure Classic
24. In Hand Discipline Rail
25. Senior Discipline Rail
26. Junior Discipline Rail
27. Senior Walk-Trot Discipline Rail
28. Junior Walk-Trot Discipline Rail
29. In Hand Hunter

30. Hunter Over Fences
31. Senior Trail
32. Junior Trail
33. Senior Walk-Trot Trail
34. Junior Walk-Trot Trail
35. In Hand Obstacles
36. Cloverbud/Member Leadline Trail