



Pike County

HORSE Project Information

Requirements for Each Project

<p>Limits and Possession and Paperwork</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horse ID forms are due by May 6 to the Extension office. • All horses and ponies carried as 4-H projects must be either owned by the member, member's immediate family, or leased and in the possession and continual care of the 4-H member by May of the current year. • Stallions only shown in classes within the same calendar year in which they were foaled. • Two club members cannot use the same horse. • Members may exhibit three horses only if the third horse is a mini. Members must be enrolled in the correct project for that type of horse taken. • Junior fair exhibitors' horses are not permitted to be under regular training and care of a professional trainer or any other person, nor shown by another person in an open or breed show (unless member is present and also shows) after June deadline of current year. • Family members can ride a club member's project horse without the club member being present within the 30 day limit as long as it is not a daily occurrence and is merely for pleasure and does not include training of the horses for the show ring
<p>Requirements:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every horse exhibitor family must purchase the "UNIFORM HORSE RULES" booklet. • NEW for 2023: All horse exhibitors must complete a safety/ethics class (EquiSTEP) and sign a disclaimer each and every year. • It is a state-mandated rule that all youth showing horses will wear a legal and appropriate fitting helmet when riding their horses
<p>Project Book Interviews and Skill-a-thon</p>	<p>Project book interviews are required and will be held by appointment only on July 19 and 20 during the open ride nights. Scheduling information will be available June 20. All skill-a-thons will be held at the Extension office on July 17, 18, 19, and 20. Required to be eligible for "Outstanding Exhibitor."</p>
<p>Open Ride Nights at the fairgrounds</p>	<p>Tentative 2023 open ride nights (all begin at 7 p.m. at horse arena). June: 15, 22, 28—beginners, 29—ranch/western pleasure showmanship (RWPS) July: 5—gaited, 6—contesting, 12—beginners, 13—RWPS, 19—beginners, 20—RWPS, 26—gaited, 27—contesting.</p>
<p>Class Entry Rules</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riders will select horse classes for the fair shows by submitting a Horse Show Entry Form by Friday, July 14 to the Extension office. • No exhibitor is permitted to show in Ranch Riding and Western Pleasure at same show. • Except in gymkhana classes, animals may show in a class for animals taller than they are, but never in classes for animals smaller than they are.
<p>Animal Health Requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior fair horses that exhibit a body conditioning score of less than 4 will be sent home. • Forbidden substances or methods are not permissible. Horses must be available for drug testing upon request of show management. • Horses and ponies must be free of signs of contagious or infectious disease. It is recommended that all 4-H horses coming to the fair be immunized against encephalomyelitis, influenza, tetanus, and rhinopneumonitis. • Health certificates and coggins tests are not required for the country fair • Coggins test documentation is required for state fair entries.



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Pike County Fair Week: What to Expect!

Arrival Time	Horse may begin stalling Friday, July 28 at 5 p.m. through the Shyville gate entrance. Any stall questions/concerns are handled by the Sr. Fair Board.
What to Bring	Bring stall card(s), bedding, feed, and equipment to feed, water, and groom
Exhibitor's Meeting	Youth will receive back tag/show number at required exhibitor's meeting held Saturday morning, July 29, at 10 a.m. at the Multi-Purpose Building
Showmanship	Horse showmanship is open to any youth taking a horse project. The showmanship competition will be held during Pleasure Show, Day 1 in the horse arena. Participation in showmanship is required to be eligible for "Outstanding Exhibitor." Showmanship is required for exhibitors ages 15-18 if they want to receive their premium.
Riding Reminders in the Ring	<p>Any horse five years of age or under may be ridden two handed with a snaffle or hackamore bit in any western class. Proof of the horse's age is the burden of the rider.</p> <p>Junior fair exhibitors cannot be tied to the saddle in any manner nor are stirrups to be tied down in any way. Use of Velcro or any other substance that causes the youth to adhere to the saddle is illegal.</p> <p>There will be a 2-minute time limit for all exhibitors in a class. Time begins when the announcer first calls for the class to begin entering the arena. After 2minutes or if all exhibitors are in the arena before the 2 minutes, the gate closes and the class begun.</p> <p>The judge will dismiss from the ring any entry he or she feels is unruly or not in sufficient control for the safety of the handler or other exhibitors. The judge will determine if a horse is sound or healthy enough to compete in a class.</p>
It's Showtime!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pleasure Show, Day 1: Saturday, July 29 at 2 p.m. • Pleasure Show, Day 2: Sunday, July 30 at 2 p.m. • Contest Show: Monday, July 31 at 2 p.m. • Horse Fun Show: Thursday, August 3 at 5 p.m.
Fair Premiums	Premiums will be picked up at the Sr. Fair Board office on Thursday from 2-4:30 p.m., Friday from noon—2:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10:30 a.m.—1 p.m. No premiums will be issued after the fair.
Released from Fair	Horses may be removed from the grounds beginning Friday, August 4 at 12 noon.



2023 Pike County Fair

Sunday, July 30-Saturday, August 5



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