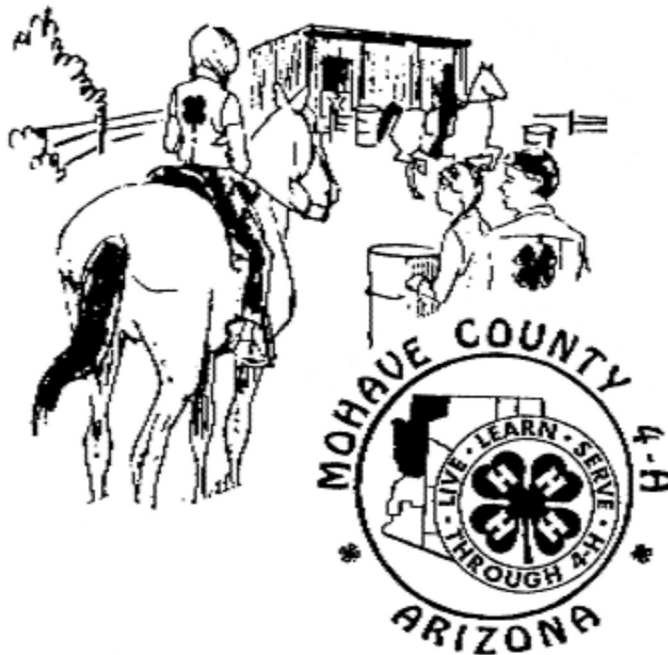


**MOHAVE COUNTY 4-H
HORSE SHOWS
GYMKHANA AND ROPING
CLASSES**



**RULES AND REGULATIONS
2021-2022**

**The Mohave County 4-H Horse Events will follow Rules and Regulations in the
2019- 2022 Arizona State 4-H Horse Show Rule Book
with the following changes and additions:
State Rule book available online at:**

<https://extension.arizona.edu/sites/extension.arizona.edu/files/mblock/2019-2022az-4h-horse-show-rulebook.pdf>

Beginning January 1, 2015, Arizona 4-H will require that an industry approved ASTM/SEI equestrian helmet be worn by all Arizona 4-H members when they are participating in an Arizona 4-H horse event/activity/project meeting. The harness must be secured and properly fitted. Any rider violating this rule at any time will be immediately prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place.

CHANGE TO PAGE 2, RULE 2

A Mohave County 4-H Project Horse Registration Certificate must be on file at the County 4-H Office thirty (30) days prior to a County 4-H Horse Show/Gymkhana-Roping and ninety (90) days prior to the State 4-H Horse Show. **Exceptions:** New residents in Mohave County & NEW 4-H members.

OMIT PAGE 3, RULE 17 AND ADD THE FOLLOWING:

Each class will have one (1) minute gate for Gymkhana-Roping events and two (2) minute gate for Horse Shows, then the gate will be closed. Gate will be closed during all events.

ADD TO PAGE 4, RULE 21

No spectator will be allowed on fences or to stand in front of gates at EVENTS. All spectators will be requested to remain in the seating area. Leaders and parents may "Cheer", but not "Coach" members, except Gymkhana and Roping events.

ADD TO PAGE 4, RULE 24 Causes for Disqualification:

- E) Unnecessary roughness or beating of animal will disqualify contestant from that event and/or the rest of that day's events and the dismissal of that day's points.
- F) Discourtesy or unsportsmanlike conduct will disqualify contestant from that day's events and the dismissal of that day's points, at the discretion of the event committee.
- G) **Anyone intentionally getting off** or falling off horse unless part of the class routine will constitute a disqualification.

ADD TO PAGE 4, RULE 28

The start of the run begins when the contestant crosses the start line or electric eye. (You may not start your run until the gate is closed & secure.)

ADD TO PAGE 14

TACK #1 c) Permissible- change to required with any western type shanked bit.

Optional- Splint or skid boots, bell boots are not acceptable in pleasure of equitation.

ADD TO PAGE 30, General Rule 3

In Gymkhana "Breaking" Pattern will refer to any time a horse and rider cross their path off the designated pattern.

ADD TO PAGE 33, GOAT TYING, Measurements.

Goat will be staked 100 feet from starting line.

ADD TO PAGE 36 ROPING CLASSES, Tie Down Calf Roping

Disqualification 1. If horse takes calf more than 30 feet before flag is dropped, member will be disqualified from class.

ADD TO PAGE 37 TEAM ROPING, Heeling

Time limit: 1-minute Jr. and Sr., 2 minutes Intermediate.

ADDITIONAL COUNTY RULES

OBJECTIVES:

The 4-H Horse Project aims to help 4-H members to:

1. Develop leadership, initiative, self-reliance, sportsmanship, and other desirable traits of character.
2. Experience the cost of maintaining a horse, mule, or pony and being responsible for its management, recordkeeping.
3. Develop an appreciation of horseback riding as a healthy and wholesome form of recreation.
4. Learn skill in horsemanship and an understanding of the business of breeding, raising, and training horses.
5. Increase knowledge of safety precautions to prevent injury to themselves, others, and their mount.
6. Promote greater love for animals and a humane attitude toward them.
7. To be better prepared for citizenship responsibilities through working in groups and supporting community horse projects and activities.

GENERAL RULES:

1. Members must wear ASTM/SEI approved helmets any time they are participating in a 4-H horse event/activity/project meeting and anytime handling a horse.
2. A Mohave County 4-H Project Horse Registration Certificate must be on file at the County 4-H Office thirty (30) days prior to a County 4-H Horse Show/Gymkhana-Roping and ninety (90) days prior to the State 4-H Horse Show. **Exceptions:** New residents in Mohave County and NEW 4-H members.
3. A member may change **project horse** in case of death or disablement; condition to be verified by veterinarian or two (2) leaders from other horse clubs. Points will be totaled for horses used, member must return to original horse unless still disabled, or points will be credited to project horse with other points lost. Points will not be totaled for All-Around Horse Awards only for determining State 4-H Horse Show qualifications. Only one (1) horse may be used per class. In case of death by natural causes the 30-day rule may be waived by written application to the 4-H Horse Event Committee.
4. A member may register more than one (1) project horse as long as that member keeps a complete financial record covering all project horses registered.
5. There will be schooling runs for horses not properly registered or late entries.
6. Once an entry blank has been turned into the Event Committee, there will be no additions, changes, or substitutions unless contestant presents a certificate from a veterinarian stating the horse's disability, which will be referred to the Event Committee whose decision will be final.
7. All Intermediate Open Classes: Intermediate riders to be selected at Qualifying Proficiency Event. Members can be any age; members may not participate in Jr. or Sr. Division of same event. Intermediate riders cannot advance to State Show in Intermediate events. Intermediate riders in Western and English classes will NOT be required to Canter or lope.
8. To qualify for the All-Around Show Horse Award members must participate in both areas; English and Western. To qualify for a Class Award, members must have participated at least twice in the respective class.

GENERAL RULES (cont'd):

9. EXAMPLES: Participation in one Goat Tying and one Western Pleasure class DOES NOT qualify a member, two Western Pleasure classes at different times DOES.
10. Showmanship Qualification Class for Round Robin is open to Junior and Senior members. The winners of these classes will represent the horse project in the Livestock Round Robin Showmanship Class at the Mohave County Fair. Members may show English or Western. Will be held at last show.
11. All Entry Forms must have all signatures to be valid. **ENTRY FORMS and FEES are DUE (postmarked or delivered) the Friday the week prior to the event.**
12. To be eligible for year-end championship awards, a member must have satisfactorily completed the Horse Master program for the current year.
13. At County Horse Shows, Gymkhanas and Fundays NO GRIEVANCES will be allowed, the decision of the Judge is final except for illegal equipment use.
14. A completed Horse Handling Form MUST be on file prior to an entry form being posted.

YEAR END AWARDS

The Horse Project **All Around Showmanship** Trophy will be awarded to the member with the highest points in both English and Western Showmanship classes in the Senior, Junior and Intermediate divisions.

The **All-Around English / Western Horse Trophy** will be determined by all scores totaled from ALL classes and the trophy will be awarded to the member with the highest points in the Senior, Junior and Intermediate divisions.

The **Rope Horse/Team Sorting Trophy** will be awarded to the Senior and Junior member with the highest total points in Calf Roping (excluded in the Intermediate division), Breakaway Calf Roping, Team Heading, Team Heeling, and Team Sorting.

RECORDKEEPING

The **Gymkhana Trophy** will be awarded to the Senior, Junior and Intermediate member with the highest total points in Pole Bending, Goat Tying and Barrel Racing.

TOTAL POINTS at years end are the sum of your shows, your gymkhanas, and judging contests. As noted above member must participate in same event at least twice to qualify.

The **Horse Judging Trophy** is awarded to Senior and Junior members only Intermediate members may compete for the trophy by judging as a Senior or Junior member determined by their 4-H age. The scores from the four sanctioned horse judging events are totaled. Other judging events may be scheduled as qualifying events for the horse masterProgram, but they will not alter the trophy standings.

Members will receive special recognition as High Point English, Western. This will be awarded to members with the highest points in each area. There is no trophy for High Point.

In the event of a tie, members will share the trophy. There are NO reserves for trophies. All Trophies are TRAVELING. This means that the winner of a trophy will hold that trophy for one year. The trophy is then passed to the next recipient.

RECORD BOOKS: Current and up to date Record books need to be checked by at the final show.

The Point System:

RIBBONS	BLUE				RED			WHITE		
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
POINTS	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Points for blue and red ribbons will be awarded up to the number receiving a blue or red ribbon, if ten blue ribbons are awarded 10th blue would receive one point, first red would not receive any points. In no case can a red ribbon receive more than six points, a white ribbon can only receive up to three points no matter how many in the class.

Each contestant will receive an additional ½ point for participating in each class.

Times for Breakaway, Heading, & Heeling used for tiebreaker only.

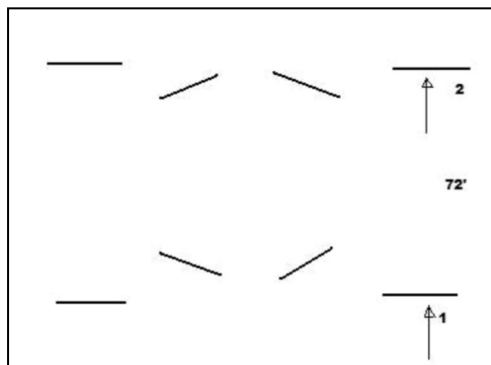
TIME SPLITS FOR GYMKHANA EVENTS:

DISQUALIFICATIONS & NO TIMES receive NO RIBBON, NO POINTS

Goat Tying			
Senior	>20.99 Blue	21-30.99 Red	<31 White
Junior	>22.99 Blue	23-32.99 Red	<33 White
Intermediate	>24.99 Blue	25-35.99 Red	<36 White
Poles			
Junior/Senior	>26.99 Blue	27-33.9 Red	<34 White
Intermediate	>32.99 Blue	33-44.99 Red	<45 White
Barrels			
Senior	>20.99 Blue	21-25.99 Red	<26 White
Junior	>21.99 Blue	22-26.99 Red	<27 White
Intermediate	>25.99 Blue	26-32.99 Red	<33 White

HUNTER HACK:

Qualification in Hunter Hack will qualify member for entry in all jumping events at the State Show.



PROGRAMS

HORSEMASTER PROGRAM

ALL TESTING MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE FINAL HORSE EVENT. This program consists of:

1. **WRITTEN QUIZ** on general knowledge and tack identification. 70% correct is required to pass.
2. **JUDGING CLASSES** of horses. A member must earn one (1) blue ribbon or two (2) red ribbons in at least two (2) County contests at his/her specified judging level or participate at 75% of judging held to pass.
3. **HORSE HANDLING** testing will be given at the Club Level by Horse Leader. The evaluator will grade each member's performance as pass or fail (70%).
4. **SERVICE LEARNING**—A minimum of 5 (five) Volunteer hours per horse member is required to be recorded to qualify for Horse Master. This "volunteer" time may be served at Shows, Gymkhanas, or Roping and can be served by members or other family members. See Project Director for qualifying positions. Entries into Passports must be completed on the day of the event. Transfer of "time" to members is permitted.
5. To be eligible for year-end championship awards, a member must have satisfactorily completed the Horse Master Program for the current year.

HORSEMANSHIP QUIZ

Members may have two attempts at passing. The test will be available at each show.

JUDGING CONTESTS

Junior Judging Level—Members 8-13 years of age: After judging at least one full class of horses (4 horses), members testing at Junior level will present orally to a judge a comparison of two horses (top pair, middle pair, or bottom pair) from one designated class.

Senior Judging Level—Members 14-18 years of age: Members testing at Senior level will present orally to a judge a complete set of reasons on one or more full classes of horses.

NOTE: There will be two conformation judging's. See schedule. There may be judging's of English Equitation and Western Horsemanship as learning experiences, but only the conformation judging's will be computed for the trophies.

HORSE HANDLING TESTING

Contact your Horse Project Leader for information regarding horse handling. Horse Handling will be completed at Club level and must be submitted to Office prior to first Show or Gymkhana entry. See Score Card example following.

SCORE CARD

Name: _____

Club: _____

HORSE HANDLING—SENIOR

Max. Pts.

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- | | | |
|-------|----------------------|--|
| _____ | (5) | Approach the horse from left side (As if in a stall) |
| _____ | (10) | Pick up hind foot |
| _____ | (5) | Simulate cleaning the hoof with pick |
| _____ | (5) | Tie the rope around horse's neck |
| _____ | (5) | Remove halter |
| _____ | (5) | Put on bridle |
| _____ | (5) | Pose the horse |
| _____ | (10) | Remove bridle and replace halter |
| _____ | (5) | Retie the halter lead rope to tie rail |
| _____ | (15) | Confidence, courtesy, and skill of contestant |
| _____ | (2) | Boots |
| _____ | (90 POINTS POSSIBLE) | |

Name: _____

Club: _____

HORSE HANDLING—JUNIOR

Max. Pts.

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- | | | |
|-------|----------------------|--|
| _____ | (5) | Approach the horse from left side (As if in a stall) |
| _____ | (10) | Pick up front foot |
| _____ | (5) | Simulate cleaning the hoof with pick |
| _____ | (5) | Tie the rope around horse's neck |
| _____ | (5) | Remove and replace halter |
| _____ | (5) | Pose the horse |
| _____ | (5) | Retie the halter lead rope to tie rail |
| _____ | (15) | Confidence, courtesy, and skill of contestant |
| _____ | (2) | Boots |
| _____ | (90 POINTS POSSIBLE) | |

CLASSIFICATION

Classification Numbers:

Schooling	000 numbers	For late entries or horses not registered at the 4-H Office for 60 days
Intermediate	100 numbers	Open to members 9-18 with limited riding experience
Junior	200 numbers	Members 9 to not 14 on January 1 with advanced riding experience
Senior	300 numbers	Members 14 to not 19 on January 1 with advanced riding experience

INTERMEDIATE—Exhibits may move up during the club year but will lose points gained when he/she makes the change. Exhibitors must remember that after they move up, they may never move back.

Riders will be classified in Western, English, Gymkhana and Roping. To ride over fences, and in calf roping, the rider must be in the Junior or Senior Class.

Any project member is eligible to submit for County Award; a cumulative record of his/her 4-H experiences in major project and/or any other projects. The record is written on the 4-H report forms and must meet the requirements of the County Awards Committee and must meet an August submission deadline. Horse project records are eligible for award in general categories such as Achievement, Leadership and Community Service as well as in secondary project areas.

STATE CONTESTS

STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW

Member competes in the Arizona State 4-H Horse Show in those specific classes in which he/she has qualified.

TO QUALIFY a member must:

1. Be one of the top four contestants in the County in a specific class in the Junior or Senior classification. Points to select the top four will be totaled for all specific shows.
2. Have completed Horse Master program for the current year.
3. Have participated in at least two times in the respective class. **EXAMPLES:** Participation in one Goat Tying and one Western Pleasure class **DOES NOT** qualify a member, two Western Pleasure classes at different times **DOES**.
4. Co-Champions if tied for Grand Champion, no Reserve. Co-Reserve Champion if 2nd and 3rd highest and split prize, coin flip for remaining ties.
5. Members who do not fulfill their class participation obligations at the State Horse Show may not be eligible to compete at State level the year of their next horse enrollment. Final decisions will be processed through the Horse Science Committee.
6. Alternates may fill a top four position for State if one of top four contestants cannot attend.

NATIONAL 4-H HORSE CLASSIC

Sponsored by the Colorado Cooperative Extension System and the National 4-H Council. It is held in Denver, Colorado in January. The purpose is to draw 4-H'ers from the Western States to share their knowledge and skill of the horse industry through:

1. Horse judging contest.
2. Horse quiz bowl contest.
3. Horse public speaking contest.
4. Horse demonstrations.

To attend, you must qualify at the State 4-H Horse Contest.

4-H HORSE SCIENCE BREEDING PROJECT

1. Must be a member in good standing during the 4-H year.
2. Mare must be owned (or leased) by enrolled 4-H member (or member of his/her family). Mare and foal must be registered as 4-H project horses.
3. This project is a "4 year" project:
 - A. 1st year—Mare care. 4-H'er must care for mare during pregnancy. Mare can be shown and used as needed to complete project.
 - B. 2nd year—Mare and goal. Both animals are to be shown in the appropriate classes as required to complete project.
 - C. 3rd year—Foal is to be shown in yearling halter class.
 - D. 4th year—Foal is to be shown in 2-year-old halter class or snaffle andhackamore class. Rules for this class will be per AQHA rules.
4. Must show all 4 years to complete project unless illness or death of animal. Vet certificate is required.

HORSE EVENT SCHEDULE:

EVENT	LOCATION	DATE	TIME
Horse Show—Eng./West	Sharla Wilson Arena	July 24, 2021	5:00 PM
Gymkhana	Sharla Wilson Arena	July 24, 2021	9:00 PM
Horse Judging	Sharla Wilson Arena	July 24, 2021	5:00 PM
Horse Show—West/Eng.	Sharla Wilson Arena	August 21, 2021	5:00 PM
Gymkhana	Sharla Wilson Arena	August 21, 2021	9:00 PM
Horse Judging	Sharla Wilson Arena	August 21, 2021	5:00 PM

HORSE EVENT SCHEDULE (cont'd):

On the days that Gymkhana follows a show the Gymkhana will not start before 9 PM but will start when the show is over.

2/13	Horse Show Eng./West.	Catherine Lopez-Rajaniemi, M.V. 8:00 AM
2/13	Horse Judging	Catherine Lopez-Rajaniemi, M.V. Noon
2/13	Gymkhana	Catherine Lopez-Rajaniemi, M.V. 1:00 PM
3/13	Horse Show Eng./West.	Catherine Lopez-Rajaniemi, M.V. 8:00 AM
3/13	Horse Judging	Catherine Lopez-Rajaniemi, M.V. Noon
3/13	Gymkhana	Catherine Lopez-Rajaniemi, M.V. 1:00 PM
4/3	Horse Show Eng./West.	TBA 8:00 AM
4/3	Horse Judging	TBA Noon
4/3	Gymkhana	TBA 1:00 PM
4/30	Horse Show- Eng./West	TBA 8:00 AM
4/30	Horse Judging	TBA Noon
4/30	Gymkhana	TBA 1:00 PM
5/21	Rain-date for Horse event	TBA 8:00 AM
7/23	Horse Awards	TBA

ENTRY FORMS are DUE (postmarked or delivered) the Friday the week prior to the event. Late entries will be given schooling numbers and points will not be earned.

ALL FORMS AVAILABLE ON-LINE AT:

<http://extension.arizona.edu/4h/mohave-county-horse-science-program>

PLEASE NOTE: The locations of the above Gymkhana/Roping and Shows are subject to change due to availability of arenas.

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Horse Helmet Policy for Arizona 4-H

Approved August 13, 2014

Arizona 4-H places a high priority on providing for the health and safety of all our participants. Ensuring the safety of those in 4-H horse projects is a high priority. The potential for concussions or other traumatic brain injuries are very real possibilities in the horse program. In fact, the rate of serious injury per number of riding hours is estimated to be higher for horseback riders than for motorcyclists and automobile racers.

For many years, Arizona 4-H has required that helmets be worn in certain jumping events in English horsemanship. In addition, several county 4-H programs and 4-H horse clubs have been requiring that helmets be worn whenever a child is on a horse. The vast majority of state 4-H programs already require helmets to be worn during all horse events.

Beginning January 1, 2015, Arizona 4-H will require that an industry approved ASTM/SEI equestrian helmet be worn by all Arizona 4-H members when they are participating in an Arizona 4-H horse event/activity/ project meeting. The harness must be secured and properly fitted. Any rider violating this rule at any time will be immediately prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place.

It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian of the youth exhibitor to see to it that the headgear worn complies with the appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, is properly fitted, and in good condition. Arizona 4-H, leaders, show committees, officials, and judges are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance.

For safety purposes, Arizona 4-H strongly encourages helmets to be worn around horses at all times whether or not it is a 4-H event. In addition, 4-H horse leaders will be required to review and complete an equestrian safety training module in 4HOnline. We strongly encourage each family involved in the 4-H horse program to review the video, "Every Time, Every Ride" and learn about how the use of a helmet will help prevent serious brain injury. This video is available from your local county Extension office.