

Richwood Independent Fair Horse Project Rules

Disclaimer: The program rules may be subject to change prior to the Richwood Independent Fair. Refer to the Richwood Independent Fair Paper or the Richwood Independent Fair website, www.richwoodfair.com, for final program rules.

1. The Richwood Independent Fair Horse Program will follow the State Uniform Rules dress code and the requirements for care, training and showing of the project.
2. 4-H member must belong to a horse club to exhibit a horse project.
3. Horse projects that have been shown at the Union County Fair are eligible to enter the Richwood Independent Fair Junior Fair horse classes. However, exhibitors that received a premium for a horse project at the Union County Fair are not eligible to receive a Richwood Independent Fair horse project premium.
4. Each club must conduct a minimum of eight meetings annually. Members and advisors are required to attend five meetings and four practice ride outs prior to the fair. It is the organizational advisor's responsibility to determine if members have met these requirements for fair eligibility.
5. Participants shall be a 4-H or FFA member in good standing with the 4-H or FFA program and the Richwood Independent Fair Board.
6. Members shall submit a horse project declaration card and applicable leases by **May 1st**. Members shall indicate their intention to attend the Richwood Independent Fair on the project declaration card. The declaration card shall be accompanied by two color photos, one of each side of the equine including all four legs and the face.
7. There is a one-time forgiveness rule that may be used only once during a member's 4-H career. Members utilizing this rule must submit their declaration card by **May 1st**.
8. Declaration cards shall be kept in the Richwood Junior Fair office during the fair so that the show steward can verify that the proper horse has been presented for the project. It is the organizational advisor's responsibility to ensure that members bring the correct project animal.
9. Project animals shall be owned or leased and in full care of the member by **May 1st**.
10. Members shall submit a Richwood Independent Fair entry card by the deadline established by the Richwood Independent Fair Livestock Committee.
11. Immediate family members may share a project horse provided that a statement of the joint project is submitted with the horse project declaration card.
12. Member may show a maximum of two project animals. The Richwood Independent Fair Livestock Committee reserves the right to reduce the number of project animals shown per member if they deem it necessary.
13. Stallions are not eligible to be used as project horses.
14. The Richwood Independent Fair Horse Program follows the horse health requirements established by the Ohio Department of Agriculture. The Richwood Independent Fair Livestock Committee reserves the right to request any animal showing signs of contagious disease or illness to be removed from the grounds.
15. Horses must be in place by **9:00 pm** the day before the fair opens (Tuesday). All project horses must remain on the grounds until **3:00 pm** the last day of the fair. There will be a mandatory barn meeting at **8:00 pm** on move-in day.

16. No animal or articles entered for exhibition can be taken from the fairgrounds before **3:00 pm** the last day of the fair. Removing a project from the fairgrounds early without prior approval from the Richwood Independent Fair Board may result in the member being denied eligibility for future exhibition.
17. Members are responsible for the care of their project.
18. Stalls shall be stripped the last day of the fair.
19. Turn-out is not permitted on the fairgrounds. Courteous lunging is permitted.
20. Horses must be ridden inside the arena or warm-up area. EXCEPTION: During the Fair Parade, horses may be ridden outside of the arena while under advisor supervision, for the specific purpose of participating in the parade.
21. Judges and/or show stewards' decisions are final.
22. **NO SMOKING IN OR AROUND THE BARN.**

Procedure for Rule Violations:

1. Read the rules to the member.
2. Read and discuss the rules with the parent and member.
3. Present the violation to the Senior Fair Board for disciplinary action.

2022 Richwood 4-H Horse Events

Tuesday August 31	9:00 am -9:00pm	Move in
Tuesday August 31	8:00 pm	MANDATORY barn meeting
Wednesday Sept 1	1:30 pm	Skillathon
Thursday Sept 2	9:00 am	Western/Ranch Show
Friday Sept 3	9:00 am	English/ Driving Show
Saturday Sept 4	9:00 am	Versatility
Saturday Sept 4	6:00 pm	Speed Show
Monday Sept 6	3:00 pm	Horses Released

Richwood Independent Fair 4-H Horse Show

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Richwood Independent Fair
English and Driving Classes
Thursday, September 1, 2022 at 9:00 am

1. Youth Showmanship.....	14 -18 yrs.
2. Youth Showmanship.....	9 - 13 yrs.
3. Walk-Trot English Equitation.....	14 -18 yrs.
4. Walk-Trot English Equitation.....	9 -13 yrs.
5. English Equitation.....	14 -18 yrs.
6. English Equitation.....	9 -13 yrs.
7. Walk-Trot Hunter Under Saddle.....	14 -18 yrs.
8. Walk-Trot Hunter Under Saddle.....	9 -13 yrs.
9. Hunter Under Saddle.....	14-18 yrs.
10. Hunter Under Saddle.....	9 - 13 yrs.
11. *Ground Poles.....	18 yrs. & under
12. *Cross Rails (18").....	18 yrs. & under
13. *Hunter Over Fences (2').....	18 yrs. & under
14. *Hunter Over Fences (2' 3").....	18 yrs. & under
15. *Equitation Over Fences.....	18 yrs. & under
16. *Hunter Hack.....	18 yrs. & under
17. Reinsmanship.....	18 yrs. & under
18. Pleasure Driving.....	18 yrs. & under
19. Driven Trail.....	18 yrs. & under
20. English Trail	18 yrs. & under

NOTE:

- *This class will be split into 9-13 yrs. and 14-18 yrs. if there are 3 or more entries for each class.
- The same horse/rider combination showing in Ground Poles or Cross Rails cannot show in Hunter Hack, Hunter Over Fences or Equitation Over Fences classes.
- The same horse/rider combination showing in 3-gaited classes is not eligible for walk/trot classes.

Richwood Independent Fair
Western and Performance Classes
Friday, September 2, 2022 at 9:00 am

1. Western Youth Showmanship.....	14 -18yr
2. Western Youth Showmanship.....	9-13 yrs.
3. Ranch Youth Showmanship.....	14 -18yr
4. Ranch Youth Showmanship.....	9-13 yrs.
5. Walk-Trot Western Horsemanship.....	14-18 yrs.
6. Walk-Trot western Horsemanship.....	9-13 yrs.
7. Western Horsemanship.....	14-18 yrs.
8. Western Horsemanship.....	9 -13 yrs.
9. Walk-Trot Western Pleasure.....	9-18 yrs.
10. Western Pleasure.....	9-18 yrs.
11. Walk-Trot Ranch Horsemanship.....	14-18 yrs.
12. Walk-Trot Ranch Horsemanship.....	9-13 yrs.
13. Ranch Horsemanship.....	14-18 yrs.
14. Ranch Horsemanship.....	9 -13 yrs.
15. Walk-Trot Ranch Pleasure.....	9-13 yrs.
16. Walk-Trot Ranch Pleasure.....	14-18 yrs.
17. Ranch Pleasure.....	9-13 yrs.
18. Ranch Pleasure.....	14-18 yrs.
19. Walk-Trot Ranch Riding.....	9-13 yrs.
20. Walk-Trot Ranch Riding.....	14-18 yrs.
21. Ranch Riding.....	9-13 yrs.
22. Ranch Riding.....	14-18 yrs.
23. *Reining.....	18 yrs. & under
24. *Walk-Trot Trail.....	18 yrs. & under
25. *Trail.....	18 yrs. & under
26. Ground Roping.....	18 yrs. & under

- *This class will be split into 9-13 yrs. and 14-18 yrs. if there are 3 or more entries for each class.
- The same horse/rider combination cannot show in Ranch Pleasure/Riding and Western Pleasure at the same show.
- The same horse/rider combination showing in 3-gaited classes is not eligible for walk/trot classes.

Richwood Independent Fair
Show schedule is subject to change
Speed Show
Saturday, September 4, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Classes will be split between age groups (9-13 & 14-18).

- 1/2 Barrels
- 3/4 Flag Race
- 5/6 Speed and Control
- 7/8 Stakes bend
- 9/10 Pole Bending
- 11/12 Down and Back

Speed Show Rules:

1. Must have Western tack for classes.
2. Must have proper Western attire:
 - Long Pants
 - Western Boots
 - Shirt, long sleeve with collar
 - Approved safety helmet, properly fitted, securely fastened
 - Chaps optional
3. The horse and rider must enter the arena alone. The rider must not enter the gate any faster than the trot, must stop forward motion by completely stopping or completing a circle prior to starting the pattern.
4. Timing will begin when the horse's nose crosses the starting line and stops when it crosses the finish line.
5. For Speed and Control, time begins when the horse leaves the box and stops when it re-enters the box. The horse must enter and exit the box through the designated opening. The horse must be completely in the box to start and at the end of the run. The rider must be mounted while in the box.
6. Two hands are permitted on the reins.
7. A rider may hold onto the saddle.
8. A rider may bump an obstacle without penalty if it does not fall over.
9. Actions that will result in a 'No Time' (disqualification) include being off pattern, touching an obstacle to hold it up or trying to reset it, and loss of forward motion once the starting line has been crossed.
10. For Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Speed and Control, and Cones and Barrels, knocking over a barrel, pole or cone will result in a 5 second penalty for each barrel, pole, or cone knocked over.
11. For the Stakes Race and Keyhole Race, knocking over a pole will result in a 'No Time' and for the Speed and Control, knocking the box down will result in a 'No Time.'
12. Ties will be broken by a runoff.
13. Once the pattern is completed, the gate will remain closed until the horse is under control and then the horse will be allowed to leave the arena. A rider may ride or lead their horse from the arena.
14. Riders must enter all six classes to be eligible for Grand Champion.
15. Times for the six classes will be added together. Grand Champion is awarded to the entry with the lowest overall time.
16. The Gymkhana Classes rules and patterns in the *Uniform Rules for 4-H Shows* will be followed.

High Point

Western	Contest	Hunt Seat	Walk-Trot	
			Western Classes	English Classes
Showmanship	Keyhole	Showmanship	Western Trail	English Trail
Ranch Pleasure OR Western Pleasure	Pole Bending	Hunter Under Saddle	Horsemanship	Equitation
Ranch Horsemanship OR Western Horsemanship	Barrels	Hunt Seat Equitation	Ranch Pleasure/Western Pleasure	English Pleasure
Trail	Flags	Hunt Seat Trail	Showmanship	Showmanship

Registration for High Point is Wednesday September 1 from 4:00-7:00 pm.

High Point Rules:

1. Must participate in the Junior Fair Horse Show and be a one-rider/horse combination, competing in **ALL the above-listed events for each high-point category.**
2. The awards are based on the horse's performance.
3. Entries must show in the arena.
4. D.Q.'s, No Time, or Off-Pattern exhibitors receive no points, but count as an entry.
5. Scratches do not count as an entry.
6. **Only one Walk-Trot High Point will be awarded.** The Walk-Trot High point will be awarded to the rider/horse combination that has the highest score for either the Western discipline or the English discipline. Walk-Trot is considered an entry-level division; therefore, Walk-Trot rider/horse combinations may not win Walk-Trot High Point if they have won a High Point Walk-Trot division in past years. Walk-Trot rider/horse combinations may not show in any 3-gaited classes in the Junior Fair Horse Show.
7. Contesting High Point will be based off the fastest times across the board of all classes.
8. Points will be given as indicated in the High Point Chart.
9. Tiebreakers will be announced before the show.
10. Awards will be given at the Horse Club Recognition and Awards Ceremony.

High Point Chart						
	Points for Placing					
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
	10	9	8	7	6	5

Richwood Independent Fair Versatility Contest

Saturday, September 4, 2022 at 9:00am

Classes:

Age 14 - 18 yrs.	Age: 9 – 13 yrs.
1. Hunter Under Saddle	1. Showmanship
2. Western Pleasure / Ranch Pleasure	2. Hunter Under Saddle
3. Reining	3. Western Pleasure / Ranch Pleasure
4. Barrels	4. Barrels

Versatility Rules:

1. Same Horse/Same Rider. Junior Fair Horse Show Walk/Trot participants MAY NOT participate in the Versatility Contest.
2. Must have correct English and Western tack for classes.
3. Must have proper English attire:
 - Breeches/Jodhpurs
 - English Boots
 - English shirt or Dickie (covered by the jacket)
 - Jacket/Coat
 - Approved safety helmet, properly fitted, securely fastened
4. Must have proper Western attire:
 - Long Pants or Breeches/Jodhpurs covered by chaps
 - Western/English Boots
 - Shirt, long sleeve with collar
 - Approved safety helmet, properly fitted, securely fastened • Chaps optional
5. Each contestant must provide one wheelbarrow or a non-motorized tack cart for his/her tack and clothing. Each contestant may have two helpers. *No items may be added or removed from the cart once the contest has begun.*
6. There will be a 5-minute time limit between classes for tack and clothing changes. All tack and clothing must be changed within this time limit. Dismounting must only occur when announced; remounting must take place before time expires.
7. Horse and rider may NOT LEAVE the arena at any time after the Versatility Contest has begun.
8. Infraction of any of the above rules will result in the disqualification from that class, not the entire contest.
9. Points will be based on the number of total entries. Example: 17 entries, 1st place will get 17 points, 17th place will receive 1 point. Entries that do not show in a class will receive 0 points for that class. DQs, no time or off pattern will receive 0 points.
10. Points for the 4 classes will be added together. Grand Champion is awarded to the entry with the highest points. Reserve Champion is awarded to the entry with the next highest points.
11. Results of each class will be announced at the end of the entire show and then the overall results will be announced. There will be five placings in each class along with two overall placings (Grand and Reserve).
12. The judge will determine the tiebreakers in advance of the contest.