4-H of Rutland & Bennington Counties

2026 4-H Open Gymkhana

VERMONT STATE FAIRGROUNDS

Thursday, August 20th at 10 a.m.

ALL RIDERS, REGARDLESS OF AGE, ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR ASTM/SEI APPROVED HELMETS WHEN MOUNTED

Exhibitor Information

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Age (as of January 1st) _____

Street Address _____ Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Horse Information

Name _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____

Divisions:

Please check which division you are riding in.

- ☐ **Lead line**
- ☐ **Beginner W/T only – 18 & under**
- ☐ **Junior – 13 & under**
- ☐ **Senior – 14 -18**
- ☐ **Adults 19 & older**

Classes:

Please check which class(es) you are riding in.

- ☐ **Boot Lace**
- ☐ **Big H**
- ☐ **Keyhole**
- ☐ **Horseshoe Barrels**
- ☐ **Relay Race**

Costs:

$5/class for all Exhibitors
or
$20/day for 4-H Exhibitors
$30/day Non-4-H Exhibitors

Jackpot will be announced day of event.

PAYMENT

Please indicate your payment option below.

☐ Option #1: Per Class Cost
Total # classes entered: _____ x $5/class = _____

☐ Option #2: Full Day for 4-H Exhibitor
$20 flat fee

☐ Option #3: Full Day for Non-4-H Exhibitor
$30 flat fee

Please make checks payable to: Rutland County 4-H Foundation

Please mail the registration form & payment to:

Deb Danforth
6310 Monument Hill Rd.
Castleton, VT 05735

OFFICE USE ONLY

Coggins Received: _____ Risk & Release Form signed: _____
Rabies Received: _____ Helmet Release Form signed: _____

Paid: ☐ Yes ☐ No Payment Type: ☐ Cash ☐ Check

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- The show begins at 10 a.m. on Thursday, August 20th.
- Exhibitors may begin arriving at 8 a.m.
- All exhibitors who are trailering in for the day must use the Route 7 entrance to the fairgrounds and park by the VSF Horse Arena.
- Pre-entries are strongly encouraged; please include payment with entries and forms. If you would like to pay using Venmo, contact Kristen McLaughlin.

  All pre-entries must be postmarked by Monday, August 10th.
- Questions can be directed to Kristen McLaughlin, 4-H Horse Department Head, at (802) 353-1765 or kmclaughlin@imeinc.com.

Rules & Regulations

- All riders, regardless of age, are required to wear ASTM/SEI-approved helmets when mounted at events sponsored by 4-H.

  More information can be found here:
  - https://www.uvm.edu/d10-files/documents/2024-08/helmetruleform.pdf
  - https://www.uvm.edu/d10-files/documents/2024-08/adultnon4hmemberhelmetwaiver-1updated2019.pdf
- The Gymkhana will be run in accordance with the New England 4-H Horse Show Rules and Guidelines.

  A PDF of the document can be found here:
  - https://www.uvm.edu/d10-files/documents/2024-08/2024_NE_4-H_Horse_Rulebook_for_Posting_1.pdf
- Proof of a negative Coggins test and a rabies vaccination within 12 months is required to exhibit in the gymkhana; please include copies of the certificates with your registration form.
- Gymkhana management reserves the right to combine and/or cancel any classes for lack of entries.
- Horses must be kept at a walk outside of the VSF Horse Arena and designated schooling area.
- Schooling at more than a walk must be done in the designated area only.
- No refunds will be issued for the gymkhana. All proceeds go to the Rutland County 4-H Foundation for the benefit of 4-H programming for local 4-H youth.

GENERAL RISK & RELEASE

I hereby enter the **2026** 4-H Gymkhana and acknowledge that I am participating at my own risk. I understand that 4-H events may involve certain risks of physical activity and that the University of Vermont Extension and its 4-H program will provide each participant with due care, but that the University of Vermont cannot ensure that participants will remain free of injury. I nonetheless wish to participate/have my child participate in this event and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the following from any and all losses, penalties, damages, settlements, costs or other expenses or liabilities arising out of participation at this 4-H program: University of Vermont and State Agricultural College; UVM Extension and their trustees, employees, and agents; Rutland County 4-H Foundation; Rutland County Agricultural Society (dba Vermont State Fair), and any member of the show committee. This release, however, is not intended to release the University of Vermont from causes of action arising out of the sole negligence of the University of Vermont, its trustees, employees or agents.

The 4-H program and its representatives reserves the right to dismiss a participant if it is determined that the participant poses a significant safety risk to themself and/or others.

WARNING: Under Vermont Law, an equine activity sponsor is not liable for injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities that are obvious and necessary, pursuant to 12 V.S.A. ss1039.

Exhibitor Signature _____ Date _____

If Exhibitor is under the age of 18:

Parent Guardian Signature _____ Date _____