



4-H of Rutland & Bennington Counties

# 2023 4-H Open Horse Show

VERMONT STATE FAIRGROUNDS

**Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.**

**JUDGE: Julia Adams**

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

## CLASS LIST

1. Beginner Fitting & Showmanship
2. Advanced Beginner Fitting & Showmanship
3. Junior Fitting & Showmanship
4. Senior Fitting & Showmanship
5. Adult Fitting & Showmanship
6. Showmanship Champion  
(1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place in classes 1 – 5)
7. Beginner English Equitation
8. Advanced Beginner English Equitation
9. Junior English Equitation
10. Senior English Equitation
11. Beginner Western Equitation
12. Advanced Beginner Western Equitation
13. Junior Western Equitation
14. Senior Western Equitation
15. Adult Equitation
16. Equitation Championship (W/T/C)
17. Beginner Project Up
18. Advanced Beginner Project Up
19. Junior Project Up
20. Senior Project Up
21. Adult Project Up
22. Beginner Road Hack (English/Western)
23. Junior/Senior/Adult English Road Hack
24. Advanced Beginner Road Hack  
(English/Western)
25. Junior/Senior/Adult Western Road Hack
26. Lead Line
27. Hobby Horse Project Up
28. Hobby Horse Equitation
29. Hobby Horse Command
30. Cross Rails (18")
31. Novice Equitation Over Fences (18" – 2')
32. Equitation Over Fences (2' 3")
33. Hunter Hack
34. Senior English Pleasure
35. Junior English Pleasure
36. Advanced Beginner English Pleasure
37. Beginner English Pleasure
38. Adult Pleasure
39. Senior Western Pleasure
40. Junior Western Pleasure
41. Advanced Beginner Western Pleasure
42. Beginner Western Pleasure
43. Pleasure Champion Class (W/T/C)
44. Adult Command
45. Senior Command
46. Junior Command
47. Advanced Beginner Command
48. Beginner Command

### FREE FUN CLASSES!

49. Versatility (English, Western, Barrels)
50. Open English Freestyle Pattern  
(3-minute maximum time)
51. Open Beginner/Advanced Beginner  
Freestyle Pattern  
(3-minute maximum time)
52. Open Western Freestyle Pattern  
(3 min. maximum time)
53. Pair Class W/T/C
54. Egg & Spoon
55. Junior/Senior/Adult English Bareback  
Equitation
56. Junior/Senior/Adult Western Bareback  
Equitation
57. Costume Class
58. Sit-A-Buck: You provide your buck!

### APPROXIMATE LUNCH BREAK



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## Age Divisions

All ages are as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

- **BEGINNER:** Riders 8 – 18 years old. Walk and trot/jog only. Those over 12 years old should be in their first or second year of showing.
- **ADVANCED BEGINNER:** Riders 8 – 18 years old. Riders will be asked to walk, trot/jog, and canter/lope individually or in small groups for a short period of time. Riders in this division should not have shown at more than 8 shows as an Advanced Beginner.
- **JUNIOR:** Riders 13 years old and under. Riders will be asked to walk, trot/jog, and canter/lope.
- **SENIOR:** Riders 14 – 18 years old. Riders will be asked to walk, trot/jog, and canter/lope.
- **ADULTS:** Riders 19 years old and over. Riders will be asked to walk, trot/jog, and canter/lope.

## Championships

Championships are defined below. Riders must choose which championships they will ride for before the show starts. Only one championship will be awarded per horse/rider combination. Ties will be broken with Fitting and Showmanship placings.

### POINTED CLASSES FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### English

Beginner: 1, 7, 17, 22, 37, 48

Adv. Beginner: 2, 8, 18, 24, 36, 47

Junior: 3, 9, 19, 23, 35, 46

Senior: 4, 10, 20, 23, 34, 45

#### Western

Beginner: 1, 11, 17, 22, 42, 48

Adv. Beginner: 2, 12, 18, 24, 41, 47

Junior: 3, 13, 19, 25, 40, 46

Senior: 4, 14, 20, 25, 39, 45

#### Adult

5, 15, 21, 23 or 25, 38, 44

#### Hobby Horse

27, 28, 29

## General Information

- The show begins at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Exhibitors may begin arriving at 7 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! **All pre-entries must be received by 5 p.m. on Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.**
- Premiums will be paid to enrolled 4-H youth with Equine Approval Forms in the following classes:
  - Fitting and Showmanship
  - Project Up
  - Equitation
  - Pleasure
- Questions can be directed to Kristen McLaughlin, 4-H Horse Department Head, at (802) 353-1765 or [kmclaughlin@imeinc.com](mailto: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.
- The show 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/sites/default/files/4-H-and-Youth/projects/2022\\_NE\\_4-H\\_Horse\\_Rulebook\\_V4\\_Final\\_Edit\\_.pdf](https://www.uvm.edu/sites/default/files/4-H-and-Youth/projects/2022_NE_4-H_Horse_Rulebook_V4_Final_Edit_.pdf)
- Proof of a negative Coggins test and a rabies vaccination is required to exhibit in the show; please include copies of these certificates with your registration form.
- The judge's decision is final. No exhibitor or spectator may approach the judge without permission and/or accompaniment of show personnel.
- Show 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 show. All proceeds go to the Rutland County 4-H Foundation for the benefit of 4-H programming for local 4-H youth.
- General show information:
  - Any patterns will be announced and posted prior to the class. Please check the Announcer's Booth for this information.
  - Riders are expected to provide their own music for the Open English and/or Western Freestyle Patterns. Be creative with costumes!
  - The Novice Over Fences class is for riders in their first or second year of showing over fences. Riders may trot or canter the course; riders may not cross enter any Over Fences classes.





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## REGISTRATION FORM

### EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

First Name _____		Last Name _____		Age (as of January 1 <sup>st</sup> ) _____	
Street Address _____			Town _____	State _____	Zip _____
Phone: _____			Email: _____		

### HORSE INFORMATION

Name _____					Sex: _____					Age: _____				
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#### Please circle the classes entered:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48

#### FREE FUN CLASSES

49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
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#### Please circle which Championships you are riding for:

Beginner English	Adv. Beginner English	Junior English	Senior English	Adult
Beginner Western	Adv Beginner Western	Junior Western	Senior Western	

## PAYMENT

Total # classes entered: \_\_\_\_\_ (Not including Free Fun Classes.)

Total # Pre-Entry: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5/class = \_\_\_\_\_

**All pre-entries must be received by 5 p.m. on Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**

Total # Post-Entry: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8/class = \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL OWED:** \_\_\_\_\_

### RETURN FORMS TO UVM EXTENSION

Forms may be mailed to or dropped off at the UVM Extension office at 271 North Main Street, Suite 110, Rutland, VT 05701. There is also a black drop box to the right of the office entrance that forms may be dropped in. Please make checks payable to: Rutland County 4-H Foundation. All forms and signatures are required to process this entry.

#### Include:

- Registration Form
- General Risk & Release Form
- Helmet Release Form (4-H and non-4-H exhibitors)
- Proof of negative Coggins
- Proof of rabies vaccination
- CVI (if traveling from outside Vermont)

#### OFFICE USE ONLY

Coggins Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Risk & Release Form signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Champion: \_\_\_\_\_

Rabies Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Helmet Release Form signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Number Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_

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



## General Risk & Release

I hereby enter the **2023 4-H Open Horse Show** 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 themselves 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.

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Exhibitor Signature

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Date

**If Exhibitor is under the age of 18:**

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date