

Open Youth Horse Show

SHOW DATES:

August 8th & 9th, 2023

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ALL ENTRIES MUST BE PRE-ENTERED ONLINE

HOW & WHEN TO ENTER: June 5-July 28, 2023

www.venturacountyfair.org

We will only be accepting online registration for entries. No post entries. If you require assistance to complete online entries, please call the fair office at 805-648-3376 and we will assist you with computer entries. *READ the entire Department Entry Guide for any special requirements for each event. Online pre-entry closes at 11:59 PM on July 28, 2023.*

AWARDS

Ribbons to 10th Place in All Classes
Awards for Division High Point and Overall High Point

FEE SCHEDULE – ALL ENTRIES DUE BY JULY 28, 2023

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| Pre-Entry each Class | \$10.00 |
| Office Fee (<i>per Exhibitor</i>) | \$10.00 |
| Stall Fees (<i>per day- NO Bedding is provided</i>) | \$25.00 |
| Grounds Fee (<i>not using a stall per day</i>) | \$25.00 per horse. |
| Camping Fees (<i>dry camping only, no utilities</i>) | \$25.00 per night. |
| Warm-up over Fences (<i>per round; paid before entering arena</i>) | \$ 5.00 |
| Warm-up Trail Course (<i>per round; paid before entering arena</i>) | \$ 5.00 |
| Trail Course will be set and open for schooling rounds after am | |
| Drug Fee per Horse | \$14.00 |

PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT WITH YOUR ENTRY

Stall Cleaning Deposit (refundable) \$25.00 per stall
This check will be turned in to the Show Office when you check in and receive your Exhibitor's packet.
Stalls to be stripped prior to your departure. Check returned if stalls are cleaned.

****FOR CAMPING APPLICATIONS AND CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FORMS, SEE THE LINK ON THE OPEN HORSE SHOW PAGE OF OUR WEBSITE****

****This Exhibitor Handbook and Guide has been re-done and lots of information and classes have changed-please read carefully****

YOUTH HORSE SHOW DEPARTMENT RULES

ONLY ONE TRUCK & TRAILER WILL BE ALLOWED IN HORSE SHOW AREA

1. **All entries must be pre-entered online at the Fair's website www.venturacountyfair.org before July 28, 2023.**
2. A Veterinarian's certificate for the horse, or a doctor's note for the rider, must accompany a cancellation to be eligible for a 50% refund. No refunds after 5 PM, Monday, August 7, 2023.
3. This show is open to 4-H, FFA, Grange, and any open youth between the ages of 9 & 18 years as of January 1st, 2023, FFA exhibitors show in the 4-H Senior Division or other appropriate Division (i.e., green horse, low hunters, etc.). The Open Youth and Grange Exhibitors will show in their age Division.
4. Show Management reserves the right to limit entries at its discretion. Classes may be split or combined, depending on the number of entries. Divisions with less than 3 entries may be combined or cancelled.
5. **NO DOGS PERMITTED** anywhere on the Fairgrounds during Fair, except those permitted by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
6. Only Horses competing in the Open Youth Horse Show may be stalled. No other livestock allowed in stalls.
7. Exhibitor must provide their own bedding. **No bedding is provided** and is not available on the Fairgrounds.
8. **Stalls will be available at 7:00AM, Tuesday, August 8, 2023.**
9. **NO PARKING OF TRUCKS OR TRAILERS IN THE BARN AISLES. AISLES ARE FOR LOADING AND UNLOADING ONLY. VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED IF LEFT IN UNDESIGNATED AREAS.**
10. The barn area must be kept clean, and all tack must be properly stored at all times. All stalls must be always kept as a Fair Exhibit. **All stalls must be cleaned out at the conclusion of the Show. Shavings must be put in the middle of the aisle. All trash must be put in a proper receptacle.** A \$25.00 cleaning deposit will be returned if the stall is cleaned and stripped.
11. Wash racks may be used for sponge bathing or to quickly rinse horses off. Limited water uses ONLY.
12. Horses must be under control at all times anywhere on the grounds or in the arena. Horses presenting a danger to themselves or others may be excused from the arena and/or the show. Horses must be fit and in Show condition. Show Management reserves the right to dismiss any horse that seems unfit or at risk of injury. Horses that are unsound will be disqualified. Show Management decision is final.
13. Horses must be in appropriate saddlery and equipment for the Class entered. For example, Western Classes and Trail require Western tack, English Classes require English tack, **Gymkhana riders can ride either English or Western but must be ALL English or ALL Western.**
14. Horses under 5 years old may be ridden in a standard hackamore or snaffle bit in Western Classes. Mechanical hackamores are allowed in Gymkhana if riding Western, but not in Western or English Classes.
15. Stallions (uncastrated male, over 1 year old) may not be shown.
16. All showmanship exhibitors must be in their complete 4-H, FFA, or Grange uniform as described below.
 - A. **4-H Western Showmanship:** Uniform consists of white, off-white, black or dark blue pants; long sleeved white shirt with the official 4-H tie or scarf, belt, 4-H hat, western hat or helmet, and boots. Horses to be shown with a halter and lead with or without stud chain.
 - B. **FFA Western Showmanship:** Uniform consists of white or dark blue pants, white dress shirt (long sleeves required if jacket is not worn), the FFA emblem must be attached to the left front pocket of the shirt, FFA jacket is acceptable. Western hat or helmet is optional. Horses to be shown with a halter and lead with or without a stud chain.
 - C. **Open and Grange Showmanship:** May wear appropriate Grange Uniform or standard attire. Horses to be shown with a halter and lead with or without stud chain.
17. Attire: All other classes may be shown in either above stated 4-H, FFA, or Grange uniform or standard horse show attire as defined by the USEF Rule Book for all English and Western classes or the CGA Rule book for all Gymkhana classes.
18. All Exhibitors must wear a properly fitted equestrian helmet that meets ASTM/SEI approval with secured chin harness at all times when mounted on a horse.
19. The USEF rulebook applies to all Classes in the Western and English Divisions.

20. The CGA rulebook applies to the Gymkhana Division.
21. Exhibitors' numbers will be assigned during registration; Exhibitors must keep those numbers throughout the show and make them visible while riding.
22. High Point Award will be given to Horse and Rider Combination only. Showmanship participation is required for Overall High Point. This Horse and Rider Combination will be the Horse and Rider Combination eligible for Overall High Point consideration.
23. Daily High Point awards will be given, so an Exhibitor may decide to ride one horse for English, another for Western, and/or another horse for Gymkhana.
24. High Point Awards will be based on a sliding scale according to number of Exhibitors in that class.
25. In Class listings, Classes counting toward a High Point calculation are designated with an asterisk.
26. The warm-up ring can be used before and after the Show. There must be one (1) Parent/Leader/Trainer for every four (4) riders.
27. Lunging will be allowed in the warm-up arena and designated lunging area. Please keep in mind the limited area and be courteous of other Exhibitors.
28. Junior Exhibitors are expected to groom and care for their animal(s) when at the Fair. They shall refrain from accepting active assistance from adults and non-exhibiting youth unless the Junior Exhibitor is actively engaged, and the assistance is only for instruction. Adults are not allowed to ride any horses. Youth riders are allowed to school for others if the situation is safe for all involved.
29. Exhibitors must own or lease the horse she/he rides and must be under the rider's care and management for at least 120 days prior to August 2, 2023. The Exhibitor must have proof of ownership or lease, along with identifying papers. These papers must be on file with 4-H EPDC Chair and/or the Grange Association by March 15, 2023. Each Rider may identify more than one horse to have a back-up mount available.
30. **There will be NO COACHING from the rail during Classes.** Coaching includes verbal and non-verbal commands, instructions, gestures, etc. Adults may coach in the warm-up arena. After the second offense Exhibitor will be disqualified from the Show.
31. Exhibitors, Parents, and leaders may not approach the Judge. Please contact the Office if you have a question for the Judge.
32. Please go to the Show Secretary with any complaints or concerns. 4-H, Grange, and Pony Club, please follow the chain of command in your group and then proceed to the Office. Decisions from the Ground Jury (made up of the Judge, Show Manager and Show Secretary) are final.
33. The Club Leaders must remain on the grounds after the Show on Wednesday until all their members have loaded their horses and to make sure no members are left at the Fairgrounds.
34. This is an educational, fun event for our Exhibitors, parents, guardians, or leaders. Unsportsmanship conduct on the part of the Exhibitors, parents, guardians, or leaders will be subject to removal from the premises for the remainder of the show with no refund of any monies paid.

Divisions Offered

English Flat Divisions, Western & Gymkhana Divisions: Exhibitors may not cross enter Divisions.

Beginner Rider (walk/trot): Limited to two years. Based on the rider (no age limit). Once a member moves into walk, trot; canter class (this includes English, Western, and Gymkhana Divisions or in any judged event) they may not move back into the beginning rider Division.

Green Horse: 3-gaited Division (walk, trot, canter): Based on the horse, first and second calendar year of showing in any discipline ridden by an experienced Exhibitor.

Junior: Exhibitor who has completed the 3rd grade through the 8th grade or who had reached the age of 9 by January 1st, 2023.

Senior: Exhibitor who has entered 9th grade through 12th grade or is between the ages of 14 & 18 by January 1st, 2023.

Over Fences:

Cross-rail Division: To be judged as Equitation or Hunters as designated but Exhibitors will not be penalized for trotting the course or performing lead changes through the trot. Riders may trot or canter at their discretion. Riders that compete in Trot Cross-rail Classes may not compete in other Over Fences Classes.

Short/Long Stirrup: 2' Beginner Division, Exhibitor has successfully completed the Cross Rail Division and is able to complete a course at a canter. This Division is designed for the horse and rider who are moving up from the Cross Rail Division. As they are still beginners, minor infractions will be judged accordingly.

Low Hunters: 2'3" – 2'6" Intermediate Division, Exhibitor has successfully completed the Short/Long Stirrup Division or is capable of jumping an entire course at a canter without breaking gait, refusals, etc., and Exhibitor possesses a solid seat and leg in order to safely complete the course.

Over fences classes offered:

Warm Up Over Fences: THIS CLASS IS NOT JUDGED. \$5.00 per round (limit 3 rounds). Must be paid before entering the ring.

Equitation Over Fences: Shall be judged over a course of at least 8 fences with two changes of direction. The rider will be judged from the time that they enter the arena. Emphasis is placed on the rider's ability to control and guide their horse over the course while maintaining correct posture.

Hunter Over Fences: Judged on the horse's performance over a course of 8 fences with 2 changes of direction. Exhibitors are judged on the ability to maintain an even pace and negotiate the jumps in a graceful manner with knock downs and refusals being penalized. Simple changes will not be penalized.

Hunter Hack: Riders will be asked to demonstrate their ability on the rail by riding at the walk, trot, and canter in both directions. Riders will then be asked to individually jump over two fences and follow any directions from the Judge. This Class is judged 70% on jumping style and ability, and 30% on the rail work.

Jumpers (Table 2b): This class will test the Exhibitor's ability to clear a course of fences without jumping faults for knock downs, refusals, of getting off course. If the Exhibitor completes the course without any penalties, they will, without leaving the arena, proceed to the Jump Off. Upon being given a signal of a bell or whistle from the Judge, they will ride over a shortened course where the lowest penalty points and fastest time will win.

Flat/Rail classes offered:

English or Western Equitation: Riders will compete in a group of the rail and will be judged on their position at the halt and while in motion. The rider shall have a neat and workmanlike appearance, displaying the correct position and have a light seat and hands, showing suppleness and conveying the impression of complete control. Riders will be asked to show their horse at the walk, trot/jog and canter/lope in both directions and may be asked to halt, rein-back. Riders may be asked to ride without stirrups (at the Judge's discretion). **Walk/Trot Classes** will not be asked to canter/lope or ride without stirrups.

English or Western Pleasure: Riders will compete in a group on the rail at the walk, trot/jog and cater/lope and may be asked to halt and rein-back. Exhibitors are judged on the horse maintaining a steady, comfortable pace at all gaits giving the appearance of being a pleasure to ride. **Walk/Trot Classes** will not be asked to canter/lope.

English or Western Horsemanship: Individual Exhibitors will ride a simple predetermined pattern that will be judged in their ability to control and manage their horse. These patterns may include walk, trot/jog and canter/lope in one or both directions, halt, rein-back, counter canter, sitting trot, extended trot, turns on the hind quarters or fore-quarters. **Walk/Trot Classes** will not be asked to canter/lope or ride without stirrups.

Showmanship: This Class evaluates the Exhibitor's ability to present their horse in hand. They will be asked to lead their horse and perform a pattern to show control and presentation of themselves and their horse. Exhibitors may compete in either English or Western. English must present in a bridle and Western in a halter, with Exhibitor in respective English or Western attire (4-H or Grange attire if a member). Exhibitors will be judged:

10% on Exhibitor Presentation

30% Fitting and Grooming of Horse (*Condition, grooming and/or clipping and cleanliness*)

60% Showmanship (*Moving or leading, posing show animal to best advantage, poise, alertness, and attitude of Exhibitor*).

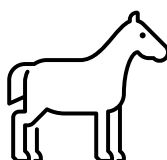
Warm Up Trail: THIS CLASS IS NOT JUDGED. \$5.00 per round (limit to 3 rounds). Must be paid before entering the ring. Riders may only work each obstacle once during each round.

Trail: Exhibitors will be asked to perform a course of 6 to 8 obstacles while at the walk, jog, or lope. These obstacles may include a gate, bridge, walk overs, jog overs, lope overs, side pass, back through, serpentine, mailbox, turn on the forehand, turn on the haunches, a box, and riding to specific markers. **Walk/Trot Classes** will not be required to lope or do lope overs.

Obedience: Exhibitors will be asked to perform various challenges at the request of the Judge to show the horse's obedience to the rider. This may include walk, jog, lope, extended jog, extended lope, halt, rein-back, turn on the haunches or turn on the forehand.

Versatility Class: Come test your riding skill and have fun in the Versatility class! You'll first compete in Western Pleasure. After the Judge has placed the class, the "helpers" (2 - 1 youth and 1 adult) you have chosen will be signaled to carry your English tack and clothes into the arena. As the helpers remove your tack and tack your horse up for English, you (the rider) "change" into English attire (think of having your breeches under your chaps and tall boots, wearing your jacket over your western shirt). There is a 2-minute time limit for the change, which adds to the excitement. The next phase is English Pleasure.

Ranch Horse Classes: 2 Classes will be offered in this Open Division: Ranch Riding and Ranch Trail. Patterns from AQHA Ranch Riding and Ranch Trail will be used.



DIVISION 677 – ENGLISH
ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED

August 8th, 2023

Office opens at 8:00AM, Show starts at 10:00AM

Class

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| 1. Warm Up Over X-Rails 18" | Open |
| 2. Hunter Hack Over X-Rails 18" | Open |
| 3. Equitation Over X-Rails 18" | Open |
| 4. Working Hunters Over X-Rails 18" | Open |
| 5. *Warm Up Over Fences 2' | Short/Long Stirrup |
| 6. *Hunter Hack 2' | Short/Long Stirrup |
| 7. *Equitation Over Fences 2' | Short/Long Stirrup |
| 8. *Working Hunters Over Fences 2'-2'3" | Short/Long Stirrup |
| 9. *Jumpers (table 2b) 2'-2'3" | Short/Long Stirrup |
| 10. *Warm Up Over Fences 2'3" to 2'6" | Low Hunters |
| 11. *Hunter Hack 2'3" to 2'6" | Low Hunters |
| 12. *Equitation Over Fences 2'3" to 2'6" | Low Hunters |
| 13. *Working Hunters Over Fences 2'3" to 2'6" | Low Hunters |
| 14. *Jumpers (table 2b) Fences 2'3" to 2'6" | Low Hunters |
| 15. *English Equitation | Senior |
| 16. *English Equitation | Junior |
| 17. *English Equitation | Green Horse |
| 18. *English Equitation | Walk/Trot Beginning Rider |
| 19. *English Pleasure | Senior |
| 20. *English Pleasure | Junior |
| 21. *English Pleasure | Green Horse |
| 22. *English Pleasure | Walk/Trot Beginning Rider |
| 23. *English Horsemanship | Senior |
| 24. *English Horsemanship | Junior |
| 25. *English Horsemanship | Green Horse |
| 26. *English Horsemanship | Walk/Trot Beginning Rider |

Riders MAY NOT cross enter Ability Groups
DIVISION 675 – SHOWMANSHIP
ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED
August 9th, 2023
Office opens at 8:00AM, Show starts at 9:00AM

Class

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| 1. *Showmanship | Senior |
| 2. *Showmanship | Junior |
| 3. *Showmanship | Green Horse |
| 4. *Showmanship | Walk/Trot Beginner Rider |

DIVISION 676 – WESTERN
ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED
August 9th, 2023

Half hour break for Tack Change before Rail Class Start
Estimated Start time 11:00AM
Riders MAY NOT cross enter Ability Groups other than Open

Class

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| 1. *Western Equitation | Senior |
| 2. *Western Equitation | Junior |
| 3. *Western Equitation | Green Horse |
| 4. *Western Equitation | Walk/Trot Beginner Rider |
| 5. *Western Pleasure | Senior |
| 6. *Western Pleasure | Junior |
| 7. *Western Pleasure | Green Horse |
| 8. *Western Pleasure | Walk/Trot Beginner Rider |
| 9. *Obedience | Senior |
| 10. *Obedience | Junior |
| 11. *Obedience | Green Horse |
| 12. *Obedience | Walk/Trot Beginner Rider |
| 13. *Western Horsemanship | Senior |
| 14. *Western Horsemanship | Junior |
| 15. *Western Horsemanship | Green Horse |
| 16. *Western Horsemanship | Walk/Trot Beginner Rider |
| 17. Versatility | Open |
| 18. Ranch Horse Riding | Open |
| 19. Ranch Horse Trail | Open |
| 20. Warm-up Trail Non-Judged (\$5.00 per round, limit 3 rounds) | Open |
| 21. *Trail | Senior |
| 22. *Trail | Junior |
| 23. *Trail | Green Horse |
| 24. *Trail | Walk/Trot Beginning Rider |



NO PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED FOR THIS COMPETITION-JUST SHOW UP!

Wednesday (**Time- at conclusion of Trail Classes**), we will have a Stick Horse Competition. All Exhibitors and siblings of all ages are welcome to participate. Entry is FREE.

Exhibitors bring their own decorated Stick Horse. There will be limited supplies to “make your own” Stick Horse available at the event.

Prizes will be awarded to the Best Overall Stick Horse, Funniest, and Most Creative

Class

1. Stick Horse Pleasure
2. Stick Horse Reining (Simple pattern will be posted)
3. Stick Horse Barrel Racing
4. Best Decorated Stick Horse

DIVISION 678 – GYMKHANA **ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED** **August 9, 2023 – After Stick Horse Competition**

Class

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| 1. *Poles 1 | Senior |
| 2. *Poles 1 | Junior |
| 3. *Poles 1 | Walk/Trot Beginner Rider |
| 4. *Single Stake | Senior |
| 5. *Single Stake | Junior |
| 6. *Single Stake | Walk/Trot Beginner Rider |
| 7. *Bi-Rangle | Senior |
| 8. *Bi-Rangle | Junior |
| 9. *Bi-Rangle | Walk/Trot Beginner Rider |
| 10. *Speed Barrels | Senior |
| 11. *Speed Barrels | Junior |
| 12. *Speed Barrels | Walk/Trot Beginner Rider |
| 13. *Cloverleaf Barrels | Senior |
| 14. *Cloverleaf Barrels | Junior |
| 15. *Cloverleaf Barrels | Walk/Trot Beginner Rider |