

SECTION 62 – JR/OPEN HORSE SHOW DIVISION

For an Jr/Open Horse Show Packet with Rules, Classes, Entry Form and Affidavit please go to www.pcexpocenter.com. You can stop by the Payne County Expo Center (8am-4:00pm) for a printout.

HORSE SHOW - SATURDAY, August 29, 2026. THE SHOW STARTS AT 8:30 a.m.

All stalls must have emergency information posted on each stall reserved in the exhibitor's name.

All entries are FINAL after the entry form is submitted to main office. No changes will be made.

All horses must be entered, and at the Payne County Expo Center Office by 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 26th, 2026. All exhibitor numbers will be handed out by the superintendent on Saturday before the show starts.

Horses can start arriving during the following dates & times ONLY:

Friday, Aug 28 7:30am-7pm and Saturday, Aug. 29 7am-8am

Each horse must have a current Negative Coggins Test. Every horse will be inspected before horses are unloaded on the north side of the Horse Barn. Stall assignments will be assigned upon entry, first come, first serve.

Any horse showing signs of illness or communicable disease may be asked to leave the Payne County Expo grounds.

Horses will be released on Saturday at the conclusion of the horse show. Any horses leaving before the conclusion of the horse will forfeit any premiums. Unless special arrangements have been made by superintendent.

Horses shown in the Payne County Fair Horse Show must be assessed in Payne County.

No one horse may be shown in the same class by two different exhibitors at the Payne County Free Fair. Premiums can't be paid on the same animal.

2026 AQHA Quarter Horse Association Class Rules will be used. All rules are subject to be changed by superintendent.

Exhibitors must show in their respective age group:

*8 & under (Walk-Trot/Jog)

*9 –13 years

*14 – 18 years*Adult (19 and over) *Registration papers will not be required

All Payne County Free Fair General rules are applicable to the horse show. No stallions of any age will be allowed to show. High Point Award and Reserve High Point Awards will be awarded in each age group. Points counting for the High Point will be awarded on a one rider-one horse basis. The horse and rider combination must be designated before the show starts. Stalls assigned upon entry, first come, first serve. All stalls must be bedded, bedding furnished by the exhibitor. The Horse Show Committee reserves the right to combine classes if there are not sufficient entries or eliminate classes. There will be a two-minute gate allowances for tack changes will be made.

2026 Payne County Fair – Horse Show Rules

ZERO TOLERANCE OF CELL PHONE USE IN WARM UP AND MAIN ARENA

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL CLASSES

1. Horses entering the horse show must have a current negative Coggins certificate (dated within 12 months of the respective show days) in order to be eligible to show. Coggins certificates will be checked upon arrival to show. Any horse not accompanied with current, negative Coggins certificate will not be allowed to unload, show, or be stalled on the show grounds.
2. Stallions may not to be shown
3. Unsportsmanlike, irresponsible or misconduct, i.e. illegal, indecent, intimidating, threatening, profane or abusive, by an exhibitor or associated parties at any time during the show on any location on the show grounds are grounds for exhibitor disqualification, suspension from further exhibition and for immediate dismissal of exhibitor and associated parties from the show grounds.
4. *If you show in a walk-trot/jog class, you CANNOT show in the corresponding Walk-Trot/Jog-Canter/Lope class. If you show in any class that requires a canter/lope you may not show back in a walk-trot/jog class.
5. Any youth exhibitor (8 & under) that is led or assisted by an adult CANNOT be placed above an unassisted exhibitor.
6. Trailer check-in will be on the north side of the horse barn. DO NOT unload your horse(s) until the ORIGINAL coggins papers and your horse have been checked by a superintendent. If you do not have coggins papers, you will not be able to show.
7. Stall assignments will be made upon entry
8. Emergencies: In the event your horse needs any help when you aren't at the fairgrounds, please leave a card on your stall with a number where you can be reached.
9. Tack and Equipment:
 - a. Legal equipment is described in rules governing specific classes. If a qualified person is appointed by the show management, contestants with incorrect equipment should be stopped before competing, as the judge will disqualify contestants with illegal equipment. It is the responsibility of the contestant to check with show officials regarding questionable equipment prior to the start of the class.
 - b. An exhibitor will be excused from the class if there is a tack or equipment breakage that the judge feels is a safety hazard. The exhibitor will NOT be allowed a rerun if affected by equipment failure or accident to horse or rider.
 - c. The judge or designated show officials have the authority to require the removal or alteration of any piece of equipment which, in his/their opinion, is unsafe, tends to give unfair advantage or is deemed inhumane.

d. Notice of the need for aids for para-equestrians, including actions needed by assistants, should be provided by the contestant as part of his/her entry material prior to the start of the show. Request for use of aids for para-equestrian should be accompanied with a medical doctor's statement indicating the need related for use in such activities. Show management should inform the judge and exhibitor as to conditions of use for any such requested aids.

e. Use of communication devices, i.e. electronic or radio devices, other than those approved for use by para-equestrian, is considered a method to obtain unfair advantage, and can be penalized or result in disqualification at the discretion of the judge.

10. The exhibitor will be disqualified for a performance class if their horse falls (shoulder and haunches on same side on ground) and/or if the rider is dismounted from the horse prior to completion of the performance, i.e. judge's placing turned into show management or completion of speed event run.

11. The judge or designated show official has the authority to excuse any horse deemed unsafe and/or out of control from competition. This includes any area or any time while on the show grounds, including times when the entrant is in line-ups or preparation areas for entering the arena for exhibition.

12. Attire:

It is the objective for exhibitors to be dressed cleanly and neatly. Protective headgear use is encouraged and may be worn in any class without judging discrimination. ASTM/SEI approved safety helmets are strongly recommended for all classes, especially in all speed events. Correct exhibitor number must be visibly worn on the exhibitor or saddle pad in all classes, or exhibitor may be disqualified for that class. Alterations in acceptable attire for para-equestrians should be requested by the exhibitor at time of entry, and should be accompanied by a statement from a medical doctor indicated needed for use for such activities. Show management should inform the judge and exhibitor as to conditions of use for any such requested alterations.

a. Western Judged and Timed Event Classes.

i.) A western (cowboy) hat or protective headgear (ASTM\SEI approved safety helmets with the chin strap properly fastened) must be on the exhibitor's head when the exhibitor enters the arena. A five second penalty may be assessed if the hat or helmet is not on the exhibitor's person throughout the entire time they are in the arena. A public announcement will be made if the penalty rule will be enforced. Ball caps are not allowed in any class. Use of a safety helmet in any western class will not be penalized.

ii.) Exhibitor number visibly worn by exhibitor or on the saddle pad.

iii.) A shirt with long sleeves, a collar (band, standup, tuxedo, etc.), and shirt tail to be tucked in pants in all classes. (Variations such as short sleeves are permitted if covered with a long sleeve jacket).

iv.) Long pants.

v.) Cowboy boots with at least a one quarter inch heel.

vi.) Spurs or chaps are optional. Exception: Not allowed in halter or showmanship classes.

vii.) Gloves are optional in all classes.

viii.) Ball caps, tanks tops, sheer/see-through shirts, T-shirts or jersey-type shirts are not to be worn.

ix.) See individual division and class rules for exceptions where class specifications indicate otherwise.

x.) Any change from the stated requirements (i - viii above) must be agreed upon by the judges and show superintendent, and announced to contestants prior to start of the class. It is the contestant's responsibility to bring questionable attire to the attention of show management prior to wearing it in any competition, as judge or official may penalize or disqualify contestants who do not conform.

b. Hunter Classes Attire

i.) Hunt coats of traditional hunt seat style and colors such as black, brown, navy or maroon. A red coat is improper

ii.) Breeches or jodphurs of traditional shades of buff, khaki, canary, light gray, or rust.

iii.) High English boots or paddock (jodphur) boots of black or brown with at least a quarter inch heel.

iv.) Hair must be neat and contained (as in a net or braid).

v.) Correct exhibitor number must be visibly displayed on exhibitor or on saddle pad.

vi.) Gloves, spurs (unrowelled type that are blunt, round or include a smooth rolling rubber ball) and crops or bats are optional. Exception: Spurs, crops or bats are not allowed in halter or showmanship classes.

vii.) Any changes from the stated requirements (i-vi above) must be agreed upon by the judges and show superintendent and announced to contestants prior to class. It is the contestant's responsibility to bring questionable attire to the attention of show management prior to wearing it in any competition, as judge or official may penalize or disqualify contestants who do not conform.

13. No exhibitor may be tied, buckled or fastened in or on any part of the saddle in any manner or by any means while on show grounds. This includes but is not limited to string, rope, Velcro, rubber bands of any size or strength. Contestants exhibiting such should be disqualified from the class. Safe, humane animal handling and riding practices are to be prioritized and followed at all times and all places on the show grounds.

****Specific questions/requirements about tack, classes, attire etc. can be found in the Rules for Oklahoma 4-H Horse Shows publication that is available online at www.4h.okstate.edu**