

TUSCOLA COUNTY RULES FOR STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW QUALIFYING 2023

THE FOLLOWING THREE SHOWS WILL BE TUSCOLA COUNTY'S QUALIFIER SHOWS:

June 17th- Boots & Bridle

*** June 24th -Leaders**

*** July 1- TAK & C**

1. 4-H Exhibitors must be at least 13 years old by January 1st to be eligible to attempt to qualify for the State 4-H Horse Show.
2. Stallions are not eligible as a 4-H project animal except in the year foaled.
3. Ownership is encouraged but not required. The animal will be in the care and control of the member no later than May 1st of the current year.
4. All 4-H Exhibitors are to follow helmet requirements as per the Michigan State University directions. You must have an approved helmet or you cannot show in English (Saddle Seat excluded) or Gymkhana events.
5. The points from each 4-H Exhibitor's best 2 out of 3 shows will be added together to determine the 4-H Exhibitor's eligibility for the State 4-H State Horse Show.
(You are not required to participate at all 3 qualifying shows.)
6. Your points will be calculated based on 4 classes in either the Pleasure **Division** (16-19 or 13-15 or Pony/Mini) or the **Gymkhana Division** (16-19 or 13-15 or Pony/Mini).
7. Points will be counted on a six point scale based on 4-H Exhibitors entering the show ring. There must be 6 in the class for full points.
Scale: 6 Exhibitors=6 pts for 1st, 5 pts for 2nd, 4 pts for 3rd, 3 pts for 4th, 2 pts for 5th, and 1 pt for 6th.
5 Exhibitors=5 pts for 1st, 4 pts for 2nd, 3 pts for 3rd, 2 pts for 4th, 1 pt for 5th.
4 Exhibitors=4 pts for 1st, 3 pts for 2nd, 2 pts for 3rd, 1 pts, for 4th.
3 Exhibitors=3 pts for 1st, 2 pts for 2nd, 1 pts for 3rd.
2 Exhibitors=2 pts for 1st, 1 pt for 2nd.
1 Exhibitor= 1 pt for 1st.
8. Ties will be broken at the conclusion of the third qualifying show. Any 4-H exhibitor involved in the tie will ride the Western Riding pattern. This ride off will be judged separately from the Western Riding class and will be judged by the judge hired for that show. FLYING LEAD CHANGES NOT REQUIRED BUT ENCOURAGED, JUDGE PREFERRED.
9. The 4-H Exhibitors with the top point total(s) will be eligible for the State 4-H Horse Show. (The number of county qualifying 4-H Exhibitors to be determined by the State Horse Committee.)
10. **Qualifying forms are to be submitted TO THE 4-H EXTENSION OFFICE by Thursday, June 1st. No late forms or changes will be allowed.**
11. If you attempt to qualify for the State 4-H Show, you may not show in the Novice Division at the Fair.
12. **YOU MUST SHOW AT THE FAIR TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE STATE SHOW.** Fair participation may be waived with a Vet or Doctor note, per Fair book rule. If you cannot show at the Fair for any other reason, your State 4-H show entries will be forfeited, no refund will be made.
13. State 4-H Show Qualifier Paperwork & fees are due immediately following the third qualifying show.
No late forms will be allowed.