

# 2024 Virginia State Championship Horse and Pony Show

## Rulebook and Schedule Changes

1. State Show entry deadline is **July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.**
2. 2024 Entry Fees:
  - Office Fee of \$75 covers show.
  - Entry Fees of \$25/class. Youth may enter any class in which they meet the age/horse type requirements for, regardless of division.
3. 2024 Stabling Fees
  - Tack Stall: \$25/night
  - Horse Stall: \$25/night
4. There will be no “early check in” fees, just the additional charge for an extra night of stall use.
5. There are no longer primary divisions, or division cross entries. Youth may show in different classes or divisions, but may only enter classes that are suitable for their age/horse type.
  - **Youth MAY NOT show two horses in the same class. Rider may show only once per class.**
  - Riders may enter into more than one equitation or showmanship class. Youth are responsible for all class conflicts.
    - i. i.e. Rider may compete in Dressage Equitation and Huntseat Equitation
    - ii. Trail is still limited to only one class per horse/rider combination, as trail courses are not changed between classes. Youth showing two horses may enter into two trail classes.
      1. Riders may compete in Ranch Trail, in addition to one other trail class if suitable. Ranch Trail rules and class set up are different than other trail courses.
6. Horse Show Hero Program
  - **The Horse Show Hero District Challenge will allow 4-Hers to work together as a group within their district to raise funds for the State 4-H Horse Show. The “winning” district that raises the most funds for the State 4-H Horse Show will be recognized during the Ice Cream Social on Friday afternoon and every youth from that district showing at the State 4-H Horse Show will receive a “Horse Show Hero” t shirt.**
  - **The top ten INDIVIDUAL fundraisers will receive personalized plaques to adorn their stalls during the State 4-H Horse Show and recognize them as Horse Show Heroes!**
7. Dogs
  - No dogs allowed in the coliseum or on the show grounds. Show staff reserves the right to have any dogs and the owners removed from the show grounds. Service dogs and emotional support animals are permitted. However, they are subject to removal if the animal is out of control, not house broken, or a direct threat to people or animals around them. The service animal should be under full control of the handler. The service animal should be on a leash or harness at all times, unless either the Handler is unable because of disability to use a leash, or the use of a leash would interfere with the Service Animal’s safe, effective performance of required work.

## 8. Vehicles

- Only licensed vehicles with licensed operators will be permitted on the lower Virginia Horse Center roadways only. Golf carts and mopeds are permitted if operated in a safe manner by licensed drivers, age 18 and over. **Motorcycles, dirtbikes, hoverboards, and four-wheelers will not be permitted.** Minors under 16 years of age must wear protective headgear when operating bicycles, skateboards, or rollerskates. Bicycles, skateboards, and rollerskates may not be ridden in the barns or any part of the coliseum or near show or schooling rings or around horses moving to rings. Failure to comply will result in the impounding of the bicycle until the close of the show

## 9. "Limit Hunter" has been added to the Hunter Divisions.

- It will be Course A&B and a Hunter Under Saddle Class. Juniors and Seniors will be judged together.
- Jump height is 2'.

## 10. Dressage Seat Equitation Classics entry will be determined using the following metrics:

- Top fourteen scores combined from classes 41 and 42 are eligible to show in the Classic. This is the top 14 scores of juniors and seniors combined.

## 11. Senior Western Pleasure (14-15, 16-19) classes have been combined. Show management reserves the right to split classes if entries/arena size warrants.

## 12. Entries in trail, horsemanship, or any other western pattern-based class who fail to complete the pattern without disqualifying **may** not be placed. This is at the discretion of the judge and show management.

## 13. The "Orientation Report Form" previously found in the rulebook to be mailed in is now available as an online google form. This form must be completed by the VCE Agent or Club Leader within 48 h of entry submission/orientation meeting in order to accept the State Horse Show Entry.

## 14. All entry checks/etc must be made out to "Treasurer, Virginia Tech" with State Horse Show in the memo line

## 15. Hall of Fame entry is extended to show/program **volunteers/staff/businesses** who have supported the Virginia Horse Program and the State 4-H Horse Show for 20+ years.

## 2023 Rulebook Changes

16. State Show entry deadline is July 17.
17. 2023 Primary Division Entry fee per horse/rider - \$225 includes a stall for Thursday – Sunday.
18. 2023 Tack Stall fee - \$75 (Thurs, 9am – Sun). No free tack stalls for Units.
19. 2023 Wednesday horse stall - \$25
20. 2023 Wednesday tack stall - \$25
21. Horsemanship Skills Level 1 and 2 Tests have been updated – visit <https://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/horse/events/horsemanship-skills.html> for updated forms and the FAQs.
22. Sharing horses – no more than **two 4-H members may share** a horse/pony at the State Show. The rule will now read
  - Two members may show one animal but this animal must be their 4-H horse project, and may be shown only one time in each class for which it is eligible. Both members must qualify animal at a qualifying show and abide by all other qualification rules. Each individual exhibitor will pay the entry fee and jointly will be assigned one stall for the animal. Animals must be declared in 4honline by members using this animal by the July 1 deadline.
23. New “Horse Show Declaration” Deadline – July 1. All horses showing at the State Horse Show must be declared in 4honline and approved by their respective Extension Agent / Staff.
24. **Outside Qualifying Show Exceptions.** Allowances have been made per the following:
  - Eligibility:
    - i. Any qualified 4-H member with declared project animal
    - ii. Class shown must be at the equivalent or higher level division that they plan on competing in at the state show.
  - Exhibitor Responsibilities:
    - i. Submit Qualifying request to District Horse Council prior to show.
    - ii. Receive approval from District Horse Council.
    - iii. Submit completed Qualifying form and fee to Horse Council
    - iv. Upload Qualifying Form to their 4honline account
  - District Horse Council Responsibilities:
    - i. Establish a Qualifying fee and deadlines for exhibitors
    - ii. Generate a list of acceptable Outside Qualifying Shows
    - iii. Designate a contact for approvals and approve show requests
    - iv. Submit list of qualified riders/shows to the state office
25. Trail classes for walk/jog/trot will be added. Riders must still submit a [Trail Qualifying form](#).
26. Walk/Jog/Trot is now its own division and Championship awards will be available if donations are provided. The one-year rule has been eliminated. Championship includes walk/jog/trot trail, horsemanship/equitation, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> go pleasure, and showmanship. There are no Classic classes for walk/jog/trot.
27. A Combined Test Championship for Junior and Senior will be offered, combining one specified/designated dressage test and the Jumper class. A perpetual trophy and keepers will be provided if donated.
28. Drill Team – no District limit to teams participating and teams can be comprised of mixed Units.
29. The Substitution Deadline has been removed. Show management will have the discretion and final say at the show upon inquiries. Rule now reads:

- The animal shown at the qualifying show or clinic must be the one shown at state. After entries are submitted, exhibitors may substitute one qualified horse for another horse they declared by the July 1 deadline which must have also met all other qualification criteria. The agent must verify the reason for substitution and the request must be accompanied by a \$50.00 cashier's check or money order only, to make the change. Show management will have discretion at the show to have the final say.
30. Cloverbud Camp has been discontinued.
  31. The miniature division and saddleseat/gaited divisions have updated rules. See the rulebook for clarification. (attaching rules to this document separated from rulebook until rulebook is completed)
  32. An unjudged California warmup is offered for a \$25 fee, for the Hunter Over Fences division only.
  33. Miscellaneous classes are now a separate entry fees (\$25/class). Miscellaneous classes are:
    - Driving/reinsmanship
    - Side saddle
    - Jumpers ([must prequalify with form every year](#))
    - Western Dressage
    - Freestyle Reining
    - California warmup (for hunter over fences; not equitation)
    - Combined Test
  34. Cross Division entries are allowed per 2022 rule below.
  35. Trail classes are part of the division fee – no extra fee. ([must prequalify pair with form if not shown at state in previous years](#))
  36. No show program fee. One per exhibitor will be provided.
  37. Scratch deadline for refunds is August 24 for Primary Division entry fees only.