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2026 PREMIUM BOOK

HORSE PROJECT

EL PASO COUNTY 4-H HORSE SHOW PREMIUM

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FRIDAY JUNE 19, 2026

6:00-8:00 pm Written Test
Extension Office

SATURDAY JUNE 27, 2026

8:00 am Check In
9:00 AM Horse Show
Latigo Trails Equestrian Center
Showmanship-English-Western

SUNDAY JUNE 28, 2026

8:00 am Check In
9:00 am Horse Show
Latigo Trails Equestrian Center
Ranch-Gymkhana

NEW FOR 2026- PRE-ENTRY

Pre-entry is required for all 4-H General, 4-H Consumer Science, 4-H Cloverbud and 4-H Animal exhibits.

Pre-entry will be completed at the Written Test, Interview, and Patterns Night on **Friday June 19, 2026**. The extension office will provide a hard copy of the show bill for the entry forms.

Payment will be made by **CHECK ONLY** on **Friday June 19, 2026**.

If special circumstances arise for that interfere with entry and payment deadlines, please reach out to the 4-H Specialist at least a week before Friday June 19, 2026.

There are no late entries or payments, all special circumstances must be arranged prior to June 19, 2026.

Individuals not complying with deadlines will lose privileges and the opportunity for awards. 4-H members who fail to comply with deadlines for ownership, inspection, or exhibition will be prevented from exhibiting project(s) and/or denied any and all premiums or awards for their project.

It is the member's responsibility to check with the Extension office to make sure the entry and payment was completed by the deadline.

**If a 4-H Contest takes place before FairEntry deadlines- all entries and payment must be complete 24 hours before the 4-H Contest.*

- **Entry Fees (No Refunds):**
 - \$5 per class
 - \$5 for written test

 - **Stalling Fees:**
 - \$15 for the day
 - \$20 for overnight
 - 4-H exhibitors will need to provide their own shavings
1. All Levels Testing must be completed by pre-entry deadline, **June 1, 2025**. The Levels Testing program is not required for show entry divisions (example: Novice, Limited, and Advanced). The Levels Testing Program is stand-alone program that encourages the youth to continue to develop their skill sets that can be applied in the show ring, however is not required when entering horse show divisions in 4-H.

PROJECT EXHIBIT RULES

1. Ownership or leasing of horse(s) must be in the name of the exhibitor and horse ID form must be uploaded to 4H Online before **May 1, 2026**. If horse ID is not on file, members may not participate in fair horse events.
2. Exhibitors may enter classes only on horses that are identified on the horse ID and in their Horse E-Record book as being part of the individual's 4-H project.
3. An exhibitor may not enter more than one horse per class.
4. If a horse(s) cannot compete for any reason, **no substitutions** will be allowed after the **May 1, 2026** Horse ID deadline.
5. Classes will be conducted according to the most current edition Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rulebook, available from all Colorado State University Extension Offices.

4-H HORSE DRUG AND MEDICATION RULE

- No horse or pony may be shown in any class at a 4-H show if it has been administered in any manner a forbidden substance. A forbidden substance is any stimulant, depressant or local anesthetic, which might affect the performance of a horse. Stimulants and depressants are defined as medications, which stimulate or depress the circulatory, respiratory, or central nervous systems.

- Also prohibited are any drugs, regardless of how harmless or innocuous they might be, which by their very nature might mask or screen the presence of the prohibited drugs or prevent or delay testing procedures. The use of these drugs will be considered physical abuse and the consequences will be enforced according to the general rules and requirements of the Colorado 4-H Horse Book.
- The full use of modern therapeutic measures including phenylbutazone for the improvement and protection of the health of the horse is permitted, unless the treatment may also stimulate or depress the circulatory, respiratory, or central nervous systems.

HORSE HUMANE POLICY STATEMENT

1. It is the responsibility of every 4-H member to ensure that proper care is taken of their horse according to acceptable methods of good equine husbandry, as set forth by CSU and the Colorado Department of Agriculture. A healthy horse requires sufficient food, water, shelter and correct health care. Cruel and inhumane training methods are not appropriate in the Colorado 4-H Horse Program. Specific equine husbandry guidelines and humane training methods are provided in the Colorado 4-H Horse Project Manual.
2. The management of the El Paso County Fair reserves the right to withhold premium awards for violation of any rule governing this department, and to disqualify an exhibitor from participation at this Fair and/or future County Fairs.

FACILITY INFORMATION

1. Horses will not be required to stall at the show. Some temporary outdoor pens will be available during the show.
2. Exhibitors must supply their own horse feed, water buckets, tack, shavings and equipment.
3. A horse trailer parking area will be provided. All trailers and vehicles must be parked in the designated area.

HORSE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Horse exhibiting any signs of infectious disease will not be allowed on the fairgrounds at the discretion of the show management.

SHOW RULES

1. 4-H horse entries, exhibitors, and adults are subject to the 4-H Code of Conduct, the rules published in the Colorado 4-H Horse Rule Book (2021 edition) and the Livestock and Horse Rules.
2. Horse project members must have shown each project horse they wish to qualify for County Fair in a class and taken the written test at one Horse Advisory Committee sanctioned 4-H

horse show during the current 4-H project year.

3. Classes may be dropped, but not added the day of the show. There will be no refunds.
4. Horse exhibitors are expected to write Thank You Notes to receive belt buckles.
5. Bareback riding or double riding will not be allowed on the showgrounds.
6. Parents/family members and 4-H leaders may as necessary, assist with tack changes and minor grooming help with the understanding that the 4-H member should do the majority of the work.
7. The show ring will be under absolute control of the show management. Only authorized persons will be allowed in the show ring during judging.
8. The El Paso County Fair requires all exhibitors to wear proper attire in all horse show classes.
 - a. Proper Western attire includes a long-sleeved shirt (must be tucked in), long pants, and boots with heel. Helmets are required for all events, except Western/Ranch showmanship.
 - b. Proper English attire is required for all English classes.
 - c. Proper Western attire is required for Western, Ranch, and Gymkhana.
9. A certified riding helmet is always required while on horseback on the showgrounds.
10. An exhibitor, may switch horses between classes, provided the horse is identified on the exhibitor's horse Identification Certificate and no delay is created when the call to the arena for subsequent class is announced.
11. Walk Trot: 4-H Members may only participate in the Gymkhana at a walk-trot
 - a. If a 4-H exhibitor lopes more than 3 strides, then the 4-H exhibitor will be moved to the bottom without qualifying for a placing in the class.
13. Course walk through for Trail classes may be available at the discretion of the show management and judge.
14. Showmanship is required by all exhibitors.
15. Showmanship will be held as follows: At the county horse show showmanship classes will be held by divisions. The top three overall junior showmen, top three overall intermediate showmen and the top three overall senior showmen will have an opportunity to compete in the Champion of Champions. If exhibitors tie with their scores in the top three placings they will all be sent to Champion of Champions. Champion of Champions classes will be held in Calhan at the El Paso County Fair before Master Showman. Champion of Champions will be held by age divisions (junior, intermediate, and senior). If you place first or second in Champion of Champions you are encouraged to show in Master Showman unless you have qualified with a different species. Horses used in Champion of Champions and Master Showman must be the horse the 4-H exhibitor has qualified with, in showmanship at fair. Any horse substitutions are at the discretion of the horse superintendent for Master Showman.
16. For any showmanship classes, bronc, rope, and knotted halters are not permitted. Silver is discouraged for English and Ranch Showmanship.
17. For the Ranch Horse Division saddles shall be of a western roping type with a double rigging and equipped with a cinch hobble. Horn must be wrapped. Riders must have and carry a rope lariat or riata attached to their saddle for all classes that require roping.
18. Any behavior that is considered negative on the part of the exhibitor, family members of the exhibitor, or leaders, directed toward any show official, Fair Board member, fair staff, 4-H staff, 4-H exhibitor or their parents will result in disqualification and awards forfeited.
19. All classes must be pre-registered.
20. No video protests are allowed.
21. Exhibitors must show at the County Fair 4-H Horse show in order to participate in the State Fair 4-H Horse Show.

22. Exhibitors must enter the division that best matches the skillsets they have mastered on a Levels Test before June 1.
 - a. Level 1 Test correlates with the Novice Division
 - b. Level 2 Test correlates with the Limited Division
 - c. Level 3/4 Test correlates with the Advanced Division

POINT SCORING SYSTEM

1. Points per class are figured on a 7-2 scale no matter how many exhibitors are in a class. Example: A child placing 1st in a class of three will receive 7pts, a child placing 2nd would receive 5pts, and so on... These points will be tabulated towards any high point awards.

PREMIUMS AND AWARDS:

1. Premiums for 4-H horse classes will be:

<u>Placing</u>	<u>Premiums</u>
1st	\$5
2nd	\$3
3rd	\$1

2. Premiums will be awarded only on those classes listed in the fair book.
3. Ribbons will be given 1st-6th place in each class.
4. Premiums and ribbons will not be given for disqualifications.

AWARD WINNERS

1. Awards will be given to **divisional high point winners** (Walk/Trot, Novice, Limited, Advance) in English, Western, Ranch and Gymkhana.
 - a. Written test placings will count for divisional high point awards in each discipline.
 - b. Showmanship will count for divisional high point awards and will be used in the event of a tiebreaker. If it is still tied, the written test will be the next tiebreaker.
 - c. Showmanship scores will count towards English and Western divisional highpoint. Ranch Showmanship will count for ranch divisional highpoint.
 - d. Must ride at least one class in the discipline to be eligible for awards.
 - e. Points will follow exhibitor
2. To qualify for **Overall and Reserve Overall High Point**, competitors must take the written test, compete in showmanship and two (2) or more classes in their division. In addition, the youth must be entered in at least 3 disciplines to qualify for Overall Awards.
 - a. Showmanship score will be the tie breaker. In the event it is still tied it will move to the written test.
 - b. Calculated on placings (not raw scores).
 - c. Scores will follow exhibitor.
 - d. Ranch Showmanship will count for overall highpoint.
 - e. Overall High Point and Reserve Overall High Point winners will receive awards.

- f. In Walk Trot, Novice, and Limited Divisions if a youth exhibitor wins Overall then they are no longer eligible for Overall Awards in that division.
 1. If there is only one exhibitor entered into the division this rule does not apply.

SUPER HORSE AWARD

1. The Super Horse Award will be a “high point” award given to a one horse/one rider combination.
2. All contestants are automatically entered for this award if the requirements are met.
3. Contestants will have to enter their horse at least three classes in at least three different disciplines (English, Western, Gymkhana, or Ranch).
 - a. English pleasure and western pleasure will not count for the super horse award
 - b. The more classes entered in each discipline, the higher the chance for the horse to win this title
4. To calculate the super horse award
 - a. The scores for pattern classes will be used
 - b. For gymkhana classes the scores will be calculated by averaging the times across all levels for the class. The averaged time will be designated as a 70-point score. The time each exhibitor receives will then be added or subtracted from the average time. Each second will represent a point lost or gained from a 70-point score.
 - c. The horse with the highest total scores from the pattern classes wins
 - d. If there is a tie in scores, then the showmanship scores will be used as the tiebreaker
 - i. If still tied, then the score of the written test will be used as the tiebreaker
 - ii. If still tied, then we will use the tiebreaker questions on the test
 - e. If a rider earns a 0 score, they will receive 35 points for entering the class
 - f. Off pattern (OP)/zero score will receive half the points
 - g. Disqualifications will receive no points
5. The winner will receive an award at Achievement Awards.

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

This award is created to recognize and encourage sportsmanship in the project area throughout the 4-H year to include 4-H sanctioned events such as clinics, qualifying shows, and the county fair. The focus of this award is to recognize positive acts of encouragement, team building, and sportsmanship. The outline of the process for this award will go as follows:

- The youth will be nominated throughout the year using a google form provided by the extension office. Youth must be nominated by at least three separate exhibitors from different households to be considered.
 - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfL4hG_V0A3LOeWWGa2fUXyjmMK-ai4AO7tZZVA7cKTo1z_Sg/viewform?usp=dialog
- 4-H volunteers and adults are also allowed to submit nominations.
- The extension agent will then review the nominations after county fair and group them by contestant, and then remove the contestant's name for unbiased assessment by a panel
- The panel will consist of a HAC committee member, superintendent, and a horse project leader that does not have current enrolled youth in the horse project
- The award will then be given out at Achievement Awards

FAIRBOARD AWARD- HORSE TO TAKE HOME

A selected Fairboard Member by the Extension Specialist will be invited to talk to exhibitors and ask questions about their horse at fair. They will then select one horse/pony they would like to "take home" if they had an option. They do not have to have previous horse knowledge to participate and select the award winner.

WALK TROT

1. Walk Trot classes are for riders who are not yet proficient at the lope. Members may show in walk trot more than one year if they are not proficient at the lope.
2. If exhibitors in this level show in a shank bit in Western and Ranch, then they must ride one handed. Regardless of the horse's age a snaffle can be used in these levels as long riding two-handed.
3. The exhibitors are expected to follow the state manual rules concerning equipment unless other stated in Item 2 of this section.

PREMIER EXHIBITOR CONTESTS

All exhibitors are encouraged to enter! All entries should be made in FairEntry as this a county fair contest. This award will be given to the outstanding 4-H member (ages 8-18) in each age division: junior, intermediate, and senior. The focus of this award is on rewarding excellence in comprehensive areas such as equine science components (written test), life skills (interview), range of disciplines, and record keeping (record books). Contestants will be evaluated on five areas:

- a) Discipline Points (English, Western, Ranch, and Gymkhana)
- b) Record book (including detailed health and nutrition records)
- c) Showmanship (highest level showmanship and/or highest placing)
- d) Knowledge based test

e) Interview Youth

The Premier Exhibitor Award will be based on the following criteria and scoring system:

- a) **Discipline Points** (0-20 points)- 5 points to enter each discipline which includes English, Western, Ranch, and Gymkhana
 - Entering showmanship does not meet the requirement for competing in a division
- b) **Record Book** (0-25 points) –points must achieve a Blue award to be eligible.
 - 100=25 points,
 - 99=24 points
 - 98 points=23 points
 - etc.
- c) **Showmanship** (0-25 points) –
 - 1st place = 25 points
 - 2nd = 23 points
 - 3rd = 21 points
- d) **Knowledge Test** (0-30 points) –Score will reflect the points scored on the test i.e. 23 questions correct will earn 23 points. Test will be given at County Fair.
- e) **Interview** (0-25 points)- Sign up for interview times with the Extension Agent prior to the County Fair Horse Show

An exhibitor will forfeit their eligibility for the Premier Exhibitor Award if it is deemed by Horse Advisory Committee with Extension that a member exhibited poor sportsmanship or engaged in unethical behavior during the County Fair Horse Show.

4-H HORSE SHOW CLASSES

WRITTEN TEST

Friday June 19, 2026, at the Extension Office starting at 6:00 pm

HORSE SHOW

Saturday June 27, 2026 - 9:00 am

SHOWMANSHIP

(Western Attire)

1. Novice Showmanship
2. Limited Showmanship
3. Advanced Showmanship
4. Walk Trot Showmanship

BREAK FOR TACK CHANGE AND WARM UP (30 MINUTES)

4-H ENGLISH SHOW CLASSES

5. Novice English Pleasure
6. Novice Show Hack
7. Limited English Pleasure
8. Limited Show Hack
9. Advanced English Pleasure
10. Advanced Show Hack
11. Walk Trot English Pleasure
12. Walk Trot Show Hack
13. Novice Hunt Seat Equitation
14. Limited Hunt Seat Equitation
15. Advanced Hunt Seat Equitation
16. Walk Trot Hunt Seat Equitation
17. Novice Riding Control
18. Limited Riding Control
19. Advanced Riding Control

LUNCH BREAK (1 HOUR)

20. Novice Western Pleasure
21. Limited Western Pleasure
22. Advanced Western Pleasure
23. Walk Trot Western Pleasure
24. Novice Horsemanship
25. Limited Horsemanship
26. Advanced Horsemanship
27. Walk Trot Horsemanship

28. Novice Reining
29. Limited Reining
30. Advanced Reining
31. Novice Western Riding
32. Limited Western Riding
33. Advanced Western Riding

WESTERN TRAIL

34. Novice Western Trail
35. Limited Western Trail
36. Advanced Western Trail
37. Walk Trot Western Trail

FUN CLASSES

1. Fun Classes-TBA
2. Fun Class (Walk/Trot)-TBA

4-H HORSE SHOW CLASSES

HORSE SHOW

Sunday June 28, 2025 - 9:00 am

4-H RANCH HORSE CLASSES

38. Novice Ranch Showmanship
39. Limited Ranch Showmanship
40. Advanced Ranch Showmanship
41. Walk Trot Ranch Showmanship
42. Novice Ranch Riding
43. Limited Ranch Riding
44. Advanced Ranch Riding
45. Walk Trot Ranch Riding
46. Novice Ranch Horsemanship
47. Limited Ranch Horsemanship
48. Advanced Ranch Horsemanship
49. Walk Trot Ranch Horsemanship
50. Novice Ranch Trail
51. Limited Ranch Trail
52. Advanced Ranch Trail
53. Walk Trot Ranch Trail

LUNCH BREAK

4-H GYMKHANA SHOW CLASSES

- 54. Novice Barrel Race
- 55. Limited Barrel Race
- 56. Advanced Barrel Race
- 57. Walk Trot Barrel Race
- 58. Novice Flag Race
- 59. Limited Flag Race
- 60. Advanced Flag Race
- 61. Walk Trot Flag Race
- 62. Novice Pole Bending
- 63. Limited Pole Bending
- 64. Advanced Pole Bending
- 65. Walk Trot Pole Bending
- 66. Novice Keyhole Race
- 67. Limited Keyhole Race
- 68. Advanced Keyhole Race
- 69. Walk Trot Keyhole Race

FUN CLASSES

- 70. Fun Class- TBA
- 71. Fun Class- Walk Trot

Appendix A

Livestock Master Showmen

- Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion junior, intermediate and senior livestock showmen will be determined through a Master Showmanship Contest.
- The Champion and Reserve Champion junior, intermediate and senior showmen from each of the livestock divisions (market goat, market beef, market sheep, market swine and horse) will be eligible to compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion honors.
- A 4-H exhibitor who wins Champion or Reserve Champion in more than one species must select which species they will represent in the Master Showmen Competition by Thursday at 6:00 PM
 - The species which the multiple champion does not select to represent in Master Showmen will then be offered to the third or fourth place overall in that species to compete.
- Separate Master Showmen contests for juniors, intermediates, and seniors will be held.
- Show order will be Senior, Intermediate, and Junior. In addition, it will be posted by 7:00 PM the night before the show.
- Competitors will have 15 minutes to get their animals to the proper location.

The exhibitor must use the animal they won Grand Champion or Reserve Champion with.

- If the superintendent determines that showmanship cannot be safely completed, an animal may be substituted prior to the class division starting, and subject to prior approval from the CSU extension agents.