

DEPARTMENT 17 – HORSES

Classes in this department will be evaluated based on videos only. Videos should be no longer than 90 seconds and should be continuous in nature with no narrative. The exhibitors should utilize the camera person as the judge, moving the animal away and around the camera person as they would in a show ring. The video should include all angles of the animal in order for a judge to make an evaluation. Exhibitor should be in the video at all times. Show clothes typical for industry is recommended (see the Michigan 4-H Horse & Pony Rules & Regulations link below). More information on how to take a good video can be found at the MSU Extension [Virtual Learning Showcase](#) website. All videos must be uploaded to Youtube and link entered into the system. Youtube channel should be set to unlisted.

Rules:

- 1. No equitation patterns will be specified. Please find the showmanship patterns below. Equitation videos must show all three gaits (i.e. walk, trot, canter). Please feel free to use any previous video (with or without a pattern) displaying all three gaits.**
2. All animals must be under the control of the exhibitor and the exhibitor must show awareness of correct procedures to show the animal.
3. Classes will be judged according to the current Michigan 4-H Horse and Pony Project/Show Rules and Regulations and can be found at: https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_horse_pony_project_show_rules_regulations
4. Exhibitors showing in Walk-Trot classes are not allowed to show in any three-gaited classes.
5. Any exhibitor showing in any three-gaited class may not show in any walk-trot class.
6. It is highly recommended that all 4-H members participating in horse shows and practice events wear protective headgear. Please refer to Michigan 4-H rules noted above for specific age/class helmet requirements.

To register for the classes listed below, please go to the [Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase fairentry site](#).

Department	Division	Class
17:Horses	01: Light Horse	01: Halter-Mares
17:Horses	01: Light Horse	02: Halter-Stallions and Geldings
17:Horses	01: Light Horse	03: Fitting & Showmanship 5-7, non-competitive
17:Horses	01: Light Horse	04: Fitting & Showmanship 8-19
17:Horses	01: Light Horse	06: Hunt Seat Pleasure 8-19
17:Horses	01: Light Horse	08: Walk Trot Hunt Seat Pleasure 8-19
17:Horses	01: Light Horse	10: Hunt Seat Equitation 8-19
17:Horses	01: Light Horse	12: Walk Trot Hunt Seat Equitation 8-19
17:Horses	01: Light Horse	14: Saddle Seat Pleasure 8-19
17:Horses	01: Light Horse	16: Walk Trot Saddle Seat Pleasure 8-19
17:Horses	01: Light Horse	18: Saddle Seat Equitation 8-19
17:Horses	01: Light Horse	20: Walk Trot Saddle Seat Equitation 8-19
17:Horses	01: Light Horse	22: Western Pleasure 8-19
17:Horses	01: Light Horse	24: Walk Trot Western Pleasure 8-19
17:Horses	01: Light Horse	26: Western Horsemanship 8-19
17:Horses	01: Light Horse	28: Walk Trot Western Horsemanship 8-19