

## General Entry Regulations

1. Michigan State University Extension programs and materials are open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status or veteran status.
2. According to Michigan State Law a copy of negative Coggins test that is twelve months from draw date for each horse is required.
3. The exhibitor's 4-H age is determined as of January 1st of the current year.
4. All entry fees must be paid for at the time of registration. No refunds.
5. Weekend Blanket Fees, stall fee discounts, and show from trailer fee discounts are only available at the time of registration.
6. NSF fee is \$40.00. No open checks.
7. Project horse may be shared between two riders with the exception of sharing between two non-novice W/T/C divisions. Project forms are due at the April Members meeting. Final project horse designation is May 1<sup>st</sup>
8. The show committee will delay and/or cancel a show due to unsafe weather conditions. Show fees are nonrefundable.
9. According to the 4-H rule book, ASTM-SEI F1163 and above approved helmets are required for all riders competing in Cloverbud, English(Hunt and dressage), saddleseat, , and Gymkhana classes. Helmets must be checked and tagged at the show office.
10. Leaders/Members are not responsible for theft, loss, or damage to property, injury to any person(s) or animal(s).

## General Show Rules

1. All Genesee County Parks and Recreation rules shall apply to all exhibitors and spectators.
2. All 4-H rules from the current Horse & Pony/Project show rules and regulations shall apply.
3. All dogs must be under the control of a six foot leash at all times.
4. Per Genesee County Park and Rec Rules, golf carts/scooters are not allowed on the grounds unless written approval is granted by the commission.
5. No staples, nails, or screws are to be used on stalls. Stall decorating suggestions include using conduit piping, plastic piping, wood, lattices, etc. and use wire, ropes, or zip ties to secure them.
6. The Judge's decisions are FINAL.
7. Good sportsmanship is the basis of the 4-H program and is required by the exhibitors and spectators.
8. The show committee reserves the right to cancel, split (if over 20), or combine (if less than 5) any classes, and judge as a single class.
9. Any show official reserves the right to check helmets and tack at any time to verify compliance with the 4-H rules.
10. Each 4-H club will be required to coordinate volunteers for at least one show day and submit a duty roster to the show office one week prior to the show.
11. Per 4-H rules, stallions are only to be shown during the calendar year in which they are foaled.
12. Pony height is 56 inches and under. Show committee reserves the right to challenge and measure a pony.
13. No riding or lounging in the arena inside the 4-H barn due to health issues related to dust inhalation.
14. Out of courtesy, we request that during any showmanship classes, you refrain from riding/lunging horses next to the main arena. Ring B is available for warm-up.
15. Exhibitors must display a visible number or numbers in all classes. If it is on the side of horse, it should be on both sides.
16. Horses five years and under may be shown with a snaffle bit or bosal in western classes.

## Class Rules

1. Class placing points will be awarded as follows:  
1<sup>st</sup>=6pts, 2<sup>nd</sup>=5pts, 3<sup>rd</sup>=4pts, 4<sup>th</sup>=3pts, 5<sup>th</sup>=2pts, 6<sup>th</sup>=1pt. Regardless of the number of exhibitors in the class.
2. All equitation classes may have at least a simple pattern at judge's discretion. Patterns will be available online at [gchla4h.com](http://gchla4h.com), on the GCHLA Facebook page, and posted at the show office day of show.
3. All classes are open to gaited horses.

## Hunter Hack & Equitation Over Fences

1. All riders participating in Hunter Hack or Eq over Fences must have successfully completed the Jump Qualifier class that will occur on Saturday during the lunch break. This class is free. Horse and rider combination need only to qualify once per year.
2. Fences are no higher than 2'6".

## Novice

1. Novice classes are for novice riders, not novice horses.
2. Novice rider is defined as the first and second year cantering in a placing class.
3. Novice riders may only show in Novice designated classes

## Walk/Trot

1. Walk/Trot riders may not show a horse/pony in a bosal.
2. Walk/Trot exhibitors are to have not cantered in any show, regardless of animal used. Exceptions can be made with the consultation of the Executive Board.
3. W/T/C riders may enter W/T 13 & over division to be audited (not placed) only. Back number must be flipped over for indication to the judge.
4. In Walk/Trot Gymkhana classes, taking more than three strides of a canter will result in disqualification from the class.
5. The Walk/Trot 9-12 division is not designed for the schooling of inexperienced mounts.

## Cloverbud

1. Beginner rider mounts should be appropriate. The Cloverbud division is not designed for the schooling of inexperienced mounts.
2. For Cloverbud leadline classes, handlers must use a halter for leading in conjunction with the bridle. Handlers must be an adult and must wear appropriate shoes.

## Gymkhana

1. All exhibitors who wish to compete in Gymkhana Showmanship and Gymkhana Equitation classes must also compete in at least two timed events.
2. Rider's tack and clothing must be of the same seat.
3. Exhibitors are not allowed to secure rubber bands around their feet while competing.
4. All riders competing in gymkhana classes are required to wear ASTM-SEI F1163 or above approved helmet.
5. Per 4-H rules, exhibitors must be mounted before entering the arena and must dismount before exiting the arena.

## Dressage

1. Rider must use a plain snaffle bit and English snaffle bridle with cavesson, flash, figure eight or dropped noseband. Current approved bit list will be available in the show office.
2. Martingales, side reins, or running reins are prohibited.
3. Whips 4 feet or less (including the lash) are allowed.
4. Only blunt English spurs are allowed (except Western Dressage classes).
5. Hunt or dressage appointments are permitted.  
\*Western and Gaited Dressage Rules will be available in the show office.

## **Highpoint Award Rules**

1. Weekend Highpoint Awards: Points will be accumulated for the same horse/rider combination. Divisions are as follows; Rail 9-15, Rail 16 & over, Gymkhana 9-15, Gymkhana 16 & over, SaddleSeat 9 & over, Novice 9-19, Walk/Trot 9-12, and Walk/Trot 13 & over. See showbill for qualifying classes in each division. In the case of a tie, the tie will be broken by the number of first place winnings, then seconds, and so on. Highpoint must be entered

by 7:30 a.m. and awards must be picked up from the show office within fifteen minutes of announcement. More than one highpoint may be entered by a rider. Separate fees apply.

2. Dressage & Western Dressage will be High Percentage (highest percentage regardless of test)
3. Year End Highpoints will be entered at no cost. Divisions are as follows: Rail 9-15, Rail 16-19, Gymkhana 9-15, Gymkhana 16-19, SaddleSeat 9-19, Novice 9-19, Walk/Trot 9-12, Walk/Trot 13-19. Points will be tallied from highpoint classes at the Warm & Fuzzy Show, Open Show 1, and Open Show 2. This is offered only to the members of Genesee County 4-H.

### **State Show Candidate Rules**

1. Walk/trot and Novice riders are not eligible to be state candidates.
2. Exhibitors must be at least 13 years of age as of January 1st of the current year.
3. Exhibitors must have a signed form from their leader stating that they have passed Level One Testing. (Riders are not required to pass Level One each year once they have passed the test initially.)
4. Exhibitors must complete a class designation form by the end of the first show weekend. If changes are requested, a new form must be submitted. (NO EXCEPTIONS).
5. Exhibitors must designate five classes (1 showmanship class, 1 equitation class, and 3 other eligible classes that are listed on the State Designation form).
6. Each 4-H member wanting to participate in the State 4-H show must complete a Genesee County 4-H Horse Program Participation/Involvement form.
7. Exhibitors must provide a potential adult volunteer for the state show (parents are not recommended). If the required number of volunteers do not commit, volunteers will be pulled from this pool. Exhibitors' family will be excluded from volunteer pool if they served at the State show within the previous two years.
8. Exhibitors must attend at least one Leaders Meeting through July of the current year.
9. Exhibitors must write an essay at least a half page in length, Times New Roman 12 point font, double spaced.

### **GCHLA Achievement Days**

1. All exhibitors must have shown in at least two (2) GCHLA Show days (including Warm & Fuzzy) with a minimum of six (6) classes total with at least one showmanship class with their project horse/pony to be eligible to show Achievement Days. Extenuating circumstances to be considered by the executive board.
2. Each 4-H member wanting to participate in Achievement Days must complete a Genesee County 4-H Horse Program Participation/ Involvement Form.
3. Exhibitors are required to have completed Horse & Pony Project Record Book. Due at registration at the last weekend open show.
4. All riders can only participate in one (1) showmanship class and one (1) equitation or horsemanship class at Achievement Days.
5. Exhibitors who are unable to compete in a Championship class must notify the show office as soon as possible. This may only be done for extenuating circumstances.
6. A jump qualifier must be completed during the GCHLA shows prior to Achievement Days, it will not be offered at Achievement Days.
7. Exhibitors that qualify for trail championships must ride the class with the same seat as they originally qualified.
8. Achievement Days All-Around points will be totaled as follows:  
Walk/Trot: Showmanship, Equitation, English and Western Pleasure, and Trail class  
Novice: Showmanship, Equitation, English and Western Pleasure, and Trail.  
SaddleSeat: Showmanship, Equitation, Pleasure and SaddleSeat Pattern/Gaited Pattern  
Gymkhana: Showmanship, Equitation, all timed events.  
Achievement Days All Around (For those members that are not state candidates): Showmanship, Equitation, English and Western Pleasure, Trail, jumping classes, reining, eng/west riding pattern, and Dressage.  
Canterino All Around (For those members that are state candidates) Showmanship, Equitation, English and Western Pleasure, Trail, jumping classes, eng/west riding pattern, and Dressage.  
Championship classes are not counted for All Around points.
9. Revolving trophy inscriptions are the responsibility of the member. Revolving trophies are to be turned in on Saturday of Open Show 2.

**Schedule of Fees (*Tentative until we receive new arena rental prices*)**

Warm & Fuzzy Show and Fall Finale Show

Office fee..... \$15.00(Waived for online entries) (\$10.00 waived on Friday)  
 Stall fees  
     1 day.....\$20.00  
     2 days.....\$30.00  
 Showing from trailer fee  
     1 day.....\$10.00 per horse  
     2 days.....\$15.00 per horse  
 Camping fee.....\$22.00 per sleeping unit, per night  
 Class fee.....\$5.00 per class  
 Blanket fee.....\$40.00

Open Shows 1 and 2

Office fee..... \$15.00(Waived for online entries) (\$10.00 waived on Friday)  
 Stall fees  
     1 day.....\$20.00  
     2 days.....\$30.00  
     Weekend.....\$40.00  
     Weekend tack stall.....\$20.00  
 Showing from trailer fee  
     1 day.....\$10.00 per horse  
     2 days.....\$15.00 per horse  
 Camping fee.....\$22.00 per sleeping unit, per night  
 Class fee.....\$5.00 per class  
 Open Weekend Blanket fee.....\$80.00  
 W/T Blanket Fee.....\$40.00  
 Weekend Highpoint Fee.....\$5.00 per division

Achievement Days

Office fee..... \$15.00(Waived for online entries)  
 Stall fees  
     3 days.....\$20.00  
     tack stall 3 days.....\$10.00  
 Showing from trailer fee  
     3 days.....\$20.00 per horse  
 Camping fee.....\$22.00 per sleeping unit, per night  
 Class fee.....\$5.00 per class  
 Blanket fee.....\$50.00  
 Cloverbud Blanket Fee.....\$10.00