1ST ANNUAL
CONNECTICUT
4-H SMALL EQUINE HORSE SHOW

Sunday, May 19, 2019

Ray of Light Farm
232 Town Street, East Haddam, CT 06423

Judges
Ian Beck—Main Ring
CT 4-H SMALL EQUINE SHOW RULES

- All exhibitors must be current Connecticut 4-H members and must be exhibiting their verified horse project. Please present current verification papers to the show secretary's booth at time of check-in. For the purposes of this show a Junior is any member age 13 or under and a Senior is any member age 14-19. All ages are as of Jan. 1st of the current calendar year.
- Per the New England 4-H Horse Show Rulebook; Small Equine is any equine that is 12 hands or smaller.
- Entry fees are as follows: $8.00 per class, a flat fee of $60.00 will get a horse and handler combination unlimited classes. No Fees for Fitting & Showmanship Classes. Please send entries prior to 9 PM Monday, 5/15/19 or a post entry fee of $20 per horse/handler combination will be charged. Payment is not needed with pre-entry, but must be paid prior to entering show ring. Minors must have the signature of a parent/guardian on entry forms. Entry fees must be paid before entering the ring. Exhibitor numbers are issued to each horse and handler combination.
- Signed verification form (and lease form, if applicable), proof of Rabies vaccination, and negative Coggins should be mailed with entries or be presented to show secretary at check-in. Rabies inoculation must have been given at least 30 days prior and horses must have a negative Coggins test within 1 year of show date. Out-of-state horses must also have a health certificate issued within 30 day prior to show. Lack of these required papers will require dismissal from the show grounds and forfeiture of entry fees. Review the Connecticut Show and Fair Requirements for more details.
- All classes will be judged according to the New England 4-H Horse Show Rulebook; when applicable. A copy of the rulebook can be found at www.cag.uconn.edu/ces/4H/publications.php. In cases not covered by the 4-H Rulebook, the USEF Rulebook applies. Proper attire is requested for all classes unless otherwise specified.
- Classes may be canceled, combined or split at the discretion of the show committee.
- A judge’s decisions are final. No exhibitor may approach any judge concerning a decision. All questions will be presented to the show steward.
- Up to 6 placings will be awarded in each class; only danish ribbons will be awarded for all fitting and showmanship classes.
- All drivers under age 18 (and all 4-H members regardless of age) must wear a properly fitting ASTM/SEI approved helmet with harness when driving anywhere on the grounds. All adult drivers are strongly encouraged to wear a helmet.
- All drivers are required to have a header that is 16 years old or older.
- Exhibitors must prepare their horses for Fitting and Showmanship classes without assistance. The animal must be taken care of by the exhibitor except when holding, leading, and loading the horse, or when safety may be compromised without adult assistance.
- In Hand Obstacle classes courses will be posted the day of the show. In Hand Obstacle courses will happen in the main ring.
- Stallions are not permitted on the show grounds. All dangerous and unruly horses will be excused. Participants will be excused at the discretion of the judge if their treatment of a horse is considered excessive or cruel. If excused, there will not be any fee refunds.
- Use of mechanical devices not deemed legal in the show ring are prohibited in warm-up (exception are protective boots & wraps.) Lunging may only occur in designated areas. Martingales & tie-downs are only permitted in driving classes and must be legal according to the 4-H rulebook.
- The Show Committee, CT 4-H, Ray of Light Farm and the CT 4-H Horse Advisory Board will not be held responsible for any accident or damage to rider, horse, or vehicle at the show and will not be held responsible for anything lost or stolen during the show.
- No alcoholic beverages are allowed on the show grounds. No dogs allowed on the show grounds.
- All horses must be driven at a walk outside the show rings, except in the specified warm up area.
- No leaving horses unattended anywhere on the show grounds.
Divisions/Class Descriptions

Division appropriate attire is required for all handlers/drivers unless stated otherwise in the class description.

**Fitting & Showmanship:** Judged in accordance with the New England 4-H Show Rule Book. All exhibitors MUST compete in a fitting & showmanship class. Novice exhibitors are defined as those in their 1st or 2nd year of showing. Only danish ribbons will be awarded. Please check with your county for premier eligibility if showing as a novice.

**Tired Grooms Classes:** casual attire is preferred however all handlers must wear long pants, proper footwear & an approved helmet (helmet is for driving classes only).

**Driving:** Open to equine animals 3 years of age or over, of ANY miniature/VSE size. Classes will be split at the discretion of the judge and/or show steward if entries warrant. Drivers need to have a header that is over 16 years old.

**Small Equine In Hand:** Open to equine animals under 12 hands. Animals do NOT need to be registered. Animals in classes requiring a jump must be at least 3 years of age.
- **Halter:** To be judged on conformation. Both Stock Halter and Halter will be offered. A horse must only be entered in either stock halter or regular halter—not both.
- **Discipline:** To be shown at the walk & trot. May be asked to extend gaits, back, halt, stand, reverse or perform other commands at the discretion of the judge.
- **In-Hand Hunter:** To be shown over a course of 6-8 jumps.
- **Obstacle:** To be shown over a course of 5-8 obstacles similar to a trail course. Jumps will be no more than 12” in height.
- **Ground Driving:** To be shown in harness and bridle.
- **Long Lining:** To be shown in long lines and halter
- **Dressage:** To perform USDF Intro Test A in a modified sized dressage arena of 15 x 30 meters. A reader may be used. Horses to be ground driven (in bridle, with long lines/driving lines) or long lined (in halter or bitless bridle, with long lines/driving lines). Handlers may carry a whip but not required. Voice commands not to be penalized. May not cross enter ground driving/long lining classes. Dressage tests will be offered for approximately 1 hour after the lunch break only, in the designated area of the outside ring, weather permitting. Not a divisional class.

**Championship Division Classes**

Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded in each division on a 7-5-4-3-2-1 scale. To be eligible for a division championship you must exhibit in all classes for that division, as well as fitting and showmanship. Ties will be broken by In Hand Suitability class scores. For exhibitors showing horses that are two years old and younger please see the show committee at check in about accommodations for In-Hand Hunter classes.

- **Junior Small Equine** - 5, 7 (or 8), 13, 16, 19
- **Senior Small Equine** - 6, 9 (or 10), 14, 17, 20
- **Junior Small Equine Driving** - 26, 28, 30
- **Senior Small Equine Driving** - 27, 29, 31
CT 4-H Small Equine Show

Indoor Main Ring - Starting PROMPTLY at 10 am

1. Novice Junior Fitting & Showmanship
2. Novice Senior Fitting & Showmanship
3. Junior Fitting & Showmanship
4. Senior Fitting & Showmanship
5. Junior In Hand Suitability
6. Senior In Hand Suitability
7. Junior SE Halter
8. Junior SE Stock Halter
9. Senior SE Halter
10. Senior SE Stock Halter
11. Tired Grooms Halter
12. Tired Grooms Stock Halter
13. Junior SE Discipline
14. Senior SE Discipline
15. Costume
16. Junior SE In-Hand Hunter
17. Senior SE In-Hand Hunter
18. Tired Grooms Hunter
19. Junior SE Obstacle
20. Senior SE Obstacle
21. Tired Grooms Obstacle
22. Junior SE Pleasure Ground Driving
23. Senior SE Pleasure Ground Driving
24. Junior SE Pleasure Long Lining
25. Senior SE Pleasure Long Lining
26. Junior SE Pleasure Driving
27. Senior SE Pleasure Driving
28. Junior SE Reinsmanship
29. Senior SE Reinsmanship
30. Junior SE Driving Discipline
31. Senior SE Driving Discipline
32. Tired Grooms Driving
33. Tired Grooms Pairs Driving

Non Divisional Classes

Tired Grooms
Costume
Long Lining
Ground Driving
Dressage

You may enter either 34 or 35; NOT both!

34. Dressage Long Lines—To be shown in the outdoor ring
35. Dressage Ground Driving—To be shown in the outdoor ring

Announcements are a courtesy and the showgrounds are large – please plan to track the show schedule carefully.
**CONNECTICUT 4-H HORSE SHOW ENTRY FORM**

One entry form per horse/rider combination

**Handler’s Name:** ________________________

**Address:** _____________________________

**Phone:** ______________________________

**Email Address:** _______________________

**Horse’s Name:** ____________________________

**County Enrolled In:** ______________________

**Total entry fees:** _______________________

**Post-Entry Fee:** _______________________

**TOTAL:** _______________________

Forms may be emailed to: mgroht@gmail.com

**Middlesex County Extension Office**

Attn: State 4-H Mini Horse Show

1066 Saybrook Road, Box 70, Haddam, CT 06438

Make checks payable to CT State Horse Advisory

Entry fees are $8 per class unless otherwise noted. Entries postmarked after May 9th or on the day of the show will be charged an additional $20 per handler post-entry fee. No refunds on pre-entries without a veterinarian’s or doctor’s note. Mail entry forms along with copies of approved verification/lease forms, proof of rabies & negative Coggins to:

I agree by signing above not to hold the horse show committee, show steward, judges, Tolland Agricultural Center or anyone involved with the horse show liable for any injury, theft, or death occurring at the CT 4-H Horse Show.

**Parent/Legal Guardian Signature if under 18**

**Date**

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**Rabies:** ________  **Coggins:** ________  **Exhibitor Number:** ________  **4-H Forms:** ________________  **Date Rec’d:** ________________