

DISTRICT 8 4-H HORSE SHOW

Contestant Information and Guidelines

LOCATION: Cadence Bank Center
Equine Livestock Complex
301 W Loop 121
Belton, TX 76513
(254) 933-5353
Cadencebankcenter.com

When entering from Loop 121, go around the west side (right) of the building and head to the back (southwest side) of the new facility.

DATE: Monday, June 16, 2025, and Tuesday, June 17, 2025
STARTING TIMES AND SCHEDULE ATTACHED
For more information about Validation process, dates, and fees:
<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/horse/>

ARRIVALS: Gate opens at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, June 16. Stalls will become available at 6am on Monday. **DO NOT ARRIVE PRIOR TO MONDAY AT 6:00 AM.** Stalls will be for available on a first come/first serve basis. Stalls are estimated \$20 per stall per day. Your entry does not guarantee you a stall.

GATES WILL ABSOLUTELY NOT BE OPEN ON SUNDAY. DO NOT ARRIVE UNTIL MONDAY MORNING. THERE IS ANOTHER EVENT TAKING PLACE BEFORE US AND WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GET INTO THE BARNS UNTIL MONDAY MORNING!

RV Hookups are available at \$35 per night and should be purchased and coordinated with the Cadence Bank Center. (Please note that the District Office does not coordinate these and cannot assist in purchase or reservation)

COGGINS TEST REQUIREMENTS: All horses on the grounds during the 2025 District 8 Horse Show will be required to furnish proof of a negative test for EIA (Coggins Test) dated within the preceding **twelve (12) month period**. Any horse unable to furnish the required documentation will be excused from the grounds. This test requires some time for interpretation of results so make potential exhibitors aware of this requirement now.

This test should be uploaded during your event registration. To assist in mitigating any delays with registration processing, please ensure that you upload the most current and correct Coggins Test for the horse that you are entering. ****Please note that your entry will not be considered complete until we have the correct Coggins Test on file.**

COUNTY ENTRY DEADLINE:

Check with your respective agents for this.

ENTRIES:

- All entries must be completed on 4-H Online. (<https://texas.4honline.com>)
- Registration will be open from **May 6-24 2025.**
 - A separate registration PER HORSE will need to be completed.
 - **AGAIN THIS YEAR! The Waiver, Indemnification, and Medical Treatment Authorization Form must be signed (by exhibitors and parent or guardian, scanned as a pdf, and uploaded to 4-H Connect during the entry process.**

- The 4-H member and parent may sign, scan as a pdf and upload the form OR take the signed form to the Extension Office to be scanned as a pdf and uploaded.
- ***AGAIN THIS YEAR! Coggins papers for each horse must be scanned and uploaded to 4-H Connect during the entry process. It is best if the dates of the Coggins test are good THROUGH the dates of the Texas 4-H Horse Show.***
- The worksheet is still included as a GUIDE to help your families. As in the past, one worksheet/one entry per horse should be used. It is NOT required for you to submit the worksheet to the District Office.

PAYMENT: 4-H Online necessitates that payments be made with a credit card.

If a family prefers writing a check, payment arrangements will need to be made with the local county office.

FEE: The entry fee will be \$15 per class.

*NOTE: Only Open Classes having a minimum of 6 paid entries by entry deadline will be held.

VALIDATION AND OWNERSHIP: Validation is required for showing at District or State horse shows, and its purpose is to certify that ownership or lease requirements have been met. The horse MUST be owned or leased solely by the 4-H member, his/her parents (biological or stepparents), brother, sister, grandparents, or legal guardian. Horses owned or leased in partnership or jointly with any person other than those previously listed do NOT meet ownership requirements.

Lease horses:

Official Texas 4-H Horse Lease agreement must be signed by the exhibitor, horse owner, and county extension agent. Lease period must include, at minimum, May 1st to August 31st of the current 4-H Year. The lease form must be uploaded to 4HOnline at validation.

More information can be found here: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/horse/>

QUOTAS: Validation dates and deadlines can be found at the site above, however, it is important to note that there are no validations accepted after May 1st. No county quotas will be established. Each county may determine method for selecting participants for the District Show from the members in good standing in the county 4-H program.

AGE DIVISIONS: ***AGAIN, THIS YEAR!!*** There will be two age divisions in all classes except Futurity, Halter, and Drill. In pattern classes, youth will be run together but will be scored separately.

CHECK-IN: Each contestant will need to check in at the Show Office before participating in their classes. Contestants will receive their registration packet at check-in. Contestants are responsible for ensuring correct class entries. You may not participate without first checking in.

Any corrections should be made at that time.

CHECKING BITS: During check-in, each contestant must bring their bridle and bit that will be used on each horse during the show in the classes listed below to be inspected and marked. All bits are subject to additional inspection before entering the class.

Divisions in which bits will be checked: Judged Western, Halter, Hunter-Flat, Futurity, Hunter Over Fences, and Stock Horse.

SHARING OF HORSES: Horses may be family validated and siblings may ride the same horse, however, they may not enter the same class more than once. (i.e. the classes that combine age divisions to ride together-siblings will need to determine which student will compete in that class. Only one student may take that horse into the class.)

RULES: The Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations will be the official rules for the District 8 4-H Horse Show. You can receive a copy of these rules from your County Extension Agent or via the web at:
<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/horse/>
You may also find District 8 4-H Horse Show specific information at the D8 4-H website:
<http://d84-h.tamu.edu/events-and-activities/horse-show/>

HUMANE TREATMENT: The Texas 4-H Horse Program and the District 8 4-H Horse Show are committed to the humane treatment of horse and cattle. Inhumane or abusive treatment may result in disqualification, at the discretion of the show management, members of the horse show management team, and/or judges.

CLASS CHANGES & HORSE CHANGES: A horse that is entered in the incorrect class and requires a class change at the District Horse Show will require a \$10 fee per class change. These corrections must be handled in person at the District Horse Show Office. Payments on site must be by check or money order payable to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. ABSOLUTELY NO CASH will be accepted, ONLY CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS.



The switching out of a horse will be permitted and will require a \$10 fee, with the exception of those who are switching out a horse due to medical reasons. This MUST be accompanied by a letter from their veterinarian.

LATE ENTRIES AND CLASS ADDITIONS: **Adding a class:** After the entry deadline, a 4-H member may add a class with the class entry fee plus a \$10 per class late entry fee.



Late entries: A 4-H member may enter on the show site but will be charged a late fee of \$50 (flat rate), plus the \$10 per class late entry fee. The 4-H member will be required to present the necessary paperwork (i.e. Medical Waiver and Coggins Paperwork), to be considered for entry.

Class additions requested until June 7, 2025, will be handled through 4-H ONLINE. Class additions requested after that point will be handled on site at the District Horse show. Payments on site must be by check or money order payable to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. **No cash will be accepted.**

SAFETY: ***Contest superintendents are ultimately responsible for deciding if arena conditions should be modified to assure safe conditions.*** It is imperative that exhibitors, parents, volunteers and spectators respond to requests from show officials. All riders must wear footwear and headgear as defined in the 2025 Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules.

POLICY ON MISSED CLASSES:	<p>Exhibitors and exhibitors' parents are responsible for keeping track of working orders and for being in line or in the makeup arena when their run or heat time arrives.</p> <p>Exhibitors who miss their heat or run will forfeit their run in that class, unless they notify the class superintendent of an unpreventable emergency before their time to work has passed and show management approves the request.</p>
STALLS:	<p>Stalls are available at an estimated \$25.00 per night on a first-come first-serve basis.</p> <p>Stall fees will be paid to the Expo Center staff at time of arrival. Stalls will not be available on Sunday. Stalls will be available starting at 6:00 a.m. through 10:00 p.m. on Monday, June 16, 2025. DO NOT SEND STALL FEES WITH ENTRIES. Shavings are estimated at \$9 per bag. Contestants may not bring their own shavings. Prices are subject to change at the discretion of the facility.</p> <p>RV Hookups are available at \$35 per night and should be purchased and coordinated with the Cadence Bank Center. (Please note that the District Office does not coordinate these and cannot assist in purchase or reservation)</p>
FUTURITY:	<p>A nomination for Futurity must have been received through 4-H Connect during the validation process from March 1 through April 15, 2025 (or LATE April 16 – May 1, 2025) to be eligible to enter either the District or State Futurities. All ownership and training requirements must be followed to enter the District or State Futurity. Futurity horses must compete in the District 4-H Horse Show to be eligible for the Texas 4-H Horse Show. To validate a Futurity horse, the 4-H member must meet the requirements in the Texas 4-H Horse Show Rule Book, including meeting the minimum student age requirement.</p>
AWARDS:	<p>Awards will be awarded to first place winners in all classes. Special awards will also be provided to the High Point Qualifying Divisions - Champion Judged Horseman (Showmanship at Halter, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Western Riding and Trail), Timed Horseman (Pole Bending, Barrel Racing and Stake Race), Hunter-Flat Horseman (Hunter Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation and Hunt Seat Versatility), and Stock Horse (Reining, Stock Horse Trail, Stock Horse Pleasure, Stock Horse Horsemanship, and Stock Horse Showmanship) based upon criteria found in the Texas 4-H Horse Show Rule Book.</p>
DRILL TEAMS:	<p>Drill teams will have an opportunity to perform during the District Show as an <i>exhibition only</i>. All Drill Team members must register via 4-H Online and submit the appropriate paperwork by the deadline to enter the District 8 4-H Horse Show.</p> <p>Drill teams will be responsible for providing their own music and stereo to play music. Drill team performances are for exhibition only. They will not be judged or given feedback.</p>
REINING PATTERNS:	<p>Reining patterns will be chosen from those found in the 2025 Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations. The pattern will be selected by the judge and announced and posted prior to the reining class.</p>
JUDGED WESTERN DIVISION AND STOCK HORSE DIVISION SPECIAL NOTES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please note that a horse <u>MAY NOT</u> enter both Class 5 Western Trail and Class 24 Stock Horse Trail. • Please note that a horse <u>MAY NOT</u> enter both Class 2 Western Pleasure and Class 25 Stock Horse Pleasure.

- Please note that a horse MAY NOT enter both Class 3 Western Horsemanship and Class 26 Stock Horse Horsemanship.
- Please note that a horse MAY NOT enter both Class 1 Showmanship at Halter and Class 27 Stock Horse Showmanship.

**ADDITIONAL
NOTES:**

- Be sure to become familiar with all rules associated with your Division & Class. Changes from the previous year are noted in red text in the Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules. Rules will be enforced.
- Horses are not required to show at halter to be eligible for performance events.
- Timed events will run with the gate open however, show officials reserve the privilege to run timed events with the gate closed.
- Western Trail will begin following Western Horsemanship and run simultaneously with the Speed Division.
- Grade and Registered horses will be shown together in the same class. Mares and Geldings will still be shown separately.

**QUALIFYING FOR
THE STATE HORSE
SHOW:**

All classes will be Open/Invitational at the Texas 4-H Horse Show, with the exception of the Futurity Classes. All Futurity horses that intend to compete at the state horse show, must participate in their respective futurity classes.

**TEXAS 4-H HORSE
SHOW ENTRY
APPLICATIONS:**

The Texas 4-H Horse Show will be held in Bryan at the Brazos County Exposition Center, **July 20-26, 2025.**

All entries for the Texas 4-H Horse Show must be completed on 4-H Online no later than July 1st.

RESOURCES:

The TAMU Animal Science website has links to the Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules & Regulations Validation materials. Entry forms, Rules, and additional material will also be posted on the District 8 4-H website on the Horse Show page.

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