



4-H of Southwest Vermont

2025 4-H Open Horse Show

VERMONT STATE FAIRGROUNDS

Wednesday, August 13th at 9 a.m.

Judge: Catherine Thrasher, Salem, NY

CLASS LIST

1. Beginner Fitting & Showmanship
2. Advanced Beginner Fitting & Showmanship
3. Junior Fitting & Showmanship
4. Senior Fitting & Showmanship
5. Adult Fitting & Showmanship
6. Showmanship Champion
(1st & 2nd place in classes 1 — 5)
7. Beginner English Equitation
8. Advanced Beginner English Equitation
9. Junior English Equitation
10. Senior English Equitation
11. Beginner English Pleasure
12. Advanced Beginner English Pleasure
13. Junior English Pleasure
14. Senior English Pleasure
15. Adult Equitation
16. Equitation Championship (W/T/C)
17. Beginner Project Up
18. Advanced Beginner Project Up
19. Junior Project Up
20. Senior Project Up
21. Adult Project Up
22. Beginner Road Hack (English/Western)
23. Advanced Beginner Road Hack
(English/Western)
24. Junior/Senior/Adult English Road Hack
25. Lead Line
26. Horse Judging – youth all ages
27. Model Horse 12 & Under
28. Model Horse 13 & Over
29. Model Horse Cloverbud
30. Beginner Western Equitation
31. Advanced Beginner Western Equitation
32. Junior Western Equitation
33. Senior Western Equitation
34. Beginner Western Pleasure
35. Advanced Beginner Western Pleasure
36. Junior Western Pleasure
37. Senior Western Pleasure
38. Adult Pleasure
39. Junior/Senior/Adult Western Road Hack
40. Pleasure Champion Class (W/T/C)
41. Adult Command
42. Senior Command
43. Junior Command
44. Advanced Beginner Command
45. Beginner Command

FREE FUN CLASSES!

46. Egg & Spoon
47. Costume Class
48. Sit-A-Buck: You provide your buck

APPROXIMATE LUNCH BREAK

PLEASE NOTE: All riders, regardless of age, are required to wear ASTM/SEI approved helmets when mounted.

AGE DIVISIONS *All ages are as of January 1st of the current year.*

- **BEGINNER:** Riders 8 - 18 years old. Walk and trot/jog only. Those over 12 years old should be in their first or second year of showing.
- **ADVANCED BEGINNER:** Riders 8 - 18 years old. Riders will be asked to walk, trot/jog, and canter/lope individually or in small groups for a short period of time. Riders in this division should not have shown at more than 8 shows as an Advanced Beginner.
- **JUNIOR:** Riders 13 years old and under. Riders will be asked to walk, trot/jog, and canter/lope.
- **SENIOR:** Riders 14 - 18 years old. Riders will be asked to walk, trot/jog, and canter/lope.
- **ADULTS:** Riders 19 years old and over. Riders will be asked to walk, trot/jog, and canter/lope.

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CHAMPIONSHIPS

Championships are defined below. Riders must choose which championships they will ride for before the show starts. Only one championship will be awarded per horse/rider combination. Ties will be broken with Fitting and Showmanship placings.

POINTED CLASSES FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

English

Beginner: 1, 7, 11, 17, 22, 45
Adv. Beginner: 2, 8, 12, 18, 23, 44
Junior: 3, 9, 13, 19, 24, 43
Senior: 4, 10, 14, 20, 24, 42

Western

Beginner: 1, 17, 22, 30, 34, 45
Adv. Beginner: 2, 18, 23, 31, 35, 44
Junior: 3, 19, 32, 36, 39, 43
Senior: 4, 20, 33, 37, 39, 42

Adult

5, 15, 21, 24, 38, 39, 41

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The show begins at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, August 13th.
- Exhibitors may begin arriving at 7 a.m.
- All exhibitors who are trailering in for the day must use the Route 7 entrance to the fairgrounds and park by the VSF Horse Arena.
- Pre-entries are strongly encouraged, we don't need the payment, just your entries and forms! **All pre-entries must be postmarked by: Monday, August 4th.**
- Premium will be paid to enrolled 4-H youth with Equine Approval Forms for participation in the horse show. You must compete in these classes to earn the premium:
 - Fitting and Showmanship
 - Project Up
- Questions can be directed to Kristen McLaughlin, 4-H Horse Department Head, at (802) 353-1765 or kmclaughlin@imeinc.com.

RULES & REGULATIONS

- All riders, regardless of age, are required to wear ASTM/SEI approved helmets when mounted at events sponsored by 4-H.
- The show will be run in accordance with the 2024 New England 4-H Horse Show Rules and Guidelines.
 - A PDF of the document can be found here:
https://www.uvm.edu/sites/default/files/4-H-and-Youth/projects/equine/2024_NE_4-H_Horse_Rulebook_for_Posting_1.pdf
- Proof of a negative Coggins test and a rabies vaccination both within 12 months is required to exhibit in the show; please include copies of these certificates with your registration form.
- The judge's decision is final. No exhibitor or spectator may approach the judge without permission and/or accompaniment of show personnel.
- Show management reserves the right to combine and/or cancel any classes for lack of entries.
- Horses must be kept at a walk outside of the VSF Horse Arena and designated schooling area.
- Schooling at more than a walk must be done in the designated area only.
- No refunds will be issued for the show. All proceeds go to the Rutland County 4-H Foundation for the benefit of 4-H programming for local 4-H youth.
- General show information:
 - Any patterns will be announced and posted prior to the class. Please check the Announcer's Booth for this information.



NEW MODEL HORSE CLASSES!

RULES & REGULATIONS

- Each youth may enter up to two models and therefore, may have two different entries. Each entry must be listed on a separate entry form.
- Each entry will be judged individually.
- Classes will be judged on the model's conformation as a representation of the breed and the exhibitor's knowledge of both the breed and the model.
- It is expected that the exhibitor will be available to manage the model, to take it to the judging table and answer questions regarding the model. Adults are not permitted to assist.
- Each model should have their number placed on the table in front of the entry.
- Once a class has started, only the exhibitors, the judge and the ringmaster may be in the ring.
- Exhibitors do not need show attire or helmets. Attire should be neat and presentable.
- The class is a breed class. Exhibitors should choose a model with correct conformation that best represents its breed. In addition, they should exhibit an understanding of the breed such as its origin and uses and knowledge of the model such as color, coat pattern, markings and gait, although the judge may ask any horse related question during the class.
- At the start of each class, exhibitors will enter the ring with their models and their numbers. Exhibitors will carry their models in the ring and will set them up on the table for judging. Exhibitors will line up their models on the table and wait for further inspection, judging and direction.
- Cloverbuds may bring a standard sized notecard with breed and model details for use during the class.
- Awards will be first - sixth places and may use the Danish system. Cloverbuds will receive participation ribbons only.
- The judge's decision is final.

Have fun!



GENERAL RISK & RELEASE

I hereby enter the **2025 4-H Open Horse Show** at the Vermont State Fair and acknowledge that I am participating at my own risk. I understand that 4-H events may involve certain risks of physical activity and that the University of Vermont Extension and its 4-H program will provide each participant with due care, but that the University of Vermont cannot ensure that participants will remain free of injury. I nonetheless wish to participate/have my child participate in this event and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the following from any and all losses, penalties, damages, settlements, costs or other expenses or liabilities arising out of participation at this 4-H program: University of Vermont and State Agricultural College; UVM Extension and their trustees, employees, and agents; Rutland County 4-H Foundation; Rutland County Agricultural Society (dba Vermont State Fair); and any member of the show committee. This release, however, is not intended to release the University of Vermont from causes of action arising out of the sole negligence of the University of Vermont, its trustees, employees or agents.

The 4-H program and its representatives reserves the right to dismiss a participant if it is determined that the participant poses a significant safety risk to themselves and/or others.

WARNING: Under Vermont Law, an equine activity sponsor is not liable for injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities that are obvious and necessary, pursuant to 12 V.S.A. ss1039.

Exhibitor Signature

Date

If Exhibitor is under the age of 18:

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date