

Horse Exhibitors,

We are officially two weeks away from the Hardin County Fair. This letter contains some important information, so please review carefully!

Reminders:

1. All horses/ponies stalling at the fair must be in place by 9:00 p.m. Monday.
2. No riding anywhere on the grounds except practice and show arenas.
3. No horses are to be outside of the designated horse area at any time during the fair.
4. Only exhibitors are permitted to ride on the fair grounds.
5. People under age 19 must wear a helmet when riding OR driving on the Hardin County Fairgrounds. This includes the Saturday open class show and rodeo.
6. Rain date: Should weather prevent holding the Jr. Fair Horse show on Wednesday, the make-up date is Saturday, September 9th at 8:00 a.m. This will take precedence over the open class show.
7. Remember to read all the Horse department rules on pages 59-63 of the Hardin County Fair Book.

Patterns:

The judge has set the patterns for the Jr. Fair show. You can view the patterns at https://horseshowpatterns.com/public_patterns/index.php?key=HSP16926330887178

Stall Decorating Contest

As requested by the youth after Equistep training, we WILL have a stall decorating contest this year. An out of county judge will walk through the barn on Tuesday, September 5th to select the following awards:

1. Most creative
2. Best use of theme
3. Most educational

This year's theme is "Fall in Love with Horse 4-H."

Open Class:

The open class horse show will be on Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. Classes are \$5.00 each. Helmets are required. The show bill is available now at

<https://www.hardincountyfair.org/2023/08/open-class-horse-show-bill/?fbclid=IwAR0YucO3S9Nk7xF0eWxQUNAgSUP-d4yRrQKkaXrMeJou7S1KvkHb5fxLiRo>.

Exhibitor Meeting

The Jr. Fair Board Horse committee is holding an exhibitor meeting on SUNDAY at 5:00 in the Horse barn to begin planning for 2024. This will be a chance for exhibitors to share what classes and events they would like to see for next year's fair. Only horse/pony exhibitors are invited to this meeting. Volunteers, parents, and guardians who would like to share their opinions and ideas are invited to attend any Hardin County Ag Society meeting, which are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

The barn meeting will be run by Jr. Fair Board members and advisors, who will communicate the desires and ideas of their peers to the senior fair board committee during the fair wrap up and planning meeting.

Horse Department Fair Schedule

Wednesday

8:00 a.m. – Jr. Fair Horse & Pony Show

Saturday

8:30 – Open Show

Sunday

5:00 – Exhibitor Barn Meeting to plan for 2024

7:00 p.m. – animals released.

The horse committee for 2023 is: Zach Rambo (chair), Christa Rarey, Kelly Little, Shelly Miller, Steve Harpster, and Jolene Buchenroth.

See you at the fair!

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