

2026 Louisa County Fair

Horse Show Class Information

Starts at 8:30, Schooling until 8:15

\$12/class (\$10/class for pre-entries up until 2 days before show day)

IN-HAND CLASSES

1. Western Halter
2. English Halter
3. Youth Showmanship**
4. Adult Showmanship**

BEGINNER CLASSES

5. Leadline
6. Intro Eq - Walk/Halt
7. Intro Eq - Walk/Circle/Back
8. Intro Eq - Walk/Trot/ Pattern

WESTERN CLASSES

9. Youth Ranch W/J**
10. Youth Ranch Rail Work W/J**
11. Youth Ranch Pattern W/J**
12. Adult Ranch W/J**
13. Adult Ranch Rail Work W/J**
14. Adult Ranch Pattern W/J**

30 Minute Schooling Break

ENGLISH CLASSES

15. English Youth Eq W/T**
16. English Youth Pleasure W/T**
17. English Youth Pleasure GAYP**
18. English Adult Eq W/T**
19. English Adult Eq W/T/C**
20. English Adult Pleasure W/T**
21. English Adult Pleasure GAYP**
22. English Adult Pleasure W/T/C**

TRAIL CLASSES

23. Trail Youth**
24. Trail Adult**
25. Open Trail - In Hand

FUN CLASSES

26. Pony Express
27. Flag Race
28. Musical Bags
29. Egg & Spoon
30. Partner Race

33. Chinese Fire Drill

34. Ride-a-Buck

35. Costume

WRITTEN CLASS - *must be completed between 9AM and NOON. See Registration Desk for test location day of show.*

36. Hippology Junior (9-13 years old)

37. Hippology Senior (14-18 years old)

All Classes will follow the AQHA and VA 4-H Rulebooks.

- **Halter:** AQHA SHW350 - The horse is judged on conformation standards for its breed. The judge will be selecting well-mannered individuals in the order of their resemblance to breed ideal and that are the most positive combination of balance, structural correctness, movement, adequate muscling, and with appropriate breed and sex characteristics. Western horses to be shown in halter with lead. English horses to be shown in proper bridle. Gaited horses to be shown in discipline specific Halter or Bridle.
- **Showmanship:** AQHA SHW370 - Showmanship at Halter. Evaluates the exhibitor's ability to execute a well-groomed, well-conditioned horse, a set of maneuvers prescribed by the judge with precision and smoothness, while exhibiting poise and confidence, and maintaining a balanced, functional, and fundamentally correct body position.
- **Leadline:** For riders 7 years old or YOUNGER, to be led by an ADULT handler on a horse or pony in any discipline. Judged on child's ability to steer, stop, back, and answer a simple, age appropriate question from the judge.
- **Intro Equitation:** Open to both Western/English riders who can walk/trot but cannot post well. A handler may walk w/ rider but no assistance.
- **Youth/Adult Ranch:** No silver. No bling. No fancy clothes. The Ranch Division is made up of the following; ranch, ranch rail class, and ranch pattern. The purpose of the Ranch Horse Pleasure class is to reflect the versatility, attitude and movement of a working horse. The horse's performance should be indicative of a working horse riding outside on the ranch/trail. The horse should work at a forward, working speed while remaining under control at all times. Horses exhibited with light contact on the reins should be rewarded; loose or full drape of rein is not necessary. Overall manners, responsiveness of the horse while performing and the horse's quality of movement are the primary considerations.
- **English Equitation:** AQHA SHW616 - Evaluates the ability of the Hunter rider to perform various maneuvers on his or her horse. The communication between horse and rider through subtle cues and aids should not be obvious. Equitation is judged on the rider's hands, seat, and effectiveness to maintain a well-mannered, obedient horse.

- **English Pleasure:** The English Pleasure horse has a free-flowing stride of reasonable length in keeping with his conformation. He should cover a reasonable amount of ground with little effort. Ideally the horse should have a balanced, flowing motion while exhibiting correct gaits that are of the proper cadence. The quality of movement and consistency of the gaits is a major consideration.
- **Pony Express:** Team of 3- one teammate starts at start/finish line (w/ mail in mailbox, has a set of saddlebags), Rider #2 waits at one barrel, rider #3 at another barrel. Rider #1 removes mail from mailbox and puts inside saddle bags, rides to #2 hands off saddlebags, rides to #3 hands off saddlebags , #3 rides back to the mailbox, removes mail from the saddlebags, places mail in the mailbox and most close the door & put up the flag. This may be altered to teams of 2 depending on entries.
- **Flag Race:** There will be two barrels on opposite ends of the arena. Bucket sitting on top of each barrel with a PVC pipe in it (the flag), rider starts at start/finish line, rides to first barrel, removes flag, rides to second barrel, places flag in 2nd barrel and rides back to Start/finish. This will be a timed event to determine the winner!
- **Musical Bags:** Music will be playing! Riders will be asked to walk or trot in a circle around burlap bags laying flat on the ground. When the music stops, riders have to place their horses front feet on a bag. Take a bag out every turn. Last one on a bag wins!
- **Egg and Spoon:** Riders will be given a plastic spoon with an egg and be asked to perform specific tests from the judge. If the egg falls, the rider is out and must stand in the center of the ring until the conclusion of the class. The last rider with their egg on their spoon wins.
- **Partner Race:** This is a “pairs” class. Riders are paired and given a piece of toilet paper. Each rider holds an end of the toilet paper. The judge will call out specific tests (walk, back, reverse, trot, etc.). If the toilet paper tears or one rider drops their end, the team is out and must stand in the center of the ring until the conclusion of the class. The last team with their toilet paper in-tact that performed all the judge’s tests wins.
- **Chinese Fire Drill:** Team of two horses and two riders, both begin at start/ finish line, ride down to designated spot at opposite end of arena, both riders must dismount switch horses and ride back to start/ finish line. Whichever team gets back the fastest will win!
- **Ride-a-Buck:** BAREBACK class. Each participant must provide their own DOLLAR bill. Riders start with a \$1 bill under the thigh, and are asked to perform specific tests by the judge. The last rider to keep hold of their dollar wins ALL THE DOLLARS!

- **Trail:** AQHA SHW461 - Class will be judged on the performance of the horse over obstacles, with emphasis on manners, response to the rider and quality of movement. Credit will be given to horses negotiating the obstacles with style and some degree of speed, positive expression, and minimal visible or audible cueing, providing correctness is not sacrificed.

SHOW RULES

1. All Riders UNDER 18 years of age are REQUIRED to wear an ASTM/SEI approved helmet with a fastened harness when MOUNTED, regardless of discipline.
2. **Youth:** Riders 17 years of age and younger
3. **Adult:** Riders 18 years of age or older
4. Every Class offered herein, which is covered by the rules and specifications listed will be judged accordingly.
5. The Judge's decision is FINAL. DO NOT approach the Judge, except by way of show management.
6. All Horses/Ponies on the show grounds must present a current negative coggins dated within **12 months of the date of the show**. These can be submitted as hard copies on day of show, uploaded as part of the pre-entry process, or emailed to h2h4ranch@gmail.com in advance.
7. Entries: \$12/class the day of the show *OR* \$10/class if Pre-entered by Friday, July 24th 11:59 p.m. Any entries received after that will be considered a "Day Of" entry and charged accordingly.
8. Payment must be made promptly following registration. We do have square available for online payments, the link is in the registration form.
9. \$50 returned check fee
10. Entries will not be accepted without Release of Liability signed for every rider regardless of age. Youth must have Adult present to sign waiver. NO back numbers will be given out without a signed release.
11. Classes will be placed 1st through 6th place with Champion and Reserve Champion awarded to the top 2 high point scores for divisions of showmanship, ranch, pleasure, and equitation only. High point overall Adult and Youth will be awarded and 1 SHOW CHAMPION will be awarded to the highest point total for the day.
12. Classes designated with ** count towards overall High Point scores
13. Points will be counted on a scale as follows: 1st place-7 points; 2nd place-5 points; 3rd place-4 points; 4th place-3 points; 5th place-2 points; 6th place-1 point. Division Champion-10 points; Division Reserve Champion-8 points.
14. Show Management reserves the right to refuse entries, and cancel or combine any class or division it deems necessary.

15. Exhibitors show at their own risk. In case of a fall, rider may NOT remount in the ring.
16. Schooling will be permitted in the show ring between 7:15AM and 8:15AM the day of the show and at designated times. Show management reserves the right to split or terminate schooling. Please see the DAY OF schedule for schooling times. There will be NO LUNGING in the ring at ANY time! Lunging must be done outside the ring and away from crowded areas.
17. Stallions must be marked with a YELLOW TAIL RIBBON and are NOT PERMITTED to be handled, ridden, or exhibited by persons under 18 years of age.
18. All dogs must be on a leash at all times and under the direct control of a handler.

Louisa County Fair, Walton Park, Louisa FFA, Louisa 4-H, any officials, volunteers, and employees related to the foundation, and its board of directors, will not be held responsible for any accident or loss which may occur to any exhibitor, spectator, groom, property, or animal at the show. Participants and spectators alike understand that horses are inherently unpredictable and dangerous and that equipment and ground conditions are equally unpredictable; and knowingly choose to participate and/or spectate, taking full responsibility for this choice. Entry onto the grounds constitutes knowledge and agreement with this policy.