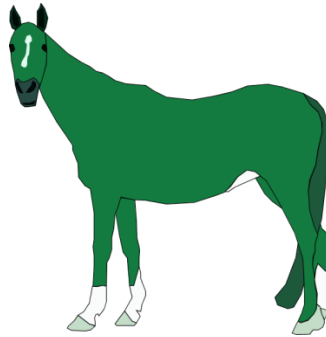


# MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2020

## Horse



**FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR: John Barnott**  
**AREA SUPERINTENDENT: Karen Neal**

**On-line Registration will be from September 15- November 15**  
**Please remember to have every item on the registration complete.**  
**Failure to complete the registration will result in disqualification.**  
**The Mandatory Horse meeting will be held at 5PM on Sunday December 29, 2019**  
**at Karen Neal's Home**  
**Exhibitors must bring at least one parent or guardian to the mandatory meeting**  
***Do not bring your animals to the Mandatory Horse Meeting.***

## SCHEDULE

**On-line registration- September 15-November 15, 2019**  
**Mandatory Meeting Day- Sunday December 29, 2019 5 pm (Neal Home)**  
**Fair Check in- Saturday January 4, 2020 9:00 am**  
**Fair Horse Show- Saturday January 4, 2020 10am – 6pm**  
**Dairy, Swine and Horse Judging- Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**(registration- 7:30 AM Judging begins promptly at 8:00 AM)**  
**Beef Breeding, Steer, and Goat Judging-Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**(registration- 7:30 AM Judging begins promptly at 8:00 AM)**  
**Awards Ceremony- Saturday January 25, 2020 7pm in Mosaic Arena**

## Horse Rules and Regulations

1. All exhibitors must be a *bona fide* member of a Manatee County 4-H Specialty Club or FFA Chapter. No one who has graduated from High School will be eligible to show. All 4-H and FFA Exhibitors must attend a Manatee County Public School or reside in Manatee County. Home Schooled Exhibitors must live in Manatee County. **All Exhibitors at the Manatee County Fair must have completed one class of ethics training before being allowed to show. There will be an Ethics Training Class administered on October 19th at the Manatee County Fairgrounds. Exhibitors will be required to sign up for the class at the following site when it is available.**

<http://www.floridastatefairag.com/pdf/files/live-et...>

2. No exhibition of horses by anyone less than 8 years of age (as of September 1, 2019) will be allowed.
3. At Final Fair check-in, Exhibitor and animal must be together in order for animal to be checked in. (Some animal areas do not require animal to be present at initial check-in.) A parent or legal guardian must complete all required documentation. The Manatee River Fair Board encourages parents to be involved in their child's 4-H and FFA Projects.

**\*\*Exhibitors are not allowed to change animal exhibits after the initial check-in\*\***

4. A signed release of liability form prepared by the Fair Association must be presented before animals are accepted at the Fair.
5. All exhibitors must be in good standing with their respective clubs to exhibit at the Manatee County Fair. All exhibitors will show in the 4-H Club or FFA Chapter in which they registered their livestock at their respective check-in event.
6. Each exhibitor assumes all liability in case of death or injury to his/her animal.
7. All Exhibitors must wear boots (must be above the ankle height) when handling hoofed animals on Fairgrounds property, including the initial check-in and continuing forward.
8. All record books must be up to date and checked in to the designated committee at time of animal registration at the Fair. An up to date record book is required on ALL Horses that were registered at the initial check-in, whether that Horse made it to the fair or not. A committee of fair representatives will check in

record books. Record Books are required to be turned in at the final check in for the exhibitor to be eligible to show the next year in the Manatee County Fair.

9. All livestock health regulations must follow Florida State Guidelines and must be transported to the Manatee County Fair in accordance with those guidelines. “Completely healed” will be determined by the either the State of Florida Health Inspector on site or Manatee County Fair Livestock Director assigned to that area)
10. Use of drugs not in compliance with manufacturer’s label as to dosage, time limitations and show regulations is prohibited. The use of any calming agents on animals during the Fair or the possession of same by a 4-H or FFA member or anyone assisting said member with his or her animal is prohibited. Violation of this provision shall disqualify the animal from competition and any awards or premiums, including sale price of animal, shall be forfeited. If medical treatment is deemed necessary, the exhibitor or parent must notify the Livestock Director and/or Barn Superintendent, prior to administering treatment to the animal in any way.
11. Upon disqualification, pursuant to Paragraphs No. 13 and 14 the affected animal shall immediately be removed from the Fairgrounds.
12. All animals are subject to being examined and blood tested for any drug usage at any time. Refusal by the 4-H or FFA member to submit their animal to such examination or test will result in immediate disqualification and forfeiture of all premiums and awards, including sale price.
13. On-site inspections of any livestock may be made by authorized agents of the Manatee River Fair Association at any time, after first check-in or before Fair.

## **HORSE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

*All General Livestock Rules apply to this specific area.*

### **CLASSES:**

1. Grade Mares
2. Grade Geldings
3. Registered Mares
4. Registered Geldings
5. Non-Stock

- a. Grand Champions Mare and Reserve
- b. Grand Champion Gelding and Reserve
- 6. Junior Western or English Showmanship
- 7. Senior Western or English Showmanship
- 8. Walk Trot English or Western (cannot enter a canter class)
- 9. Walk Trot Equitation (cannot enter a canter class)
- 10. Junior Western Pleasure
- 11. Senior Western Pleasure
- 12. Junior Western Equitation
- 13. Senior Western Equitation
- 14. Western Riding
- 15. Jr. Ranch
- 16. Sr. Ranch
- 17. Junior Poles
- 18. Senior Poles
- 19. Stake Race
- 20. Junior Barrels
- 21. Senior Barrels
- 22. Keyhole
- 23. Junior English Pleasure
- 24. Senior English Pleasure
- 25. Junior English Equitation
- 26. Senior English Equitation

- Juniors are 12 years or under as of Jan. 1, 2020. Seniors are 13 or over as of Jan. 1, 2020.
- Must be a member of Manatee County 4-H or FFA, within the ages of 8-18, and show a current record book at time of check-in.
- Current Coggin's will be checked at gate before horse will be allowed on grounds.
- Horse registration papers are due at the Super Check-In on October 6, 2018 at the Manatee County Fair Grounds. You must be pre-registered to compete.
- All exhibitors and horses must remain on horse show grounds (fairgrounds) until the end of the show on Saturday, January 5, 2020.
- **MUST HAVE ATTENDED PRIOR MANDATORY MEETING**

## **HORSE JUDGING**

- Youth Livestock Judging begins Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 8 am.
  - Registration for teams of 4 or individuals will be held at a table in front of the Livestock Arena
1. Senior Judging Bubble Card Only- This is open whereby the judge does not determine your placing. Placement is awarded on merit to place the class correctly with no oral justifications.

## 2. Junior Judging Bubble Card Only

Same as above but under 13 years of age.

- There is NO Team bubble card competition to allow for maximum premiums to be awarded in the above classes.
- Participants must be between the ages of 8 and 18.
- There is no talking allowed in the arena once the competition starts. No hand signals, flash cards or other signs construed as assistance will be allowed. Judge or ring steward may ask for immediate disqualification if any of the above restrictions are violated.
- The Judge will choose and place each class, inclusive of cuts and scoring. A minimum of two, maximum of five, classes will be judged.
- All classes will be judged prior to delivering speaking results.
- In the event of a tie in the Judging classes, the Questions at the end of the judging will break the tie. Results are final and may not be contested.

## **CONFORMATION CLASSES #1-5**

1. Personal appearance of club member: neat, clean, courteous and in appropriate attire. If showing in FFA official dress must be worn except for in certain classes.
2. Horses judged on conformation, condition, soundness, and way of going.
3. Horses will be judged individually while standing, at a walk and a trot.
4. Horse may be shown in halters made of leather, rope, or other suitable material. English may be shown in bridle.
5. Whips or bats are not permitted in halter classes.
6. Horse's will be handled and shown by one club member only.
7. Horses enter ring as instructed by Judge or ring steward.

## **SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES 6 &7**

1. Showmanship classes are not conformation, model or grooming classes. This is a performance class with emphasis to be placed on the exhibitor's ability to show their animal.
2. 4-H Club member personal appearance: neat, clean, well groomed, courteous, and in appropriate attire.
3. FFA member personal appearance neat, clean, well groomed, courteous and in official dress which includes black pants, white collar shirts, official FFA jacket, FFA tie for boys and FFA scarf for girls, belt, boots, and black socks.

4. English equipment: Clean, adjusted and acceptable bridle or leather halter.
4. Western Equipment: Clean, adjusted halter to fit horse. Fancy halters shall not be given preference over good working halters.
5. Horse shall be clean, well groomed and fitted for its type. The feet should be clean or properly shod.
6. Method of showing: Walk, trot, turn, stop, back and pose your horse as directed by Judge or ring steward.
7. Lead from left side of horse with right hand on lead shank.
8. Never obstruct the view of the judge and do not stand in front of the horse.
9. When asked to reverse, turn to the right. Turn in small tight circle; attempt to keep the horse's hind feet in place.
10. Keep horse posed at all times and knows where the Judge is at all times.
11. Allow reasonable space at least six feet between horses. Never let your horse interfere with another horse.
12. Faults at showing at showmanship:
  - a) Allowing the horse to remain out of position.
  - b) Standing directly in front of your horse.
  - c) Kicking horse's feet to move them.
  - d) Failure of the horse to lead properly.
  - e) Failure to back
  - f) Loud voice commands or other unnecessary actions
  - g) Picking up the horses feet for positioning purposes.

### **Walk Trot Classes- Classes 8 & 9**

1. If showing Western follow western attire rules and if showing English follow English attire rules, also follow the rules for equipment depending which discipline you are showing.
2. This class consists of horse moving at a walk and trot or jog in both directions. Back easily and stand quietly.
3. This class will be judged on the performance of the horse.
4. Equitation class will be judged mostly on the riders performance.

5. Canter and lope are not allowed.

### **WESTERN PLEASURE AND HORSEMANSHIP CLASSES 10-13**

**Personal:** Clothing must be clean and neat. Riders shall wear boots, western pants or blue jeans. Shirts with a collar and long sleeves are required. Spurs, chaps, and similar equipment are optional. All riders are required to wear SEI or ASTM approved equestrian safety helmets with chinstrap fastened.

**Tack:** Horses shall be shown with a stock saddle, silver will not count extra. Martingales, tie-downs, nose bands or draw reins are prohibited. Neither wire curbs nor chin strap thinner than one-half inch. A Hackamore or Bonsal may be used on a junior horse (5 or under). Horse 5 years of age or younger may be shown with two hands.

**Horsemanship:** Riders will be judged on position and use of hands, legs, and feet. Ability to control and show horse. Score will be based on execution of pattern.

1. Horse to be shown at walk, trot, job and lope on a loose rein or light contact
2. Horses must work both directions, back easily and stand quietly.
3. Horses are asked to be reversed to the inside (away from the rail)
4. This class will be judged on the performance of the horse.
5. Reins shall be held in one hand and cannot be changed during ride. Unless a young horse is being shown in a snaffle or bonsal.
6. Riders must use split reins no roping or barrel reins.
7. Optional list of tests:
  - a) Straight walk, jog and lope or circles in both directions
  - b) Stop
  - c) Back straight, in an L or circle
  - d) 360 degree turn
  - e) Pivot both ways
  - f) Turns: 90, 180, 270, 360
  - g) Rollbacks
  - h) Lope circles of varying size and speed
  - i) Pickup leads from stand still, walk, or jog
  - j) Simple lead changes
  - k) Side pass
  - l) Counter Canter
  - m) Extended gaits

## **SPEED CLASSES 14-19**

**Personal:** Clothing should be clean and neat. Western dress pant or jeans and boots are required. Shirts with collar and long sleeves. All riders must wear SEI or ASTM approved equestrian safety helmets with chinstrap fastened.

**Tack:** Western type saddles. Hackamore may be used. Two hands are allowed in speed. Use of martingale, tie-downs and nosebands is permitted. Draw reins are not allowed. Bandages (leg wraps) are not allowed.

1. These contests are timed. Timing shall begin as soon as the horses nose crosses the start line and will be stopped when the horses nose crosses the finish line.
2. Horse must be under the control of the rider upon entrance and exit of arena. No horse or rider will be assisted inside the arena.
3. Times will be announced at the completion of each riders turn.
4. No string or rubber bands to tie feet in stirrups is allowed.
5. Failure to follow or complete course is disqualification.
6. Touching poles or barrels with hands is disqualification. Hands should stay on reins.
7. Striking a horse in front of the cinch with anything other than the open hand is a disqualification. Striking in front of the throatlatch is a disqualification.

## **POLE BENDING**

1. The Pole pattern is to be run around six poles. Each pole is to be 21 feet apart.
2. Horse may start at the left or right and then run the pattern accordingly.
3. Knocking over a pole is a 5 second penalty.

## **BARREL RACE**

1. First and second barrel should be at least 20 feet from fence.
2. The Rider will run to barrel #1 pass to the left and do a 360 degree turn around it and then go to barrel #2 pass to the right and complete a 360 degree turn then go to barrel #3 pass to the right and do another 360 degree turn and the run to the finish line passing between barrel #1 and #2.
3. This course may also be run to the left.
4. Each barrel knocked over shall be a 5 second penalty.
5. Off course shall be a disqualification.

## **Keyhole**

1. Time starts as the contestant crosses the start-finish line, and enters the five foot entrance, turn right or left in the circle, return through entrance and cross the finish line, must stay inside markers, time ends at finish line.
2. Starting line shall be 40-100 feet from the keyhole entrance.
3. Entrance shall be 5 feet wide by 10 feet long, connected to a 20 foot circle.



4. A contestant is disqualified if a horse steps on or outside the markings of the circle, or fails to cross the finish line inside the markers.

### **English Classes- Classes 20-23**

**Personal:** All exhibitors are required to wear a SEI or ASTM approved equestrian safety helmet with chin fastened. Clothing must be neat, clean and appropriate for Hunter classes. Rider must wear coat, boots, and breeches. Gloves are optional.

**Tack:** Clean English type saddles. Snaffle, Pelham, Kimberwick, or Weymouth is permitted. A Caverson noseband is required. Pelham bridles must have two sets of reins attached. Pelham connectors not allowed.

Breast plates are optional. Martingales are optional in jumping classes. Martingales are not allowed in flat classes. Draw reins and hackamore are not permitted. No figure 8 or drop nose bands allowed.

1. The class will be judged on the horse's way of going, manners or suitability.
2. Horses are shown on the flat at a walk, trot, and canter while maintaining light contact of mouth.
3. Horses must work both directions.
4. Horses should back easily and stand quietly.
5. Equitation: The rider's performance and skills are being judged in this class.
6. Equitation: Each rider will be asked to perform a pattern. The judge will score the rider on her/his skills and execution of the pattern.
7. Optional list of tests for Hunters:
  - a) Execute a slow sitting trot, posting trot or extended trot
  - b) Back
  - c) Walk from a gallop with emphasis on hands
  - d) Halt from a canter
  - e) Dismount and mount
  - f) Figure 8 with proper change of diagonals
  - g) Figure 8 at canter on correct leads (flying lead change may be required)
  - h) Maintain a counter canter
  - i) Demonstrate a half turn on forehand or haunche

## Manatee County Fair Web-Site

The Manatee County Fair has its own web page!! If you lose your rule book please go to [www.manateecountyfair.com](http://www.manateecountyfair.com) and you can print these items right off the site. Please check the web page periodically to see if there are any updates that pertain to your livestock area. Registration paperwork for all animal areas is located on the Fair web-site.

### **QUESTIONS**

If you have a question about your entry into the Manatee County Fair, please follow the chain-of-command as listed below:

1<sup>st</sup> – contact your **CLUB LEADER**; if they are unable to answer your question,  
then

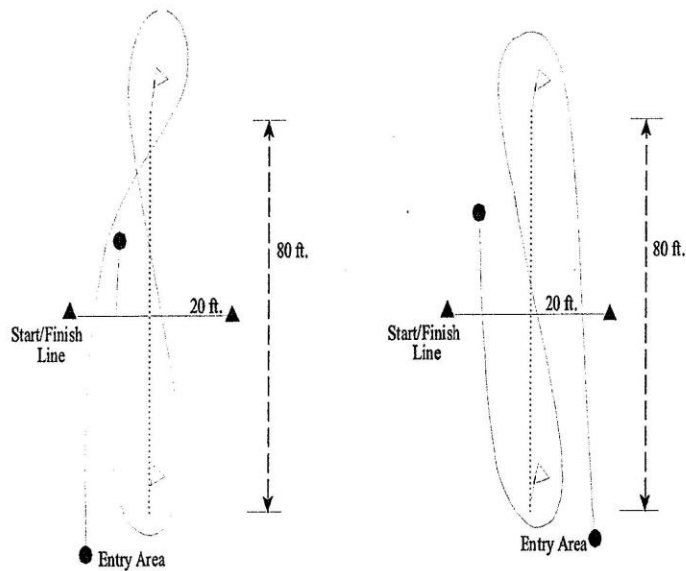
2<sup>nd</sup> – contact your **AREA SUPERINTENDENT – Horses,**  
**Karen Neal at 941-737-7653**; and if they are unable to answer your question

3<sup>rd</sup> – contact the **FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR – Horses,**  
**John Barnott – 941 722-1639**

## STAKE RACE

1. The contestant is allowed a running start. Timing shall begin as soon as the horse's nose reaches the start line and will be stopped when the horse's nose passes over the finish line. Start by crossing start line between upright markers. Contestant may or may not cross center (dotted) line in going to first end marker. At the first marker, contestant may go right or left. Between first turn and second turn horse must cross center (dotted) line. The second turn MUST be opposite the first turn. Finish by crossing or not crossing center (dotted) line between markers.
2. Upright end markers (poles) are set 40 feet on each side of the start/finish line. Two upright markers will be placed on the start/finish line (10 feet on each side of the dotted center line). If an electric timer is used, it is suggested that rubber cones, short enough so as not to interfere with the timer, be used.
3. Knocking over any markers or failure of contestant to cross start/finish line between markers will result in disqualification.
4. Knocking over pole constitutes a five (5) second penalty.

### ACCEPTABLE STAKE RACE PATTERNS



Pattern may be run from either right or left, at discretion of contestant.