

# HORSE DIVISION

**FAIR ENTRY DEADLINE: AUGUST 30, 2024**

**FAIR ENTRY FEE: \$30.00**

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Will Wingo – 979-270-1568  
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COMMITTEE: Dr. Ted Lamp, CJ & Sheila Lequerica, Ashleigh Wingo, Katie Heidemann, Nick & Libby Cifuni, Wade Whatley, Savannah Madison

The purpose of the Austin County Fair Horse Division is to provide 4-H and FFA members an opportunity:

1. To set personal goals
2. To show one's pride in himself/herself and his/her horse
3. To work together as a team with other project members
4. To demonstrate sportsmanship, discipline, and responsibility for their horse's care
5. To learn and apply sound nutritional, hoof, and health practices
6. To provide a continuing program for exercise, fitness, and conditioning
7. To instill a knowledge of proper grooming and handling of a horse to assure each horse will reach its ultimate growth potential.
8. Exhibitors will also demonstrate knowledge of showmanship to exhibit their horse to its best possibility.

Classes at the Fair will be:

Performance Yearling Filly at Halter  
Performance Yearling Gelding at Halter  
Non-Sale Performance Yearlings (if appropriate)  
Junior Showmanship at Halter 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Intermediate Showmanship at Halter 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Senior Showmanship at Halter 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Exhibitors must attend 5 of 6 of the following Weigh-in/Evaluations:**

April 7, Sunday 6pm @ Lequerica Ranch - 867 Granada Rd Sealy, TX – **Mandatory**

May 5, Sunday 6pm @ Lequerica Ranch

June 2, Sunday 6pm @ Lequerica Ranch

**No Meeting in July**

August 4, Sunday 6pm @ Lequerica Ranch

September 8, Sunday 6pm @ Lequerica Ranch

October 6, Sunday 6pm @ Lequerica Ranch – **Mandatory**

**Mandatory Events (Exhibitors must attend)**

August 10, Saturday – 4H Showmanship Progress Show

4H Classes at Progress Show

Junior Showmanship (8-10) age as of show

Intermediate Showmanship (11-13) age as of show

Senior Showmanship (14-18) age as of show  
October 9, Wednesday 7-8:30 am – Colts move into fairgrounds  
October 9, Wednesday – 6 pm - Show  
October 11, Friday 10 am – ACF Youth Auction

The committee will allow one (1) early evaluation with the prior approval of the Committee Chairman.

All meeting times/locations are subject to change at the discretion of the Committee Chairman. We utilize the Remind App to send out reminders and updates. **Please download and ask to be added to Colt Project group!**

If there are two (2) horses or less in a class, the project reserves the right to combine classes.

All exhibitors and their horses will participate in Showmanship Class. The Showmanship exhibitor must be the owner of record.

If a colt is permanently injured or dies before the second mandatory weigh-in, a substitute colt will be accepted for exhibition. This acceptance will be based upon a decision by the project committee and a vet chosen by the committee. This vet will check the colt for verification of permanent disability, which would prevent the colt from being shown or sold at that year's fair. **If a colt has a serious injury at any time during the project, the exhibitor is required to inform the committee.**

All equine entries are subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Austin County Fair and to the rules governing the Youth Auction Sale.

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. It is required that a gelding or filly from the performance horse bloodlines be chosen. Exhibitors in the Austin County Colt Project will exhibit colts from the performance/stock horse lineage with qualities that preserve the working American Quarter Horse type (AQHA or APHA). Exhibitors will select well-mannered individuals in the order of their resemblance to the breed ideal and that are the most positive combination of balance, structural correctness (straight legs), and movement with appropriate breed and sex characteristics and adequate muscling. Colts will be judged on quiet-mindedness and willingness to perform for the exhibitor, as well as his capability to be a good riding horse. The judge will give preference to colts with conformation, structure, balance and quality of movement that is related to the colt's ability to perform under saddle, and who also display a quiet-minded, willing attitude. This class will be judged as a Performance Horse Halter Class. Colts with 20% or more of non-performance bloodlines will not be eligible to be shown.
2. There will be no substitutions after the 1<sup>st</sup> required evaluation except in the case of the colt's death or permanent injury before the 2<sup>nd</sup> mandatory weigh-in as explained above. The committee will evaluate and approve this on a case-by-case basis. All stud colts must be gelded by the April weigh-in.

3. All horses in the Austin County Fair Colt Show and Sale must have been fed and cared for by the exhibitor in an approved location for the duration of the project. Daily care, fitting and handling of the horses will be limited to the exhibitor and his/her immediate family members classified as a person living in the same household. If notified, the Austin County Fair Colt Project Committee members, Austin County Extension Agents or Bellville, Brazos, Faith Academy or Sealy FFA/Ag Science teachers will be allowed to assist. Rules 20 and 21 in the General Rules and Regulations will be strictly enforced. If the exhibitor does not meet the qualification above, the exhibitor will be disqualified from the show and sale.
4. All colts/fillies must have HERDA test results prior to being checked in at the first weigh-in/evaluation.
  - a. **Fillies and Geldings with a HERDA test result of HRD/HRD are NOT eligible to be shown.**
  - b. Fillies/Geldings with a HERDA test result of N/HRD are eligible to be shown.
  - c. Additionally, if a colt/filly is a descendant of any halter-bred lineage, then he/she must also have a negative HYPP test result prior to being checked in on April 7. If HYPP is not labeled on the colt's registration papers, then the colt/filly must be tested for HYPP. Colts AND/OR fillies with a test result of HYPP H/H or HYPP N/H will NOT be eligible to be shown.

ACCEPTABLE Test Results for Eligibility:

SEX	TEST	RESULTS
Filly/Gelding:	HERDA	N/N or N/HRD
	HYPP	N/N
	Coggins	Negative

A COPY OF A NEGATIVE COGGINS, HERDA RESULTS AND/OR NEGATIVE HYPP RESULTS and **clearly documented** proof of VEWT, Flu, Rhino, West Nile Virus and Rabies vaccinations **MUST BE TURNED IN AT THE APRIL EVALUATION.** (We will provide a form for documenting the vaccines.)

Colts must have two (2) rounds of VEWT, Flu, Rhino, and West Nile Virus. There is a 4-week period between initial shot and booster. Strangles vaccines is highly recommended but not mandatory. If giving the Strangles vaccine, be sure to administer booster as well.

5. A current Negative Coggins are required for all horse entries and horses must be sound and in good health upon arrival at any venue, including Lequerica Ranch and the Austin County Fairgrounds.
6. Each 4-H or FFA member is limited to one (1) horse in each division. Divisions are Performance Yearling Fillies at Halter, Performance Yearling Geldings at Halter, and Non-Sale Performance Yearlings at Halter. A 4-H or FFA member cannot show both a Performance Yearling at Halter and a Non-Sale Performance Yearling at Halter.

7. Exhibitor or immediate family member (same household) must own horse(s) on or before the horse's first required evaluation and must continue to own horse(s) throughout the project period.
8. The 1<sup>st</sup> official horse project registration and mandatory weigh-in and evaluation is 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of April at Lequerica Ranch. There will be no other registration date. **Horses should be halter broken and manageable.**
9. The final mandatory soundness evaluation for all exhibitors will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in October at 6 p.m. at Lequerica Ranch on. At this meeting, a soundness exam will be administered by a licensed veterinarian appointed by the Colt Project Committee. The veterinarian will be assisted by the committee. Examination results must be acceptable for the horse to be exhibited and/or sold at the Fair.
10. If a substitute showman is needed to show a colt during the Fair due to a conflict with another show animal, the substitute must be chosen from the Colt Project exhibitors. Also, if a substitute is needed, he/she will only show the colt in the appropriate halter class. He/she will not show the colt in a showmanship.
11. In keeping with the Austin County Fair drug residue avoidance policy, exhibitors are required to pass the Quality Counts Verification test for entry into the 2024 Show. Entries will not be accepted without a verification code for each exhibitor. The Quality Counts training and test can be found at <http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu/verification/>. **ENTRY, RELEASE & INDEMNITY FORM, DRUG CERTIFICATION FORM, W-9 AND APPLICABLE FEES ARE DUE IN THE FAIR OFFICE BY AUGUST 30 via the online entry system at [www.austincountyfair.com](http://www.austincountyfair.com).**
12. The show will be conducted according to AQHA rules and regulations where applicable and will be judged as a Performance Horse Halter class by AQHA/APHA carded judges. Austin County Fair General Rules and Horse Project Rules take precedence over AQHA rules.
13. During the Fair, all horses are subject to blood, urine or saliva tests and re-evaluation conducted by a veterinarian and supervised by the Livestock Superintendent or the Committee Chairman before being administered by a veterinarian. **During the Austin County Fair, all medications must be administered by a Fair veterinarian.**
14. All horses must be shown free of a prohibited substance (medication) in accordance with AQHA rule 441(h), or forfeit its sales check and all other awards. Non-sale animals will forfeit all awards. A prohibited substance is defined as any stimulate (Example: Epinephrine), depressant (Example: Demerol), tranquilizer (Example: Acepromazine), or local anesthetic (Example: Procaine), which may affect the performance of a horse, or any drug classified as a steroid. Also prohibited are any drugs, regardless how harmless or innocuous they might be, which may interfere with the detection of the aforementioned drugs. Such drugs are masking drugs. Some examples of masking drugs are as follows: Polyethylene glycol, Thiamin, Dipyrone, Furosamide, and other potent diuretics, Sulfa drugs, Benzimidazole Anthelmintics (wormer) and Isoxsuprie.

15. Drug Testing will be performed on Grand and Reserve Champion Geldings and Fillies and one (1) random Gelding and Filly. No interfering with testing area and testing official.

## **DIVISIONS**

### YEARLINGS

1. All yearling horses must be foaled between **January 1<sup>st</sup>** and **December 31<sup>st</sup>** of the preceding year of the Fair.
2. All yearling exhibitors are required to have registration papers showing exhibitor's name or showing an immediate family member (same household) as owner.
3. A legible, hard copy of registration papers must be turned in to **Sheila Lequerica** by the April weigh-in.
4. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion mare and gelding in the Yearling division must sell in the Youth Auction Sale. The remaining number of colts to sell will be allocated and established each year by the Austin County Fair Youth Auction Committee. If the exhibitor has another higher placing animal in the sale, the next placed horse of the same gender will move up to sell.
5. The winning horse in this division will be designated Grand Champion Performance Yearling Filly, Reserve Champion Performance Yearling Filly, Grand Champion Performance Yearling Gelding and Reserve Champion Performance Yearling Gelding.

### **CLEAN UP DATES ARE MANDATORY:**

Monday, Sept. 9

Monday, Sept. 16

Monday, Sept. 23 (If necessary)

The entire stall area will be raked, watered down, and additional sand/shavings added to the stalls.

When Youth Auction Sale checks are ready, exhibitors will be contacted. In order to receive their check, exhibitors must bring **STAMPED and ADDRESSED HANDWRITTEN** thank you notes to their buyers and add on donors to the Fair Office. Once the Fair Office has checked their thank you notes, exhibitors will seal them and then receive their check.

For any additional info or questions please contact:

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