

HORSE DIVISION

ENTRY DEADLINE: AUGUST 28, 2020

ENTRY FEE: \$30

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Will Wingo

COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMEN: Aaron Brandt & Cade Schalla

COMMITTEE: Judi Burtschell, Dr. Ted Lamp, CJ and Sheila Lequerica, Kim Morgan, Leigh Ann Schulz, Ashleigh Wingo, Susan Young

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, self-discipline and responsibility for their horse's care
5. To learn and apply sound nutritional, hoof, health and record keeping 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.

Exhibitors will also demonstrate knowledge of showmanship in order to exhibit the horse to its best advantage.

Classes at the Fair will be:

Performance Yearling Filly at Halter

Performance Yearling Gelding at Halter

Non-Sale Performance Yearlings (if appropriate)

Showmanship at Halter 8-10 (age as of Oct. 12, 2020)

Showmanship at Halter 11-13(age as of Oct. 12, 2020)

Showmanship at Halter 14-18(age as of Oct. 12, 2020)

Exhibitors must attend five (5) Evaluations/Clinics:

June 8, Monday - Weigh In

July 12, Sunday – Weigh In

August 2, Sunday – Weigh In

September 8, Tuesday – Weigh In

Mandatory Events that cannot be missed

April 5, Sunday – Initial Weigh In/Intro Meeting

August 15, Saturday – 4H Parent Leader Showmanship Show

October 4, Sunday – Final Soundness Exam/Vet Check

The committee will allow one (1) early evaluation with the prior approval of the Committee Chairman. The project also offers several additional clinics throughout the project. The dates for the additional clinics are TBA.

ALL MEETING TIME(S)/LOCATION(S) ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE HORSE DIVISION COMMITTEE. IF THERE IS A CHANGE, ALL HORSE DIVISION EXHIBITORS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY EMAIL/TEXT MESSAGE. PLEASE BE SURE YOUR EMAIL/CELL PHONE NUMBER IS CURRENT WITH THE HORSE DIVISION COMMITTEE AND CHECK YOUR EMAIL/TEXTS ON A REGULAR BASIS.

***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.

***To exhibit in the Austin County 4-H Showmanship Contest on **Saturday, August 15, 2020**, exhibitors must have attended four mandatory evaluations/clinics that are offered by the Colt Project. Exhibitors are required to write thank you notes to the 4-H Parent Leaders Association for prizes won.

***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.

***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.

2020 RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. It is mandatory that a gelding or filly from the performance horse bloodlines be chosen.

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.

2. There will be no substitutions after the 1st required evaluation except in the case of the colt's death or permanent injury before the 2nd mandatory weigh-in as explained above. Each horse must be eligible to be shown in a show approved by its own breed association. All stud colts must be gelded by the 2nd mandatory weigh-in/evaluation on **Sunday, May 3, 2020**.

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 on **April 5**.
 - 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 5. 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:

<u>SEX</u>	<u>TEST</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
Filly:	HERDA	N/N or N/HRD
	HYPP	N/N
	Coggins	Negative
Colt/Gelding	HERDA	N/N or N/HRD
	HYPP	N/N
	Coggins	Negative

5. 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 FIRST EVALUATION. (We will provide a form for documenting the vaccines.)

VACCINATIONS AVAILABLE TO EXHIBITORS: At the first evaluation on **April 5, 2020**, we will administer vaccines to those colts that need them (first round or booster if you have documentation of prior vaccinations). Vaccines will be given and documented by Dr. Lamp or another licensed veterinarian. We will also offer the booster vaccinations for those that need them at the second mandatory meeting **on May 3, 2020**. You will be responsible for reimbursing the colt project the cost of the vaccines. We will be purchasing these vaccines at vet's cost.

The copy of your COGGINS must be brought to each project meeting for every horse in your trailer. Strangles vaccines is highly recommended but not mandatory. Colts must have two (2) rounds of VEWT, Flu, Rhino, and West Nile Virus (Strangles vaccine is optional; if giving it, there must be a second vaccine given). There is a 4 week minimum between 1st shot and booster.

6. A current Negative Coggins are required for all horse entries and horses must be sound and in good health upon arrival at the Fairgrounds for the Fair.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. The 1st official horse project registration and mandatory weigh-in and evaluation for all exhibitors and horses will be held on **Sunday, April 5, 2020** at 6 p.m. at Lequerica Ranch. There will be no other registration date. Horses should be halter broken and manageable.
10. A negative Coggins and HERDA results and/or negative HYPP results are required; as well as, proof of VEWT, Flu, Rhino, West Nile Virus, and Rabies vaccinations. A copy must be turned in to the project for all project horses at this evaluation. (Copies of records showing the 2nd vaccine administration is due by the **May 3** meeting.)
11. The 2nd weigh-in and evaluation for all exhibitors will be held **Sunday May 3** at 6 p.m. at Lequerica Ranch. Horses must be halter broken, fit and easy to handle. Unfit or unmanageable horses will not be allowed to show at the Showmanship Show, nor at the October Show.
12. The 3rd weigh-in and evaluation for all exhibitors will be held **Monday June 8** at 6 p.m. at Lequerica Ranch. There will also be a showmanship practice for all exhibitors and yearlings at this meeting.
13. The 4th weigh-in and evaluation for all exhibitors will be held **Sunday July 12** at 6 p.m. at Lequerica Ranch. There will also be a showmanship practice for all exhibitors and yearlings at this meeting.
14. The 5th weigh-in and evaluation for all exhibitors will be held **Sunday August 2** at 6 p.m. at Lequerica Ranch. There will also be a showmanship practice for all exhibitors and yearlings at this meeting.
15. The 4-H Parent/Leader Showmanship Show will be **Saturday, August 15** at 9:00 a.m. at the Austin County Fairgrounds. Details will be given at a later date.

16. The 6th weigh-in and evaluation will be held **Tuesday, September 8** at 6 p.m. at Lequerica Ranch. This will be the final weigh in before the fair.
17. The final mandatory soundness evaluation for all exhibitors will be **Sunday, October 4** 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. Each veterinarian will be assisted by a person that both veterinarians deem appropriate. Examination results must be acceptable for the horse to be exhibited and/or sold at the Fair.
18. If a substitute showman is needed to show a colt during the Fair due to an academic failure or 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.
19. Entry fee per horse exhibited will be payable at the time of sign-up through 4-H or FFA Club. Cards furnished by 4-H and/or FFA clubs must be turned in on each horse to be exhibited.
20. 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 2020 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/>.

ALL ENTRY CARDS, RELEASE & INDEMNITY FORM, DRUG CERTIFICATION FORM, W-9 AND APPLICABLE FEES ARE DUE IN THE FAIR OFFICE BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2020. (4-H Exhibitor's cards must be turned in to the Austin County Extension Office by August 20, 2020.)
21. 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.
22. 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.**
23. 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.

24. 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.
25. Horses must arrive at the fairgrounds on **Wednesday, October 7** between Noon and 2:00 p.m., and may not leave until 11:00 a.m. on **Sunday, October 11**. Exhibitors will unload in the alley between the cattle barn and the horse barn after entering the Fairgrounds through Gate 3. (Tack boxes, supplies and feed/hay must be unloaded on **Monday, October 5th**. If not, they must be carted/carried in from Gate 3 parking lot.)
26. Quality Counts: In keeping with the Austin County Fair drug residue avoidance policy, ALL exhibitors are now required to pass the “NEW” Quality Counts Verification test for entry into the 2020 Show. Junior market and breeding show entries will not be accepted without verification code for each exhibitor. Verification codes are not required for Agricultural Mechanics exhibitors and Judging Contest contestants. The Quality Counts training and test can be found at: <https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx>
27. **It is absolutely unethical for anyone to ask the buyer of an exhibit to donate or sell back a sale lot to the exhibitor. The Fair Board will not tolerate exhibitors asking for animals to be donated or sold back. The violation of this rule could result in the forfeiture of any monies and/or prizes earned and be subject to other penalties assessed by the Austin County Fair.**
28. **No request to change the destination of the purchased animal(s) may be made by the exhibitor or parent, the buyers written request is final. Once the buyer submits the written form to the sales clerk, the buyer is the only individual allowed to make changes to delivery or destination.**

DIVISIONS

YEARLINGS

1. All yearling horses must be foaled between **January 1st** and **December 31st** of the preceding year. (Foaled during 2019)
2. All yearling exhibitors are required to have registration papers showing exhibitors name or showing an immediate family member (same household) as owner.
3. A clear Xeroxed copy of registration papers must be turned in to **Susan Young** by the May 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.

YEARLING – NON-SALE DIVISION

1. The rules for the non-sale yearlings are the same as the Sale Yearling division horses except the non-sale yearlings are not eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion, nor are they eligible for the Youth Auction Sale.
2. A Xeroxed copy of registration papers must be turned in to **Susan Young** by the May evaluation.

RECORD BOOKS

1. Record books will **NOT** be mandatory. Record books will be optional for the 2020 fair. The necessary criteria and forms will be distributed at the informational meeting. Records that need to be kept should include: expenses (feed, veterinary visits and supplies, barn supplies related to the colt, etc.), training log, shows attended (if any), etc. Pictures will not be included. Records should be recorded by each exhibitor. Recordkeeping will begin when the colt is bought, or if bought before March 1 and if records are not available, recordkeeping should begin on **March 1**. Record books are due on **October 7** unless notified otherwise.

STALL INFORMATION

1. Stalls will be picked on **Monday, September 21**. Stalls will be determined by the number of meetings that each exhibitor attends during the year, then seniority in the project. This total will be based on the number of mandatory AND optional meetings that were attended. The exhibitors with the highest number of attended meetings will be able to draw first to pick their stall for the Fair. Each exhibitor or a family member must be in attendance to pick the stalls. For any exhibitor not in attendance when stalls are picked, a stall will be drawn for them from the remaining stalls.
2. Stall decorations must be completed no later than **Monday, October 5**.
3. No show boxes, feed, hay, etc. will be allowed to unload in the stall area after **Monday, October 5**. Items may be carted in from Gate 3 parking lot if needed.

CLEAN UP DATES ARE MANDATORY:

Monday, Sept. 14, 2020

Monday, Sept. 21, 2020

Monday, Sept. 28, 2020

All exhibitors must have **STAMPED, ADDRESSED AND SEALED** thank you notes to their buyers and add on donors in the Fair Office to be mailed by the office before **November 15** or their check will not be issued. No checks will be distributed at the Fair Office.