

AMADOR COUNTY FAIR HORSE SHOW RULES

HORSE SHOW EXHIBITORS

ENTRIES OPEN MONDAY, MAY 1ST

ENTRIES CLOSE: FRI., JULY 17TH

ANY CLASSES ALLOWING POST ENTRIES (i.e. GYMKHANA & CUTTING) WILL BE HANDELED AT THE HORSE SHOW OFFICE THE DAY OF THE SHOW!!

Under the all-pay system, a reduced admission credential will be issued per the following schedule:

GROUND'S ADMISSION ONLY for all 4 days at the reduced rate of **\$17 for all Junior Exhibitors and \$30 for Adult Exhibitors, Leaders, Advisors & Parents** and are non-transferable. Purchase must be made at the time of exhibitor's entry.

HORSE SHOW STOCK TRAILERS & PULL VEHICLE PARKING PASSES:

PARKING PASS MUST BE IN VEHICLE AND VISIBLE AT ALL TIMES. Vehicles that do not have a valid parking permit will be subject to being towed. Due to the lack of parking in livestock/camping area, **All Livestock/Horse Trailers MUST** Park in the "Overflow" trailer-parking area on the south end of the camping area (Greilich Property) or removed from grounds. A Penalty for trailers left in camping area will be subject to a \$50 parking fee per day.

HORSE STALLS & STALL FEES:

Box Stalls - Horse or Tack = \$15 per day or \$70 for the week of FAIR. PLEASE INDICATE WHICH NIGHTS YOU WILL BE STAYING. Horses may arrive any time after 8 am, Tuesday, July 28th. Stalls must be vacated by 8 am Monday, August 3rd. The Stalling chart will be posted at the Horse Show Office on July 28th. **STALLS ARE NOT GUARANTEED.** Groups of horses will be given priority. **NO CAMPING ALLOWED IN HORSE STALLS!!** Damage to stalls will be the responsibility of the renter. Single day rental must vacate stall by 7 am of the following day.

BARN A IS RESERVED FOR CATTLEMAN'S DAY AND CUTTING EXHIBITORS ONLY!

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1. The State rules & scorecard for California fairs & the State horse health rules apply to this horse show!

Unless other rules are specified, **rules** and definitions for conducting each class, as contained in the Rule Book of the United States Equestrian Federation will apply to this Horse Show provided, they do not conflict with any of the State rules and regulations provided by the Division of Fairs & Expositions of the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

2. NO MORE THAN ONE OWNERSHIP PER ENTRY FORM.

3. MINIMUM CLASS: In no instance will money classes be conducted that are composed of fewer than three exhibits or fewer than two exhibitors; in no instance will ribbon classes be conducted that are composed of fewer than 2 exhibits. **When entries are less than minimum class of 3 at the closing date of entries, the class will be canceled.** Canceled entries may be transferred without penalty into other classes of the same division. Should entries fall below the minimum after the closing date of entries, a class may be continued with no premiums.

4. EXHIBITOR'S AGE: For horse show purposes, the **age** of an individual on December 1st (previous year) will be maintained throughout the entire year.

5. PONIES: entered in classes in which horses are eligible to compete cannot be shown in pony classes at the same show. Fair Management can restrict ponies from entering certain classes by

stating so wherever applicable in the Exhibitors Guide.

6. JUNIOR EXHIBITORS: (under 18 years of age) will be allowed to enter **Stallions** but will not be allowed to ride or show the stallions. All children's mounts (mares & geldings ONLY) must be suitable for and be handled or ridden by a Junior exhibitor who has not yet reached his/her 18th birthday on December 1st of the previous year. Horses may not be shown in more than one age group within a division except in equitation classes where only the rider is judged. Horses entered in the Junior horse show are eligible to show in the Open horse show where qualified. **All Junior exhibitors must wear approved safety helmets. Junior exhibitors in 4-H, FFA or Grange classes must wear properly strapped and approved headgear in mounted or horse drawn competitions.**

7. ANY SINGLE CLASS, which receives at least fifty (50) or more entries, must be split and premiums doubled. The Fair must retain an entry fee of at least \$15.00 per entry.

8. PRIZE MONEY: Fair Management may retain prize money won in this department no longer than twenty-one (21) days after the close of the horse show.

9. JUNIOR EXHIBITORS will be allowed to enter all classes offered except those specified as 18 & over.

10. REFUNDS: Requests must be made in writing to the Fair and may be granted upon approval of the Fair Management. Refunds may be made only because of sickness, accident, or death, cancellation

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of a class, or return of entries for lack of exhibit space. Requests involving the health or soundness of an animal must be accompanied by a Veterinarian's Certificate. NO refunds under \$5.00.

11. DRUG FEE: Horses are subject to random drug and medication testing specified in the Food and Agricultural Code Sections 24000-24018. The applicable fee is \$14.00 per horse per event. Exemption as follows: As of January 1, 2026: A public horse show in which the class or event entry fee is fifteen dollars (\$15) or less, and either no other fees are charged, or all other fees combined do not exceed sixty dollars (\$60). Fees charged may include ground fees, stall fees, or any other fees composed of money, goods, or services assessed to permit competitors to enter into the event.

12. CROSS-ENTERED: Horses may be cross-entered into any classes for which they qualify according to place specifications. No cross entry will be allowed between Lead Line and Walk Jog/Trot classes. Horses shown in Junior classes may also be shown in open classes. Walk Jog/Trot 10 & Under **cannot** enter into Lope classes.

13. ENTRY FORMS & FEES: NO entry form will be accepted unless the exhibitor & his/her authorized agent **SIGN IT**. ALL FEES & RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY FORMS. If the bank refuses the check for the entry fee, a penalty of \$50.00 per check must be paid before judging the class.

14. WAIVERS: ALL exhibitors are required to sign a Release & Waiver of Liability Agreement to exhibit in the livestock & horse show. Exhibitors under the age of 18 years **require** a parent or guardian signature.

15. THE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE OWNER, NOT THE TRAINER OR AGENT, MUST BE SHOWN ON EACH FORM, INCLUDING ZIP CODE.

16. INDEMNIFY & HOLD HARMLESS: The exhibitors & parents/guardians of minor exhibitors shall indemnify & hold harmless the Management, its Employees & Officials from any & all liability on account of injury or loss sustained by any exhibitor, child or ward of such parents or guardians in any manner occasioned. **No child's entry will be accepted unless a parent or guardian signs the entry blank.** The signatures of trainers, instructors, agents, or other related persons are **NOT** acceptable. Entry blank **MUST** be completed in every respect, including the Release & Waiver of Liability Agreement.

17. SIDESADDLE: Exhibitors are eligible for any class in which they meet the class requirements. Suitable attire and equipment are required.

18. POST ENTRIES: MAY BE ACCEPTED AT AN ADDITIONAL \$5 FEE PER ENTRANT FOR THE GYMKHANA & CUTTING CLASSES. NOT IN 4-H, GRANGE, FFA AND TEAM/CATTLE CLASSES.

19. LIABILITY FOR STALL DAMAGES: Charges for damage to any stalls, which includes removal of stall boards, will be billed to the exhibitor, and failure to make payment shall prohibit the exhibitor or his /her horses and/or livestock from making future entries at the Amador County Fair. In the event the exhibitor has won premium awards, replacement costs will be Exhibitors failing to observe this rule shall forfeit entries and winnings to the Fair. deducted from said premiums. Exhibitors will be expected to keep stalls clean, and aisles swept down.

20. SIGNS: No "For Sale" signs will be permitted to be placed upon any exhibit or in any building of the Amador County Fair. There is no objection to private sales, but in case a sale is made, no sign announcing the sale may be placed in or upon any building.

21. DEFINITIONS: "NON-COLOR" & "COLOR" HORSES:

a) **NON-COLOR HORSES:** Sorrel, bay, chestnut, black. Note: Color breed horses that do not exhibit the color patterns of the breed & meet the color requirements of "Non-Color" may be shown as "non-color," e.g., a solid-colored horse with Paint bloodlines; an Appaloosa with no blanket or leopard markings, etc.

b) **COLOR HORSES:** Grey, grulla, dun, buckskin, Paint/Pinto, Palomino, Appaloosa, etc. Exception: A color breed horse that exhibits no characteristic coloring for the breed and meets the criteria of "non-color," e.g., a horse with Paint or Pinto breeding but is solid sorrel, a horse with Appaloosa breeding with no blanket or leopard markings (See Non-Color).

22. INSURANCE: The Amador County Fair would like to make you aware as an exhibitor there is NO liability coverage provided on your behalf in the event that your animal/exhibit would cause bodily injury or property damage. We as the Fair will pay for this insurance out of the 7% auction commission to ensure that you are covered for any liability to you while participating as an exhibitor at the Amador County Fair. This is a blanket policy that covers all Livestock and Horse Show exhibitors for the duration of the fair. Special events insurance is available through the California Fair Services Authority (CFSA). Contact the Fair office for rates.

23. STOCK TRAILERS: Due to the lack of parking in livestock area, all stock trailers will be subject to a \$50 parking fee per day if left in the livestock/camping area overnight. Overflow trailer parking is available, or please remove all stock trailers if exhibiting more than one day.

24. NOVICE RIDER: A rider that has not won more than 3 blue ribbons (1st place).

25. NOVICE HORSE: A horse that has not won more than 3 blue ribbons (1st place).

26. AMATEUR: A person who is 18 yrs. or older and has not been paid for riding, driving, showing in-halter/in-hand training, schooling, or conducting clinics or seminars.

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27. PROFESSIONAL: A person who is 18 yrs. or older and has been paid for riding, driving, showing in-halter/in-hand training, schooling, or conducting clinics or seminars.

28. GREEN HORSE: A green pleasure horse is a horse that has not been shown in any pleasure horse class prior to Dec. 1 of the previous year, excluding pleasure futurities.

29. JUNIOR HORSE: (Horses 5 years and under) a junior horse may be shown in a hackamore or a ring snaffle and may be ridden with two hands or may be shown in a bridle one handed, cutting class included.

30. ELIGIBILITY & AGE REQUIREMENTS:

4-H CLUB MEMBERS: Amador County Club members only, who are under the supervision of the University of California Cooperative Extension. Junior, Intermediate & Senior members must be 9 years old or in the 4th Grade by January 1st of the Fair year in which they will be exhibiting horses. Exhibitors may compete/exhibit through December 31 of the year in which they turn 19 years of age.

GRANGE: Amador County Grange members who are under the supervision of the California State Grange and are residents of Amador County. Grange members must be 9 years old on January 1 to exhibit large animals. They may exhibit until the end of the calendar year in which they reach age 19. Grange Youth must be 9 years old on January 1 to exhibit large animals (horses, cattle, sheep, swine, llamas) Grange members 12 and under show with 4-H; 13 and over with FFA. Age determined as of the first day of the Junior Livestock Judging.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA: Amador County members only who are under the supervision of the Bureau of Agricultural Education and who are in good standing with their local and state organization. FFA members may participate as members until the end of the calendar year following the year of graduation from high school.

INDEPENDENT EXHIBITORS: Must be residents of Amador County or attend Amador County Schools and at least 9 years of age or in the 4th Grade by January 1. Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31 of the year in which they turn 19 years of age. 12 and under show with 4-H; 13 and over with FFA Exhibitors will be placed/penned within their age-appropriate classes/barn. Independent Youth ages 5 suggested will be blue pants and white long or short-sleeved shirt, no hat/cap, appropriate closed toe shoes/boots.

31. LOCAL DIVISION: Any class designated as "Local" may be entered only by legal residents or producers in Amador or Calaveras County or that part of El Dorado County lying south of the middle fork of the Cosumnes River.

32. IMPORTANT: RESIDENCY: All exhibitors will be required to prove residency. By presenting a copy of anyone, or combination of the following items requested by Fair Management: driver's license showing residence address, or Producer of livestock in normal marketable quantity or commercial quantities, the specific type of animal or product entered within the designated area or property owner lease agreement. In the event the exhibitor is under 18 years of age, the exhibitor's legal parent(s) or guardian will be responsible for proof of residency.

33. OWNERSHIP OR LEASE: Any horse exhibited in the junior or youth division must be owned or leased by the junior exhibitor showing the horse or owned by the junior exhibitor's immediate family. See State Rules. Horse projects must be owned or leased by and under the exhibitor's care and management and under the supervision of the organization in which the project will be shown 120 consecutive days prior to the opening day of fair or event/show if held separate from fair See State Rules for more details.

Horse Lease is due by March 30, 2026. (Minimum of 120 days prior to Fair, date to be set by the Fair).

[https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/FairsAndExpositions/Documents/Circular Letters/2026/2026 State Rules for California Fairs.pdf](https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/FairsAndExpositions/Documents/Circular%20Letters/2026/2026%20State%20Rules%20for%20California%20Fairs.pdf)

34. CLOTHING AND TACK:

a. Clothing shall be neat & clean, either Western or English riding attire, but not mixed, except where required for safety (**i.e. hard hat, must be worn by riders 18 years & under**). A long or short-sleeve shirt is permitted and must be able to be tucked into pants. A button or snap closure is preferred. No crop tops or half shirts. Long sleeve shirts must have sleeves rolled down and snapped/buttoned at cuff. Only two buttons at the top of the shirt may be left unbuttoned. Neckline on any other type shirt must be comparable to a button type shirt. If a belt is worn, it must completely circle the waist. No half belts or hanging type are allowed. Boots or shoes must have an ample heel (1/2") and a smooth sole. No waffle type soles of 1/8" deep.

b. 4-H Unofficial Uniform: Long Sleeved button down shirt with either 4-H scarf or 4-H Tie, White or Dark Blue Jeans, Boots, Helmet when riding. Showmanship you may wear a 4-H hat or a Cowbot hat.

c. Tack: Any appropriate, neat and humane Western or English equipment may be used, but not mixed, with the following exception: The judge may prohibit the use of bits or equipment he/she may consider severe or unsafe. Riders are permitted to use whips, crops, quirts and spurs if used sparingly, so long as these aids do not result in abuse of the horse. A rider may use any part of the horse or saddle to maintain balance.

35. ALL breeds including "Gaited" horses are eligible to compete in any class not specifically identified to a breed without concern of prejudice.

36. ANYTHING OTHER THAN STRAW OR SHAVINGS IS PROHIBITED FOR LIVESTOCK BEDDING.

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SPEAKING TO A JUDGE & COACHING

Absolutely no speaking to a judge unless asked a question by the judge. Do not blantly coach from the outside of the arena during classes. NO SHOUTING OR PROFANITY!

SPECIFIC RULES FOR: HORSEMANSHIP, SHOWMANSHIP, NOVEL COSTUME CLASS & GYMKHANA

EXHIBITORS ARE ON THE HONOR SYSTEM FOR
QUALIFICATIONS.

HORSEMANSHIP:

The art or practice of riding on horseback.

SHOWMANSHIP:

Presenting the horse with the rider on the ground.

NOVEL COSTUME CLASS

Open to horses and Amador County residents ONLY. To be shown only at a walk. May be lead lined without penalty.

TO BE JUDGED ON ORIGINALITY AND UNIQUENESS: 50%; construction and effort, 25%; on appearance and appeal, 25% judging will be based on how cosmetics, paints, fabrics, ribbons, or any paraphernalia are used to enhance the overall appearance. ALL children under the age of five (5) must wear a helmet.



Danish Style of Judging for Ribbons. The Danish system of judging is based on established standards of quality for each type of product. In this system each exhibit is judged according to how well it meets that standard rather than how well it compares to other exhibits. **American Style of judging for premiums & award, if sponsored.**

GYMKHANA CLASS RULES - CGA:

1. CLOTHING AND TACK: (a) Clothing shall be neat and clean, either Western or English riding attire, but not mixed, except where required for safety (i.e. **hard hat, must be worn by riders 18 & under**). A long or short sleeve shirt is permitted and must be able to be tucked into pants. A button or snap closure is preferred. No crop tops or half shirts. Long sleeve shirts must have sleeves rolled down and snapped/buttoned at cuff. Only two buttons at the top of the shirt may be left unbuttoned. Neckline on any other type shirt must be comparable to a button type shirt. If a belt is worn, it must completely circle the waist. No half belts or hanging type are allowed. Boots or shoe must have

an ample heel (1/2") and a smooth sole. No waffle type soles of 1/8" deep.(b) Tack: Any appropriate, neat and humane Western and/or English equipment may be used with the following exception: The judge may prohibit the use of bits or equipment he/she may consider severe or unsafe. Riders are permitted to use whips, crops, quirts and spurs if used sparingly, so long as these aids do not result in abuse of the horse. A rider may use any part of the horse or saddle to maintain balance. Use of a tie down is permitted.

2. CRUEL OR INHUMANE TREATMENT OF HORSE:

Spurring, striking or beating in any manner whatsoever, forward of the cinch after entering the arena, will result in immediate disqualification of the contestant. The contestant will likewise be disqualified if there is any indication of cruelty such as welts, cuts, bleeding or marks on the animal.

3. ENTERING THE ARENA: A rider may be assisted through the gate. However, the rider must ride their horse into the arena.

4. LOSS OF CONTROL: Any one of the following will be considered loss of control and will result in disqualification:

(a) Failure to Show Control of Horse: The horse must be brought under control before beginning the course to show that the rider has complete control. The judge will signal approval for the run only if the rider shows control of the horse. The rider must wait for the judge's approval prior to beginning the run.

(b) Failure to Begin Course: After entering the arena, the rider must begin the course within one minute after the judge gives the ready signal.

(c) Unruly Horse: The horse must not be unruly such that, in the opinion of the judge, the safety of the rider might be in jeopardy.

(d) Falling Off Horse While On Course:

(e) Failure to Enter Arena: The horse and rider must enter the arena within one minute after being notified by the judge.

(f) Failure to Complete a Course: An exhibitor shall be disqualified if, in the opinion of the judge, the course is not completed within a reasonable period of time. This includes problems resulting from the loss or breakage of equipment or tack while negotiating the course wherein the difficulty prevents completion of the course.

(g) Use of Illegal Drugs or Alcoholic Beverages: No persons are allowed to consume or be under the influence of any alcoholic beverage or use or have in their possession any illegal drugs while they are participating in an event.

5. RUN THE COURSE: The course must be run in accordance with the prescribed pattern. A horse is on course when any part of the horse crosses the start/finish line. If a rider goes off course, but corrects the course, and completes the prescribed pattern, there will be no disqualification or penalty.

6. KNOCKING DOWN OR TOUCHING OBSTACLES:

Knocking down or dislodging any obstacle, including timing poles, shall result in a two second penalty for each obstacle (pole, barrel, etc.) knocked down or dislodged.

However, touching an obstacle with the intent of keeping it from going down shall not result in a penalty. An obstacle that has been knocked to the ground and bounces back to an upright position will be considered a downed obstacle.

7. FINISH THE COURSE: AFTER THE COURSE IS COMPLETED, THE HORSE MUST BE BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL BEFORE LEAVING THE ARENA. THE RIDER MAY CIRCLE TO BRING THE HORSE UNDER CONTROL

ALL OTHER LOCAL RULES APPLY
**ANYONE NOT ADHERING TO THE RULES WILL BE
SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION!!!**

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SPECIFIC RULES FOR:

CATTLE SORTING, CALF BRANDING, 2 MAN CATTLE PENNING, 3 MAN CATTLE PENNING, REAL RANCH CATTLE PENNING, TEAM ROPING, AND TWO - HANDED RANCH CUTTING.

SCHEDULE OF CHARGES AND AWARDS

\$125 Purse - \$15/\$50 Add back Cattle Charge included

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	
50%	30%	20%	If 3 Teams Qualify
60%	40%		If 2 Teams Qualify
100%			If 1 Team Qualifies

Cutting Horse

\$120 Purse Prize Money				
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
30%	25%	20%	15%	10%
Purse + Add Back				

ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED OFFICIALLY ON ANY TEAM EVENT UNTIL ALL FEES ARE PAID AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE TEAM ARE NAMED AND WAIVERS ARE SIGNED ON ENTRY AND RESIDENCE IS VERIFIED.

CATTLE SORTING RULES:

LIMITED TO THE FIRST 30 TEAMS ENTERED - NO POST ENTRIES ALLOWED

Open to residents and producers of Amador, El Dorado and Calaveras Counties.

Horses may be cross entered from other divisions. A team will consist of two (2) riders. There shall be ten animals in the arena/pen at the beginning of a run. The start/foul line will be a 12 ft. opening between the two pens of equal size, approx. 50 to 60 ft. There will be 90 second time limit on each run with a 30 second warning if time permits.

The cattle will be bunched in the back of the pen before the run begins. Time begins when the nose of the first horse crosses the start/foul line and the judge drops the flag. The designated starting cattle number will be announced immediately after the flag drops. The team must sort the cattle in numerical order beginning with the designated starting number. A cow is considered sorted when the cow is completely across the start/foul line. If any part of a sorted cow re-crosses the start/foul line, the team will be disqualified. If any part of a cow that is out of numerical sequence crosses the start/foul line, the team will be disqualified. The team sorting the highest number of cattle in the fastest time wins. The number of cattle sorted will be recorded when the clock stops unless the team is issued a No Time/Disqualification. All ties will run a tie breaker run. Any re-ride given by the judge will begin with the same sorted cattle in the sorted end of the arena and the same time on the clock as when the judge stopped the clock.

The judge may grant re-rides if one of the following events occurs

- A non-sorted cow escapes the arena.
- A cow's life or health is in jeopardy as determined by the judge.

- A cow becomes unidentifiable during the run, (i.e.:a number comes off)
- An official or mechanical error.

In the event of any of the above occurring, the team will have the option of the following. Accept as the number of cattle sorted at the occurrence, as the number of cattle sorted in the maximum time allowed (the team score). Ask immediately for a re-ride. If a team observes a cow that is injured, unworkable or unidentifiable, they may request the judge to replace the number before run begins. The Judge's decision is final. When the judge rules that a cow is injured, unworkable or unidentifiable before the run begins, the cow will be replaced or re-numbered. All previous times on the same herd will remain the same. All roughing calls will be made at the judge's discretion. All judge's decisions are final!!

CALF BRANDING CONTEST RULES:

LIMITED TO THE FIRST 15 TEAMS
NO POST ENTRIES ALLOWED

Open to residents and producers of Amador, El Dorado and Calaveras Counties.

Each team will consist of four (4) people. Each contestant can go twice as long as they are on separate teams. Two to rope the first calf, the other two on the ground. Ropers will switch with ground crew on the second calf. Each team will first head and then heel a total of two heads. The animal must be headed first, then heeled, or the team will be disqualified. TIME LIMIT - Four minutes to brand two calves. Time will become progressive once 6 legal times have been established. Two legal catches: around the neck or neck and front leg. All four feet must be within the stretch ropes before the calf is branded. If a foot is lost, it must be replaced before branding. Branding iron may not be removed from paint pot until all four feet are in ropes. A maximum of 3 loops per calf is allowed on the heels. Ground crew can then throw the calf and set rope on the feet. Each loop must be an honest effort - if not, a 30-second penalty will be assessed for each throw. Calves must be headed and heeled before ground crew can leave the designated area, except: They can pick up a dropped rope from the ropers without a penalty if they are back in designated area before the calf is heeled. They can pick up a dropped head rope without going back to designated area if calf is already heeled. Final time will not end until the second calf is on its feet, free of the ropes and the iron is back in the pot and ground crew back in the designated area. No one except the team and judges are allowed in the pen. Once the contest has started, there will be no discussion with the judges. If a fence goes down, all watches are stopped. Time will be recorded, watches cleared and restarted. That time will be added to the first time. Brand location may change depending on the number of calves available, if change occurs contestants will be notified. All contestants must wear a cowboy hat and long-sleeved shirt, and boots or shoes must have a distinguishable heel. Helmets recommended.

PENALTIES:

60 seconds if calf is branded before all 4 feet are in ropes. 30 seconds if ground crew leaves designated area before calf is headed and heeled. 30 seconds for improperly placed or upside-down brand. The brand must be right rib, not more than 2 to 6 inches from backbone and 6 inches back from shoulder blade. Undue roughness will disqualify the team.

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2-MAN CATTLE PENNING RULES: **LIMITED TO THE FIRST 30 TEAMS ENTERED** **NO POST ENTRIES ALLOWED**

Open to residents and producers of Amador,
El Dorado and Calaveras Counties.

1. ALL CONTESTANTS MUST SIGN A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND BE TURNED IN. IF UNDER 18, PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED.
2. All contestants must wear a cowboy hat or helmet and a long-sleeved western style shirt or blouse.
3. The competition will be on a timed basis with a 3-minute time limit. The 6th place time will act as the elimination time. A 1-minute warning will be given if time permits.
4. Each team will consist of 2 riders. Time will begin when the first rider crosses the start time.
5. Contestants will sort cattle assigned out of pen prior to penning in the arena. There will be 3 head of cattle in the arena. Teams will pen the 3 head.
6. To call for time, one rider must raise their hand for the flag as the horse's nose crosses the opening of the catch pen.
7. In the event that a team is unable to pen 3 cattle, awards will be named according to the fastest time made by the teams penning 2 cattle. If one team pens 3 cattle within the allotted 3 minutes, that team will take precedence over 2 cattle, regardless of time.
8. Judge's decision is Final.

DISQUALIFICATIONS:

1. Riding a horse completely into the catch pen will disqualify the team.
2. No hazing and/or contact with cattle by hands, hats, ropes, whips, romals or any other equipment.
3. No charging the cattle and/or slamming the cattle into a gate or fence.
4. Losing control of a rider's horse.

YOUTH CATTLE PENNING RULES: **LIMITED TO THE FIRST 15 TEAMS ENTERED** **NO POST ENTRIES ALLOWED**

Rules to follow: Same as 2-Man Cattle Penning

3- MAN LOCAL CATTLE PENNING RULES: **LIMITED TO THE FIRST 30 ENTRIES** **NO POST ENTRIES ALLOWED**

Open to residents and producers of Amador,
El Dorado and Calaveras Counties.

Horses may be cross entered from other divisions. A team consists of three (3) riders. Each rider may enter twice; however, the same team may not enter twice. Riders may only enter twice if class is not full, they are on the official waiting list, and they are entered with a different partner. Within a 2.5-minute limit, a team must cut out from the herd and pen three head of cattle with the assigned (same) identity number. The fastest time wins. A team may call for time with only one or two assigned cattle penned. However, teams penning three cattle places higher than two, and two places higher than one, regardless of the number of cattle penned, or time. All cattle will be bunched on the cattle side of the starting line before time begins. Flagman will raise the flag to signal when arena is ready. Contestants must gallop across the starting line immediately upon being given their cattle penning number by the announcer. Riders are committed once they enter the arena. Any delay will be a

disqualification. Time starts when any rider crosses the starting line. When the first 6 times are established, the time limit will then become progressive. To call for time, one rider must ride in gate and raise a hand for the flag. However, time continues until all un-penned cattle are on the cattle side of the starting line, including assigned, but un-penned, cattle. Contact with the cattle by hands, hat, ropes, bats, romals or any other equipment is a disqualification. A team exhibiting any unnecessary roughness will be judged no time. No hazing with whips or ropes is allowed. Romals or reins may be swung or popped on chaps or horses. A team calling for time with any wrong-numbered cattle in pen will be judged no time. If more than 4 head of cattle are brought across the starting line, the team will be judged no time. Once committed to the cattle, the team is completely responsible for their animals. It is the team's responsibility before working the cattle to pull up and call for a judge's decision if, in their opinion, there is an injured or unusable animal in their numbered cattle. Once their cattle are worked, no excuses are accepted. If an animal leaves the arena, either over or through the fence, the team can either be disqualified for unnecessary roughness, or can be given time on their remaining cattle, depending on the judge's decision. In the event that an animal bearing a number other than the number that the team has drawn escapes from the arena and said number has not yet been used in that section, and in the opinion of the judge the animal cannot practically be returned to the arena immediately, the number on the escaped animal is removed from the draw, and work continues in that section to the next to the last team. The last team in that section, being the team, whose number was removed, would then be sent back to work last in the go-around. Should this situation occur more than once, the same procedure shall be followed in the event that the animal is, in the opinion of the judge, disabled. All contestants must wear a cowboy hat, long-sleeved shirt and boots or shoes must have a distinguishable heel. All members of a team must enter on the same entry form. In the event of a tie affecting the placing, each team will be allowed to pen one (1) numbered animal. The fastest time breaks the tie. All Judge's decisions are final!

REAL RANCH CATTLE PENNING RULES: **LIMITED TO THE FIRST 10 TEAMS ENTERED -** **NO POST ENTRIES ALLOWED**

Open to residents and producers of Amador,
El Dorado and Calaveras Counties.

ALL LIVESTOCK MUST ENTER AND EXIT THROUGH REAR OF THE TRAILER.

Competition will be on a timed basis, with a 5 minute time limit. The six fastest times will act as elimination times. A 30-second warning will be given if time permits. Teams will be comprised of three (3) people including one truck driver (must hold a valid driver's license), two horseback riders, two saddled horses and up to two dogs. A team loading three head will automatically beat a team only loading two head, providing all rules are followed. Prior to the team entering the arena, three head of cattle will be released into the arena. Official time will begin when the front bumper of the truck passes through the gate into the arena (teams are not responsible for closing the gate). All team members must be in the cab of the truck, with saddle horses in the trailer & panels attached to the exterior of the trailer. There will be a piece of organic or inorganic matter (tree, rock, log loader, etc.) in the arena, which may be used as part of the catch pen. It is up to each individual team if they want to use the organic or inorganic material. The teams will situate the trailer & panels in the arena, staying at least 32 feet away from any fence. At no time is a team allowed to use an

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existing fence as part of their catch pen. The team members must pen the cattle in the trailer, close the middle door, load the horses, load the panels on the outside of the trailer in a manner safe to travel; and then load themselves into the cab of the truck. Time will stop when all the team members are in the vehicle with the doors closed. Decision of the judge is final. Equipment required (to be provided by exhibitor): One livestock trailer (with middle door) attached to a running truck; two saddled horses; one or two dogs (dogs are optional); one, two or three 16-foot panels (maximum) which are to be attached to the exterior of the trailer (panels optional).

PENALTIES:

Roping of a dog, cattle or partner will result in disqualification. Screaming NOT allowed!!! A 10-second penalty for any panel falling off the trailer as that trailer is entering the arena. Hazardous driving that results in cattle or horses losing their footing will result in disqualification.

LOCAL TEAM ROPING:
LIMITED TO THE FIRST 30 TEAMS ENTERED -
NO POST ENTRIES ALLOWED

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Horses may be cross entered from other divisions. Riders may only enter twice if class is not full; exhibitors of a

second team will be on an official waiting list and must be entered with a different partner. PRCA Association dally team roping rules prevail. All Contestants must wear a cowboy hat, long-sleeved shirt and boots or shoes must have a distinguishable heel. Helmets recommended.

AMADOR COUNTY FAIR RANCH
CUTTING:

Horse should be reined in this class to show their ability to work a cow as if they were in a ranch setting. Any bit is permissible under NCHA Rules (NCHA Judging Rule16) including Snaffles & Hackamores. **Must** be reined with one or two hands.

This class is designed for horses and riders who **do not compete currently in Cutting or Reined Cow Horse events (unless it's a specific Ranch Horse Class)**. This is a Non-Pro class – please no Equine trainers. Management has the right to refuse an entry that does not fit the above criteria.

ANYONE NOT ADHERING TO THE
RULES WILL BE SUBJECT TO
DISQUALIFICATION

“MORE COWBELL!”

HORSE SHOW MANAGER
 BARBARA REILLY

4-H/GRANGE/FFA, Gymkhana, Cattleman’s Day & Cutting Entries Open: Mon., May 1ST & Close: Fri., July 17th
ALL CLASSES WILL BE JUDGED AMERICAN UNLESS SPECIFIED.

NO POST ENTRIES ALLOWED FOR 4-H, GRANGE, FFA OR TEAM EVENTS.

ANY CLASSES ALLOWING POST ENTRIES WILL BE HANDELED OUT AT THE HORSE SHOW OFFICE THE DAY OF THE SHOW!!

4-H/GRANGE/FFA CLASSES

4-H/GRANGE/FFA CLASSES OPEN TO MEMBERS OF 4-H, JR. GRANGE CLUBS, FFA CHAPTERS & INDEPENDENT EXHIBITORS OF AMADOR COUNTY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29TH, 2026, 8:00 AM – BENNY BROWN ARENA

JUDGE: CRAIG WILLIAMS

CLASS	FEE	CLASS NAME	AWARD SPONSOR	JACKPOT
1.	\$5	4-H/Grange Novice Showmanship	Circle Ranch	
2.	\$5	4-H/Grange Advanced Showmanship	Ione Jr. Grange #220	
3.	\$5	FFA/Grange Novice Showmanship	Roaring Camp Mining Company	
4.	\$5	FFA & Grange Advanced Showmanship	Robertson Ranches, Brad & Mary	
5.	\$5	4-H Light Horse, Halter	Kit Carson Mt. Men - Own trophy	
6.	\$5	FFA/Grange Light Horse, Halter	Kit Carson Mt. Men - Own trophy	
7.	\$5	4-H/Grange/FFA Ranch Halter	Bar 3M Mendoza Ranch	
8.	\$5	4-H/Grange/FFA, Walk/Jog Bareback Equitation, 17 & Under	Wendy & Phil Bovero	
9.	\$5	4-H/Grange/FFA Bareback Equitation, 17 & Under	Wendy & Phil Bovero	
10.	\$5	4-H/Grange Pleasure, 12 & Under	In Memory of Roy “Doc” & Connie Mason	
11.	\$5	4-H Pleasure, 13 & Over	Fox Creek Vineyard-Sue Fox	
12.	\$5	FFA/Grange Pleasure, 13 & Over	Fox Creek Vineyard-Sue Fox	
13.	\$5	4-H/Grange/FFA Ranch Pleasure	Mark & Kelly DuFrene	
14.	\$5	4-H/Grange Walk/Jog Pleasure, 12 & Under	At Farm Veterinary Services & Equibliss Therapy ^(Own Award)	
15.	\$5	4-H Walk/Jog Pleasure, 13 & Over	Circle Ranch	
16.	\$5	FFA/Grange Walk/Jog Pleasure, 13 & Over	Circle Ranch	

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17. \$5	4-H/Grange Walk/Jog Equitation, 12 & Under	Amethyst Angus, Ralph & Susie Clark
18. \$5	4-H Walk/Jog Equitation, 13 & Over	Fox Creek Vineyard-Sue Fox
19. \$5	FFA/Grange Walk/Jog Equitation, 13 & Over	Ava Recor
20. \$5	4-H/Grange Equitation, 12 & Under	In Memory of Judge Don Howard by Janice Taylor Howard
21. \$5	4-H Equitation, 13 & Over	Sandra & Dee Davis
22. \$5	FFA/Grange Equitation, 13 & Over	Circle Ranch
23. \$5	4-H/Grange Horsemanship, 12 & Under	Brynn Begovich
24. \$5	4-H Horsemanship, 13 & Over	Madalyn Recor
25. \$5	FFA/Grange Horsemanship 13 & Over	Water Street Antiques
26. \$5	4-H/Grange 12 & Under Trail	Water Street Antiques
27. \$5	4-H 13 & Over Trail	Chet & Terrie Van Scyoc
28. \$5	FFA/Grange 13 & Over Trail	In Memory of Hills Jet Star aka Mandy
29. \$5	4-H/Grange/FFA Ranch Trail	Toma & Associates

*** ½ HOUR BREAK ~ ARENA PREPARATION ***

4-H, GRANGE & FFA HIGH POINT AWARDS - An exhibitor competing for these award(s) must enter four (4) mandatory classes - A Showmanship Class, Light Horse Halter Class, A Horsemanship Class, and A Trail Class. Then the exhibitor may choose any other of their best two (2) classes (7-20) to count for points. Six (6) classes in total will be tallied for the High Point Award. Novice Showmanship: The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place exhibitors do not earn points for these classes but move automatically to the next level of showmanship to compete for points. If a tie occurs, rail-work will break the tie.

4-H/GRANGE & FFA/GRANGE ROSETTES TO BE PRESENTED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE WEDNESDAY CLASSES

GYMKHANA & FUN CLASSES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29TH, 2026 – FOLLOWING 4-H/GRANGE/FFA – BENNY BROWN ARENA
JUDGE: CRAIG WILLIAMS

CLASS	FEE	CLASS NAME	AWARD SPONSOR	JACKPOT
SEE GYMKHANA RULES FOR CLASSES Pg 11				
30.	\$15	Pole Bending, - Table 2	AT Farm Veterinary Services & Equibliss Therapy (Own Award)	
31.	\$15	Single Stake, Open	Fluffy Butt Farms	
32.	\$15	Speed Barrels, Open	Tripple C Photography	
33.	\$15	Barrel Race, Open	Farnham Ridge Ranch	
34.	\$15	Bareback Dollar Bill	Chet & Terrie Van Scyoc	
35.	\$15	Ribbon Race		(2 awards)
36.	\$15	Egg in Spoon Riding Contest	Farnham Ridge Ranch	
37.	\$15	Champagne Class	Tripple C Photography	
38.	\$15	Drunkard's Paradise Riding Contest, Open	Farnham Ridge Ranch (2 awards)	
39.	\$15	Novel Costume, Open Local - Walk Only	Cassie Ding Gaffney & Family In Memory of Al Picucci	

***NOVEL COSTUME CLASS RULES – PAGE 11 ***

CATTLEMAN'S DAY

OPEN TO RESIDENTS AND PRODUCERS OF AMADOR, CALAVERAS & ELDORADO COUNTIES

Team Event Entries Close July 17, 2026. No post entries allowed for Team Events.

~~2 & 3 Man Penning & Cattle Sorting will be limited to the first 30 entries ~~

~~Calf Branding - limited to the first 15 entries ~~ Team Roping limited to the first 40 entries ~~

~~Real Ranch Penning limited to the first 10 entries~~

Classes 40 through 46 include a cattle fee of \$50

SATURDAY – August 1st, 2026, 7:00 am - BENNY BROWN ARENA

TEAM	FEE	CLASS NAME	AWARD SPONSOR	JACKPOT
***CATTLEMAN'S DAY CLASS RULES – PAGE 12 ***				
40.	\$90	Cattle Sorting, Local	In Memory of Dick Lavagnino – Buckles	\$15 Add Back \$125
41.	\$150	Calf Branding, Local	Forster Livestock – Buckles	\$15 Add Back \$125
42.	\$90	2-Man Cattle Penning, Local	Doug Mondani Livestock – Buckles	\$15 Add Back \$125
43.	\$90	Youth Penning, 17 & Under	Kyle Moreno – Buckles	\$15 Add Back \$125
AT Farm Veterinary Services & Equibliss Therapy – Own Award for Both				
44.	\$90	3-Man Cattle Penning, Local	Brian Oneto – Supervisor District 5 – Buckles	\$15 Add Back \$125
45.	\$90	Real Ranch Cattle Penning, Local	David & Stephanie Bassett – Buckles	\$15 Add Back \$125
46.	\$90	Team Roping, Local	The Begovich Family – Buckles	\$15 Add Back \$125

AMADOR COUNTY FAIR HORSE SHOW

CUTTING

LIMITED TO 65 ENTRIES

PLEASE NOTE THE 2026 ENTRY PROCEDURE!!

Entries are to be made in person or mailed to the Amador County Fair Entry Office
Mail in entries must be postmarked on or before July 17, 2026.

Amador County Fair
c/o Entry Office
P.O. Box 9
Plymouth, CA 95669

To obtain Entry Form & Release go to <https://amadorcountyfair.com/horse-show>
Entry Form including Signed Release and Waiver of Liability Agreement and payment must be submitted on or before July 17, 2026.

IF YOU MISS THE ENTRY DEADLINE ITS OKAY. FOR CUTTING YOU MAY STILL POST ENTER THE DAY OF THE SHOW AT THE HORSE SHOW OFFICE WHERE YOU WILL CHECK IN & COLLECT YOUR ENTRY!!!

CUTTING SUNDAY, August 2nd, 2026 - 7:00 am - BENNY BROWN AREANA
JUDGE: ALEX LONG

CLASS	FEE	CLASS NAME	AWARD SPONSOR	JACKPOT
*** RANCH CUTTING RULES - PAGES 14 ***				
47.	\$80	Youth Cutting, 17 & Under	Sherry Balian and Cowgirl Video - Buckle Lee & Clydette Gunter - Award	\$12 Add Back \$120
48.	\$80	Wayne Havens Open	Ciro & Kim Toma - Buckle Womack Family Dental - Award	\$12 Add Back \$120
49.	\$80	Non-Pro	Wes Johnson Cutting Horses, Acampo - Buckle Toma & Associates- Award	\$12 Add Back \$120
50.	\$80	Dr. Ken Johnson, Local, Open-Residents of Amador Co	Robertson Ranches, Plymouth - Buckle Ricotti Saddle Co. Ricotti Saddle Co. - Award	\$12 Add Back \$120
51.	\$80	Ranch Cutting	Wright Ranch Equine Athletic Services & Linda Rush, CPA - Buckle Toma & Associates- Award	\$12 Add Back \$120

~ IN MEMORY OF CUTTING HORSE EVENT COORDINATORS - DR. JOHNSON & WAYNE HAVENS ~
AND TO ALL THE OTHER DEDICATED PEOPLE WHO DONATE THEIR TIME AND TALENTS.

