

HORSE

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Ranch Horse: Leah Clark

Gymkhana: Jill Francis

Exhibitors must check in with Overall Horse Superintendent Krista Culver at set up to be eligible for awards.

Entry fee: \$2 per horse per class, plus \$15 stock fee per exhibitor per cattle class. No fee for showmanship & written exam.

Judging:

Horse Show: All Western classes will show first, followed by English classes.

Working Ranch Horse

Gymkhana

Written exam:

The **2025 Horse Exhibitors Test** will be given on THURSDAY, JULY 31st from noon to 1 pm at the Fairgrounds.

Horse exhibitors who cannot take the test on this date may take the test on WEDNESDAY July 30, from 4-7pm at the SLV Extension Office.

Horse Awards Ceremony Following each portion: Show Day, Ranch Horse, and Gymkhana.

AWARDS

Showmanship: Grand & Reserve Champion for Novice, Junior, Intermediate, Senior

Western: Grand & Reserve Champion for Novice, Junior, Intermediate, Senior

English: Grand & Reserve Champion for Novice, Junior, Intermediate, Senior

Working Ranch Horse: Grand & Reserve Champion for Junior, Intermediate, Senior

Gymkhana: Grand & Reserve Champion for Junior, Intermediate, and Senior.

*Grand and Reserve awards will be calculated using the highest scores from totaling the placement points from all classes entered in each Division. Exhibitors must compete in Showmanship to be eligible for Grand and Reserve Western and English Awards. Exhibitors must complete the written exam to be eligible for all Grand and Reserve awards. Additionally, the written exam scores will be used as tiebreakers in all Divisions. In the event of a tie on the written test, Showmanship scores will be used as a secondary tie breaker. Western Grand & Reserve will include showmanship.

HORSE REGULATIONS:

1. **Exhibitors must be a Level II rider or above to participate in Gymkhana.**
2. Exhibitors in the SLV Fair Junior Horse Show must be enrolled in a 4-H or FFA Horse Project.
3. The Colorado 4-H Horse Rulebook establishes the regulations and procedures followed in the SLV Fair Junior Horse Show. Refer to this Rulebook for guidelines, the Extension Office has copies available for sale. Any rules listed here take precedence over the Horse Rulebook.
4. An exhibitor in the SLV Fair Junior Horse Show may exhibit up to three horses. In order to be eligible for a Showmanship Award, or High Point Award, the Showmanship horse must be used in at least one other class during any one of the days of the Horse Show.
5. Riders must have and carry a breakaway rope for all classes that require roping. For classes providing a rope to drag a log, the rider should not have a rope tied to their saddle.
6. Each exhibitor must submit Horse ID forms to the Extension Office for all their project horses by May 1, 2025. These forms are to be submitted electronically using the 4HOnline system. All horses entering 4-H horse shows must be declared a project horse by this date. Horse hardship substitutions at 4-H horse shows can only be a horse with a Horse ID on file by May 1, 2025. The SLV Fair Board has the authority to deal with hardship cases.
7. No stallions or wet mares can be shown in the SLV Fair Junior Horse Show.
8. No horse or pony may be exhibited in any class at the SLV Fair Junior Horse Show if it has been administered, in any manner, a forbidden substance as defined by the Colorado 4-H Horse Rulebook.
9. No bareback riding, riding double, or riding with halters will be allowed.
10. Exhibitors, parents, or their agents will not be permitted to approach Judges directly, unless invited to do so at Exhibitors meetings before the Show or Class. All questions or comments must be directed to the Horse Superintendent.
11. Parents, leaders, trainers, or other adults are not allowed to ride an exhibitor's horse at any time while at the SLV Fair Junior Horse Show.
12. Novice (first year) may enter only classes designated: Showmanship, Horsemanship, Hunt Seat Equitation (not to jump), Trail, and Written exam. Novice will be allowed to use either one or two hands on the reins in all their riding classes regardless of the age of the horse or bit used. However, they must use the same method throughout an entire class (switching from one to two handed or vice versa during the class is not allowed) Whether riding one or two handed, exhibitors must use a safe and correct method of holding the reins as described in the Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rulebook (pg. 13&14).
13. The Novice Trail event will include only 4 obstacles.
14. Decisions of the SLV Fair Junior Horse Show Management/ Judges are final.
15. In age groups 11-13 and 14-18, exhibitors may be tested on Level I and II skills in any class.
16. All exhibitors must wear proper attire for their division, as defined by the Colorado 4-H Horse Rulebook. See the 4-H Horse Rulebook for specific required/prohibited gear. ASTM/SEI approved safety helmet with harness securely fastened is required for Gymkhana events. Per the Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rulebook the dress code for the SLV 4-H Horse Show is as follows:
 1. Western (and Gymkhana) Division, Section 90.B: 'Western hat, Western or cowboy boots, belt and long-sleeved, full-length shirt (chest and midriff covered) required. Any exhibitor may wear certified protective headgear in any division or class without penalty. A certified equestrian helmet with safety harness fastened in place is required in gymkhana events, activities and practice sessions.'
 2. Working Ranch Horse Division, Section 300.E: "Rider shall wear western style clothing that is well fitted and work-like in appearance. Shirts must be long sleeved, full length (chest and midriff covered), long pants, western riding boots, belt, and cowboy hat (or helmet). Optional attire: gloves, ties, chaps, chinks, vest, jackets, raincoat or scarf, safety helmet with harness."
 3. English Division, Section 352.A: "Riders should wear suitable hunt seat attire consisting of a coat of any tweed or melton for hunting (conservative wash jackets in season); breeches or jodhpurs; appropriate boots; and a hunt cap is mandatory. A certified equestrian hunt cap with safety harness fastened in place is required in over fences classes." Or Section 354.A: "Riders should wear suitable attire consisting of a conservative-colored hunt or dressage coat, light colored breeches, and a hunt or dressage cap."
17. In order to be considered eligible for English division classes over fences (Hunter Hack and Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences) riders must meet the following requirements:

1. For Hunter Hack: Be a Level II English rider,
2. For Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences: Must be a Level II English rider to compete, no exceptions.

Entries

Division: SHOWMANSHIP

1. Junior (ages 8 to 10, English or Western)
2. Intermediate (ages 11 to 13, English or Western)
3. Senior (ages 14 to 18, English or Western)
4. All Novice

For Round Robin Showmanship information see the Livestock section of this book, [Here](#).

Division: ENGLISH EVENTS

HUNT SEAT EQUITATION NOT TO JUMP

1. Junior (ages 8 to 10)
2. Intermediate (ages 11 to 13)
3. Senior (ages 14 to 18)
4. All Novice

HUNT SEAT EQUITATION OVER FENCES*

1. Junior Level II (ages 8 to 10)
2. Intermediate Level II (ages 11 to 13)
3. Senior Level II (ages 14 to 18)

HUNTER HACK*

1. Junior (ages 8 to 10)
2. Intermediate (ages 11 to 13)
3. Senior (ages 14 to 18)

ENGLISH SHOW HACK

1. Junior (ages 8 to 10)
2. Intermediate (ages 11 to 13)
3. Senior (ages 14 to 18)

ENGLISH CONTROL

1. Intermediate (ages 11 to 13)
2. Senior (ages 14 to 18)

***Indicates a class over fences, see rule 17 above for additional requirements to enter these classes.**

Division: WESTERN EVENTS

HORSEMANSHIP

1. Junior (ages 8 to 10)
2. Intermediate (ages 11 to 13)
3. Senior (ages 14 to 18)
4. All Novice

REINING

1. Junior (ages 8 to 10)
2. Intermediate (ages 11 to 13)
3. Senior (ages 14 to 18)

WESTERN RIDING

1. Intermediate (ages 11 to 13)
2. Senior (ages 14 to 18)

WESTERN TRAIL

1. Junior (ages 8 to 10)
2. Intermediate (ages 11 to 13)
3. Senior (ages 14 to 18)
4. All Novice

Division: WORKING RANCH HORSE

RANCH HORSEMANSHIP

1. Junior (ages 8 to 10)
2. Intermediate (ages 11 to 13)
3. Senior (ages 14 to 18)

RANCH TRAIL

1. Junior (ages 8 to 10)
2. Intermediate (ages 11 to 13)
3. Senior (ages 14 to 18)

INDIVIDUAL COW WORK

1. Junior (ages 8 to 10)
2. Intermediate (ages 11 to 13)
3. Senior (ages 14 to 18)

Division: GYMKHANA

BARREL RACING

1. Junior (ages 8 to 10)
2. Intermediate (ages 11 to 13)
3. Senior (ages 14 to 18)

POLE BENDING

1. Junior (ages 8 to 10)
2. Intermediate (ages 11 to 13)
3. Senior (ages 14 to 18)

KEYHOLE RACE

1. Junior (ages 8 to 10)
2. Intermediate (ages 11 to 13)
3. Senior (ages 14 to 18)

FLAG RACE

1. Junior (ages 8 to 10)
2. Intermediate (ages 11 to 13)
3. Senior (ages 14 to 18)

GOAT TYING

1. Junior (ages 8 to 10)
2. Intermediate (ages 11 to 13)
3. Senior (ages 14 to 18)

BREAK-AWAY ROPING

1. Junior (ages 8 to 10)
2. Intermediate (ages 11 to 13)
3. Senior (ages 14 to 18)

Division: WRITTEN EXAM

1. Junior (ages 8 to 10)
2. Intermediate (ages 11 to 13)
3. Senior (ages 14 to 18)
4. All Novice