



BC Agricultural Expo

September 24-27, 2026
North Thompson Agriplex
Barriere, BC



4-H & Youth Open Horse Show Rules & Regulations

Location: North Thompson Fall Fair Grounds, Barriere BC

Horse Coordinator:

Online Entries: <https://bcagexpo.fairwire.com>

Entries Open: May 1st

Entry Closing Date: 4-H - **June 30th** **Open Youth August 12th**

Start Time: Be ready for 9am Thursday – Friday and 8:30am on Saturday. Listed times may change, exhibitors will be notified as early as possible by various means of communication including but not limited to: times posted at the venue, email and through club leaders.

Show Office: will be located in the Agriplex annex.

All classes are defined by ability and not age. Participants can enter into either walk, walk/trot, or walk/trot/lope classes dependent on their ability. Participants with more than three years experience in show classes are expected to enter walk/trot/lope unless riding a horse under five years of age. Classes may be further split at the discretion of the show producers based on entry numbers.

General Show Rules

1. Neither BC Ag Expo Board of Directors, organizing committee, staff, volunteers, officials, or employees the British Columbia Agricultural Exposition Society, Open 4-H & Youth Schooling Horse Show, or North Thompson Fall Fair, will be responsible in any way, for damage, injury, or loss to persons, horses or property of exhibitors, spectators, owners, and riders. All non-registered BC 4-H members and Little Leagues competitors must be members of Horse Council BC and ALL Competitors must sign a waiver to participate at the Open 4-H & Youth Horse Show
2. The Horse Rep and Show Committee reserves the right to split or combine any given class(s) that does not have a minimum of 4 or more entries per Exhibitors Age categories at their discretion.
3. Ribbons will be awarded to 3rd Place.
4. Competition numbers assigned must be worn and visible at all times in the Warm-up areas and competition ring. Competitors must use the competition numbers issued by the show office and no other, unless authorized by Division Rep. Competitors must display the competition numbers provided as back numbers or pinned to the saddle pad. Safety pins will be provided with competition numbers. Numbers may be returned to the show office for recycling.
5. All competitors in all divisions registered as a 4-H member must wear properly fitted approved BSI or ASTM protective headgear, with safety harness correctly secured at all times while mounted or riding on the competition grounds, with the exception of no helmet being permitted for Showmanship class only

(BC 4-H Pub #1001 #9). No competitor will be penalized in any class for wearing protective headgear or safety vest. It is mandatory for open contributors under the age of 18 to wear protective gear. Protective headgear is highly recommended for riders 19 years and up at all times while mounted on the show grounds.

6. Competitors must report to the in-gate manager when the class is announced ready to compete. No gate holds will be permitted. Failure to report to in gate when class is called or announced will result in elimination with no refunds.
7. 4-H Classes must be executed by the 4-H members registered 4-H Horse Project.
8. Patterns will be posted to bcagexpo.ca within 30 Days of the show.
9. Any unforeseen circumstances, and or exception not addressed by the BC 4-H Rules or 4-H Horse Show Rule Book will be at the sole discretion of the Horse Rep to resolve with their decision being final. What is in the best interests for the horse, exhibitor, and the competition will be considerations addressed in the final decision for the competition.
10. There will be no gate holds for any horses or riders entered in two different divisions scheduled on the same day of competition. **Every effort will be made to avoid conflicts.**
11. No entry refund will be given to any division (as per General Rules & Regs #2)
12. The Super Horse award is to be calculated from points accumulated from all mounted classes plus showmanship. All classes must be executed by the same horse to count. See below table for how points are calculated:

# in class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
1	1							
2	2	1						
3	3	2	1					
4	4	3	2	1				
5	5	4	3	2	1			
6	6	5	4	3	2	1		
7	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
8	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
9 - 15	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
16 - 20	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
21 - 25	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4
26 - 30	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
31 - 35	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6
36 - 40	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7

Stalling

1. Horse Division stall tear down is after the end of the show on Saturday. Check Schedule for the ending time of stall competition.

Covered Stalls - \$20/stall

Bedding provided. Please clean your stall before leaving. A \$50.00 fee will be charged for stalls left uncleaned.

Camping and RV Parking. There are no RV hookups available on grounds. Coin showers are available on grounds in the Agriplex.