



Hamlin County 4-H County Horse Show Guide

2025

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4-H Online: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

State Horse Show: <https://fairentury.com/Fair/SignIn/21616>

County Horse Show: <https://fairentury.com/Fair/SignIn/22035>

Hamlin County 4-H Website: <https://hamlincounty4-h.godaddysites.com/>

SDSU Extension: <https://extension.sdstate.edu/>

4-H State Horse Show Book: <https://extension.sdstate.edu/sites/default/files/2025-02/MC-03650.pdf>

**2025 Hamlin County 4-H Horse Show- Monday June 23rd Rain
Date June 24th**

Fair Entry Deadline- June 17th at 11:59 P.M.





Horse Committee

Hamlin County 4-H Horse Committee will provide guidance to the 4-H Leaders as it pertains to the horse project area. Committee members include Brandy Tesch, Carrie Boyd, Naomi Goehring, Shannon Symens, Brielle Tesch, and Sierra Boyd.

Registration Requirements:

- All youth must be enrolled on 4-H Online by the first horse practice. 4-H Online opens up October 1 with the new 4-H year, so every year youth must be re-enrolled to participate in any 4-H events.
- All youth in 4-H who are planning on competing at County Horse Show must complete a Youth Horse Literacy Event by June 1st. If not completed, youth are ineligible to compete at County and State Horse Show. Contact the office for days that Youth Horse Literacy Events will be available to attend.
- To participate in County Horse Show, youth must be registered on Fair Entry by June 17th at 11:59 P.M. at <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/22035>. Slight changes can be made day of the show, but if youth are not registered by the deadline they will not be able to participate.
- For all rules on bits, patterns, ownership, and much more please visit the SD 4-H Horse Show Guide at <https://extension.sdstate.edu/sites/default/files/2025-02/MC-03650.pdf>.

Dress Code:

-Dress code at practice to be able to participate with your horse is boots, long jeans, hair tied back, and appropriate t-shirt. No youth will enter the arena without boots on or long jeans.

-Dress code at the horse show is a cowboy hat, long sleeve white shirt, boots, and long jeans. If youth do not have appropriate clothes on they will be disqualified from all classes.

Adults in the Arena/Insurance

All youth participating in the horse project, an extra insurance is paid to cover accidents and injuries, however, no parents that are not Certified 4-H Volunteers are covered under the 4-H Insurance. If you enter the arena to help your child, remember you are entering the arena at your own risk of not being covered under 4-H or county insurance. All parents must stay during practice to watch or help their child in need.

Practice Schedule

Practice will be held every Monday and Thursday from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. With a large number of youths in the horse program this year, we will have scheduled practices with designated times for each event. Having our coaches and committee members giving their volunteer time, we ask that horses and youth are practice ready at 7:00 with being saddled, warmed up, or haltered ready for practice to begin. Our coaches are very educated and knowledgeable in Western Events, so during practice time youth will





focus on excelling their skills of becoming a better horseman. English, barrels, and poles may be practiced during designated days but not during the practice time of 7:00-9:00. After 9:00, practice ends, the arena will be open, but no committee members or coaches will be assisting.

Days	Events
Monday May 19 th	Showmanship, Horsemanship, Trail, Barrels
Thursday May 22 nd Quiz Bowl Practice- 6:00	Reining, Ranch Riding, Poles, Open Figure 8 (New Event)
Monday May 26 th	No Practice Memorial Day
Thursday May 29 th	Reining, Ranch Riding, Barrels
Monday June 2 nd Quizbowl Practice- 6:00	Showmanship, Horsemanship, Trail, Poles, Open Figure 8 (New Event)
Thursday June 5 th	Reining, Ranch Riding, Barrels
Monday June 9 th Quizbowl Practice- 6:00	Showmanship, Horsemanship, Trail, Barrels
Thursday June 12 th	Reining, Ranch Riding, Poles, Open Figure 8 (New Event)
Monday June 16 th Quizbowl Practice- 6:00	Showmanship, Horsemanship, Trail, Poles
Thursday June 19 th	Reining, Ranch Riding, Barrels, Open Figure 8 (New Event)
Monday June 23 rd	Horse Show- Schedule

Classes

All youth competing at Hamlin County 4-H Horse Show are required to show in either Western or English Showmanship to participate in any other events.

Beginners (age 8 to 10) may participate in Junior events if classes are not offered for Beginners such as: reinsmanship, single draft hitch, team hitch driving, barrel racing, pole bending, open end figure 8, draft showmanship, equitation over fences, reining, and ranch riding.

State Horse Show

State Horse Show occurs in Huron on Tuesday July 8th through Thursday July 10th. Registration is due June 27th at Noon CDT on Fair Entry. Stalls can be reserved online at www.etix.com/ticket/o/4564/SDStateFair. Stalls will be available for purchase starting June 2, 2025. You will also have the option to purchase shavings and reserved trailer parking spots. More information can be found at <https://extension.sdstate.edu/state-horse-show-judging-and-hippology>.





Awards

The Hamlin County 4-H Horse Committee sponsors awards for champions in all three ages groups for Western Showmanship, English showmanship, and all around who must be enrolled in Hamlin County 4-H and participate in Hamlin County Horse Show. 4-Her's participate in another county show or not Hamlin County 4-H enrolled are not eligible for these awards. Awards will be recognized and handed out at Recognition Event in November.

Diseases

Horses are susceptible to getting illnesses or diseases that can be minor or severe and being around other horses, being aware of symptoms of the main horse diseases is very important. Below is a list of the main horse diseases to be cautious of, but not all diseases/illnesses are listed.

- Equine Herpesvirus
 - o Herpesvirus primarily causes upper respiratory disease and abortions/stillbirth that are very contagious. The disease spreads by horse to horse contact.
 - o Symptoms in horses can vary depending on the strain and form of the infection, but common signs include fever, nasal discharge, coughing, lethargy, and neurological issues. (University of Minnesota Extension, 2023)
- Equine Influenza
 - o Equine Influenza is a highly contagious respiratory disease. The virus spreads easily through contact with infected horses and contact with infected clothing, equipment, brushes, and tack.
 - o Symptoms of fever, harsh cough, nasal discharge, lethargy, and loss of appetite.
 - o Coughing horses can spread the virus as far as 150 feet, quickly infecting the entire barn. Infected horses can shed the virus up to 14 days post-infection.
 - o Vaccines to protect horses against horse flu are available at your vet. (Young, 2019).
- Rabies
 - o Rabies in horses is a fatal, viral disease of the nervous system, typically transmitted through the bite of an infected animal.
 - o The signs of Rabies in horses are:
 - Lameness, colic, painful urination, neurological abnormalities, fever, loss of appetite, blindness, difficulty swallowing, muscle twitching
 - o There is no cure for rabies, but a prevention is for all horses to be vaccinated annually for rabies.
 - o Rabies is zoonotic which can be transferred to humans from horses. (Equine Disease Communication Center, n.d.)





- Strangles
 - Strangles in horses is a highly contagious bacterial infection that inflames the lymph nodes.
 - It is not spread through the air; the bacteria can spread when a horse coughs or snorts. It can easily spread directly through horse-to-horse contact and indirectly, for example through contaminated equipment, handler clothing and boots.
 - Strangles bacteria can survive for up to six weeks in water which is why it is important to take your own water source when away from the yard such as a bucket.
 - Symptoms: High temperature, looks depressed, loss of appetite and/or not drinking, difficulty swallowing, lowered head and neck, cough, thick and discolored nasal discharge, swelling of the glands under the jaw (lymph nodes), abscesses can burst with highly infectious, thick, creamy-yellow pus.
 - It normally takes 3-21 days after the horse has been in contact with strangles bacteria for signs to develop. (The British Horse Society , 2025)
- Tetanus
 - Tetanus is a potentially fatal disease characterized by muscular spasms caused by a neurotoxin produced by the bacterium *Clostridium tetani*. These organisms, and their spores, are found in the intestinal tract of horses are abundant in the soil, where they can survive for many years.
 - Treated with antibiotics, usually penicillin, injection of tetanus antitoxin. Horses are kept in the dark, quiet stalls with deep bedding.
- West Nile Virus
 - West Nile in horses is a serious, mosquito-borne disease that can cause inflammation of the brain, leading to neurological signs and potential death.
 - Signs of West Nile can include fever, incoordination, stumbling, falling, weakness, muscle twitching, seizures, drooping lips, lip smacking, head dropping, grinding teeth, and abnormal sensitivity to touch or sound.
 - Prevention from the disease includes a West Nile Vaccine as an annual core vaccine to protect horses from infection. (Young, UC Davis Veterinary Medicine Center for Equine Health , 2020)

Disease Precautions

Precautions of not letting your horse get sick is on you as the rider. Some precautions to take not only at 4-H horse practice but when you are around other horses are the following.

- Vaccinate your horses.
- When not riding your horse, tie your horse to your own trailer and not to the arena fence, gate, or other's trailers.





- Do not share buckets and feeders with other horse owners. If you are able and have more than one horse, keep the same bucket and feeder with the same horse incase one of your horses gets sick.
- Do not share bridles with other horse owners along with try not to share bridles and bits with different horses even if you own them.
- Do not let your horse touch the fence, gate, barrel, or poles with their nose.
- Do not let your horse touch another horses nose.
- If your horse is showing signs of illness, do not bring the horse to practice. Call your vet for help.

BAND App

The main source of communication is now on the BAND App. Scan the QR Code to be added to this platform. This will replace the Remind App.

Band description >



Resources

For more information on diseases please contact your veterinarian. Below are online resources to view.

<https://lakeviewveterinary.com/adult-horse-care/>

<https://www.bhs.org.uk/horse-care-and-welfare/health-care-management/horse-health/equine-diseases/strangles/>

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