

2nd Annual Fair Board OPEN 4-H Horse Show

June 8, 2025

Show starts at 8:30 a.m. RAIN or SHINE

FIRST OPEN 4-H Horse Show of the year at
the Westford 4-H Fairgrounds – and part of
Middlesex County Show Series
55 South Chelmsford Rd. Westford, MA



All proceeds go to the Middlesex County Fair Board to raise funds to put back into the grounds and/or successfully putting on the annual 4-H Fair.

**We hope you have a great time and
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Food booth will be open all day!

Middlesex County 4-H Fair Inc.

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When: Sunday June 8, 2025
Where: Middlesex 4-H Fairgrounds 55 South Chelmsford Rd, Westford, MA
Starts: Show starts at 8:30 a.m. (rain or shine)
Main Judge: TBD
Trail Judge: TBD

RING 1

1. 4-H Fitting & Showmanship
2. Open Showmanship
3. Lead-line Equitation
4. Lead-line Egg & Spoon
5. Walk/Trot Equitation
6. Jr. English Equitation
7. Western Equitation (8 - 18 years old)
8. Sr. English Equitation
9. Adult Equitation
10. 4-H Equitation
11. Open Equine in Hand Performance Rail
12. Walk/Trot Pleasure
13. Jr. English Pleasure
14. Western Pleasure (8 - 18 years old)
15. Sr. English Pleasure
16. Adult Pleasure
17. 4-H Pleasure
18. Open Western Reining (8 and over)
19. Open Equine in Hand Pattern
20. Walk/Trot Pattern
21. Jr. English Pattern
22. Sr. English Pattern
23. Adult Pattern
24. Open Hunter Hack (2')
25. Open Equitation Over Fences (2')
26. Open Hunter Over Fences (2')
27. Open Cross Rails (not incl. in Championships)

Gymkhana (following classes in RING 1)

28. Walk/Trot Pole Bending
29. Jr. Pole Bending
30. Sr. Pole Bending
31. Adult Pole Bending
32. Walk/Trot Barrel Race
33. Jr. Barrel Race
34. Sr. Barrel Race
35. Adult Barrel Race

- **Lead-line Ages** 5 - 7
- **Walk/Trot & In Hand Ages** 8 - 18
- **Junior Ages** 8 - 13
- **Senior Ages** 14 - 18
- **Adult Ages** 19 and over

Trail Classes will be held from 9:00A.M. Until 12:00 P.M. in RING 2

36. Lead-line Trail
37. Open Equine in Hand Trail
38. Walk/Trot Trail
39. Jr. Trail English
40. Sr. Trail English
41. Western Trail (8 - 18 years old)
42. Adult Trail

RING 2 (Classes will start after trail)

43. Open Equine in Hand Egg & Spoon
44. Walk/Trot Command
45. Walk/Trot Egg & Spoon
46. Jr. Command
47. Jr. Egg & Spoon
48. Sr. Command
49. Sr. Egg & Spoon
50. Adult Command
51. Adult Egg & Spoon
52. Walk/Trot Keyhole
53. Jr. Keyhole
54. Sr. Keyhole
55. Adult Keyhole
56. Costume Class (Will run after lunch break)

Championships will be awarded for the following:

4-H Division	Classes: 1, 10, 17
Walk/Trot	Classes: 5, 12, 20, 38
Junior English	Classes: 6, 13, 21, 39
Senior English	Classes: 8, 15, 22, 40
Western	Classes: 7, 14, 18, 41
Adult	Classes: 9, 16, 23, 42
Open Equine in Hand	Classes: 2, 11, 19, 37, 43
Gymkhana W/T	Classes: 28, 32, 44, 45, 52
Gymkhana Jr.	Classes: 29, 33, 46, 47, 53
Gymkhana Sr.	Classes: 30, 34, 48, 49, 54
Gymkhana Adult	Classes: 31, 35, 50, 51, 55
Open Hunters	Classes: 24, 25, 26

Ages are as of January 1st of the current year

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RULES

1. A Lead-line rider is 5 to 7 years of age as of January 1 of the current year.
2. A Walk/Trot rider and Open Equine in Hand participant is 8 to 18 years of age as of January 1 of the current year.
3. A Junior rider is 8 to 13 years of age as of January 1 of the current year.
4. A Senior rider is 14 to 18 years of age as of January 1 of the current year.
5. An Adult rider is 19 and over as of January 1 of the current year.
6. 4-H classes are open only to enrolled 4-H members 8 years old and up. 4-H mounted classes are walk trot canter.
7. All horses that kick must wear a red ribbon in their tail.
8. Safety is our first concern. Unruly horses/people will be asked to leave the show grounds without refund.
9. Show committee reserves the right to dismiss any horses that appear to be lame or sick.
10. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the fairgrounds. No smoking in the vicinity of horses, riders, or trailers. No cooking appliances or grills permitted.
11. ASTM Approved helmets must be worn by **ALL** participants (including Adults) and all riders must wear hard soled shoes with a heel (for in-hand, see Additional Rules below).
12. **Western Division** riders must use an *approved* curb bit, half-breed or spade bit and ride one-handed. Snaffle bits/two handed riding only permitted for horses under 5 years old. **Gymkhana riders** may use an *approved* snaffle, hackamore, or curb bit for any seat and may ride two-handed. Refer to [NE bit guidelines](#) for approved bits.
13. Participants are responsible for their own property. Middlesex County 4-H Fair Inc. & Middlesex Horse Advisory Council shall not be held responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged property.
14. This horse show is being run under the rules of the [New England 4-H Horse Show Rules and Guidelines](#).
15. Refunds are not given unless bona fide injury to horse or rider.
16. Stallions are not permitted at this show.
17. Current negative Coggins required for all equines. Name and description must be the same on all the paperwork.
18. Show committee reserves the right to combine or cancel classes or change class order if needed.
19. All riders who enter the ring without a number will be disqualified from that class.

In-Hand Class Rules (open to horses, ponies, small equine and donkeys/mules)

1. An in-hand exhibitor is 8 and over as of January 1 of the current year.
2. Classes are judged on manners and performance. Neatness/cleanliness of horse, tack, and handler are also considered.
3. Handler should be dressed in a long-sleeved shirt, pants (non-faded, solid colored jeans or dress pants without holes) but not necessarily dressed in riding attire.
4. A hat must be worn and may be seat specific. ASTM approved riding helmets are not required but are encouraged.
5. Horse and rider combinations may enter both Open Equine in-Hand and mounted divisions.
6. Handlers must wear boots with a distinguishable heel.

Please refer to [New England 4-H Horse Show Rules and Guidelines](#) for further rules for specific class, etc.

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Rider's Name: _____ Age as of January 1, 2025: _____

4-H Club: _____ Horse's Name: _____

Rider's Address: _____ City _____ State _____

Riders Phone #: _____ Email address: _____

Circle Classes Entered:

1 n/c 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29

30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56

***Cost of pre-entering classes: \$8 per class. Pre-entries must be postmarked by May 30th, 2025 or emailed by June 2nd, 2025**

*Post entries (Day of Show) will be \$12 per class.

You do not need to send money to be pre-entered. Please pay when you arrive the morning of the show (or leave a blank, signed check with the show secretary if you plan on entering more classes during the day).

Make checks payable to: **Middlesex County 4-H Fair, Inc.**

Number of Classes entered (not including class 1): _____

Multiply by \$8 or \$12 _____

Admin Fee + 5.00

Total Cost of Entries: _____

Release and Hold Harmless Agreement:

The undersigned assumes the unavoidable risks inherent in all horse related activities, including but not limited to bodily injury and physical harm to horse, rider and spectator. In Consideration, therefore, for the privilege of riding and/or working around horses at the Middlesex County 4-H Fairgrounds, located at 55 South Chelmsford Road, Westford, MA, the undersigned does hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Middlesex County 4-H Fair, Inc., UMASS 4-H County Extension Office, the show personnel, Judges and all their designees and further release them from any liability or responsibility for accident, damage, injury, or illness to the Undersigned or to any horse owned by the Undersigned or to any family member or spectator accompanying the Undersigned on the premises.

WARNING:

UNDER MASSACHUSETTS LAW, AN EQUINE PROFESSIONAL, EVENT SPONSOR, OR FACILITY OWNER IS NOT LIABLE FOR ANY INJURY TO, OR THE DEATH OF, A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 128, SECTION 2D OF THE GENERAL LAWS.

Rider's Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____ Date _____

Mail or Email completed pre-entry forms to: Middlesex County 4-H Fair, Inc.

c/o Erica Desfosses 22 Tanager Way Londonderry, NH 03053 or email to regalriders08@gmail.com

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