

BITS & SPURS SUMMER HORSE SHOW

Show rules 2009

1. 4H Rules will be followed. Please see *4-H Contest Guide* for details regarding dress, equipment, tack, class procedures, and contest rules (Copies available the WSU Extension Office). For all other matters USEF rules apply.
2. Only the 4-H project member may ride or school a 4-H horse entry while on the show grounds.
3. The rider is responsible for appropriate dress and conduct. For proper class attire consult the *4-H Contest Guide* (pp. 5-10); ASTM-SEI helmet, proper boots, & long-sleeved shirt or jacket with collar are part of dress requirements. Tie, pin, or “decorated collar is **required** except in Western Games.
4. The rider is responsible for using the proper riding equipment, especially bits. Please see the *4-H Contest Guide* (pp 5-10). Horses under 6 years may be ridden in a snaffle or bosal. Horses 6 years old and older must be ridden in a proper bit with curb strap or curb chain. Bit-less bridles are NOT allowed except mechanical hackamore in Western Games.
5. Judge’s decisions are final. The exhibitor should not approach the Judge until after the final class of the day or as otherwise specified by the Show Committee.
6. All grievances will be resolved by the Show Committee and must be submitted to the Show Manager in writing within 24 hours of the last show class.
7. No show refunds for entries without Vet Certificate or approval of Show Committee. Refunds if any will be mailed after show.
8. The Show Committee has the right to cancel or combine any class.
9. No stallions are to be shown and all animals must be under control.
10. Riders must ride within the limits of their riding ability and have their mount under control at all times.
11. Chaps are not permitted in bareback classes.
12. Judge may penalize, dismiss or disqualify any rider or horse to insure humane treatment of animals, proper use of equipment, and/or exhibitor safety.
13. When mounted in a saddle, rider must keep their feet in the stirrups unless instructed by the judge to drop stirrups.
14. Participants in each division are to show their horse to best of their ability. Coaching from the sidelines is prohibited. Violation of this rule may lead to dismissal of the participant from the show arena.
15. High Point awards for Performance Saturday includes Open Showmanship and all open mounted classes. High point awards for Western Games Sunday includes all open mounted classes. 4-H classes do not count towards Open High Point.
16. Danish Ribbons will be awarded in 4-H State or 4-H Medal qualifying classes. Open Classes receive placings 1st thru 5th, except Senior Plus 1st thru 3rd, with 12, 10, 6, 4, and 2 points, respectively. Danish placings will be given for 4H members in open classes to qualify for 4-H medals classes in Hunt Seat and Stock Seat only.
17. Junior is 3rd-5th grades; Intermediate is 6th-8th grades; Senior is 9th-12th grades; and Senior Plus (+) is post high school.