

# PONIES

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**PONIES MISSION STATEMENT:** To provide an opportunity for youth and adult exhibitors of registered or grade ponies to compete in a safe, friendly atmosphere, exclusively for ponies under the guidelines set by the United States Equestrian Federation and American Shetland Pony Club; to promote ponies, family activities and learning opportunities to exhibitors and fairgoers.

**JUDGE:** Haley Tompers, Great Falls, MT; **ANNOUNCER:** Pat Paul

### 2023 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<b>Wednesday, July 5 –</b>	9am - 4pm	Entry Office open to pre-register entry forms. Call 727-8900 and ask for
<b>Thursday, July 27</b>	Mon – Fri	Entry Office for more information. Entries may also be mailed to address on entry form.
<b>Friday, July 28</b>	Noon	Entries accepted, Pony Barn
	Noon	Fair opens to the public
<b>Saturday, July 29</b>	10am – 2pm	Day entries accepted, Pony Barn
	11am	All ponies on display, Pony Barn
	1pm	Trail Classes
	5pm	Pony Show, performance, South Park
<b>Sunday, July 30</b>	9am	Pony Show, halter classes, South Park
	10am – 2pm	Day entries accepted, Pony Barn
	11am	All ponies on display, Pony Barn
	5pm	Pony Show, performance, South Park
<b>Monday, July 31</b>	9am – 2pm	Day entries accepted, Pony Barn
	10am	Get Ready & Show Class
	11am	All ponies on display, Pony Barn
	4pm	Pony Show, performance, South Park
<b>Tuesday, August 1</b>	Noon	Pony Costume Class, South Park
		Parade of Champions to follow
	Noon	Banker's Bonus Drawing
		Stable Awards Announcement
	7pm	Ponies released from grounds

Every effort will be made to follow the above schedule but due to unforeseen circumstances the schedule is subject to change.

## NO DOGS ALLOWED IN THE PONY BARN!

### PREMIUMS

#### ATTENTION EXHIBITORS

**You must fill out and return a current W-9 form in order to receive your premium check.**

The Entry office will process judging results as quickly as possible after completion of judging. Please allow 3 to 5 days. Notice will be posted in departments when premium checks are processed and ready in the Entry Office. The **Entry Office** will be open from **July 28<sup>th</sup> through August 5<sup>th</sup> (8am to 6pm) and August 6<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> (9am to 4pm)**. Every effort should be made to collect your Premium Checks between these times. Premium Checks of \$399.99 or less may be cashed during these times in the Entry Office.

All remaining Premium Checks will be mailed to you in the name and at the address provided by you on the entry form. The Montana State Fair will only mail premium awards.

## RULES & REGULATIONS

1. All participants at Montana State Fair events are responsible for reading the Montana State Fair GENERAL INFORMATION Section and complying with policies listed therein. This section is located at goexpopark.com under the Montana State Fair tab.
2. AGREEMENT TO ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS HEREIN STATED IS UNDERSTOOD WHEN THE EXHIBITOR SUBMITS THE ENTRY FORM.
3. ALL FEES LISTED MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY FORMS BEFORE ENTRY IS COMPLETE.
4. All entrants must complete a W9 form at time of entry to receive any premiums.
5. **Livestock exhibitors, herdsman, and owners shall purchase admittance tickets.** Adult and Youth exhibitors may purchase an Exhibitor's Packet for \$20 good for 10 admissions for Fair week. Exhibitors may purchase individual tickets for \$4.00 each.
6. All entrants should use the Pony Entry Form to enter pony divisions.
7. IMMEDIATELY UPON ARRIVAL, exhibitors or individuals should report for assignment of stalls. Space will be assigned in the order that entries are received. No ponies or equipment to be at the fairgrounds prior to Friday without prior approval. Tack stalls will be given if possible. Decorations are encouraged for stall and tack areas.
8. Stabling is provided for exhibited ponies only. A \$10 stall fee will be assessed.
9. Any class with less than four entries may be scratched, combined or changed at superintendent's discretion. Rules may be modified. Every effort will be made to notify affected entries prior to official change.
10. No animals will be released before the stated check out time except out of state and Canadian entries. Out of state and Canadian animals will be released at the discretion of the superintendent. Prior arrangements MUST be made with the superintendent for all early releases.
11. Stall and exhibition spaces MUST be cleaned before 10am each day of the Fair. Aisles must be kept clean. Please do not block aisles with chairs, equipment, etc.
12. Registration papers must be available for steward and show management.
13. In order to qualify for judging, each contestant must appear in the ring wearing the correct number that is plainly visible.
14. Show management reserves the right to reject any entry at any time for disrespect to the rules, intoxication, rough treatment of animals, or any other reason he/she deems reasonable.
15. Should any question or dispute arise that is not provided for in the American Shetland Pony Club or the USEF rule books or rules herein, same shall be referred to the show manager. He/she will make a decision at that time or deem it necessary to call together the show committee for a ruling.
16. Official rule books may be obtained from the governing body of the American Shetland Pony Club.
17. Anyone may show his/her pony except the superintendent, judge, judge's family members or animals the judge has in training or just completed training.
18. Day entries will be accepted from participants that cannot attend the entire show. Day entries will pay double entry fees and must notify the superintendent they are coming 24 hours in advance of the show day. Day entries have the option to make pre-arrangements to take advantage of the admissions offered under rule 5 of this department or must pay gate admission fees. If day entries do not have a pony measurement card, entry must arrive on the grounds a minimum of two hours before the scheduled show start so that the pony may be measured.
19. Show arena is grass.
20. All families will receive a packet of the patterns, schedules, & show information.

## SPECIAL AWARDS

### "BANKER'S BONUS"

Sponsored by **Belt Valley Bank**

*Each class entered throughout the show will add your name into the drawing pot. Any individual may only win one drawing. Day entries are not eligible. Drawing will be held Tuesday, at noon. Two youth exhibitor names will be drawn and awarded \$25 each. Two adult exhibitor names will be drawn and awarded \$25 each.*

### "STABLE AWARD"

Sponsored by **Bar TL Stables**

*Judged on decoration of stall(s), pony care, cleanliness of area, educational merit to the public, creativity, individuality, interaction with fairgoers, incorporation of Fair theme ("It's All Good, In The 406") and/or barn theme of "Show Your Pony!". Winner announced Tuesday, at noon. 1<sup>st</sup>- \$30; 2<sup>nd</sup>- \$20.*

### "SILVER BELT BUCKLE AWARD"

Sponsored by **Allison Custom Design**

*1<sup>st</sup> place winners for Class 300 "Get Ready and Show" will be awarded a custom Montana State Fair Pony Show silver belt buckle.*

## 2022 PONY SPONSORS

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## DIVISIONS/CLASSES

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- 1 HALTER CLASSES
- 2 HARNESS CLASSES
- 3 OPEN CLASSES
- 4 CHILDREN, 14 & UNDER WITH 46" & UNDER PONY
- 5 CHILDREN 14 & UNDER WITH 46" TO 54" PONY
- 6 CHILDREN 8 & UNDER
- 7 YOUTH 15-17, 54" & UNDER PONY

### DIVISION 1: HALTER CLASSES

#### REGULATIONS:

1. Ponies to be shown by American Shetland Club rules.
2. Ponies should be neatly trimmed, well groomed, braided with one braid in the foretop and one immediately back of the bridle path and attractively presented in the show ring.
3. Show halter or bridle is mandatory equipment used for all entries. All appliances, including false tails, are prohibited. For stallions 2 years and older, tack is optional equipment.
4. All classes offered will be required to work on the rail, both ways, at walk and trot. A handler and attendant are permitted per pony shown.
5. Grade ponies used in children's classes may only enter appropriate children's halter classes 115-118 or classes 110-113. Registered ponies used in children's classes may enter classes 115-118 OR they may compete in appropriate classes 103-106. NO CROSS ENTRIES. *Note: It is recommended that ponies used in children's classes show in the children's halter class provided, unless stable is actively breeding and promoting their breeding program for commercial purposes.*
6. Senior ponies are 5 years old and over. Junior ponies are 4 years old or less.
7. No yearling may be more than 43" tall and 2-year olds will not be over 44-1/2" in any class. This applies to registered Shetland ponies only.

### REGISTERED SHETLAND

*All these classes 46" and under.*

**ENTRY FEE:** \$3.00

**PREMIUMS:** 1<sup>st</sup>- \$8; 2<sup>nd</sup>- \$6; 3<sup>rd</sup>- \$4

#### CLASSES:

PO-1-100	Registered Stallion, Senior
PO-1-101	Registered Stallion, Junior
	<b>Grand Champion Stallion</b>
	<b>Reserve Champion Stallion</b>
PO-1-103	Registered Mare, Senior
PO-1-104	Registered Mare, Junior
	<b>Grand Champion Mare</b>
	<b>Reserve Champion Mare</b>
PO-1-106	Registered Gelding (46" and under)

## ANY BREED OR COMBINATION OF BREEDS

All these classes 54" and under.

**ENTRY FEE:** \$3.00

**PREMIUMS:** 1<sup>st</sup>- \$8; 2<sup>nd</sup>- \$6; 3<sup>rd</sup>- \$4

### CLASSES:

PO-1-107	Stallion, Senior
PO-1-108	Stallion, Junior
	<b>Grand Champion Stallion</b>
	<b>Reserve Champion Stallion</b>
PO-1-110	Mare, Senior
PO-1-111	Mare, Junior
	<b>Grand Champion Mare</b>
	<b>Reserve Champion Mare</b>
PO-1-113	Gelding
PO-1-114	Mare and Foal, Open

## GRADE PONIES AND CHILDREN'S PONIES

**ENTRY FEE:** \$3.00

**PREMIUMS:** 1<sup>st</sup>- \$8; 2<sup>nd</sup>- \$6; 3<sup>rd</sup>- \$4

### CLASSES:

PO-1-115	Mares used in children's classes – 46" and under
PO-1-116	Gelding used in children's classes – 46" and under
PO-1-117	Mares used in children's classes – 46" to 54"
PO-1-118	Gelding used in children's classes – 46" to 54"

## SHOWMANSHIP & SHOW OFF YOUR PONY- ANY BREED OR COMBINATION OF BREEDS

54" and under

### REGULATIONS:

1. **Classes 126, 127, 128, 129** - Showmanship to be judged on ability to fit and show your pony. Pony conformation not to count. Entries will enter ring at walk on rail one at a time as judge observes, and move to center of the ring to line up at ringmaster's direction. Each exhibitor will be instructed by the judge to show his/her pony at a walk and trot on the rail. On completion they will return to the lineup and reset their pony. At judge's discretion additional tests may be required. Pattern Showmanship will have a diagram pattern with instructions each entry must follow.

**ENTRY FEE:** \$3.00

**PREMIUMS:** 1<sup>st</sup>- \$8; 2<sup>nd</sup>- \$6; 3<sup>rd</sup>- \$4

### CLASSES:

PO-1-126	Showmanship (15 years and over)
PO-1-127	Showmanship (14 years and under)
PO-1-128	Pattern Showmanship (15 years and over)
PO-1-129	Pattern Showmanship (14 years and under)

## DIVISION 2: HARNESS CLASSES

### REGULATIONS:

1. This competition will allow stallions to be used in designated women's classes provided stallions are well mannered. The judge may excuse any unruly pony.
2. **Single Harness:** Qualifying class for Single Stake. To be driven to a viceroy, side bar buggy or four-wheeled vehicle of similar type. Harness to be show type including round blinkers, side check and choice of bit. Boots, bands or strings of any description on feet or legs, as well as martingales, are prohibited. **Enter to the right and work both ways of ring at "Park Pace" and "Show Your Pony"**. Only one attendant per entry shall be permitted to enter the show arena when the class is instructed to lineup.
3. **Single Ladies:** same as Single Harness with ladies only to drive. Qualifying class for Single Stake.
4. **Roadster, Open; Women's Roadster & Gentleman's Roadster:** Qualifying class for Roadster Stake. To be driven to a sulky, bike or two-wheeled vehicle of similar type. **Enter ring to left (clockwise) at a jog trot. Show at jog and road gait, reverse in ring at jog to counter-clockwise direction and show jog, road gait and turn 'em on.**
5. **Pleasure Driving, Open; Pleasure Driving, Ladies; and Pleasure Driving, Gentleman:** Qualifying class for Pleasure Driving Stake. To be driven to a two-wheeled cart with a foot basket or a four-wheeled buggy (not a viceroy). Ponies shown in Pleasure Driving not eligible for other driving classes. **Enter ring to right. To be shown at walk, pleasure trot and extended trot both ways of the ring.** Ponies to line up center, stand quietly and back readily. No attendants permitted.
6. **Class 208 - Versatile Pony, Pleasure Driving:** Open to ponies 54" and under used in children's classes but now driven by an adult family member.

7. **Class 209** - Youth Pleasure Driving: Open to all ponies 54" and under driven by youth 17 years and under. Pony may have been used in adult classes or be children's pony. To be driven to a two-wheeled cart with a foot basket. Enter ring to right. To be shown at walk, pleasure trot and extended trot both ways of the ring. Ponies to lineup in center, stand quietly and back readily. Attendants permitted to enter ring at lineup.
8. **Class 210** - Obstacle Driving: two- or four-wheeled cart to be used to complete set course of 6 to 9 obstacles. Qualifying class for Obstacle Stake (223).
9. **Class 211** - Pleasure Team, Open: 54" and under. May be driven in two-wheeled cart with a foot basket or a four-wheeled buggy. Enter ring to right. To be shown at walk, pleasure trot, and extended trot both ways of the ring.
10. All horses entered into Stake classes must have competed in an appropriate qualifying class.

### **ANY BREED OR COMBINATION OF BREEDS**

*50" and under unless specified*

**ENTRY FEE:** \$6.00

**PREMIUMS:** 1<sup>st</sup>- \$12; 2<sup>nd</sup>- \$10; 3<sup>rd</sup>- \$5; 4<sup>th</sup>- \$3

#### **CLASSES:**

PO-2-200	Single Harness
PO-2-201	Single Harness, Ladies
PO-2-202	Roadster, Open
PO-2-203	Women's Roadster
PO-2-204	Gentleman's Roadster
PO-2-205	Pleasure Driving, Open
PO-2-206	Pleasure Driving, Ladies
PO-2-207	Pleasure Driving, Gentleman
PO-2-208	Versatile Pleasure Driving Pony – 54" and under
PO-2-209	Pleasure Driving, Youth, 17 & under – 54" and under
PO-2-210	Obstacle Driving – 54" and under
PO-2-211	Pleasure Team, Open – 54" and under

### **HARNESS STAKES**

*50" and under unless specified*

**ENTRY FEE:** \$12.00

**PREMIUMS:** 1<sup>st</sup>- \$25; 2<sup>nd</sup>- \$20; 3<sup>rd</sup>- \$15; 4<sup>th</sup>- \$10

#### **CLASSES:**

PO-2-220	Single Stake
PO-2-221	Roadster Stake
PO-2-222	Pleasure Driving Stake
PO-2-223	Obstacle Stake – 54" and under

### **DIVISION 3: OPEN CLASSES**

#### **REGULATIONS:**

1. **Class 300** – Get Ready & Show: Open to all children 17 and under with a pony 54" & under. Prepare for a halter showmanship class by grooming the pony and themselves. Show number must be on exhibitor's back. Adult assistance will disqualify the exhibitor. The exhibitors may help one another without penalty. This class may be split, depending on the number of entries, prior experience or age at superintendent's discretion.
2. **Class 301** - Halter Trail, 14 and under; **Class 302** - Halter Trail, 15 years old and over. Open to all ponies. To be shown over course of 6 to 8 obstacles at a walk and jog on a reasonably loose lead without undue restraint. Judged on performance with an emphasis on manners.
3. **Class 303** - Halter Egg & Spoon Race, 15 & over; **Class 304** - Halter Egg & Spoon Race, 9-14; **Class 305** - Halter Egg & Spoon Race, 8 & under. Open to all ponies. Handlers may choose which hand to use to carry spoon and egg and which to control the pony. Once race begins a change of hands will be considered a disqualification. Race a straight line from start to finish. If the egg falls out of the spoon add 5 seconds to the time. Handler that can complete the course, with egg in spoon in the shortest amount of time will be declared the winner.
4. **Class 306** - Hand Driving Equitation, Adult and **Class 307** - Hand Driving Equitation, 17 & under: Open to all ponies. To be shown in training equipment, handler to walk only, demonstrating skill in handling pony. Handler to be attired in clothing suitable for a Roadster or Pleasure Driving Class.
5. **Class 308** - Hand Driving Obstacle Class, 14 & under and **Class 309** - Hand Driving Obstacle Class, 15 & over: Open to all ponies. To be shown in training equipment with handler dressed in clothing suitable for Roadster or Pleasure Driving class. Shown over 6 to 8 obstacles that may include a bridge, walk over poles, walk between obstacles and back up.
6. **Class 310** –Hand Driving Pole Bending Race, 10 & over: 4 stakes, 40" to 48" high and placed 18 feet apart will be used. The start (finish) line will be 18' from first pole of course. A five second penalty will be assessed for each stake tipped over. Open to any driving pony.

7. **Class 311** - Open English Pleasure, Youth 17 years old and under. Open to all children's ponies. To be shown hunt seat or saddle seat at the walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Canter to be included at the judge's discretion. English Attire of breeches, jacket, boots or half chaps & helmet necessary.
8. **Class 312** - Open English Equitation, Youth 17 years old and under: Open to all children's ponies. To be shown hunt seat or saddle seat at a walk and trot both ways of the ring. At lineup each entry will perform an individual test dictated by the judge to demonstrate the rider's ability to control the pony. To be judged on rider's hands, seat and ability to aid pony. English Attire of breeches, jacket, boots or half chaps & helmet necessary.
9. **Class 313** - Walk Trot Reining, 9-17. Pattern to be performed at walk & trot with the emphasis on accuracy as opposed to speed.
10. **Class 314** - Egg & Spoon Ride modified, 8 years & under & **Class 315** - Egg & Spoon Ride, 9-14 year rider. All entries enter ring and line up in single file along rail. Each entry will walk along rail from start point until egg is dropped or they reach the finish. All that reach the finish without dropping egg will repeat this process at a jog. Riders may choose which hand to use to carry spoon and egg and which to control the pony. Once class begins a change of hands will be considered a disqualification. Winner determined by those able to keep the egg in spoon for longest time. 8 years and under Modified: a person may walk along side, but not touch the pony. If the pony is touched by the non-rider, the ride ends.
11. **Class 316** - Ride a Buck, 8 & under (with saddle), **Class 317** - Ride a Buck, 9-14 year (bareback). **Class 316 walk, trot only, Class 317 lope** included at judge's discretion. Dollar Bill, placed at judge's discretion under seat, thigh or knee. Contestants disqualified when they lose the dollar. Placings determined by riders keeping the dollar in place for longest time.
12. **Class 318** - Lead Line Equitation, Rider 6 years and under. Open to all children's ponies. To be judged 80% on rider's hands, seat, and ability to guide, handle and aid pony at a walk both ways of ring and to halt and stand quietly. 10% appointment and 10% on handler's ability to not interfere with the rider's efforts. Riders may not cross into any Division 4, 5, or 6 classes.
13. **Class 319** - Lead Line Showman, Rider 6 years old and under, handler any age. Open to all children's ponies. To be judged 50% on handler's ability to aid rider in performance, 25% on rider's equitation skills and 25% on appointments, overall appearance and performance. Riders may not cross into any Division 4, 5, or 6 classes.
14. **Class 320** - Water Cup Relay (1 Pony and 2 Team Members). Two person team consisting of one 14 & Under and one of any age. First team member leads pony with cup of water and hands it off to the second team member. Second team member returns to finish line. Fastest team with the most water wins.
15. **Class 321** - Costume Class. Open to all Ponies and All Ages of Contestants. Judged on creativity! Past winning costumes have included periods of history, fables, nursery rhymes, Fair themes, television shows, movies, and social comment. During judging you may explain aspects of your costume to the judges. Ponies may be ridden, driven or led. An entry may consist of multiple people and ponies under one number for the group.
16. **Class 322** - Show off your pony under saddle, harness or halter. 35 seconds to impress the judge with talent or tricks.

**ENTRY FEE:** \$6.00

**PREMIUMS:** 1<sup>st</sup>- \$12; 2<sup>nd</sup>- \$10; 3<sup>rd</sup>- \$5; 4<sup>th</sup>- \$3

**CLASSES:**

PO-3-300	Get Ready & Show
PO-3-301	Halter Trail, 14 & under
PO-3-302	Halter Trail, 15 & over
PO-3-303	Halter Egg & Spoon Race, 15 & over
PO-3-304	Halter Egg & Spoon Race, 9-14
PO-3-305	Halter Egg & Spoon Race, 8 & under
PO-3-306	Hand Driving Equitation, Adult
PO-3-307	Hand Driving Equitation, Youth 17 & under
PO-3-308	Hand Driving Obstacle Class, 14 & under
PO-3-309	Hand Driving Obstacle Class, 15 & over
PO-3-310	Hand Driving Pole Bending, 10 & over
PO-3-311	Open English Pleasure
PO-3-312	Open English Equitation
PO-3-313	Walk Trot Reining, 9-17
PO-3-314	Egg & Spoon Ride, 8 & under rider, modified
PO-3-315	Egg & Spoon Ride, 9-14 yr rider
PO-3-316	Ride a Buck, 8 years and under (with saddle)
PO-3-317	Ride a Buck, 9-14 yr rider (bareback)
PO-3-318	Lead Line Equitation, Rider 6 and under, handler any age
PO-3-319	Lead Line Showmen, Rider 6 and under, handler any age
PO-3-320	Water Cup Relay
PO-3-321	Costume Class
PO-3-322	Show Off Your Pony

## DIVISION 4-7: CHILDREN'S CLASSES

### REGULATIONS:

1. For show purposes, child's age on December 1 of prior year shall be maintained for the current show year.
2. American Shetland Pony Club and USEF rules will prevail.
3. NO STALLIONS allowed in Children's Classes or to be handled by children 17 years and under in any class.
4. FOR SAFETY REASONS IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ALL CHILDREN PARTICIPATING WEAR HELMETS DURING ALL CLASSES AND PRACTICE SESSIONS. If child is not wearing a helmet, they must be wearing the appropriate headwear for classes entered. For example: cowboy hat for western attire. USEF rule – no contestant using protective headgear will be penalized as long as rest of appropriate dress code is adhered to.
5. In ALL TIMED CLASSES (races) headgear, be it a helmet or a hat, must be on when contestant passes the starting line, or he/she will be disqualified.
6. Show dress should be appropriate to class entered. Western riders should have long sleeved shirts, hat and long pants. Chaps are optional. English riders should have jacket, stock, breeches and helmet. Proper attire and equipment are part of the "showing" experience. Neither equipment nor attire must be fancy, but it should project an image of good grooming and cleanliness.
7. Children are required to enter ring with their pony's show number either attached to both sides of pony's saddle blanket or on their back. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
8. Children 8 and under – ponies entered in Division 6 may cross enter in Division 4 or 5 respectively.
9. Children's Classes ponies can be registered or grade. Any pony used in Children's Classes may not be cross entered in Division 2 Harness Classes unless specifically stated in class description.
10. Senior ponies, five years and over, must compete in all Western Pleasure and Western Riding Classes with a shank bit with reins attached to each shank. Mouthpiece may be straight, port or jointed. Slip or gag bits are prohibited. Junior ponies, four years and under, may compete in snaffle bits or hackamores. Chin straps must be flat and at least ½" in width and lay flat against chin of pony. They may be leather or chain. See USEF rule WS105. For children's races and game classes, any bit or hackamore is allowed. Call superintendent if you have questions.
11. For all children's Western Pleasure, Western Riding, Western Equitation, Western Horsemanship and Trail Classes one hand only may be used on reins and hands must not be changed except to negotiate an obstacle in a trail class. Riders may hold romal or end of split reins to keep them from swinging and to adjust the position of the reins between hands. Because of the age of our competitors, judges will apply this rule with some leniency by deducting scoring points of performance instead of elimination. For children's game classes and all races, riders are encouraged to use one hand but will not be penalized for two hands.
12. PENALTIES: In all times events a five second penalty will be assessed for each knock down of a stake, pole or barrel and a five second penalty if a contestant reached with hand or arm to steady a falling stake, pole or barrel.
13. DISQUALIFICATIONS: Run outs, refusals, or leaving the course in all events will disqualify the contestant. Any rider whipping pony with properties of an even will be disqualified. The use of a quirt, bat or spurs ahead of the cinch in any event will be a disqualification. Unsportsmanlike conduct – judge may disqualify riders for unnecessary roughness or disorderly conduct of any kind and may disqualify unmanageable pony for reasons of safety. Decisions of the judge are FINAL.
14. **Class 401, 501, & 701** - Western Pleasure. To be shown at a walk, trot and lope both ways of ring. At judge's discretion the lope may be eliminated or done as individuals from line up for safety reasons. Emphasis placed on manners and control. **Class 601** Walk Trot Western pleasure, 8 years old and under. Will be shown both ways of ring at a walk and trot with emphasis on manners and control.
15. **Classes 402, 502, & 602** – Musical Flags (set up same as Flag race). When music starts riders will circle the barrels, when music stops riders will grab a flag. Riders must stay on the outside of the barrels and MAY NOT circle a barrel, or cross through center of barrels, or reverse direction to return to a barrel passed. One less Flag (paint stick) than entries will be placed in the sand buckets. The rider that does not retrieve a flag will be eliminated. This process will continue until only one entry has a flag. **Class 602**, 8 years & under will have a "human barrel".
16. **Classes 403, 503, & 703** - Western Riding: Rider to follow a pattern that will demonstrate their skill in control of pony at walk, trot and lope. Patterns may be obtained prior to Fair by calling the superintendent. **Class 603** will be simplified and will not require a lope.
17. **Classes 404, 504, & 704** - Trail Class: Course will consist of 6 to 8 obstacles, which many include a gate, bridge, back and walk over poles. Contestant may be asked to walk, trot or lope in different portions of course. **Class 604** will be simplified and will not require a lope.
18. **Classes 405, 505, & 605** - Pole Bending Race: Six stakes, 40" to 48" high and placed 18 feet apart will be used. The start (finish) line will be 18' from first pole of course. A five second penalty will be assessed for each stake tipped over.
19. **Classes 406, 506, & 606** - Barrel Race: Barrels will be placed 50' apart. Start (finish) will be 20' from center line of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> barrel. Barrels will be 15-gallon in size. Rider will have choice of direction to start his/her race but must complete a cloverleaf. Pony game rules will apply.
20. **Classes 407, 507, & 607** - Figure "8" Race: Pattern will be posted in barn. Four stakes will be used- two set 80' apart at opposite ends of the course, with two center stakes set 14' apart at a point halfway between the two end stakes. These

two center stakes will mark the starting and finishing line. Rider starts between two center stakes and runs a figure "8" around the two end stakes, first turn optional as long as a full "8" pattern is completed.

21. **Classes 408, 508, & 608** - Keyhole Race: Pattern posted in barn. Keyhole will be constructed of poles laid out in pattern. Touching any pole on course will result in disqualification.
22. **Classes 409, 509, 609, & 709** - Bareback Equitation. To be shown riding bareback at a walk & trot both ways of ring. At line up judge will ask for an individual test. To be judged on rider's hands, seat and ability to aid pony. **Class 609** modified, walk only.
23. **Classes 410 & 510** - Flag Race: Pattern posted in barn. Child must remove flag from four barrels and transfer it to next barrel in square pattern. **Class 610** modified: Child will remove flag from human barrels and transfer them to next human barrel. Timed event. Rider must ride on the outside of barrels but may circle a barrel if he/she missed the flag at the first attempt. A left-handed rider has the privilege of taking the course in the reverse.
24. **Classes 411, 511, 611, & 711** - Western Horsemanship: Rider to follow a pattern. Judged on rider's ability to cue horse through pattern and demonstrate their control at a walk and jog. Class 711 will require a lope.
25. **Class 612** - Tag & Run. Limited to children 8 and under and their parents or legal guardians. All cinches will be inspected before start to ensure same number of loops, fastening style, etc... At judge's discretion child will ride or lead their pony from start line to their parent and hand pony to parent. Parent to unsaddle pony and lead to start/finish line.

#### **DIVISION 4: PONY 46" & UNDER, CHILD 14 AND UNDER**

**ENTRY FEE:** \$2.00

**PREMIUMS:** 1<sup>st</sup>- \$10; 2<sup>nd</sup>- \$7; 3<sup>rd</sup>- \$5; 4<sup>th</sup>- \$3

**CLASSES:**

PO-4-401	Western Pleasure, 46" and under
PO-4-402	Musical Flags
PO-4-403	Western Riding, 46" and under
PO-4-404	Trail Class, 46" and under
PO-4-405	Pole Bending, 46" and under
PO-4-406	Barrel Race, 46" and under
PO-4-407	Figure "8" Stake Race, 46" and under
PO-4-408	Keyhole Race, 46" and under
PO-4-409	Bareback Equitation, 46" and under
PO-4-410	Flag Race, 46" and under
PO-4-411	Western Horsemanship, 46" and under

#### **DIVISION 5: PONY 46" – 54", CHILD 14 & UNDER**

**ENTRY FEE:** \$2.00

**PREMIUMS:** 1<sup>st</sup>- \$10; 2<sup>nd</sup>- \$7; 3<sup>rd</sup>- \$5; 4<sup>th</sup>- \$3

**CLASSES:**

PO-5-501	Western Pleasure, 46" to 54"
PO-5-502	Musical Flags
PO-5-503	Western Riding, 46" to 54"
PO-5-504	Trail Class, 46" to 54"
PO-5-505	Pole Bending, 46" to 54"
PO-5-506	Barrel Race, 46" to 54"
PO-5-507	Figure "8" Stake Race, 46" to 54"
PO-5-508	Keyhole Race, 46" to 54"
PO-5-509	Bareback Equitation, 46" to 54"
PO-5-510	Flag Race, 46" to 54"
PO-5-511	Western Horsemanship, 46" to 54"

#### **DIVISION 6: CHILDREN, 8 AND UNDER**

*Ponies 54" and under*

**ENTRY FEE:** \$2.00

**PREMIUMS:** 1<sup>st</sup>- \$10; 2<sup>nd</sup>- \$7; 3<sup>rd</sup>- \$5; 4<sup>th</sup>- \$3

**CLASSES:**

PO-6-601	Walk-Trot Western Pleasure	PO-6-607	Figure "8" Stake Race
PO-6-602	Musical Flags, Modified	PO-6-608	Keyhole Race
PO-6-603	Western Riding	PO-6-609	Bareback Equitation
PO-6-604	Trail Class, modified	PO-6-610	Flag Race
PO-6-605	Pole Bending	PO-6-611	Western Horsemanship
PO-6-606	Barrel Race	PO-6-612	Tag and Run



**DIVISION 7: YOUTH, 15-17 YEARS OLD WITH 54" LIMIT PONY**

*Pony should be appropriate for youth's weight and height.*

**REGULATIONS:**

1. This division is being offered as a final transition toward open showing and is intended to serve as inspiration and motivation to achieve horsemanship skills from younger contestants by the example you set.
2. Judging standards will enforce one hand rules, equipment regulations and class specifications. Judges WILL NOT place exhibitors that do not fulfill standards.
3. It is each contestant's responsibility to know the patterns and class specifications before the class begins.
4. Patterns for western riding, horsemanship will be available by May 1.

**ENTRY FEE:** \$5.00

**PREMIUMS:** 1<sup>st</sup>- \$10; 2<sup>nd</sup>- \$7; 3<sup>rd</sup>- \$5

**CLASSES:**

PO-7-701	Western Pleasure	PO-7-709	Bareback Equitation
PO-7-703	Western Riding	PO-7-711	Western Horsemanship
PO-7-704	Trail Class		

## Montana State Fair - 65th Annual Pony Show

### SATURDAY, 1 P.M.

- 301 Halter Trail, 14 & under
- 302 Halter Trail, 15 & over
- 308 Hand Driving Obstacle, 14 & under
- 309 Hand Driving Obstacle, 15 & over
- 604 Trail Class – modified
- 704 Trail Class, 15-17
- 404 Trail Class, 46" & under
- 504 Trail Class, 46" to 54"

### SATURDAY, 5 P.M.

- 203 Women's Roadster
- 204 Gentleman's Roadster
- 601 Walk-Trot Western Pleasure
- 701 Western Pleasure, 15-17
- 401 Western Pleasure, 46" & under
- 501 Western Pleasure, 46" to 54"
- 314 Egg & Spoon Ride, 8 & under
- 315 Egg & Spoon Ride, 9-14
- 603 Western Riding, 8 & under
- 703 Western Riding, 15-17
- 503 Western Riding, 46" to 54"
- 403 Western Riding, 46" and under
- 211 Pleasure Team Open, 54" & under
- 201 Single Harness, Ladies
- 607 Figure 8 Stake Race, 8 & under
- 407 Figure 8 Stake Race, 46" & under
- 507 Figure 8 Stake Race, 46" to 54"
- 605 Pole Bending, 8 yrs & under
- 505 Pole Bending, 46" to 54"
- 405 Pole Bending, 46" & under
- 310 Hand Driving Pole Bending Race, 10 & over
- 306 Hand Driving Equitation, Adults
- 307 Hand Driving Equitation, 17 & under

### SUNDAY, 9 A.M.

- 100 Registered Shetland Stallion, Senior
- 101 Registered Shetland Stallion, Junior  
Stallion, Grand and Reserve Champion
- 103 Registered Shetland Mare, Senior
- 104 Registered Shetland Mare, Junior  
Mare, Grand and Reserved Champion
- 106 Registered Shetland Gelding
- 107 Stallion 50" & under, Senior
- 108 Stallion 50" & under, Junior  
Stallion, Grand and Reserve Champion
- 110 Mare 50" & under, Senior
- 111 Mare 50" & under, Junior  
Mare, Grand and Reserved Champion
- 113 Gelding, 50" & under
- 114 Mare and Foal, Open
- 115 Mares used in Children's Classes (46" & under)
- 116 Gelding used in Children's Class (46" & under)
- 117 Mare used in Children's Classes (46" to 54")
- 118 Gelding used in Children's Classes (46" to 54")
- 126 Showmanship, 15 yrs & over
- 127 Showmanship, 14 yrs & under
- 128 Pattern Showmanship, 15 yrs & over
- 129 Pattern Showmanship, 14 yrs & under
- 322 Show Off Your Pony
- 303 Halter Egg & Spoon Race, 15 yrs & over
- 304 Halter Egg & Spoon Race, 9-14
- 305 Halter Egg & Spoon Race, 8 & under

### SUNDAY, 5 P.M.

- 202 Roadster, Open
- 318 Lead Line Equitation, 6 & under
- 206 Pleasure Driving, Ladies
- 319 Lead Line Showman, 6 & under
- 207 Pleasure Driving, Gentlemen
- 200 Single Harness
- 220 Single Stake (50" and under)
- 609 Bareback Equitation, 8 & under, Modified
- 409 Bareback Equitation, 46" & under
- 509 Bareback Equitation, 46" to 54"
- 709 Bareback Equitation, 15-17
- 316 Ride A Buck, 8 & under (with saddle)
- 317 Ride A Buck, 9-14 (bareback)
- 611 Western Horsemanship, 8 & under
- 711 Western Horsemanship, 15-17
- 411 Western Horsemanship, 46" and under
- 511 Western Horsemanship, 46" to 54"
- 313 Walk Trot Reining, 9-17
- 606 Barrel Race, 8 & under
- 406 Barrel Race, 46" & under
- 506 Barrel Race, 46" to 54"
- 612 Tag & Run

### MONDAY, 10 A.M.

- 300 Get Ready and Show
- 320 Water Cup Relay

### MONDAY, 4 P.M.

- 221 Roadster Stake
- 311 Open English Pleasure
- 312 Open English Equitation
- 608 Keyhole Race, 8 & under
- 508 Keyhole Race, 46" to 54"
- 408 Keyhole Race, 46" & under
- 205 Pleasure Driving, Open
- 222 Pleasure Driving Stake
- 610 Flag Race, modified
- 410 Flag Race, 46" & under
- 510 Flag Race, 46" to 54"
- 402 Musical Flags, 46" & under
- 502 Musical Flags, 46" -54"
- 602 Musical Flags, 8 & under, modified
- 208 Versatile Pleasure Driving Pony
- 209 Pleasure Driving, Youth, 17 & under
- 210 Obstacle Driving
- 223 Obstacle Stake

### TUESDAY, NOON

- 321 Costume Class

