



## Windham County Agricultural Society Brooklyn Fair – Horse Show Rules

1. A Rabies Certificate and Negative Coggins must be on file at the secretary booth before a horse will be allowed to enter any classes at the show. The horse's name on the Rabies Certificate and Coggins must match the registered name.
2. Show Committee and Property Owners will not be responsible for injury to animals, persons, or damage to the property of exhibitors or spectators.
3. All Post-Entries must be registered 2 hour prior to the start of the session.
4. The Judge's decision is final.
5. All ages referred to in the class list are as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
6. No horses shall be allowed in the spectator area at any time.
7. No dogs allowed.
8. Management reserves the right to prohibit any persons from attending or showing a horse in the ring and further to remove any person or horse from the show for just cause without being liable for compensation.
9. Exhibitors are notified that any act of discourtesy to the judge or officials on the part of the owner shall forfeit all entry fees.
10. Excessive whipping, spurring, unnecessary yanking on the bit, or any form of cruelty/neglect to a horse will not be tolerated and should be reported to the Show Manager
11. Profanity in or out of the ring will not be tolerated.
12. Management reserves the right not to refund any money other than for lameness, or an injury to a horse defined by the Veterinarian at the owner's expense.
13. All exhibitors riding a horse anywhere on the grounds in an English saddle must wear a helmet. Helmets are allowed in all classes, at the exhibitor's discretion regardless of discipline.
14. Proper shoes with heels are required when riding on the showgrounds.
15. Proper attire is required in all classes.
16. Exhibitor's assigned number must at all times be prominently displayed on the exhibitor's back or both sides of the saddle pad. At no time should the rider's hair obscure any or all of the number. Any exhibitor entering the show ring without their number properly displayed will be automatically disqualified.

17. Admission is to be paid for all entering grounds. One admission rate credit (\$10.00) will be applied to each entry.  
Discounted Admission Tickets can be purchased Prior to the fair by going to <https://brooklynfair.org/tickets>
18. Warmups are permitted 2 hours prior to the 1/2 hr before the show starts and 15 minutes during the lunch break.
19. Classes to be placed 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>.  
The following point system will be used: 1st: 10 points 2nd: 8 points 3rd: 7 points 4th: 6 points 5th: 5 points 6th: 4 points 7th: 3 points 8th: 2 points.

Show Managers: Amy Vertefeuille & Jen Crossman

Judge: Joshua Noble

Announcer: Jen Crossman & Bea McCullough

Office Staff: Joanne Johnson, Jennie Kapszukiewicz, Alison Sirico

## **Class Descriptions**

### **DRIVING:**

To be shown in appropriate attire. To be shown in an appropriate vehicle at a walk, pleasure trot, slow trot, and extended trot. It is imperative that the horse give the distinct appearance of being a pleasure to drive, with emphasis on the walk and smooth transitions. The horse must stand quietly and back readily. To be judged on manners, performance with proper cadence and balance and gait 60%; type and conformation 40%,

No cantering is permitted in Carriage Driving classes. A break to canter is defined as three full strides.

Attendants are encouraged in the lineup.

Cones Order of Go is to be posted at the office.

High Point Awards will be awarded at the end of the afternoon session.

### **DIVISIONS:**

- Pony / VSE: Open to Ponies, miniature horses, and donkeys. Ponies with a height of 14.2 hands and under, Very Small Equine (VSE) with a height of 46" and under.
- Junior: Drivers under the age of 18, drivers under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a knowledgeable adult driver capable of rendering assistance. All junior drivers must wear properly fitted headgear with the chinstrap always fastened. Juniors are not to cross enter into any other division.
- Horse: Horses over 14.2 hands, can be of any breed or discipline.
- Draft: Draft horses and donkeys between 14.2 - 16.2 hands

**Working Class:** To be judged 70% on performance, manners, and way of going; 20% on the condition and fit of harness and vehicle, and 10% on neatness of attire.

Reinsmanship Class: To be judged 75% on the handling of reins and whip, control, posture, and overall appearance of the driver, 25% on the condition of harness and vehicle, and neatness of attire.

Timed Obstacles: Obstacles will be set at a standard width of 200cm and will be timed, with the fastest time winning. Penalties will be judged with a cone or ball down, with a 5 second time penalty added to your final time. Obstacles not to exceed 20.

#### MINIATURE HORSE

Open to miniature horses of all ages and mares & geldings, not to exceed 38". Personal Attire: Should follow the discipline. Miniature in Hand, you may wear a comfortable shoe for running, that doesn't require a heeled shoe, no open-toed shoes are allowed.

#### LEAD LINE DIVISIONS:

Open to riders ages 2-7 as of January 1, 2023 who have never competed in any class other than Lead Line. Open to all disciplines. Riders will be required to direct their own mounts; handler's interference will be penalized. A halter over or under the bridle is mandatory, the handler must be 16 years of age or older. The trail class will consist of no more than four (4) obstacles. Side walkers and grab straps are permitted for ages 2-4.

#### WALK-TROT DIVISIONS:

Open to riders who have never competed in any class at any show requiring a canter. Open to all disciplines.

Walk/Trot 10 & Under: Open to riders ages 10 and under in all disciplines.

Walk/Trot 11 - 17: Open to riders ages 11 – 17 in all disciplines.

#### JR DIVISION:

Open to riders 18 years old and under showing walk, trot, and canter. Showing in English or Western attire.

#### ADULT DIVISION:

Open to riders ages 18 years & over in all disciplines. The class will require a walk, trot, and canter.

#### Beginner W/T/C DIVISION:

Open to beginner riders in their 1<sup>st</sup> two year of showing at the canter. Open to all disciplines.

#### SENIOR DIVISIONS:

Open to horses and ponies ages 18 years and older. Proof of age is mandatory to enter this division. Open to all disciplines.

#### BROOKLYN FAIR OPEN PLEASURE CLASSIC:

Open to all disciplines to be shown at a walk, trot, and canter. Additional testing may be required.

#### FUN & GAMES DIVISION

Personal Appointments/Tack: English or Western attire is allowed in Fun & Games classes.

Sit a Buck: Each rider should provide themselves with two one-dollar bills. Bills are to be placed by the judge under the rider's leg. Riders must wear pants, boots, and protective approved headgear. Riders will be riding bareback and asked to perform walk, trot, and canter. Additional testing may be required. The rider who completes the class with at least one dollar remaining in place will be the winner. The winner will keep all two-dollar entries from other participants.

Mint Julep: Each rider is given a cup of water. The class is worked for a set amount of time, at a walk, trot and canter. Riders must wear pants, boots, and protective approved headgear. Not doing the requested gait/action is a disqualification. At the end of the time period, winners are based on who has the most amount of water left in their cup.

Parent Lead-line: Open to any parent of a child who has shown up during the day. To be led by their child, if under the age of 12, must be accompanied by another handler 16 years of age or older. A halter over or under the bridle is mandatory. Riders will be asked to walk, jog/trot, and halt. Riders must wear protective headgear, pants, and boots.

### **Saturday Divisions**

#### Pony/VSE

1. Pony / VSE Working
5. Pony / VSE Reinsmanship
9. Pony / VSE Timed Obstacles

#### Horse

2. Horse Working
6. Horse Reinsmanship
10. Horse Timed Obstacles

#### Draft

3. Draft Working
7. Draft Reinsmanship
11. Draft Timed Obstacles

#### Junior

4. Junior Working
8. Junior Reinsmanship
12. Junior Timed Obstacles

Championship - Class # 13 Brooklyn Fair Driving Championship

### **Sunday Divisions**

#### Miniature Horse / Pony Classes:

1. Miniature Halter In Hand
2. Miniature Hunter In-Hand
3. Miniature Trail In-Hand

#### Lead-Line Classes:

4. Lead-Line Equitation
5. Lead-Line Pleasure
6. Lead-Line Trail

#### Adult Western Classes:

7. Adult Western Horsemanship
15. Adult Western Equitation
23. Adult Western Discipline Rail

#### Walk/Trot 10 & Under:

8. Walk/Trot 10&Under Equitation
16. Walk/Trot 10&Under Pleasure
24. Walk/Trot 10&Under Discipline Rail

#### Walk/Trot 11-17 Classes:

9. Walk/Trot 11-17
17. Walk/Trot 11-17
25. Walk/Trot 11-17

#### Senior Horse Classes:

10. Senior Horse Equitation
18. Senior Horse Pleasure
26. Senior Horse Discipline Rail

#### Beginner W/T/C Classes:

11. Beginner W/T/C Equitation
19. Beginner W/T/C Pleasure
27. Beginner W/T/C Discipline Rail

#### Adult English Classes:

12. Adult English Equitation
20. Adult English Pleasure
28. Adult English Discipline Rail

#### Jr. English Classes:

13. Jr. English Equitation
21. Jr. English Pleasure
29. Jr. English Discipline Rail

#### Jr. Western Classes:

14. Jr. Western Horsemanship
22. Jr. Western Pleasure
30. Jr. Western Discipline Rail

#### Games:

- 32: Sit a Buck
- 33: Mint Julip
- 34: Parent Lead-Line

Championship - Class # 31 Brooklyn Fair Open Pleasure Classic