

# HORSE and PONY

Quillen Arena

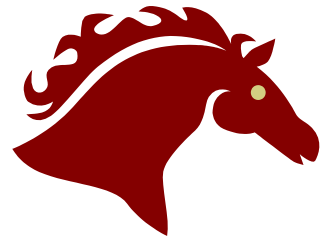
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Entries will be accepted **ONLY** on-line via the Delaware State Fair's website beginning on

**April 1st (at 9:00AM) thru June 1st (at midnight).**

Please make sure your entry is completed correctly!

**Horses: Halter Classes (#6 - 41) and Showmanship Classes #42, 43, 44 and 47 will show on: Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> - 9:00AM**

**Horses: Saddle Horse Performance Classes (#48 - 84) will show on Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> - 9:00AM**

**Trail Classes will run the same time with a time period to work.**

**Ponies and Miniature Horses will show on Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> - 9:00AM**

## ENTRY FEE INFORMATION:

A **\$10.00 per animal stall fee** must accompany all entries, with the exception of foals stabled with their dam. All classes require a **\$2.00 entry fee per animal, per class**. No exhibitor may collect more than 2 monies in any one class. Due to the amount of work involved, no refunds will be made on entry fees.

**2011 On-Line changes: All classes must be entered on-line from April 1 through June 1. There will not be any class additions made during the fair.**

Entries and stall space will be taken on a *first-come first-served basis* until stalls are filled. Horses and ponies will be assigned to barns and stalls in the order in which entries are received. Out-of-state horses and ponies **WILL NOT** be accepted for the 2011 Fair.

**Stall Assignments WILL BE POSTED** next to the Horse Dept. Office, located in the North end of the Sussex Barn. **Those exhibitors stalling their horse and ponies in the Horse Tent MUST WALK, DO NOT RIDE.**

Animals may be brought on the grounds starting on Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 12:00 Noon until 8:00PM. They can also be brought in on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00AM until 11:00AM. At this time you will receive your pass.

Paperwork for all registered Horses and Ponies will be checked between 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup> in order to be eligible to show.

**All animals must be on the grounds by 11:00AM Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

All animals allotted stalls must be shown in classes entered or future entries will not be accepted. Animals must have been owned by exhibitor 60 days prior to Fair. Youth (21 & under) may not exhibit a stallion in any class except ages 1 year and under in open classes only. Upon entering the ring, the clothing and appearance of the exhibitor must be neat, clean, and suitable show apparel. Shirts and jackets must be long-sleeved with a collar and boots must be worn. NO staples or tacks to be used. You must have correct exhibitors number on or you will be disqualified.

Trailers will be assigned parking spaces at the sole discretion of the Horse Superintendent as space permits. Tack rooms will be assigned to exhibitors according to the number of animals exhibited. Those persons desiring stalls next to each other need to indicate this in the comment section of the on-line entry process.

**Cars and trucks shall not be parked around barns.**

**HORSES & PONIES MUST NOT LEAVE THE GROUNDS BEFORE 1AM, SUNDAY, July 31<sup>st</sup> or premiums will be forfeited and the exhibitor will not be allowed to show at next year's fair.**

**ALL EXHIBITORS AND PARTICIPANTS MUST BE DELAWARE RESIDENTS; HOWEVER, ACTIVE DELAWARE 4-H MEMBERS ARE PERMITTED TO EXHIBIT REGARDLESS OF RESIDENCY.**

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## HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

**An up to date Coggins Test (within the last 12 months) and a Certificate of Vaccination for Equine Influenza and Rhinopneumonitis (EHV) (within the last 180 days), must be presented at the gate as directed by the Department of Agriculture before entering the Fairground's property.**

Youth Classes will be for those exhibitors who are 21 years old and under as of January 1 of the current year.

Registered animals shown at the Fair must be accompanied with registration papers properly registered in the exhibitor's name from a recognized Breed Association for verification of age, identification and ownership. Bill of sale, signed transfer, lease, pending or affidavit from seller will not be accepted as evidence of registration. A letter from the Secretary of the respective Breed Association stating identification of animal and exhibitor's ownership will be accepted if papers are not available. Stallions, over 2 years of age shown in hand classes, must be registered with a recognized breed association.

Exhibitors are responsible for their errors in making entries. It is requested that all foals be shown in halter by a handler. All animals entered or associated with entered animals must be in show condition or will not be accepted. Animals are subject to inspection by an exhibit committee.

Exhibitors must furnish their own feed. Your first straw bedding will be provided by the Fair.

English and Western Pleasure horses and ponies may not be ridden in hackamore, martingales or tie-downs. The chin straps may be flat chains or flat leather at least 1/2 inch wide. There will be an exercise period daily for exhibitors who want to ride or exercise their animals in the show ring between 5:00AM and 9:00PM. There will be a time schedule posted by the Superintendent for riding in the Quillen Arena. Animals will not be allowed in that area except during time designated.

**THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO TURNING HORSES OR PONIES LOOSE IN THE SHOW RING AT ALL.**

Positively no riding will be allowed around the Midway or stable areas except before entering the show ring.

**ABSOLUTELY NO HORSES OR PONIES IN GROVE OR CAMPING AREA AT ANY TIME.**

All Junior Exhibitors will be expected to be in their quarters by 12:30AM and remain there. If in the opinion of the judge an entry does not merit a premium, then no premium shall be paid. Further, he is empowered to limit the top award in any class to a second, third, or lower premium if in his opinion the quality of the class so merits.

Care will be taken to protect the animals from injury, but the Delaware State Fair will not in any way hold themselves responsible for accidents, loss and damage by water, fire, theft or otherwise, whatever may be the cause or extent of the damage sustained. All animals are entered at the owner's risk.

The Delaware State Fair is not a member of any horse affiliated group. Therefore, you will notice that our Show is run somewhat differently and some of our rules may differ from those followed in some sanctioned horse shows. Our purpose is to have animals here on exhibit for the duration of the Fair since many of our patrons have never had the opportunity of seeing animals close up.

**SUPERINTENDENTS WILL MAKE ALL FINAL DECISIONS REGARDING INTERPRETATIONS OF RULES, INCLUDING DISPUTES AND/OR PROTESTS.**

**EXHIBITORS NOT COMPLYING WITH REGULATIONS  
WILL HAVE THEIR PREMIUM MONIES WITHHELD AND/OR FUTURE ENTRIES REFUSED.**

**The State 4H Horse & Pony show will be Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00AM. All entries will be made the day of the show.**

★ SPECIAL AWARDS ★

**F. THADDEUS WARRINGTON MEMORIAL TROPHY**

A perpetual trophy will be presented to the  
Grand Champion Welsh Pony each year in memory of  
Mr. F. Thaddeus Warrington.  
Mr. Warrington was a beloved Fair exhibitor and breeder of  
championship Welsh ponies for more than a quarter of a century.

**BROOKE LEBLANC MEMORIAL TROPHY**

The First Place Horse Lead Line Award  
will be presented in memory of  
Brooke LeBlanc.

**RICHARD & BETTY NIBLETT  
MEMORIAL TROPHY**

A perpetual trophy will be presented to the  
Grand Champion Shetland Pony each year in  
memory of  
Richard and Betty Niblett,  
Two long-time fair exhibitors and Shetland Pony breeders.  
The Fair was of great importance in their family life.

**D. LEE WILSON, JR. Memorial Trophy**

A perpetual trophy will be presented to the  
Grand Champion Haflinger each year in  
memory of  
D. Lee Wilson, Jr.

**MICKEY PRATT, JR. MEMORIAL TROPHY**

A perpetual trophy will be presented to the Grand Champion  
Open Pony each year in  
memory of  
Mickey Pratt, Jr. ,  
a much loved long-time exhibitor and breeder of Trotting bred  
ponies and Appaloosa horses.  
There are very few people who could have loved the Fair more.

**HORSES & PONIES continued. . .**

**PREMIUM SCHEDULE**

Premiums in ALL Horse and Pony classes will be paid using the following schedule:

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
\$40	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20

Open Class must measure 14.2 hands to be shown in halter or bridle at the walk and trot. To be judged on Conformation and General appearance 75% and Way of Going 25%.

**Classes - IN HAND**

**APPALOOSA Classes**

6. Registered Stallion: 2 yrs and over
7. Registered Broodmare (with foal by side)
8. Registered Mare: 3 yrs and over
9. Registered Gelding: 3 yrs and over
10. Registered Mare, Gelding or Colt: 1 yr and under 2 yrs
11. Registered Mare or Gelding: 2 yrs and under 3 yrs
12. Filly or Colt: under 1 yr

**GRAND CHAMPION & RESERVE: 1st and 2nd monies**

**QUARTER HORSE Classes**

15. Registered Stallion: 2 yrs and over
16. Registered Broodmare (with foal by side)
17. Registered Mare: 3 yrs and over
18. Registered Gelding: 3 yrs and over
19. Registered Mare, Gelding or Colt: 1 yr and under 2 yrs
20. Registered Mare or Gelding: 2 yrs and under 3 yrs
21. Filly or Colt: under 1 yr

**GRAND CHAMPION & RESERVE: 1st and 2nd monies**

**PAINT Classes**

24. Registered Stallion: 2 yrs and over
25. Registered Broodmare (with foal by side)
26. Registered Mare: 3 yrs and over
27. Registered Gelding: 3 yrs and over
28. Registered Mare, Gelding or Colt: 1 yr and under 2 yrs
29. Registered Mare or Gelding: 2 yrs and under 3 yrs
30. Filly or Colt: Under 1 yr



**GRAND CHAMPION & RESERVE: 1st and 2nd monies**

**HORSE and PONIES continued. . .**

**OPEN Classes**

No Registered animals are allowed in these classes unless they are not offered in the above classes.

- 33. Mare: 3 yrs and over
- 34. Gelding: 3 yrs and over
- 35. Mare or Gelding: 1 yr and under 3 yrs
- 36. Colt: 1 yr and under 2 yrs
- 37. Filly: under 1 yr
- 38. Colt: under 1 yr

**GRAND CHAMPION & RESERVE: 1st and 2nd monies**

**SUPREME HALTER HORSE**

**GRAND CHAMPION From each breed will compete for this award.**

**Grooming and Showmanship-HORSES**

The following Grooming and Showmanship classes are open to boys and girls, residents of Delaware, who are 21 and under as of January 1, 2011. Active Delaware 4-H members are permitted to exhibit regardless of residency.

Judged 40% appearance of horse, 10% appearance of exhibitor, and 50% showmanship. Shown in hand in a bridle or halter. Exhibitors must have entered their horse in at least one other class in the Horse & Pony Dept. Horse must be owned by exhibitor or parent. All registered animals must be registered in the name of exhibitor, sibling, parent or grandparents of exhibitor. Horse must be shown by owner or immediate family member.

**Horses in classes 42, 43 and 44 may only enter in one class because of Champion and Reserve.**

- 42. Grooming & Showmanship: 9 and under
- 43. Grooming & Showmanship: 10 - 13
- 44. Grooming & Showmanship: 14 - 21

**GRAND CHAMPION & RESERVE:**

**1st and 2nd monies in Classes 42, 43 and 44**

- 47. Grooming & Showmanship: Adult

**CHICK'S will award a HORSE COOLER to the Champion of the Youth Grooming & Showmanship contest**



## HORSES & PONIES continued. . .

### Saddle Horse Performance Class

We will have an English judge and a Western judge. Following the English performance classes, the Western performance classes will begin. The Trail classes will run concurrently, with a time period to work.

48. Adult Equitation: English tack. Judged on ability of rider to have horse perform walk, trot, canter and such other tests as judge may direct to determine rider's abilities. Conformation not to count.
49. Youth Equitation 10-13, Same as Class 48, but open only to youth.
50. Youth Equitation 14-21, Same as Class 48, but open only to youth.
51. Adult English Pleasure: English tack. Judged on manners, performances, quality and suitability of horse to rider. Gaits to be walk, trot, canter and will be asked to back.
52. Youth English Pleasure: 10-13, Same as Class 51, but open only to youth.
53. Youth English Pleasure: 14-21, Same as Class 51, but open only to youth.
54. Jr. Hunter Under Saddle: Horses 5 yrs and under, judged on performance and soundness and emphasis on suitability and manners. Gaits to be walk, trot, canter and may be asked to hand gallop, and will be asked to back.
55. Sr. Hunter Under Saddle: Horses 6 yrs. & over. All other qualifications as Class 54 apply.
56. Youth Hunter Hack – English tack: Open to youth 21 years and under. The hunter hack horse should move same style as a working hunter. The class will be judged on style over fences, even hunting pace, flat work, manners and way of going. Horses are first required to jump two fences, two feet to two feet nine inches in height. Horses being considered for an award are then to be shown at a walk, trot and canter one or both ways of the ring with light contact.
57. Adult Hunter Hack – English tack: Open to adults only. Same qualifications as Class 56.
58. English Command - English tack: This is open to any age person. To perform both ways of the ring at any gait requested by the judge. Refusal to take commands immediately or break a gait will cause elimination.

Lunch Break

59. Lead line: (English or Western) Rider must be six (6) years of age or under as of January 1st. Leader may be of any age. Placing awarded in lead line are not eligible for any other riding class at the horse show.
60. Jr. Western Pleasure: Western tack. Horses 5 yrs. and under. Shown on a loose rein and judged on manners, performance and quality at walk, jog, lope and may be asked to back.
61. Sr. Western Pleasure: Horses 6 yrs. and over. All other qualifications as Class 60 apply.
62. Walk-Trot: 9 & under - Age as of January 1st. Shown at a loose rein and judged on manners, performance and quality at a walk and jog. Judge must ask that all back their horses, English or Western.
63. Walk-Trot: 10 through 21. Same qualifications as Class 62.
64. Walk-Trot: 21- 45 Same qualifications as Class 62.
65. Walk-Trot: 46 & over. Same qualifications as Class 62.
66. Walk-Trot limited: all ages. Those participating in this class are not eligible to show in any other performance class
67. Youth Western Pleasure: 10-13. Shown on a loose rein and judged on manners, performance and quality at walk, jog, lope and will be asked to back.
68. Youth Western Pleasure: 14-21. Same qualifications as Class 67.
69. Adult Western Horsemanship: Riders judged on seat, hands, ability to control and show horse and suitability of rider to horse. Results as shown by performance of horse are not considered more important than method used in obtaining them. May be asked to perform individually.
70. Youth Western Horsemanship: 10-13. Same qualifications as Class 68 but open only to youth 10-13 years of age.
71. Youth Western Horsemanship: 14-21. Same qualifications as Class 68 but open only to youth 14-21 years of age.
72. Western Command: Mare or gelding to perform both ways of the ring at any gait requested by judge. Refusal to take commands immediately or break gait will result in elimination.
73. Adult Western Trail: Western Tack. Mare or gelding normally used for pleasure. To be shown over and through obstacles simulating those along the trail. Judged on promptness and suitability of horse to rider with emphasis on manners.
74. Youth Western Trail: 9 and under. Same as Class 73.
75. Youth Western Trail: 10-13 years of age. Same as Class 73.
76. Youth Western Trail: 14-21 years of age. Same as Class 73.
77. Adult English Trail: English tack. Mare or gelding normally used for pleasure. To be shown over and through obstacles simulating those along the trail. Judged on promptness and suitability of horse to rider with emphasis on *manners*.
78. Youth English Trail: English ages 9 and under. Same as Class 77.
79. Youth English Trail: English ages 10-13 years of age. Same as Class 77.
80. Youth English Trail: English ages 14-21 years of age. Same as Class 77.
81. Pole Bending: Each contestant will begin from a running start and time shall begin and end as the horse's nose crosses the line. Hard hats must be worn.

**HORSES & PONIES continued . . .**

- 82. Barrel Racing: Hard hats must be worn. Must use a western saddle. One pony and one rider.
- 83. Costume Class: To be shown at a walk. Costume 50%. Originality 50%.
- 84. Dollar Bareback: Open to all riders 21 years & under. Dollar to be placed under knee. Must respond to all requests of judge for change of gait. Loss of dollar constitutes immediate elimination. No shorts.

**Registered Shetland Pony Classes**

All entries must be duly registered or eligible for registration with the American Shetland Pony club or the Shetland Pony Stud Book Society, and not exceed 11.2 hands in height. All ponies shown in hand. To be judged on conformation, quality, substance and soundness.

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| 85. Shetland Mares, 4 years and over | 88. Shetland, 2 & 3 yr olds          |
| 86. Shetland Foals                   | 89. Shetland Geldings, 4 yrs & over  |
| 87. Shetland Yearlings               | 90. Shetland Stallions, 4 yrs & over |

**GRAND CHAMPION & RESERVE**  
**1st and 2nd monies:** For Classes 85 thru 90

**Registered Welsh Pony Classes**

All entries must be duly registered or eligible for registration with Welsh Pony Society of America. All ponies shown in hand. To be judged on conformation, quality, substance and soundness.

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| 93. Welsh Mares, 4 years and over | 96. Welsh, 2 & 3 yr olds          |
| 94. Welsh Foals                   | 97. Welsh Geldings, 4 yrs & over  |
| 95. Welsh Yearlings               | 98. Welsh Stallions, 4 yrs & over |

**GRAND CHAMPION & RESERVE**  
**1st and 2nd monies:** For Classes 93 thru 98

**Registered Haflingers Classes**

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| 101. Haflingers Mares, 4 years and over | 104. Haflingers, 2 & 3 yr olds          |
| 102. Haflingers Foals                   | 105. Haflingers Geldings, 4 yrs & over  |
| 103. Haflingers Yearlings               | 106. Haflingers Stallions, 4 yrs & over |

**GRAND CHAMPION & RESERVE**  
**1st and 2nd monies:** Classes 101 thru 106



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**Grade Pony Classes**  
**No Registered animals are allowed in these classes.**  
**Classes open to non-registered ponies only.**

Ponies must not measure over 58 inches (14.2 hands). Classes may be divided depending on number of entries. Classes 109 thru 115 are to be shown in halter or bridle at a walk and trot. These classes will be judged on conformation, performance, quality and manners. We will be checking measurements on Grade Pony Classes.

- 109. Grade Mare: any age, 40" & under
- 110. Grade Mare: any age, 41"-50"
- 111. Grade Mare: any age, 51"-58"
- 112. Grade Gelding: 3 yrs. & over, not exceeding 58"
- 113. Grade Foals: under 1 yr., born after January 1, 2011
- 114. Grade Filly, Colt or Gelding: under 45", 1-2 yrs. Old
- 115. Grade Filly, Colt or Gelding: 45" & over, 1-2 yrs. Old

**GRAND CHAMPION & RESERVE**  
**1st and 2nd monies: Classes 109 thru 115**

**Registered American Miniature Horse Show**

This show will be held on Thursday, July 28 immediately following the Grade Pony Classes. All entries must be duly registered or eligible for registration with the American Miniature Horse Association or the American Miniature Horse Registry and not to exceed 38 inches in height. Classes 118 through 122 will be shown in hand at walk or trot. To be judged on conformation, quality, substance and soundness. No whips or crops allowed in halter classes.

- 118. Miniature Mares: 3 years and over
- 119. Miniature Foals: under 1 year, born after January 1, 2011
- 120. Miniature Colt or Filly: yearlings & 2 year olds
- 121. Miniature Stallions: 3 years and over
- 122. Miniature Geldings: 3 years and over

**GRAND CHAMPION & RESERVE**  
**1st and 2nd monies: Classes 118 thru 122**

**GROOMING & SHOWMANSHIP: PONIES**

The following Grooming and Showmanship classes are open to boys and girls, residents of Delaware, who are 21 and under as of January 1st. Active Delaware 4-H members are permitted to exhibit regardless of residency. Judged 40% appearance of pony, 10% appearance of exhibitor, and 50% showmanship. Shown in hand in a bridle or halter. Exhibitors must have entered their pony in at least one other class in the Horse & Pony Dept. and must be owned by exhibitor or parent of exhibitor. All registered animals must be registered in the name of exhibitor, sibling, parent, or grandparents of exhibitor. Pony must be shown by owner or immediate family member. Miniatures are allowed.

Ponies in classes 125, 126, and 127 may only enter in one class because of Champion and Reserve.

- 125. Grooming & Showmanship: 9 yrs. & under
- 126. Grooming & Showmanship: 10 thru 13
- 127. Grooming & Showmanship: 14 thru 21

**GRAND CHAMPION & RESERVE**  
**1st and 2nd monies: For Classes 125 thru 127**

**LUNCH BREAK**

**Pony Performance Classes  
(Grade or Registered Ponies)**

The following pony performance classes are open only to those boys and girls 21 years and under as of January 1st. Active Delaware 4-H members are permitted to exhibit regardless of residency. Cross entering in English and Western classes is allowed.

- 130. Lead line: (English or Western) Rider must be six (6) years of age or under as of January 1st. Leader may be of any age. Placing awarded in lead line are not eligible for any other riding class at the pony show.
- 131. Western Pleasure: Open to youth 11 yrs. & under, mare or gelding, judged on performance, quality, manners and suitability of pony to rider. Shown at walk, lope & jog.
- 132. Western Pleasure: Open to youth 12 yrs. to 21 yrs. Same qualifications as Class 131 apply.
- 133. Western Pleasure: 22 & over as of Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. Same qualifications as Class 131 apply.
- 134. Western Command: Mare or gelding, to perform both ways of the ring at any gait requested by judge. Refusal to take commands immediately or break a gait will cause elimination.
- 135. Western Trail: Mare or gelding, normally used for pleasure. To be shown over & through obstacles simulating those along the trail. Judged on promptness & suitability of pony to rider with emphasis on manners.

**GRAND CHAMPION & RESERVE**

**1st and 2nd monies:** Classes 130 thru 135

- 138. Walk/Trot Class: (English or Western) Open to riders 9 & under as of January 1. Rider not eligible for any other riding class.
- 139. Barrel Racing: Hard hats must be worn. Must use a western saddle. One pony and one rider.
- 140. English Pleasure: Open to youth 11 yrs. & under, mare or gelding, judged on performance, quality, manners and suitability of pony to rider. Shown at walk, trot and canter.
- 141. English Pleasure: Open to youth 12 yrs. & over. Same qualifications as Class 139 apply.
- 142. English Command: Mare or gelding, to perform both ways of the ring at any gait requested by judge. Refusal to take commands immediately or break gait will cause elimination.

**GRAND CHAMPION & RESERVE**

**1st and 2nd monies:** For Classes 138 and 142

- 145. Pleasure Driving Pony: Open to adults only. Shown to a suitable vehicle. Vehicle shall be a pleasure type, 2 or 4 wheel one- horse vehicle. No stirrup type carts, chariots or racing sulkies will be allowed. *NO MINIATURE HORSES ALLOWED.*
- 146. Pleasure Pony Obstacle Driving Class: Normally used for pleasure. To be shown over and through obstacles. Judged on promptness and suitability of pony to driver with emphasis on manners. *NO MINIATURE HORSES ALLOWED.*
- 147. Children's Pet Pony: Any age, shown to a suitable vehicle and driven by a child at a walk and trot. Judged on performance, manner and suitability for a child's pony. Assist to driver is allowed. No stallions. Age 21 years and under. No miniatures allowed.
- 148. Open Roadster Pony: Shown to a bike at a jog, road gait and then at speed, quality and manners. Open to ponies 12.2 hands and under. Tie down not permitted. No pacers.
- 149. Pleasure Driving: (Miniatures only) (Single) any age, shown to a suitable vehicle, open single pleasure driving is limited to two-wheeled vehicles only. Blinders and overchecks or sidechecks are required. No stirrup type carts, chariots or racing sulkies will be allowed. All pleasure driving vehicles must have baskets or suitable flooring. To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, a collected trot and a working trot. Judged on performance, manner and suitability for a pleasure driving horse. No one permitted in cart except driver.
- 150. Dollar Bareback: Open to boys and girls 21 years and under as of January 1st. Dollar to be placed under knee. Must respond to all requests of judge for change of gait. Loss of dollar constitutes immediate elimination. No shorts. Class may be divided depending on number of entries.

Any and all electrical extension cords used in any building on the fairgrounds **MUST BE 12.3** gauge or heavier.

There will be **NO EXCEPTIONS!**