

# 2022 DELAWARE STATE FAIR



**The Delaware State Fair, Inc.**

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## HORSE AND PONY

Premium Book

## HORSE & PONY

**Superintendent:** Dave Wilson: 302-270-8707  
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**Assistant Superintendent:** Kay Betts  
**Secretaries:** Carol Fleming & Debbie Kenton  
**Ring Master:** Mark Barczewski  
**Ring Manager:** Christopher Scuse  
**Gate Man:** Matt Fleming

**Location:** Quillen Arena

### **Show Dates and Times:**

- A. **Horses**
  - a. Showmanship (# 1-3 & 4) and Halter (# 5 - 31): Sunday, July 24 at 9:00 AM
  - b. Saddle Horse Performance (# 32 - 68): Monday, July 25 9:00 AM
    - i. Trail Classes will run the same time with a time period to work.
- B. **Ponies and Miniature Horses**
  - a. Thursday, July 28 at 9:00 AM

### **Arrival and Departure Dates and Times:**

- A. **Horses & Ponies** may be brought on the grounds Friday, July 22 from 12:00 NOON until Friday 8:00 PM and Saturday, July 23 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.
- B. **Horse & Ponies** may leave starting Sunday July 31 at 1:00 AM and must be removed from the grounds by 6:00 PM.

### **Entry/Stalls Fees:**

- A. A \$15.00 per animal stall fee must accompany all entries, with the exception of foals stabled with their dam. All classes require a \$5.00 entry fee, per class. No exhibitor can have more than two entries in any single class. Due to the amount of work involved, no refunds will be made on entry fees.

### **Department Rules and Regulations:**

- A. Entries can only be made online via the Delaware State Fair's website beginning 9:00 AM April 1, 2022 thru 11:59 PM June 1, 2022.
- B. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to read all General Animal Exhibitor Rules. These rules can be found on page 16 and on [www.DelawareStateFair.com](http://www.DelawareStateFair.com).
- C. 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. The stall waiting list will be posted on the Fair's website and updated periodically.
- D. All exhibitors and participants must be Delaware residents; however active Delaware 4-H members are permitted to exhibit regardless of residency. Out-of-state horses and ponies **WILL NOT** be accepted for the 2022 Fair.

- E. Stall Assignments will be posted next to the Horse Dept. Office, located in the North end of the Sussex Barn. All animals allotted stalls must be shown in classes entered or future entries will not be accepted.
- F. Youth (ages 5-21) may not exhibit a stallion in any class except ages 1 year and under in open classes only.
- G. 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.
- H. Paperwork for all registered Horses and Ponies will be checked between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM on their respective arrival dates in order to be eligible to show.
- I. 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.
- J. 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.
- K. 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.
- L. Exhibitors must furnish their own feed. Your first straw bedding will be provided by the Fair.
- M. 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. No riding horses or ponies between 12:00 AM and 5:00 AM.
- N. There will be absolutely no turning horses or ponies loose in the show ring, at all. No horses or points are permitted in the grove or camping area at any time. No riding will be permitted around the Carnival or stable areas except before entering the show ring.
- O. If in the opinion of the judge, an entry does not merit a premium, then no premium shall be paid. Further, they are empowered to limit the top award in any class to a second, third, or lower premium if in their opinion the quality of the class so merits.
- P. Superintendent(s) will make all final decision regarding interpretation of the rules. Exhibitors violating the rules will have their premium monies withheld and/or future entries refused.
- Q. 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.

### **Grooming and Showmanship Policies:**

- A. Horses in classes 1, 2 and 3 and Ponies in classes 69, 70, and 71 may only enter in one class because of Champion and Reserve.
- B. Grooming and Showmanship classes are open to Junior Exhibitors only.
- C. Judged 40% appearance of horse, 10% appearance of exhibitor, and 50% showmanship. Shown in hand in a bridle or halter.

- D. 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. Papers must be present to be eligible to show if registered.
- E. Miniatures are allowed in the Grooming and Showmanship Pony classes.

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

# of Exhibitors	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1	\$31.00									
2	\$32.00	\$27.00								
3	\$33.00	\$28.00	\$23.00							
4	\$34.00	\$29.00	\$24.00	\$19.00						
5	\$35.00	\$30.00	\$24.00	\$20.00	\$15.00					
6	\$36.00	\$31.00	\$26.00	\$21.00	\$16.00	\$16.00				
7	\$37.00	\$32.00	\$27.00	\$22.00	\$17.00	\$17.00	\$17.00			
8	\$38.00	\$33.00	\$27.00	\$23.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00		
9	\$39.00	\$34.00	\$29.00	\$24.00	\$19.00	\$19.00	\$19.00	\$19.00	\$19.00	
10	\$40.00	\$35.00	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00

**GROOMING & SHOWMANSHIP - HORSES**

**Class**

- 1. Grooming & Showmanship: ages 5 – 9
- 2. Grooming & Showmanship: ages 10 – 13
- 3. Grooming & Showmanship: ages 14 – 21

**GRAND CHAMPION.....\$40**

**RESERVE CHAMPION.....\$35**



**Class**

- 4. Grooming & Showmanship: Adult (Ages 22+)

**CLASSES – IN HAND**

Open Class must measure 14.2 hands to be shown in halter or bridle at the walk and trot.

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**Class**

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

10. Registered Mare or Gelding: 2 yrs. and under 3 yrs.

11. Filly or Colt: under 1 yr.

**GRAND CHAMPION.....\$40**

**RESERVE CHAMPION.....\$35**

**QUARTER HORSE**

**Class**

12. Registered Stallion: 2 yrs. and over

13. Registered Broodmare (with foal by side)

14. Registered Mare: 3 yrs. and over

15. Registered Gelding: 3 yrs. and over

16. Registered Mare, Gelding or Colt: 1 yr. and under 2 yrs.

17. Registered Mare or Gelding: 2 yrs. and under 3 yrs.

18. Filly or Colt: under 1 yr.

**GRAND CHAMPION.....\$40**

**RESERVE CHAMPION.....\$35**

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**Class**

19. Registered Stallion: 2 yrs. and over

20. Registered Broodmare (with foal by side)

21. Registered Mare: 3 yrs. and over

22. Registered Gelding: 3 yrs. and over

23. Registered Mare, Gelding or Colt: 1 yr. and under 2 yrs.

24. Registered Mare or Gelding: 2 yrs. and under 3 yrs.

25. Filly or Colt: Under 1 yr.

**GRAND CHAMPION.....\$40**

**RESERVE CHAMPION.....\$35**

**OPEN CLASS**

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

**Class**

26. Mare: 3 yrs. and over

27. Gelding: 3 yrs. and over

28. Mare or Gelding: 1 yr. and under 3 yrs.

29. Colt: 1 yr. and under 2 yrs.

30. Filly: under 1 yr.

31. Colt: under 1 yr.

**GRAND CHAMPION.....\$40**

**RESERVE CHAMPION.....\$35**

**SUPREME HALTER HORSE (GRAND CHAMPION from each breed will compete for this award)**

**ALEX EUGENE DILL MEMORIAL AWARD:** A perpetual award will be presented to the Supreme Halter Horse each year in memory of Gene Dill, a long-time exhibitor, Director of the Delaware State Fair Board and breeder of champion horses. This award of excellence is a continuation of the Dill Family Legacy and passion for the Delaware State Fair.

## **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.

### **Class**

32. Adult Equitation (Ages 22+): 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.
33. Youth Equitation Ages 10-13, Same as Class 32, but open only to youth.
34. Youth Equitation Ages 14-21, Same as Class 32, but open only to youth.
35. Adult English Pleasure (Ages 22+): 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.
36. Youth English Pleasure: Ages 10-13, Same as Class 35, but open only to youth.
37. Youth English Pleasure: Ages 14-21, Same as Class 35, but open only to youth.
38. 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.
39. Sr. Hunter Under Saddle: Horses 6 years and over. All other qualifications as Class 44 apply.
40. Youth Hunter Hack – English tack: Open to youth ages 5-21. 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.
41. Adult Hunter Hack – English tack (Ages 22+): Open to adults only. Same qualifications as Class 46.
42. English Command - English tack: This is open to anyone ages 5 and older. 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**

### **Class**

43. Lead line: (English or Western) Rider must be 5-6 years old as of January 1. Leader may be anyone age 18 and older. Placing awarded in lead line are not eligible for any other riding class at the horse show.

**BROOKE LEBLANC MEMORIAL TROPHY:** The First Place Horse Lead Line Award will be presented in memory of Brooke LeBlanc.

44. Jr. Western Pleasure: Western tack. Horses 5 years and under. Shown on a loose rein and judged on manners, performance and quality at walk, jog, lope and may be asked to back.
45. Sr. Western Pleasure: Horses 6 years and over. All other qualifications as Class 44 apply.
46. Walk-Trot: Ages 5 to 9. 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.
47. Walk-Trot: Ages 10-21. Same qualifications as Class 46.
48. Walk-Trot: Ages 22-45. Same qualifications as Class 46.
49. Walk-Trot: Age 46 and over. Same qualifications as Class 46.
50. Walk-Trot limited: all ages 5 and older. Those participating in this class are not eligible to show in any other performance class.

51. Youth Western Pleasure: Ages 10-13. Shown on a loose rein and judged on manners, performance and quality at walk, jog, lope and will be asked to back.
52. Youth Western Pleasure: Ages 14-21. Same qualifications as Class 51.
53. Adult Western Horsemanship (Ages 22+): 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.
54. Youth Western Horsemanship: Ages 10-13. Same qualifications as Class 53.
55. Youth Western Horsemanship: Ages 14-21. Same qualifications as Class 53.
56. 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.
57. Adult Western Trail (Ages 22+): 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.
58. Youth Western Trail: Ages 5-9. Same as Class 57.
59. Youth Western Trail: Ages 10-13. Same as Class 57.
60. Youth Western Trail: Ages 14-21. Same as Class 57.
61. Adult English Trail (Ages 22+): 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.
62. Youth English Trail: Ages 5-9. Same as Class 61.
63. Youth English Trail: Ages 10-13. Same as Class 61.
64. Youth English Trail: Ages 14-21. Same as Class 61.
65. 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.
66. Barrel Racing: Hard hats and long sleeves must be worn. Must use a western saddle. One horse and one rider.
67. Costume Class: To be shown at a walk. Costume 50%. Originality 50%.
68. Dollar Bareback: Open to all riders ages 5-21. Dollar to be placed under knee. Must respond to all requests of judge for change of gait. Loss of dollar constitutes immediate elimination. Hard hats must be worn. No shorts.

### **GROOMING & SHOWMANSHIP: PONY**

After the lunch break, we will start with leadline followed by the other performance classes. Other than trail, which will be outside starting after lunch break. The Trail class will run with a time period to work.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Ring 1** - We will start with the showmanship classes followed by the Registered Haflingers, Open Ponies, and Grade Ponies.

**Ring 2** – We will start with the showmanship classes followed by the Registered Minis, Welsh, and Shetland Ponies.

**Class**

69. Grooming & Showmanship: ages 5 - 9
70. Grooming & Showmanship: ages 10 - 13
71. Grooming & Showmanship: ages 14 - 21

**GRAND CHAMPION.....\$40**

**RESERVE CHAMPION.....\$35**

**Class**

72. Grooming & Showmanship: Adult 22 and over

**REGISTERED SHETLAND PONY**

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.

**Class**

73. Shetland Mares, 4 yrs. and over

74. Shetland Foals

75. Shetland Yearlings

76. Shetland, 2 & 3 yrs. Olds

77. Shetland Geldings, 4 yrs. & over

78. Shetland Stallions, 4 yrs. & over

**GRAND CHAMPION.....\$40**

**RESERVE CHAMPION.....\$35**

**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.

**REGISTERED WELSH PONY**

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.

**Class**

79. Welsh Mares, 4 yrs. and over

80. Welsh Foals

81. Welsh Yearlings

82. Welsh, 2 & 3 yr. olds

83. Welsh Geldings, 4 yrs. & over

84. Welsh Stallions, 4 yrs. & over

**GRAND CHAMPION.....\$40**

**RESERVE CHAMPION.....\$35**

**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.

**REGISTERED HAFLINGERS**

**Class**

85. Haflingers Mares, 4 yrs. and over

86. Haflingers Foals

87. Haflingers Yearlings

88. Haflingers, 2 & 3 yr. olds

89. Haflingers Geldings, 4 yrs. & over



90. Haflingers Stallions, 4 yrs. & over

**GRAND CHAMPION.....\$40**

**RESERVE CHAMPION.....\$35**

**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.

**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 91 thru 97 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.

**Class**

91. Grade Mare: any age, 40" & under

92. Grade Mare: any age, 41"-50"

93. Grade Mare: any age, 51"-58"

94. Grade Gelding: 3 yrs. & over, not exceeding 58"

95. Grade Foals: under 1 yr., born after January 1, 2021

96. Grade Filly, Colt or Gelding: under 45", 1-2 yrs. Old

97. Grade Filly, Colt or Gelding: 45" & over, 1-2 yrs. Old

**GRAND CHAMPION.....\$40**

**RESERVE CHAMPION.....\$35**

**REGISTERED OPEN PONY**

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

98. Registered Stallion 4 Years and Over

99. Registered Mare 4 Years and Over

100. Registered Gelding 4 Years and Over

101. Registered Pony 1-3 Years

**GRAND CHAMPION.....\$40**

**RESERVE CHAMPION.....\$35**

**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.

**REGISTERED AMERICAN MINIATURE HORSE SHOW**

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 102 through 107 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.

**Class**

102. Miniature Mares: 4 yrs. and over

- 103. Miniature Foals: under 1 year, born after January 1, 2021
- 104. Miniature Colt or Filly: yearlings
- 105. Miniature 2 & 3 yr. olds
- 106. Miniature Geldings: 4 yrs. and over
- 107. Miniature Stallions: 4 yrs. and over
- GRAND CHAMPION.....\$40**
- RESERVE CHAMPION.....\$35**

## **LUNCH BREAK**

### **PONY PERFORMANCE CLASSES**

(Grade or Registered Ponies ONLY)

The following pony performance classes are open only to those boys and girls ages 5 to 21 years old as of January 1. Active Delaware 4-H members are permitted to exhibit regardless of residency. Cross entering in English and Western classes is allowed except class 111.

#### **Class**

- 108. Lead line: (English or Western) Rider must be ages 5-6 years old as of January 1st. Leader may be anyone age 18 and older. Placing awarded in lead line are not eligible for any other riding class at the pony show.
- 109. Western Pleasure: Open to youth ages 5-11, mare or gelding, judged on performance, quality, manners and suitability of pony to rider. Shown at walk, lope & jog.
- 110. Western Pleasure: Open to youth ages 12-21. Same qualifications as Class 115 apply.
- 111. Western or English Pleasure: ages 22+. Same qualifications as Class 115 apply.
- 112. 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.
- 113. Western and English 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.
- 114. Walk/Trot Class: (English or Western) Open to riders ages 5-9. Rider not eligible for any other riding class.
- 115. Barrel Racing: Hard hats must be worn. Must use a western saddle. One pony and one rider.
- 116. English Pleasure: Open to youth ages 5-11, mare or gelding, judged on performance, quality, manners and suitability of pony to rider. Shown at walk, trot and canter.
- 117. English Pleasure: Open to youth ages 12-21. Same qualifications as Class 116 apply.
- 118. 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.
- 119. Dollar Bareback: Open to boys and girls ages 5-21. 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.
- 120. Pleasure Driving Pony: Open to adults only (Ages 22+). 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 miniatures permitted.
- 121. Children's Pet Pony: Any age 5-21, 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. No miniatures permitted.

122. 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.
123. Pleasure Driving Pairs: Shown to a suitable vehicle. Vehicles shall be a pleasure type, 2 or 4 wheel vehicle. No stirrup type carts, chariots, or racing sulkies will be allowed.
124. Pleasure Driving: (Miniatures only) (Single) Ages 5-21, 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.
125. Pleasure Driving: (Miniatures only) (Single) Ages 22+, 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.
126. 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 miniatures permitted.

**GEORGE SCUSE, SR. MEMORIAL TROPHY:** A trophy will be presented to the first place pleasure driving pairs class in memory of George Scuse, Sr.