

# DEPARTMENT H – HORSES 2026



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**ONLINE ENTRY REQUIRED:** Online entry is mandatory at: **Pre-Entries Due July 22, 2025.**  
[www.montanahorseshows.fillout.com/2026mtfairopen](http://www.montanahorseshows.fillout.com/2026mtfairopen)  
Entries allowed after July 22<sup>nd</sup>, but a Late Fee of \$10 charged per horse.  
No penalties for additional classes after pre-entry deadline.



**SHOW LOCATION:** MetraPark, NEW Outdoor Rodeo Arena, 308 6<sup>th</sup> Ave N, Billings, MT 59101

<u>ENTRY DEADLINE</u>	<u>EARLY ARRIVAL</u>	<u>SHOW DAY 1</u>	<u>SHOW DAY 2</u>
WEDNESDAY 7/22/2026 By 5:00 pm	After 12 Pm (Noon) FRIDAY 7/31/2026 Show Office Open 2-6 pm	SATURDAY 8/1/2026 Show Office Open at 7 am SHOW STARTS at 8:00 am	SUNDAY 8/2/2026 Show Office Open at 7 am SHOW STARTS at 8:00 am

<b>Exhibitor Office Charge:</b>	\$10.00 per exhibitor
<b>Horse Office Charge:</b>	\$50.00 per horse *
<b>Late Entry Fee:</b>	\$10.00 per horse
<b>4-H Class Entry Fee:</b>	\$8.00 per class
<b>Class Entry Fee:</b>	\$10.00 per class
<b>Stakes Class Entry Fee:</b>	\$15.00 per class
<b>Tack Stall or Extra Stall Fee:</b>	\$15.00 per extra stall

**Show to be held in the new  
OUTDOOR  
Rodeo Arena**

**PRE-ENTRY DEADLINE:** Due to the large number of entries received for MontanaFair, an entry deadline date is established for all departments. Horse Department **PRE-ENTRY DEADLINE is WEDNESDAY JULY 22<sup>nd</sup> by 5:00 pm.** Day of show entries are accepted with a \$10 Late Fee applied per horse. No late fee for additional classes. Additional classes can be added up until 5 classes prior to the desired class.

**ENTRY FEES:** All show fees must be paid at check-in. Cash or Check only, credit card payments not available. All exhibitors **MUST CHECK-IN** at the show office upon arrival. EXHIBITORS WILL FORFEIT ANY PREMIUMS AND POINTS GIVEN TOWARDS HIGH POINT IF ANY FEES ARE LEFT UNPAID AT THE END OF THE SHOW. **Entry fees cannot be deducted from premiums earned.**

**ARRIVAL AND CHECK IN:** Enter at Gate #1 (Livestock Entrance). Show to be held in the new outdoor rodeo arena at MetraPark, 308 6<sup>th</sup> Ave N, Billings, MT 59101.

- Horse Show exhibitors may arrive Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> after 12:00 pm.
- Horse Show Office will be open 2pm – 6pm on Friday and at 7 am on show days.

**\*STALLING:** The Horse Office Charge is required for all horses entering the show and includes a stall and shavings. All horses entered will be assigned a stall. Tack Stalls and Extra Stalls for horses not entered in the show will be charged the fees stated above. DO NOT stall in any other stall than assigned or you may be asked to leave the grounds. Please do not put signs or stall decorations on the stalls with staples or tape; use only zip ties. The show secretary will have zip ties for your use. Bulk shavings are available; you must bed your own stall. We ask exhibitors to please clean up your own stall and area.

## HORSE SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS:

1. Exhibitors must read and observe the General Rules and Regulations at [www.montanafair.com](http://www.montanafair.com)
2. Minor exhibitors must have signature of a parent or guardian on entry form and parent or guardian must remain present with the minor during the show.
3. AQHA rules will be followed unless otherwise stated.
4. All breaks are at the discretion of the Superintendent. Gate holds **must be requested and approved** by the Superintendent, **at least five classes before the requested gate hold.** It is the exhibitor's responsibility to be at the gate, MontanaFair will not be responsible for failure of sound system outside of the arena.
5. Western classes require western hat or helmet, long sleeve shirt, denim jeans, and boots. Chaps are optional.
6. English classes require a helmet, English style coat, traditional show shirt, and breeches with high English boots or half-chaps with paddock boots. With judge's discretion, coats may be removed if temperature reaches 90°.
7. The judge may dictate class instructions. His/her decision will be final. The Superintendent may decide matters not related to judging decisions. Matters of equipment will be decided by Judge.

8. Eligibility Age for this show will be determined by contestant or horse's age on January 1<sup>st</sup>, except 4-H classes which will be based on current "4-H age". Proof should be available in the event of a dispute.
  - a. Youth classes are 18 & Under as of January 1<sup>st</sup> unless otherwise stated.
  - b. 4-H age is as follows:
    - i. Beginner division exhibitor is 8, 9, or 10 years old on October 1 of the current 4-H year.
    - ii. Junior division exhibitor is 11, 12, or 13 years old on October 1 of the current 4-H year.
    - iii. Senior division exhibitor is anyone who has reached 14 years of age and is less than 19 years of age on October 1 of the current 4-H year.
9. 4-H classes are available only to current 4-H members and must be entered according to their current assessed 4-H level. Discrepancies will be verified with Yellowstone County 4-H Office.
10. Open & Stakes classes are open to exhibitors of any age.
11. Lead-line is available for riders age 6 and under. Lead-line exhibitors cannot enter any non-leadline classes. Lead-line riders must use a horse already entered in the show.
12. Grand and Reserve for halter will only be held when 3 or more horses are entered in the corresponding division.
13. Patterns will be posted at least one hour before the start of the show.
14. Youth cannot show stallions.
15. Exhibitors may NOT cross-enter a Walk/Trot class and the corresponding Loping class. To be eligible for Walk/Trot High Point a rider may not enter any loping classes at this show. Walk/Trot divisions are reserved for novice exhibitors who do not lope.
16. Horses may NOT cross-enter Ranch Trail and Trail; Ranch Rail Pleasure and Western Pleasure; Ranch Riding and Western Horsemanship; or Ranch Reining and Reining. Horses are allowed to cross enter 4-H and Ranch classes but Ranch class rules must be followed.
17. Ranch classes do not allow fake tails, banded manes, hoof polish or hoof black. In Ranch classes excessive silver on bridles and saddles is discouraged. See AQHA Rule SHW556 for additional class participation rules for Ranch Classes.
18. Horses will be assigned a number to be worn when being judged. Numbers are to be worn on exhibitor's back OR on the saddle pad (preferably both sides). The number belongs to the horse, so exhibitors showing more than one horse will switch numbers to the corresponding horse. Wearing the wrong number will result in disqualification.
19. Exhibitors are allowed to show a maximum of three (3) horses per class that are individual pattern work only. This also applies to 4-H classes.

**PREMIUMS (All divisions):**

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>
4-H Classes	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$4
Stakes Classes	\$50	\$25	\$15	\$10
All Other Classes	\$17	\$12	\$9	\$7



Ribbons to 1st - 6th place in all classes.

Rosettes and \$50.00 will be awarded to Halter/Conformation Grand Champions.

Rosettes and \$25.00 will be awarded to Halter/Conformation Reserve Champions.

High Point Awards will be awarded AS STATED. Additional High Point Awards will not be added.

All premiums will be paid by MontanaFair as soon as possible after the fair and are payable to the exhibitor as listed on the entry form. Please allow four weeks for processing and mailing. Exhibitors awarded \$600.00 or more will be required to complete a current W-9 form prior to receipt of premium check. Ribbons must be picked up by within an hour of the last class of show, before leaving the grounds. MontanaFair will not mail non-cash awards and they become surrendered if not collected at show.

**OPEN HORSE SHOW HIGH POINT:** To be eligible for a high point award a horse and rider combination must enter at least 3 (three) classes, one of those MUST BE a halter/conformation class (showmanship is not halter). Riders may be eligible for more than one high point division if all requirements are met. To be eligible for a walk trot division high point the rider may not enter any class that lopes.

**4-H High Point** divisions will be as follows and only include 4-H classes. To be eligible for 4-H High Point each horse/rider combination must enter at least 3 (three) 4-H classes, one of those must be 4-H showmanship.

**OPEN** - \$250 & TROPHY BUCKLE

**WALK TROT** - \$100 & TROPHY BUCKLE

**RANCH** - \$250 & TROPHY BUCKLE

**RANCH YOUTH 14-18** - \$100 & TROPHY BUCKLE

**RANCH YOUTH 13 & UNDER** - \$50 & TROPHY BUCKLE

**YOUTH 14-18** - \$100 & TROPHY BUCKLE

**YOUTH 13 & UNDER** - \$75 & TROPHY BUCKLE

**YOUTH WALK TROT** - \$50 & TROPHY BUCKLE

**4-H BEGINNER** - TROPHY BUCKLE

**4-H JUNIOR** - TROPHY BUCKLE

**4-H SENIOR** - TROPHY BUCKLE

**ADDITIONAL 4-H DIVISIONS** - AWARD for each

**Colt to Maturity Levels:** 1, 2, 3-4, 5

**Green Horse Levels:** 1, 2, 3-4

**Horse & Rider Combination MUST BE the same to count towards High Point**

# 2026 Montana Fair OPEN HORSE SHOW

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup> - 8:00 AM

1. Open Geldings/Stallions - Yearling
2. Open Geldings/Stallions - 2 & 3 Yr Olds
3. Open Geldings/Stallions - 4 Yrs & Older  
*GRAND & RES. OPEN GELDING/STALLION*
4. Youth Geldings - Yearling
5. Youth Geldings - 2 & 3 Yr Olds
6. Youth Geldings - 4 Yrs & Older  
*GRAND & RESERVE YOUTH GELDING*
7. Open Mares - Yearling
8. Open Mares - 2 & 3 Yr Olds
9. Open Mares - 4 Yrs & Older  
*GRAND & RESERVE MARE*
10. Youth Mares - Yearling
11. Youth Mares - 2 & 3 Yr Olds
12. Youth Mares - 4 Yrs & Older  
*GRAND & RESERVE YOUTH MARE*
13. Ranch Conformation - Youth 13 & Under
14. Ranch Conformation - Youth 14-18
15. Ranch Conformation - Open  
*GRAND & RESERVE RANCH HORSE*
16. 4-H Colt to Maturity Showmanship Level 1 (Yearlings)
17. 4-H Colt to Maturity Showmanship Level 2
18. 4-H Green Horse Showmanship Level 1
19. 4-H Colt to Maturity Showmanship Level 3-4
20. 4-H Green Horse Showmanship Level 2
21. 4-H Colt to Maturity Showmanship Level 5
22. 4-H Green Horse Showmanship Level 3-4
23. Showmanship - Walk/Trot - Youth
24. Showmanship - Walk/Trot - Adult
25. Showmanship - Youth 13 & Under
26. Showmanship - Youth 14-18
27. 4-H Showmanship Beginner
28. 4-H Showmanship Junior
29. 4-H Showmanship Senior
30. Showmanship - Open
31. Showmanship - Stakes  
**BREAK**
32. 4-H Bareback Equitation Level 1 Walk/Trot Only
33. 4-H Bareback Equitation Beginner
34. 4-H Bareback Equitation Junior
35. 4-H Bareback Equitation Senior
36. Ride-A-Buck Walk/Trot - \$1 entry at gate
37. Ride-A-Buck - \$1 entry at gate  
**BREAK**
38. Ranch Rail Pleasure - Youth 13 & Under
39. Ranch Rail Pleasure - Youth 14-18
40. Ranch Rail Pleasure - Open  
**BREAK TO SET TRAIL COURSE**
41. 4-H Small Equine In-Hand Trail Beginner
42. 4-H Small Equine In-Hand Trail Junior
43. 4-H Small Equine In-Hand Trail Senior
44. Trail - Yearling
45. 4-H Colt to Maturity Trail Level 1 (Yearlings)
46. Trail - Walk/Trot - Youth
47. Trail - Walk/Trot - Adult
48. 4-H Trail Level 1 Walk/Trot Only
49. 4-H Colt to Maturity Trail Level 2
50. 4-H Green Horse Trail Level 1
51. 4-H Colt to Maturity Trail Level 3-4
52. 4-H Green Horse Trail Level 2
53. Trail - Youth 13 & Under
54. 4-H Trail Beginner
55. 4-H Trail Junior
56. 4-H Colt to Maturity Trail Level 5
57. 4-H Green Horse Trail Level 3-4
58. Trail - Youth 14-18
59. 4-H Trail Senior
60. Trail - Open
61. Trail - Stakes
62. Ranch Trail - Youth 13 & Under
63. Ranch Trail - Youth 14-18
64. Ranch Trail - Open

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8:00 AM

65. 4-H Small Equine In-Hand Jumping Beginner
66. 4-H Small Equine In-Hand Jumping Junior
67. 4-H Small Equine In-Hand Jumping Senior  
**BREAK**
68. English Pleasure - Walk/Trot - Youth
69. English Pleasure - Walk/Trot - Adult
70. English Pleasure - Youth 13 & Under
71. English Pleasure - Youth 14-18
72. English Pleasure - Open
73. English Pleasure - Stakes
74. English Equitation - Walk/Trot - Youth
75. English Equitation - Walk/Trot - Adult
76. 4-H English Horsemanship Level 1
77. 4-H Colt to Maturity English Level 2
78. 4-H Green Horse English Level 1
79. 4-H Colt to Maturity English Level 3-4
80. 4-H Green Horse English Level 2
81. 4-H Colt to Maturity English Level 5
82. 4-H Green Horse English Level 3-4
83. English Equitation - Youth 13 & Under
84. English Equitation - Youth 14-18
85. 4-H English Horsemanship Level 2
86. 4-H English Horsemanship Level 3
87. 4-H English Horsemanship Level 4
88. 4-H English Horsemanship Level 5
89. 4-H English Horsemanship Level 6
90. 4-H English Horsemanship Level 7
91. English Equitation - Open
92. English Equitation - Stakes  
**BREAK**
93. 4-H Reinsmanship Level 1
94. 4-H Reinsmanship Level 2
95. 4-H Reinsmanship Level 3  
**BREAK**
96. Lead-Line (*no class fee*)
97. Western Pleasure - Walk/Trot - Youth
98. Western Pleasure - Walk/Trot - Adult
99. Western Pleasure - Youth 13 & Under
100. Western Pleasure - Youth 14-18
101. Western Pleasure - Open
102. Western Pleasure - Stakes
103. Ranch Riding - Youth 13 & Under
104. Ranch Riding - Youth 14-18
105. Ranch Riding - Open
106. Western Horsemanship - Walk/Trot - Youth
107. Western Horsemanship - Walk/Trot - Adult
108. 4-H Western Horsemanship Level 1
109. 4-H Colt to Maturity Western Level 2
110. 4-H Green Horse Western Level 1
111. 4-H Colt to Maturity Western Level 3-4
112. 4-H Green Horse Western Level 2
113. 4-H Colt to Maturity Western Level 5
114. 4-H Green Horse Western Level 3-4
115. Western Horsemanship - Youth 13 & Under
116. Western Horsemanship - Youth 14-18
117. 4-H Western Horsemanship Level 2
118. 4-H Western Horsemanship Level 3
119. 4-H Western Horsemanship Level 4
120. 4-H Western Horsemanship Level 5
121. 4-H Western Horsemanship Level 6
122. 4-H Western Horsemanship Level 7
123. Western Horsemanship - Open
124. Western Horsemanship - Stakes  
**BREAK**
125. Ranch Reining - Youth 13 & Under
126. Ranch Reining - Youth 14-18
127. Ranch Reining - Open
128. Reining - Youth 13 & Under
129. Reining - Youth 14-18
130. Reining - Open
131. Reining - Stakes

