

# DEPARTMENT 1

## PONIES

**Co-Superintendents: Mikayla Durkin**

**Assistants: Justin Durkin & Dan McCracken**

**When making entries, specify how many stalls will be needed (stalls are limited to first come-first served).**

### **Judging:**

**Saturday, September 5, 2026, at 9:00AM**

1. No later than Saturday, August 15, 2026, at 5:00PM each exhibitor MUST report the NUMBER OF ANIMALS being entered to the Superintendent in charge, otherwise NO stalls will be available.
2. **Must be in place by 10:00AM, Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2026.**
3. An animal must appear in the show ring and be judged to be eligible for premium.
4. **There will be no parking of Stark County livestock Exhibitors or Junior Fair Exhibitor's livestock trailers or large trucks on the Fairgrounds during the 2026 Fair.**
5. **Open Class ponies will be housed in the Block Barn – East Aisle. Miniature horses, as room permits, will be housed in the Coliseum Building where they can easily be viewed in the stalls with panel gates. Tack stalls will be assigned after entries are finalized.**
6. **No entries in OPEN class will be permitted to leave until 6:00PM on the last day of the Fair, Monday, September 7, 2026.**

### **Ownership**

1. All animals competing must be entered in the name of their bona fide owners or their duly authorized agents. Should doubts arise, the management may require affidavits of ownership.

### **Admission to Ring**

1. This being an educational show, all Exhibitors are requested to pay particular attention to both his/her dress and the demeanor of their attendants.
2. All attendants must be dressed in long pants, long sleeves, & appropriate helmet or cowboy hat upon entering the show ring.
3. **Entry Fees - \$3.00 per Class and \$30.00 for Membership or Exhibitor Ticket must be made at time of making entries. Entries close on Saturday, August 15, 2026, at 5:00PM.**
3. No person other than officials and attendants on duty in the ring, the judges of the Class being exhibited, and members of the Executive Committee will be admitted in the Show Ring.
4. Only ponies awarded first in class, when shown in hand, can compete in Championship Class.
5. Unruly or unmanageable animals may be excused from the ring at the discretion of judge and/or management.
6. Age of ponies and riders and drivers to be reckoned as being the 31st day of December in the year in which the individual was born.

**7. All Premium Payouts Must Have Signature on File with Fair Treasurer. Premiums under \$150 can be picked up starting Thursday, Sept. 3 and NO LATER than Monday, Sept. 7, during the Fair. Checks will be written for premium totals greater than \$150 and mailed within 30 days after the close of the Fair.**

**It is the recipient's responsibility to check their premium totals before 6 PM on the last day of the Fair.**

### **General Housekeeping Rules**

1. **All stalls are to be cleaned daily, and waste is properly disposed of.**
2. **Stalls are to be stripped at the end of the fair prior to exiting grounds. Not following this rule will prevent an exhibitor from returning to future fairs.**
3. **Any animal with health maintenance issues may be sent home.**

**\*\*Showmanship Classes are handler based and not restricted to specific breed. Ponies must be of comparable size and not compete in more than one Division\*\***

**ALL PREMIUMS ARE AS FOLLOWS**

**\$20 - \$15 - \$10 - \$8 - \$7**

**\*Division 1-4 Champions will receive Rosettes\***

**DIVISION 1 – MINIATURE HORSES (40 inches and under)**

**CLASS: Halter Classes to be judged based on horse.**

1. Jr. Stallion (5 & under)
2. Sr. Stallion (6 & over)
3. Jr. Mares (5 & over)
4. Sr. Mares (6 & Over)
5. Broodmare And Foal
6. Foal (Birth Date No Earlier than Jan 1, 2025)
7. Jr. Geldings (5 & under)
8. Sr. Geldings (6 & over)

**DIVISION 1 – MINIATURE HORSES (40 inches and under)**

**CLASS: Showmanship Classes**

(Shown by Age as of Jan 1, 2025 / May Show Mare or Gelding)

9. Jr. Showmanship (Ages 8-18)
10. Sr. Showmanship (Ages 19 & over)

**DIVISION 2 – DRAFT PONIES**

**(NOT TO BE SHOWN IN ANY OTHER DIVISION)**

**CLASS: Halter Classes to be judged based on horse.**

11. Jr. Stallions (5 & under)
12. Sr. Stallions (6 & over)
13. Jr. Mares (5 & under)
14. Sr. Mares (6 & over)
15. Jr. Geldings (5 & under)
16. Sr. Geldings (6 & over)

**CLASS: Showmanship**

- 17: Jr. Showmanship (Ages 8-18)
- 18: Sr. Showmanship (Ages 19 & over)

**DIVISION 3 – PONIES (41-54 Inches)**

**(NOT TO BE SHOWN IN ANY OTHER DIVISION)**

**CLASS: Halter Classes to be judged based on horse.**

19. Jr. Gelding
20. Sr. Gelding
21. Jr. Mare
22. Sr. Mare

**CLASS: SHOWMANSHIP**

23. Jr. Showmanship (Ages 8-18)
24. Sr. Showmanship (Ages 19 & over)

**DIVISION 4 - DONKEYS, MULES, BURROS  
(NO STALLIONS OR JACKS TO BE SHOWN)**

**CLASS: 36” & Over**

25. Best Gelding (John)
26. Best Mare (Jenny)

**CLASS: 35” & Under**

27. Best Gelding (John)
28. Best Mare (Jenny)

**DIVISION 5 – PEEWEE HALTER: FUN CLASSES**

**(OPEN TO ANY DIVISION & AGE)**

**NON-PREMIUM CLASS – RIBBONS ONLY**

**CLASS:**

29. Peewee Showmanship (Ages 7 & under)
30. Handler With Disabilities (Judged as Halter)
31. Peewee In Hand Obstacle (Ages 7 & under)
32. Jr. In-Hand Obstacle (Ages 8-18)
33. Sr. In Hand Obstacle (Ages 19 & over)
34. Pretty Face (Animal to Wear Sheet or Blanket / Judged on Face Only)
35. In Hand Costume

