



Exhibitor Information

2007 PA State 4-H Horse Show

October 12-14



Congratulations on qualifying for the Pennsylvania State 4-H Horse Show!
Included is information that should be helpful in preparing for the show,
and
several procedures that must be followed. Thank you for your cooperation.

- 1. Submit a completed entry form and entry fees at the district/regional show.** No entries (except substitutions) may be made after the district/regional show!
Entry fees are \$20 per class. A minimum of \$35 will be charged for checks returned for insufficient funds. In the event a check is returned, youth will not be allowed to participate until a money order or certified bank check is received.
If you are unable to participate in the state show, please notify your county extension educator and club leader immediately so that the substitute entry has the opportunity to participate. Extension educators should notify the district chairperson of any cancellations from their county. The district chair should work with the appropriate extension educator to notify the substitute exhibitor and submit their entry to the state office before the substitute entry deadline. **All substitutions must be made by the district chairperson and received by the state office or state show secretary no later than 5 pm on October 5.**
- 2. Submit completed and signed medical consent forms.** These forms must be submitted at the district/regional show. Exception: substitute exhibitors must submit completed forms upon arrival at the state show. Exhibitors will not be allowed to participate in the state show without medical consent forms.
- 3. Submit appropriate proof of negative EIA status (Coggins Test) for all horses over six months of age.** Status must be verified at the district/regional show. For the 2007 show, EIA test results must be dated October 15, 2006, or later. (See ✓ below.)
- 4. Submit appropriate proof of current rabies vaccination by a licensed veterinarian.** Status must be verified at the district/regional show. All horses over six months of age must have a current rabies vaccination dated October 15, 2006, or later. Horses must be inoculated for rabies at least 30 days prior to the show if this is the horse's initial vaccination. Foals that will be six months of age by the state show date must also be inoculated for rabies at least 30 days prior to the show. (See ✓ below.)
- ✓ **PLEASE NOTE:** If foals are less than six months of age at time of the regional show, but will be over six months of age by the state show, exhibitors must submit proof of negative EIA status and rabies vaccination upon arrival at the state show.
- 5. Submit a Veterinary Client Patient Relationship Form (VCPR) (OR show proof that VCPR form is on file in county extension office*).** The PA Dept. of Agriculture requires a VCPR form to be on file for ALL horses at the state show. *It is not necessary to submit a VCPR form with state entries PROVIDED the VCPR form is on file in the county extension office and indicated as such in the computer program.
- ☞ **Exhibitors will not be allowed to participate in the state show without documentation of negative EIA status, current rabies vaccination, and VCPR form.** Exhibitors are encouraged to bring EIA test results, proof of rabies vaccination, and VCPR form with them to the state show to prevent problems if questions arise.

6. **Stall reservations** are made by each county extension office. Please communicate with your club leader and county extension educator to ensure that your stall reservations are made and appropriate fees are paid.
- Stall reservations are due in the state office by **September 28. No refunds after this date!** Stalls will be available no earlier than 11a.m. Thursday, October 11, and must be vacated within two hours of the end of the show or earlier as announced on Sunday, October 14.

7. **Stalls fees:** Stall fees are per stall for the entire show, from Thursday through Sunday. **\$65.00 per stall** (horse stall or tack stall)
Stall fees include fees for bedding removal as required by the show contract.

8. **Bedding:** See enclosed bedding policy. **NO foam board, carpet, etc. allowed in stalls.**
NOTE: If bedding containing debris such as foam board, carpet, padding, etc. is found in stalls again this year, all exhibitors will lose the option of using shavings in future years. The bedding removal hauler will not continue to accept bedding with debris. Exhibitors may be disqualified and fined \$100 if found violating this policy.

Shavings or straw may be used. Shavings may be pre-purchased for \$6.00 per bale; straw may be pre-purchased at \$4.50 per bale. Order form for bedding pre-purchase is enclosed. Shavings and straw will be available at the show at current market price. Grain and hay will also be available at the show.

Straw and feed will be available for sale as follows:

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| Thursday | 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. |
| Friday | 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. |
| Saturday | 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. |

Bedding will not be available at times other than listed above.

9. **Stall decorations** should be planned by county exhibitors and must be in accordance with show policies. Information is enclosed and will also be sent to each county extension office. Jan Martin, Northampton County, is coordinating **Good Housekeeping** details. Contact Jan as noted for more information about stall decorations or Good Housekeeping.
10. **Camper space** will be available on a "first come, first serve" basis beginning on Thursday, October 11. Please do not arrive earlier! Please be respectful and considerate of other participants when parking campers and trailers. The cost for campers is \$75.00 for all three days. No advance registration accepted. Payment must be made on arrival at the show.
11. **Due to concerns for safety and supervision of 4-H members at the Farm Show Complex, 4-H members should NOT sleep in the barns.** Dormitory space will NOT be available at the show. All 4-H members should have appropriate adult supervision at the show. No chaperones are provided by the show committee.
12. **Registration and check-in will begin at 11 a.m., Thursday, October 26.**
The horse show office will be open for registration and check-in as follows:
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| Thursday | 11 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. |
| Friday | 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (Office closed during recognition ceremony) |
| Sunday | 7:00 a.m. – until end of show |

13. **PLEASE NOTE NEW SHOW SCHEDULE!** Arenas will be open for practice as the show schedule permits.

Both the Equine arena and the Large Arena will be used, sometimes simultaneously.

Class conflicts should be handled as follows:

- ☞ IF exhibitors have a conflict with classes scheduled at the same time in both arenas, they **MUST** notify the show committee upon registration at the show. The show committee will make reasonable efforts to work with exhibitors to minimize class schedule conflicts upon timely notification of such conflict.
14. A **dance** for show participants will be held at 8 - 11:00 p.m., **Friday** in the small (sale) arena. *All 4-H members are welcome. Youth under 14 should be accompanied by an adult. Plan to attend the dance and participate in show activities to meet other exhibitors and friends!*
15. The **State 4-H Model Horse Show** will be held **Saturday**, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Banquet Hall (third floor cafeteria). *Plan to attend this educational and fun event and support 4-H members from throughout the state who will be exhibiting their model horses.*
16. The **recognition ceremony** will be held before the **Saturday** evening performance. *All 4-H members attending the State Show are encouraged to participate unmounted in recognition ceremonies and represent their county at the State Show!*
17. **It is the responsibility of the 4-H member and their parent or guardian to be aware of and abide by all rules as stated in the current PA 4-H Horse Show Rule Book and any available supplement(s).** These rules will be in effect at the 2007 PA State 4-H Horse Show.

Ethical, sportsmanlike conduct is expected of all exhibitors, parents, coaches, and spectators at ALL times when on the show grounds. Persons deemed guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct may be expelled from the show grounds and prohibited from participation in qualifying 4-H horse shows at the discretion of the show committee. See General Rules, pages 4 and 5, rules 16 -23 of current PA 4-H Horse Show Rule Book.

The PA 4-H Horse Show Rule Book is on the web at:

www.das.psu.edu – click on horses - 4-H - rules

It is the responsibility of the 4-H member and their parent or guardian to be aware of any other state show regulations, codes of conduct, and county or club policies or requirements for participation in the show.

18. **There must be no damage of any type to Farm Show Complex facilities or property (this includes, but is not limited to hoof black marks on floors). Exhibitors may not post ads or signs on complex walls, facilities or structures. Exhibitors will pay for any and all damages to Farm Show Complex property, if responsible.**

- ☞ Counties *may* place **banners** in the uppermost bleachers in arenas as space permits. No commercial information is allowed other than provided by show management. Banners must be attached in a manner that will not damage farm show facilities. **NO DUCT TAPE ALLOWED. BANNERS MAY NOT BE PLACED DURING SHOW CLASSES.** Show management reserves the right to remove banners as deemed appropriate.

19. **Equipment Stewards** will be available at posted times for exhibitors have questions or wish to check equipment. Exhibitors are not required to have equipment checked, but should see the equipment steward prior to their class if they have any questions or concerns about their tack or equipment.
20. Parking patterns may be different from past years. **Maps** indicating location of show facilities, show office, officials, etc. are enclosed and will be available at the show.
21. Exhibitors should consider bringing carts to help transport tack, equipment, and supplies from trailers to the assigned stall areas. Long term trailer parking may be eliminated or limited near the barn areas.
22. **Food vendors** in the farm show complex are available. However, hours of operation and variety of food offered may be limited. Meals should be planned accordingly.
23. If you have any questions regarding these or other state show procedures prior to the show, please contact your county extension educator or club leader.
24. **Volunteers** from each county/district are needed for barn stewards, gate crew and other duties for the state show. Many volunteers are needed since we will be showing in two arenas. Jackie Simon, Philadelphia County Extension, will be coordinating volunteers. **Please contact Jackie at jas59@psu.edu or 215-471-2228 to help at the show!!**
25. Information on **lodging** in the Harrisburg area and **directions** to the Farm Show Complex are available on the Farm Show Complex website. Go to <http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us/fscomplex/site/default.asp> and click on Visitor Information.
26. Additional information on the show will be posted on the 4-H Horse Program website as it become available at: <http://www.das.psu.edu/> click on horses, 4H Horse Program, events
27. **Increases in show fees** are due to continuing increases in show operating expenses. Show management recognizes exhibitor concerns about rising costs. The show committee works to minimize costs and operate a high quality show in a fiscally responsible manner.



If you have questions or need assistance at the show, please contact a show committee member at the horse show office.

Show Office PHONE: 717-787-5373 (ask operator for office for State 4-H Horse Show)

Best of luck at the show! We look forward to seeing you in Harrisburg!

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