

Ionia Free Fair Youth Horse & Pony Show Classes, July 16 – 23, 2021

Age as of January 1, 2021 & riding level (check one)

Walk/Trot/Canter/Lope: 17-20 15-16 12-14 8-11

First-Yr 15-19 First-Yr 8-14 Walk/Trot 15-19 Walk/Trot 8-14 7 Barn Buddies

Exhibitor's Name

Month / Day / Year of Birth

Phone Number

Exhibitor's Street Address

City

County

Horse or Pony's Name

Horse Pony (check one)

Parent/Guardian's Name

Parent/Guardian's Phone Number

Please Enter Online. Use this information when entering classes online at: <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/15004>

If you cannot register online you may use these forms to submit your registration by mail. Send your entry to arrive by June 25. Late entries not accepted.

Please read the 2021 Ionia Free Fair Youth Horse & Pony Rules carefully. Mark ("X") the classes on entry form you wish to and are eligible to enter. Once submitted, additions of classes will not be permitted. Show committee reserves the right to change the class list, class schedules and make corrections to entries as needed.

If you cannot enter online, please mail completed forms, copy of neg Coggins and entry fee (checks only please) to:

Mark Blodger

151 Montcalm Ave SE

Lowell, MI 49331

Pay by personal check only please. Checks payable to: Ionia Free Fair, write "Horse Entry" in the memo area.

Questions? Call or text Mark Blodger @ 616-460-1568 or email at: markblodger@gmail.com

Class entry, current proof of negative Coggins and \$50 Entry Fee Due by June 25. Late entries not accepted.

CAMPING:

If you would like to camp at the 2021 Ionia Free Fair, please email office@ioniafreefair.com to be put on the wait list. Phone: (616) 527-1310 or Email: office@ioniafreefair.com

Covid-19 Statement:

The Ionia youth horse program, exhibiting during the Ionia Free Fair, will comply with all state and federal guidelines in the interest of preserving the health and safety of our participants, families, friends, volunteers, fair workers and fair attendees.

Friday, July 16

Horses may haul in anytime on Friday but **all horses must haul in by 10 a.m. Saturday**

Saturday, July 17

Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting 11:30 a.m. in bleachers

- Costume – 3PM Ages 7 – 20
- STICK HORSE SHOW – 6PM open to 7 & under

Sunday, July 18 – 9 AM

- Hunter Hack
- Working Hunter Over Fences
- Equitation Over Fences
- Hunt Seat/Saddle Seat Pleasure
- Hunt Seat/Saddle Seat Pleasure, First-Year
- Hunt Seat/Saddle Seat Pleasure, W/T
- Hunt Seat/Saddle Seat Pleasure, Barn Buddies
- Hunt Seat Equitation, Barn Buddies
- Hunt Seat Equitation
- Hunt Seat Equitation, First-Year
- Hunt Seat Equitation, W/T
- Dressage Training Level I
- Dressage Training Level II
- Dressage Training Level III
- Green as Grass Dressage
- Versatility
- Team Competition (W/T can do showmanship)

Monday, July 19 – 1 PM

- Pairs Class
- Egg & Spoon (Splits for W/T & Barn Buddies)

Tuesday, July 20 – 9 AM

- Showmanship
- Showmanship, First-Year
- Showmanship, Barn Buddies
- Western Pleasure
- Western Pleasure, First-Year
- Western Pleasure, W/T
- Western Pleasure, Barn Buddies
- Western Horsemanship, Barn Buddies
- Western Horsemanship

Tuesday Cont., July 20

- Western Horsemanship, First-Year
- Western Horsemanship, W/T
- Western Horsemanship, Gymkhana Riders
- Ranch Riding
- Ranch Riding Introductory Level, W/T
- Bareback Equitation
- Bareback Equitation, First-Year
- Trial, Barn Buddies
- Trail
- Trail, First-Year
- Trail, W/T
- Trail, Gymkhana Riders
- Trail in Hand

Wednesday, July 21 – 1 PM

- Ride-A-Buck

Thursday, July 22 – 9 AM (No W/T this day)

- Intro Western/English Riding Pattern
- Intro Western/English Riding Pattern, W/T
- Western/English Riding
- Intro Reining Pattern
- Reining
- Freestyle Reining
- Kegs
- Kegs, First-Year
- Keyhole
- Keyhole, First-Year
- Pole Bending
- Pole Bending, First-Year
- Horse Speed & Action
- Horse Speed & Action, First-Year
- Horse Cloverleaf
- Horse Cloverleaf, First-Year
- Horse Flag Race
- Horse Flag Race, First-Year
- Horse Down & Back
- Horse Down & Back, First-Year
- Generation Sensation

Haul out after Midnight on Thursday and before Noon Friday.

2021 Ionia Free Fair

Youth Horse & Pony Rules

Mark Blodger, Superintendent (616) 460-1568

markblodger@gmail.com

1. **Only youth residents of Ionia, Kent, Montcalm, Gratiot, Clinton, Eaton and Barry Counties are eligible to exhibit at the Ionia Free Fair Youth Horse & Pony show.**
2. Exhibitors planning to show must enter fair classes, provide proof of current neg Coggins and pay their \$50 entry fee by June 25. Late entries will not be accepted.
3. Ponies will be measured prior to show time. Ponies with shoes will deduct 1/2 inch from their measured height.
4. It is recommended that all horses be immunized against influenza, tetanus and EEE at least 12 weeks prior to the fair. For Potomac Horse Fever, Rhino pneumonitis, and Strep Equi (strangles) follow your veterinarian's recommendations.
5. All horses must have a current negative Coggins test to be exhibited at the Ionia Free Fair. A copy of the negative test must be attached to the entry form.
6. The Superintendent reserves the right to split any classes into heats, then choosing eight (8) placings from the group as a whole.
7. All horses being ridden must wear a bridle and riders must wear boots.
8. Exhibitors will show in the age category they will be on January 1 of current fair year.
9. An exhibitor entering as a first year cannot enter an age class in the same section.
10. Walk/Trot winners are not eligible for championship classes.
11. First year classes are reserved for exhibitors showing a horse or pony for the first time at any fair.
12. *Although this is not a 4-H sanctioned show, rules regarding clothing, equipment, and judging of classes will be governed by the most recent edition of 4-H Bulletin #1145: "4-H Horse & Pony Project Show Rules and Regulations."*
13. **No club or exhibitor will be dismissed before Midnight on Thursday from the fairgrounds unless permission is granted by the Horse Superintendent. Any exhibitor leaving early without permission will forfeit any premiums, plaques and awards won and may not bring the horse (or any other) back to the fair. All horses must haul out by Noon on Friday.**
14. A PARENT or authorized adult of a junior exhibitor may ride the exhibitor's horse only in order to resolve safety issues. Junior exhibitor's family, or authorized adult may do groundwork. Senior exhibitors are responsible for performing all groundwork and riding themselves, unless permission from the Superintendent is granted.
15. The Horse Superintendent is a volunteer representative and has authority in matters of housing, safety and parking. All matters regarding enforcement of rules will be at the discretion of the Horse Superintendent's. Anyone disregarding the Horse Superintendent's requests, or refusing to follow established rules, will forfeit all awards won, including plaques, and will not be allowed to continue participation in the Ionia Free Fair.
16. Addition of classes at the fair will not be permitted. Participants may reserve the right to scratch from any class that they had entered granted that it is done by 8 p.m. the day before.

17. Lunch breaks will be at the show committee's discretion and will be announced the day of the show.
18. First and second places qualify for the Grand and Reserve Championship Classes except for Walk/Trot and Gymkhana. Exhibitors need not pre-enter Grand and Reserve classes on their entry forms.

Please enter online before June 25, 2021.
Entry form is available on the Ionia Free Fair website
<https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/15004>.

Ionia Free Fair is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged articles prior to, during or after the Fair.

Definitions:

Proud Equestrian Program (PEP): A therapeutic horseback riding program for people with disabilities that helps to improve balance, coordination, posture and muscle tone. Opportunities to participate exist for riders, volunteers, instructors and horse owners. PEP riders may elect to show another exhibitors horse currently being shown at fair. Horses being shown solely by PEP riders may be hauled in for their show days or may be released from exhibition (go home) after the PEP rider has completed all of their classes.

First year: The first time a child brings a horse to this (or any other) fair, not including Mentor program. If a child has exhibited in western classes in previous years, they are not eligible for first year English classes.

8 year old: An exhibitor may show as first year OR in their age class.

Walk/Trot: An exhibitor is not capable of riding their horse at a canter. If the exhibitor rides in any walk/trot classes, they will not be allowed to exhibit in any other class that requires a canter.

Mentor Program: The exhibitor does not currently own a horse and the horse being used by the horseless exhibitor is currently at the fair being shown by another exhibitor. A horseless exhibitor may enter showmanship and 2 other classes approved by show committee.

Gymkhana horsemanship and Gymkhana Trail:

An exhibitor entering these classes cannot enter an age class in the same section

Barn Buddies: May participate in walk-trot events with adult volunteers in the ring at all times. Barn Buddies exhibitors must wear ASTM- or SEI-approved helmets for all Barn Buddies horse experiences. Barn Buddies age 7 may elect to show another exhibitors horse currently being shown at fair. Horses being shown solely by Barn Buddies may be hauled in for their show days or may be released from exhibition (go home) after the Barn Buddies has completed all of their classes. Proud Equestrian Program (PEP) age 7 exhibitor's eligible to enter Barn Buddies classes.

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