

2022 Gogebic County Fair Horse Show Rules

1. No stallions are allowed except for foals still on their mother.
2. A veterinarian can check each horse coming to the fair. If a veterinarian isn't present, the horse clerk will check Coggins tests before a horse can be stalled. Coggins can be emailed or messaged to the horse clerk (Diane Maccani) before entry day.
3. Youth Exhibitors must stay all four days at the fair to be eligible for Danish youth classes. All exhibitors who stay all four days of the fair must reserve a stall for \$15. Stalls may be available for exhibitors who come in for only certain days to stay overnight Friday or Saturday. A \$20 stall fee will be charged for each of these stalls reserved. Stall fees are payable to the Horse Advisory Council by sending to Diane Maccani, N9491 Elder Rd., Bessemer, MI 49911, 906-364-1574. The stall coordinator will make the final decision on stall assignments. There will be no refunds given. Stalls may only be reserved for horses – tack stall reservation is not allowed. No horses will be allowed in a stall until stall fees have been paid in full. The horse clerk will collect stall fees for those that have not been prepaid.
4. Animals must be humanely cared for and fed by 9 a.m. or an exhibitor will face possible eviction and penalty. This includes proper cleaning of stalls on a regular basis.
5. All horses must be in their stalls by 9:00 p.m. daily. Grooming of horses will be done only in the wash area or in stalls. Horses will be walked–not ridden– to and from the show arena. All rules will be strictly enforced for everyone's safety.
6. A horse may only be shown once per class per age division, except for gymkhana games.
7. Training and mechanical devices are prohibited in equitation and pleasure classes.
8. Only humane bits, spurs, curbs, etc. shall be permitted.
9. Horses six (6) years old and older must be ridden in a shanked bit for performance classes, with the exception of Tiny Tot classes. Tiny Tots may use a snaffle and ride two handed on horses six and older. Game horses may be bitted, use a hackamore, or a bitless bridle. Sidepulls are not allowed.
10. Exhibitors must show within their appropriate age division. Exhibitor age is as of January 1st of current year. An exhibitor is considered a youth if he/she is 19 yrs. of age or younger on January 1st. Exhibitors need their own number and must also have a fair exhibitors numbers from the fair office. Tiny Tot riders are to wear their number on their back.
11. Exhibitors entering classes must have proper attire for respective classes to include appropriate hat, long sleeve shirt, long pants, and boots. English classes must also include a jacket. Chaps are optional in all western classes. Attire for the speed and gymkhana games is long pants, boots, and a helmet for youth. All participants in youth hunter classes and speed and gymkhana games are required to wear certified protective helmets. The Fair Board recommends youth participants wear helmets at all times when on a horse. Special needs exhibitors are strongly recommended to wear a helmet at all times when handling a horse.
12. Proper tack for the ranch horse classes is working tack. Minimal silver is permitted.

13. A County Horse Advisory Council has been appointed to hear grievances and make rulings on situations not covered by the premium list. The Council will meet as necessary at the Horse Barn Office to hear any grievances. Complaints must be filed with the Horse Superintendent within 24 hours of occurrence. The Fair Board, however, reserves the right to make final decisions.
14. Failure to abide by rules and regulations may subject the exhibitor to eviction from the fairgrounds and loss of premium money. Any dismissal or eviction from a class will result in a loss of premium for that class.
15. 4-day exhibitors (youth & adult) do not pay class entry fees if they preregister before entry day.
16. 4-day exhibitors who do not pre-register will pay \$1 per class per judge
17. Class fees for those who come in for the day will be \$2.00 per class or \$15.00 per day per judge.
18. For those who trailer in for the day, trailers must be parked outside of the West gate of the Fairgrounds by the arena.
19. Exhibitors will pay the gate fee to enter the fairgrounds.
20. The Horse Show game classes will be held on Friday beginning at noon with all Tiny Tot classes to be held first. Halter, showmanship, and English classes will be held Saturday starting at 8 a.m. with two judges. Trail, western, and ranch classes will be held Sunday starting at 8 a.m. with two judges. Awards will be awarded for each judge. Participation in the Horse Show is open to any exhibitor. The Horse Show is governed by Gogebic County Horse Council Rules.
21. Pony and mini size is 56" or less. Registered ponies and mini's must fit the size requirements for their breed.
22. Tiny Tot Class exhibitors must be 10 & under (as of January 1st of current year) and exhibit only in Tiny Tot Classes. Driving is an exception. Tiny Tots will show in w/leader classes or w/o leader classes and cannot cross over divisions.
23. Walk-Trot HUS or Western Pleasure class is for a horse & rider pair that do not show in cantering classes. Walk-Trot Equitation/Horsemanship is for the rider & horse pair that is not showing in canter classes. They are not eligible to show in any canter class. Walk/trot exhibitors may enter trail & games but they must only trot.
24. Open Walk/Trot HUS and Open Walk/Trot Western Pleasure are open to all horses.
25. Hunter-in-hand entries must show in an English performance class also with the exception of young horses not yet riding. Minis are not eligible.
26. Ranch conformation entries must show in a ranch class also.
27. Points for hi-point awards are based on a horse and rider pair.
28. Halter points go with western awards or In-hand awards (must specify when you enter), hunter-in-hand points go with English awards or In-Hand awards (must specify when you enter), and Ranch Conformation points go with ranch awards.
29. Showmanship and Costume points can go with western, ranch, English, or In-hand points for high point awards. Driving can go with western or English points for high point awards (must specify which division you want your points to count for when you enter).
30. In-Hand Jumping is for Minis and ponies not being ridden.
31. Attire for Pit Crew Showmanship should be neat but need not be show attire. Long pants and hard toe boots or shoes (not tenners) are required.
32. A rider must be in the arena with the gate closed before they can take off for their run in speed classes. They will stop after the run inside the arena and then will be let out.

