

Gogebic County Fair Horse Shows Have a New Look

The Gogebic County Fair Horse Shows will have a new look this year. Over the past four years entries have increased substantially making for long show days. Also, several youth showman show other livestock. This has presented a conflict of classes going on at the same time for horses and other animals.

The youth show was traditionally on Friday, the open performance show on Saturday, and the game show on Sunday. This year all three days will still have shows but the format will change.

The horse shows will be run in the split-combined format many shows use. This system will allow all the classes to be run in less time with two judges placing the classes. The Friday show will start at noon with the Tiny Tot games first followed by the youth and adult games. The Tiny Tot and youth games that were traditionally held on youth day will be placed both Danish, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, with everyone placing for the youth show and numerically, 1st through 5th, for the open show. The adult games will be placed numerically, 1st through 5th.

Saturday will be halter, showmanship, and English day with two judges placing all the classes. The traditional youth day classes will be judged Danish by one judge and numerically by the other. Open classes will be judged numerically by both judges in the three divisions.

Sunday will have trail, western, and ranch classes. Again, the traditional youth day classes will be judged Danish by one judge and numerically by the other. Open classes will be judged numerically by both judges in the three divisions.

This new format will allow those showing other animals at the fair less conflict, It will also provide shorter show days which have been getting longer each year as entries increase.

Our judges this year are a husband and wife team that have show and judging experience. The wife will be the Danish judge for the youth classes as she has worked with 4-H horsemen extensively.

Stop by at the horse show arena during the Gogebic County Fair to watch our area equestrians.