

## **2023 Gogebic County Fair Horse Shows**

The horse shows held during the Gogebic County Fair will once again be held over three days and follow the split combined format we introduced last year. This format, with the total class list divided over three days with two judges, allows us to hold several classes without running extremely late every day. We have had a large increase in horse entries the past few years.

Friday's show will start at 10 a.m. with Tiny Tot classes. The youth and adult classes follow at noon with showmanship, English classes, jumping, and driving. Youth classes will be judged by the Danish system by Judge A. Open classes will be judged numerically by Judge A. All classes will be judged as open classes numerically by Judge B.

Saturday will start at 8 a.m. with trail, western classes, ranch classes, and costume classes. The two judges will place Danish or numerically like on Friday.

With an 8 a.m. start on Sunday, games will be the event of the day. Youth will be placed Danish for the youth show and numerically for the open show on their time. Adults will be placed numerically.

Pre-registration is required, but we will allow changes and additions at the show.

New this year is a class fee for the open show. Gogebic Fair is the only fair we know who hasn't been charging entry fees for their open show. With the cost of awards rising every year, the horsemen of the area will now pay a small entry fee for the open classes to help offset the cost of the awards. Youth classes will remain with free entry.

The youth show will be awarding grand champion and reserve champion rosettes sponsored by the Gogebic Horse Council in these categories:

- Horsemanship Award
- Horse Performance Award
- In-Hand Performance Award
- Speed Award
- Tiny Tot Performance Award
- Tiny Tot Speed Award
- Walk/Trot Award

The open show will give high point awards sponsored by Zak's Realty in these categories:

- Youth High Point

- Adult High Point
- Tiny Tot High Point
- Walk/Trot High Point
- In-Hand High Point

Other Awards given are:

- Youth All-around from youth & open shows (TnB Award) sponsored by Tracy & Brian Damm
- Mary Butler Sportsmanship Award (voted on by the youth exhibitors)
- 4-H Horse Youth of the Year sponsored by Gogebic 4-H Council

Stop at the horse arena during the fair and watch our talented area horsemen.