

Model Horse – Horseless Horse and Horse and Pony

Entry Requirements

1. Each member is allowed to show up to five exhibits. An exhibitor may show only one model per class. (Remember, stallions cannot be shown in 4-H.)
2. A single model may show in more than one class.
3. Model horse displays need to be no larger than 14” by 22.”
4. Each model must have an entry tag fastened to a hind leg that cannot be easily removed. A string tag should be at least four inches long.
5. Required information on the entry tag should include the class, breed of model, name of horse, entrant’s name, and grade.
6. It is expected that the exhibitor be available to take the model to the judging table. A representative for the exhibitor may show the exhibit if there is a conflict with another event.
7. Classes (Lot numbers) are listed in the Fair Premium book.

When choosing a model horse, consider the following information taken from the State 4-H Horse Model Horse guidelines:

Is the model suitable for the breed and type of class you want to show?

Does the model have good conformation, smooth seams and finish, and free of irregularities?

Is the color and finish even, realistic, natural color, good coverage, good clarity/resolution of markings?

Look at the detail of the eyes, hooves, and markings.

Does the model have a realistic look, anatomy, position, and poise that presents a pretty picture?

Is the model horse free of nicks, chips, obvious breaks, rubs, and scratches?

If tack and/or props are included, they need to in exact proportions to be ideal. They need to be as real as an actual live horse and equipment.

Judging criteria for Model Horse

Models are placed on correctness, appearance, and appropriateness for each class.

Models are judged using the same criteria that real horses are judged by.

Attention is paid to detail and realism.

For example: a halter class is judged on:

Basic good conformation of the model

Overall suitability-the correct conformation, color, type of the model to the breed

Realism-does the model look more real than the other models

Workmanship-just like any other type of art piece or sculpture

Detail- the more detail, the better

Color -Is the color realistic and attractive

Class rules

Costume classes	Any costume made by exhibitor is permitted. Models may not cross enter these classes.
Driving classes	Functionally correct harness is required. Bridle with reins of sufficient length to reach the vehicle, saddle pad with tugs (if single horse or pony) and terrets, breast collar or collar/name with traces of sufficient length to reach vehicle required. Vehicle, blinders, crupper, breechings or thimbles and overchecks are optional.
Western Pleasure	Western saddle, blanket, and western bridle with standard western bits common to live horse competition are required.
English Pleasure	Hunt Seat (forward seat) saddle and bridle required. A saddle pad is optional.
Halter	Appropriate halters or bridles for breed and type of class must be used. (No dolls).
Showmanship	Appropriate halter or bridle and appropriately outfitted dolls are used.
Trail and Gymkhana	Obstacles required for trail. For games, explanations are required.