

4-H Horse State Fair Qualifying Criteria

Kittitas County 4-H State Fair Qualifying Guidelines

1. The qualifying show for Washington State 4-H Fair is the Kittitas County Fair
2. In the case of members wishing to qualify in classes not available at the County Fair or qualifying in multiple events for which there is a schedule conflict during the County Fair, scores from the last County approved show may be used.
3. Qualification is based upon an objective standard applied to all entries:
Blue in Showmanship/Blue in Class,
Blue in Showmanship/Red in Class,
Red in Showmanship/Blue in Class,

In the case of more entries qualifying than we have been allotted, placing will determine order, if ties exist using this method they will be broken by using the judging sheets from the qualifying event to determine high scorer. These entries will be verified and certified by County Extension staff prior to submission.

These procedures are intended to insure both fairness to the youth members and integrity of the Kittitas County 4-H program in accordance with State and County policy.

The horse shown at the State 4-H Fair must be the same horse shown in the qualifying show and that participated in showmanship at the county level – by the same exhibitor.

In addition to the Kittitas County 4-H State Fair Qualifying Guidelines, Kittitas County will use the following criteria to select State Qualifiers for Performance, Gaming, Dressage/Equitation Over Fences, and Harness Divisions.

If a 4-H youth is signing up to qualify in two events and using two different horses, they need to let the Extension Office know which horse they will be using in a showmanship class from a previous county approved event and which horse they will be using for the showmanship class at the Kittitas County Junior Horse Fair.

Kittitas County Requirements:

Submit a Competition for State 4-H Fair intent entry form prior to Kittitas County Junior Horse Fair.

Educational Criteria

- 1) Kittitas County Horse Judging Contest – Top 2 Danish ribbon points from two horse judgments with 3 points possible from each judging for a total of 6 possible points. Danish point system Blue – 3 points; Red – 2 points; White – 1 point.
- 2) Kittitas County Demonstration Contest – 3 possible points using the Danish ribbon point system Blue – 3 points; Red – 2 points; White – 1 point.
- 3) Record Book determined up-to-date in July/Aug by the record book Judging Committee.
- 4) Must have been an active 4-H member and have met the 4-H club's requirements for attendance at club meetings

Performance:

- 1) Showmanship ribbon points (refer to following points chart).
- 2) Top 3 scores from performance classes offered at State Fair – Saddle Seat Equitation, Hunter Seat Equitation, Stock Seat Equitation, Bareback Equitation, Trail and Equitation Over Fences (refer to following points chart).
- 3) Highest Showmanship points will break a tie.
- 4) The qualifying show for State Fair will be the Kittitas County Junior Horse Fair.

Gaming:

- 1) Showmanship ribbon points (refer to following points chart).
- 2) Top 4 placings in four different games. Top times taken and tabulated from Kittitas County Junior Horse Fair. The tabulation will come from those gaming classes which are offered at State Fair – Texas Barrel Race, Pole Bending, Two Barrel Flag Race, Idaho Figure Eight Stake Race, Pole Key Race and International Flags (refer to following points chart). Must be the same horse/rider combination if riding at both shows.
- 3) Highest Showmanship points will break a tie.

Harness

- 1) Showmanship ribbon points (refer to following points chart).
- 2) Top 2 scores from harness classes offered at State Fair – Reinsmanship, Precision Driving, and Pleasure Driving (refer to following points chart).
- 3) Highest Showmanship points will break a tie.
- 4) Youth that have qualified and attending State Fair will be required to attend a mandatory meeting on Tuesday following Labor Day Weekend.

Dressage/Equitation Over Fences

- 1) Showmanship ribbon points (refer to following points chart).
- 2) Top 2 scores from dressage, equitation over fences offered at State Fair – Dressage, Equitation Over Fences, and Hunter Seat Equitation.
- 3) Highest Showmanship points will break a tie.
- 4) Youth that have qualified and attending State Fair will be required to attend a mandatory meeting on Tuesday following Labor Day Weekend.

Showmanship Points System

Danish Points	
Blue	3 points
Red	2 points
White	1 point

Placing Points	
Grand Champion	12 points
Reserve Champion	11 points
Blue 1 st	10 points
Blue 2 nd	9 points
Blue 3 rd	8 points
Blue 4 th	7 points
Blue 5 th	6 points
Blue 6 th	5 points
Blue 7 th	4 points
Blue 8 th	3 points
Blue 9 th	2 points
Blue 10 th	1 point

Performance, Dressage/Equitation Over Fences and Harness Points System

Danish Points	
Blue	3 points
Red	2 points
White	1 point

Placing Points	
Blue 1 st	10 points
Blue 2 nd	9 points
Blue 3 rd	8 points
Blue 4 th	7 points
Blue 5 th	6 points
Blue 6 th	5 points
Blue 7 th	4 points
Blue 8 th	3 points
Blue 9 th	2 points
Blue 10 th	1 point

Gaming Points System

Danish Points	
Blue	3 points
Red	2 points
White	1 point

Placing Points	
Blue 1 st Fastest Time	10 points
Blue 2 nd Fastest Time	9 points
Blue 3 rd Fastest Time	8 points
Blue 4 th Fastest Time	7 points
Blue 5 th Fastest Time	6 points
Blue 6 th Fastest Time	5 points
Blue 7 th Fastest Time	4 points
Blue 8 th Fastest Time	3 points
Blue 9 th Fastest Time	2 points
Blue 10 th Fastest Time	1 point