2016 Southeast District 9 4-H Horse Show
RULES

The District 9 4-H Horse Show will be held Monday through Wednesday, June 20-22, 2016 at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Conroe, Texas. The overall show will include the following:

- June 20 - Instructional Show
- June 21 - Drill/Precision Riding, Roping, Stock Horse, and Speed Divisions
- June 22 - Judged Western, Halter, Hunter-Flat, and Futurity Divisions

The show will be conducted according to the official rules of the 2016 Texas 4-H Horse Show at http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/state-4h-show/index.htm or http://texas4-h.tamu.edu plus additional stipulations outlined in these rules.

PLEASE STUDY THIS INFORMATION CAREFULLY

1. An Instructional 4-H Horse Show will be conducted on Monday, June 20, 2016 at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. The Instructional Show is open to any 4-H member and includes these classes: Showmanship, Western Horsemanship, Western Riding, Western Trail, Hunt Seat Equitation, Working Cow Horse, and Stock Horse Pleasure. The entry fee is $50 and includes any or all of the above classes. Entries are due on 4-H CONNECT by May 22, 2016. Participation in the Instructional Show does not require 4-H Horse Validation or ownership. Please refer to the attached flier for complete details.

2. In many of the classes at the District 4-H Horse Show, contestants will compete in Senior (9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades but not 19 years of age as of August 31, 2015) and Junior/Intermediate (3rd grade and 8 years of age, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades) age divisions. These age divisions will be in place as the State 4-H Horse Show as well.

3. In accordance with Texas 4-H Horse Show rules, each contestant may enter multiple horses in each of the Divisions of the District 9 4-H Horse Show. However, contestants may enter only one horse in each class of a Division.

4. Advancement to the Texas 4-H Horse Show in the Qualifying Divisions requires participation in the Division at the District 4-H Horse Show. All classes within a Division are available to the contestant if the contestant participated in at least one class in the Division at the District 4-H Horse Show. Please note – just entering a class does not define participation. A contestant must enter the arena and participate in the class in order to advance to the State 4-H Horse Show in a Qualifying Division.

Advancement to the Texas 4-H Horse Show in the Open/Invitational Divisions does not require participation in the Division at the District 4-H Horse Show.
5. The entry fees will be $10.00 for each class in the Qualifying Divisions. Entry fees for the classes in the Open/Invitational Divisions are as follows: Precision Riding/Drill - $50/team; Tie Down Calf Roping $20; Breakaway Roping $20; Team Roping $30/person; Working Cow Horse - $10; Reining - $10; Stock Horse Trail - $10; Stock Horse Pleasure - $10; Stock Horse Horsemanship - $10; and Ranch Sorting - $30/person.

Fees for horse/tack stalls, **which include one bag of shavings**, are as follows: $40 for Stall Period 1 (Monday - Tuesday), $40 for Stall Period 2 (Tuesday - Wednesday), or $60 for whole show (Monday - Wednesday). Onsite stalls will be sold at an additional cost of $10 per stalling period.

Additional bags of shavings **must be purchased onsite** and the cost will include a cleanup and manure disposal fee.

RV hookups are available at the following rates: $35 for RV Period 1 (Monday - Tuesday), $35 for RV Period 2 (Tuesday - Wednesday), and $70 for whole show (Monday - Wednesday).

6. Entries will be submitted online via the 4-H CONNECT System by May 22, 2016. **USE THE District 9 4-H Horse Show ENTRY WORKSHEET to prepare entries for entry online.** **ALSO, COMPLETE THE DISTRICT 9 4-H HORSE SHOW HOLD HARMLESS FORM AND AUTHORIZATION FOR MEDICAL CARE FORM.** (copies attached). **These forms should be submitted at the Show Registration Office.**

The horse ownership (by exhibitor or an immediate family member) deadline is May 1, 2016. All horses entered in the District 4-H Horse Show must be validated through the Texas 4-H Horse Project Validation System.

Late entries will be accepted from May 23, 2016 through June 19, 2016 (the day before the show) with an additional fee of $50/horse entered. All standard on time entry fees also apply to late entries. Adding classes to a previously entered horse will cost $20 plus the standard class fee.

On-site entries will only be accepted on horses previously entered in the District 4-H Horse Show and will be limited to the addition of classes. The addition of each class will cost $50 plus the standard class fee.

7. All entry fees are due by May 22, 2016. Refunds will only be available through June 3, 2016 and must be requested in writing via e-mail. All refunds will be made with a $20 handling fee or 5% of the total entry fee or whichever is greater. Refund checks will be mailed following the conclusion of the show. All class verifications and corrections must be made at time of registration at the show.
8. **THERE ARE NO COUNTY QUOTAS FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE QUALIFYING OR INVITATIONAL SHOWS. HOWEVER, ALL CONTESTANTS MUST MEET THEIR COUNTY’S ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE.**

9. Ranch Sorting - Contestants are limited to entering and participating on one team. Each team will have one go. This is not a progressive class.

10. Trail Class - At the District Show, the gate will be obstacle number 1. Exhibitors will have 30 seconds to open and pass through the gate. Failure to do so will result in the exhibitor being asked to move on to complete the other obstacles.

11. **Open/Invitational Divisions entries for the Texas 4-H Horse Show must be submitted through the 4-H CONNECT System by July 1, 2016. These entries to the State Show do not have to be certified by competing at the District level.**

12. All contestants to the Texas 4-H Horse Show will be certified on June 22. Any contestant who is an automatic qualifier based on participation at the District 4-H Horse Show may enter the Texas 4-H Horse Show at the time of qualifying. All entry fees (Qualifying and Open/Invitational) must be paid at this time.

13. Concessions will be available on the grounds.

14. No adults will be allowed to work with a horse during the show. This includes the warm-up and show arenas and any other designated area. The Committee and District Office Personnel will enforce this rule.

15. **Horses can begin arriving at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds at or after 7:00 a.m. and until 10:00 p.m., June 20, 2016; between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., June 21, 2016; and between 7 a.m. and 12 noon, June 22, 2016. Stalling of horses will close at 10:00 p.m. on June 20 and at 8:00 p.m. on June 21, 2016. EIA (Coggin’s) Test papers will be checked upon arrival.**

16. The telephone number at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds during our show will be 936-760-3631.

17. The show management committee reserves the right to cancel or limit entries in any class.