

DEPARTMENT ONE
LIGHT LEGGED HORSES & PONIES

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Entries must be made at the Secretary's Office beginning Monday, July 27, 2026, and ending at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 10, 2026.

Entry Fee \$5.00 per lot

Stall Fees: \$30.00 per Box Stall – \$10.00 per Tie Stall *Limit of 2 minis in one box stall. All horses **MUST** have an entry to receive a stall ***No tack or feed allowed in any unused stall. **A \$50.00 fine will be imposed for anyone not obeying this rule.**

Exhibits must be in place by 7 p.m. August 23rd.

Judging: Speed Show, Friday, August 28th at 9 a.m.

Halter & Performances Classes, Saturday, August 29th at 9 a.m.

Release time after 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 30th **No EARLY RELEASES.**

General Rules

1. All horses must be broke to tie to exhibit.
2. No tack or feed allowed in the stall of horse not shown. (\$50.00 fine)
3. You must clean your stall after the fair. All stalls will be checked! Non-compliance of this rule may cancel premiums.
4. All equine shall be fed and cared for in a timely manner
5. Ponies/Horses to compete for premiums must be free of infections and contagious disease and sickness, otherwise subject to veterinary inspection. Sandusky County Fair will abide by O.D.A. Health Regulations.
6. Animals must also be sound, except in cases of stallions or mares injured by an accident, which does not impair them for breeding purposes.
7. Exhibitors—**only two entries per lot per exhibitor.**
8. Horses showing in breed classes may not show in a non-registered class.
9. Ponies are to be no taller than 58" at the withers. Horses may not show in pony classes and vice versa. Double registered animals may show in 1 (one) breed registry **ONLY**. (Not both) Registration papers must be available at time of judging. All animals are subject to be measured at any time.
10. No household furniture, (couches, recliners, etc.) will be allowed in any of the livestock barns during the fair.
11. All TV's, play stations, video games are banned from the barns during the fair week. Radios are allowed.
12. The Sandusky County Agricultural Society, Ohio State University Extension (4-H), FFA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and all involved in the Sandusky County Fair supports a code of good sportsmanship in all events and promote learning and responsibility through its activities. Verbal abuse, physical abuse or harassment toward directors, judges, ring stewards, superintendents, employees, OSU extension staff, Junior Fair members, club advisors or volunteers of the Sandusky County Fair will not be tolerated. You may be escorted from the fairgrounds; premiums forfeited, and upon Sandusky County Agricultural Society Rule Committee's decision, the family members may not be able to exhibit at the Sandusky County Fair for a period of time, indicated by the committee based on the severity of the situation. Sandusky County Agricultural Society Board of Directors Revised Dec 16, 2016

13. **No stallions may be shown in youth classes.** Stallions must Be Shown/handled by exhibitors 18 years and over.
14. Each exhibitor will be given one number. If showing someone else's entry, be sure to get the back number that goes with entry.
15. All class entries will have 2 minutes to enter the show ring after the 1st horse enters the class unless notification of tack change.
16. No cross entry between draft horse and light horse halter class, must choose to show in one or the other not both.
17. Pee Wee Classes are the only classes that may have a handler in the class or ride independently. All other classes, riders must be able to ride independently and if a spotter is needed it will be the discretion of the judge to allow.
18. All horse trailers must be parked by a superintendent in charge, all trailers parked early or without supervision will be asked to move. Trailers must park at an angle if possible.
19. A Show Steward may inspect tack; all tack must meet his/her safety standards.

CLASS 1 SPEED SHOW--Friday, August 28th, at 9:00 a.m.

Premiums: 1st- \$25, 2nd- \$20, and 3rd- \$15

***Classes 3, 6, 10 and 13; 1st- \$12, 2nd- \$10, 3rd- \$8**

Lot	Description
1.	Poles-18 & Over
2.	Poles 17 & Under
3.	Pee Wee Poles Ages 4 – 10 Assisted
4.	Stake Race – 18 & Over
5.	Stake Race 17 & Under
6.	Pee Wee Stake Race Ages 4 - 10 Assisted
7.	Barrels-18 & over
8.	Barrels – 17 & Under
9.	Pee Wee Barrels Ages 4 - 10 Assisted
10.	Old Timer Barrels (Must be 40 or Over)
11.	Flags – 18 & Over
12.	Flags – 17 & Under
13.	Pee Wee Flags Ages 4 – 10 Assisted
14.	Down and Back Open
15.	Down and Back Open
16.	Pee Wee Down and Back 4 – 10 Assisted

Rules Governing Speed Contest Classes

1. The Judge, Director, Superintendent or Show Stewards' decision is final.
2. All timed events will be kept and tallied with a timer.
3. Western attire must be worn unless otherwise noted. A collared button-down shirt with 4" sleeves is required.
4. Pee Wee Classes -Assisted-kids must have help in the ring.
5. Disqualifications:
6.
 - a) Off pattern.
 - b) Obstacle miss placement.
 - c) Offensive use of Language
 - d) Excessive use of whip or crop.
 - e) Hitting in front of the saddle
 - f) Hitting fence to stop.

Halter and Performance Classes
Saturday, August 29th at 9:00 A.M.

CLASS 2 HALTER CLASSES

Premiums: 1st- \$25, 2nd- \$20, and 3rd- \$15
*Class 10 & 19: 1st- \$12, 2nd- \$10, 3rd- \$8

Lot	Description
1.	Burro
2.	Stallion – Horse/Pony/Burro/Donkey
3.	Foals of Current Year & Yearlings Horse/Pony/ Burro/Donkey
4.	Ponies Under 39"
5.	Ponies over 39"
6.	Registered AQHA
7.	Registered Paint/Pinto
8.	Any Registered Horse Not Listed
9.	Non-Registered Horse

**All 1ST AND 2ND PLACE WINNERS FROM ABOVE CLASSES
ELIGIBLE FOR THE SUPREME CHAMPION HALTER CLASS**

2026 SUPREME CHAMPION HALTER HORSE

10. *Pee Wee Showmanship (10 and under)
11. Showmanship 19 & Over
12. Showmanship 18 & Under
13. In Hand Jumping

New for 2026:

A Fun Show will be held at 9:00 a.m. on
Thursday, August 27th. Sign up day of Show.
Entry fees and show schedule will
be announced later.

CLASS 3 PERFORMANCE CLASSES

Premiums: 1st- \$25, 2nd- \$20, and 3rd- \$15
*Classes 3, 4, 19: 1st- \$12, 2nd- \$10, 3rd- \$8

**Patterns will not be used by a judge to save time.

Lot	Description
1.	Costume Class Pony/Horse
2.	Bareback Pleasure
3.	*Lead In (8 & under) NE for any other class
4.	*Pee Wee Walk & Trot 10 & Under N.E. for any other non-Pee Wee riding classes
5.	Open Walk Trot (NE for any canter classes)
6.	Open Walk Trot
7.	Generation Gap Lead -Rider must be at least 18 years of age and there must be a 10-year age gap minimum between rider and leader
8.	**English Equitation
9.	English Pleasure
10.	**Western Horsemanship 19 & Over
11.	Western Horsemanship 18 & Under
12.	Western Pleasure 19 & Over
13.	Western Pleasure 18 & Under
14.	**Ranch Horsemanship
15.	Ranch Pleasure
16.	Ranch Riding
17.	Old timer Walk Trot Horsemanship/Equitation (Must be 40 or Over) English or Western
18.	Egg and Spoon
19.	Pee Wee Trail Ages 10 & Under
20.	Open Trail in Hand
21.	Open Trail

Cart Classes previously held during this show will be held with the draft horse hitch show on Thursday, August 27th at 4:00 p.m.



