

2023 Versatility Competition  
Tuesday, August 8, 2023  
Junior Division 2:00 pm  
Senior Division to follow  
Minimum 10-minute break between divisions

The purpose of this competition is designed to motivate the riders to broaden their horsemanship skills. It creates the opportunity for riders to develop new skills and to further train their horses. It is recommended for advanced riders (Western, English, Easy-Gaited, and Gymkhana), however first year members may participate. Classes may vary each year but must include one Stock-Seat class (Western Horsemanship), one English class (Hunt or Saddle Seat/Easy-Gaited), and one Gymkhana (speed) class.

Rules:

- \* Exhibitors must use their 2023 4-H or FFA Saddle Horse or designated 2 or 3yr old Production Horse.
- \* All youth 19 and under must wear a proper helmet at any 4-H equestrian activity while riding or driving according to most current Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows.
- \* Entries will be accepted at the entry booth on the day of the show.
- \* 2022 PAS show number required.
- \* Each exhibitor must have participated in a showmanship, horsemanship, equitation, or gymkhana class at the 2023 Richland County Fair to be eligible to participate in this competition.
- \* Each class will be placed 1-8. The placing for each class will not be announced until the end of the competition. Final results will be determined by the exhibitor who has shown in all portions of the competition and has the highest combined score. In the event of a tie, the higher Western Horsemanship score will be used to break the tie. (1st-80pts, 2nd-70pts etc.) Awards go to a minimum of the top five places in the Junior and Senior division.
- \* Each exhibitor may have a maximum of two grooms to help with the equipment changes between classes. It is recommended that at least one of the grooms be an adult or senior member for safety purposes and due to the time limits.
- \* Once the exhibitor enters the arena, all tack and clothing changes will be made in the center of the arena with the help of the exhibitor's grooms. Grooms may bring the equipment into the center of the arena using carts or wheelbarrows if desired. Once the grooms are in position in the center of the arena, the announcer will announce when the riders may approach their grooms. There will be a ten-minute time limit for tack changes between the English Equitation class and the Western horsemanship portion of the competition. All other tack changes between the remaining classes of the competition must be made within a ten-minute interval or the entry will be eliminated.
- \* No crops, whips, bats, or over unders may be used in the barrel class.
- \* For reining, a simple lead change will result in a deduction not a disqualification.
- \* Judge's decision is final.

2023 Classes

**Junior**

Hunt Seat/Easy Gaited Equitation  
Western Horsemanship  
Reining (pattern A)  
Poles

**Senior**

Hunt Seat/Easy Gaited Equitation  
Western Horsemanship  
Reining (pattern B)  
Poles