

4-H Online Judging Critique Rules & Process

1. All participants must follow rules and guidelines set forth by the Kentucky State Fair 4-H Horse Show in regard to helmet, tack, equipment, classes, and horse handling/behavior/safety.
2. Participant does not have to wear their show attire, but must wear pants, riding boots, and shirt or T-shirt. Not allowed: spaghetti straps, crop tops, halter tops, or any other shirt design that doesn't cover the shoulder.
3. Participants will begin the video with an introduction of their full name, county, age division (junior or senior), and what they will be performing for the judge.
4. Time limit for videos is 3 (three) minutes.
5. Rail classes- youth should attempt to go both directions. At the end of your ride, halt, and indicate to the camera that the ride is complete.
6. We won't check bits because this isn't a show. But participants are highly encouraged to use legal bits for their classes.
7. Participants must enter an UNEDITED, CONTINUOUS video link to the registration form.
 - a. The best option for this is to upload your video to YouTube as UNLISTED and copy and paste the link to the qualtrics. The unlisted option will only show the video to who has the link (in this case, the judge and the 4-H Horse Program). You can use other online video platforms as well.
8. Payment of \$20 will be due via credit card. Payment link will be sent to registrants via email.

The Process:

1. Prepare horse and rider for class/pattern (be show ready!)
2. Begin recording in arena (All videos should be shot from the ground. Video close up and track horse and rider)
3. Introduce yourself (full name, county, age division, and pattern/class they are performing)
4. Perform class, do the gaits the class requires, preferably going both ways in the arena.
5. Come to a halt, indicate to the camera that the ride is complete.
6. End recording
7. Upload to YouTube as UNLISTED, so only people with the link can view the video for privacy protection. You can use other video platforms as well, as long as you only send the link.
8. Complete Qualtrics through link (below) including registration information and the video link
9. You will receive a confirmation email with the instructions for credit card payment. Please follow the link to submit payment. Your entry is not final until the fee has been paid.
10. You will receive feedback from the judge by June 15th, sent to the email entered in the registration form.
11. Deadline to enter videos: May 15, 2023

Registration form: https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_afzAmngLyYS7EJ8

Video Tips:

- Stabilize camera for solid video
- All videos should be shot from the ground. Video close up and track horse and rider
- Check lighting! Consider backlighting as it can darken a video making it hard to see (figure below gives an example. Photo courtesy of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension)

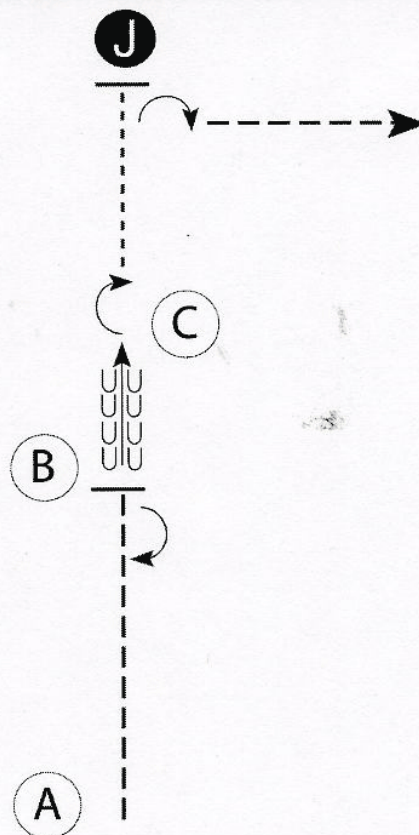


Figure 2. A video that is captured with extreme backlighting can be difficult to judge (left). Encourage exhibitors to take footage toward a solid wall or area with less backlighting for the best view of horse and rider (right).

Classes:

- Showmanship (make sure to wear the proper tack and attire depending on if you're doing English or western showmanship, for example no English riding attire for a western showmanship pattern). Showmanship pattern below.
- HUS
- WP
- Ranch Pleasure
- WRM Equitation (western or English, no pattern)
- SS Pleasure Equitation (no pattern)
- Ground handling (pattern below)

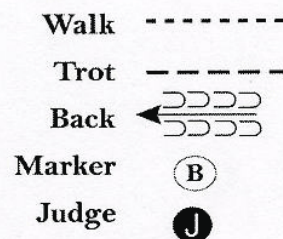
If you're showing a Mini, you can do the showmanship and ground handling classes. Because not everyone has obstacles, jumps, or a cart at home, we couldn't do another mini class.



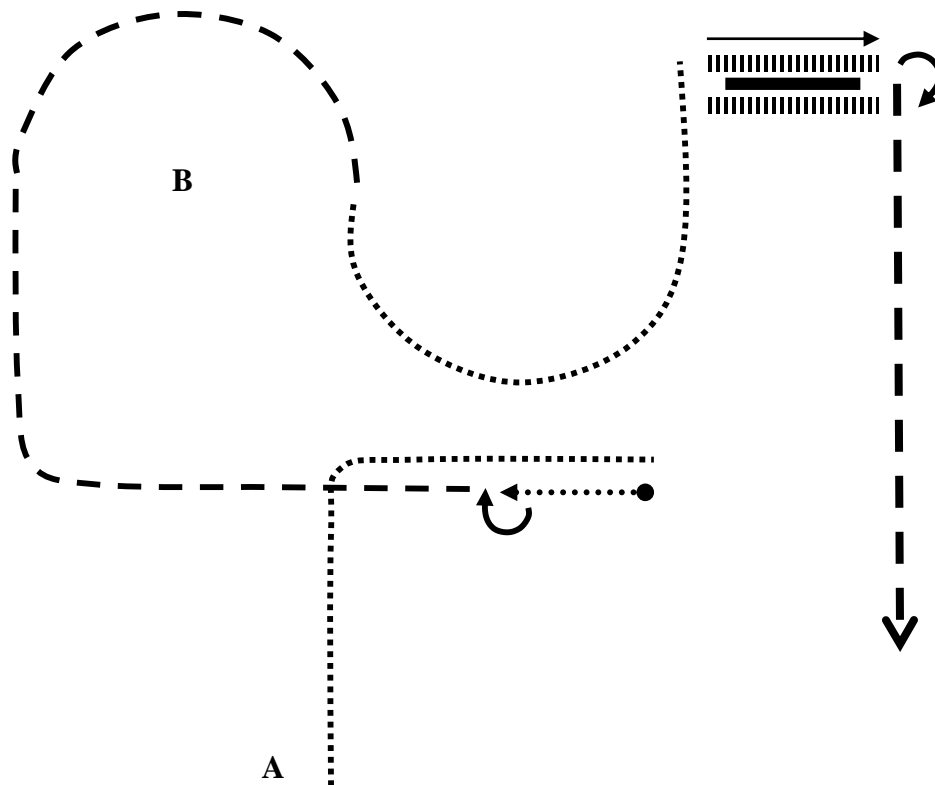
Be ready at A.

1. Trot from A to B. Favorite gait if WRM
2. Stop at B and pivot 180 degrees.
3. Back to C.
4. Turn 180 degrees and walk to judge.
5. Stop and set up for inspection.
6. When dismissed, turn 90 degrees and trot away.

Follow the instructions of your ring steward.



Ground Handling Pattern



Be ready and waiting at A, exhibitors should be standing at a distance from their horse at the end of their lead.

1. When acknowledged by the judge gather your lead and walk forward and to the right
2. Stop and move to the right side (off side), from the right side of you horse back a horse length
3. While still on the right side demonstrate a 180-degree turn on the forehand, pushing the hips away from you, and return to the left side
4. Trot to and around B
5. Break to walk, walk to pole
6. Stop and side pass right, over pole
7. Turn 180-degrees on the haunches from the left side
8. Extended trot to exit on loose lead

The pattern drawing is only a general description, exhibitors should utilize the arena space to best show their horses.

Walk
Trot	- - - - -
Back	●.....→
Side Pass	

Exhibitors will perform their pattern to the green 4-H cones

This is not a Showmanship class.
Exhibitors may be reminded that they may switch hands on their lead. They may also use their lead to help guide and encourage their horses as necessary.

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