

## **GEM/BOISE COUNTY SUPPLEMENT TO THE PNW 4-H HORSE CONTEST GUIDE**

*This booklet is meant to supplement the rules in the PNW (Pacific Northwest) 4-H Horse Contest Guide which is the official set of rules for Idaho 4-H Horse Contests. County rules may be more restrictive, but cannot be less restrictive than PNW rules. For more information, contact the Gem County Extension Office or the state of Idaho 4-H website.*

### **GEM/BOISE COUNTY 4-H MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT**

In order to participate in county, district, and state 4-H horse or horseless activities, youth must be enrolled in an Idaho 4-H project each year. To enroll in Gem/Boise County 4-H, members must complete the following:

1. Gem/Boise County Youth Enrollment Form
2. Pay \$19 fee for horse and horseless projects. Checks are to be made payable to Gem County Extension.
3. Enroll member in 4-H Online. (For instructions on how to register online, contact the Gem County Extension Office.)

**GEM/BOISE COUNTY 4-H LEADER ENROLLMENT:** All adults working with youth one-on-one or camping with youth must be leaders or certified volunteers. To become leaders, adults must complete the following:

1. Fill out Gem/Boise County 4-H Leader and Volunteer Enrollment Form yearly.
2. Pay \$2 to Gem County Extension Office yearly.
3. Enroll leader in 4-H Online yearly. (For instructions on how to register online, contact the Gem County Extension Office.)
4. Complete a Verified Volunteer background check yearly.
5. Complete the Protecting Minors training yearly.
6. Attend at least three (3) meetings and two (2) trainings yearly.
7. In addition, new leaders must:
  - a. Complete an interview with the Extension staff.
  - b. Attend New Leader Orientation.
  - c. Complete WSU Learning Modules.

### **4-H CODE OF CONDUCT:**

The 4-H Code of Conduct sets standards for participants' and spectators' behaviors.

1. Program participants, leaders, parents, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous respectful manner, exhibit good sportsmanship, and provide positive role models for youth.
2. Program participants, leaders, parents, and spectators are expected to respect, adhere to, and enforce the Idaho 4-H rules, policies, and guidelines. (See 4-H Code of Conduct in 2016-2018 Idaho 4-H Youth Development Policies and Procedures, document #91605, pg. 15.)

### **IDAHO 4-H HORSELESS PROJECT**

1. The "Horseless Project" is available for interested youth who do not have access to a project animal, who want to learn more about horses, or who are not exhibiting an equine at the fair.
2. Cloverbuds (5 – 7 years of age) may also enroll in the Horseless Horse project, but may have NO contact with horses.

**IDAHO 4-H AGE DIVISIONS:** *All ages are as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current 4-H year.*

1. Cloverbuds: 5 – 7
2. Juniors 8 – 10
3. Intermediates 11 – 13
4. Seniors 14 – 18

**COUNTY, DISTRICT, STATE, AND NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL CONTESTS:** Gem/Boise County 4-H members are required to do at least one educational activity per year to complete their horse or horseless project. 4-H members may choose from Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, Horse Oral Presentations, Hippology, BLM Mustang Program, Working Ranch Horse Program, or signed verification of an educational horse activity with documentation in their record book.

1. Horse Bowl (team competition), Horse Judging (team competition), Horse Oral Presentations (individual or team competition), and Hippology (team competition) contests are available at the County, District, and State levels for any youth enrolled in Idaho 4-H. *(At the state level, youth may qualify for national contests such as Eastern or Western National 4-H Roundup, All American Quarter Horse Congress, AQHYA World Show, and AjPHA World Show. See respective websites for more information.)*
2. Age Divisions: See individual contest rules for age divisions.
3. For team competitions, mixed age teams are permitted; however, the age of the oldest team member will determine in which division they compete.
4. Teams may consist of members from the same club, county, or multiple counties within that district at the discretion of their district coordinator.
5. For copies of contest rules, contact the Gem County Extension Office or the state of Idaho 4-H website.

#### **GEM /BOISE COUNTY HORSE PROJECT COMPLETION AND REQUIREMENTS:**

Contact the Gem County Extension Office or the Idaho 4-H web site to see current requirements for completion of the Horse project and do download the latest versions of the required forms.

1. Must own/lease the horse(s) used, provide primary care, feeding, and management of the horse(s) **at least 90 days** before exhibiting.
2. If a 4-H member leases a project animal, a completed written and signed copy of the lease agreement must be returned to the county Extension office by the required ownership date. *(See University of Idaho 4-H Youth Development Lease Agreement.)*
3. Keep record of expenses, health care, plus participation in shows and related horse activities/events.
4. Learn and practice safety precautions necessary to prevent injury to you and your horse.
5. Complete a **minimum of 7 activities** from supporting materials for Horse: National 4-H Curriculum for Youth CCS books levels 1-5, Horses and Horsemanship, Horse Science, 4-H Horse Judging Manual, Hunt Seat Manual, PNW 4-H Horse Contest Guide, PNW 4-H Driving Manual, Horse Safety Guidelines, Working Ranch Horse Optional Focus Area Skills Checklist (#72652), Hunter/Jumper Optional Focus Area Skills Checklist (#72653), Driving Optional Focus Area Skills Checklist (#72654), Trail Optional Focus Area Skills Checklist (#72655), Dressage Optional Focus Area Skills Checklist (#72656), or General Equitation Optional Focus Area Skills Checklist (#72657) or self determined (cayuse camp CCSs or CCS that a leader might create).
6. ***On Project Information and Activity Log in Record Book, have your project Volunteer initial each activity when it is completed.***
7. Give an oral presentation (speech, demonstration or illustrated talk) related to this project.
8. Participate in at least 51% of the total business and project club meetings.
9. Complete a record book. ***See Check Your Own Portfolio Form*** or ***contact Gem County Extension Office for instructions on completing record books.***
  - a. 4-H Involvement Report (#91910)
  - b. 4-H Animal Project Record Book (#91940)
  - c. Permanent 4-H Horse Identification and Health Record (#72650) for each project animal
  - d. Supplemental forms required by Gem/Boise County:
    - i. Exploring The World of Work
    - ii. Participation Other Than 4-H
    - iii. Gem Award Supplemental Page
    - iv. Idaho 4-H Gem Award Summary of Participation
    - v. Gem Boise County Training and Riding Record (not required for Horseless project)
10. Permanent Individual Animal Record (#72101) form is NO LONGER REQUIRED.
11. Complete a Record Book Interview.
12. Complete a One-on-One Evaluation where the member demonstrates his/her horse goals for the year.
13. Gem/Boise County 4-H members are required to do at least one educational activity per year to complete their horse or horseless project. 4-H members may choose from Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, Horse Oral

Presentations, Hippology, BLM Mustang Program, Working Ranch Horse Program, or signed verification of an educational horse activity with documentation in their record book.

#### **GEM/BOISE COUNTY HORSELESS PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Keep track of all horseless project related expenses.
2. Complete a **minimum of 7 activities** from supporting materials for Horse.
3. ***On Project Information and Activity Log in Record Book, have your project Volunteer initial each activity when it is completed.***
4. Give an oral presentation (speech, demonstration or illustrated talk) related to this project.
5. Participate in at least 51% of the total business and project club meetings.
6. Complete a record book. See ***Check Your Own Portfolio Form*** or contact Gem County Extension Office for instructions on completing record books.
  - a. 4-H Involvement Report (#91910)
  - b. 4-H Project Record Book (#91950), instead of Animal Project Record Book (#91940)
  - c. Permanent 4-H Horse Identification and Health Record (#72650) is NOT required unless the 4-H member is borrowing a horse for One-on-One evaluations.
  - d. Supplemental forms required by Gem/Boise County:
    - i. Exploring The World of Work
    - ii. Participation Other Than 4-H
    - iii. Gem Award Supplemental Page
    - iv. Idaho 4-H Gem Award Summary of Participation
    - v. Gem Boise County Training and Riding Record is NOT required for Horseless projects
7. Complete a Record Book Interview.
8. Complete a One-on-One Evaluation where the member demonstrates his/her horseless goals for the year. Members may exhibit a vet checked, documented 4-H horse during One-on-One Evaluation OR they may use audio or visual displays of their goals.
9. Gem/Boise County 4-H members are required to do at least one educational activity per year to complete their horse or horseless project. 4-H members may choose from Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, Horse Oral Presentations, Hippology, BLM Mustang Program, Working Ranch Horse Program, or signed verification of an educational horse activity with documentation in their record book.

**GEM/BOISE COUNTY FAIR HORSE PROJECT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:** See PNW rules on Project Animals and Possession, page 8.

1. **Completed 4-H Enrollment:** Youth must have completed their 4-H enrollment and paid their county fees by the deadline set by the Extension Educator.
2. **Permanent 4-H Horse Identification and Health Record (#72650):** Each year, prior to the enrollment deadline for the Horse Project 4-H members must turn in the following documents for each horse. No more than four (4) horses may be submitted for each member.
  - a. A completed copy of the first page of the Permanent 4-H Horse Identification and Health Record.
  - b. Color photos, front and side views, which show horses color, markings, and identifying marks.
  - c. University of Idaho 4-H Youth Development Lease Agreement—may be submitted electronically or in hard copy.
3. **Validation of Project Completion requirements by Leader:** In order for a 4-H member to participate in the fair, the 4-H project leader must certify completion of the project and the eligibility of a member to compete. Both member and project animal(s) must meet all of the requirements listed in the above sections. By signing the 4-H member's record book, the 4-H project leader certifies that the 4-H member and project animal(s) have met the project completion requirements and can compete in the fair.
4. **Fair Entry Forms and Fees:**
  - a. Entry forms must be completed, signed, and turned in by the due date determined by the Extension Office. By signing the 4-H member's entry form, the 4-H project leader certifies that the 4-H member and project animal(s) qualify for the classes entered.

- b. One entry form must be filled out for each 4-H member.
  - c. Classes may only be added or scratched with the approval of the fair superintendent(s).
  - d. Each contestant must pay fair entry fees as required by the Gem County Fair Board. Entry fees are due with the fair entry forms.
5. **Record Books and Record Book Interviews:**
- a. All 4-H members participating at fair must complete a portfolio/record book .
  - b. All portfolios/record books will be judged.
  - c. Member's record book must provide records for every animal being exhibited at the fair.
  - d. Only animals recorded in the member's record book may be exhibited at the fair (with the exception of approved hardship cases occurring after record books have been turned in).
  - e. All 4-H members participating in the fair must complete a Record Book Interview.
  - f. It is the 4-H member's responsibility to contact the fair superintendent(s) regarding scheduling conflicts for Record Book Interviews.
  - g. If a Record Book Interview is not completed prior to the fair, the 4-H member will NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOW AT THE FAIR.
6. **One-on-One Evaluations:**
- a. Any 4-H members in the horse project participating in the fair must complete a One-on-One evaluation where he/she demonstrates his/her horse project goals to a judge.
  - b. It is the 4-H member's responsibility to contact the fair superintendent(s) regarding scheduling conflicts for One-on-One Evaluations.
  - c. If a One-on-One Evaluation is not completed prior to the fair, the 4-H member will NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOW AT THE FAIR.
7. **Vaccination Requirements:**
- a. Project horses MUST be vaccinated for Eastern and Western Encephalomyelitis, Tetanus, Influenza, and West Nile. (This is covered by a "4 way" and West Nile.)
  - b. Rhinopneumonitis is strongly recommended.
  - c. Coggins test is NOT required.
  - d. See Idaho State Department of Agriculture for current health regulations and recommendations.
8. **Mandatory Vet Check:**
- a. Each project animal is required to have a vet check prior to One-on-One Evaluations and exhibition at the fair.
  - b. A veterinarian will be present on the fairgrounds prior to the start of One-on-One Evaluations.
  - c. It is the 4-H member's responsibility to verify the time and place of the vet check and ensure that his/her horse is checked.
  - d. If unable to attend the scheduled vet check, it is the 4-H member's responsibility to contact the fair superintendent(s) regarding scheduling conflicts and to arrange and complete a vet check seven (7) days prior to the One-on-One Evaluation or exhibition at the fair.
  - e. Horses not vet checked within seven (7) days prior to the fair will NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOW.
9. **Animal Health and Humane Treatment of Animals:**
- a. Owners of horses requiring medications or special equipment must provide a letter from a licensed veterinarian prior to the fair explaining the horse's medical condition and special needs. See PNW rules on Drugging, page 7.
  - b. To show at the fair, horses must be free of any signs of infection or communicable disease.
  - c. A visibly ill or unsound animal may be dismissed from participation in the fair by the vet, the fair superintendent(s), the judge, or the Extension Office staff.
  - d. During the fair, lame or sick animals must be reported to the fair superintendent(s) immediately and will be subject to a vet check at the owner's expense to determine if fit to participate in further events.
  - e. Animals may continue competition upon presentation of veterinarian's certificate certifying their ability to do so.

- f. Humane treatment of all animals is required. Exhibitors are expected to treat their animals with respect and provide for their continuous well-being through proper feeding, watering, handling, disease prevention, sanitation, and attention to safety. See PNW rules.

**10. Animal Hardship Cases:**

- e. If a project horse is injured, becomes ill, dies, becomes unavailable, or is deemed unsafe after the 120 day deadline but prior to the July leaders' meeting, the 4-H member must provide a written petition to the horse leaders explaining why he/she is requesting the use of a substitute horse.
- f. If a project horse is injured, becomes ill, dies, becomes unavailable, or is deemed unsafe after the July meeting up to the day before One-on-One Evaluations, the 4-H member must provide a written petition to the fair superintendent(s) explaining why he/she is requesting the use of a substitute horse.
- g. If a project horse is injured, becomes ill, or dies between the beginning of the fair and the end of the fair, the 4-H member must provide a written petition to the fair superintendent(s) explaining why he/she is requesting the use of a substitute horse.
- h. Written petitions must be signed by the member, the parent, and the leader.
- i. A licensed veterinarian must provide documentation for hardship cases requested for medical reasons.
- j. Petitions will be considered by the horse leaders and/or the fair superintendent(s) and 4-H members will be notified if their hardship case has been accepted.
- k. ALL DECISIONS ARE FINAL.
- l. HARDSHIP CASES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR HIGH POINT AWARDS, but are eligible for class placings, Danish ribbons, and premium money.

**GEM/BOISE COUNTY HORSELESS PROJECT FAIR ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Completed 4-H Enrollment.
2. Permanent 4-H Horse Identification and Health Record (#72650) is NOT required unless member is borrowing a horse for One-on-One Evaluations.
3. Validation of Project Completion requirements by Leader.
4. Fair entry forms and fees.
5. Record books and Record Book Interviews.
6. Complete a One-on-One Evaluation where the member demonstrates his/her horseless goals for the year. Members may exhibit a vet checked, documented 4-H horse during One-on-One Evaluation OR they may display their goals by other means—speech, demo, etc.
7. Vaccination Requirements, Animal Health, and Animal Hardship Cases are not applicable to the horseless project UNLESS the member is using a horse for One-on-One Evaluations.

**GEM/BOISE COUNTY SAFETY RULES FOR ALL EVENTS:** See PNW General Rules, page 5, and Fair Book rules.

1. Safety is of primary importance!
2. 4-H youth are required to wear an ASTM/SEI-certified equestrian HELMET WITH FASTENED CHIN HARNESS IN ALL 4-H RIDING AND DRIVING EVENTS. This includes riding in the sand arena, the parking area, during 4-H classes, and during riding meetings. (*Adults and youth are encouraged to wear helmets during ANY riding or driving event.*)
3. Anyone handling horses are required to wear boots or hard-sole shoes. All competitors are required to wear boots. SEE PNW, page 9, for definition of acceptable boots.
4. Horses must be kept under control at all times. Unmanageable animals may be dismissed from the 4-H activity by the judge, superintendent(s), or Extension staff.
5. Horses that are ridden must walk outside the arenas—no jogging/trotting, loping/cantering, or galloping/running.
6. 4-H members working their horses in open areas must have adult supervision.
7. Youth may not ride bareback (except when preparing for bareback classes).
8. No riding on blankets.
9. No riding double.
10. Youth may not ride horses with halters or tack reins only—horses must be ridden in a bridle or bosal.

11. For safety, youth should sit astride and keep their feet in their stirrups unless required to drop their irons for English classes.
12. Horses should only be tied to horse trailers or tied in their stalls—no tying horses to the fences or race track rails.
13. Tacked horses in stalls must be tied with a halter and lead rope.
14. During classes, exhibitors must maintain one horse length from other exhibitors—even in in-hand classes.
15. During rail classes exhibitors must pass on the inside—towards the middle—of the arena.
16. During rail classes contestants should not “cut off” other contestants.
17. During rail classes if a rider falls off, exhibitors should stop their horses.
18. During rail classes if a horse is acting up or if the rider doesn’t feel comfortable performing the required gait, rider should take their horse to the center of the arena.
19. Horses known to kick MUST have red ribbons placed in their tails. All riders should maintain two horse lengths from horses known to kick.
20. Do not crowd the gate area! Leave adequate space for horses to enter and exit the arena.

**GEM/BOISE COUNTY WASH RACK RULES:**

1. No unattended horses.
2. Leave wash area clean.
3. Be courteous.
4. No water fights!

**GEM/BOISE COUNTY FAIR AND SHOW RULES:** See Gem/Boise County Fair Book and PNW General Rules, page 5, and PNW Approaching the Judge, page 7.

1. SHOWMANSHIP IS REQUIRED FOR ALL EXHIBITORS AT THE FAIR.
2. EACH EXHIBITOR MUST HAVE A MANDATORY TACK CHECK prior to One-on-One Evaluations.
3. ALL EXHIBITORS MUST ATTEND THE MANDATORY FAIR ORIENTATION AND CLEANUP prior to the fair. It is the responsibility of the 4-H member to contact the fair superintendent(s) regarding scheduling conflicts.
4. Packets including patterns, exhibitor numbers, schedules, etc. will be given at fair orientation.
5. Classes may be cancelled, combined, or divided at the discretion of the judge or the fair superintendent(s).
6. Exhibitors may only enter one project animal per class.
7. A horse may not be shown in the same class category more than once unless used by two members in different age groups (example: Intermediate Showmanship and Senior Showmanship).
8. Only 4-H members may ride, groom, school, or handle a horse while on the show grounds. Junior members may have assistance with saddling and bridling if needed. Anyone may have assistance for safety reasons.
9. No one is allowed to coach contestants while the contestants are in the show ring.
10. No horses are allowed to go over trail obstacles or jumps except during classes or supervised warm-ups.
11. During the fair, horses must stay only in the designated horse areas—areas north of the racetrack.
12. During the fair, horses may not enter other livestock areas, areas near the food booths, areas near the midway, or areas near the Extension Office and Armory.
13. Judges are to award Danish ribbons (blue, red, or white) to every contestant in every class.
14. Rosettes and other awards may be given in addition to the Danish ribbons.
15. Horse and Horseless Projects are awarded medals (Gold, Silver, or Bronze) for their overall project. (See score sheets for Record Books, Interview Evaluations, and One-on-One Evaluations.)
16. ALL JUDGES’ DECISIONS ARE FINAL!!
17. Special needs youth and/or anyone needing assistance will ride last.

**CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO ABIDE BY RULES:** See PNW General Rules, page 5.

1. All participants, leaders, parents, and spectators are expected to abide by the 4-H Code of Conduct. (See 4-H Code of Conduct in 2016-2018 Idaho 4-H Youth Development Policies and Procedures, document #91605, pg. 15.)

2. Judges, fair superintendent(s), and Extension staff reserve the right to dismiss any youth or adult from a 4-H event for failure to follow the Code of Conduct, lack of sportsmanship, or rule infraction.
3. EXHIBITORS DISMISSED FOR DISCIPLINARY REASONS FORFEIT ALL AWARDS AND PREMIUMS.
4. Depending on the severity of the infraction(s), additional action(s) may be taken by the fair superintendent(s), Horse Leaders' Association, or the Extension staff.
5. A grievance form must be completed, signed, and filed with the fair superintendent(s) or Extension staff within 24 hours of the incident or event. Any appeals will be presented to the Grievance Committee which consists of the fair superintendent(s), a minimum of two (2) Horse Leaders' Association officers, and a minimum of one Extension staff member.
6. THE DECISION OF THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE IS FINAL.

**SHOW PROTOCOL:** See from PNW Show Protocol, page 6.

1. **Contestant numbers must be clearly visible** either on the rider's back or on both sides of the saddle pad. (The exhibitor is responsible for supplying the second number.)
2. **Exhibitors should not pat their horse while being judged** in the ring, except during a colt or ground training class.

**GEM BOISE COUNTY FAIR CLASSES:** *All classes must have at least 5 entries. Classes may be combined or split at the discretion of the judge or fair superintendent(s)*

1. **Showmanship:** See PNW tack and attire rules pages 9 – 14 and class rules pages 15 and 16.
  - a. SHOWMANSHIP IS REQUIRED FOR ALL FAIR EXHIBITORS.
  - b. Spurs are prohibited in Showmanship.
  - c. Exhibitors may wear a Western hat or helmet.
2. **Green Horse Walk/Trot Pleasure Class:** See PNW tack and attire rules pages 9 – 14.
  - a. **Class Description:** This class is for horses in the beginning stages of training who are not ready to lope in any show. This class is NOT for the beginner rider.
  - b. **Judging Criteria:** Judged on the performance of the horse.
  - c. **Attire:** English or Western; English riders must post the trot
  - d. **Tack Special Rules:** none
  - e. **Age Divisions:** NO AGE DIVISIONS – ALL EXHIBITORS SHOW TOGETHER
  - f. **Restrictions:**
    - i. A horse may only be shown in this class for two consecutive years.
    - ii. Horses entered in this class may not lope in any class.
  - g. **Class Procedure:**
    - i. Entire class will enter the ring at the walk.
    - ii. Walk, jog/trot/intermediate gait, reverse, and back as directed by judge or ring steward.
3. **Green Horse Walk/Trot/Canter Pleasure Class:** See PNW tack and attire rules pages 9 – 14.
  - a. **Class Description:** This class is for horses in the beginning stages of training. This class is NOT for the beginner rider.
  - b. **Judging Criteria:** Judged on the performance of the horse.
  - c. **Attire:** English or Western; English riders must post the trot
  - d. **Tack Special Rules:** none
  - e. **Age Divisions:** NO AGE DIVISIONS – ALL EXHIBITORS SHOW TOGETHER
  - f. **Restrictions:**
    - i. A horse may only be shown in this class for two consecutive years.
    - ii. Horses may not cross enter in Beginner Rider Pleasure.
  - g. **Class Procedure:**
    - i. Entire class will enter the ring at the walk.
    - ii. Walk, jog/trot/intermediate gait, lope/canter, reverse, and back as directed by judge or ring steward.
4. **Walk/Trot Equitation for Beginner Rider:** See PNW tack and attire rules pages 9 – 14.

- a. **Class Description:** This class is for beginner riders only.
  - b. **Judging Criteria:** Judged on the performance of the rider.
  - c. **Attire:** English or Western; English riders must post the trot
  - d. **Tack Special Rules:** None
  - e. **Age Divisions:** NO AGE DIVISIONS – ALL EXHIBITORS SHOW TOGETHER.
  - f. **Restrictions:**
    - i. A beginner rider may only participate in this class for two consecutive years.
    - ii. Riders entered in this class may not lope in any class.
  - g. **Class Procedure:**
    - i. Entire class will enter the ring at the walk.
    - ii. Walk and jog/trot/intermediate gait in both directions and back as directed by judge or ring steward.
    - iii. Judge may also require exhibitors to perform a pattern—see PNW rules on possible equitation tests.
5. **Walk/Trot Pleasure for Beginner Rider:** See PNW tack and attire rules pages 9 – 14.
- a. **Class Description:** This class for beginner riders of any age that are not ready to lope.
  - b. **Judging Criteria:** Judged on the performance of the horse.
  - c. **Attire:** Western or English; English riders must post the trot
  - d. **Tack Special Rules:** none
  - e. **Age Divisions:** NO AGE DIVISIONS – ALL EXHIBITORS SHOW TOGETHER.
  - f. **Restrictions:**
    - i. A beginner rider may only show in this class for two consecutive years.
    - ii. Beginner riders entered in this class may not lope in any class.
  - g. **Class Procedure:**
    - i. Entire class will enter the ring at the walk.
    - ii. Walk and jog/trot/intermediate gait in both directions and back as directed by judge or ring steward.
6. **Bareback Equitation Class:** See PNW tack and attire rules pages 9 – 14 and class rules pages 17 and 18.
- a. **Bareback Equitation Walk/Trot: *May not cross enter into Walk/Trot/Canter Bareback Class.***
    - i. Age Divisions: Junior, Intermediate, and Senior—classes may be combined at the discretion of the judge or fair superintendent(s)
    - ii. Walk and jog/trot/intermediate gait in both directions and back as directed by judge or ring steward.
    - iii. Judge may also require exhibitors to perform a pattern—see PNW rules on possible equitation tests.
  - b. **Bareback Equitation Walk/Trot/Canter: *May not cross enter into Walk/Trot Bareback Class.***
    - i. Age Divisions: Junior, Intermediate, and Senior—classes may be combined at the discretion of the judge or fair superintendent(s)
    - ii. Walk, jog/trot/intermediate gait, and lope/canter in both directions and back as directed by the judge or ring steward.
    - iii. Judge may also require exhibitors to perform a pattern—see PNW rules on possible equitation tests.
7. **Western Equitation Class:** See PNW tack and attire rules pages 10 – 12 and class rules pages 17 and 18.
- a. Walk, jog/intermediate gait, and lope in both directions and back as directed by the judge or ring steward.
  - b. Judge may also require exhibitors to perform a pattern—see PNW rules on possible equitation tests.
8. **Trail Class:** See PNW tack and attire rules pages 9 – 14 and class rules pages 20 – 22.
- a. For the Gem/Boise County Fair, exhibitors will NOT be asked to lope due to safety concerns, space limitations, and cross-entering of walk/trot horses and riders.
9. **In-Hand Trail Class:** See PNW tack and attire rules pages 9 – 14 and class rules pages 20 – 22.

- a. The same horse may not be entered in a riding trail class and in an in-hand trail class by the same exhibitor.
  - b. Exhibitors may show different horses in a riding trail class and in an in-hand trail class.
10. **Reining Walk/Jog Class:**
- a. **Class Description:** This is an introductory class for any rider or horse that is not ready to lope a reining pattern.
  - b. **Judging Criteria:** Horse will be judged on its willingness and ability to complete a pattern with little or no resistance.
  - c. **Attire:** See PNW Western attire rules on page 10.
  - d. **Tack Special Rules:** See PNW Western tack rules pages 10 – 12. Protective leg gear IS allowed.
  - e. **Age Divisions:** NO AGE DIVISIONS – ALL EXHIBITORS SHOW TOGETHER.
  - f. **Restrictions:** May not cross enter into Walk/Jog/Lope Reining Class.
  - g. **Class Procedure:** Each contestant will perform the required pattern individually. Patterns include small slow circles, large fast circles, rollbacks, spins, and stops.
11. **Reining Walk/Jog/Lope Class:**
- a. **Class Description:** Reining is a judged event designed to show the athletic ability of a ranch type horse in the confines of a show arena.
  - b. **Judging Criteria:** Horse will be judged on its willingness and ability to complete a pattern with little or no resistance. Horses may perform simple or flying lead changes. See National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) for specifics on judging.
  - c. **Attire:** See PNW Western attire rules on page 10.
  - d. **Tack Special Rules:** See PNW Western tack rules pages 10 – 12. Protective leg gear IS allowed.
  - e. **Age Divisions:** Junior, Intermediate, and Senior—classes may be combined at the discretion of the judge or fair superintendent(s)
  - f. **Restrictions:** May not cross enter in Walk/Jog Reining Class.
  - g. **Class Procedure:** Each contestant will perform the required pattern individually. Patterns include small slow circles, large fast circles, lead changes, rollbacks, spins, and stops. See NRHA rule book for examples of patterns.
12. **Western Riding Walk/Jog Class:**
- a. **Class Description:** This class is for any rider or horse that is not ready to perform a Western Riding class at a lope.
  - b. **Judging Criteria:** The horse is judged on quality of gaits, response to the rider, manners, and disposition.
  - c. **Attire:** See PNW Western attire rules on page 10.
  - d. **Tack Special Rules:** See PNW Western tack rules pages 10 – 12. Protective leg gear is NOT allowed.
  - e. **Age Divisions:** NO AGE DIVISIONS – ALL EXHIBITORS SHOW TOGETHER.
  - f. **Restrictions:** May not cross enter in to Walk/Jog/Lope Western Riding class.
  - g. **Class Procedure:** Each contestant will perform the required pattern individually.
13. **Western Riding Walk/Jog/Lope Class:**
- a. **Class Description:** Western Riding is a judged event where horses walk, jog, go over a log, and weave cones at the canter while changing leads.
  - b. **Judging Criteria:** The horse is judged on quality of gaits, lead changes at the lope, response to the rider, manners, and disposition. Horses may perform simple or flying lead changes.
  - c. **Attire:** See PNW Western attire rules on page 10.
  - d. **Tack Special Rules:** See PNW Western tack rules pages 10 – 12. Protective leg gear is NOT allowed.
  - e. **Age Divisions:** Junior, Intermediate, and Senior—classes may be combined at the discretion of the judge or fair superintendent(s)
  - f. **Restrictions:** May not cross enter in the Walk/Jog Western Riding class.
  - g. **Class Procedure:** Each contestant will perform the required pattern individually. See AQHA rule book for samples of patterns.
14. **English Equitation:** See PNW tack and attire rules pages 12 – 13.

- a. Walk, trot/intermediate gait, and canter in both directions and back as directed by the judge or ring steward.
- b. Judge may also require exhibitors to perform a pattern—see PNW rules on possible equitation tests.

**15. Hunter Hack:**

- a. **Mandatory Jump Evaluation:** Each contestant wanting to participate in Hunter Hack must have a mandatory jumping safety evaluation prior to the class.
- b. **Practice Jump:** A practice jump will be available in the arena prior to the start of the class. Riders must wear an ASTM/SEI certified helmet with the chin harness secured. *Exhibitors may not go over the practice jumps without a fair supervisor or certified leader present.*
- c. **Class Description:** The purpose of hunter hack is to give horses and opportunity to show their expertise over low fences and on the flat. The hunter hack horse should move in the same style as a working hunter.
- d. **Judging Criteria:** The class will be judged on style over fences, even hunting pace, flat work, manners and way of going.
- e. **Attire:** See PNW Hunt Seat attire rules on page 12.
- f. **Tack:** See PNW Hunt Seat tack rules on pages 12 – 13. Martingales and protective leg gear are NOT allowed in Hunter Hack.
- g. **Age Divisions:** Junior, Intermediate, and Senior—classes may be combined at the discretion of the judge or fair superintendent(s)
- h. **Restrictions:**
  - i. Riders must pass the supervised jump safety check.
  - ii. Horses must be at least five (5) years old as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- i. **Class Procedure:**
  - i. Horses will be worked on the rail at the walk, trot, and canter in both directions.
  - ii. Horses are then required to jump two (2) fences which will be set sixty (60) feet apart.
    - 1. Juniors will take the fences from a trot.
    - 2. All others will canter over the fences.
  - iii. At the discretion of the judge, contestants may be asked to hand gallop, pull up, or back and stand quietly following the last fence.
  - iv. Jump heights will be determined by the fair supervisors.
    - 1. Maximum jump height for juniors: 12 inches
    - 2. Maximum jump height for intermediates: 18 inches
    - 3. Maximum jump height for seniors: 24 inches

**16. Hunt Seat Equitation over Fences (or Ground Poles):**

- a. **Class Description:** Hunt Seat Equitation over Fences (or Ground Poles) is judged on the rider’s equitation going over a course of 6-12 “jumps”.
- b. **Judging Criteria:** Performance will be judged on effective use of aids on the entire course. Emphasis will be on light hands, balance, correct posture, and seat on the flat and over fences. Excessive speed will be penalized.
- c. **Attire:** See PNW Hunt Seat attire rules on page 12.
- d. **Tack:** See PNW Hunt Seat tack rules on pages 12 – 13. Martingales and protective leg equipment ARE allowed.
- e. **Age Divisions:** Junior, Intermediate, and Senior—classes may be combined at the discretion of the judge or fair superintendent(s)
- f. **Restrictions:** NONE
- g. **Class Procedure:**
  - i. Patterns will be posted at least one (1) hour prior to the class.
  - ii. The course will consist of 6 to 12 “jumps” with at least one change of direction.
  - iii. Juniors are to perform the course at a trot. All others must canter the course.
  - iv. The rider will be allowed to circle one (1) time before starting the course.
  - v. A refusal will be called when a horse avoids a “jump” or stops forward motion.

- vi. If the refusal is at a combination jump, the rider must retake all elements of the combination.
- vii. Major Faults: Refusal(s), loss of stirrup, incorrect gait, incorrect lead or diagonal, loss of reins, excessive speed, lack of control.
- viii. Disqualifications: Fall of horse or rider, three (3) cumulative refusals, off course.
- h. **Jump Heights: to be** determined by the fair superintendent(s)
  - i. Maximum jump height for juniors: 12 inches
  - ii. Maximum jump height for intermediates: 18 inches
  - iii. Maximum jump height for seniors: 24 inches

**GEM/BOISE COUNTY FAIR GYMKHANA CLASSES:** Classes are for fun. Leaders and other adults may participate.

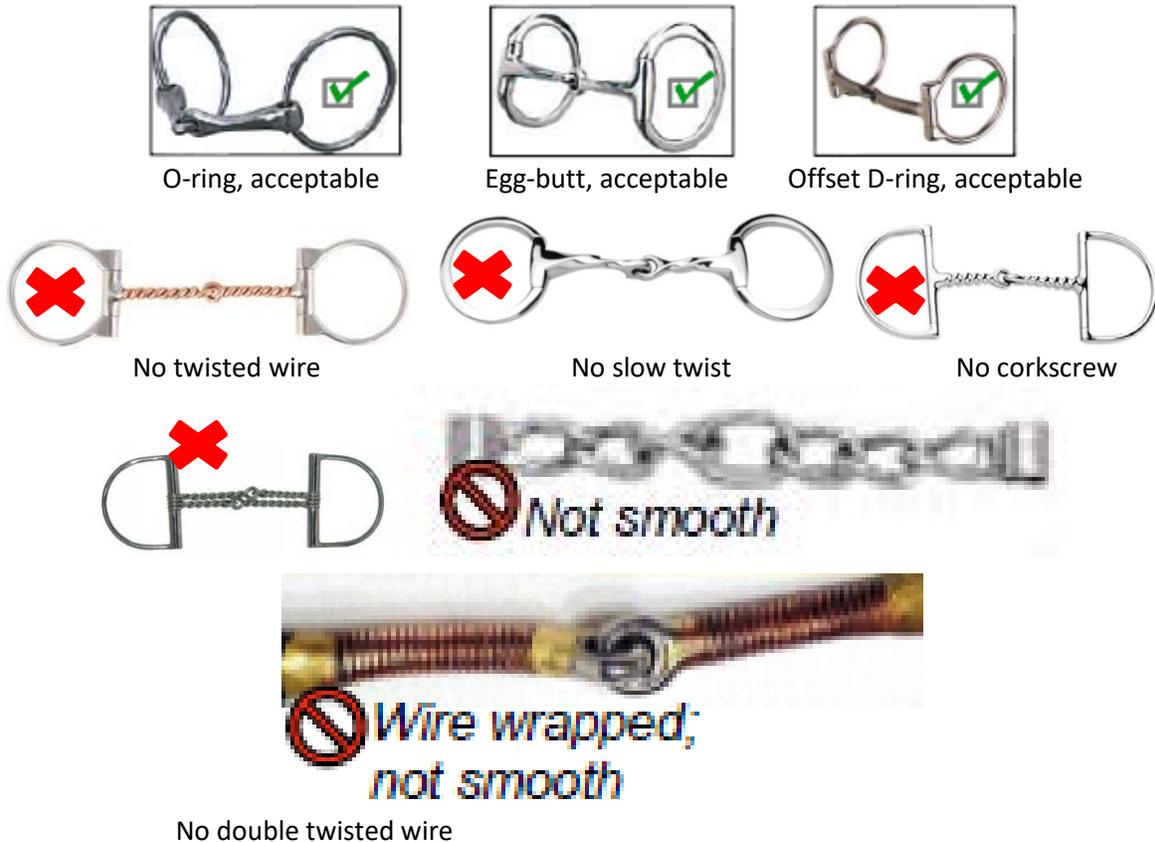
**GEM/BOISE COUNTY CLASS REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE CHART:**

<b>NO RIDE horse or youth</b>	<b>Green Trot Horse</b>	<b>Green Lope Horse</b>	<b>Beginner Rider</b>	<b>Experienced Rider</b>
Showmanship	Showmanship	Showmanship	Showmanship	Showmanship
In-hand Trail	Trail	Trail	Trail	Trail
	Green Horse Walk Trot Pleasure	Green Horse Walk Trot Canter Pleasure	Walk Trot Equitation Beginner Rider	Western Equitation
			Walk Trot Beginner Rider Pleasure	English Equitation
			Walk Trot Reining	Reining WTC
			Walk Trot Western Riding	Western Riding
			Walk Trot Bareback	Hunt Seat Equitation over fences
				Hunter Hack
				Bareback WTC
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	Games/Gymkhana—trot ONLY	Games/Gymkhana	Games/Gymkhana-trot ONLY	Games/Gymkhana
Freestyle-- In-hand	Freestyle—trot ONLY	Freestyle	Freestyle—trot ONLY	Freestyle

**Gem/Boise County Tack Restrictions:**

1. SPADE BITS, GAG BITS, ELEVATOR BITS, DONUT BITS, PRONG BITS, POLOT BITS, FLAT MOUTHPIECES, MOUTHPIECES WITH ANY TWISTS, OR MOUTHPIECES THAT ARE NOT SMOOTH ARE NOT ALLOWED DURING ANY CLASS OR DURING WARMUP.
2. DRAW REINS AND TACK COLLARS/TACK REINS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN ANY CLASS OR DURING WARMUP.
3. One-on-One Evaluation pre-approved exceptions may be made by fair superintendent(s).
4. WHIPS, QUIRTS, AND BATS are allowed in English and Gymkhana classes per PNW rules.
5. Per PNW rules, roping reins may NOT be used except in Gymkhana classes.
6. Per PNW rules, roping reins are REQUIRED in Gymkhana classes.
7. Cavessons or nosebands may NOT be used in Western performance classes.
8. Protective leg gear is only allowed in Reining, Equitation over Fences, In-Hand Trail, and Gymkhana.
9. Western snaffle bits and bosals: See PNW rules.
  - a. Two hands should be used to hold the reins.
  - b. Horses 5 years old or younger may be ridden in a snaffle or bosal.

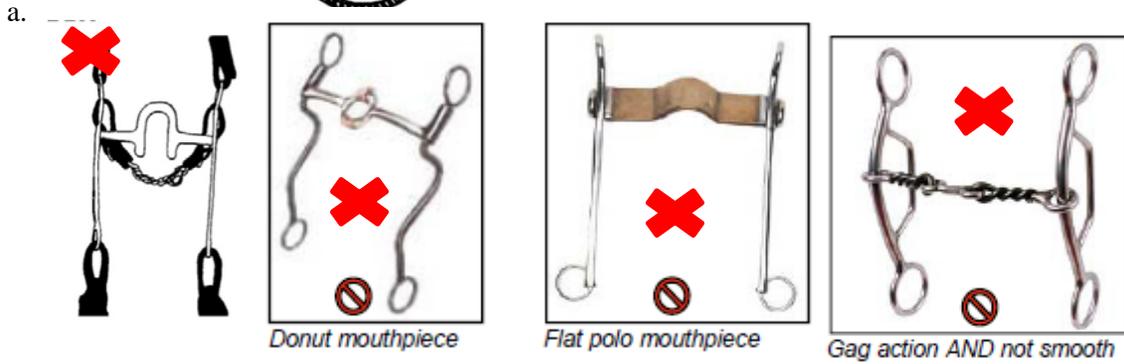
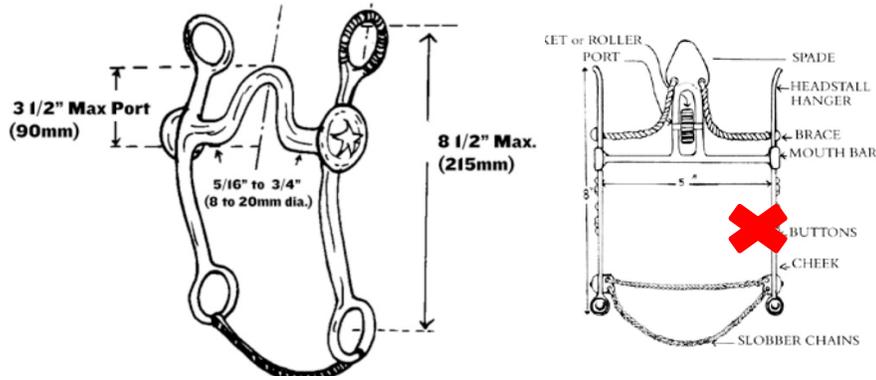
- c. For horses 6 years or older, a curb bit is highly preferred.
- d. Members showing horses 6 years or older in a snaffle or bosal must have a significantly better performance in order to be placed above a member showing a 6-year-old or older horse in a curb bit.
- e. Horses 6 years and older shown in a snaffle or bosal may be ineligible for top county awards (at local discretion).
- f. A Western snaffle must have a curb strap, curb chain, or bit guards.
- g. Curb strap or curb chain should be attached **BELOW** the reins.



10. Western curb bits: See PNW rules.

- a. Only one hand may be used on the reins of curb bits.
- b. Split reins or romal reins may be used.
- c. Reining hand must **NOT** be changed.
- d. Overall bit length as measured from the uppermost part of the headstall slot to the center of the rein ring, must be no longer than **8½ inches**.
- e. Gem/Boise County has a **MAXIMUM PORT HEIGHT** of **3½ inches**.
- f. Gem/Boise County requires a **MINIMUM MOUTHPIECE DIAMETER** OF **5/16 inches**.
- g. Curb straps must be plain leather or chains **at least ½ inch wide**, and must lie flat against the jaw.

**LEGAL BIT**



11. Hackamores: See PNW rules.

- Gem/Boise County only allows flexible, braided rawhide, leather, or rope bosals.
- Gem/Boise County does NOT allow hackamores with rigid material under the jaw or over the nose.
- Sidepull hackamores are NOT allowed.
- Mechanical hackamores are only allowed in Gymkhana per PNW rules.



Rawhide bosal



Easy/Fast stop



Fast stop



Mechanical hackamore  
OK for Gymkhana

**PNW and Gem/Boise County English Tack Restrictions:**

1. Dropped, flash, or figure 8 nosebands are only allowed in Equitation over Fences/Ground Poles.
2. Martingales are only allowed in Equitation over Fences/Ground Poles..
3. Running martingales may only be used with snaffle bits.
4. Protective leg gear and/or boots are only allowed in Equitation over Fences/Ground Poles.
5. Bit converters for Pelham bits are NOT allowed.
6. Whips or crops may be no longer than 36 inches.

