

# 2018 WCF Horse Project Information

## DATES:

### **Introductory Meeting:**

**Tuesday, February 27, 2018 – 7PM @ WCF Barbra Carpenter Building**

### **Tag-In and Mandatory Meeting:**

**Saturday, April 7, 2018 – 3PM @ WCF Show Barn**  
Topic: 2018 Rules and information

**Horse Project Clinics:** (All exhibitors **MUST** attend at least 3 of the 4 horse project clinics.)

**Saturday, May 5, 2018 – 1PM @ WCF Show Barn**  
Topic: General horse care and exhibiting

**Sunday, June 10, 2018 – 1PM @ WCF Show Barn**  
Topic: Showmanship

**Sunday, July 22, 2018 - 1 PM @ WCF Show Barn**  
Topic: In-hand trail

**Sunday, August 5, 2018 - 1 PM @ WCF Show Barn**  
Topic: Polishing / fine tuning

### **Mandatory Progress Show:**

**Saturday, August 18, 2018 – 9AM @ WCF Show Barn**

### **Stall Panel Setup:**

**Date and time to be announced @ WCF Horse Barn**

Stall set up participation is mandatory for all exhibitors. A \$200 fine will be assessed if the exhibitor and adult representative of the exhibitor does not participate unless otherwise approved by WCF Horse Committee majority vote \* with a minimum of 2 weeks in advance of the stall set up date. The stall set up dates will be in accordance with the WCFA schedule.

### **Fair Check-in:**

**Stall Setup** – Stall setup dates will be in accordance to the WCFA Rules and dates

#### **Horse Check in:**

**Tuesday – October 2, 2018 – 12 PM – 2PM**

(All horses **must be checked in** by 2PM on Tuesday, October 2, 2018, no exceptions)

### **Fair Horse Show / Judging:**

**Wednesday, October 3, 2018 – 9AM Start Time**

### **Fair Release and Clean-up:**

**Sunday – October 7, 2018 – 8 AM to 10 AM**

(All stalls must be cleaned and torn down before any horse will be released to leave the fairgrounds. A \$200 fine will be assessed if the exhibitor and family does not participate in tear down of the stalls.)

### **Committee Members:**

Julie Russell (Chairperson)	832-816-1626
Brett McBride (Vice-Chairperson)	281-433-0558
Linde Guidry	281-224-7069
Mike Higgins	832-403-5311
Connie Jackson	281-761-4990
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Laura Haas	
Jeff Rhodes	281-773-5145
Stacy McBride	281-650-4099

# WCF Horse Project Rules & Regulations

## General Rules

1. All horse projects and exhibitors are subject to the Waller County Fair Association General Rules. The rules can be found at <http://www.wallercountyfair.org/forms.php>
2. The WCF Horse Show and Sale is an opportunity for Junior Exhibitors to raise, show, and sell the horse project. All junior exhibitors must be eligible 4-H members, Jr. FFA members, or FFA members before the horse project tag-in on Saturday, April 7, 2018. See WCFA General Rules regarding member residences and exhibit boundaries for further information.
3. All yearlings will be handled by the exhibitor only at all clinics, progress show and the final horse show (unless in an urgent situation where the exhibitor or others are in danger). In the event an exhibitor is showing multiple entries, the Horse Committee must be notified and approve of the WCFA eligible substitute handler. An approved handler is defined in the WCFA General Rules. The approved handler must have a signed official WCFA Eligibility Form submitted to the Horse Committee.
4. Exhibitor entry fees will be in accordance with the WCFA General Rules.
5. There will be 5 mandatory meetings and/or shows (in addition to stall set up, WCF Horse Show, and stall tear down)
  - a. Tag-in – **Saturday, April 7, 2018 – 3PM**
  - b. Progress Show – **Saturday, August 18, 2018 – 9AM**
  - c. 3 of the 4 clinics

\* Late arrivals or failure to be present at any of these mandatory meetings and/or shows without an excused absence approved by the Horse Committee majority vote \*, will result in disqualification. No Exceptions.
6. Projects will be yearling horses of any approved breeds born between January 1, 2017 and July 31, 2017 and must be registered with a nationally recognized horse breed association.
7. The Performance Halter Class will be judged as such. The performance / working horse breed will be judged on the horse's balance, structural correctness, and willingness to perform for the exhibitor, quality of movement as related to the ability to perform under saddle in a performance event and other performance / stock and sex characteristics.
8. The horse must be registered in the exhibitor or immediate family member's (same household) name. (see WCF General Rules).
9. Horses may be measured for height and weight, using a measuring stick and weight tape, and be evaluated for overall body condition. All yearlings will be subject to inspection by an accredited licensed veterinarian at the time of tag-in, any clinic, progress show or day of show.
10. All stud colts must be gelded by July 1, 2018. No STUDS will be shown.
11. Horses are subject to random drug testing at any time during the year. Exhibitors will be required to remain with the horse during drug testing.
12. All horses must be free of prohibited substances. A prohibited substance is defined as any stimulate (example: Epinephrine), depressant (example: Demerol), tranquilizer (example: Acepromazine), or local anesthetic (example: Procaine), which may affect the performance of a horse, or any drug classified as a steroid. Also prohibited are any drugs, regardless of how harmless or innocuous they might be, which may interfere with the detection of the aforementioned drugs. Such drugs are masking drugs (examples: Polyethylenelycol, Thiamin, Dipyrone, Furosamide, and other potent diuretics, Sulfa drugs, Benzimidazole Anthelmintics (wormer) and Isozsuprine.)

13. The Horse Show Committee reserves the right to do “drop by” inspections, with or without advance notice at reasonable times to see how horses are progressing. The Horse Show Committee Chairperson, a designated Horse Show Committee member, 4-H club leader, or FFA teacher may conduct “Drop by” inspections. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor or parent to inform the committee chairperson of any changes in address or phone numbers. If a horse is not kept at the exhibitors’ physical residence, a physical address where the horse is being kept is also required (see WCF General Rules regarding member residences and exhibit boundaries for further information).
14. All exhibitors and horses must be present at the Tag-in, Progress Show and 3 of the 4 clinics to be eligible to participate in the WCF Horse Show and Sale. In the event any of the mandatory events conflict with school or other functions, the WCF Horse Committee must be notified and approve by majority vote in advance of the event\*.
15. All show horses must be checked in at the Horse Barn on the Waller County Fairgrounds on Tuesday – October 2, 2018 – 12 PM – 2PM and remain until Sunday, October 7, 2018.
16. Exhibitors are encouraged to participate in our annual fundraiser(s).
17. No exhibitor or family member shall contact the judge of the county fair (see WCF General Rule).
18. Complaints must be submitted as per WCF General Rules.

### **TAG-IN**

19. Exhibitors must have all required forms and at least one parent/guardian present at time of tag in.
20. All exhibitors will be photographed with their horse at tag-in for positive identification for the show.
21. A clear COPY of registration papers demonstrating proof of ownership, W9 and WCF exhibitor entry form must be provided at TAG-IN.
22. All horses are required to have the following vaccinations: Rabies, Strangles, VEWT, flu rhino, and West Nile. Proof of vaccinations and a current negative coggins will be required at tag-in.
23. All registered horses entered must have proof of N/N test for Hyperkalemic Periodic Paralysis (HYPP) at TAG-IN to show at the Waller County Fair.

### **PROGRESS SHOW**

24. Horses must be in good, show condition at the Progress Show. The Horse Show Committee reserves the right, by majority vote, to have an accredited veterinarian evaluate any horse for disqualification if deemed unfit, unhealthy, undernourished or lame.
25. The Progress Show will consist of Showmanship and In-Hand Trail classes.

## WCF HORSE SHOW

26. All horses must check in between Tuesday – October 2, 2018 – 12 PM – 2PM at the Waller County Fairgrounds horse barn or the exhibitor will be disqualified unless approved by majority committee vote \*.
27. A 30-day health certificate will be required at time of check-in on Tuesday, October 2, 2018.
28. At the time of check-in, exhibitors will turn in a final copy of the horse's registration papers with notes about the horse to be used in a sale catalog.
29. Stalls and Horse Barn must be kept clean during the fair.
30. Failure to adhere to all WCFA and WCFA Horse show rules will result in disqualification.
31. Any horse requiring medication during the fair must have a written or verbal explanation for the requested medication from a licensed veterinarian provided to the WCFA Horse Committee and WCFA Rules Committee member prior to administration.
32. Parent work rules will apply as described in WCFA General Rules.
33. Each exhibitor will be responsible for a storyboard, which should include a copy of registration papers and pictures of their horse. It may be decorated in any tasteful manner. The storyboard should be at least 24 x 30 inches and is to be set up at the stall during stall set up (see Dates section in the WCF Horse Show Rules on page 1).
34. Parents or other adults are not permitted to assist the exhibitors verbally or physically during the judging.
35. Classes will include:
  - a. Performance Halter - Filly
  - b. Performance Halter - Colt
  - c. Junior Showmanship
  - d. Senior Showmanship
  - e. In Hand Trail Class

Grand and Reserve Filly and Colt will be awarded based on a combined point system over Performance Halter, Showmanship and In Hand Trail classes.

36. The WCF Horse Committee reserves the right to combine classes in the event there are fewer than 3 exhibitors in the class.
37. All horses must be completely halter broke and under full exhibiting control of the exhibitor in the show ring at the Horse Show or they will be excused from the ring and disqualified. Any horse deemed a danger/threat to other exhibitors or animals will be disqualified and removed at the judge's discretion from that class.
38. Proper attire must be worn during the show. This will include long sleeve collared shirt, long pants, western hat, boots, and belt.
39. Leather show halters only.

## **SALE/AUCTION**

40. No horse may be sold in any other Youth Auction and then be eligible to show and sell at the Waller County Junior Livestock Show and Auction.
41. Those exhibitors who make it to sale order shall wear western, "show-type" attire (pressed jeans or slacks, pressed shirts with long sleeves and a collar, boots, western belts and a western hat) in the WCF Sale Ring. Specifically, no T-shirts, tennis shoes, flip-flops, or shorts allowed.

## **CHECK-OUT**

42. Check out time is 8 – 10 AM on Sunday, October 7, 2018. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning their own stalls and taking down the panels and placing the panels in the designated area. You must check out with a committee member before removing your horse from the fairgrounds. Failure to help in panel removal will result in a \$ 200 fine.
43. Junior Livestock Auction Sale Exhibitors must return to their Committee Chairman "Thank You Letter" to the buyer in a pre-addresses stamped envelope on Sunday morning October 7, 2018 prior to receiving discharge paperwork. The Committee Chairman will mail the letter(s). Thank you letters must also be written to any persons/businesses "adding on" to the price of the horse project and to the sponsor of any award received (i.e. trophy, jacket, buckle, plaque, etc....) each thank you letter must be placed in a stamped, addressed envelope, but not sealed. These thank you letters must be turned into the Committee Chairperson according to the Jr. Livestock auction rules. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a 20% or \$ 200.00 fine will be deducted from your sales check. If the exhibitor has been issued the \$200.00 penalty, he or she must still write the thank you letters to the buyer, add-ons, etc. If the Committee Chairperson does not receive the thank you letters, the check will not be given to the exhibitor. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to confirm the chairperson has received the thank you letters by the deadline (see WCF General Rules).

**\* If time does not allow for a majority committee vote, the Chairman and one committee member may take a vote. Providing that vote is unanimous, the decision can be made.**

## 2018 WCF Horse Show Classes / Award List

**Grand Champion Performance Halter Filly Buckle**  
**Reserve Champion Performance Halter Filly Buckle**

**Grand Champion Performance Halter Gelding Buckle**  
**Reserve Champion Performance Halter Gelding Buckle**

**Grand Champion Junior Showmanship Buckle**  
**Reserve Champion Junior Showmanship Buckle**

**Grand Champion Senior Showmanship Buckle**  
**Reserve Champion Senior Showmanship Buckle**

**Grand Champion In-Hand Trail Buckle**  
**Reserve Champion In-Hand Trail Buckle**

**Grand Champion Hi-Point Filly**  
**Reserve Champion Hi-Point Filly**

**Grand Champion Hi-Point Colt**  
**Reserve Champion Hi-Point Colt**

**Overall High Point – WCFA Horse Show**

### **Specialty Awards (If donations allow)**

**Rookie of the Year Award** – Awarded to a WCF Horse Project exhibitor who has never shown or participated in the WCF Horse Show previously as voted on by the WCF Horse Show Committee.

**Horsemanship Award** - Awarded to the exhibitor who maintains a well-groomed horse, clean stalls, and work area. This will be voted on by a panel of anonymous fair board members.

**Sportsmanship Award** – Exhibitor who best demonstrates the ideals of sportsmanship, including fairness, civility, honesty, unselfishness, respect, and responsibility. This will be voted on by the exhibitors only.