

SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO STATE FAIR AND RODEO

HORSE FUTURITY

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JUDGE: TBA at check in

AWARDS	SPONSORS
GRAND CHAMPION HALTER BANNER	
RESERVE CHAMPION HALTER BANNER	
YEARLING HIGH POINT PERSONALIZED BUCKLE	
TWO YEAR OLD HIGH POINT PERSONALIZED BUCKLE	
THREE YEAR OLD HIGH POINT PERSONALIZED BUCKLE	
ROSETTES FOR FIRST PLACE	
RIBBONS THROUGH SIXTH PLACE	
CASH PREMIUMS	

HORSEMANSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

INFORMATION TBA

Divisions

- A. Yearling Horse
- B. Two Year Old Horse
- C. Three Year Old Horse

Classes for the Futurity to be held in this order are:

- 1. Halter: Geldings
- 2. Halter: Mares
- 3. Grand and Reserve Halter
- 4. Yearling Showmanship
- 5. Two Year Old Showmanship
- 6. Three Year Old Showmanship
- BREAK- ARENA FOR LUNGELINE WARM UP ONLY- 15 minutes
- 7. Yearling Lunge line
- BREAK- ARENA FOR TWO AND THREE YEAR OLDS ONLY- 30 minutes
- 8. Two Year Old Western Ranch Pleasure on the rail
- 9. Three Year Old Western Ranch Pleasure on the rail
- 10. Two Year Old Western Ranch Riding pattern
- 11. Three Year Old Western Ranch Riding pattern with obstacles

General Rules:

- 1. All General Livestock Rules apply, unless specifically written below.
- 2. Current NMLB hauling papers and 12 mo. Negative Coggins test must accompany each horse to the fair.

Entry Rules:

1. Exhibitors must be a bona fide youth member of 4-H enrolled in a horse project and/or a FFA member.
2. Exhibitors must own or lease the yearling by May 1st of the current year.
3. Exhibitors may board the horse anywhere, but they must sign and submit a Care Agreement Contract by the deadline of May 1st of the current year.
4. Exhibitors may nominate and enter more than one horse, however, they may only show one horse in each division.
5. Horses can be any breed or grade horse, and they do not need to be registered.
6. Entries are limited to fillies and geldings. NO STALLIONS.
7. Nomination must be completed by mailing a completed Care Agreement Contract and 3 pictures (front and both sides) of the horse, postmarked by May 1st, to Southern NM State Fair and Rodeo, c/o John Campbell - Livestock Secretary, P.O. Box 1145, Las Cruces, NM 88004.
8. Nomination does not enter the horse in the Southern New Mexico State Fair and Rodeo; the official entries will be done online.
9. No substitutions of horses will be permitted.
10. All horses entered will be brought to Fairgrounds by 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday of fair week, and remain on the fairgrounds.
11. Horses may be released by the superintendent with a written release.

Show Rules

1. To win a high point buckle in any division, you must show your horse in all classes offered in that division.
2. Only 4-H members, 4-H leaders, parents, legal guardians, 4-H Agents or Vo-Ag Instructors may assist in handling and grooming at the SNMSF&R, and the exhibitor must be present. No professional groomer or trainer may groom or handle the horses at the SNMSF&R.
3. Personal attire will follow AQHA rules for halter and western classes; Appropriate western attire is required which includes pants (slacks, trousers, jeans, etc.) long sleeves and collar (band, standup, tuxedo, etc.) western hat and cowboy boots with a heel. Special exception because of religious reasons or physical handicap must be requested by filing a written request to the SNMSF&R horse superintendant, and obtaining written approval prior to participation. It is optional that an exhibitor may wear a hard hat with harness in all classes.
4. Grooming aids:
 - a. Hoof polish may be applied to the hooves.
 - b. Hair coloring may be used.
 - c. Tail extensions are prohibited.
5. Equipment rules for riding classes will follow AQHA rules (<http://aqha.com/Resources/2014-Handbook.aspx>).
6. No person will be allowed to assist the exhibitor in the arena during judging.
7. An exhibitor may be disqualified by the judge or superintendents for receiving excessive verbal instructions from outside the ring while exhibitor is showing.
8. Horses must be manageable by the exhibitor.
9. If a horse is deemed unsafe by the judge or superintendents the horse will be excused from the show ring.
10. The use of stimulants or depressants is prohibited. Administration of medication during the fair must be approved by SNMSF Horse superintendents and documented and administered by a veterinarian.
11. If the horse's nose, mouth or jaw areas show signs of broken skin, rawness or bleeding, the horse may be eliminated from competition by the judge or superintendents.
12. All decisions by the judge and superintendents are final.

HALTER for all Divisions: A, B and C

All age groups will be shown together to choose a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion. Points will be kept separate for Division High Points.

Class 1: Halter Geldings

Class 2: Halter Mares

- Purpose: To reward quality of conformation.
- Equipment:
 - Horses are to be shown in a halter, regular or show type is acceptable. A chain under the chin or over the nose is acceptable, but no chain will be allowed in a horse's mouth.
 - Showmanship whips (dressage whips etc.), war bridles or like devices or any type of wire or rope over a horse's head are not permitted.
- Judging:
 - Exhibitors will enter the ring in working order.
 - Horses will walk to the judge one at a time. As the horse approaches, the judge will step to the right (left of the horse) to enable the horse to trot straight to a cone placed 50 feet (15 meters) away. At the cone, the horse will continue trotting, turn to the left and trot toward the left wall or fence of the arena. After trotting, horses will be lined up head to tail for individual inspection by the judge. The judge shall inspect each horse from both sides, front and rear.

Class 3: Grand and Reserve Halter

- First and second place horses from classes 1 and 2 will enter the ring following the ring steward's orders. Purpose, equipment and judging will be the same as Halter (Class 1 & 2).

Division A: YEARLING HORSE FUTURITY

Division A Classes that must be shown in to be considered for high point:

Class 1 or 2: Halter Geldings or Mares

Class 4: Yearling Showmanship

Class 7: Lunge Line

Class 4: Yearling Showmanship

- Purpose: To evaluate the exhibitor's ability to execute, in concert with a well groomed and conditioned horse, a set of maneuvers prescribed by the judge with precision and smoothness while exhibiting poise and confidence, and maintaining a balanced, functional and fundamentally correct body position.
- Equipment: Same as Halter Class.
- Judging:
 - The pattern will be posted by 8am the morning of the show.
 - Exhibitors will enter the ring in working order.
 - The following maneuvers are considered acceptable and may be in the pattern: lead the horse at a walk, jog, trot or extended trot, or back in a straight or curved line, or a combination of straight and curved lines; stop; and turn 90 (1/4), 180 (1/2), 270 (3/4), 360 (full turn) degrees or any combination or multiple of these turns. Turns are always push turns.
 - The pull turn is an unacceptable maneuver and will not be in the pattern.
 - The judge must have exhibitors set the horse up squarely for inspection sometime during the class.

Class 7: Lunge Line

- Purpose: The purpose of this class is to reward quality of movement and trainability.
- Equipment:
 - Horses are to be shown in a halter, regular or show type is acceptable.
 - The only attachment allowed to the halter is the lunge line.
 - The lunge line may not exceed 30 feet in length with a chain or snap attached to the halter.
 - The lunge line must hang free from the halter without touching any part of the horse.
 - It is permissible to use a lunge whip.
 - No other equipment is allowed on the horse during the class.
 - Mechanical or retractable lunge lines are not allowed.
- Judging:
 - The horse will be judged at the walk, jog or trot, and lope or canter in both directions. Any horse that does not exhibit these gaits in each direction will be placed at the bottom of the class.
 - The exhibitor may begin work in the direction of their choice (counter or clockwise).
 - Exhibitors are encouraged to use a 20' to 30' radius circle.
 - Horses are to stand quietly on the wall while the other exhibitors are being judged
 - When the exhibitors name is called he/she will go to the center of the arena.
 - Time will start when judge calls "begin", which will be after the horse begins to walk his first circle.
 - The exhibitor will be allowed 1 and ½ minutes to present their horse.
 - A "half-way" whistle will be blown at 45 seconds, and again at the end of the 1 and ½ minutes to signify the end of the run.

Division B: TWO YEAR OLD FUTURITY

Division B Classes that must be shown in to be considered for high point:

Class 1 or 2: Halter Geldings or Mares

Class 5: Two Year Old Showmanship

Class 8: Two Year Old Western Ranch Pleasure on the rail

Class 10: Two Year Old Western Ranch Riding pattern

Class 5: Two Year Old Showmanship

- Purpose, equipment and judging will be the same as Yearling Showmanship.
- The pattern will be more complex than the pattern given for yearlings, but will follow the same rules.

Class 8: Two Year Old Western Ranch Pleasure on the Rail

- Purpose: The purpose of this class is to reward quality of movement.
- Equipment: Equipment with silver should not count over a good working outfit. Silver on saddle and bridles is discouraged.
- Judging:
 - The two year old ranch pleasure horse should be functional, relaxed, quiet, soft, cadenced at all gaits and a pleasure to ride.
 - The horse will be shown in a group rail class at the walk, jog and lope in both directions; a stop and back will also be required. The horse may be asked to extend the walk and/or jog.
 - The horse should be ridden on a relatively loose rein with light contact and without requiring undue restraint. Excessively long floppy reins will not be given extra credit. Excessively long reins that appear to be a safety concern by the judge will be penalized.
 - The horse's head set and neck carriage should appear natural for the horse and should be quiet throughout all gaits.

Class 10: Two Year Old Western Ranch Riding Pattern

- Purpose: The purpose of this class is to evaluate the rider's ability to execute, in concert with their horse, a set of maneuvers prescribed by the judge with precision and smoothness, while exhibiting poise and confidence and maintaining a balanced functional and fundamentally correct body position.
- Equipment: Equipment with silver should not count over a good working outfit. Silver on saddle and bridles is discouraged.
- Judging:
 - The pattern will be designed and dictated by the judge.
 - Exhibitors will enter the arena in reverse working order and wait quietly lined up at one end of the arena. They will be ready at the start of the pattern for the judge in working order.
 - When the pattern is complete, they will return to their place at the end of the arena, and remain quiet until all exhibitors have completed the pattern.
 - The whole class must work at all three gaits at least one direction of the arena.
 - The required movements in the pattern will include the walk, jog, and lope in both directions, stop, and back.
 - Optional maneuvers may include turns of 360 degrees or more, walk or trot over a pole(s), or a combination of maneuvers that would be reasonable for a ranch horse to perform.

Division C: THREE YEAR OLD FUTURITY

Division C Classes that must be shown in to be considered for high point:

Class 1 or 2: Halter Geldings or Mares

Class 6: Three Year Old Showmanship

Class 9: Three Year Old Western Ranch Pleasure on the rail

Class 11: Three Year Old Western Ranch Riding pattern

Class 6: Three Year Old Showmanship

- Purpose, equipment and judging will be the same as Yearling Showmanship.
- The pattern will be more complex than the pattern given for yearlings and two year olds, but will follow the same rules.

Class 9: Three Year Old Western Ranch Pleasure on the Rail

- Purpose, equipment and judging will be the same as Two Year Old Western Ranch Pleasure on the Rail.

Class 11: Three Year Old Western Ranch Riding Pattern with Obstacles

- Purpose and equipment will be the same as the Two Year Old Ranch Pleasure Pattern
- Judging:
 - The three year old ranch pleasure horse should be functional, relaxed, quiet, soft, cadenced at all gaits and a pleasure to ride.
 - The pattern will be designed and dictated by the judge.
 - Exhibitors will work individually in working order.
 - When the pattern is complete, the exhibitor will exit the arena.
 - Appropriate pattern maneuvers include: walk, jog, lope and extensions at any of these gaits.
 - Horses may be asked to turn on the haunches or forehand, two-track, or perform a lead change (Flying or simple changes of lead will be allowed; flying changes will never be required).
 - Riders may be asked to
 - Dismount and remount. Utilizing the offside is allowed.
 - Ground tie.
 - Side pass over an obstacle.
 - Judges will also include 3-6 obstacles as part of the pattern. The obstacles must be selected from the following list:
 - Jump: middle of jump will not be higher than 1 foot off the ground, and the jump will be taken at a trot.
 - Rope an obstacle.
 - Drag and object: May be log, tire, or another object that provides some weight. Tarps may not be used for dragging.
 - Gate. Work gate. May be rope, metal or wood.
 - Logs: walk, jog, or lope logs. Logs may be flat, elevated on one or both sides.
 - Tarp: walk over tarp.
 - Walk through obstacle. A minimum of 36" between walls or sides is required.

**DESIRED GAITS FOR THE
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TWO AND THREE YEAR OLD
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Gaits in all riding classes will be judged by their conformity to these descriptions.

Walk – A pleasure walk should be straight, square and flat footed. The horse should move out freely with noticeable forward motion, looking ahead while appearing relaxed. The extended walk should maintain the same qualities as the walk with an obvious extension and lengthening of stride.

Jog – A pleasure jog should be a square two-beat diagonal gait. The jog should be comfortable to ride long distances. The hooves should be soft hitting the ground for maximum comfort for horse and rider. The jog which is rough and hard to sit or excessively slow and uncadenced should be penalized. The extended jog should maintain the same qualities as the jog with an obvious extension and lengthening of stride.

Lope – A pleasure lope should be a cadenced three-beat gait where the horse maintains a consistent, steady pace that appears to be comfortable to maintain over long distances. The horse should exhibit collection with noticeable drive from the hindquarter. The head and neck should be free, looking straight ahead and quiet. The lope which is overly animated, rough, hard to sit or excessively slow and uncadenced should be penalized. A horse traveling at the lope severely over-canted will be penalized.

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Yearling Horse, Two Year Old, and Three Year Old Futurity Nomination Form and Care Contract

Deadline: Submit completed nomination form and care contract with 3 photographs, (both sides and face of horse) by May 1, 2018.

To

Southern NM State Fair and Rodeo
c/o John Campbell - Livestock Secretary
P.O. Box 1145
Las Cruces, NM 88004

Youth who are nominating and entering a horse must do:

- 95% of the in hand training, exercising, grooming and handling
- 100% of the mounting and riding, (only the youth may get on the horse)

For instructional and demonstrative purpose, 5% of the in hand training, exercising, grooming and handling may be done by your trainer while the youth is present.

For the care and wellbeing of the horse, activities that do not involve training, such as putting the horse on a hot walker, treatment by a veterinarian, hoof care, and transportation for emergency purposes, will be allowed without the youth present.

I, _____, agree to adhere to the above rules, from May 1, 2015 until the completion of the 2015 SNMSF&R, for my horse entry in the 2015 Southern New Mexico State Fair and Rodeo Yearling, Two Year Old or Three Year Old Futurity Horse Show, in addition to following the Species Specific and General SNMSF&R rules.

Youth _____ date _____

Horse name: _____ birthdate _____

This horse is being nominated for (circle one): YEARLING TWOYEAROLD THREEYEAROLD

4-H Agent or FFA Advisor _____ date _____

Parent or Guardian _____ date _____

Trainer/Barn Manager _____ date _____

(to be signed if the horse is boarded and/or worked away from home)

Additional forms may be filled out and submitted if you change or add trainers during the year. Only trainers who have signed this form may work with you and your horse.