

## TUSCOLA COUNTY RULES FOR STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW QUALIFYING 2026

### THE FOLLOWING TWO SHOWS WILL BE TUSCOLA COUNTY'S QUALIFIER SHOWS:

#### **Boots & Bridle (June 13<sup>th</sup>)      4-H Horse Leaders Show (June 27<sup>th</sup>)**

Member must be at least 12 years old by January 1<sup>st</sup> to be eligible to attempt to qualify for the State 4-H Horse Show.

1. Points accumulated from qualifying shows will determine eligibility for the State 4-H Horse Show.
2. The points from the exhibitor's two (2) shows will be added together for a final point total. (You are not required to show at both shows.)
3. The exhibitors with the top point totals will be eligible for the State 4-H Horse Show. (Number to be determined by the State 4-H Horse Committee)
4. Points will be counted on how many are in the class, there must be 6 in the class for full points in the class. Only 3 in class, 3 points for first, etc.
5. Your points will be calculated based on 4 classes in either **Pleasure Division** (15-19 or 12-14 or Pony/Mini) or the **Gymkhana Division** (15-19 or 12-14 or Pony.)
6. Qualifying forms are due to the 4-H office, 362 Green St. Caro, MI 48723 during business hours, in the afterhours drop box or faxed to 989-673-5953 by **May 31, 2026**, and must include the name of a Certified Silver Adult volunteer who will volunteer at the state show if candidate qualifies to participate at state show. **No late forms or changes will be allowed.** (This is a Horse Leader's rule, not an office decision)
7. Ties will be broken at the conclusion of the second show. Any exhibitor involved in the tie will ride the Western Riding pattern. This ride off will be judged separately from the Western Riding class and will be judged by the judge hired for that show. If an exhibitor is unavailable, the tie will be given to the rider in attendance.
8. **YOU MUST SHOW A LIVESTOCK PROJECT or a HORSE AT TUSCOLA COUNTY FAIR TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE STATE SHOW.** If you do not show at the fair, you may submit an educational poster and complete a Tuscola County Horse Community Service project as a substitute for fair attendance. Any exceptions must be approved by the Horse Leaders. Your entries must be on time. **No late forms will be allowed. Any exceptions must be approved by the Horse Leaders.**
9. Stallions are not eligible as a 4-H project animal except in year foaled.
10. Ownership is encouraged, but not required. The animal will be in the care and control of the member no later than May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. Two or more members may not qualify on the same horse.
11. All 4-H Exhibitors are to follow the Helmet requirements as per the Michigan State University directions. You must have an approved helmet, or you cannot show in English or Gymkhana Events.
12. When exhibitors participate at the State 4-H Horse Show, they must show in the same division as the exhibitor qualified in, unless the exhibitor wishes to go in a division that is not offered in Tuscola County (State Show only).
13. Exhibitors must show with the same Horse / Rider Combination and same division at Qualifying Shows, Fair & State 4-H Horse Show.
14. If you attempt to qualify for the State 4-H Horse Show, you may not show in the Novice/Advanced Novice/Gymkhana Novice Division at the fair.
15. Our county is required to send volunteers to work at the State Show. If you are chosen to volunteer, you will attend a meeting the day you volunteer. Refusing to volunteer will forfeit your eligibility to compete at the State Show, and an alternate will then be chosen.

# 2026 Tuscola County State 4-H Horse



## Show Qualifying Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Horse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

Age as of January 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

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| <b>Age<br/>&amp; Division</b><br>(circle one) | Pony | 12-14    | 15-19    | 12-14    | 15-19    |
|   |      | Pleasure | Pleasure | Gymkhana | Gymkhana |

### Circle (4) Qualifying Classes from your division

**Pleasure:** Showmanship    English Equitation    English Pleasure    Western Equitation    Western Pleasure    Trail

**Gymkhana:** Down & Back    Pole Bending    Cloverleaf    Flag Race    Speed & Action    Keyhole

If you cannot provide a Silver Certified Volunteer to work at the State Show, your qualifying form will be denied. Follow the QR code for volunteer certification.



**\*\*A valid coggins must be submitted with this form\*\***