

DEPARTMENT 4 LIGHT HORSE

OPEN SADDLE/LIGHT HORSE SHOW

SUPERINTENDENT: Amy Messersmith 419.566.4886

RULES AND REGULATIONS

HORSES STAYING ON THE GROUNDS

Exhibitors bringing a horse other than their 2026 4-H project, must complete the stall request form located in the Richland County Fair Book. Stall request forms must be completed and turned in to the SR FAIRBOARD OFFICE by July 24th. Stalls will be assigned prior to the fair. You will be contacted by the superintendent with your assigned stall number. **EACH FAMILY MUST PURCHASE A MEMBERSHIP/SEASON PASS FOR \$40** prior to or at the time of your entry. Exhibitors who choose to bring their horses for the entire fair must have all horses in place by Saturday August 8th by @ 8:00 pm. All horses and tack must remain in place until Sunday, August 10th at 6:00 am. All exhibitors are responsible for their own bedding and feed regimens. Horses are to be fed and stalls cleaned out daily by 9:00 am. Exhibitors are to keep their stalls secure and must strip them at the end of the fair to receive premiums. Stalls must be checked by superintendent or SR Fair board member prior to exhibitors final departure.

GENERAL RULES

Age of exhibitors is as of January 1st of the current year. All youth 18 and under must wear properly certified ASTM/SEI Helmet anytime riding or driving an equine. A waiver is available but must be notarized and turned into the SR FAIRBOARD OFFICE prior to the fair. If you are a Jr fair exhibitor, you are not eligible for this waiver. Good sportsmanship will be expected at all times. **JUDGE'S DECISIONS ARE FINAL.** Horses are to be led in and out of the barns. No riding in the barns and horses are not permitted on the midway. All complaints must be submitted in writing along with a \$50 nonrefundable fee submitted to the Equine Council Chair/Co. Chair. The Richland County Fair board, superintendent and/or volunteers are not responsible for any accidents, injuries, or losses. Payout will be distributed by the Richland County Ag Society following the fair.

OPEN GAITED SHOW

Friday, August 14th @ 9:00 am. **NO HAUL INS ALLOWED.** Show will follow NWA rules.

- Entries and payment may be turned in the day of the show.

FREESTYLE REINING

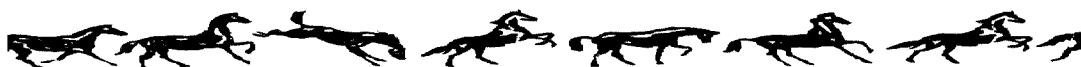
Friday, August 14th @ 6:30 pm. **HAUL INS WELCOMED.** Please see Freestyle Reining rules and requirements for additional information.

- Class entries for Jr Fair divisions
- All music must be submitted on a flash drive by Thursday July 28th.

SATURDAY OPEN SHOW

Saturday, August 15th Show will held concurrently in 2 arenas. Pleasure classes begin @ 9:00 am, in the North Arena. Contesting classes will begin @ 9:30 am in the Main Arena. **HAUL INS WELCOMED.**

- Any horse wishing to stay on the grounds during fair week must request and pay for a stall prior to July 24th.
- Class entries and fees will be collected the day of the show.

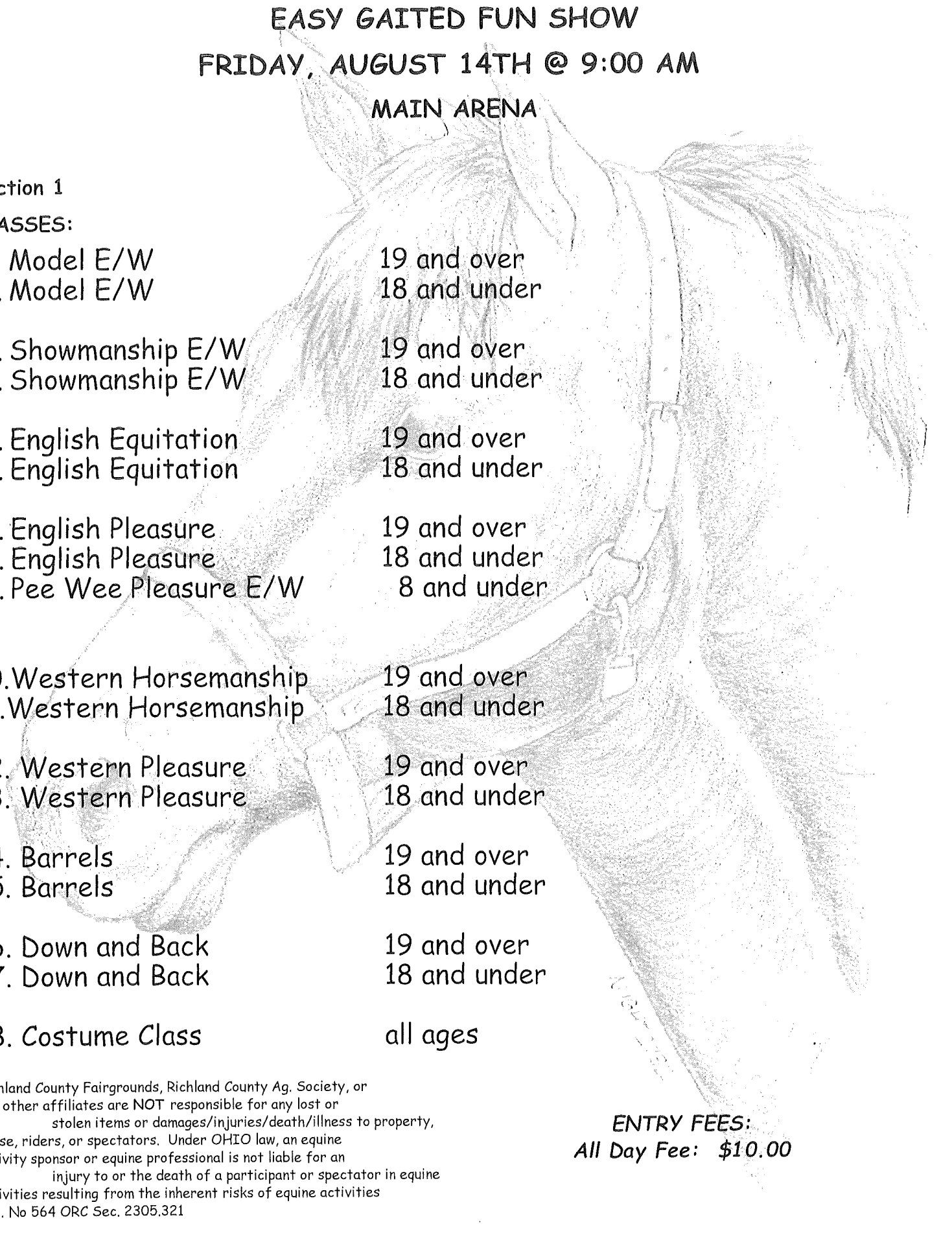


DEPARTMENT 4—LIGHT HORSES
EASY GAITED FUN SHOW
FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH @ 9:00 AM

MAIN ARENA

Section 1

CLASSES:

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| 1. Model E/W | 19 and over |
| 2. Model E/W | 18 and under |
| 3. Showmanship E/W | 19 and over |
| 4. Showmanship E/W | 18 and under |
| 5. English Equitation | 19 and over |
| 6. English Equitation | 18 and under |
| 7. English Pleasure | 19 and over |
| 8. English Pleasure | 18 and under |
| 9. Pee Wee Pleasure E/W | 8 and under |
| 10. Western Horsemanship | 19 and over |
| 11. Western Horsemanship | 18 and under |
| 12. Western Pleasure | 19 and over |
| 13. Western Pleasure | 18 and under |
| 14. Barrels | 19 and over |
| 15. Barrels | 18 and under |
| 16. Down and Back | 19 and over |
| 17. Down and Back | 18 and under |
| 18. Costume Class | all ages |

Richland County Fairgrounds, Richland County Ag. Society, or any other affiliates are NOT responsible for any lost or stolen items or damages/injuries/death/illness to property, horse, riders, or spectators. Under OHIO law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant or spectator in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities
H.B. No 564 ORC Sec. 2305.321

ENTRY FEES:
All Day Fee: \$10.00

FREE STYLE REINING

FRIDAY AUGUST 14TH starting @ 6:30pm

RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

Open entries may turn in music by 5:30 pm. The day of the show. Music must be submitted on a flash drive. Any music submitted the day of will be screened by the show committee for appropriateness. Please complete the entry form found in the Richland County Fair Book.

Jr. Fair divisions are free to Richland County Jr Fair members showing their 2026 designated project horse.

OPEN DIVISIONS \$25 PER ENTRY

MUSIC SELECTION

No longer than 4 minutes. Music must be submitted on a flash drive. Any music containing foul language, Sounds, or sexual innuendos will not be accepted. Committee will review all music selections. If any Selection is deemed inappropriate, music will be returned to the rider and rider will have 3 days to provide a new selection. Music will be reviewed by the committee again. If deemed inappropriate, the Rider will be disqualified. COMMITTEE DECISIONS ARE FINAL.

REQUIRED ELEMENTS

- 2 Full 360 degree pivots in each direction
- 2 Large Fast Circles in each direction
- 1 Small slow circle in each direction
- 1 Flying Lead Change right to left
- 1 Flying Lead Change left to right
- 1 Roll back in each direction
- 1 Complete Stop
- 1 Back of at least 10 feet

SHOW WILL FOLLOW RICHLAND COUNTY EQUINE COUNCIL OPEN SHOW RULES WITH THESE

AMENDMENTS:

- Riders may ride 2 handed with split or contesting reins. Nosebands & tie down are allowed.
- Equipment must be humane.
- Tack inspection before each division. Any tack questions must be addressed at this time.
- Running order will be posted 8/14 @ 3 pm. at the entry booth. Running order is subject to change.
- No horse shall be ridden more than twice in any open division.
- Each horse/rider combination may only be shown once in any division.

ALL JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL

Awards will be given for each division. Ribbons first through fifth. Champions in each division will receive a belt buckle.

DIVISIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS: Jr. Fair 14-18 Jr. Fair 9-13 Open 19 & over Open 18 & under

STALL REQUEST FORM-HORSES 2026 RICHLAND COUNTY FAIR

OPEN HORSE SUPERINTENDENT: Amy Messersmith 419-566-4886

This form needs to be completed and attached with ALL Open horse entries.

Exhibitor: _____ Phone: _____

Parent Name(if exhibitor is a minor): _____ RCAS# _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Participants entering under this RCAS member:

Rider: _____ Age: _____

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STALL REQUESTS NON 4H Horses/Ponies ONLY:

HORSE BARN	Is there a club you would like to be stalled with?
Horse Stalls: _____	YES _____ NO _____
Tack Stalls: _____	Club Name: _____

****We will do our best to meet your requests but cannot guarantee stall assignments.****

All entries must either purchase a season pass or membership pass.

All mail-in entries will be season passes only.

For office use only

Gaited Show Entry Fee \$ _____ Friday Morning Show

Freestyle Reining Entry Fee \$ _____ Friday Evening Show

Saturday Open Show Fees \$ _____ Saturday Open Horse Show

Membership Fee \$ _____ # _____ X \$40.00

(Richland County residents only-gives voting rights/7passes-must be 18 or older)

Season Pass \$ _____ # _____ X \$40.00

(All entries must purchase either a season or membership pass/7passes)

Total Fees \$ _____ Check # _____ (Payable to RCAS) CASH _____ CREDIT _____

RECEIPT # _____ DATE _____ 2026

The Richland County Fair Board will take every precaution in its power for the preservation of livestock, livestock articles and still projects on exhibition, after their arrival and arrangement on the grounds, but is hereby agreed and understood by the undersigned owner/exhibitor that all livestock, livestock articles and still projects are brought onto the fairgrounds at the owner's/exhibitors risk. The Richland County Agriculture Society, its employees, officers, director's and agents will not be held liable nor responsible for any damage to livestock, livestock articles, still projects by fire, water, disease, windstorm and act of God, or any other cause, whatever its nature. Nor will the Society be held liable for any loss by thefts or accidents to person or property, nor for any errors or omissions in the Premium Book. Further, I agree not to have any contact with judges. I acknowledge that any other behavior and/or actions that is deemed inappropriate by the Richland County Board of Directors may result in disqualification, loss of premiums, expulsion from the fairgrounds, and/or being barred from future open class shows. I have read and understand this and I agree to abide by this waiver of responsibility and the Constitutions and By-Laws of the Richland County Agriculture Society and rules of the Department(s) I wish to enter, as printed in the premium book.

EXHIBITOR'S SIGNATURE _____ **2026**

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE _____ **2026**