

Douglas County Buckle Series 2026 Show Bill

Sponsored by the Douglas County Horse Steering Committee. Proceeds Benefit the Douglas County 4-H Horse Project.

Show Dates: Sat Feb 21st; Sun Mar 22nd; Sat Apr 25th; Sun May 17th; Sat June 13th

Douglas County Fairgrounds, Castle Rock, Indoor Arena

START TIME - 9:00 AM - ENTRIES CLOSE 15 MINUTES BEFORE THE DISCIPLINE STARTS - NO

STALLIONS - CASH OR CHECK ONLY - NO REFUNDS

Fees: \$10 Per Class. All-Day Fee \$70 per horse/rider combo if entered in 8 or more classes. \$10

Office Fee Per Exhibitor if not pre-registered.

English Discipline Classes - 9:00 AM

Class 1: English Equitation (Rail) 19 and Over

Class 2: English Equitation (Rail) 14-18

Class 3: English Equitation (Rail) 8--13

Class 4: English Equitation (Rail) DC 4-H WT Nov. 8-18

Class 5: English Equitation (Pattern) 19 and Over

Class 6: English Equitation (Pattern) 14-18

Class 7: English Equitation (Pattern) 8-13

Class 8: English Equitation (Pattern) DC 4-H WT Nov. 8-18

Class 9: Show Hack (Rail) 19 and Over

Class 10: Show Hack (Rail) 14-18

Class 11: Show Hack (Rail) 8-13

Class 12 Show Hack (Rail) DC 4-H WT Nov. 8-18

Class 13: English Control/Hunter Hack 19 and Over *

Class 14: English Control/Hunter Hack 14-18 *

Class 15: English Control/Hunter Hack 8-13 *

15 Minute Break

Showmanship Classes

Class 16: Showmanship (Eng. Or West.) 19 and Over

Class 17: Showmanship (Eng. Or West.) 14-18

Class 18: Showmanship (Eng. Or West.) 8-13

Class 19: Showmanship (Eng. Or West.) DC 4-H WT Nov. 8-18

30 Minute Break

Western Discipline Classes

Class 20: Western Horsemanship (Rail) 19 and Over

Class 21: Western Horsemanship (Rail) 14-18

Class 22: Western Horsemanship (Rail) 8-13

Class 23: Western Horsemanship (Rail) DC 4-H WT Nov. 8-18

Class 24: Western Horsemanship (Pattern) 19 and Over

Class 25: Western Horsemanship (Pattern) 14-18

Class 26: Western Horsemanship (Pattern) 8-13

Class 27: Western Horsemanship (Pattern) DC 4-H WT Nov. 8-18

Class 28: Ranch Riding (Pattern) 19 and Over

Class 29: Ranch Riding (Pattern) 14-18

Class 30: Ranch Riding (Pattern) 8-13

Class 31: Ranch Riding (Pattern) DC 4-H WT Nov. 8-18

Class **32: Reining /Western Riding 19 and Over

Class **33: Reining /Western Riding 14-18

Class **34: Reining /Western Riding 8-13

* English Control Shows 1, 3, 5. Hunter Hack Shows 2, 4.

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See Summary of Rules on Reverse Side

Summary of Rules

2026 Complete DC Buckle Series Rules can be found on the DC 4-H Website.

Please read the Colorado State 4-H Horse Show Rules apply unless otherwise stated which can be found using this link:

<https://co4h.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/27/2025/12/HorseShowRuleBook.pdf>

Exhibitor Age

All exhibitors must be at least 8 years old on 12/31/25.

Age for age groups is determined as of 12/31/25.

Horse Age:

Senior Horse - Born 2020 or Prior

Junior Horse - Born 2021 -2026

Exhibitor Eligibility

DC 4-H Walk Trot Eligibility: 1. Exhibitor must be enrolled in Douglas County 4-H for the current year. 2. Exhibitor must not have passed their Level 1 riding test in any discipline prior to 01/01/26. Exhibitor must not have won Series Highpoint or Series Reserve Highpoint Walk Trot at the 2025 Buckle series in any discipline. 4. Exhibitors in the DC 4-H Walk Trot Division may not cross over into any other age group in any discipline.

8-13: Must be 8-13 years old as of 12/31/25. No 4-H Membership required.

14-18: Must be 14-18 years old as of 12/31/25. No 4-H Membership required.

19 and Over: Exhibitor must be 19 years old or older as of 12/31/25. No 4-H Membership or affiliation required.

Sharing Horses: Two exhibitors may share a horse if they are in different disciplines or different age groups. A single horse cannot be shared by two riders in the same class.

Multiple Horses: An exhibitor may show multiple horses, however they may not show more than one (1) horse in any individual class. Highpoints are calculated on a single/horse rider combination.

Hand Position

Exhibitors must use the hand positions described in the Colorado State 4-H Horse Show Rule Book. In general this means that senior horses will be shown one-handed in a shank bit in Western Classes.

Junior horses may be shown one handed in a shank bit or two-handed in a snaffle bit or bosal.

Exception: Walk Trot exhibitors may show either one-handed in a shank bit or two handed in a snaffle bit on a horse of any age.

Awards: Calculated on a single Horse/Rider Combination (no horse substitutions for any reason.)

English and Western Disciplines: Daily Highpoint and Reserve Highpoint prizes. Series Highpoint and Reserve Highpoint Buckles.

General Showmanship: Daily Champion and Reserve Champion Rosettes in each class. Series Highpoint and Reserve Highpoint neck ribbons in each age group.