HORSE EXHIBITOR'S RIDE NIGHT RULES & SCHEDULE:

RIDE NIGHT TOPICS:

Thursday, February 5, 2026 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. in ELC

Speed Classes

Friday, February 6, 2026 from 3:00-9:00 p.m. in ELC

2:30 p.m. – Optional move into horse stalls
3:00-6:00 p.m. – Performance Classes
6:00-9:00 p.m. – Stock Horse/Cattle Classes

Ride Night Purpose:

1. Provide a structured opportunity for contestants entered in the Bell County Youth Fair Horse Division to prepare for the Bell County Youth Fair.
2. Open to all 4-H, FFA and FCCLA entered contestants.

Ride Night Objective:

1. Provide a weather protected environment where contestants can practice the different events and related rules.
2. Provide an opportunity for the horses to become accustomed to a new environment and being near unknown horses.
3. Provide an opportunity for the youth to meet other youth with the same interest, build relationships, and learn to encourage each other.

Ride Night Rules:

1. Rules and operation of the exhibitor ride night program are prepared and implemented by the designated Superintendents.
2. Participants must be entered in the upcoming BCYF to participate.
3. Participants must ride only the horses they have registered for that event for the upcoming BCYF.
4. Contestants must enter and provide up-to-date Coggins test documentation at the beginning of each ride night.
5. The Ride Night Superintendent will designate instructors and topics for each night. Instructors are volunteers that are helping all youth. Parents or youth that are disrespectful and disruptive to the instructor will be asked to leave the premises.
6. No alcohol of any type will be allowed during ride night activities.
7. Security will be provided. EMS will also be provided for safety.
8. Only the contestant and the horse entered for that event are permitted to ride in the arena. Only entered exhibitors should be on a horse in any areas on the Expo property. Exhibitors may only ride the horse they have entered and will not get on any other horses at ride nights. During structured time only, the authorized instructor of the topic will be allowed in the arena with the contestants. The authorized instructor is encouraged to ride a trained horse during the instruction as needed to assist in the instruction process; however, the horse should not be one registered to be shown in the BCYF. Exceptions are purely at the discretions of the Ride Night Superintendent.
9. All horses need to be safely controlled by the contestant in a way that ensures the safety of the rider and the horse. In the event of any unsafe situation, the horse should be led from the arena. Horses should be adjusted to being around other horses and manageable by the rider prior to bringing the horse to ride nights.
10. Participants will not be allowed to ride double, bareback, or in a halter.
11. Any horse of an unsound nature should not enter the facility. Additionally, if a horse experiences an injury or shows signs of lameness or illness the rider and horse will be asked to leave the facility.