

## DEPARTMENT "R" – OPEN HORSE SHOW

Total Amount Offered - \$3,204

Superintendent – Steve Simpson (309) 236-9508

Entry Fee - \$5.00

1. All exhibitors must familiarize themselves with all rules listed in the Open Class Show General Rules and Regulations section of this fair book.
2. All exhibitors must familiarize themselves with all Health rules listed in the Open Class Livestock Health Rules and Regulations section of this fair book.
3. Entries will be accepted online or mailed in. **Exhibitors are encouraged to pre-enter**, however, entries will also be accepted on the day of the show.
  - a. Mailed entries must be postmarked by midnight on Monday, July 6, 2026.
  - b. Mail entries to: RICO Fair, 4200 Archer Drive, East Moline, IL 61244.
  - c. Online entries must be time-stamped by midnight on Wednesday, July 8, 2026.
  - d. Online entries may be made at [www.rockislandfair.org](http://www.rockislandfair.org)
  - e. Late fees will apply to any entries made between Wednesday, July 8, at midnight and Monday, July 13, at noon. No entries will be accepted after Monday, July 13, at noon.
  - f. On-line entries may be made at [www.rockislandfair.org](http://www.rockislandfair.org)
4. **Open Horse Show will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, July 18, 2026.**
5. **Exhibitors must show in appropriate attire for each class.**
6. Exhibitors are requested to be ready with their horses in advance of the class in which they are to show.
7. A number will be assigned to each exhibitor at the time the entry is made.
8. The show committee reserves the privilege of cancelling any classes where five (5) entries are not received.
9. The management will not be responsible for any loss, personal injury, or damage to horses exhibited, or for any article of any kind or nature that may be lost or destroyed, or in any way damaged.
10. Each exhibitor will be responsible for any injury that may be occasioned to any person or animal, or to any property while on the grounds, by any horse owned or exhibited by him on established claims or demands of any kind or nature that may grow out of an injury occasioned by a horse or owner exhibited by him or her.
11. The decisions of the judge and the horse show committee are final in all matters pertaining to the show.
12. Any un-sportsman-like behavior may result in disqualification and forfeiture of premiums.
13. All classes close at the beginning of the preceding class.
14. No exhibitor 18 years of age or under may exhibit a stallion in any class. Adults 19 years of age and older may exhibit stallions.
15. Age is determined as official Illinois 4-H age. September 1 of the current year.
  - a. Jr. - 13 yrs. & under
  - b. Youth - 14 yrs. - 18 yrs.
  - c. Adult - 19 yrs. & above
  - d. Open - All ages
16. *Show is subject to cancellation if weather deems the arena footing unsafe for riding.*
17. Social Security numbers are required for each exhibitor.
18. Miniature horses shown in Lot #1 are not eligible to be judged in Lot #2.
19. **Premium checks will be mailed.**
  - a. **A SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED FOR PREMIUM MONIES EARNED.**

### ILLINOIS EQUINE

1. All horses and other equidae, twelve (12) months of age and older attending an advertised equine event, shall be accompanied by a negative test for equine infectious anemia (EIA) conducted within the last twelve (12) months. A copy of this test shall accompany the animal.
2. AGID (Coggins) or ELISA tests are accepted.
3. An advertised equine event means a show, rodeo, sale, auction, exhibition, trail ride, or horse fair that is posted or media promoted.
4. A CVI is not required for Illinois equine.

### OUT-OF-STATE EQUINE

1. All out-of-state animals shall require an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available by calling the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at (217) 782-4944. Permits may also be obtained online at: [www.agr.state.il.us/AnimalHW/animal\\_registry/login.php](http://www.agr.state.il.us/AnimalHW/animal_registry/login.php).
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3. AGID (Coggins) or ELISA tests are accepted.
4. All horses and other equidae shall be accompanied by a CVI issued within thirty (30) days prior to entry.

