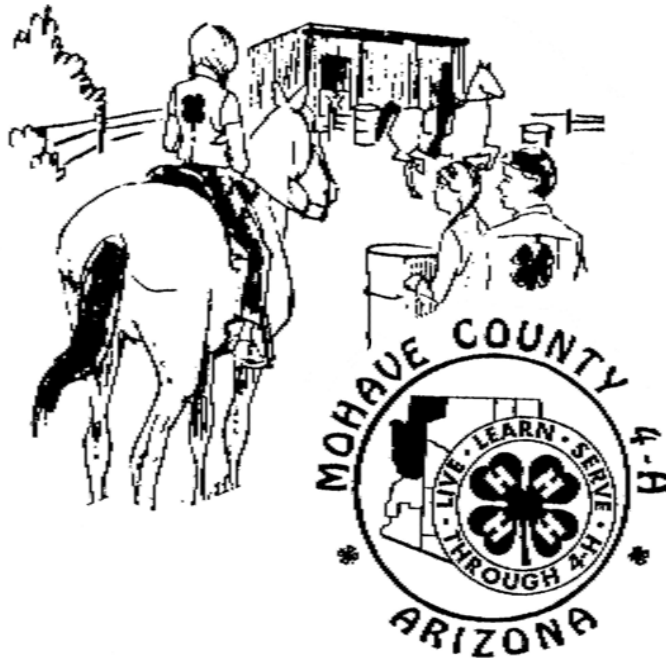


# MOHAVE COUNTY 4-H HORSE SHOWS GYMKHANA AND ROPING CLASSES



## RULES AND REGULATIONS 2008-2009

**The Mohave County 4-H Horse Events will follow rules and regulations in the 2007 - 2009 Arizona State 4-H Horse Show Rule Book with the following changes and additions:**

State Rule book available online at:  
[www.cals.arizona.edu/4-h/pdf/az\\_horse\\_show.pdf](http://www.cals.arizona.edu/4-h/pdf/az_horse_show.pdf)  
or at the Extension Office.

**ADD TO PAGE 3, RULE 7**

A Mohave County 4-H Project Horse Registration Certificate must be on file at the County 4-H Office sixty (60) days prior to a County 4-H Horse Show/Gymkhana-Roping and ninety (90) days prior to the State 4-H Horse Show.  
**Exceptions:** New residents in Mohave County & NEW 4-H members.

**OMIT PAGE 3, RULE 17 AND ADD THE FOLLOWING:**

Each class will have one (1) minute gate for Gymkhana-Roping events and two (2) minute gate for Horse Shows, then the gate will be closed. Gate will be closed during all events.

**ADD TO PAGE 4, RULE 21**

No spectator will be allowed on fences or to stand in front of gates at EVENTS. All spectators will be requested to remain in the seating area. Leaders and parents may "Cheer", but **not** "Coach" members, except Gymkhana and Roping events.

**ADD TO PAGE 4, RULE 23 Causes for Disqualification:**

- E) Unnecessary roughness or beating of animal will disqualify contestant from that event and/or the rest of that day's events and the dismissal of that day's points.
- F) Discourtesy or unsportsmanlike conduct will disqualify contestant from that day's events and the dismissal of that day's points, at the discretion of the event committee.
- G) **Anyone intentionally getting off** or falling off horse unless part of the class routine will constitute a disqualification.

**ADD TO PAGE 4, RULE 27**

The start of the run is when you enter the arena and the gate is closed & secure. You must have a hat on when you enter the arena. Anyone intentionally unseating hat from head will be disqualified. Final decision will be made by Arena Judge or Event Committee.

**ADD TO PAGE 26, General Rule 2**

In Gymkhana "Breaking" Pattern will refer to anytime a horse and rider cross their path off the designated pattern.

**ADD TO PAGE 26, #14**

Western Hats are optional in Gymkhana, Roping classes & Horse Judging events only. Exhibitors may wear western hats or ASTM approved helmets OR none at all, but may not wear baseball type caps or visors. Western attire Including boots, long pants and long sleeved shirts are required at all horse events.

ADD TO PAGE 29, GOAT TYING, Measurements.  
Goat will be staked 100 feet from starting line.

ADD TO PAGE 31 ROPING CLASSES, Tie Down Calf Roping  
Disqualification 4. If horse takes calf more than 30 feet before flag is dropped, member will be disqualified from class.

ADD TO PAGE 33 TEAM ROPING, Heeling  
The second time out it will be mandatory for the header's rope to be placed on the steer in the chute (unless deemed unsafe by the show committee) so as to insure the heeler has a chance to attempt to rope the heels.  
**Time limit** : 1 minute Jr. and Sr., 2 minutes Intermediate.

## ADDITIONAL COUNTY RULES

### OBJECTIVES:

The 4-H Horse Project aims to help 4-H members to:

1. Develop leadership, initiative, self-reliance, sportsmanship and other desirable traits of character.
2. Experience the cost of maintaining a horse, mule, or pony and being responsible for its management, record keeping.
3. Develop an appreciation of horseback riding as a healthy and whole-some form of recreation.
4. Learn skill in horsemanship and an understanding of the business of breeding, raising and training horses.
5. Increase knowledge of safety precautions to prevent injury to themselves, others and their mount.
6. Promote greater love for animals and a humane attitude toward them.
7. To be better prepared for citizenship responsibilities through working in groups and supporting community horse projects and activities.

### GENERAL RULES

1. Members have the option of wearing ASTM approved helmets in any division of horse completion and/or participation at any time.
2. To be eligible to show at any of the County horse events, members must register project horses at least sixty (60) days prior to the event.  
**EXCEPTION:** New resident in Mohave County & new 4-H member.
3. A member may change **project horse** in case of death or disablement; condition to be verified by veterinarian or two (2) leaders from other horse clubs. Points will be totaled for horses used, member must return to original horse unless still disabled, or points will be credited to project horse with other points lost. Points will not be totaled for All-Around Horse Awards only for determining State 4-H Horse Show qualifications. Only one (1) horse may be used per class. In case of death by natural causes the 60 day rule may be waived by written application to the 4-H Horse Event Committee.

4. A member may register more than one (1) project horse as long as that member keeps a complete financial record.
5. There will be schooling runs for horses not properly registered or late entries.
6. Once an entry blank has been turned into the Event Committee, there will be no additions, changes or substitutions unless contestant presents a certificate from a veterinarian stating the horse's disability, which will be referred to the Event Committee whose decision will be final.
7. All Intermediate Open Classes. Intermediate riders to be selected at Qualifying Proficiency Event. Members can be any age, members may not participate in Jr. or Sr. Division of same event. Intermediate riders cannot advance to State Show in Intermediate events. Intermediate riders in Western and English classes will NOT be required to Canter or lope.
8. To qualify for the All-Around Show Horse Awards members must participate in both areas; English and Western. To qualify for the Gymkhana/Roping Horse Award member must participate in both Gymkhana & Roping events.  
  
Have participated in two out of three times in the respective class.  
EXAMPLES: Participation in one Goat Tying and one Western Pleasure class DOES NOT qualify a member, two Western Pleasure classes at different times DOES.
9. The Horse Event Committee will have jurisdiction over all County 4-H Horse Shows - Gymkhanas/Roping. The Horse Event Committee will select all judges. The Horse Event Committee will have representatives from all areas of the County, plus the present and past Project Directors, and Extension Agent responsible for 4-H in Mohave County.
10. Showmanship Qualification Class for Round Robin is open to Junior and Senior members. The winners of these classes will represent the horse project in the Livestock Round Robin Showmanship Class at Mohave County Fair. Members may show English or Western. Will be held at last show.
11. All Entry Forms must have all signatures to be valid. **ENTRY FORMS and FEES are DUE (postmarked or delivered) the Friday the week prior to the event.**
12. To be eligible for year end championship awards, a member must have satisfactorily completed the Horse Master program for the current year.
13. At County Horse Shows, Gymkhanas and Fundays NO GRIEVANCES will be allowed, the decision of the Judge is final with the exception of illegal equipment use.

### YEAR END AWARDS

14. The Horse Project **All Around Showmanship** Trophy will be awarded to the member with the highest points in both English and Western Showmanship classes in the Senior, Junior and Intermediate divisions. EXCLUDING: Hunt Seat Equitation & Working Hunter Classes.

The **All Around English / Western Horse Trophy** will be determined by all scores totaled from ALL classes and the trophy will be awarded to the member with the highest points in the Senior, Junior and Intermediate divisions.

The **All Around Gymkhana / Rope Horse Trophy** will be awarded to the Senior, Junior and Intermediate member with the highest points in Calf Roping (excluded in the Intermediate division), Breakaway Calf Roping, Team Heading, Team Heeling, Pole Bending, Goat Tying and Barrel Racing.

The **Horse Judging Trophy** is awarded to Senior and Junior members only. Intermediate members may compete for the trophy by judging as a Senior or Junior member. The highest scores from the four sanctioned horse judging events are totaled. Other judging events may be scheduled as qualifying events for the Horsemaster Program but they will not alter the trophy standings.

Members will receive special recognition as High Point English, Western, Gymkhana or Rope Horse. This will be awarded to members with the highest points in each area. There is no trophy for High Point.

In the event of a tie, members will share the trophy. There are NO reserves for trophies. All Trophies are TRAVELING. This means that the winner of a trophy will hold that trophy for one year. The trophy is then passed to the next recipient.

15. RECORD BOOKS: Current and up to date Record books shall be turned in with Final Show Entry Forms and with State Horse Show Entries (Arizona Cumulative, etc.).
16. The Point System:

RIBBONS PLACINGS	BLUE				RED			WHITE		
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
POINTS	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Points for blue and red ribbons will be awarded up to the number receiving a blue or red ribbon, if ten blue ribbons are awarded 10th blue would receive one point, first red would not receive any points.

In no case can a red ribbon receive more than six points, a white ribbon can only receive up to three points no matter how many in the class.

Each contestant will receive an additional ½ a point for participating in each class.

## ADDITIONAL CLASSES

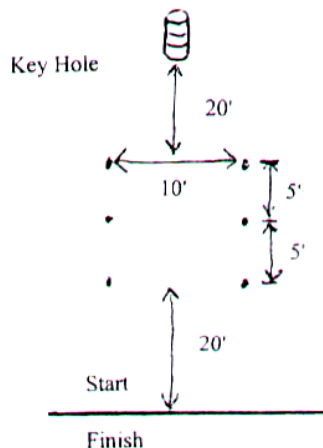
### KEYHOLE

Equipment required: One barrel; six (6) poles.

The first pole is set up 20 feet from Start/Finish line. Poles are 10 feet apart in width with three (3) on one side and three (3) on the other side, 5 feet apart. The barrel is 20 feet from the middle of the last pole.

Riders will go between the poles, around the barrel either direction and return through the poles.

Knocking over a barrel or a pole will result in no time.

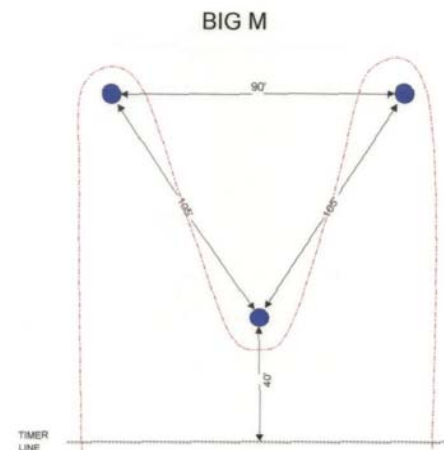


### BIG M

Equipment required: Three barrels; Left or Right handed pattern may be used.

Top Barrels are placed 90 feet apart base barrel 105 feet from top barrels and 40 feet from the start/finish line. Adjust top barrels so they are no closer that 15 feet from arena fence line.

This is a fun class and no points will be awarded for Year-End Horse Awards, but High Point member will receive a certificate.



### CALF TOUCH

Follow class routine for Tie Down Calf Roping. Rules 1 through 5. Then, contestant must dismount, run and tag calf. Time stops when calf is tagged.

For **Safety**, - a neck rope must be used.  
- if horse takes calf more than 30 feet before flag is dropped member will be disqualified from class.

This event is a fun class and no points will be awarded for Year-End Horse Awards, but High-Point member will receive a certificate.

### TIME SPLITS FOR ROPING/GYMKHANA EVENTS:

**NO TIMES RECEIVE WHITE RIBBONS  
DISQUALIFICATIONS - NO RIBBON, NO POINTS**

<b>Calf Touch</b> Jr./Sr.	>9.99 Blue	10-14.99 Red	<15 & NT White
<b>Breakaway</b> Jr./Sr.	>5.99 Blue	6-8.99 Red	< 9 & NT White
Intermediate	>7.99 Blue	8 -11.99 Red	<12 & NT White
<b>Keyhole</b> Jr./Sr.	6 - 6.99 Blue	7 - 7.99 Red	> 8 & NT White
Intermediate	8 - 8.99 Blue	9 - 9.99 Red	> 10 & NT White
<b>Big M</b> Jr./Sr.	>27.99 Blue	28-34.99 Red	<35 & NT White
Intermediate	>29.99 Blue	30-37.99 Red	<38 & NT White
<b>Goat Tying</b> Jr./Sr.	>22.99 Blue	23-32.99 Red	<33 & NT White
Intermediate	>24.99 Blue	25-35.99 Red	<36 & NT White
<b>Poles</b> - Jr./Sr.:	>26.99 Blue	27-33.99 Red	<34 & NT White
Intermediate:	>32.99 Blue	33-44.99 Red	<45 & NT White
<b>Barrels</b> Jr./Sr.	>21.99 Blue	22-26.99 Red	<27 & NT White
Intermediate	>25.99 Blue	26-32.99 Red	<33 & NT White

# HUNT SEAT EQUITATION (OVER FENCES) and WORKING HUNTER

Classes will follow "Arizona State 4-H Horse Show Rules 2007-2009"

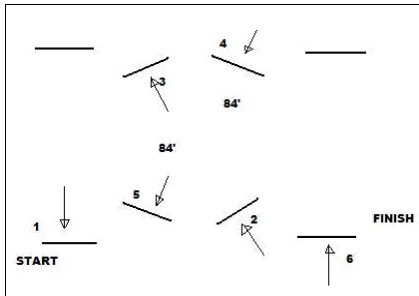
- Riders are required to wear ASTM/SEI certified headgear with fastened three-point harness
- Placings for these two classes WILL NOT BE included in High-Point or All-Around awards
- In the interest of timeliness, exhibitors are encouraged to limit or eliminate courtesy circles
- Horses are allowed to wear boots and/or bandages
- A

cumulative three refusals at any point in the

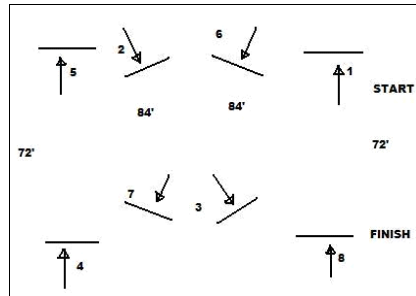
	JUNIOR	SENIOR	Fence Types
Show #1	2'	2'3"	All verticals
Show #2	2'	2'3"	One oxer
Show #3	2'	2'3"	Flowers & oxer
Show #4	2'3"	2'6"	Flowers & oxer

course is elimination

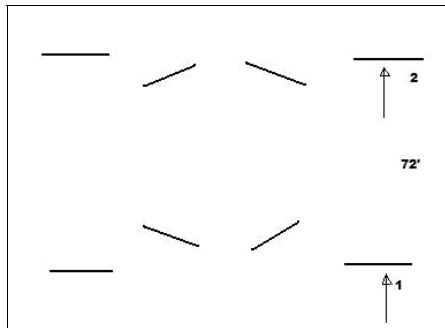
- Fence specifications for both classes will follow Table I below



Hunt Seat Equitation (Over Fences)



Working Hunter



Hunter Hack

# PROGRAMS

## HORSEMASTER PROGRAM

### ALL TESTING MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE FINAL SHOW.

This program consists of:

1. **WRITTEN QUIZ** on general knowledge and tack identification. 70% correct is required to pass.
2. **JUDGING CLASSES** of horses. A member must earn one (1) blue ribbon or two (2) red ribbons in at least two (2) County contests at his/her specified judging level or participate at 75% of judging held to pass.
3. **HORSE HANDLING** testing will be given at the Proficiency Event and at Challenge Day. The evaluator will grade each member's performance as pass or fail. (70%).
4. To be eligible for year end championship awards, a member must have satisfactorily completed the Horse Master program for the current year.

### HORSEMANSHIP QUIZ

Members may have two attempts at passing. The test will be given at County Challenge Day, and at the Final Show.

### JUDGING CONTESTS

**INTERMEDIATE JUDGING LEVEL** - Inexperienced members ages 9-19 After judging at least one full class of horses (4 horses), members testing at Int. level will present orally to a judge a comparison of two horses (top pair, middle pair or bottom pair) from one designated class.

**JR. JUDGING LEVEL** - Members 9-13 years of age After judging at least one full class of horses (4 horses), members testing at Jr. level will present orally to a judge a comparison of two horses (top pair, middle pair or bottom pair) from one designated class.

**SR. JUDGING LEVEL** - Members 14-19 years of age Members testing at Sr. level will present orally to a judge a complete set of reasons on one or more full classes of horses.

### HORSE HANDLING TESTING

Contact your Horse Project Leader for information regarding horse handling. See Score Card example following.

## SCORE CARD

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Club: \_\_\_\_\_

### **HORSE HANDLING - SR.**

Max. Pts.

___	(5)	Approach the horse from left side (As if in a stall)
___	(10)	Pick up hind foot
___	(5)	Simulate cleaning the hoof with pick
___	(5)	Tie the rope around horse's neck
___	(5)	Remove halter
___	(5)	Put on bridle
___	(5)	Pose the horse
___	(10)	Remove bridle and replace halter
___	(5)	Retie the halter lead rope to tie rail
___	(15)	Confidence, courtesy and skill of contestant
___	(20)	Boots
___		(90 POINTS POSSIBLE)

## SCORE CARD

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Club: \_\_\_\_\_

### **HORSE HANDLING - JR.**

Max. Pts.

___	(5)	Approach the horse from left side (As if in a stall)
___	(10)	Pick up front foot
___	(5)	Simulate cleaning the hoof with pick
___	(5)	Tie the rope around horse's neck
___	(10)	Remove and replace halter
___	(5)	Pose the horse
___	(5)	Retie the halter lead rope to tie rail
___	(15)	Confidence, courtesy and skill of contestant
___	(20)	Boots
___		(80 POINTS POSSIBLE)

## CLASSIFICATION

Classification Numbers:

Schooling **000 numbers**

For late entries, horses not registered at the 4-H office.  
Members will ride and receive ribbons but not points.

Intermediate **100 numbers**

Open to members 9-18 with limited riding experience.

Junior **200 numbers**

Members 9 to not 14 on January 1 with advanced riding experience.

Senior **300 numbers**

Members 14 to not 19 on January 1 with advanced riding  
experience.

INTERMEDIATE - Exhibitors may move up during the club year, but will lose points  
gained when he/she makes the change.

Exhibitors must remember that after they move up they may never move back.

**Riders will be classified in Western, English, Gymkhana and Roping.**  
**To ride over fences, in calf roping or calf touch the rider must be in the Jr. or Sr.**  
**Classification.**

## ADVANCEMENT

Intermediate and new members will be required to attend the Qualifying  
Proficiency Event of the following year.

## RECORD KEEPING

Any project member is eligible to submit for County Award; a cumulative record  
of his/her 4-H experiences in major project and/or any other projects. The record  
is written on the 4-H report forms and must meet the requirements of the County  
Awards Committee, and must meet a August submission deadline. Horse project  
records are eligible for award in general categories such as Achievement,  
Leadership and Community Service as well as in secondary project areas.

## STATE CONTESTS

**STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW** (Held at West World in Scottsdale during  
Arizona State Fair in Phoenix in October)  
Member competes in the Arizona State 4-H Horse Show in those specific classes  
in which he/she has qualified.

**TO QUALIFY** a member must:

1. Be one of the top four contestants in the County in a specific class in the  
Jr. or Sr. classification. Points to select the top four will be totaled for all  
specific shows.
2. Have earned a passing award in Horse mastership.
3. Have participated during the qualifying year in all three sections of the  
Horsemaster Program at his/her appropriate level.
4. Have participated in at least two times in the respective class.  
EXAMPLES: Participation in one Goat Tying and one Western Pleasure  
class DOES NOT qualify a member, two Western Pleasure classes at  
different times DOES.
5. Co-Champions if tied for Grand Champion, no Reserve. Co-Reserve  
Champion if 2nd & 3rd highest and split prize, coin flip for remaining  
ties.
6. Members who do not fulfill their class participation obligations at the  
State Horse Show may not be eligible to compete at State level the year  
of their next horse enrollment. Final decisions will be processed through  
the Horse Science Committee.

## NATIONAL 4-H HORSE CLASSIC

Sponsored by the Colorado Cooperative Extension System and the National 4-H  
Council. It is held in Denver, Colorado in late fall. The purpose is to draw  
4-H'ers from the Western States to share their knowledge and skill of the horse  
industry through:

- 1) Horse judging contest
- 2) Horse quiz bowl contest
- 3) Horse public speaking contest
- 4) Horse demonstrations

To attend, you must qualify and qualify at the State 4-H Horse Contest.

## 4-H HORSE SCIENCE BREEDING PROJECT

1. Must be a member in good standing during the 4-H year.
2. Mare must be owned (or leased) by enrolled 4-H member (or member of his/her family). Mare & foal must be registered as 4-H project horses.
3. This project is a "4 year" project:
  - A. 1st Year - Mare care. 4-H'er must care for mare during pregnancy. Mare can be shown and used as needed to complete project.
  - B. 2nd Year - Mare and foal. Both animals are to be shown in the appropriate classes as required to complete project.
  - C. 3rd Year - Foal is to be shown in yearling halter class.
  - D. 4th Year - Foal is to be shown in 2-year old's halter class or snaffle and hackamore class. Rules for this class will be per AQHA rules.
4. Must show all 4 years in order to complete project, unless illness or death of animal. Vet certificate is required.

## 4-H HORSE SHOW CLASSES FOR BREEDING PROJECT

**(Brood Mare Class)** - Any mare in foal belonging to a 4-H member currently enrolled in the breeding project. This is to be a showmanship, grooming and conditioning class.

**(Mare and Foal Class)** - Mare, with that year's foal at side. To be shown in same class. Either mare or foal can be shown with the help of a parent, leader or other 4-H'er. This class is to be a halter class, judging the condition and conformation of both animals.

**(Foals of 2008)** - Foal is to be shown in the yearling class for that sex of animal; ie., Colts of 2008/Fillies of 2008). This is a halter class. AQHA rules. This class can be listed to accommodate which ever sex is needed according to the entry of the breeding project.

**(Foals of 2007)** - Foal is to be shown in the colts or fillies class for 2-year olds. AQHA rules. Snaffle and Hackamore Class - To qualify for this class, the horse must be shown during the entire show in either an O-ring or D-ring snaffle or basal hackamore. No mechanical hackamores. If animal is shown in any other class, it still must be shown using the appropriate equipment; ie., snaffle or basal hackamore).

## Horse Event Schedule:

4-H Funday	Nov 22, 2008	Graywood
4-H Horse REGISTRATION DUE	Jan 1, 2009	
1st 4-H Gymkhana	Jan 24	Kingman Fairgrounds
1 <sup>st</sup> Horse Judging	Jan 31	Mohave Valley
1st 4-H Horse Show	Jan 31	English Classes Mohave Valley
	Feb 1	Western Classes Mohave Valley
2nd 4-H Gymkhana	Feb 14	Kingman Fairgrounds
2nd Horse Judging	Feb 14	Kingman Fairgrounds
2nd 4-H Horse Show	Feb 21	English Classes LHC
	Feb 22	Western Classes LHC
3rd 4-H Gymkhana	March 21	Kingman Fairgrounds
3rd Horse Judging	March 21	Kingman Fairgrounds
4th Horse Judging	March 28	Greywood
3rd 4-H Horse Show	March 28	Western Classes Greywood
	March 29	English Classes Greywood
4th 4-H Gymkhana	April 18	4Rs
4th 4-H Horse Show	May 2	Western Classes Greywood
	May 3	English Classes Greywood
Horse Challenge Day	May 15	LHC 6:00pm
RAIN DATES	June 6-7	Kingman Fairgrounds
RAIN DATES	June 13-14	Kingman Fairgrounds
Horse Awards	June 27	Kingman Fairgrounds 6:30

**ENTRY FORMS are DUE (postmarked or delivered) the Friday the week prior to the event.** Late entries will be given schooling numbers and points will not be earned.

**ALL FORM AVAILABLE ON LINE AT: [cals.arizona.edu/mohave/4h/](http://cals.arizona.edu/mohave/4h/)**

**PLEASE NOTE:** The locations of the above Gymkhana/Roping and Shows are subject to change due to availability of arenas. \* **Note:** A Fun Day will be held on (June 6 or June 13) if this date is not needed as a rain date!

## 2008-2009 Horse Events Committee:

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