



2020 BREYERFEST® Children and Youth Model Horse Shows Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)



What models can I show? Any Breyer model that was available for purchase is eligible to show in 2020. Models such as volunteer models, customs contest prizes, show prizes, etc. are NOT eligible.

Do I have to sign up for each class I want to enter? No. Nor is there a per class fee - the entry fee you pay entitles you to enter as many classes as you wish, but remember that you should bring 20 models or less if this is your first show. The show managers do not need to know which models you are entering in each class.

This is my first show and I don't know what to do! You are not alone! This is the very first show for many of our entrants. Thoroughly read and understand all the show information (such as the rules, breed classifications/descriptions, etc.). Be prepared to feel some confusion at first, but things should sort themselves out as you get the hang of how the show is run. Do not forget to join the FaceBook page as soon as you receive the invitation!

How many horses can I bring? In order to have fun and meet people you do not want to bring too many models. We suggest bringing about 20 models to show. Look every model over carefully for correct anatomy, breed type, mold flaws, overspray, or scratches and rubs, and leave those models behind. If this is your first time showing, you will want time to enjoy the show and walk around to see the show rings. You cannot do that if you enter every class. On the other hand, do enter more than a few classes, so you get to experience the fun of model horse showing to the fullest. **Remember you can only enter one model in each class, and no single model can show in more than one class.** Therefore, your performance horses are separate from your halter horses.

How important is the condition of my model? Condition is **very** important! You would not show a dirty horse in a real horse show and it's the same for a model show. Dust your models before they enter the ring. Make-up brushes are great for getting to hard-to-reach places without risking scratches. Do NOT use furniture polish or baby oil -this customizes the model's finish and makes it ineligible to show.

Can my parents help me on the day of the show? No, all showing must be done by the entrant. Parents can help carry models and equipment. However, a **responsible adult must be in the show hall with each entrant all day**, which is a legal requirement from Breyer® and of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

How can I remember who is entered in which class? The best way to keep track of everything is to make a copy of the class list, and list each model next to the class in which you want to enter. Leave room on your list to note when a model wins a ribbon.

Someone knocked over my horses at my entrant table!

Unfortunately, it is very easy to knock into a table, regardless of how careful you are. Please bring a table cover to provide some protection for your models. Many showers lay their models down on their tables or use a stand to keep the horses upright. Keeping models near the center of your table also helps.

What's the best way to pack my models for a show?

Whether you are flying or driving to BreyerFest, wrap each model in a soft fabric to protect them from each other. Plastic bags alone won't provide enough protection, and if it gets too hot in your vehicle, paper, plastic bags and bubblewrap can stick to the model. Another trick is to line your container with "egg carton" foam for extra protection. Some hobbyists use disposable absorbent pads for adults to wrap their models. These are available in most drug and big-box stores.

Can I sit next to my friend? Seating is on a first-come, first served basis, and color-coded based on whether you are showing in the Children or Youth Show. When you arrive at the show hall, find a table matching the color of your card, mailed in your entry packet with your Code of Conduct form. Sit at any table that matches your color. If your friend has the same color card, sit together! Please, no "holding" tables- if you want to sit with your friend, you must arrive together.

What are the Judging Rings/Show Rings? The judging/show rings are in the center of the show hall and consist of three tables in a U shape. Each ring are numbered with a colored tablecloth and a sign indicating the current class. When a class is called, you will be told the color and number of the ring (Purple 2, Yellow 1, etc.). If the first ring fills up and entrants are still bringing up models, we will announce a second ring for that class.

Why do you say Horse? "Horse" is used as a generic term that includes ponies, zebras, donkeys and mules.

What is the Pony Pound? The Pony Pound is for any model left on the judging table after a class has been pinned and the next class has been called. Stewards move these models to the Pony Pound at the front of the show hall, next to the podium. Please wear your name tag when you claim your model! We need to check and make sure we send the model home with the right person.

How come I am not allowed to enter models customized by someone else? The focus of this show is developing the talents of children and youth in the model horse hobby.

My birthday falls near the show date - which show should I enter? Enter either the Youth or Children show depending upon your age on the actual DAY of the show. If you have turned 17 (either the day of the show or beforehand) you

are no longer eligible to show in the Youth show and must show in the Open show on Friday.

What else should I bring to the show? We strongly advised that you create a check list for yourself (and your helper) before heading to the show. List everything you want to bring, such as a soft brush for last-minute dusting, table cover, your master class list, cooler for snacks and drinks, appropriate tack and props if you're showing performance, sticky wax, (parents- bring a book or magazine!), and sweater or jacket for the morning. Remember that there is not a lot of space at your table, though!

How do I arrange my models on the show ring? Line your model up parallel to the edge of the table, so the judge is able to see either the left or right side of the model. Set the model 3-4" from the edge of the table. Be sure the ID tag has the side with your Entrant Number turned up flat on the table so the judge can easily see it. You can also put your model in the middle of the ring if the space at the edge of the table is taken. Put what you feel is your model's "glamour" side nearest the table edge. The "glamour" side is usually the side where the mane lays. **Do not move someone else's model to make room for yours.** Do not worry if the ring is full; wait a moment and the announcer will open another ring for the class.

My model likes to fall over. Or I've lost the base/stand. If you have a tippy model (such as the Pacer, Weather Girl, etc.), you may lay it down on a small piece of protective material, such as felt or cloth. By laying your model down, you are giving permission for the judge to pick up your model so they can see both sides. If you have lost the original base/stand to a model, you may replace it with a handmade one, as long as the replacement is not larger than the model or it obscures the model's leg or body. You will not be judged on the quality of the replacement base/stand. Please do not use sticky wax on the tables, as it poses a hazard for other people's models and props.

I missed the most recent announcement or which class did the announcer just call to the show rings? If you missed an announcement, or did not understand it, please look at the sign board next to the podium. The board is useful if you need to know which class is in which ring. As soon as the announcer calls or clears a class from the show rings, the board is updated.

What if I have questions or concerns during the show? Please ask the Question Lady. She will be in front of the podium and can answer any questions you may have. Her red shirt has a big question mark on it. The show managers will be alerted to any issues, if necessary.

What is the Championship Holding Table? After each class has been pinned, the first and second place models need to be moved to the Championship Holding Tables, which will be by the podium. A staff member will be there to assist you, if need be. Only the model needs to be brought up for performance; tack is okay, but props and footing are not needed. The only person allowed to remove a model is the entrant and your name tag will be checked against the model tag which will have your name on the back.

Why do you want both the first and second place models?

It is possible that the two best models in a division were in the same class, so the second place model might be selected as Reserve Champion. The judges select the Champion from among the first place models; then they judge the model that placed second to the Champion against all the other first place models. If the judges feel that the second place model from the same class is a better representative of its breed than any other first place model, the second place can be named Reserve Champion. After the divisional Champs/Reserves have been announced, all other models need to be removed. At the end of the show, a team of judges will determine the Overall Grand Champion/Reserves of the show.

How are the champions selected? The judge will determine the champion and reserve for each division and photos will be taken of winning entrants and their horses. Divisional champs and reserves will remain at the championship table until the end of the show, when the overall Champion and Reserve Champions are named. All other horses may return with the entrant to their table.

Where do Stablemates™ show? Unfortunately we do not have the space or time to hold a separate mini division. A good mini can hold its own against larger models.

My model's legs are not level! If the legs on your model are not level on the table you can move them slightly; moving the legs is tricky and you do not want to snap the leg off by bending it too much when it has not been heated properly. Search online for tutorials.

Where can I plug in/charge my phone or tablet? There are no outlets available in the show hall.

How do I access the free wifi? There is no wireless internet available in the show hall.