



FOUR CORNERS COMPETITION RULES & REGULATIONS

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Registration/Entries closes April 1, 2025
- Horses can be picked up beginning May 1st 2025 Contact Jim Eaton District Ranger, to schedule your pick up at (505) 534-1649 or email: william.eaton@usda.gov. Bring with you or email your adoption application. When Calling or emailing let Jim know it's for the Four Corners Mustang Challenge. 7 Road 5050, Bloomfield, NM 87413
- 4 mandatory check-ins will be required once a month, as we are now allowing up to 5 months.
- Monthly check-ins are MANDATORY.
 - 1st Check-in June 15, 2025
 - 2nd Check-in July 15, 2025
 - 3rd Check-in August 15, 2025
 - 4th Check –in September 15, 2025

These video and/or picture progress reports will help us promote this event, and market your horse, if you choose to sell at the show. This will also allow us to help you, if having problems with your horse, or are having any training issues.

Progress reports can be sent by text to 505-330-0501 or email:
fourcornersmustangchallenge@yahoo.com.

FOUR CORNERS MUSTANG CHALLENGE INFO

- Meet and greet – Friday October 3, 2025, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM a trainers meeting and course walk through will be done.
- **Numbering of available horses – Horses for sale/reassignment will have a number on their hip to let potential buyers/adopters watch available horses during the competition. There **will not** be an auction, interested parties can come to you if they want to purchase/adopt. (If animals are for adoption, interested parties must fill out, an adoption application, and be approved by the Government Agency, before the animal can be released to them, and the original adopter must terminate their agreement with the Government Agency.**
- Competition Show day Saturday October 4, 2025, at 9:00 AM at San Juan County Sheriff's Posse Arena at: 9001 Marseille Blvd Farmington, NM 87402
- Stalls are available from the Sheriff's Posse, and are \$20.00 a night, need to let Nancy know on September Check-in if need stalls. Camping is allowed on grounds, 5 spots with electric and 3 water, \$40.00 a night. Some tent spots, and can stay in truck/trailer or if have self contained camping, spots are \$15.00 a night, and all fees are paid to the Sheriff's Posse at time of arrival.

GENERAL RULES:

The Four Corners Mustang Challenge may be referred to as 4CMC in future correspondence during this event.

TRAINER APPLICATION PROCESS:

All ages and levels of trainers are welcome!

Youth trainers, under the age 17, will need a parent or guardian to sign the adoption application and the entry form to participate!

All trainers will adopt/purchase a horse from the Jicarilla Ranger District, Bloomfield Wild Horse Corrals. Adoption Fee is \$125.00, and is due at time of pick-up, with the Forest Service application.

The Four Corners entry fee to the 4CMC \$50.00, is to pay for prizes and expenses for the challenge.

- Adoption Fee is due at the time of pick-up at corral.
 - Entry Fee is due with the Entry Form, by April 1, 2025
- Mail to: Nancy Brimhall 379 RD 6100 Kirtland NM 87417

Trainers may have small banners and brochures at their horse's stall, trailer or arena.

EQUINE CARE

- A. Trainers must train and work with their horses from picking up their equine until the competition.
- B. Equine training must be humane and compassionate. The trainer is responsible for the well-being and humane treatment of the horse entrusted to your care.
- C. Trainers are responsible for all care-related costs from the day horse is picked up, this includes Hay, Veterinary Care, and Farrier work.
- D. NO HORSE UNDER THE AGE 3 SHALL BE RIDDEN!**

CONDUCT:

Conduct shall be orderly, responsible, and sportsman-like! This is a competition, and you should always present your best. DRESS CODE IS ENCOURAGED, be proud of what you have achieved with your mustang.

COMPETITION RULES:

- A. All written rules will supersede anything previously discussed. Any changes will be clarified in writing.
- B. Judges will be assessing the equines and trainers.
- C. Trainers must complete and submit 4 progress reports during the training period. PROGRESS REPORTS ARE DUE ON JUNE 15, JULY 15, AUGUST 15, and SEPTEMBER 15.
Trainers will confirm in the September's progress report if you are planning to do Freestyle, and what song/music you want to use.

CLASSES:

- A. Youth Class Info
 - Ages 8 to 17

- Trainers must be at least 8 years of age by April 1, 2024, and can not exceed 17 before the application due date (April 1, 2024).
- Youth Trainers may receive help in the training and conditioning of their equine.

B. Open Class Info

- In hand: Trainers will have 8 minutes to complete the course in-hand.
- Riding/Trail: Riders will have 8 minutes to complete the course.
- Freestyle: Choose 1 song for your freestyle. Freestyle will depend on time and entries.

C. The purpose of this event is to showcase the talent and train-ability of equines and to provide an opportunity for trainers and horses to engage in safe competition for prize money and awards.

D. The classes will showcase you and your horse's abilities. There will be both Youth and Adult Classes in these 3 categories.

1. SHOWMANSHIP/CONDITIONING IN-HAND: The horse will be judged on appropriate condition and overall appearance. Trainers will be expected to walk, trot, stop, back up, and pick up all 4 feet.

2. IN-HAND: TRAIL/OBSTACLE load and unload from a trailer, open a mailbox, walk over tarp, etc.

3. RIDING: TRAIL/OBSTACLES: This class is intended to show the horse's willingness and ability to complete a basic set of horsemanship maneuvers. Walk, trot, lope/canter, change of direction, stop, back, and turn. Both classes are to show willingness to go over and through obstacles.

E. PENALTIES: Penalties will be applied if the pattern is done out of order, refusal of an obstacle or over time.

F. AWARDS:

You are required to be present to receive your awards.

All horses available for sale/adoption will have a number painted on their hips so any interested parties can watch for you and your horse.

Trainers are encouraged to meet with the adopter/purchaser and help arrange for transport. All horses should leave the facility by Sunday, October 5, 2025. Arrangements can be made with the San Juan County Sheriff Posse if needs to stay longer for pick up. **Trainers must leave feed, water and buckets if horses are staying longer.**

Must let Nancy Brimhall know at Friday Check-in if horse is available for sale/adoption.

******* ABSOLUTELY NO SALE/ADOPTION OF HORSES BEFORE COMPETITION! *******

Trainers, if you have an interested party before the show, the horse should still be presented at the Challenge! Purchase price or training fee, belongs to the trainer, not Four Corners.

The US Wild Horse and Burro Association will be donating prizes and will also give each trainer that participates in the Challenge \$75.00 cash, in addition to other prizes that will be awarded.