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2023 Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships [APPLICATION LINK](#) – May 15, 2023 Deadline

Dear Extension Agents - please make this information available to all eligible horse project members – any enrolled 4-H member who has been to a State 4-H Championship Horse & Pony Show.

The 2023 Southern Regional Horse Championships is scheduled for August 2-6, 2023, at the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agriculture Center in Perry, Georgia.

Further scheduling and information will be posted on the 4-H Horse website as it becomes available:
<https://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/horse/events/southern-regionals.html>

Eligibility

Virginia members who wish to participate in the 2023 Southern Regional Championships must be enrolled in 4-H in Virginia and not have had their 19th birthday prior to January 1, 2023.

- **4-H Horse Educational Contests**

Virginia can enter two judging teams, two horse bowl teams, two hippology teams, two public speakers, two team demonstrations and two individual presentations. Members will qualify through participation in EquiSmartz and will receive information about participation at this event. All entries attend at their own expense and must be supervised by parent and/or local leader and must make their own arrangements for travel, meals, lodging, etc.

- **4-H Members Showing Horses**

Virginia is allowed to enter 70 horse/rider combinations. In order to qualify, members must have previously participated in the Virginia State 4-H Horse Show. Each member may enter up to two horses.

- Member must have the application approved by their extension agent.
- All horse entries must obtain and comply with any state health requirements for traveling.
- All entries attend at their own expense and must be supervised by parent and/or Club leader and must make their own arrangements for travel, meals, lodging, etc.
- **Horse substitution** is allowed. Substitution horses **must show their animal at a District Qualifying Show or clinic in 2023 and the animal must be declared in 4honline**. No other substitutions will be allowed.

Application Procedure:

1. Applications must be submitted online by May 15, 2023. Application includes:
 - a. Rider Information
 - b. Horse(s) information

c. State Show Placing information

Order of Selection will be:

- i. Most recent State Show date
 - ii. Division Champions
 - iii. Class Champions
 - iv. Class Winners
 - v. Reserves
 - vi. Ranked placing 2nd through 10th
 - vii. Class size with placing
 - viii. Older rider over younger rider
 - ix. After top ten, entry is open on first come first serve basis and based on datestamp of online pre-entry
2. All applications must be signed off by the 4-Her's Extension Agent. The Extension Agent will receive an email copy of the confirmation. The agent will respond if there are objections to the entry.
 3. All applications must have a **\$40 deposit application fee per horse mailed in** with invoice which will be attached to the email confirmation. Deposit is applied toward final entry fee. Insufficient funds move entry to bottom of list until reconciled.
 4. Exhibitors are allowed to bring two horses, however they must designate which horse is their first choice and which is their second choice. Second choice horses will be placed at the end of the list until the application deadline has passed. The second choice horse will be ranked if there are spots left and exhibitors will be notified if their second horse has been accepted.
 5. Submission of application and fee does not guarantee acceptance to participate at Southern Regionals. Each state is only allowed 70 horse and rider combinations.
 6. The acceptance list will be posted no more than two weeks after the application postmark deadline on the Southern Regional website page - <https://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/horse/events/southern-regionals.html>.
 7. If application is not accepted the deposit will be refunded.

Entry Procedure:

1. Entry forms will be sent in June with a quick turnaround request. A copy of the horse's Coggins will need to be provided at this time.
2. The 2023 Southern Regional Rulebook with official entry forms will not be available June 2023.
3. Scratches and refund deadline request is June 29th. After this date, the entry fee absolutely cannot be refunded.

Let me know if you have any questions,



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