

2020 Virginia 4-H EquiSmartz Virtual Horse Judging Contest

June 20, 2020

7am – 12 noon (EST) at Livestockjudging.com

Contest Information

The Online Judging Contest

1. Open to Juniors and Seniors, individuals and teams.
2. FFA Teams are also invited to participate
 - a. Please contact Andy Seibel (gseibel@vt.edu) to register
3. EquiSmartz rules apply.
4. Classes will be viewed via Livestockjudging.com on June 20th.
5. A link to view the classes will be sent prior to the contest to the coaches to send to their team members.
 - a. Instructions on how to access the contest will be sent at a later date but please familiarize yourself with Livestockjudging.com
6. **Classes will only be available from 7am until 12pm** and placings must be submitted via the online judging platform between those hours in order for scores to be counted.
7. Once the viewing of the classes are over, scores will be calculated and the Top 15 Junior and Top 15 Seniors will be invited to submit reasons. This will include any ties in the Top 15.
8. Members of the Top 10 Junior Teams and Top 10 Senior Teams will also be invited to say reasons.
 - a. If any members on these top teams are already in the Top 15, they will only have to say reasons once and scores will be counted toward individual placings and team placings.
9. Classes are:
 - a. Halter:
 - i. Class 1 - Performance Geldings
 - ii. Class 2 - Ranch Conformation
 - iii. Class 3 - Performance Mares
 - b. Performance:
 - i. Class 4 - Western Riding
 - ii. Class 5 - Ranch Riding
 - iii. Class 6 - Equitation

Reasons

1. The top 15 individuals and members of the Top 10 teams invited to give reasons will be notified via email by 1pm on June 20th.
 - a. Reasons will be submitted via FlipGrid (<https://flipgrid.com>) starting at 2pm until 6pm on the same day as the contest, June 20.
 - i. Please make yourself familiar with the FlipGrid platform prior to the contest.
 - b. Contestants that will be giving reasons will receive the active links for submission.
 - c. Juniors will give two sets of reasons: **Performance Geldings and Equitation**

- d. Seniors will give 4 sets of reasons: **Performance Geldings, Performance Mares, Western Riding and Equitation**
 - e. There will be separate classroom links to submit each set of reasons.
 - f. Reasons will not be able to be viewed by anyone but the contest officials
2. Reasons must be given in full Judging Contest attire
 3. Contestants must give their contestant number at the beginning of each set of reasons, either by way of saying it or displaying the contestant number on a piece of paper.
 4. Notes are not be allowed. Any use of notes or other means of coaching or reading from a cue will be counted against accordingly
 5. When recording the reasons, we must be able to see a full body view of the contestant. This means that we must be able to see the feet to the head of the contestant.
 6. Those that are not invited to say reasons will have the opportunity to submit a set of reasons for for Danish ribbon evaluation. The Danish evaluation will be scores 40-50 = blue, 30-39 = red, 20-29 = white

Results will be available about a week after the contest and will be announced via a Zoom Awards Presentation

Please contact Leona at leonar@vt.edu or 540-231-6345 with any questions