



2021 Northern District 4-H Horse Judging Contest

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Date: March 6th - 10th

Location: Virtual

6 Classes to Judge - 3 Performance - 3 Halter

Juniors - 1 Set of Reasons

Seniors - 2 Sets of Reasons

ELIGIBILITY: This contest is open to all enrolled 4-H members. Individuals 19 years of age or older before January 1st of the contest year are ineligible. Junior contestants must turn 9 years of age on or before September 30 of the year in which the contest is held. Senior contestants are those 14 years of age or older before January 1st and junior contestants are under 14 years of age as of January 1st of the contest year. This age eligibility conforms to the National 4-H Horse Contest Rules and Regulations.

GUIDELINES AND ESSENTIALS: Teams consist of three or four members. In teams in which there are four members, all will compete, but the member receiving the lowest overall score will be automatically declared the alternate. The scores of the alternate will not be included in any of the team totals, but will be eligible for individual awards. Teams consisting of three members will have no alternate and all members' scores will count in determining team awards. Combining individuals to form cross - club teams is allowed but must be included in registration.

HORSE JUDGING RULES:

- 1.)** While the contest is in progress, there will be no conferring between contestants or between a contestant and anyone else, except as directed by contest officials. Failure to abide by this regulation may result in disqualification of the contestant.
- 2.)** Classes - Each class will have four horses. The showmen in each class will wear an appropriate number for identification purposes. Halter or conformation classes may be taken from (but are not limited to) the following: Quarter Horses, Thoroughbreds, Morgans, Arabians, Hunters, Stock horses, Sport Horses, Pony Hunters, Connemaras, Fjords, Walking Horses, Draft Horses. All in hand horses will be judged as sound. Performance classes may include (but are not limited to) the following: Hunters under saddle, English Pleasure, Western Pleasure, Hunter Hack, Hunter Pleasure, Hunt Seat Equitation, Ambling Pleasure, Pleasure Driving. The contest committee will attempt to select only horses that are serviceably sound however, all horses are judges as they go. All tack and attire shall be considered legal.
- 3.)** Oral Reasons - Contestants in the judging competition shall be required to give oral reasons. The contestants shall be notified at the time of placing whether or not reasons will be required on the class. Two minutes will be permitted for oral reasons on each class. Contestants will not be permitted the use of notes while giving oral reasons. Seniors will give 2 sets of reasons and Juniors will give 1 set.
- 4.)** Contestants must provide their own pencils and note pads. Contestants will not be allowed to take any written materials, handbooks, etc. into the judging arena or use any aids other than notes they themselves took during the actual classes while preparing their oral reasons.
- 5.)** Scores - Points will be based on the contestant's degree of agreement with the placing given by the official judges (Hormel computing system will be used). A perfect placing score on a class receives 50 points. Oral reasons are scored on a 50 point basis also.
- 6.)** Individual Awards: Top 10 ribbons will be given to the Junior and Senior individuals accumulating the highest point totals for: Halter Classes (excluding reason scores), Performance Classes (excluding reason scores), Reasons (except Juniors – see 11), and Overall.
- 7.)** Team Awards: The scores of the three individuals on each team with the highest overall scores will be used in determining Overall Team Award. The score of the individual with the lowest total of all 4 member teams will be dropped from each category, to determine individual and team awards for the separate categories. Each member of the top six teams, Junior and Senior, with highest Halter totals, Performance totals, Reasons totals, and Overall totals will receive ribbons.
- 8.)** Ties: Ties will be broken in Halter or Performance or Reason categories on the Overall score (both for individual and team ties). Overall individual and team score ties will be broken on Reasons total for Seniors, Halter total for Juniors.

9.) Officials will be sent out after the conclusion of the contest and results will follow as soon as all reasons scores are submitted from the reasons takers.

10.) At this time we are not able to hold this contest in-person but are excited to offer you this virtual contest experience. Please keep in mind that this contest is run on the **Honor System**, meaning this is not an open book contest, and no other searchable devices may be used including cell phones. In addition, no help is allowed from anyone (other 4-Hers, siblings, adults/parents, coaches, etc.). If you have any questions or concerns, please email Hannah McDonald hannah8@vt.edu

Contest will take place on www.Livestockjudging.com and reasons will be submitted via Flipgrid. This is the format for the EquiSmartz horse judging contest and will be a wonderful practice contest for this platform. Hannah will be emailing you your access codes and any other necessary information once you are registered.

Registration Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSduGGSkzxHxBEy3DpfHWzNQOWHM3oP6wkBnpS-ta_w9FugSMw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Registration DUE no later than March 1st.

Cost: \$5 per contestant

Make checks payable to NDHC (Northern District Horse Council) Mail to:
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