

Block & Bridle

2022 Hippology Contest Rules & Resources

February 11, 2022

1:00pm – Alphin Stuart Livestock Arena – Blacksburg, VA

OBJECTIVE

The primary objective of the Hippology contest is to provide, in a friendly but competitive setting, an opportunity for youth enrolled in 4-H or FFA to demonstrate the breadth of their knowledge and understanding of equine science and management, and in particular, the practical application of this knowledge and skill. It is hoped that this contest will generate new friendships and be a rewarding experience for the contestants.

Guidelines and Essentials – Please Read Carefully – There are changes from previous years

COVID PROTOCOL: COVID Protocol for VA Tech and Virginia Cooperative Extension, at the time of the contest, will be followed and enforced. Current guidelines require that ALL participants, regardless of vaccination status, (contestants, coaches, volunteers, parents, and contest administrators) wear a mask when indoors at a VA Tech facility – this includes LARNA and any on-campus buildings that may be used.

***COVID Protocol is subject to change and will be communicated to all registered participants prior to the contest

Entries will be submitted electronically using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/BandBHorseContests>
Entries must be submitted via the electronic link above, no later than Thursday, February 3rd.
A copy of the electronic entry summary sheet must be saved as a PDF and emailed to carterke@vt.edu no later than Friday, February 4th.

Late entries will **NOT be accepted.**

Entry Fee Payments are NOT to be mailed, but submitted the DAY OF THE EVENT during registration and check-in. Entry fees for the Hippology Contest are \$6.00/contestant.

Team Designation is not required at the time of entry – Team assignments will be made by the coach during registration/check-in the day of the event.

During the entry process you will need the following information for each contestant: Name, Date of Birth, Current Grade Level (required for FFA contestants), and any accommodations required.

There are NOT separate 4-H and FFA Contests, therefore youth may NOT dual enter. Each participant must decide whether they will compete representing FFA or 4-H. All contestants must be an enrolled and eligible member of the FFA Chapter or 4-H Unit that they represent in the contest.

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.

Team members must all represent the same Unit or FFA Chapter and be enrolled members of that organization.

Contestants participating as individuals only will not complete the team problem.

Eligibility rules respective to each youth organization are enforced:

FFA –Eligibility of teams will be determined by the rules stated in the National FFA Career Development Event Manual as well as “Official Board Policy”.

Senior teams – members must be in 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade at the time of the contest.

Junior Teams – members must be in 6th, 7th, 8th, or 9th grade at the time of the contest.

9th grade contestants may only compete in one division.

4-H – Senior teams – members must turn 14 years of age before January 1, 2022 and not have had their 19th birthday before December 31, 2021.

Junior Teams – members will not have had their 14th birthday before January 1, 2022.

***All senior contestants must be eligible for their respective organization’s National Hippology CDE or Contest, having not previously participated in that event.

General Information

Contest Registration – 1:00 PM, Contest 1:30– 6:00 pm. Contest held at Alphin Stuart Arena, VA Tech, Blacksburg

Contest Chairpersons:

Jenna Marston, Jordan Buck, Natilyn Mann, and Symphanie Wagner

Beth Sheely, Virginia Tech, B & B Advisor

Emma Helm, Virginia Tech, B & B Advisor

Questions regarding entries or contest details, please contact:

Katherine Carter, Extension Youth Animal Science Specialist, carterke@vt.edu

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THE CONTEST

A. **Examination Phase**-This phase of the contest will include a written exam

B. **Slide Phase**- This phase of the contest will include PowerPoint slides consisting of multiple choice questions identifying or using pictures

C. **Station Phase**- This phase will consist of a series of stations or tables where at each, all contestants will respond to the requirements of the station. Examples of stations which may be used include:

1. Identification of:

a. Various types of saddles (actual or pictured) and parts of saddles

b. Tack, bits, bridles, horseshoes, and parts of shoes.

c. Tools and Equipment, and assembly of specific parts of various pieces of equipment.

d. Grains and forages used in equine rations including various forms and methods of preparation

e. Internal and external parasites based on actual samples, pictures, life cycle chart and/or damage caused

f. Blemishes and unsoundnesses

g. Ages of equines based on teeth

2. Use of pulse rate, respiration rate, temperature, dehydration, anemia, etc. to assess horse health.

3. Measurements such as, but not limited to, wither height, shoe size, girth, collar size, gullet width, seat length of saddle, etc. may be required.

D. **Judging** - Contestants will be required to place one or two conformation classes.

E. **Team Problem** - All teams within an age division will be presented with the same problems. Each team will have equal time to discuss among themselves the problem, and an allotted time for problem response which may include a written answer, multiple choice answers to a series of questions, or an oral presentation by the team. The method of response to the team problem will be communicated prior to the team beginning their work and will be the same for each team in a given age division. Examples of possible team problems might include, but are not limited to:

1. Balancing a horse's ration.
2. Farm management recommendation for specific, (i.e., breeding, training, boarding, nursery, lay-up, etc) horse operations.
3. Considerations for the establishment of a new horse facility (stable to be used for a specific purpose).
4. Recommendations for selecting, locating and purchasing horses for specific uses.
5. Behavior problems-causes, management of and corrections.
6. Training & conditioning programs: equipment, schedules, methods, nutrition, problem avoidance.
7. Breeding and/or leasing contracts-specific clauses for insurance, liability, payments, care, termination, transport, etc.
8. Teaching lessons in horse management (specific subject to be announced) to a group of Beginner horse riders including how much time, topics to cover, etc.
9. Explanation of use or assembly of specific equipment will be considered.
10. Demonstrate skill or ability to use specific equipment.

Team problem scores will not be included in determining the rank of individuals in the contest, but will be added to the team scores of the other three phases to determine overall team standing for each division.

Contest answers will be recorded on the Universal D scantron form at this link:

<https://www.judgingcard.com/ScanSheets/Samples/705D-2.pdf> Please familiarize your youth with this form prior to the contest. Each contestant will need a clipboard and at least one No.2 pencil to complete the scantron.

AWARDS – Junior and Senior divisions

1. Individual awards are given within Junior and Senior divisions, respectfully. Three awards categories for the top 10 individuals will include: (1) examination & slide phase scores combined; (2) stations & judging scores combined; and (3) overall total score.

2. Team awards are given within Junior and Senior divisions, respectfully. The top five teams will be recognized for scores in (1) examination & slide phase scores combined; (2) stations & judging scores combined; (3) team problem; and (4) overall total score.

Tie Breaking

All ties overall, individual and team, will be broken using the following sequence:

1. Examination scores
2. Station scores
3. Judging scores

Ties within any phase are to be broken using the overall score first and then the same sequence as above. If further tie breaking is needed, the scores at each station, in order may be used.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

Reference Material: All the information covered in this contest may be found in one or more of the following publications:

Senior Reference Material: All the information covered in this contest for Senior competition may be found in one or more of the following publications:

1. NEWHOR ILLUSTRATED DICTIONARY OF EQUINE TERMS, by New Horizons Education Center, Inc. Alpine Publications, Inc., 38262 Linman Road, Crawford, CO 81415 www.alpinepub.com
Phone: 970-921-5005 Fax: 970-921-5081

2. AYHC HIH HORSE INDUSTRY HANDBOOK, by the American Youth Horse Council AYHC, 1 Gainer Rd, McDonald, NM 88262 www.ayhc.com Phone: 817-320-2005

3. LEWIS 2nd FEEDING AND CARE OF THE HORSE (2nd edition), by Lon D. Lewis Wiley-Blackwell, 111 River Street, Hoboken, NJ 07030 www.wiley.com Phone: 201-748-6000

4. GRIFFITHS EQUINE SCIENCE, by Jean T. Griffiths Equine Network /Source Interlink Media
<https://www.equinetworkstore.com/products/equine-science-basic-knowledge-for-horse-people-of-all-ages-paperback-by-jean-t-griffiths>

5. KAINER THE COLORING ATLAS OF HORSE ANATOMY, by Robert A. Kainer & Thomas O. McCracken Alpine Publications, Inc., 38262 Linman Road, Crawford, CO 81415 www.alpinepub.com
Phone: 970-921-5005 Fax: 970-921-5081

6. AYHC HS HORSE SMARTS: AN EQUINE REFERENCE & YOUTH ACTIVITY GUIDE, by the American Youth Horse Council AYHC, 1 Gainer Rd, McDonald, NM 88262 www.ayhc.com Phone: 817-320-2005

7. DOVER AND STATE LINE TACK CATALOGS

8. Other: Grains, forages, and feed preparations used in this contest will be representatives of feeds utilized in horse rations.

Junior Contest References will be limited to:

1. EQUINE SCIENCE – Basic Knowledge for Horse People of All Ages by Jean T. Griffiths.
www.Horsebooksetc.com Phone: 800-952-5813

2. Horse Science – by Ray Antoniewicz Price: \$4.50
<http://www.4-hmall.org/detail.aspx?ID=16681>

3. Horses & Horsemanship – by Ray Antoniewicz Price: \$4.50
<http://www.4-hmall.org/detail.aspx?ID=16680>

4. DOVER AND SMITH BROTHERS CATALOGUES

Other: Grains, forages, and feed preparations used for both divisions of this contest will be representatives of feed stuffs utilized in horse rations.

The Block and Bridle Club will NOT be securing room blocks for the contest. Accommodations and reservations are the responsibility of each team, coach, and/or chaperones. The following motels are local to Blacksburg/Christiansburg:

Blacksburg

Comfort Inn	540/951-1500
Holiday Inn	540/552-7001
Hawthorn Inn (formerly Amerisuites) Closest to Arena	540/552-5636

Christiansburg

Quality Inn	540/382-2055
Days Inn	540/382-0261
Econo Lodge	540/382-6161
Super 8	540/382-7421

REMINDERS:

Entry Deadline is Thursday, February 1st for Electronic Entry Submission and Friday, February 2nd for emailing and mailing the Entry Summary Form.

You must submit the online Qualtrics form AND email/mail a hard copy of the completed Summary form. This will help us confirm entries. Payment or proof of payment request as listed previously must be presented at check-in. Please do NOT mail payment with your entry forms.

Please do NOT mail payment with summary form – Payment will be collected the day of the contest and is based on number of entered contestants, not those who participate. One payment can be made for for both Hippology and Horse Judging entry fees. Acceptable forms of payment are:

- Personal, business, or school check made payable to: Virginia Tech Block and Bridle Club
- VT Hokiemark or VA 4-H Foundation Check made payable to: Virginia Tech Block and Bridle Club
- Copy of your VT Hokiemark PO Paperwork
- Copy of your VA 4-H Foundation Payment Request
- Credit Card Payment THE DAY OF THE EVENT

