

April 15, 2024

2024 Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships May 15, 2024, 5:00 PM 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 2024 Southern Regional Horse Championships is scheduled for July 31-August 4, 2024 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: [Southern Regionals | Virginia Cooperative Extension | Virginia Tech \(vt.edu\)](#). Other information can be found on the Southern Regionals website: [SRHC - UF/IFAS Animal Sciences - University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences - UF/IFAS \(ufl.edu\)](#)

Eligibility

Virginia members who wish to participate in the 2024 Southern Regional Championships must be enrolled in 4-H in Virginia and not have had their 19th birthday prior to January 1, 2024.

- **4-H Horse Educational Contests**

Youth who are eligible to compete at the Southern Regionals Educational Contests will be contacted with information by the Youth Animal Sciences Programming Team.

- **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 2024 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, 2024 at 5:00 PM. Linked Here: <https://tinyurl.com/SRegional2024>
2. 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, and postmarked by May 15, 2024**. Deposit is applied toward final entry fee.
Checks should be written to "Treasurer of Virginia Tech" with Southern Regionals in the memo line and mailed to:
Hunter Liles
388 Litton Reaves Hall
175 West Campus Drive
Blacksburg, VA 24061
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 2024 Southern Regional Rulebook with official entry forms will not be available June.
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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