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**To: Extension Agents and 4-H Member Parents**  
**Re: Application to the 2018 Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships**

The **2018 South Regional 4-H Horse Championships** are scheduled for **August 1-5, 2018 in Perry, Georgia**. The application process for 4-Hers wishing to show at the 2018 Southern Regionals will be similar to last year. Please make sure this information is available to all 4-H Members.

**The procedure is as follows:**

Please note the following important information before reading on about the application process.

- 1. Applications must be postmarked by March 30, 2018. No exceptions!**
- 2. All applications must be signed off by the 4-Hers Extension Agent**
3. All applications must have a \$40 fee submitted with the application.
4. **Exhibitors are allowed to bring two horses**, however they must designate which horse is their first choice and which is their second choice
  - a. 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.

**Eligibility**

Virginia members who wish to participate in the 2018 Southern Regional Championships must be enrolled in 4-H in Virginia and not have had their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday prior to January 1, 2018

**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.

**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 one horse

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and must have the application approved by their extension agent. Final eligibility will be determined by the State 4-H Horse Staff. All entries must obtain and comply with any health requirements for the particular host state.

**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, lodging, etc.**

The 2018 Southern Regional Rulebook with official entry forms will not be available prior to May 15, 2018.

### **Application Process**

All those wishing to participate in the 2018 Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships must do the following **by the March 30, 2018 deadline:**

1. Complete the application **fully**, including all signatures
2. List all Virginia State Show Results
3. Submit \$40 application fee

The \$40 application fee will be refunded to those not accepted to participate at Southern Regionals. However, for those selected, **the fee will be applied to the total entry fees.** After the applicant has agreed to participate in Southern Regionals, the fee will only be refunded due to hardships **until June 29<sup>th</sup>**. After this date, the fee will **absolutely not** be refunded.

Once all applications have been received, they will be ranked for acceptance according to the following according to the 2017 State 4-H Horse Show:

\*where placing is considered, riders will be ranked by class size

\*remember, submission of the pre-application and deposit do not guarantee acceptance to show at Southern Regionals.

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| 1. Division Champions | 10. Sevenths  |
| 2. Class Champions    | 11. Eighths   |
| 3. Class Winners      | 12. Ninths  |
| 4. Reserves           | 13. Tenths  |
| 5. Seconds            | 14. After top 10, entry is on a first come, first serve basis and based on the post mark of the pre-entry if the 70 slots have not been filled. |
| 6. Thirds             |   |
| 7. Fourths            |   |
| 8. Fifths             |   |
| 9. Sixths             |   |

### **Substitution**

If the exhibitor wishes to show another horse that was not ridden at the 2017 State 4-H Horse Show, the horse must be qualified through participating in a 2018 Qualifying Show or Clinic and must also be Horsemanship Skills Qualified.

If you have any questions, please contact Leona Ransdell at [leonar@vt.edu](mailto:leonar@vt.edu) or 540-231-6345