

2024 State Horse Judging

Date: April 28, 2024

Location: Burtis Arena (2200 Denison Ave, Manhattan, KS 66502)

Registration: 1:00 -1:30 p.m.

Contest: 1:30 – 7:00 p.m.

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General Information

Event Rules

- Each team will be comprised of four members. All scores will be used to determine the total team score.
- All attire of riders and handlers and all tack is to be considered legal in selection classes.
- All halter horses will be judged as sound, therefore halter horses will NOT be tracked. All performance classes will be judged as they go regarding soundness.
- AQHA novice rules will be used in Hunter Under Saddle, Ranch Pleasure, and Western Pleasure classes in reference to headset and head carriage.
- Any participant possessing an electronic device (cell phone, smart watch, etc.) in the event area is subject to disqualification and will be asked to leave the contest area.
- Contestants will not be allowed to talk to each other. Any questions should be directed to group leaders. Contestants will be asked to leave the contest area if they are found talking to one another at any time during the contest, and they will receive “0” scores on all remaining classes and reasons.
- Contestants not following directions or displaying disrespectful behavior will be asked to leave and will receive “0” points on the remaining scores.

Event Format

Materials each participant needs to provide:

- Two (or more) sharpened No. 2 pencils
- Basic calculator (No cell phone calculators allowed.)
- Notebook or clipboard with blank paper (No pre-printed materials allowed.)
- Clothing suited to the climatic conditions of the day (coats, gloves, etc. While stocking hats would be allowed, cowboy hats or any type of hat that might block the view of other participants will not be allowed.)
- Water bottle and/or snack if desired

Materials provided by contest coordinators:

- Scantron sheets
- AQHA score sheets for pertinent classes

INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITIES

Identification class (50 points)

Participants will identify breeds, colors and markings of horses, tack and equipment, and/or leg deviations (i.e., toed out, toed in, sickle hocked etc.). Each problem will be worth 2 points each with 25 items total.

Written exam (50 points)

Participants will take a multiple-choice written exam with questions covering a variety of topics related to the equine industry. Contestants will work individually on this exam. Questions will be drawn from the list of references cited in the National FFA Horse Evaluation Handbook (listed below). There will be 25 questions, each worth 2 points. The score earned on the written exam will be included in each individual's score for the contest, and each participant's score on the exam will be included in the team's total score for the event.

Selection classes (300 points)

A total of 6 classes, consisting of halter and performance classes, will be evaluated. There will be three classes of reasons, with at least 1 set coming from halter and at least 1 set coming from performance. Classes will be approximately 12 to 15 minutes in length. All classes will be 50 points.

Halter classes will be evaluated. Halter classes may be represented by the following breeds and types: Quarter Horse, Conformation Hunter, Appaloosa, Arabian, Paint, American Saddlebred, Morgan, or Draft breeds. All halter classes will be evaluated as sound.

Performance classes will be evaluated. Performance classes may include Western Horsemanship, Hunt Seat Equitation, Western Pleasure, Ranch Riding, Ranch Pleasure, Ranch Trail, Western Riding, Reining, English Pleasure (Saddle Seat), Hunter Under Saddle (Hunt Seat), Trail and Hunter Hack. Performance classes will be evaluated as presented (unsoundness to be penalized accordingly). Patterns and scoresheets will be provided to the teams prior to the start of the event for all classes requiring patterns.

**Note regarding performance classes: every effort is being made to offer live performance classes to contestants, but if inclement weather causes the contest to move to Stanley Stout Center (where wood chips will be on the arena floor), performance classes will consist of video classes.*

Oral Reasons (150 points)

Participants will give a total of 3 sets of oral reasons. There will be 1 or 2 performance classes selected from Western Pleasure, Ranch Riding, Ranch Pleasure, Ranch Trail, Western Riding, Western Horsemanship, Hunt Seat Equitation, Reining, English Pleasure (Saddle Seat), Hunter Under Saddle (Hunt Seat), Trail and Hunter Hack as reasons classes. (50 points each)

There will be 1 or 2 halter classes selected from the halter classes listed above as reasons classes (50 points each).

Reasons classes will not be announced until the conclusion of the judging event, so participants should take notes on all possible reasons classes.

Note: 25 points will be deducted on each set of reasons if participants use notes during oral reasons presentations. Points will also be deducted for oral reasons exceeding 2 min. in length.

Scoring

The event is organized into the following parts, classes, and point values.

Individual activity	Points per individual
Identification class	50
Written exam	50
6 evaluation classes	300
3 sets of oral reasons	150
<i>Total points possible (individual)</i>	<i>550</i>
<i>Total points possible (team of 4)</i>	<i>2200</i>

TIEBREAKERS

Ties will be broken in the following order:

Individual:

1. Oral reasons total
2. Performance classes total
3. Halter classes total

Team:

1. Team oral reasons total
2. Team performance classes total
3. Team halter classes total

References

This list of references is not intended to be all-inclusive.

Other sources may be utilized, and teachers are encouraged to make use of the very best instructional materials available. The following list contains references that may prove helpful during event preparation.

- National FFA–CDE Questions and Answers, FFA.org
- AQHA Forms and Resources, <https://www.aqha.com/forms-and-resources>.
- Score sheets
 - Pattern Classes (Horsemanship, Showmanship & Hunt Seat Equitation)
 - Trail
 - Under the section titled “Ranch Riding”
 - All score sheets
 - Under the section titled “Reining”
 - All score sheets
 - Under the section titled “Western Riding”
 - All score sheets
- AQHA Resources
 - Patterns
 - Ranch riding
 - Reining
 - Western riding
- American Quarter Horse Association, Amarillo Texas–Video References
<http://www.aqhastore.com/>
- Heird, James C. and The American Quarter Horse Association, Competitive Horse Judging. First Edition. The American Quarter Horse Association, 1990.
www.aqha.com/en/~media/99CC10097D56497EBDE93F18F672A0CD.ashx
- CEV Videos on horse judging, <http://www.icevmultimedia.com>
- Evans, J. Warren, Rhonda M. Hoffman, Jessica L. Petersen, and L. Dale Van Vleck. The HORSE, third edition. Waveland Press, Inc., 4180 IL Route 83, Suite 101, Long Grove IL 60047. ISBN 1-4786-3947-4
- The American Youth Horse Council, <http://ayhc.com>, then select Resources

- Equine Science Curriculum—a special project from the National Council for Agricultural Education, <https://www.ffa.org/thecouncil/resources>
- Tack Identification: Horses and Tack, Howard Ensminger, <http://teskeys.com>, then select Tack
- Oklahoma State University horse breed website, <http://www.ansi.okstate.edu/breeds/horses/>
- University of Kentucky Agripedia website, <http://www2.ca.uky.edu/agripedia/Agmania/HORSE/INDEX.asp>
- Official Judging Guide from each of the various breed associations and audiovisuals