

# HORSE JUDGING

In horse judging, you will compete on a team as you learn to be the judge of a horse show! You will learn all the body parts of a horse, the ideal characteristics of how a horse moves, and determine how to score horses in competition. And to explain how you decided on your scores. You will learn decision-making and public speaking skills. When you get to the senior level of this activity, you could compete in national competitions

**Entry:** Enter on 4-H Connect **individually** and county teams will be formed of three to four members of the same 4-H age division. Mixed aged teams of Junior and Intermediate ARE permitted if the county does not have enough members to complete a full team. These teams will compete in the Intermediate age division. In addition, youth may compete individually if their county does not fill a team. Senior teams may only be comprised of senior age division youth.

## Location

Thomas G. Hildebrand Equine Complex  
3240 F&B Road  
College Station, Texas 77843

## Tentative Schedule

- 7:30 a.m. Registration/Check-in
- 8:15 a.m. Contestant Orientation
- 8:30 a.m. Contest Begins
- 1:30 p.m. Awards Presentation – location to be announced

## Classes

- 2 to 4 halter
- 4 to 6 performance

## Reasons

Junior  
Intermediate  
Senior

No reasons  
1 halter class  
1 halter class and  
1 performance class

## Patterns

- Will be provided the morning of the contest.

## Equipment

- All equipment is subject to review by the contest superintendent or assistants and subject to disqualification if determined they provide an unfair advantage to the contestant.



DISTRICT 5 4-H  
**MULTI-DISTRICT  
HORSE JUDGING CONTEST**

You be the judge!  
• Horse anatomy  
• Characteristics  
• Scoring in competitions

**April 4, 2020**  
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Register on 4-H Connect \$10  
March 3-18  
[texas.4honline.com](http://texas.4honline.com)

District Rules  
[D54h.tamu.edu](http://D54h.tamu.edu)

Late Registration \$25  
March 20-22

Open to enrolled 4-H  
members 3rd - 12th grades

Contact your local County  
Extension office for more  
information

Educational program of the Texas 4-H Extension Service is open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, or marital status. The Texas 4-H University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

- Each contestant will need to bring the following items to contest:
  - Clipboard
  - #2 pencil(s)
  - A few sheets of blank paper

### **Electronic Devices**

- Contestants will not be allowed to carry electronic devices into the contest while judging, except those devices required for medical reasons (ie blood sugar monitors/apps). This includes cell phones, tablets and other devices capable of transmitting information (ie Apple Watch or other smartphone style watch devices).
- If a contestant is caught with a cell phone or other electronic device, the contestant and their team may be disqualified.

### **Communication**

- The contestants will be divided into groups for the contest and will remain with the assigned group throughout the contest.
- While the contest is in progress, there shall be no communication between contestants or between a contestant and anyone else except by the Superintendent or assistants.
- If a contestant is caught communicating with other contestants, the contestants and their teams may be disqualified.

### **Group Assignment Label**

- Group assignment label must be placed on upper portion of shirt, visible always.
- Do not place label on pants, clipboard, etc.
- If a contestant is found outside of his/her properly assigned group, the contestant and their team may be disqualified.

### **Contest Area**

- Contestants will remain outside of the contest area until judging classes are in place and they are asked to enter the area.
- Coaches, agents, and parents are not allowed into the judging area once the contest begins, unless allowed by the contest Superintendent.
- Following the contest, coaches, agents, and parents may be permitted into the area for officials and allowed time to review the classes with contestants, if time permits.

### **Contest**

- Contestants should face away from the judging class until instructed by the contest coordinator or group leader that they may turn and face the judging class. If a contestant does not cooperate with this rule, the contestant may be disqualified.
- Once time has been called and judging on all classes has been completed, contestants must immediately turn in their scan sheet / judging card to their Group Leader. Any contestant failing to turn in their scantron immediately following the end of the contest, will result in no score.
- In the event of a tie, please refer to specific contest rules for the method of determining the winner.

