

# 2023 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 4HOnline **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.
- Registration opens beginning **February 21, 2023** at <https://texas.4honline.com>
- Fee - \$20 per contestant
- Late Entry Fee - \$40 per contestant

## District Deadlines

- Registration on 4HOnline, entry materials emailed and county approval by **March 21, 2023**
- Late entry – **March 22-24, 2023** (late fees apply)

## Entry Divisions (grade by August 31, 2022)

- Junior            Grades 3, 4, and 5
- Intermediate   Grades 6, 7, and 8
- Senior            Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12



DISTRICT 5 4-H PRESENTS  
**HORSE JUDGING CONTEST**  
**April 10, 2023**  
 Cross Brand Cowboy Church  
 11915 FM 2015  
 Tyler, Texas 75708

**New Location**

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

Register on 4-H Online \$20  
 February 21 - March 21  
[texas.4honline.com](https://texas.4honline.com)

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

Late Registration \$40  
 March 22 - 24

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

Contact your local County Extension office for more information

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service  
 1710 N Hwy 3053 | PO Box 200 | Overton, Texas 75684  
 Tel. 903.834.6191 | Fax 903.834.7140  
[www.texas4-h.tamu.edu](http://www.texas4-h.tamu.edu)

## Special Accommodations

- Any competitor who requires auxiliary aids or special accommodations must contact the District office at least 2 weeks before the competition or note such needs when registering on 4HOnline.

## Location



Cross Brand Cowboy Church  
11915 FM 2015  
Tyler, TX 75708

## Tentative Schedule

- 3:15 – 4:15 pm      Registration/Check-in
- 4:15 pm              Contestant Orientation
- 4:30 pm              Contest Begins
- Following tabulation Awards Presentation – North side of bleachers

## Classes

- 2 to 4 halter
- 4 to 6 performance

## Reasons

<b><u>Junior</u></b>	<b>No reasons</b>
<b><u>Intermediate</u></b>	<b>1 halter class</b>
<b><u>Senior</u></b>	<b>1 halter class and 1 performance class</b>

## Patterns

- Will be provided at check-in the day of the event.

## 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.
- 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 (i.e. blood sugar monitors/apps). This includes cell phones, tablets and other devices capable of transmitting information (i.e. 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 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.

## Awards

- Presentation of awards will be held following tabulation of results.
- 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> places will be presented a rosette and a prize to be determined by committee.
- High point individuals in each age division will be recognized with a prize to be determined by committee.
- Entry via 4HOnline gives permission to the District office to use the participant's name and/or photograph as needed for marketing and promotion purposes.

## Qualifying for State Roundup

- The top three Senior age division teams (grades 9-12) will advance to state.
- The Texas 4-H Roundup contestant paperwork is available online at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/>