State 4-H Horse Program: All the Contests!
State 4-H Horse Program

Audience

• Approximately 450 youth enrolled in the horse project in CT
• Led by registered 4-H Volunteers across the state
• Programs provided by Staff for other equine audiences
State 4-H Horse Program
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Horse Program Volunteers
From all over Connecticut,
are vital to the State 4-H
Horse Program. All
committees and chair people
are made up of registered 4-H
Volunteers.
State 4-H Horse Advisory Committee

- Attendance is open to all Registered 4-H Horse Volunteers and members
- 35 Active Members, who help shape the direction of the 4-H Horse Program
- Program promotion, event scheduling, rules management, fund allocation, and many other aspects of the program are discussed with the volunteers in this group.
4-H Horse Program Goals

1. Develop leadership abilities, build character, and assume citizenship responsibilities.
2. Develop an appreciation of horseback riding as a healthy and wholesome form of recreation.
3. Learn skills in horsemanship and to understand the business of management, breeding, raising and training horses.
4. Increase knowledge of safety precautions needed to prevent injury to yourself, others and their mounts.
5. Promote greater love for animals and a humane attitude toward them.
6. Be better prepared for citizenship responsibilities by working in groups and supporting community horse projects and activities.
7. Teach good sportsmanship in a friendly, competitive atmosphere.
State 4-H Horse Program Opportunities

- *Horsin’ In Stride* Workshop
- State 4-H Horse Communications Contests: Public Speaking, Individual Presentation & Team Presentation Contest
- State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest
- State 4-H Horse Hippology Contest
- State 4-H Horse Judging Contest
- New England 4-H Horse Program at the Eastern States Exposition, Connecticut Delegation Experience
- CT 4-H Horse Program Guidelines and Opportunities Handbook
- Connecticut 4-H Horse Show Series
- Representation at regional and national events
- CT Helmet Safety Program
- Program Specific Research Results for Equine Academic Coaches
Horsin’ In Stride

Workshops for youth
Some by youth
Focuses on material for state contests/increasing knowledge
State 4-H Horse Communications

Contests

Contests
Public Speaking
Individual Presentation
Team Demonstration

Age Divisions
Novice
Junior
Senior
Overall Rules Communications
Contests

• Speech/Presentation/Demonstration must pertain to horse industry
• No visual aids/coaching
• Order determined by random drawing
• Cite major references at end
• Only judges ask questions
• Ties broken by delivery, organization, content & accuracy
• Review points on scorecard listed in rules
Novice Rules Public Speaking

Same as overall rules plus:

- Must be 7, 8 or 9 by Jan 1 of current year
- 2 ½ - 5 minutes long; no penalties if over/under
Junior Rules Public Speaking

Same as overall rules plus:

• Must be at least 10, but not 14, by Jan 1 of current year

• 4-8 minutes long; 3 points deducted from total score for every min or fraction of a min under/over
Senior Rules Public Speaking

Same as overall rules plus:

- Must be at least 14, but not 19, by Jan 1 of current year
- 7-10 minutes long; 3 points deducted from total score for every min or fraction of a min under/over
Rules for all Seniors in Contests

• May not have competed in any postsecondary competitive public speaking contest (university, college, junior college or technical school)

• May not have previously competed in public speaking at Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville or Western National 4-H Horse Classic in Denver

• Winner(s) may be deemed eligible by State Advisory Committee to attend New England Regionals and Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup
Novice Rules Team Presentation

Same as overall rules plus:

- Must be 7, 8 or 9 by Jan 1 of current year
- 5 ½ - 8 minutes long; no penalties if over/under
Junior Rules Team Presentation

Same as overall rules plus:

- Must be at least 10, but not 14, by Jan 1 of current year
- 7-11 minutes long; 3 points deducted from total score for every min or fraction of a min under/over
Senior Rules Team Presentation

Same as overall rules plus:

• Must be at least 14, but not 19, by Jan 1 of current year

• 10-15 minutes long; 3 points deducted from total score for every min or fraction of a min under/over
Individual Presentation: Seniors Only

Same as overall rules plus:

- Must be at least 14, but not 19, by Jan 1 of current year
- 9-12 minutes long; 3 points deducted from total score for every min or fraction of a min under/over
New National Award –
Team Communications Award

Award for state that has the greatest number of points for all of the communications contests combined
Horse Bowl

Teams compete in a “Jeopardy” like contest to test their horse knowledge. Quick recall and a wide range of knowledge are keys to success.
Horse Bowl

- Allow a forum to display knowledge members have gained in a competitive, friendly atmosphere.
- Encourage members and leaders to study and obtain a more thorough knowledge of horses and related subject matter.
- Help 4-Her’s gain confidence in their horse knowledge.
- Reward and recognize participants for their achievements.
Overall Rules Horse Bowl

• 4 participants for senior teams, 1 alternate; 3-4 for juniors; novices compete as individuals
• Contests < 8 teams use 4 rounds of questions
• Contests > 8 teams use 4 rounds of preliminary questions with others held in isolation; top teams in each preliminary compete in finals with 4 new rounds of questions
Overall Rules Horse Bowl

• Sources:
  • Illustrated Dictionary of Equine Terms
  • THE HORSE: (2nd edition), By Evans, Borton, Hintz, Van Vleck
  • HORSE INDUSTRY HANDBOOK - By the American Youth Horse Council
  • FEEDING AND CARE OF THE HORSE (2nd edition), by Lon D. Lewis
Overall Rules Horse Bowl

Sources (cont.):

- Jean T. Griffiths
  EQUINE SCIENCE: BASIC KNOWLEDGE FOR HORSE PEOPLE OF ALL AGES

- THE COLORING ATLAS OF HORSE ANATOMY
  By Robert A. Kainer & Thomas O. McCracken

- AMERICAN YOUTH HORSE COUNCIL
  YOUTH LEADERS MANUAL. By the American Youth Horse Council
Overall Rules Horse Bowl

• At check in, coach fills out official roster with order of go
• Moderator, technician, 2 scorekeepers, judge
• Play: individual questions, toss ups, bonuses, answering before question completed
• No protests are allowed
• Clarification only by contestants, not parents/coaches
Overall Rules Horse Bowl

- Ties broken 1\textsuperscript{st} by greatest # of correct answers, then by greatest # of correct bonus answers, finally by greatest # of answering attempts
- Scoring:
  - Correct answer \(+1\) point
  - Incorrect answer \(-1\) point
  - No answer given no deduction
  - Correct Bonus Answer \(+2\) points
  - Incorrect Bonus Answer no deduction
Horse Bowl

• Awards to Top 10 individuals for Novice, Juniors and Seniors
• Awards to Top 6 teams Junior and Senior
Objectives of the Hippology Contest are to:

• Provide members with an opportunity to blend knowledge and skills acquired in horse judging, horse quiz bowl, demonstrations, and public speaking into one activity.

• Encourage members to continue expanding their horse knowledge and participation.

• Prepare youth for their total involvement in and comprehensive knowledge of the horse industry.

• Teach good sportsmanship through a friendly and competitive environment.
Hippology

Phases

General Knowledge Test     Slide Identification
Horse Judging              Team Problems
Stations

• General Knowledge Test – 50-100 question exam that is multiple choice, short answer, matching or similar

• Slide Identification – Identify slides in a powerpoint (examples follow) – up to 50 questions, 1-3 minutes/slide
Follow all directions. If you have a question, please ask.

Please write your contestant number/letter in the upper right hand corner of your answer sheet.

Juniors questions will appear in the red boxes, senior in the green boxes.

Please do your own work. We do not want to take your answer sheet.

Remember, if your answer is left blank – it will definitely be incorrect!
Senior Questions
1. Identify this breed.
2. What is its country of origin?
3. What is another name for the forehead in this horse?

Junior Questions
1. Identify this breed
2. What is its country of origin?
3. What is another name for the forehead in this horse?
Hippology

Phases

General Knowledge Test  Slide Identification
Horse Judging  Team Problems  Stations

• Stations – Identify 10 items found at each station, 2 min/station, examples follow

• Horse Judging – watch 3 videos on horse judging (combination of performance and halter) and place horses 1-2-3; scored according to video judge’s opinion
Pasture Management

A. Rotational grazing system
A. Poor fencing type for horses
B. Good fencing type for horses
C. Overgrazed pasture
D. Sacrifice Area

A. Legume that tolerates close grazing
A. Grass that tolerates close and frequent grazing
B. Grass that should NOT be feed to pregnant mares
C. Grassed waterway
D. Vegetated Riparian Buffer
A. A best management practice which keeps clean water from mixing with manure
A. An example of a poorly managed manure pile
B. Bin Composting
C. Covered pile
D. Windrow Composting
A. Used for vermicomposting
A. Composting Thermometer
B. Fly predator
A. Pest fly
B. A good way for you to use your compost
Hippology

Phases

General Knowledge Test       Slide Identification
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• Team Problems – complete 1-3 team problems on various topics; judged based on understanding of the problem, completeness of the response, the probability of success of the solution or procedures and the logic used in making the oral response
• Ties will be broken as follows:

• **Written test score team placings** – ties will be broken by highest team average (including lowest score) 2) highest team average with slide score removed, 3) tie breaker questions.
• Ties will be broken as follows:
• **Station team placings** – ties will be broken by 1) highest number of perfect scored stations 2) the next highest score on stations will be used and the highest frequency of that score counted, (i.e. 9 out of 10 occurring 4 times will place higher than 9 out of 10 occurring 3 times) etc. until the tie is broken.
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- Ties will be broken as follows:
- **Judging team placings** – ties will be broken by the 1) highest number of perfect scores (50’s) and if still tied, it will be broken by 2) the highest number of 49’s scored, etc. until the tie is broken.
Hippology

• **Overall team or individual placings** – Ties will be broken by the highest team average (excluding the lowest score) or highest individual score (for individual placings) in the following hierarchy until the tie is broken.
  
  • Exam phase score
  • Station score
  • Judging score

• If still tied the above is repeated including the lowest team member score (for team placings).
Hippology

- Written test score – Top 6 teams Jr/Sr
- Stations – Top 6 teams Jr/Sr
- Judging – Top 6 teams Jr/Sr
- Awards to Top 10 individuals for Novice, Juniors and Seniors
- Awards to Top 6 teams overall Junior and Senior
Hippology Research

General Knowledge Test Tracking for:

• The Six New England Delegations at the ESE

• Each Connecticut Academic Coach for the Junior and Senior Age levels.
Horse Judging

- Exhibit your ability to evaluate desirable conformation (structural correctness, balance and muscling), breed characteristics, and performance ideals in different breeds of horses.
- Use your horse evaluation skills, based on knowledge and fact; make a decision and explain your decision.
- Use proper equine terminology that can be used in a logical, systematic way to defend your placings.
- Display confidence in your ability and use of the English language by giving oral reasons to a judge.
- Demonstrate clear speaking skills, decisively, and convincingly through the use of oral reasons.
Horse Judging

Conformation
Performance
Oral Reasons
Horse Judging

• 15 minutes for non reason classes
• 17 minutes for reason classes
• Novice and juniors – judge 4 classes, usually 2 conformation, 2 performance
• Novice – 1 set of reasons optional, may use notes
• Juniors – 1-2 sets of reasons, may use notes
• Seniors – up to 10 classes, reasons on 4 classes, usually 2 halter, 2 performance, no notes for reasons
• Contest Judge, 1-3 reasons judges
Thanks!