

State Horse Contests

STATE 4-H HORSE JUDGING CONTEST, TEAM DEMONSTRATION, PUBLIC SPEAKING, QUIZ BOWL AND PREMIER EXHIBITOR CONTEST.

A. General Rules

1. Horse Contests Eligibility. The 4-H horse contests will include an open and a junior division. The open division may consist of 4-H member's age 12-19. Only open division contestants, who meet age requirements, are eligible for the Southern Regional Awards trip. The junior division contestants must be 13 or under. They will compete in their division for ribbons only. The Jr. Division is not eligible for the Southern Regional Awards trip. Contestants 13 and under can cross enter in the two divisions in different contest
2. Any bona fide 4-H member is eligible to compete. A club member must have passed his or her 9th birthday, and **MUST NOT** have passed his or her 19th birthday, by January 1 of the club year he or she will compete.
3. Each parish is eligible to send two open and two junior teams to the State 4-H Horse Judging Contest. Public Speaking contestants, Team Demonstration with two members, and Individual Demonstration contestants can compete in either of two divisions. Open division contestants may be 12 - 19 years of age, and junior division contestants must be 13 years of age or younger. Only open division contestants can compete for the Southern Regional Awards Trip. Participants may cross enter junior and open divisions in different contests. Participants may enter one communication contest (Public Speaking, Demonstration) and may enter any or all of the following (Premier Exhibitor, Quiz Bowl and Horse Judging). Four or five members are allowed on a quiz bowl team. The Premier exhibitor will win a trip to Southern Regionals to participate as a member of the quiz bowl team or compete in another contest.
4. State contest winners in the Open 4-H Horse Judging Contest, Public Speaking, Individual and Team Demonstration and Quiz Bowl are not eligible for competition in that contest again.

B. Premier Exhibitor

1. The Premier Exhibitor Program is optional. To participate, an exhibitor must be available for each activity at the specified times.
2. The Premier Exhibitor Contest will be open to exhibitor's grades 9 through 12.
3. All resumes (entry forms) must be in the State Livestock Show Office by the designated date of the participating year to be eligible to compete. A different resume (entry form) must be submitted for each project.
4. Awards will be presented to the top 5 exhibitors in each project.
5. All decisions are final and are not subject to protests.
6. An exhibitor may be named Premier Exhibitor in a project only once.
7. Written exam questions will be taken from 4-H horse books, horse judging manual, AQHA Junior Master Horseman Book (level 1) and the LSU horse web page.
8. The contest will consist of 500 points.
 - a. Resume 100 pts
 - b. Test 100 pts
 - c. Judging 100 pts
 - d. Skill-a-thon 100 pts
 - e. Interview 100 ptsTotal of 500 pts

C. Team Demonstration

1. May be a demonstration or illustrated presentation.
2. A team will consist of two members.
3. Subject must pertain to the horse industry.
4. Twelve minutes will be allowed for each demonstration, with points subtracted for excessive time. One point will be deducted from each judge's score card for each minute over time.
5. Notes will not be used when giving demonstrations.
6. Live animals may be used.
7. Judges may ask questions after demonstrations. Question time will not be counted in the allotted time.

SCORE CARD FOR TEAM DEMONSTRATIONS

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| a. Subject Matter | 30 points |
| b. Team Work | 20 points |
| c. Skill | 20 points |
| d. Results | 15 points |
| e. Practicability for Intended Audience | 15 points |

D. Individual Demonstration

1. May be a demonstration or illustrated presentation.
2. Only one member is allowed.
3. Subject must pertain to the horse industry.
4. Twelve minutes will be allowed for each demonstration, with points subtracted for excessive time. One point will be deducted from each judge's score card for each minute over time.
5. Notes will not be used when giving method demonstrations.
6. Live animals may be used.
7. Judges may ask questions after demonstrations. Question time will not be counted in the allotted time.

SCORE CARD FOR INDIVIDUAL DEMONSTRATION

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| a. Subject Matter | 30 points |
| b. Presentation | 20 points |
| c. Skill | 20 points |
| d. Results | 15 points |
| e. Practicability for Intended Audience | 15 points |

E. Public Speaking

1. Subject must pertain to the horse industry.
2. Ten minutes will be allowed for each speaker, with points subtracted for excessive time. One point will be deducted from each judge's score card for each minute over time.
3. Contestants may use notes. Excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestants at the discretion of the judges. Visual aids are not allowed.
4. Judges may ask questions concerning the material.

SCORECARD FOR 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING

- a. Content 35 points
- b. Organization 35 points
- c. Delivery 30 points