

## Arabian Horse Hippology Contest

### US Nationals, Tulsa, OK

#### GENERAL RULES:

1. Age. This competition is open to youth who have not passed their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. Contestants must be bona fide members of a state 4-H or state FFA team or be a member of a team sponsored by an Arabian Horse Association (AHA) member Organization.
2. Team Entry. Each state is invited to enter ~~two (2)~~ 4-H and ~~two (2)~~ FFA teams, and these teams must be recognized by their ~~respective state's~~ 4-H or FFA office. AHA Member Organizations are invited to sponsor and enter ~~two (2) (BOD 3/25)~~ teams. Teams must consist of at least three (3) members but not more than four (4). If four contestants are designated, all will participate and the lowest scoring individual overall will be automatically designated as the alternate. The alternate's scores will not be included in team scores but alternates will be eligible for individual awards.
3. Teams may be selected by any means appropriate to the state they represent and must be certified as eligible by the State 4-H or FFA Leader, Extension Horse Specialist, or AHA Member Organization President.
4. All contestants must have been enrolled in 4-H, FFA, or a member of an AHA Membership Organization during the current year.
5. Contestants may not have participated in an official, post-secondary Hippology, Horse Bowl, or Horse Judging contest, nor have been in training in preparation for one of these contests. Contestants may also participate in the Horse Judging contest in the same year.
6. A contestant is ineligible to compete who holds a ~~recognized USEF/EC judges card. in any division, or is recognized as a judge by any breed association. All past high overall individuals or members of past high overall teams (BOD 5/23) are not eligible to compete in the contest. (BOD 3/25)~~ Entry Deadline: Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> of current year. Entry must be made on the form provided, signed by your State 4-H or FFA Leader, State Extension Horse Specialist, or AHA Member Organization President, and accompanied by payment (checks make payable to Arabian Horse Association) in the amount listed on the entry form. A last entry fee will be assessed for any entries postmarked after September 22<sup>nd</sup>.
7. All ties, individual and team, will be broken using the following sequence: 1) Written exam score, 2) Station scores, 3) Judging scores.

#### THE CONTEST:

1. Examination Phase – approximately 100 points

This phase of the contest may include the following:

- a. A written exam
- b. A slide exam consisting of projected slides to be identified as to breed, health conditions, conformation faults, color, color patterns, activity, proper appointments, anatomy which may include external, skeletal internal organs, parts of gastrointestinal

tract, male and female reproductive organs, detailed anatomy of the foot and detailed anatomy of the lower limbs.

2. Station Phase – approximately 100 points

This phase may consist of a series of stations or tables where each, all contestants will respond to the requirements of the station. Examples of stations which might be used include:

a. Identification of:

- Various types of saddles (actual or pictured) and parts of saddles
- Tack, bits, bridles, horse shoes, and parts of shoes
- Tools and equipment and assembly of specific parts of various pieces of equipment
- Grains and forgaes used in equine rations including various forms and methods of preparation
- Internal and external parasites based on actual samples, pictures, life cycle chart and/or damage caused
- Blemishes and unsoundnesses
- Ages of equines based on teeth
- Breeds, colors, markings

b. Use of pulse rate, respiration rate, temperature, dehydration, anemia, etc. to assess horse health.

c. Measurements such as, but not limited to, whither height, shoe size, girth, collar size, gullet width, seat length of saddle, etc. may be required.

3. Judging Phase – Approximately 100 points

Contestants will be required to place at least four classes consisting of conformation and/or performance classes. Every effort will be made to use the same horses used in the judging contest, with placings to be simultaneous to the judging contest. In extreme emergency, pictorial, video and/or movie classes may be used, in which case they would be especially prepared for the event.

4. Team Problem – Approximately 100 points

All teams will be presented with the same problems. Each team will have equal time to discuss among themselves the problem, immediately after which they will have to present an oral solution or series of suggested procedures relative to the problem. Each member of each team is encouraged to contribute to the oral presentation. Evaluation will be based on the understanding of the problem, completeness of the logic used in making the oral response. The official may ask questions of any or all of the team members to clarify the presentation.

Examples of possible team problems might include:

- a. Balance a horse's ration
- b. Farm management recommendation for specific (i.e. breeding, training, boarding, nursery, lay-up, etc.) horse operation
- c. Considerations for the establishment of a new horse facility (stables to be used for a specific purpose)

- d. Recommendations for selecting, locating, and purchasing horses for specific uses
- e. Behavior problems-causes, management of and corrections
- f. Training & conditioning problems: equipment, schedules, methods, nutrition, problem avoidance
- g. Breeding and/or leasing contracts – specific clauses for insurance, liability, payments, care, termination, transport, etc.
- h. Teaching lessons in horse management (specific subject to be announced) to a group of 9-11 year old beginner 4-H'ers where, how long, how much information, hands-on experiences, reinforcement, testing, evaluation
- i. Explanation of use or assembly of specific equipment will be considered
- j. Demonstrate skill or ability to use specific equipment

Team problem scores will not be included in determining the rank or individuals in the contest, but will be added to the team scores of the other three phases to determine overall team standing.

**REFERENCE MATERIAL:**

All of the information covered in this contest may be found in one or more of the following publications:

Horse Industry Handbook – by the American Youth Horse Council  
<http://www.ayhc.com/>

Horse Smarts – by the American Youth Horse Council  
<http://www.ayhc.com/>

The Horse (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition) - by Evans, Borton, Hintz, Van Vleck

Illustrated Dictionary Equine Terms – Compiled by New Horizons Equine Education

Horse Anatomy, a Coloring Atlas – by Robert A Kainer and Thomas O McCracken