

2010 State 4-H Horse Judging Contest

Rules and Entry Material:

 **New for 2010 Pre-register on or Before March 29th!** 

General Rules

- 1) Each County may enter up to **16** total 4-H members, selected by any means acceptable by the local Extension Educator. Teams are composed of 3 or 4 members, if 4 are on a team the low scorer is dropped for team awards. Members must meet participation requirements as required by County Extension programs and State 4-H policies of membership and out of county participation. Coaches or County Extension Educators should register members for the contests by Monday, March 29, 2010 (See information at end of this form.)
- 2) Individual and team awards will be given in senior and junior 4-H divisions. Junior 4-H members must be 13 or younger as of January 1 of the contest year. Senior 4-H members are 14 or older by January 1 of the contest year. **MIXED AGED (JUNIOR AND SENIOR MEMBERS) TEAMS OF 3 OR 4 MEMBERS (AT LEAST ONE TEAM MEMBER IS 14 BY JANUARY 1) ARE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN THE SENIOR DIVISION; ALL MEMBERS OF THE TEAM ARE CONSIDERED SENIOR FOR TEAM AND/OR INDIVIDUAL AWARDS.** The top placing teams in the senior division are eligible to represent Oklahoma 4-H in any out of state contests that restrict participation to state qualifying teams, as long as the team members meet any additional qualifications required by the specific contest and are in good standing with the Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development program.
- 3) **A completed State 4-H Team Certification Form (4-H Team Certification Form No. 4) must accompany the participants at check-in on the day of the contest.** This form requires membership & age verification by signature of the County Extension Educator in charge of 4-H programming. Participation will not be allowed for individuals or teams without the completed 4-H judging certification form.

Contest Procedure

- 1) Classes to be judged will include 2 to 4 halter classes, and 4 to 6 performance classes. Any breed of light horse may be used in halter. Performance classes can include Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Western Riding, Reining, Trail, Hunter under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation or Hunter Hack. Use of video classes for reining and western riding is a possibility!
- 2) Senior 4-H will present two to four sets of reasons. All performance classes other than Hunter Hack are possible for senior reasons. Junior 4-H members will present one or two sets of reasons. Possible performance classes for junior reasons are Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Reining, Hunter under Saddle and Hunt Seat Equitation.
- 3) Use of notes in reasons will be penalized a minimum of 10 points.
- 4) Patterns for performance classes will be provided. Contestants are allowed to have rule books, lined paper, scoring grids, cards, etc. Contestants are not allowed to carry terminology lists or sample reasons.
- 5) No hats are to be worn by contestants during the contest.
- 6) Horses will be judged as sound in halter, and "as they go" in performance. Tack and attire of rider/handler will be considered equal and legal.
- 7) While the contest is in progress, there will be no talking or conversation between contestants or any other individuals. All questions should be directed to contest officials. The contest coordinator shall have full authority to disqualify contestants violating this rule.

Date and Location of 2010 State 4-H and FFA Horse Judging Contest: OSU Animal Science Arena, April 3, 2010. Check-in to begin at 8:00 a.m., first judging classes 9:00 a.m. Coaches will be responsible to bring a lunch to participants during the break between judging and reasons. Barring unexpected tabulation or scheduling problems, results and awards should be concluded between 5 and 6 p.m.

In order for us to prepare, coaches/educators need to forward the number of participants by Monday, March 29th, 2010. Register by emailing or phoning Dr. Dave Freeman (david.freeman@okstate.edu) (405-744-6058) on or before March 29th. The number of youth from your county/team in the junior division and senior division is needed at time of registration. We don't need youth names or team members to be identified until the day of competition. We expect that there will be minor differences of number registered and number that actually participate. Regardless, we need to obtain as accurate a count of participants by Monday, March 29th, 2010. The 4-H Team Certification Form that is required of all county teams must be presented at check-in the day of competition (See number 3 on general rules).