2021 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.
- Enter individually on 4HOnline beginning **March 8, 2021** at https://v2.4honline.com
- Fee \$10 per contestant per contest
- Late Entry Fee \$25 per contestant per contest



District Deadlines

- Registration on 4HOnline, entry materials emailed and county approval by April 1, 2021
- Late entry **April 3-10, 2021** (late fees apply)

Entry Divisions (grade by August 31, 2020)

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

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

Thomas G. Hildebrand Equine Complex 3240 F&B Road College Station, Texas 77843

Tentative Schedule

7:30 a.m. Registration/Check-in8:15 a.m. Contestant Orientation

• 8:30 a.m. Contest Begins

• 1:30 p.m. Awards Presentation – location to be announced

Classes

• 2 to 4 halter

• 4 to 6 performance

Reasons

JuniorNo reasonsIntermediate1 halter classSenior1 halter class and1 performance class

Patterns

• Will be provided the morning of the contest.

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
 - o #2 pencil(s)
 - o 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 (ie blood sugar monitors/apps). This includes cell phones, tablets and other devices capable of transmitting information (ie 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 of 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.
- In the event of a tie, please refer to specific contest rules for the method of determining the winner.

Awards

- Presentation of awards for each Judging contest will be held following tabulation of results.
- $1^{st} 3^{rd}$ places will be presented a rosette and a prize to be determined by committee.
- High point individuals in each age division and each contest 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/