

4-H & FFA HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

Monday, October 2, 9:00 a.m.

Ford Truck and Mustang Arenas

Superintendents

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Entry Deadline: September 13, 2017

Entry Fee: \$20 per team or \$5 per individual

Late Entry Deadline: September 20, 2017

Late Entry Fee: Entry Fee plus \$10 per team or \$10 per individual

Coaches Meeting: There will be no coaches meeting. Patterns will be emailed the day prior to the contest.

Contest: Monday, October 2 at 9:00 a.m. in the Ford Truck Arena and Mustang Arena.

SPECIAL RULES

1. **Entries:** Entries must be submitted online by September 13. If your team is not properly entered by the late entry deadline, you will not be eligible to judge the day of the contest. Entries will include the number of teams or individuals the coach expects to bring. Final team selection will be given at enrollment on Monday. Entries will not be accepted unless required fees accompany entry.

2. **Team Eligibility:** Teams will consist of four members made up of individuals enrolled in 4-H or FFA. Each contestant will compete for individual awards and the low score will be discarded in each category (halter, performance, reasons, overall). All contestants are required to wear Western attire (long sleeve shirt and jeans or slacks-blazer or tie is optional) during the contest. No hats, caps or identifying clothing are allowed. Junior and Senior contestants may combine to form a Mixed-Age team, but they must compete in the Senior division and for Senior individual awards.

3. **Senior Division:** 14-18 year olds will compete in the senior division.

4. **Junior Division:** 9-13 will compete in the junior division.

5. **Individuals:** Individuals may judge and are eligible for individual awards.

6. **Tickets:** Passes which will admit the coach and team members onto the show grounds will be mailed to the coaches.

7. **Arrival:** All judging contestants will enter through Gate 7 off of 15th street. Contest and Check In will be held in the Ford Truck Arena.

8. **Contest Procedures:** Timing and conduct of classes will be conducted under the guidelines of the National Horse Judging Team Coaches Association. All horses will be considered sound of mouth, wind and limb in halter and judged as they go in performance. All tack and attire will be considered legal. Each class will consist of four horses. Handlers/riders will be identified with numbered vests. Placing cards will be provided. Contestants must provide their own writing materials (pen or pencil). Contestants may use clipboards, notebooks, plain paper, and blank score sheets. Contestants may not have in their possession horse judging manuals, texts or lists of terms. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification. A group leader will be placed in charge of each group of contestants. Contestants are responsible for turning in their cards to the group leader when time is called. Late cards will not be accepted.

9. **Talking & Communication Devices:** While the contest is in progress, there will be no talking between contestants or anyone else except as directed by contest officials. No pagers, cell phones or other forms of communication will be allowed on any contestant. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification. Coaches will not have contact with their contestants at any time during the judging and reason session. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification.

10. **Scoring:** Fifty points will constitute a perfect score in placing the animals and fifty points will constitute a perfect score for oral reasons. The low score will be discarded in each category (halter, performance, reasons, overall). Placing cards must be completed in full to be tabulated. Cards that are blank, illegible or marked with more than one placing will receive a zero score. All tabulated results of the contest will be considered official and no change will be made unless an error is made in entering a score or placing by contest official. Errors made by contestants will not be corrected once the placing card has been delivered to a contest official, including a group leader.

11. **Classes:** Two to three Performance Halter Classes and five to eight Performance Classes, which may include one or more of each of the following: Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle, Western Riding, Reining, Western Horsemanship, Trail, Hunt Seat Equitation, Ranch Riding, Heading, & Tie Down Roping.

12. **Reasons:** Senior contestants will give four sets of reasons, three performance and one halter, and juniors will give two sets of reasons, one performance and one halter. Contestants are to note every class as if it were going to be a reasons class. Once reasons classes have been decided we will let contestants know.

13. **Lunch:** Lunch will be provided to contestants immediately following the judging portion.

14. **Awards:** Awards will be presented to:

Jr. Team Overall

1st - 5th — Plaque

Jr. Individual Overall

1st — Buckle, 2nd - 5th — Plaque

Jr. Team Halter, Performance & Reasons

1st - 5th — Rosette

Jr. Individual Halter, Performance & Reasons 1st - 5th — Rosette

Sr. Team Overall 1st - 5th — Plaque

Sr. Individual Overall 1st — Buckle, 2nd - 5th — Plaque

Sr. Team Halter, Performance & Reasons 1st - 5th — Rosette

Sr. Individual Halter, Performance & Reasons 1st - 5th — Rosette

15. **Hotel:** If you need a hotel, we have reserved a block of rooms at the Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills Hotel. Please make your hotel reservations with the Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills Hotel, (918) 493-7000 or at www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/tulsa-tulsa-marriott-southern-hills, as they are the host hotel for the contest and offer a special room rate. Ask for the Tulsa State Fair Horse Judging Contest block. Reservations need to be made prior to September 24.