

HORSE EVALUATION

•3 or 4 Member Team•

I. PURPOSE

The Horse CDE is to stimulate the study of and interest in equine science selection, management and production through the agricultural education curriculum. Students must learn the anatomical parts of the horse, as well as the internal and skeletal structure. In addition, students make observations, apply analytical and decision-making skills. The event is directly linked to curriculum for AgSc 332, Animal Science, AgSc 336, Advanced Animal Science, AgSc 334, Equine Science. The event is also linked to AgSc 102, Applied Agricultural Science and Technology, and AgSc 231, Plant and Animal Production.

II. EVENT FORMAT

A. Team Make-up

Three or four individuals per school form a team. All members will be scored and the top three scores will count towards the team total.

B. Event Schedule

1. To expedite conduct of the event, performance classes will be run before halter classes unless extenuating circumstance prevent the provider from doing so.
2. Twelve (12) minutes will be allowed for students to place each halter class.
3. Performance classes will take the time necessary for each class to be judged.

C. Event Format

1. There will be a total of eight classes to be judged in the contest.
2. Each placing class will be worth 50 points for a total of 400 points.
3. There will be at least three halter classes. If the provider feels that a better contest can be provided having five performance classes, they will have the flexibility to do so. The structure of the contest will be four halter and four performance classes or three halter and five performance classes.
4. Classes to be judged will consist of four horses.
5. Halter classes will be chosen from:
 - a) Appaloosa
 - b) American Paint Horse
 - c) American Quarter Horse
 - d) Conformation Hunter
6. Performance classes will be chosen from:
 - a) Hunter Hack
 - b) Hunter Under Saddle
 - c) Trail
 - d) Western Pleasure
 - e) Hunt Seat Equitation
 - f) Reining
 - g) Western Horsemanship
 - h) Western Riding

and; and will be judged according to the standards set forth by the American Quarter Horse Association.

7. All halter classes will be judged sound of limb, eye, wind and mouth.
8. Performance horses will be judged as seen (unsoundness to be judged accordingly). All tack and attire is considered legal.
9. A set of 5 questions, will be asked on each of one halter classes and one performance classes for a total of 10 questions. Use 1-5, 6-10 on scan sheet.
10. Questions will be taken from the state adopted list approved questions for each class. These questions will be posted online and reviewed periodically by a subcommittee of the state CDE advisory committee. Should an obvious 'event' occur during a performance class, event officials may ask a question regarding that specific 'event' that is not listed on the state question list.
11. Questions will be worth 5 points each or a total of 25 points per class for a total of 50 points.
12. Notes taken during the event may be used to answer questions.
13. Minimum of two qualified judges familiar with horse judging events will be selected to put official placing and cuts on the classes. Official placing and reasons will be given following the completion of the event.
14. The provider is encouraged to have as many different types of performance classes as possible. It is also requested that the provider have as many different horses for the performance classes as possible. No individual horse can be used in more than two performance classes.
15. Horses will not be handled by students, but time will be provided for close inspection and to observe the horse at walk by students.
16. Patterns will be furnished.
17. In performance classes, horses which break pattern and are disqualified according to AQHA standards, are scored as a "zero," and placed last. In classes in which more than one horse is disqualified, the cut between the disqualified horses is zero, in accordance to the standards of the National Horse Judging Coaches Association. Failure to abide by this rule will result in disqualification of the student.
18. While the event is in progress, there will be no conferring between students or between students and anyone else except as directed by the event superintendent. Failure to abide by this rule may result in disqualification of the student. All students will remove their hats prior to judging so that they will not obstruct another's view.

III. SCORING

Questions.....	50
Placing Classes.....	400
<u>Total Points</u>	
Individual.....	450
Team.....	1,350

IV. TIEBREAKER

- A. Ties for team awards shall be broken as follows:
 1. The team with the highest score in the placing classes wins; or if still tied,
 2. The team with the highest score in the questions classes; or if still tied,
 3. The team with the high point individual; or if still tied,

4. The advisors shall match for the high award.
- B. Ties for individual awards shall be broken as follows:
 1. Highest score in placing classes; or if still tied,
 2. Highest score in question classes; or if still tied,
 3. Individuals shall match or the high award.

V. REFERENCES

Materials Available from IMS:

Printed Materials

- 4036 Horse Evaluation Handbook, IMS
- 8905 Complete Set AgSc 334 - Equine Science, IMS

Color Slides

Past 5 years' sets of HLSR Horse CDE slides, IMS

VHS Videos

- 9657 Oral Reasons for Horse Judging, CEV
- 9658 Judging Halter Horses, CEV
- 9659 Horse Judging: Western Pleasure, CEV
- 9660 Horse Judging: Hunter Under Saddle, CEV
- 9661 Horse Judging: Western Riding, CEV
- 9662 Horse Judging: Reining, CEV
- 9663 Practice Horse Judging: Halter I, CEV
- 9664 Practice Horse Judging: Western Pleasure I, CEV
- 9665 Practice Horse Judging: Hunter Under Saddle I, CEV
- 9666 Practice Horse Judging: Western Riding I, CEV
- 9667 Practice Horse Judging: Reining I, CEV
- 9797 Practice Horse Judging: Halter - II, CEV
- 9798 Practice Horse Judging: Halter - III, CEV
- 9799 Practice Horse Judging: Western Pleasure - II, CEV
- 9800 Practice Horse Judging: Western Pleasure - III, CEV
- 9801 Practice Horse Judging: Hunter Under Saddle - II, CEV
- 9802 Practice Horse Judging: Hunter Under Saddle - III, CEV
- 9803 Practice Horse Judging: Western Riding - II, CEV
- 9804 Practice Horse Judging: Western Riding - III, CEV
- 9805 Practice Horse Judging: Reining - II, CEV
- 9806 Practice Horse Judging: Reining - III, CEV

AQHA Handbooks