
EASTERN NATIONAL 4-H HORSE ROUNDUP

COMMUNICATIONS CONTESTS

CONTESTANT AND ELIGIBILITY RULES

1. Each state is invited to enter one contestant (or team) per contest.
2. Contestants may be selected by any procedure which a state deems appropriate.
3. As of January 1 of the year in which this event is held, contestants must be at least 14 years of age, but not have reached his or her 19th birthday.
4. All contestants must be members of 4-H in the state they are representing during the year in which this event is held and participation eligibility must be certified by the State 4-H Leader.
5. Speeches and presentations should be original, and constructed and delivered by 4-H'ers. Any form of plagiarism is strictly prohibited. Plagiarism can include, but is not limited to: copying parts of a speech or presentation previously presented by another youth or individual; using text, phrases, photos or diagrams from an article, video, book, movie or other published work without giving credit to the author. Competitor's resource citation should be specific, accurate and honest. If contest officials confirm plagiarism, the contestant will automatically be disqualified, with a notation on the scorecard to reflect such infraction. If another contestant, coach, or parent can provide proof of plagiarism, they must present their findings, prior to the awards ceremony to the communications chair.
6. Contestants may not have participated in an official, post-secondary (university, college, junior college or technical school) Hippology, Horse Bowl, or Horse Judging contest. A post-secondary contest is defined here as an event open to more than one educational institution in which scores are kept and awards are offered.
7. If a State decides to change whether it will attend the Eastern or Western National Contest from its participation the previous year, the Contest Management Committee Chair of both events are to be notified of the decision by April 1 of the current year. All representative teams of that state must attend that same event.
8. Contestants (including alternates) may participate in only one contest per year at the Roundup. After competing in this contest, they are ineligible to compete in the same specific contest again. Contestants must not have competed previously in this contest in the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville or the Western National 4-H Horse Roundup in Denver.
9. Participants in communications contests must submit a title of their speech or presentation along with 1-3 sentences describing their speech or presentation prior to the contest.

TEAM COMMUNICATIONS AWARD

1. For a state to be considered for this award, they must have entries in at least two of the communications contests (public speaking, individual presentation, team presentation).
2. A total score for each state will be calculated by adding the final scores for each contest entry.
3. Ties will be broken first by the combined judges' Delivery scores, second by the combined judges' Presentation Format scores, and third by combined judges' Credit and Content scores.
4. Awards will be presented to the top ten state entries based on the above criteria.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST RULES & RESOURCES

1. The subject must pertain to the equine industry. Speeches, not appropriately related to the equine industry can be disqualified at the discretion of the judges.
2. No visual aids may be used.
3. No coaching from parents or coaches during the speech.
4. Once the individual has started their speech, they may not receive assistance from any coach, parent, audience member, or other person, which includes, but is not limited to, the stroking of any key on a computer or other audio-visual device. The penalty for violating this rule is disqualification.
5. Contestants may use notes. However, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant. This will be at the discretion of the judges.
6. A public address system will not be used during the contest, but a podium will be provided.
7. During the event, the contestants may introduce themselves by name, state and speech topic.
8. Speeches should be 7-10 minutes in length. Three points will be deducted from the total score on each judge's score sheet for every minute (or fraction of a minute) under 7 minutes or over 10 minutes.
9. Contestants should cite their major references after the conclusion of their speech. This time will not be counted in the allotted time.
10. Only the judge(s) may ask questions of the contestant in the contest. Question time
11. will not be counted in the allotted time. Contestants should repeat the question then answer it.

12. Contestants may use video recorders to tape their own presentations. It is the responsibility of the coach/speaker to provide all necessary recording equipment.
13. No videotaping or photographing of presentations is allowed during the contest, except by respective coaches or their designees.
14. Contestant order will be determined by a random drawing and will be announced at the Coaches meeting.
15. Three judges will be used and judges will score each entry independently and assign scores. After all presentations are presented and scores are tabulated, judges may confer and discuss evaluations. Each judge assigns his or her final scores and then cumulative final scores are tabulated to determine the final placings. Contest superintendents may review and check tabulation of scores for mathematical accuracy.
16. Ties will be broken first by the judges' accumulated Delivery score, second by the judges' accumulated Presentation Format score and third on Credit and Content score.
17. Improper attire will be a violation and appropriate points deducted on the scorecard. Improper attire will be determined at the discretion of the judges. Business attire or dress appropriate to the speech is acceptable.
18. See the scorecard for the Public Speaking contest below.

INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATION CONTEST RULES & RESOURCES

1. The subject must pertain to the horse industry. Presentations not appropriately related to the horse industry can be disqualified at the discretion of the judges.
2. The presentation may be a demonstration or illustrated talk. All references to the term "presentation" in these rules include either demonstration or illustrated talk. A demonstration is defined as a presentation of a step by step procedure with an end product or result. An illustrated talk is defined as a presentation of an idea or topic that uses visual aids to convey the message.

Both presentation forms are acceptable and will be evaluated equally, although the delivery methods are different as defined above. Both should utilize visual aids to help convey the major points of the presentation and more than one type of visual aid is preferable. Visual aids may include but are not limited to: handouts, posters, props, videos, slides, and computer generated media (PowerPoint, websites, etc.). No live animals may be used.

3. Contestants may use notes. However excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant. This will be at the discretion of the judge(s).
4. A public address system will NOT be used during the contest.
5. Participants must supply their own props. Two tables and chairs will be provided for the presenter's use. Contestants must provide all of their own equipment.
6. Creative audio-visual aids may be used but the contestant must be involved in making or designing them.
7. During the contest, the contestants may introduce themselves by name, state and presentation topic.
8. Presentations should be 9-12 minutes in length. Three points will be deducted from the total score on each judge's score sheet for every minute (or fraction of a minute) under 9 minutes or over 12 minutes.
9. Contestants should cite their major references after the conclusion of their presentation. This will not be counted in the allotted time.
10. No coaching from parents or coaches during the presentation.
11. Once an individual has started their presentation, they may not receive assistance from any coach, parent, audience member, or other person, which includes, but is not limited to, the stroking of any key on a computer or other audio-visual device. The penalty for violating this rule is disqualification.
12. Contestants may use video recorders to tape their own presentations. It is the responsibility of the team coach/team to provide all necessary recording equipment.

13. No videotaping or photographing of presentations is allowed during the contest, except by respective team coaches or their designees.
14. Contestant order will be determined by a random drawing and will be announced at the coaches' meeting.
15. Only the judge(s) may ask questions of the contestant in the contest. Question time will not be counted in the allotted time. Contestants should repeat the question then answer it.
16. Improper attire will be a violation and appropriate points deducted on the scorecard. Improper attire will be determined at the discretion of the judges. Business attire or dress appropriate to the speech is acceptable.
17. Three judges will be used and judges will score each entry independently and assign scores. After all presentations are presented and scores are tabulated, judges may confer and discuss evaluations. Each judge assigns his or her final scores and then cumulative final scores are tabulated to determine the final placings. Contest superintendents may review and check tabulation of scores for mathematical accuracy.
18. Ties will be broken first by the judges' accumulated Delivery score, second by the judges' accumulated Presentation Format score and third on Credit and Content score.
19. The judges will consider the questions listed under each section.
20. See the scorecard for Presentations below.

TEAM PRESENTATION CONTEST RULES & RESOURCES

1. The subject must pertain to the horse industry. Presentations not appropriately related to the horse industry can be disqualified at the discretion of the judges.
2. The presentation may be a demonstration or illustrated talk. All references to the term "presentation" in these rules include either demonstration or illustrated talk. A demonstration is defined as a presentation of a step-by-step procedure with an end product or result. An illustrated talk is defined as a presentation of an idea or topic that uses visual aids to convey the message.

Both presentation forms are acceptable and will be evaluated equally, although the delivery methods are different as defined above. Both should utilize visual aids to help convey the major points of the presentation and more than one type of visual aid is preferable. Visual aids may include but are not limited to: handouts, posters, props, videos, slides, and computer generated media (PowerPoint, websites, etc.). No live animals may be used.

3. This is a Team Presentation where both participants should have an equal role in the presentation.
4. Contestants may use notes. However, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestants. This will be at the discretion of the judge(s).
5. A public address system will NOT be used during the contest.
6. Participants must supply their own props. Two tables and chairs will be provided for the presenter's use. Contestants must provide all of their own equipment. Any other equipment needs must be made through special arrangements with contest officials at least two weeks prior to the contest date.
7. Creative audio-visual aids may be used, but the contestant must be involved in making or designing them.
8. During the contest, the contestants may introduce themselves by name, state, and presentation topic.
9. Presentations should be 10-15 minutes in length. Three points will be deducted from the total score on each judge's score sheet for every minute (or fraction of a minute) under 10 minutes or over 15 minutes.
10. Contestants should cite their major references after the conclusion of their presentation. This will not be counted in the allotted time.

11. No coaching from parents or coaches during the presentation.
Once the team has started their presentation, they may not receive assistance from any coach, parent, audience member, or other person, which includes, but is not limited to, the stroking of any key on a computer or other audio-visual device. The penalty for violating this rule is disqualification.
12. Contestants may use video recorders to tape their own presentations. It is the responsibility of the team coach/team to provide all necessary recording equipment.
13. No videotaping or photographing of presentations is allowed during the contest, except by respective team coaches or their designees.
14. Contestant order will be determined by a random drawing and will be announced at the coaches' meeting.
15. Improper attire will be a violation and appropriate points deducted on the scorecard. Improper attire will be determined at the discretion of the judges. Business attire or dress appropriate to the speech is acceptable.
16. Only the judge(s) may ask questions of the contestant in the contest. Each team shall be asked the same minimum number of questions. Question time will not be counted in the allotted time. Contestants should repeat the question then answer it.
17. Three judges will be used and judges will score each entry independently and assign scores. After all presentations are presented and scores are tabulated, judges may confer and discuss evaluations. Each judge assigns his or her final scores and then cumulative final scores are tabulated to determine the final placings. Contest superintendents may review and check tabulation of scores for mathematical accuracy.
18. Ties will be broken first by the judges' accumulated Delivery score, second by the judges' accumulated Presentation Format score and third on Credit and Content score.
19. See the scorecard for Presentations below.