

# Tennessee State 4-H Hippology Contest

## 1. Eligibility

The top four (4) teams in each age division from each regional contest may participate in the state contest. Previous Tennessee state-winning 4-H Hippology Senior Division teams will not be eligible to compete in future Hippology contests (regional or state).

## 2. General Rules

2.1. Teams will consist of 3 or 4 members. The top 3 individual scores will be used to compute the team score. All four team members will be eligible for individual awards.

2.2. There will be three age divisions: Junior (4th and 5th grades), Junior High (6th through 8th grades), and Senior (9th through 12th grades).

2.3. The Junior and Junior High division contests will consist of three separate parts, while the Senior division contest will consist of five separate parts.

2.4. There is NO travel money available for the Champion Senior division team to compete at national-level contests. The Senior division Champion team is eligible to compete at national-level contests at its own expense.

2.5. Spectators, parents, and visitors may not protest any question, answer, or procedure during the course of the competition. They may, however, submit in writing to the contest officials any suggestions, complaints, or protests at the conclusion of the event. Unseemly behavior, unsportsmanlike conduct, or any actions which are generally accepted as detrimental to the contest by any person association with any team (i.e. volunteer leader, agent, parent, team member, visitor, etc.) will disqualify that entire team from the contest.

2.6. All decisions of the judge(s), scorekeepers, timer, and/or moderator are final.

2.7. References:

### A. Junior Division

1. Horse Industry Handbook: A Guide to Equine Care and Management (AYHC)
2. 1999 AND 2003 Horse Industry Handbook Updates (AYHC)
3. Equine Science: Basic Knowledge for Horse People of All Ages (Griffiths)

### B. Junior High Division

1. All Junior Division sources
2. The Horse: 2nd Edition (Evans et. al)

### C. Senior Division

1. All Junior and Junior High Division sources
2. Feeding and Care of the Horse: 2nd Edition (Lewis)
3. Nutrient Requirements of Horses (2007; NRC)

### 3. Contest Procedures

#### 3.1. Part I: Written Test

- A) Junior High/Senior divisions: 50 questions worth 2 points each (100 points total)
- B) Junior division: 35 questions worth 2 points each (70 points total)

#### 3.2. Part II: Identification

- A) Junior High/Senior divisions: 50 questions worth 2 points each (100 points total)
- B) Junior division: 25 questions worth 2 points each (50 points total)
- C) Will consist of multiple-choice PowerPoint Slide questions covering any of these subjects:

- 1) Feeds
- 2) Breeds and colors
- 3) Health
- 4) Tack and equipment
- 5) Anatomy and physiology

D) Identification could include (but is not limited to):

- 1) Parts of the horse's anatomy
- 2) External parts (points) of the horse
- 3) Different breeds of horses
- 4) Different colors/patterns of horses
- 5) Different uses of the various breeds
- 6) Parts of a saddle (English or Western)
- 7) Tack identification and/or use
- 8) Grains/hays for horses (I.D. and/or nutritional content)
- 9) Protein sources for rations (I.D. and/or nutritional content)
- 10) Various dewormers/vaccines and their uses
- 11) Veterinary tools and equipment
- 12) Farrier tools and equipment/horse shoes

E) This is a section to test both knowledge and "horse sense" of the 4-H member.

#### 3.3. Part III: Horse judging

- A) Two classes of horses worth 50 points per class (100 points total)
- B) Classes may come from videos, photographs, models, or live horses.
- C) Halter and/or performance classes may be judged.

3.4. Part IV: Team stations (Senior division only)

- A) Two (2) stations worth 10 points each (20 points total)
- B) Material for team stations will be similar to that tested in Part II (Identification) – See 3.2.
- C) Teams will rotate from station to station.

3.5. Part V: Team problem (Senior division only)

- A) One question/problem worth 20 points
- B) Problems will cover practical horse management or training situations.
- C) Teams will be given 10 minutes to discuss the question and prepare an answer.
- D) Each team will present an answer orally to the judge in 3-5 minutes. The judge may question the team members for clarification. Each team will be asked at least one question.