

ILLINOIS 4-H HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

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The Illinois 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held at the **Black Hawk College – East Campus Horse Arena, on Saturday, A Um' , 201(. Start times are yet to be set.**

(Physical address is 26230 Black Hawk Road, Galva, Illinois 61434)

Note: 4-H members who have previously competed in the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup Judging Contest are ineligible to compete in the State 4-H Horse Judging Contest.

The Illinois 4-H Judging Contest will determine the Illinois 4-H State Horse Judging Team semi-finalists.

Use separate entry cards to enter participants in Group I (Reasons) and Group II (Non-reasons).

Participation: A county may enter any number of 4-H participants. Contestants will compete in two groups:

Group I - (Reasons) 4-H members wishing to try out for the State 4-H Judging Team.

- All Group I contestants must have passed their 14th and not their 19th birthday before January 1 of the current year.
- Only 4-H members eligible to be a member of the State 4-H Judging Team may compete in Group I.
- Each Group I contestant will give two sets of oral reasons after all classes have been judged. One set will be done on a pre-designated halter class, and one set will be on a pre-designated pleasure class.

Group II- (Non-Reasons) Contestants not wishing to try out for the State Team.

- Group II contestants may be any age within 4-H age requirements.
- Group II contestants are not required to give oral reasons.

Classes: All contestants will judge six (6) classes of which at least two (2) will be halter classes.

Halter classes may be selected from Appaloosas, Arabians, Morgans, Paints, Quarter horses, Saddlebreds, Standardbreds, Thoroughbred Hunters, Tennessee Walking Horses, Missouri Fox Trotters, Draft Breeds and Mules.

Performance classes may be selected from Western Pleasure, Saddle Seat or Hunt Seat Pleasure, Hunt Seat Equitation, Western Horsemanship, and Tennessee Walking Horse Plantation Pleasure will be judged.

Note: Group I contestants will give a minimum of two sets of oral reasons.

Sixteen (16) minutes will be allowed for each class and eighteen (18) minutes will be allowed for reasons classes. Two (2) minutes will be allowed to give each set of orals reasons to the judges.

The top ten Group I contestants from the State Contest will be invited to a private workout with the state 4-H Horse judging team coach to determine the five-member traveling team.

General Rules:

1. All contestants must be 4-H members and a record of their enrollment must be on file in the respective Extension office. **Counties may find it more appropriate to select older youth for this statewide event.**
2. Contestants need not be enrolled in a project pertaining to the field in which they participate; however, state judging events should be used to support the county/club 4-H livestock curriculum.
3. Registration is to be made on the day of the contest at the site of the contest. Fill out completely a registration card for each team in each contest. Turn in the card at the contest. A member may enter only one judging contest division in any given year.
4. Members of past State 4-H horse judging teams who have represented Illinois at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup Judging Contest (and in some instances the All-American Quarter Horse Congress Youth Horse Judging Contest) are ineligible to compete in the State 4-H Horse Judging Contest.
5. Members of teams having participated at national breed organization judging contests are eligible for the State 4-H Horse judging team as long as they have not competed at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup and in some instances the All-American Quarter Horse Congress Youth Horse Judging Contest.
6. Individuals who have completed a year of college are not eligible to judge at the American Royal contest. If you have a contestant that has completed a year of college, please enter that person as an individual in addition to your senior team.
7. Contestants and coaches will not be allowed near the classes to be judged before the 12:00 noon starting time.
8. Each contestant must have a pencil and eraser.
9. Errors in calculation of results, which are reported, will be corrected up to July 8th.

Results and Awards

The summary results in the contests will be emailed within five (5) working days of the contest to the County 4-H Contact. Detailed results and ribbons will be mailed within 2 weeks of the contest.

Contestants will be ranked in three groups with blue, red and white ribbons awarded. Ribbons will not be awarded to county teams.