

Eighth Annual All-Youth Horse Judging Trials



Horsemens'
Council of Illinois

Saturday, March 8, 2014
State Fairgrounds
Springfield, Illinois



UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
EXTENSION

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This contest is open to all members of **4-H, FFA, U.S. Pony Club or breed organizations.**

Senior Division - Contestants 14-18 years of age on Jan. 1 of current year.

Junior Division - Contestants 8-13 years of age on Jan. 1 of current year.

Rules and Regulations

Contestants and Eligibility:

- Contestants must be bona fide 4-H Club, FFA, U.S. Pony Club or breed association members.
- Junior contestants must be at least 8 years of age, but not yet have achieved their 14th birthday on **January 1 of the current year.**
- Senior contestants must be at least 14 years of age, but not yet have achieved their 19th birthday on **January 1 of the current year** or until FFA eligibility has expired after high school graduation.
- Contestants may not have participated in any official post-secondary (college-level) horse judging contest.

Entry Deadline: February 1, 2014 to Illinois Horse Fair (see address on entry form). Entry must be made on the attached form accompanied by a check payable to Illinois Horse Fair. Contest entry fee also gives the contestants access to all vendors, exhibits, demonstrations, etc. at the Illinois Horse Fair for that day (night time entertainment not included). No refunds will be given. \$25 returned check fee applies.

Method of Conduct:

- Teams: A team may have three or four members; when four are entered, the three high scores will make up the team totals. Fewer than 3 members shall compete as individuals.
- **All contestants will report to the contest at 7:45 a.m. March 8** where they will receive full instructions regarding the contest. Each will be assigned a number and group, and given placing cards. The contest will begin at approx. 8:30 a.m. **ALL** contestants will remain with the assigned group throughout the contest.
- While the contest is in progress, there shall be no conferring among contestants or between contestants and anyone else except as directed by the contest superintendents or group leaders (i.e. no talking during contest.) Judging cards will be pulled from any contestants that are observed talking during the contest.
- Fifteen minutes will be allowed to evaluate halter classes, and sufficient time to evaluate all required gaits in performance classes.
- **Fifteen to twenty questions regarding the conformation and performance of horses will be asked following the placing of all classes. Both Jr & Sr contestants must answer these questions.**
- Six to eight total classes may be judged. The following breeds may be represented in the conformation classes: Quarter Horse, Appaloosa, Paint, Palomino, Arabian, Morgan, Saddlebred, Tennessee Walker, Missouri Fox Trotter, Thoroughbred, Standardbred, mules, and miniatures along with any Draft, Warmblood or Pony breeds. The performance classes may include, but are not limited to: Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle, Western Riding, Reining, Hunter Hack, English Pleasure, Saddleseat, Hunter Seat or Stock Seat Equitation, and Pleasure Driving. All conformation classes will be judged as sound of limb, eye, wind and mouth. Performance horses will be judged as seen (unsoundness to be penalized accordingly). All tack and attire is considered legal.
- The animals will be designated by numbers 1-2-3-4.
- Horses will not be handled by the contestants, but time will be provided for close inspection and to observe the horse at a walk and trot by contestants in conformation classes.

Contest Superintendent:

- Shall have the duty of seeing that all rules and regulations of the contest are carried out.
- Will take no part in rating the contestants.
- Shall have charge of all records and shall have all ratings tabulated and totaled.

Determinations of Ratings:

- 50 points shall constitute a perfect mark on placing each class.
- Each question answered correctly will be worth 5 points
- The top three individual scores within a team will apply toward the team's total score. If there are four team members the lowest score will be dropped. Three person teams will not have a drop score. Incomplete teams (2 members) will be in competition for individual awards only
- Individuals can register and will be eligible for the top 10 individual awards.
- If contestants or teams are tied, the following rules apply:
 - 1st tie breaker – the contestant or team having the highest question score will be listed first.
 - 2nd tie breaker - the contestant or team having the highest score in placing performance classes shall be listed first.
 - If still tied, the contestants or teams with tie scores will receive duplicate awards.

Awards: Members of the top 5 teams and top 10 individuals from each division will be recognized.

Photos: *Notice to all attendees and participants:* There will be professional photographers taking pictures and video during the Illinois Horse Fair. With your entrance to the fairgrounds, you are giving permission for the Illinois Horse Fair and its organizers to use any photos of you which might appear in future promotional materials or advertising used in conjunction with the Illinois Horse Fair.

Judges:

- Classes will be placed in accordance with rules of the respective breed associations where applicable.
- The official judges will place each class independently place the classes and then come to a work with each class of horses. The judges shall place the classes while the contestants are working in the arena.

Location: Livestock Center Arena State Fairgrounds, Springfield, Illinois

<http://www.agr.state.il.us/isf/maps/isfmap2005big.jpg>

Schedule: Check-in and instructions – Livestock Center Arena – 7:45 a.m., Saturday, March 8, 2014

Contest begins – approximately 8:30 a.m.

Awards presentation estimated time: 5:00-6:00 p.m. Livestock Center Arena, March 8, 2014

Travel Information:

- Hotels with special reduced rates for Horse Fair: <http://www.horsemencouncil.org/HorseFair/>
- Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, 109 N. 7th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, Ph: 1-800-545-7300
- Physical address of the fairgrounds: 801 E. Sangamon Ave, Springfield, IL 62702



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Send To:

Entries due: February 1, 2014

Illinois Horse Fair
C/O Karen Freese
210 E. 150N Rd
Hammond, IL 61929

Entry Fees: \$15.00 per contestant
(see below for cost of additional categories)
*Paid entry fee gives contestants Saturday access to
all vendors, exhibits, demos, etc. at Illinois Horse Fair
(no refunds will be given, \$25 returned check fee applies)*

Team Name: _____

___ Junior Division (8-13 years old as of Jan 1, 2014)

___ Senior Division (14-18 years old as of Jan 1, 2014)

***A team may have three or four members; when four are entered, the three high scores will make up the team totals.
Fewer than three on a team will result in them being eligible for individual awards, but most likely not team awards.

Members	Address	Age	Birthday
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

Coach's Name: _____ Email address: _____
(Entry confirmation & additional info sent by email only)

Address: _____

City _____ State ____ Zip Code _____ Phone Number _____

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Please Complete:

Number of Entries/Passes Requested:

Judging Contest Entry plus Saturday Only Pass: # _____ @ \$15 each = _____

Judging Contest Entry plus Weekend Pass: # _____ @ \$30 each = _____

Coaches Saturday Only Pass # _____ @ \$10 each = _____

Coaches Weekend Pass: # _____ @ \$25 each = _____

Total payment submitted (checks payable to Illinois Horse Fair): _____