

11. HORSE EVALUATION AND SELECTION

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- A. **PURPOSE** – Members evaluate and rank horses' conformation and performance. Members present oral reasons on two placement categories. Teams complete a practical/identification activity as well as troubleshoot a team scenario and present their solution.
- B. **OBJECTIVES**
- 1) Contest - To be run in conjunction with the State 4-H Horse Program. Will include but not limited to the placing of six to eight classes. Classes may include halter and performance classes of horses selected by 4-H contest officials. Oral reasons will be required on two classes (typically one halter and one performance) and a series of questions will be asked on one class. There will be a two-minute time limit on the set of reasons.
 - 2) Possible halter classes: draft horse, pony, breeds, hunter, quarter horse, Arabian, miniature horses, Morgan or color breeds.
 - 3) Possible performance classes: western pleasure, hunter under saddle, equitation working pleasure hunter, saddle seat pleasure, western riding or western reining and driving.
 - 4) National Contest Information - See Superintendents or Coordinator
- C. **ELIGIBILITY**
- 1) A team consists of four FFA members with all of the scores counting towards the team score. The team must represent a local school.
 - 2) The contest is open to individuals who are not members of a complete team.
 - 3) Junior Competition is available in this area. Junior competitors will complete one set of oral reasons. The junior team will complete the practice/identification activity. They **DO NOT** have to do the team scenario and presentation.
 - Junior Level- 6-8
 - Senior Level- 6-12
- D. **EVENT RULES**
- 1) Official Placing - Individual and team awards will be given out in the afternoon following the contest. Time to be announced. The official placing and scores will be posted after the awards have taken place. All questions should be directed to the contest coordinator.
 - 2) All results are final.
 - 3) Contestants must bring a pen, blank paper, and clipboard.
- E. **ATTIRE** – **FFA jacket or state or chapter FFA t-shirt, long pants and appropriate footwear (no open toe shoes)**
- F. **LOCATION**
- 1) FFA Building Sunday, August 27
 - 2) Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.
 - 3) Judging starting promptly at 10:00 a.m.; you must be present with your team by 9:45.
 - 4) There will be no acceptance of any participants after judging of the first class has begun.