



## Horse Judging Contest Memo

**Covid-19 Disclaimer: This is the date and time we are planning to hold this contest. However, due to the ever-changing Covid-19 conditions, we reserve the right to make changes in the date/time if necessary. Thank you in advance for your understanding and patience as we navigate these circumstances**

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| Date:             | Saturday, November 20, 2021   |
| Location:         | TAMU Commerce (Mary Bonham Equine Pavilion)   |
| Contest Check In: | 1:00 pm   |
| Orientation:      | 1:15 pm   |
| Contest Begins    | 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm   |
| Reasons:          | <b>Seniors will give 1 set of Halter and 1 set of performance. Intermediates will give 1 set of Halter. Juniors will have no reasons.</b> |
| Awards:           | TBD   |

**Registration.** Each participating member is required to register on 4-HOnline and pay the district \$12.00 contest registration fee. Registration will begin on October 20, 2021 and close at midnight November 3, 2021. No late entries will be accepted. No refunds will be issued.

If the county has multiple team entries, please denote team names on 4-H Connect using this naming structure:

<County> Jr/Int/Sr Team #1  
<County> Jr/Int/Sr Team #2  
<County> Jr/Int/Sr Team #3 Example: Bowie Int Team #2  
No unique team names.

**Participation.** Contestants must be active 4-H members enrolled in a Texas 4-H and Youth Development county program in District IV. Contestants must also be academically eligible (according to UIL rules) to compete on the day of the contest. A contestant may compete as an individual or as a member on a team.



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**USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES** No cell phones, smart watches, or other electronic devices are allowed during the contest. Individuals found in violation will be disqualified.

**Age.** Age divisions are determined by a participant's grade as of September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current 4-H year. Age divisions for this contest are:

- Junior (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> grades)
- Intermediate (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grades)
- Senior (9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 12<sup>th</sup> grades)

**Entries per County.** Each county may enter unlimited teams/individuals per division listed above.

**Members per Team.** Teams consist of 3 or 4 members of the same division. Junior members will be allowed to move up to the intermediate division in order to complete a team. Juniors and intermediates are **not** allowed to move up to the senior division. Only the top 3 total individual scores will count toward team awards.

**Awards.** 1st through 5th place individual and team awards in each age category. The top 3 placed senior teams and/or individuals will qualify for the State Contest.

**Judging Classes.** The horse contest will consist of six (6) to eight classes (8) with four horses in each class. There will be two (2) to four (4) halter classes and four (4) to six (6) performance classes. Judging class cards will be used for the contest.

**Judging Cards.** Each contestant will use a single scannable score sheet to record his/her placings for each class. Scantrons will be provided. Contestants should familiarize themselves with this sheet prior to competing. Example of scan sheet: <https://judgingcard.com/scansheets/samples/705A-12.pdf>

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**Oral Reasons.** Senior contestants will give 1 set of oral reasons on a halter class and 1 set on a performance class. Intermediates will give 1 set on a halter class. Junior contestants will not give oral reasons. Contestants will be notified at the time of placing whether or not reasons will be required on the class being judged at that time.



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**Resources.** Below is one of many you can use.

<https://equinehusbandry.ces.ncsu.edu/equinehusbandry-educational-materials/horse-judging-resource-material/>

<http://www.livestockjudging.com/> (under videos there is several videos of classes that are free to use for practice)

### **COVID-19 NOTICE**

This program will follow any directives by the local/county health officials, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service policies, and State requirements in effect at the time of the event as it relates to COVID-19. Participation in this event **REQUIRES** any attendee to follow those procedures to attend the event. This may include wearing face coverings, social distancing, any other preventative measures mandated or required by this program.