

2nd ANNUAL ARIZONA NATIONAL YOUTH HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

CHAIR: Meg Anema
Friday, January 6, 2012
Entry Deadline – December 20 (see rules 12 & 13)

SCHEDULE

12:30 pm..... Contest Registration/Packets to teams – Wendell Show Office
12:45 pm..... Instructions/Division of groups – Wendell Arena
1:00 pm.....Contest Begins – Wendell Arena
5:30 pm..... Critique – Wendell Arena
6:00 pm..... Contest Results and Awards – Wendell Arena

CONTEST FORMAT

1. A total of four classes will be judged, and will include two halter classes and two performance classes. Seventeen minutes will be allowed to place horses in each class. If suitable horses are available, the halter classes will consist of mare or gelding classes. The performance classes will be selected from Western Pleasure, Reining, Western Riding, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunter Hack, Western Horsemanship, Hunt Seat Equitation, or Pleasure Driving.
2. Two sets of reasons will be given, one set of halter reasons and one set of performance reasons. Classes to be used as reasons classes will be announced following completion of halter and performance classes. Scores will be given on placings and oral reasons.
3. Each class will consist of four horses. Handlers/riders will be identified with numbered vests.
4. All halter horses will be considered sound of mouth, wind, and limb; all performance horses will be judged as they go. All tack and attire will be considered legal.
5. Contestants will compete as individuals, and earn individual scores towards an overall award.
6. A High Point Buckle will be awarded to the High Point Individual in each of the following divisions, 4-H Junior, 4-H Senior, FFA, AQHYA and Open Youth. Rosettes will be awarded to the top five individuals.

7. Ties will be broken as follows:

- a. If tied for overall score, the contestant having the highest overall reasons score shall be listed first.
- b. If still tied, the contestant having the highest score in placing reasons classes shall be listed first.
- c. If still tied, the contestant with the highest overall placing score in all classes shall be listed first.
- d. If still tied, the contestant with the highest single reasons score shall be listed first.
- e. If contestants are still tied, the youngest contestant shall be listed first.

JUDGING ELIGIBILITY

8. The contest is open to all 4-H, FFA, AQHYA, and other youth breed group members in good standing.
9. Contestants will compete in one of the following Divisions: Junior 4-H, or Senior 4-H, FFA or AQHYA, or Other Youth Division (all other youth horse organizations)
10. The Junior 4-H Division will consist of contestants less than fourteen (14) years old on January 1st (the January 1st preceding the contest). The Senior 4-H Division will consist of contestants fourteen (14) years old or older on January 1st (the January 1st preceding the contest).
11. Contestants are eligible to compete if they
 - a. have never competed on a collegiate judging team.

- b. are not entered in or have completed a college or university level horse judging course.
- c. have not competed at their respective national level contest (National 4H Horse Classic for 4-H teams; National FFA Horse Evaluation CDE for FFA teams).

CONTEST RULES

ENTRIES CLOSE DECEMBER 20

- 12. Entry forms are available online. Entry forms must be signed by the appropriate Official; Ag Education instructor/advisor for FFA members, club leader for 4-H members, or club leader for youth breed organization members. The signature will verify the Official has read the Contest Rules and verified the eligibility of each contestant.
- 13. **Fees:** A \$5.00 fee will be required for individuals entering prior to December 20. A fee of \$10.00 will be required for individuals that enter (postmark) after December 20.
- 14. All contestants are required to wear either Western attire (long sleeve shirt and jeans/slacks; blazer or tie is optional), or official FFA field dress during the contest. No hats or caps are allowed.
- 15. Only contestants and Contest officials are permitted in the Horse Judging Contest area for the duration of the contest.
- 16. While the judging and reasons portions of the contest are in progress, there will be no communication between contestants, between contestants or coaches, or between a contestant and anyone else except as directed by the chairman or his representatives. Failure to abide by this regulation may result in disqualification of the contestant.
- 17. Cell phones, pagers and other communication devices are not allowed. Failure to abide by this regulation may result in disqualification of the contestant.
- 18. Placing cards will be provided. Contestants must provide their own writing materials. Clipboards, notebooks, notepads and papers must be clean and free from marks. Contestants may not have in their possession horse judging manuals, texts, or lists of terms. If pattern classes are judged, contestants will be provided copies of the pattern(s). Violation of this rule may result in disqualification of the contestant.
- 19. A group leader will be placed in charge of each group of contestants. Contestants are responsible for turning in their cards to the group leader when time is called. Late cards will not be accepted.
- 20. Placing cards must be completed in full for a score to be tabulated. Cards that are blank, illegible, or marked with more than one placing will receive a zero score.
- 21. Contestants will have two minutes to give their reasons to the official. Reasons that exceed the two minute limit will be penalized. Contestants will not be offered their placing cards upon entering the reasons room. Contestants will not be permitted to use their notes while giving reasons.
- 22. Rule violations will cause disqualification, forfeiture of all awards, and the possibility of being barred from future competition.