

4-H and FFA Hippology Contest



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Sponsored by the State Fair of Virginia

Registration Deadline September 15, 2020

Senior Division: Click ["Here"](#)

Junior Division: Click ["Here"](#)

State Fair of Virginia 2020 Official Schedule

Contest Date: Wednesday/Thursday, September 30 – October 1, 2020

Location: Virtual Contest *A practice virtual contest is available on Tuesday*

Entry Fee: \$5 per person

Contest Begins: noon

Awards Presentation: October 6th at 7pm

Contest Link will be sent to the registered contestant's email provided in registration.

Purpose

The purpose of the State Fair of Virginia 4-H/FFA Hippology Contest is to:

- Stimulate the study of and interest in equine science selection, management and production through the agricultural education curriculum.
- Provide recognition for those who have demonstrated skills and competencies as a result of interest and instruction in equine science.

Contest Rules

1. This contest is open to pre-entered 4-H, and FFA members in the state of Virginia.
2. No electronic devices including smart watches, may be worn, used, or carried by contestants.
3. Individuals and teams may compete. A team consists of 3 or 4 individuals.
4. 4-H or FFA members who have competed at a national hippology contest-are not eligible to compete.
5. Divisions
 - a. FFA Juniors - grades 6-9
 - b. FFA Seniors – grades 10-12
 - c. 4-H Juniors – ages 9-13 (age as of Jan. 1 2020)
 - d. 4-H Seniors - ages 14-19 (age as of Jan. 1 2020)
6. If four contestants are designated, all will participate and the lowest scoring individual overall will be automatically designated as alternate. The alternate's scores will not be included in team scores, but alternates will be eligible for individual awards.
7. Contestants may not talk or discuss materials during the contest.

Event Format

The contest will consist of four phases:

A. Horse Judging: (200 Points) This phase of the contest will consist of placing classes shown on video and/or static photos. 2 halter classes and 2 performance classes will be presented. Contestants may pause video but not move video forward or back. No pattern classes.

B. Examination: (100 Points) A Written Exam multiple choice questions – 25 for juniors, 50 for seniors, not timed.

C: Slides (100 Points) 25 multiple choice questions, timed 15 seconds per slide. Identify as to equine breeds, health conditions, conformation faults, color, color patterns, anatomy, disciplines and their proper appointments.

D. Station Phase (100 Points) A series of 10 stations with drag and drop labeling, 60 seconds per station. Content of Questions, Slides, and Stations may include various equine topics on:

- Various types and parts of saddles
- Tack, bits, bridles, horse shoes, and parts of horse shoes
- Farrier tools and equipment
- Miscellaneous tools and equipment
- Grains and forages
- Internal and external parasites
- Blemishes and unsoundnesses
- Equine aging by teeth
- Breeds, colors, and markings
- Measurements such as: Wither heights, Shoe size, Girth, Collar size, Gullet width, Saddle fit
- Anatomy: external, skeletal, internal organs, digestive and reproductive organs, and detailed anatomy of the hoof and lower limbs.

Scoring

The event is organized into the following parts and point values:

Horse Judging (200 Points Total)

- Two Halter Classes (50 points each)
- Two Performance Classes (50 Points Each)

Examination (200 Points Total)

- Written Exam (100 points)
- Slides (100 points)

Station Phase (100 Points) - slides

Tie Breakers

The following criteria will be used to break ties, should they occur:

Individuals:

1. Highest written phase
2. Highest station phase
3. Highest judging phase

Teams: The highest average score in the above order

Awards

The State Fair of Virginia will provide ribbons for the high scoring teams and individuals according to the following schedule:

- **1st-6th Place Junior Teams- Rosette Ribbons**
- **1st-6th Senior Teams- Rosette Ribbons**
- **Top Ten High Junior Individuals- Ribbons**
- **Top Ten High Senior Individuals- Ribbons**