

# National 4-H Horse Classic – Western Division

## 4-H Horse Demonstration Contest Rules

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### CONTESTANTS AND ELIGIBILITY

#### **I. Eligibility**

States may participate in only one event, either Eastern National 4-H Roundup or Western National 4-H Roundup. If a State decides to change whether it will attend the Eastern or Western National Contest from its participation the previous year the Contest Management Committee of both events are to be notified of the decision by April 1 of the current year. All representative teams from a state must attend the same event.

- A. A State/territory/District of Columbia is allowed only one entry in only one division of a contest in a national 4-H competitive event each year. An entry is an individual, in the events where individuals compete against individuals only, or a team in events where total team scores are computed and recognition given to the team. Individuals may be recognized in those events that are primarily team events.
1. Each state is invited to enter one individual and one team. There is an individual contest and a team contest. A team consists of 2 members.
  2. Teams may be selected by any means appropriate to the state they represent and must be certified as eligible by the State 4-H Leader.
  3. Contestants (including team alternates) may participate in only one contest per year at the Classic. After competing in this contest, they are ineligible to compete in the same specific contest again. Contestants must not have competed in this contest in past Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundups in Louisville or the National 4-H Horse Classic - Western Division in Denver.
  4. Contestants (including team alternates) may participate in only one contest per year at the National 4-H Horse Classic - Western Division.
  5. As a point of reference, an Individual Demo contestant cannot re-enter the Individual Demo contest but can enter the Team Demo contest. And a Team Demo

participant cannot re-enter the Team Demo contest but may enter the Individual Demo contest.

- B. Entries not officially entered will not be permitted to participate for any reason.
- C. An individual may enter a National 4-H competitive event in a specific program area only once. Participating members of a team entry (even if they are designated alternate by low score) are ineligible to enter the same event again as a part of another team.
- D. The eligibility requirements to enter a National 4-H Competitive Event are:
  - 1. Contestant must already have passed his or her 14th birthday, and may not have reached his or her 19th birthday, as of January 1 of the year in which the National 4-H Competitive Event is held\*. However, the State 4-H Leader may grant a special authorization to compete, for youth with developmental disabilities who exceed the upper age limit.
  - 2. All contestants must be members of 4-H in the state they are representing during the year in which the National 4-H Competitive Event is held.\*

\*The January dates for the Western Horse Classic event are considered part of the previous year for the purpose of allowing all youth to compete in the national horse events in their last year of eligibility.

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- 3. The contestant(s) or team(s) of contestants must be certified as the official state entry by the State 4-H Leader or by a person designated by the State 4-H Leader. The individual(s) or team(s) may be selected by any procedure the State 4-H Leader believes is appropriate.
- 4. The contestant, his or her county 4-H staff member, and the State 4-H Leader must certify as follows on the application form or an accompanying memo:

“This contestant has not participated in post-secondary coursework in the subject area of the national 4-H competition, nor has he or she participated in training for post-secondary competition in the subject area of the national 4-H competition.” Violation of this will result in forfeiture of any awards or recognition which have been won in the National 4-H Competitive Event.”

- E. All participants must first qualify through the represented state and meet all the state eligibility rules.

## **CONTEST RULES**

1. The subject matter must pertain to the horse industry. Demonstrations or presentations not appropriately related to the horse industry can be disqualified at the discretion of the judge(s).
2. Presentations may be either of demonstration or illustrated talk format. No live animals may be used.
3. Contestants may use notes. However, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant. This will be at the discretion of the judges.
4. A public address system will not be used in the contest.
5. Creative audio visual aids may be used, but the contestants must be involved in making or designing them.
6. During the competition, the contestants may introduce themselves by name, state and presentation topic.
7. Presentations should be 10-15 minutes in length. One point will be deducted from the total score for each minute or fraction of a minute under 10 minutes or over 15 minutes by each of three judges, for a three-points per minute total deduction. After the individual or team has been introduced by the superintendent, the time will start once the contestant(s) begin(s) to speak.
8. Contestants should cite their major reference materials at the end of the presentation. This time will not be counted in the allotted time.
9. Only the judge(s) may ask questions of the contestant. Question time will not be counted in the allotted time. Contestant should repeat the question, then answer it.
10. Contestant order will be determined by a random drawing and announced at the coaches meeting.
11. For educational purposes the management may videotape all demonstrations with individual or team consent.
12. Once an individual or team has started their demonstration (in this case it is after they have been introduced by the superintendent), they may not receive assistance from any coach, parent, audience member, or other person, which includes, but is not limited to, the stroking of any key on a computer or other audio visual device. The penalty for violating this rule is disqualification.
13. Ties will be broken by first the judges' accumulated delivery score, second by the judges accumulated organization score and third on content and accuracy scores.
14. Judges will consider the questions listed under each section. Points on the score card will be as follows:

**A. INTRODUCTION (10 points)**

1. Did the introduction serve to create interest in the subject?
2. Was introduction short and to the point?
3. Was a catchy title used?

**B. ORGANIZATION (25 points)**

1. Was only one main idea presented?
2. Did the discussion relate directly to the step as it was shown?
3. Was each step shown or illustrated just as it should be done in an actual situation?
4. Could audience see each step?
5. Were materials and equipment carefully selected, neatly arranged and well organized?
6. Were charts and posters used if and when needed?
7. Were key points of each step stressed?

**C. CONTENT AND ACCURACY (25 points)**

1. Were facts and information accurate?
2. Was there enough information?
3. Were approved practices used?
4. Was credit given to sources of information, if appropriate?
5. Was content appropriately related to the horse industry?

**D. STAGE PRESENCE (10 points)**

1. Was the presenter neat and appropriately dressed for subject of presentation?
2. Did presenter speak directly to audience?
3. Did presenter look at the audience?
4. Was the presentation too fast or too slow?
5. Was good teamwork displayed? (Team presentation - generally not advisable for one person to do all the talking and the other one all the presenting.)

**E. DELIVERY (15 points)**

1. Did the presenter appear to enjoy giving presentations?
2. Did the presenter have good voice control?
3. Were all words pronounced correctly?
4. If notes were used, was it done without detracting from speech?
5. Did presenter seem to choose words at the time they were spoken?  
(Avoid a memorized presentation.)

**F. EFFECT ON AUDIENCE (5 points)**

1. Did audience show an interest in the presentation?
2. Could audience go home and carry out the idea?

**G. SUMMARY (10 points)**

1. Was the summary short and interesting?
2. Were the key points briefly reviewed?
3. Did summary properly wrap up the presentation?
4. Could presenter handle questions easily?

## **AWARDS**

1. Awards will be announced. Ribbons to the top ten (10) individuals, and the top ten (10) teams.

## **EQUIPMENT**

1. The contest officials will supply two tables and two easels. Any other equipment needs must be made through special arrangements with superintendents a minimum of thirty (30) days in advance. Management will not be held responsible for failure of A/V equipment to operate properly.

## **ENTRY INFORMATION, HOTEL INFORMATION, GENERAL INFORMATION**

Registration dates and instructions for completing your Online Registration/entry forms are found on the Western National Roundup website at [www.westernnationalroundup.org](http://www.westernnationalroundup.org) -- note that as a result of your online registration, you will be presented with an Official Authorization Form which must be printed and then signed by the respective State 4-H Director/Leader and mailed with full payment to the address specified on the form.

The headquarters hotel for this event will again be the Renaissance Denver Hotel, 3801 Quebec Street, Denver, CO 80207; (303) 399-7500. Please check the Western National Roundup web site for information on special rates and any room reservation procedures that may be in place this year.

Coaches meetings are typically held on Thursday evening; check the web site for full schedule, which will be updated regularly.

Contact information is also on the website and always up to date.