

**2023 NJ STATE 4-H
HORSE JUDGING AND HIPPOLOGY CONTEST**



(Please read all information carefully!)

WHEN: Hippology (Saturday) April 1st and Horse Judging (Sunday) April 2nd
**Cloverbuds- All parts of Hippology and Horse Judging will be held on Sunday.*

WHERE: Sussex County Farm and Horse Show Fairgrounds
37 Plains Rd
Augusta NJ 07822

START TIME: Check-in for each contest will begin promptly at 8:00 am each day.
**All teams must be checked in by 8:30 am. Contests will begin promptly at 8:30 AM*

OPEN TO: All New Jersey 4-H Horse Project members in grades K-13.
**Youth need to have registered in their county 4-H Program as of January 1, 2023 and must compete as a member of that county program or team.*

ENTRIES DUE: TYPED ENTIRES Please!! March 24th by email to Brittany Rigg at rigg@njaes.rutgers.edu.

MAIL PAYMENT with a hard copy of county entries to:

Brittany Rigg
Cooperative Extension of Gloucester County
Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station
Shady Lane Complex
254 County House Rd.
Clarksboro, NJ 08020-1395

Checks should be made payable to: **NJ 4-H HPAC** please note Horse Judging and Hippology in the memo.

ENTRY FEE: \$50.00 per team per contest and \$15.00 per individual per contest

FOOD: Unless otherwise specified youth are responsible for bringing their own snacks, drinks, and lunches.

AWARDS: At the conclusion of the Horse Judging contest on Sunday, April 2nd

QUESTIONS: Please contact Brittany Rigg rigg@njaes.rutgers.edu or Emily Wunderlich-Vail nj4horse@gmail.com



2023 State Horse Judging and Hippology Fee Sheet

County: _____

Junior Division—HIPPOLOGY:

of JUNIOR Hippology Teams _____ x \$50.00 = \$ _____

of JUNIOR Hippology Individuals _____ x \$15.00 = \$ _____

Senior Division—HIPPOLOGY:

of SENIOR Hippology Teams _____ x \$50.00 = \$ _____

of SENIOR Hippology Individuals _____ x \$15.00 = \$ _____

Junior Division—HORSE JUDGING:

of JUNIOR Horse Judging Teams _____ x \$50.00 = \$ _____

of JUNIOR Horse Judging Individuals _____ x \$15.00 = \$ _____

Senior Division—HORSE JUDGING:

of SENIOR Horse Judging Teams _____ x \$50.00 = \$ _____

of SENIOR Horse Judging Individuals _____ x \$15.00 = \$ _____

Total Number of Participants for _____ County

Teams: _____ Individuals: _____

Total Amount of Entry Fees: \$ _____

(Checks are to be made payable to NJ 4-H HPAC)



NJ State 4-H Hippology Contest Rules & Regulations

OBJECTIVES:

The primary objectives of the 4-H Hippology Contest is to provide, in a friendly and competitive setting, an opportunity for youth enrolled in 4-H to demonstrate the breadth of their knowledge and understanding of equine science and management, and in particular, the practical application of this knowledge and skill. It is hoped that this contest will generate new friendships and be a rewarding experience for the contestants.

RULES & REGULATIONS:

Contestants and Eligibility

1. All counties are invited to enter an unlimited number of team(s) consisting of not more than four (4) members. In teams in which there are four members, all will compete, but the lowest overall score will be deleted. The lowest team members' score will not be included in any of the team totals but will be considered in making all individual awards. In teams consisting of three (3) members, all scores will count in determining individual and team awards. Counties with a team of two (2) or less members will be combined with another team where possible. **Counties with more than four (4) members must make as many complete teams of four (4) as possible, any extras will then be combined with other counties to make as many complete teams.**
2. **Grade** - Senior members are Grade 9-13*, Junior members are Grade 4-8*, Cloverbud members are K-3. *Grade is determined by the grade in which the member is enrolled the September prior to the event.
3. **To be eligible for the State team competing at Eastern National 4-H Round Up youth must be 14, but not have passed their 19th birth date as of Jan 1 of the contest year and compete in his contest as a senior member.**
4. Contestants must be enrolled in a 4-H Horse, Horse Science or Model Horse Club **by January 1** of the current year, in the county they are representing and be a "Member in Good Standing" with an updated record book as of April 1.
5. NO Cellphones, smart watches or other electronic devices will be permitted at the Hippology contest. Any participate found using electronic devices will forfeit their scores and be removed from the contest.
6. **Entries must be** accompanied by the appropriate entry fees. There will be an entry fee for each competitor. ***It is important to have entries in on time if you want to participate.***
7. Entries received after the due date will not be honored. **Checks returned for any reason will be assessed a \$50 fee.**



8. **Reference material.** All the information covered in this contest is related to current horse industry information and practices or may be found in one or more of the required resources.

Practical application of horse management skills may be required. (*See attached reference list for edition and source information.*) Equipment, grains, forages, and feed preparations used in this contest will be representative of feeds utilized in horse rations.

9. Horses for the Halter Classes will be selected from:
- A. Stock-Type Horses - (Quarter Horse, Appaloosa, Paint, Palomino, etc.)
 - B. Hunter Type - (Horse or Pony)
 - C. Saddle/Gaited Type - (Arabian, Hackney, Morgan, Saddlebred, Tennessee Walker, etc.)
 - D. Draft-Type and Others (Paso Fino, Friesian, Miniature Horse, Broodmares, Fjords, Warmbloods, Lipizzaner, Suitable for Dressage, etc.)

****All Halter Classes will be judged as sound of limb, eye, wind and mouth.***

10. Performance Classes will be chosen from:

Western Pleasure	Hunter Hack	Ranch Riding
English Pleasure	Western Riding	Pleasure Driving
Saddlebred 5 or 3 Gaited and Country English Pleasure	Reining	Showmanship
Hunter Under Saddle	Plantation English Pleasure	Stock Seat, Hunt Seat, & Saddle Seat Equitation
	Walking Horse	

****Performance Horses will be judged as seen (unsoundness to be penalized accordingly.)***

*****All tack and attire is considered legal.***

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY!

SCORING:

Individuals: Individual Overall Scores are a combination of the scores from Phase A (Examination), Phase B (Stations), and Phase C (Judging).

Teams: Team Overall Scores will be determined by the three highest individual scores on the team overall.

The lowest scoring team member overall will be dropped from all team scores for the entire contest; however, that individual is eligible for Individual Awards Overall and in each Phase.

TIE BREAKERS:

All ties for Overall Individual and Overall Team will be broken using the following sequence:

1. Examination Scores
2. Station Scores
3. Judging Scores



Ties within any phase are to be broken using the overall score first, and then the same sequence as above. If further tie breaking is needed, the scores at each station, in order may be used.

PRINCIPLES OF PLAY:

PHASE A - EXAMINATION (100-500 pts)

Part I - Slide portion:

Each contestant will be given a link to the contest slides and will input their answers in the computer. Each slide will be worth two (2) points. Each slide will be on the screen for thirty (30) seconds. Contestants will input their answers within the time frame of 30 seconds and the slide will proceed to the next slide.

Part II - Written Question portion:

Each contestant will open each test one at a time on the computer screen. Tests must be completed during the time designated for each test (30 minutes). If they click off of the test, the computer will shut them out of the remainder of the contest and they will receive a score of zero for those portions not yet completed.

PHASE B - STATIONS (100 pts.)

There will be a determined number of stations in this phase of the competition, with each station being worth ten (10) points. Participants will input their answers during this time frame for each station. Once the time is up, they cannot go back to the last station. Just like slides, each station has a definite amount of time for a participant to answer then will move to the next station.

PHASE C - HORSE JUDGING (200 pts.)

There will be up to FOUR (4) judging classes for Hippology. There will be 15 minutes allotted for each class. Participants will need to input their responses within the time frame allotted.

PHASE D- TEAM PROBLEMS- (200 pts.)

There will be a minimum of three (3) team problems, maximum of four (4). Each team will be asked the same questions. (Junior teams and Senior teams will have different questions.) A judge will present the problem to the team. The team will then have five (5) minutes to develop an answer to the problem, and five (5) minutes to present the team's solution to the judge.

New Jersey State 4-H Horse Judging Contest Rules & Regulations



OBJECTIVES:

To Develop: The 4-H'ers power of observation and decision-making based on visible facts; the ability to state the reasons for the decision with logic, poise and confidence.

To Provide: An opportunity to test the skills acquired by participating as a member of a team in horse judging contests at county, state or national levels.

To Teach: The ability to select horses of superior quality and performance capability that will serve well over time. This ability will enhance the horse industry by encouraging selections of high-quality stock for breeding to achieve superior performance.

RULES & REGULATIONS:

1. Contestants must have been enrolled in a 4-H Club as of **January 1** and carry a Horse Project in the county they are representing, and be a Club "Member in Good Standing," with an updated Record Book as of April 1st.
2. A County may enter an unlimited number of junior and senior teams. There will be an entry fee for each team of (3) or (4) members or for each individual not on a county team. Checks returned for any reason will be assessed a fee of \$50.
3. A team will consist of (3) or (4) participants; when (4) are entered, the (3) highest overall scores will make up the team scores for the competition. If a county has less than three (3) members per division, they may compete on an individual basis. If enough individuals compete, we will do our best to place them on existing 3-person teams or form a new team from the individuals
4. Senior members are Grade 9-13, Junior members are Grade 4-8, Cloverbud members are Grade K-3. **To be eligible for the State Team competing in Eastern National Round Up, youth must be at least 14, but not have passed their 19th birth date as of Jan 1 of the contest year and a Senior member.**
5. The individual members of the team representing a county shall be selected in the manner determined by the County and the contestants shall be declared eligible and certified by the County 4-H Agent/Program Associate.
6. Members of the State Team that went to Round-Up in previous years **are eligible to compete in the state contest**, as are the alternates. This also includes the winning county team, winners of individual awards, or team members winning breed awards at previous state contests.
7. Contestants **will be** allowed to take any books, notes into the contest.



8. While the contest is in progress (judging and oral reasons), ***there shall be no communication among the contestants.***
9. NO Cellphones, smart watches, or other electronic devices are to be used during the contest.
Any participate using electronic devices will forfeit their scores and be removed from the contest.

HORSES FOR THE CONTEST:

1. The animals will be designated #1-2-3-4 worn by the handler/rider
2. Horses for the Halter Classes will be selected from:
 - i. Stock-type Horses (Quarter Horse, Appaloosa, Paint, Palomino, etc.)
 - ii. Hunter-type (Thoroughbred Horse or Pony)
 - iii. Saddle Horse-type (Arabian, Hackney, Morgan, Saddlebred, Tennessee Walker, etc.)
3. All Halter Classes will be judged as sound of limb, eye, wind and mouth.
4. Performance Classes will be chosen from:

Western Pleasure	Ranch Riding	Saddle Seat
English Pleasure,	Ranch Pleasure	Saddlebred 3- gaited
Hunter Under Saddle	Pleasure Driving	County English Pleasure
Western Horsemanship	Hunter Hack	Western Riding
Flat-Shod Walking	Hunt Seat Equitation	Reining
5. Performance Horses will be judged as seen (unsoundness to be penalized accordingly).
6. All tack and attire is considered legal.

CLASS TIME ALLOTMENT:

Fifteen (15) minutes shall be allowed for the contestants to judge non-reason classes, and (17) minutes** will be given to the contestants during reason classes, to make their observations, take notes and input their placings.

ORAL REASONS:

Oral reasons will be given on two classes and questions will be asked on two classes for Seniors, and one class reasons and one class questions for juniors.

The classes for oral reasons will be announced the day of the contest at the conclusion of judging.



- Oral reasons will be given in front of a judge.
- A specific time will be given to each contest to present their oral reasons.
- **SENIOR CONTESTANTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO USE NOTES WHEN GIVING THEIR ORAL REASONS.**
- Placing cards may be returned to senior members during their oral reasons.
- Juniors may use their notes for their oral reasons.

SCORING:

- Fifty (50) points shall constitute a perfect mark on placing and fifty (50) points a perfect mark on reasons.
- Fifty (50) points shall constitute a perfect score in a non-reasons class.
- One hundred (100) points shall constitute a perfect score in a reasons class.
- **The Hormel System shall be used to grade the placing combination for each class.**

ORAL REASONS TIME PENALTIES:

2:00.1 – 2:10.0	1-point deduction
2:10.1 – 2:20.00	2-point deduction
2:20.1 – 2:30.0	3-point deduction
2:30.1 – Upward	4-point deduction

Deductions are cumulative up to a maximum penalty of 10 points for any reasons over 2 minutes and 30 seconds.

INDIVIDUAL SCORES:

High Individual Oral Reasons – Is determined by the total of all reasons scores in both Halter and Performance.

High Individual Overall – Is a sum of the non-reason Halter and Performance class scores plus the sum of the reasons class scores. (Make sure the Overall Total Score does not include the Reason score twice.)

Individual Class Placings – Are determined by the placing score in non-reason classes, or by a combination of placing and reason scores in reason classes.

TEAM SCORES:

Team scores shall be determined from the scores of the (3) highest individuals overall on the team. The lowest scoring layer overall will be dropped from the team but will be eligible for individual awards.

High Team Oral Reasons – Is determined by the total of the oral reasons scores of the (3) highest Individuals Overall.



High Team Overall – Is a sum of the Halter and Performance class scores plus the reasons classes or by a combination of placing and reason scores in reasons classes, of the (3) team members with the highest Individual Overall scores.

TIE BREAKING:

1. If tied for a division award in Halter or Performance, the contestant or team having the highest reason score in that division will be listed first. If tied for a division award in reasons, the contestant or team having the highest overall placing score will be listed first.
2. If tied for individual or team overall award, the contestant or team having the highest overall reason score shall be listed first.
3. If still tied for either of the above, the contestant or team having the highest score in placing reason classes shall be listed first.
4. If still tied, the contestant or team with the highest overall placing score in all classes shall be listed first.
5. If still tied, the contestant or team with the highest single class reason score shall be listed first.
6. If contestants are still tied from 1,2,3,4, and 5 above, the youngest contestant or team shall be listed first

ALL Judges' decisions and scores are FINAL!

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JUNIOR DIVISION

Name	Email address
Contestant 1	
Contestant 2	
Contestant 3	
Contestant 4	
Individual	
Individual	
Individual	
Coach	
Coach	

SENIOR DIVISION

Name	Email address
Contestant 1	
Contestant 2	
Contestant 3	
Contestant 4	
Individual	
Individual	
Individual	
Coach	
Coach	

I verify that the above 4-H'ers are "Members in Good Standing", meet all event criteria, and are competing in the appropriate division.

Agent/Program Associate/Assistant Signature



JUNIOR DIVISION

Name	Email address
Contestant 1	
Contestant 2	
Contestant 3	
Contestant 4	
Individual	
Individual	
Individual	
Coach	
Coach	

SENIOR DIVISION

Name	Email address
Contestant 1	
Contestant 2	
Contestant 3	
Contestant 4	
Individual	
Individual	
Individual	
Coach	
Coach	

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