

PANHANDLE DISTRICT 1 4-H

To: County Extension Agents – ANR, FCH, 4-H

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Subject: **District 1 Hippology Contest**

Contest Date: **April 22, 2023**

Location: WTAMU Ag Science Complex - Piehl-Schaeffer Pavilion

Registration: **Deadline midnight April 6, 2023** via 4-H Online
No late entries accepted!
Registration Fee: \$10

Age Categories: 6th – 8th grade – Intermediate
9th – 12th grade – Senior

CONTEST METHOD OF CONDUCT

1. The contest will be divided into three areas: 1. identification slide show, 2. written test, 3. knowledge stations (4). Contestants will be divided into groups and have time limits for each station area.
2. While completing the competition, there will be no conferring between contestants or between a contestant and anyone else except as directed by contest officials. Contestants will be allowed specific time limits to complete each individual competition class. In addition, no technology devices including cell phones, smart watches, etc.
3. Contestants will need to bring a No. 2 pencil for the scantron and a clip board. The contestants may bring NO books, notes, pamphlets, or other reference material into the contest area. Contest officials reserve the right to check all contestant's notepads or clipboards to make sure they are blank just prior to the contest. Violators are subject to contest dismissal.
4. Contestants are not to pick up or touch any item that is being identified or evaluated in the individual knowledge station classes, unless otherwise directed by contest officials.

CONTEST CLASSES

The following is a list of common Hippology classes. Please note that actual classes may deviate from this list in an effort to keep current with a rapidly changing horse industry.



CLASSES

1. Slide Show Evaluation –25 slides for intermediates, 50 slides for seniors

This phase of the contest will include power point slides consisting of multiple choice questions identifying using pictures (ie-identified as to breed, color, equipment, markings, activity, judging slides of conformation, video clips of performance classes, appointments, etc.).

2. Written Examination – 25 questions intermediates, 50 questions seniors

This phase may consist of a written exam. Questions will be knowledge based multiple choice questions.

3. Knowledge Stations – 4 stations

Contestants will respond to the requirements of each station in a series of stations or tables containing horse-related items and topics. Applied knowledge will be tested as well as straight identification. Members will be allowed two (2) minutes at each station. Contestants will not be permitted to touch the items during inspections.

Stations may include the following topics:

1. Identification of:
 - a. Various types of saddles (actual or pictured) and parts of saddles
 - b. Tack, bits, bridles, horse shoes and parts of shoes.
 - c. Tools and Equipment, and assembly of specific parts of various pieces of equipment.
 - d. Grains and forages used in equine rations including various forms and methods of preparation
 - e. Internal and external parasites based on actual samples, pictures, life cycle chart and/or damage caused
 - f. Blemishes and unsoundness
 - g. Ages of equines based on teeth
 - h. Behavior

2. Use of pulse rate, respiration rate, temperature, dehydration, anemia, etc. to assess horse health.

3. Measurements such as, but not limited to, wither height, shoe size, girth, collar size, gullet width, seat length of saddle, etc. may be required.

AWARDS

Top 3 teams overall per age group

Top 5 individuals overall per age group



RESOURCES – NEW RESOURCE LIST!!!

REFERENCE MATERIAL All the information covered in this contest may be found in one or more of the following publications:

Reference
AQHA Rulebook
Equine Science: Basic Knowledge for Horse People of All Ages - Jean T. Griffiths ISBN# 978-1-929164-42-4
Feeding and Care of the Horse (2nd Edition) by Lon D. Lewis, Anthony Knight, Bart Lewis, Corey Lewis ISBN-10: 0683049674
Horse Industry Handbook – by the American Youth Horse Council
Horse Smarts – American Youth Horse Council; 1 Gainer Rd. https://www.ayhc.com/product-page/horse-smarts
Youth Leaders Manual – by the American Youth Horse Council
Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules
The Horse (2nd Edition) by Evans, Borton, Hintz, Van Vleck
Youth and Collegiate Horse Judging Leader Guide (AS 1-2.120)
Youth and Collegiate Horse Judging Manual (AS 3-2.051)
The Coloring Atlas of Horse Anatomy by Thomas O. McCracken and Robert A. Kainer ISBN-13: 9781617812408

