

Horse Evaluation and Selection Career Development Event

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the state FFA Horse Evaluation and Selection Career Development Event 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 instruction in equine science.

EVENT DESCRIPTION

In this CDE, you evaluate and rank horses on breed characteristics, conformation, and performance. Team members cooperatively complete problems related to equine selection, management, nutrition and production. They also give oral reasons explaining their placing of various classes.

TEAM MAKE-UP

A team will consist of three or four members. A team score consists of the total of the top three individuals' scores plus the problem solving section.

I. OBJECTIVES

- To instill leadership and motivate learning in the classroom while developing student skills in cooperative learning, observation, analysis and communication.
- To test the student's ability to:
 - Select light horses for breeding, production and performance purposes.
 - Relate orally the reasons for selecting the most desirable animals and justify the decisions on conformation traits and performance of horses.
- To motivate learning in the classroom and create a spirit of competition among students.
- To provide recognition for individuals who excel in this area of interest.
- To promote career choices directly related to the horse industry.
- To prepare a state FFA horse judging team that might represent Arizona at a nationally recognized Horse Judging Event (i.e. American Junior

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Quarter Horse World Championship Show or other recognized breed horse judging event).

- To promote the Arizona's horse industry and stimulate interest among youth that may become eligible and represent Arizona in judging at the National FFA Horse Judging Event.
- To advance knowledge in selection and management of horses.
- To develop the proficiency to communicate effectively in the terminology of the industry.
- To provide the opportunity to evaluate, make a decision and justify those decisions on conformation traits and performance of horses.

II. STANDARDS

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4.10	9.8	31.4.2c

- A. Select horses possessing desirable traits for light breeds of horses.
 1. Distinguish between types and breeds of light horses.
 2. Identification of parts of the light horse.
 3. Identification of quality animals at Halter and Performance activities.
- B. Understand and use production records.
 1. Use selection tools such as pedigree records, performance records as supplied by a specific breed registry, determine proper feed rations, genetic probability and other useful production records.
- C. Use appropriate horse terminology to accurately describe light horses and horse performance.

III. GENERAL RULES

- A. Teams will consist of four (4) members. The member with the lowest score will become the alternate and that score is not to be counted toward team standings, including overall team standings. However, the alternate is eligible for individual awards. Three (3) member teams are eligible with no alternate option, available. No youth will be allowed to judge as an individual. They must be on a team.

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- B. Participants are urged to bring clipboards that are free of markings or notes. Blank sheets of paper will be permitted for note taking. Participants must bring two #2 pencils.
- C. Official FFA dress is required in the event. Black jeans are permissible. Hats/caps are not accepted.

IV. EVENT FORMAT

- A. There will be a total of four (4) classes judged. Two (2) of the classes will be at halter and two (2) will be in performance events. The following breeds and types may represent halter classes: Quarter Horse, Paint Horse, Arabian, Appaloosa, Conformation Hunter, Thoroughbred and Morgan. All halter classes will be judged as sound. Performance classes may include Western Pleasure, Western Riding, Reining, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunter Hack, Trail, Western or English Equitation. Performance classes will be judged as presented (unsoundness to be penalized accordingly unless otherwise instructed). All tack and attire will be considered legal.
- B. Halter Classes will be 12-15 minutes in length. All classes will be worth 50 points. Participants will be shown a side view, front view, rear view, close inspection and the opposite side view. Horses may or may not be traveled (this will be announced at the time of the judging).
- C. Performance classes will be allowed a standard amount of time to complete a regular class (i.e.: pleasure classes to walk trot, lope or canter both directions of the arena as well as line up and back) or complete an individual pattern.
- D. All classes and reasons will be worth 50 points and score cards will be available to all teams at check in.
- E. Oral reasons will be required in one of the four classes. The event chairperson at the beginning of the event will designate the reason classes. Participants MAY NOT use their placing card or notes while delivering oral reasons. Two minutes will be allowed to deliver oral reasons. An excellent reason performance will receive a score of 50 points. Oral reasons will be graded on organization, relevancy, accuracy, terminology and presentation. Note: A sample score card is located at the end of this document. Please make sure all participants are familiar with the card and how to fill it out correctly BEFORE they come to the event.

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- F. The morning of the event after check in, each team will be given a written examination; there will be no fewer than 20 and no more than 25 multiple choice questions. The exam will be a team exam and each participant will receive the same score. Each question will be worth 4 or 5 points each for a total of 100 points. Questions for the written examination will be written from information in Reference #2 - Horses and Horsemanship; Reference #3 - The Horse Reference unit #4 - Horse Industry Handbook, Reference Unit #5 - Equine Science Student Reference Guide (available in 1999). Several questions will be problem solving (i.e. From the Nutritional information given, calculate the crude protein content of the diet). Time allotment for the examination will be 30 minutes.
- G. Official placing will be available immediately after completion of the event.

V. SCORING PROCEDURE

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

<u>Selection Classes</u>	<u>Points</u>
Place two halter classes	100
Place two performance classes	100
Oral reasons for one class	50
Total Selection Classes	250
Written Examination	100
Total Event per person	600
Total Event per team	1050

Tie Breakers:

Scoring ties will be broken by comparing the individual's or teams total score on classes in the following order: oral reasons; halter classes one and two; and performance classes one and two.

VI. REFERENCES

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1-800-843-4774.

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your county extension agent in order to purchase this handbook.

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Kansas Youth Horse Judging

Manual: www.oznetksu.edu/p~_horse/jmanual.htm

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Texas 4H Publications, 809 University Drive East, Suites D&E, College
Station, TX 77843

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1-785-532-1246. Or e-mail marns@oz.oznet.ksu.edu.

Conformation: *The relationship of form to function*. Marvin Beeman. DVM.
Contact the American Quarter Horse Association.

Arabian Youth Judging Guide. Contact the Arabian Horse Registry, P.O. Box
173886, Denver, CO 80217-3886. Phone 1-(303)450-4748.

Official judging guide, audiovisuals and video tapes from each of the various
breed associate