

INVITATIONAL 4-H HIPPOLOGY CONTEST

CONTEST RULES

The Invitational 4-H Hippology Contest (hosted by D11 4-H) is open to all Texas 4-H members as an opportunity to test your horse knowledge in a fun and friendly setting. You DO NOT have to own a horse to compete, just simply have an interest in horses and the horse industry. This invitational contest is a NON QUALIFYING EVENT (does not qualify you for the state contest or any other event).

1. The contest will be divided into Junior and Senior divisions. Junior age division will be 3rd to 8th grade youth. Senior age division will be 9th -12th grade. A junior may compete on a senior team; however, a senior cannot compete on a junior team (this is being allowed at our invitational contest but will not be allowed at the state contest). If a junior competes on a senior team, they will be expected to complete all the same requirements as a senior competitor.
2. Each county is eligible to enter any number of junior individuals, junior teams, senior individuals, and senior teams. All participants in the contest will be eligible for individual awards or recognition. Only members on a complete team (3-4 members) will be eligible for team awards. Team members may be from the same county or may come from multiple counties; however, they must be from the same Extension district (this is being allowed at our invitational but will not be allowed at the state contest).
3. A team consists of three or four members. On teams in which there are four members, all will compete, but the member receiving the lowest overall score will be automatically declared the alternate. The scores of the alternate will not be included in any of the team totals but will be considered in making all individual awards. Teams consisting of three members will have no alternate and all members' scores will count in determining individual and team awards.
4. This contest will consist of:
 - **Two Judging Classes (50 points per class = 100 points)** – youth will evaluate the confirmation of 2 halter classes and place (rank) the four animals in each class
 - **Slide Show Test (picture test) (Seniors 50 Questions—100 points; Juniors 25 questions—50 points)** - ID what you see! View picture on slide show and select answer from multiple choice options.
 - **Multiple Choice Written Test (Seniors 50 questions - 100 points; Juniors 25 questions - 50 points)** – Read and answer multiple choice questions.
 - **I.D. Stations (10 stations = 100 points)** - youth will visit 10 stations to identify or answer questions presented to them. Each station is numbered and represents a particular subject. (Example but not limited to: #1 - Parts of the Horse, #2 - Breeds of Horses, #3 - Leg and Face Markings, #4 - Styles of Riding, #5 - Nutrition, etc.) Each station will have 5 items related to that subject to identify or answer using multiple choice.
 - **Team Problem (25 points)** - the team will work together to solve a “problem”. Team will be given a scenario/situation and will have 10 minutes to develop a plan and team presentation to address the problem. Teams will have 5 minutes to deliver oral presentation to a panel of judges.

Total points for Senior Teams members to earn is 425 points each; Junior Team members 325 each. Individual contestants will not participate in the Team questions for a total point value of Seniors 400 and Juniors 300 points.

5. **REGISTRATION:** Registration must be made using 4-H Connect (look for event title “Invitational 4-H Hippology Contest”) by **Wednesday May 12**. Registration fee of \$15 must be paid via 4-H Connect before the contest. Registration fee will cover lunch and awards. Late registration will be from May 13 through May 18 for an additional \$25.
6. **REFERENCES:** The hippology contest uses the same references as the Texas 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl contest. Please reference this link for more information. http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project_horse

Basic References-

Anatomy of the American Quarter Horse
Horse Science - Texas Edition
Horses and Horsemanship - Texas Edition
American Horse Council Youth Leaders Manual
Texas 4-H Horse Judging Leader’s Manual
Texas 4-H Horse Judging Manual
Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules
Texas 4-H Quiz Bowl Guide
Texas 4-H Quiz Bowl Supplement

Advanced References-

Horse Industry Handbooks
The Dictionary of the Horse - Equus
Texas Horse Owner’s Reference Guide
Texas 4-H Horse Project Teaching Outlines
The Horse