

Oregon 4-H Horse Bowl Contest Guidelines

(effective 10/01/08 through 09/30/09)

Purpose

The primary objective of the Horse Bowl contest is to provide an opportunity for youth enrolled in 4-H to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail.

Objectives

The specific objectives of the Horse Bowl contest are:

1. Provides youth an educational experience in addition to the traditional project club activities.
2. Stimulates youth achievement by providing an opportunity for a competitive learning experience in an area of study or interest.
3. Develops a sound working knowledge of the Oregon 4-H Horse curriculum through the recall of specific facts and information.
4. Enhances the decision-making process and provides an opportunity to develop teamwork between 4-H members and among counties in the state.
5. Provides a forum by which individual learning can enhance the knowledge base of members who possess a horse as well as the "horseless" 4-H project club members.
6. Supports the concept of 4-H members in different parts of the state sharing experiences and outcomes related to the horse program specifically and the Oregon 4-H Program in general.

Team Makeup

Counties may enter one senior and one intermediate Horse Bowl Team.

All team members must have competed at their county competition. Only those counties that submitted questions by the specified date will be allowed to participate in the state contest.

A team is defined as not having more than 5 contestants each (4 members and 1 alternate). Counties with few participants may wish to combine with another county to form a team. A county may enter a team of three members, but such a team would be at a distinct disadvantage during one-on-one competition and would be unable to earn team bonus points. Counties are strongly encouraged to work together to build a team of at least four members if they wish to enter the competition.

Contest Guidelines

Parents attending the Spring Horse Classic need to realize that interaction with their children will be minimal as the contestants will be sequestered in a holding room as they progress through the brackets. Bowl contestants and coaches are sequestered to minimize the possibility of questions and answers getting back to the participants prior to their match in that round. Seniors and Intermediates will be held in separate holding rooms.

Contest Procedures

The procedures used to conduct the State Horse Bowl are outlined in “Oregon 4-H Bowl Procedures.” All contestants and coaches should be familiar with this document.

Counties with changes in contestants (due to sickness or reasons beyond the control of the contestant) must make such substitutions with contest officials before competition begins.

The contest will begin Friday evening. A random drawing of registered teams will determine first round matches. The drawing will be held when the coach or team captain registers.

Double-elimination matches will be held concurrently for both intermediate and senior Horse Bowl teams. Matches will be played Friday evening and throughout the day on Saturday. The contest should be completed by 4:00 p.m.

Question Sources

Questions will be taken only from the materials listed below:

4-H Horse Project, PNW 587

4-H Horse Contest Guide, PNW 574

4-H Colt and Horse Training Manual, 4-H 1303

Oregon 4-H Dressage Project Manual, 4-H 1311

Hunt Seat and Jumper Manual, PNW 488

4-H Horse and Pony Driving Manual, PNW 229

4-H Judging Manual, PNW 575

Horse Industry Handbook (the following sections only)

Facilities & Waste Management

Why Every Horse Farm Operation Should Have a Master Plan (310-1 to 310-3)

Housing for Horses (320-1 to 320-9)

Replacing Nature’s Bedding (330-1 to 330-2)

Fire Safety on Horse Farms (340-1 to 340-3)

Fencing for Horses (350-1 to 350-6)

Water Quality Management Guidelines for Horse Farms (360-1 to 360-5)

The Renewable Resource: Horse Manure (365-1 to 365-6)

Horse Foot Care

Foot Structure and Function (505-1 to 505-7)
Foot Balance (510-1 to 510-4)
Shoe Styles (515-1 to 515-5)
Foot Care Guidelines (525-1 to 525-4)
Foot Care Tools (530-1 to 530-4)
Trimming and Shoeing the Sound Horse (535-1 to 535-7)
Common Foot Problems and Solutions (540-1 to 540-5 and 540a)
Farrier Selection (555-1 to 555-2)

Exercise Physiology

Respiration in the Horse (810-1 to 810-3)
Nutritional Ramifications of Exercise (820-1 to 820-3)
The Equine Cardiovascular System (830-1 to 830-2)
Equine Muscular System (840-1 to 840-3)
Exercise Physiology in the Equine Athlete (850-1 to 850-5)
Scientific Principles for Conditioning Race and Performance Horses (851-1 to 851-13)
Water and Electrolytes and the Prevention of Thermal Injury (860-1 to 860-3)
Glossary of Exercise Physiology (895-1 to 895-2)

Using Genetics in Horse Breeding

Basic Equine Genetics (1020-1 to 1020-3)
Color Genetics of Horses (1040-1 to 1040-4)
Genetic Abnormalities of Horses (1060-1 to 1060-8)
Developing a Horse Breeding Program (1070-1 to 1070-3)
Inbreeding and Linebreeding (1080-1 to 1080-3)
Selection of Breeding Stock (1090-1 to 1090-3)
Equine Genetic Disorders (1095-1 to 1095-3)

Training

Horse Behavior & Senses: Vision, Touch, Hearing & Social Behavior (1220-1 to 1220-2)
Applying Principles of Psychology to Horse Training (1240-1 to 1240-11)

Horse Business Management

The Business of Horsemen: Keys to Success (1320-1 to 1320-9)
Insurance for Horse Owners (1340-1 to 1340-6)
Tax Tips for Horse Owners (1360-1 to 1360-7)
Breeding Contracts (1380-1 to 1380-6)

Awards and Recognition

Rosettes will be presented to the top five teams and the top 10 individuals in each of the two age divisions. Medallions will be awarded to the first place team and to the high scoring individual in each age division.