



PNW 4-H Horse Judges Newsletter

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Judges Training

The 4-H Horse Judges Training was held in Redmond, Oregon on October 1st through 4th, 2009. A total of 134 people were in attendance, 56 on the apprentice track, 46 on the judge's track, and 32 on the show management track. This was the first time we used the different tracks and it was well received. Overall evaluations for the training were very positive.

If you did not attend this year's training, remember you must attend the next one! Mark your calendars now for fall of 2012.

Remember to mail your test in!!!

All apprentices and judges need to take the 2009 PNW Training Test to remain on the Judges or Apprentice list. If you did not attend the 2009 PNW 4-H Horse Judges Training, it is YOUR responsibility to contact Roberta Lundeberg and get the test!

People who were at the training need to have their tests in by Dec. 1. If you were not at the training, you have until January 15 to complete the test. In order to pass the test, you will need access to the new PNW Horse Judges Resource Notebook. A passing score is 90% or higher.

Congratulations to these judges

These are the three apprentices who have moved up to the Regular Judges List: Christine O'Keefe, Rachelle Holloway and Karissa Dishon

These are the Regular Judges who have been moved to the Senior/Evaluator Judges list: Alyssia Puente and Michelle Hardesty.

Please be sure to contact Peggy Ashford if you have any changes needing to be made on the Judges List, (especially email and address corrections). Categories are added to your name based on evaluations turned in.



These are horse publications that are available online.

[4-H Horse Contest Guide](#) download pdf (PNW 574) (4-H 13011)

[4-H Dressage Manual](#) download pdf (PNW 608) (4-H 1311)

[4-H Horse and Pony Driving Manual](#) download pdf (PNW 229)

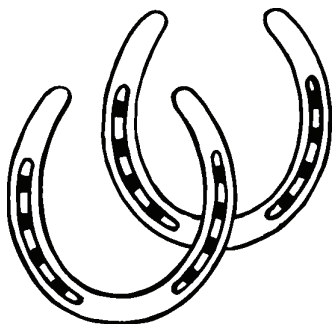
[4-H Horse Judging Manual](#) download pdf (PNW 575) (4-H 1308)

New Driving Manual

The new Driving Manual, PNW 229, went into effect October 1st, 2009. This manual replaces Oregon's and Washington's old driving manuals and is now the publication for all three PNW states. Be sure to get your copy and know the new information and classes. The publication committee worked hard on this manual and is very pleased with the outcome of it. As with all new publications, there are sure to be some errors or things that were missed. If you notice something, please contact Roberta Lundeberg.

Ranch Horse

Oregon's Ranch Horse Program was introduced at the Judge's Training. The Project Manual is still in the draft stage, but will be finalized for the 2010 4-H year. Ranch Horse classes include Ranchmanship, Ranch Horse Trail, Working Rancher, Roping, and Cattle Working. Get a copy of the draft and read all about this new and exciting program in 4-H. Many Oregon counties are starting this program, and you may be asked to judge!



Major Changes to the Contest Guide

The new PNW Contest Guide went into effect October 1, 2009. Please be sure you are using the current guide. There is an effective date on the cover of the new guide. This was a major revision and you should read the new guide carefully. Following are some of the most drastic changes. Please be sure you go to these sections and review them thoroughly.

Page 6 In all states, chaps are allowed in western pleasure and trail only. Chaps are not allowed in equitation classes.

Page 6 Juniors are no longer allowed to carry crops when showing western.

Major Changes to the Contest Guide continued

- Page 7 Only split or romal reins are allowed in western equitation, trail, and bareback. Single piece closed reins or “roping reins” are required in western gaming.
- Page 8 In all states in western classes, horses 6 years old or older MAY be shown in a snaffle bit, but a curb bit is highly preferred.
- Page 9 English bridle & bit: Sidepulls and bit converters are not allowed.
- Pages 19-24 Entirely new Driving section – read carefully. Driving attire, equipment, and classes are now the same for all three states. Note that gloves are now required for driving, and reins have to be buckled or stitched together. Driving classes are Reinsmanship, Precision Driving, and Pleasure Driving
- There is an error on page 23 that you need to correct in your Contest Guide. In the scoring for Pleasure Driving, the sections are misnamed. The first section should be named “Performance” and is the “manners, performance, condition, style, and way of going” and is worth 60%. The last section should be “Driver” and is the “handling of reins and whip, control, posture, and neatness of driver attire, worth 30%. These are correct on the scoresheets.
- Page 28 Major changes in the way Ground Training is scored and what items/maneuvers may be attempted. Only age-appropriate items from the back of the scoresheet may be attempted. Contestants must attempt a minimum of 3 items and a maximum of 10. The new scoresheet is broken into three areas: 4-H Member, Performance, and Safety.
- Page 30 In Western Games, roping reins or single piece closed reins must be used. Tying split reins is not allowed.
- Page 32 In Western Games, in all states, intentionally righting a pole is allowed with no penalty.
- Page 33 In Western Games, in all states, using rubber bands or anything else to anchor the rider to the horse or saddle is a disqualification.
- Page 38 In the 2-barrel flag race, riders may cross over between barrels B and A.

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<http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/pnw-4h-horse-judges-list>



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Committee Positions

If you would like to serve on any of the PNW Horse Committees (Management Team, Judge's Review, Judge's Training, or Publications) here's your chance! All you need to do is fill out the application form which is available on the judges website. The publications committee will be working on a "Training" manual, combining Oregon's "Horse and Colt Training" manual, Washington's "Training Horses" manual, and other material. Please submit applications for all committees by February 1, 2010.

Evaluations

Be sure you ask show committees to send in evaluations when you judge. To remain on the judges list, you are now required to have at least two evaluations turned in between overall PNW Trainings.

Washington Medals Patterns

There have been some issues with the online Medals patterns. These patterns will be reviewed over the winter and will be revamped and ready to go for spring. You can access these patterns on the Washington State University website.

What constitutes an unfavorable evaluation?

Any evaluation that has a mark of "needs improvement" (4) or "failing" (5) is considered unfavorable as is any evaluation with additional comments that reflect unprofessional or poor judging performance. Any unfavorable evaluations may be referred to the Judge's Review Committee for discussion and/or action.

Sad News

Harlan Blumenthal, a long time judge from Washington, passed away on November 28, 2009. He had been battling cancer for a few years. Harlan was on the planning committee for the recent PNW Judges Training. After two years of hard work and wonderful input, he was unable to attend the training due to his deteriorating health. He will be greatly missed by all of us.

