



Regional 4-H Horse Judging Competition
Canton Equestrian Center, Indoor Arena
1095 Randolph St. Canton
Sunday, November 22, 2015
12pm - 5pm

12pm	Registration, Pick-up number & Judging Packet - Bring your judging materials
12:45	Presentation of Rules and Procedures - Take a deep breath and relax
1pm	Horse Judging Competition begins - Have FUN! Remember to move along
2:30pm	Intermission / Preparation of Oral Presentations - Get your notes, open book
3:30pm	Oral Presentations (2 min. ea.) - Try to leave your notes at the door
4:30pm	Table Raffle ~ 50/50 Raffle - Support Norfolk County 4-H
5pm	Announcement of State Teams - Good Luck!

Bring with you:

A Clip Board, 2 Pencils, Judging Manuals, Notes, 50/50 raffle

Do not wear any clothing which will reveal who you are *and/or* where you are from.

Dress appropriately for the weather, the indoor arena is NOT heated. Get those winter socks and long johns out! You can not concentrate or enjoy the day if you are shivering!

Absolutely NO talking will be allowed once the competition has begun.

Contestants are not allowed to have a phone or any other electronic devices with them during the entire competition.

Contestants are not allowed to leave the competition without first notifying an official.

Parents and Spectators, its a fun competition to watch, you may want to bring a chair *and* a blanket, however you are also asked to silence your phone and any other electronic devices.

Photography is allowed as long as its not a distraction. Also, depending on the horses being shown, your flash may have to be turned off. Please ask prior to using your flash.

The Classes being presented for this years Horse Judging Competition are;

- 1 - Morgans In-Hand
- 2 - Grade Geldings In-Hand
- 3 - Saddle Seat Equitation w/Pattern
- 4 - Trail

*****Oral Reasons Classes will be announced prior to the start of that class*****

Horse Judging Rules

General Rules

- The Judge(s) will place the class at the same time as the contestants.
- Contestants are not allowed to wear any clothing, pins, or badges that will in any way reveal your identity, club or county to the judges.
- Caps that hide your face are not allowed in the judging area. Winter hats are permissible.
- Horses will be designated as 1-2-3-4 worn by the Handler/Rider.
- During the contest, there will be no conferring or talking of any kind between contestants or anyone else, except to the designated official.
- Contestants may not touch the horses, but there will be time for close inspection of in-hand horses.
- Contestants **MUST** write their **NUMBER** and the name of the class on each of their judging cards. Failure to do so will result in a 0 for that class.
- Group leaders will collect all scorecards at the completion of each class. Any contestants that have not passed in their cards will receive a 0 for that class.

Judging

- At the time of official placing, the judge will indicate what the cuts will be for that class.
- All classes will be placed in accordance with the United States Equestrian Federation rules, or specific breed association rules if applicable.
- 15 minutes will be allowed for contestants to judge non-reasons classes.
- 17 minutes will be allowed for reasons classes.
- A variety of classes will be judged. In-hand classes may include, but are not limited to specific breed in-hand, hunter in-hand, geldings' in-hand, mares' in-hand, etc.
- In all in-hand classes, contestants will have the opportunity to see a side view, front view, and rear view. Contestants will also see the horses walk and trot and then be able to move in for a close inspection.
- Performance classes may include, but are not limited to pleasure, equitation, driving, hunter hack, reining, three gaited classes, etc.
- In all performances classes, contestants will observe the horses at the walk, trot and canter along with any other breed specific gaits that are required for that class.

Reasons

- At the county & state contests, Juniors will give 1 set of reasons and Seniors will give 2 sets of reasons.
- The judge will indicate which classes are reasons classes during the contest.
- Contestants will have time to prepare their reasons during Break/Lunch.
- Any talking during the preparation of reasons will be cause for elimination from the contest.
- Contestants will be allowed 2 minutes to present their oral reasons to the judge.
- Seniors are **NOT** allowed to use notes.
- Juniors should give their reasons without the use of notes. Juniors using notes to give reasons will automatically lose 5 points from their total score. This includes them being in your hand. Even if you didn't look at them.

Scores

- Each class is worth a total of 50 points. A score of 50 would indicate a perfect mark.
- For placings that are not correct, points will be deducted from the 50 points depending on the judges' placings and the official cuts for that class.
- Cuts are a measure in which the judge uses to allow for scoring.
- Reasons are worth a total of 50 points. A score of 50 would indicate a perfect mark.
- In the Senior division, the contestant accumulating the most number of points is awarded 1st place, 2nd goes to the one with the next highest points and so on.
- In the Junior division, the team accumulating the most number of points is awarded 1st place, 2nd goes to the team with the next highest points and so on.
- Ties will be broken using the reasons score. The contestant or team having the highest overall reasons score shall be placed first. If still tied, the contestant or team having the highest score in placing reasons classes shall be placed first.
- Top 8 in each division is selected for the State Competition team - Top 4 will move onto State Round-Up