

# All American Quarter Horse Congress

## Hippology Contest 2024

### GENERAL RULES:

1. Each state may enter two (2) 4-H teams, two (2) FFA teams, and one (1) Breed Association team (per breed) consisting of at least three (3) members but not more than four (4). If four contestants are designated, all will participate and the lowest scoring individual overall will be automatically designated as alternate. The alternate's scores will not be included in team scores but alternates will be eligible for individual awards.
2. Teams may be selected by any means appropriate to the state they represent and must be certified as eligible by the State 4-H or FFA Leader, Extension Horse Specialist, or Breed Association Representative.
3. Contestants must be at least 14 years of age, but not yet achieved their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
4. All contestants must have been enrolled in 4-H, FFA, or a youth breed association program during the current year.
5. Contestants may not have participated in an official, post-secondary Hippology, Horse Bowl, or Horse Judging contest, nor have been in training in preparation for one of these contests.
6. Contestants may also participate in either a Horse Speaking event or Horse Bowl event at the Congress Youth Horse Event in the same year. Contestants are eligible to compete in this contest in subsequent years as long as they were not the high individual overall or on the high team overall.
7. **Entry Deadline: Sept 1<sup>st</sup> of current year.** Entry must be made on the form provided, signed by your State 4-H or FFA Leader, State Extension Horse Specialist, or Breed Association Representative, and accompanied by a check payable to Ohio Quarter Horse Association in the amount listed on the entry form. No Entries will be accepted after October 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
8. All ties, individual and team, will be broken using the following sequence: 1) Written exam scores, 2) Station scores, and 3) Judging scores.

### THE CONTEST:

- A. Examination Phase – approximately 200 points.

This phase of the contest may include the following:

- A. A written exam
- B. A slide exam consisting of projected slides to be identified as to breed, health conditions, conformation faults, color, color patterns, activity, proper appointments, anatomy which may include external, skeletal internal organs, parts of gastrointestinal tract, male and female reproductive organs, detailed anatomy of the foot and detailed anatomy of the lower limbs.

- B. Station Phase – approximately 200 points.

This phase may consist of a series of stations or tables where at each, all contestants will respond to the requirements of the station. Examples of stations which might be used include:

1. Identification of:
  - A. Various types of saddles (actual or pictured) and parts of saddles.
  - B. Tack, bits, bridles, horse shoes, and parts of shoes.
  - C. Tools and Equipment, and assembly of specific parts of various pieces of equipment.
  - D. Grains and forages used in equine rations including various forms and methods of preparation.

- E. Internal and external parasites based on actual samples, pictures, life cycle chart and/or damage caused.
- F. Blemishes and unsoundness
- G. Ages of equines based on teeth
- H. Breeds, colors, markings.

- 2. Use of pulse rate, respiration rate, temperature, dehydration, anemia, etc to assess horse health.
- 3. Measurements such as, but not limited to, wither height, shoe size, girth, collar size, gullet width, seat length of saddle, etc may be required.

C. Judging Phase – approximately 200 points.

Contestants will be required to place at least four classes consisting of conformation and/or performance classes. Every effort will be made to use the same horses used in the judging contest, with placings to be simultaneous to the judging contest. In extreme emergency, pictorial, video and/or movie classes may be used, in which case they would be especially prepared for the event.

D. Team Problems – approximately 200 points.

All teams will be presented with the same problems. Each team will have equal time to discuss among themselves the problem, immediately after which they will have to present an oral solution or series of suggested procedures relative to the problem. Each member of each team is encouraged to contribute to the oral presentation. Evaluation will be based on the understanding of the problem, completeness of the logic used in making the oral response. The official may ask questions of any or all of the team members to clarify the presentation.

Examples of possible team problems might include:

- 1. Balancing a horse's ration
- 2. Farm management recommendation for specific (i.e., breeding, training, boarding, nursery, lay-up, etc) horse operations.
- 3. Considerations for the establishment of a new horse facility (stable to be used for a specific purpose).
- 4. Recommendations for selecting, locating and purchasing horses for specific uses.
- 5. Behavior problems-causes, management of and corrections.
- 6. Training & conditioning problems: equipment, schedules, methods, nutrition, problem avoidance.
- 7. Breeding and/or leasing contracts – specific clauses for insurance, liability, payments, care, termination, transport, etc.
- 8. Teaching lessons in horse management (specific subject to be announced) to a group of 9-11 year old beginner 4-H'ers where, how long, how much information, hands-on experiences, reinforcement, testing evaluation.
- 9. Explanation of use or assembly of specific equipment will be considered.
- 10. Demonstrate skill or ability to use specific equipment.

Team problem scores will not be included in determining the rank of individuals in the contest, but will be added to the team scores of the other three phases to determine overall team standing.

## REFERENCE MATERIAL:

All the information covered in this contest may be found in one or more of the following publications:

### NEWHOR

Illustrated Dictionary of Equine Terms, New Horizons Education Center, Inc.  
Alpine Publications, PO Box 7027, Loveland, CO 80537  
Phone: 800-777-7257 Fax: 970-667-9157

### KAINER

The Coloring Atlas of Horse Anatomy  
Dr. Robert Kainer and Dr. Thomas McCracken  
Alpine Publications, PO Box 7027 Loveland, CO 80537  
Phone: 800-777-7257 Fax: 970-667-9157

### AYHC

Horse Smarts: An Equine Reference & Youth Activity Guide- by the American Youth Horse Council  
AYHC, 1 Gainer Rd, McDonald, NM 88262  
[www.ayhc.com](http://www.ayhc.com)  
Phone: 817-320-2005

### LEWIS

Feeding and Care of the Horse (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition)  
Lon D. Lewis, Williams and Wilkins  
PO Box 1496, Baltimore MD 21298-9724  
Phone: 800-638-0672

Schneider Saddlery – Apparel, tack and horse care items for the English and Western rider.  
To request a free catalog please visit [www.sstack.com](http://www.sstack.com) or call 1-800-365-1311.

Big Dee's Tack & Vet Supplies - Apparel, tack and horse care items for the English and Western rider.  
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Dover Saddlery – Apparel, tack and horse care items for the English rider.  
To request a free catalog please visit [www.doversaddlery.com](http://www.doversaddlery.com) or call 1-800-406-8204.

Other: Grains, forages, and feed preparations used in this contest will be representatives of feeds utilized in horse rations.