2013 AQHA World Championship
Collegiate Horse Judging Contest
November 20, 21, & 22, 2013

Eligibility

A. Participants must be full-time undergraduate students in good standing as determined by their school requirements. A minimum grade point average of 2.5/4.0 (ct.) is recommended. Participants may not be an approved judge of any national horse association.

B. Any two-year junior or four-year senior college or university may participate in the contest. There will be separate divisions for junior and senior colleges/universities.

C. Contestants may only compete once in their lifetime in the junior college division and once in the senior college division.

D. Participants must be current members of the American Quarter Horse Association. The AQHA Membership number for each team member must be provided on the contest entry form. If you have team members who are not current AQHA members, a new membership or renewal must be purchased at time of entry ($20) and submitted on the form provided with the entry packet. This is not an online offer.

E. **Junior College Division**
   1. Each school may enter two teams.
   2. Teams will consist of no more than four (4) members and not less than three (3) members.
   3. Four-member teams will have an alternate option with the lowest score in each division (performance, halter, reasons, and overall) being discarded. However, the alternate is eligible for individual awards. Three-member teams will not have an alternate option.

F. **Limited Division**
   1. Students may participate in the Limited Division if they have not actively participated in a Junior or Senior College team in the regular (current division).
   2. Students will judge as individuals only, with no team awards given.
   3. There will be no limit on number of entries from an individual school.
   4. Participants will not be separated by junior or senior college.
   5. Awards will be given from 1st through 10th place in performance, halter and overall. Awards in the form of ribbons will be provided for by NHJTCA so as to not overly burden the host organization with extra costs.
   6. Entry fees for the Limited Division will be set by the host organization.
   7. Two sets of reasons will be given from the approved list of classes. Reasons takers will be selected from available coaches.

G. **Senior College Division**
   1. Each school may enter two teams.
   2. Team will consist of no more than five (5) members and not less than four (4) members.
   3. Five-member teams will have an alternate option with the lowest score in each division (performance, halter, reasons and overall) being discarded. However, the alternate is eligible for individual awards. Four-member teams will not have an alternate option.

H. Individuals may judge and are eligible for individual awards; however, they must be enrolled in and be accompanied by a school with a full team.

I. Any inquiries as to the eligibility of a team member or members should be directed to the National Horse Judging Team Coaches Association at info@nhjtca.org.

CLASSES

A. Four Halter Classes

B. Eight Performance Classes, which may include one or more of each of the following:

*Western Pleasure	*Trail
*Hunter Under Saddle	*Hunt Seat Equitation
*Hunter Hack	*Tie Down Calf Roping
*Western Riding	*Team Roping (Heading)
*Reining	Working Cow Horse
*Western Horsemanship	

C. Reasons will be given on two halter classes and four performance classes. Performance classes with an (*) are possible reasons classes, and all Halter classes are possible reasons classes.

Disqualifications

A. Any communication between contestants during a contest will be sufficient cause to eliminate the contestants from the contest.

B. Teams arriving after the contest has begun will be disqualified. No member substitutions may be made after the contest begins.

C. Any assistance given to a team member from any source other than contest officials or assistants will be sufficient cause to eliminate the team from the contest.

Equipment

A. All contestants will provide their own writing instruments.

B. Contestants may use clipboards and preprinted score sheets. However, both must be clean and free of any personal comments or marks.

C. Contestants may use rulebooks during the contest. Questions regarding rules must be directed to the contest coordinator.

Awards

Awards will be given in each division, junior and senior as follows:

* Highpoint team	*Highpoint Individual
• Halter	• Halter
• Performance	• Performance
• Reasons	• Reasons
• Overall – 1st through 5th place	• Overall – 1st through 10th place