

2021 AQHYA Championship Horse Judging Contest Rules

Registration: Online

Registration deadline: July 26, 2021

Registration fee: \$100 per team, due at time of registration

PLEASE NOTE:

- If four entries for the judging contest have not been received by the entry deadline the judging contest will be canceled. In the event of contest cancellation all teams will be notified and registration fee(s) refunded.
- Withdrawal from the contest after the registration deadline will result in forfeiture of the registration fee.
- A coaches meeting will be held on Sunday, August 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sales Pavilion (Barn 3).

Location: TBA: Details shared during coaches meeting

Date: Monday, August 2

Time: 7:30 a.m. check in; 8:00 a.m. contest begins

Judging Contest Rules

1. All contestants must be AQHYA members in good standing.
 - a. Contestants must also be bona fide 4-H, FFA or AQHYA Affiliate members and be approved by their respective organizations.
 - b. Each affiliate is allowed to send eight teams (two 4-H, two FFA, two AQHYA teams, & two Alliance teams).
 - c. These teams may consist of three or four members to be eligible for team awards.
 - d. No individuals or teams of fewer than three members may judge.
 - e. Team qualification is a matter for the state or provincial affiliate. Interested coaches should contact their affiliate youth advisor, state horse extension specialist or state FFA advisor for qualifying rules.
2. Youth will be able to compete in both the AQHYA judging contest and the AQHYA World Show if the schedule permits them to compete in both. Please make sure you communicate with show and judging contest officials in the event the working orders need to be adjusted. We cannot guarantee we can accommodate changes in the working orders set, we will do our best.

Judging Contest Process

1. Eight classes consisting of four horses in each class shall be judged. There shall be two to four halter classes and four to six performance classes for a total of eight classes.
 - a. The halter classes will consist of geldings and mares.
 - b. The performance classes will be selected from western pleasure, reining, hunter under saddle, hunter hack, trail, western riding, western horsemanship and/or hunt seat equitation, Ranch Riding.
2. Four sets of oral reasons shall be given, of which at least one set of reasons shall be on halter and at least one set of reasons on performance.
 - a. The contestants shall be notified at the appropriate time if reasons will be required on the class being judged.
 - b. Reasons shall be given before the judge or judges and for this purpose.
 - c. Notes may not be used when giving reasons.
 - d. All classes are possible reasons classes.
3. When four members are entered on a team, the three team members with the three high scores will make up the team total. When three members are entered, all three members' scores will be tabulated to make up the team total.
4. Awards will be presented following reasons.