



**2022 AQHYA World Championship Show  
Horse Judging Contest Registration Form  
Date: Monday, August 1, 2022  
Location: TBD**

**Registration: Online  
Registration deadline: July 15, 2022  
Registration fee: \$100 per team, \$25 per individual**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- If four entries for the Horse Judging contest have not been received by the deadline, July 15, the contest will be cancelled.
- Withdrawal from the contest after the registration deadline will result in forfeiture of the registration fee.
- A coaches meeting will be held on Sunday, July 31 at 5:00 p.m. in the Expo Hall.

**Location:** TBA: Details shared during coaches meeting

**Date:** Monday, August 1

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

**Judging Contest Rules**

Eligibility


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.
  - NEW** b. Contestants may enter as a member of a team or as an individual.
  - c. Teams may consist of three or four members to be eligible for team awards.
  - d. All members of a team and individual entries are eligible for individual awards.
  - 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.
- NEW** 3. Limited Division
  - a. The limited division allows youth with limited judging experience or coaching to have an introduction to competitive horse judging.
  - b. Contestants will judge as individuals only and are not eligible to be a team member.
  - c. Overall awards will be given from 1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> place only.
  - d. Two sets of five questions each will be given from the approved list of classes.

Equipment

- a. All contestants will provide their own writing instruments. A number 2 pencil is required to mark the scantron.
- b. Contestants may use clipboards and pre-printed scoresheets; however, both must be clean and free of any personal comments or marks.
- c. Contestants may use the AQHA Handbook of Rules and Regulations during the contest. Questions regarding the rules must be directed to the contest moderator.,

- d. Contestants may not use phones, smart watches, or other devices during the contest.
- e. Contestants are responsible for their own belongings throughout the contest and are encouraged to keep belongings with them at all times, except when specifically instructed otherwise by a contest official.

### **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, hunt seat equitation, and/or ranch riding.
2. Four sets of oral reasons shall be given (with the exclusion of the Limited division), 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. Limited Division Only: Two sets of five questions each will be asked of contestants.
  - a. The contestants shall be notified at the appropriate time if questions will be required on the class being judged.
  - b. All classes are possible questions classes.
4. 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.
5. Awards will be presented approximately 60 minutes following the conclusion of reasons.