

HORSE JUDGING

Contest Description:	The Horse Judging Contest is designed to teach participants good conformation (structural correctness, balance, breed characteristics and way of going. Performance classes will be judged by standards for the event as described in the 4-H Horse Show rules for that year. State winners in the 4-H Horse Judging Contest Bowl are not eligible for competition.
Superintendent(s):	Dr. Neely Walker
Award:	Southern Regional 4-H Horse Judging Contest in Perry, GA.
Grade/Age Requirement(s):	Due to the contest being a qualifier for a national 4-H contest participants must be 14-18 years old as of January 1.
Team or Individual Contest:	Individual
Number of Entries Per Parish:	Each parish can enter one (1) to eight (8) individuals for a judging contest.

Contest Rules:

1. Refer to Louisiana 4-H University General Rules and Guidelines for a complete set of event rules and guidelines. Explanation for the team structure can be found on pages 8-9.
2. The State Horse Judging Contest will have Halter and Performance classes to be placed. A class will consist of four horses to be judged. Points will be accumulated on the basis of 50 points per class for placings and 50 points per set of reasons. Teams will judge four halter classes and three performance classes. Teams will give two sets of halter reasons and one set of performance reasons.
3. Classes to be judged are as follows:
 - Halter classes will be judged on conformation, soundness, breed characteristics, and way of going.
 - Performance classes will be judged by standards for the event as described in the 4-H Horse Show rules for that year.
4. Performance reasons must come from Western Pleasure, Reining, Hunter Under Saddle or Western Riding classes.
5. Fifteen minutes will be allowed for non-reason classes, and 17 minutes will be allowed for reasons classes.
6. No notes, manuals, or other written material will be allowed. Plain paper only will be allowed.

Contest Resource(s):

- Louisiana 4-H Publication, *“Understanding the 4-H Judging Contest Process”*. 2022 Ed.