

Rules & Regulations

AQHA Region 10 Youth Horse Judging Contest
T. Ed Garrison Arena
Clemson, South Carolina

Saturday, May 16, 2009

Sponsored by: AQHA Region 10 Experience Committee
North Carolina Quarter Horse Association
South Carolina Quarter Horse Association
Georgia Quarter Horse Association
Florida Quarter Horse Association

Coordinated by: North Carolina State University
Clemson University

Entry Deadline Date: May 1, 2009

1. Contest Co-coordinators: Direct questions to:

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2. Eligibility: Any youth organization (state breed association, county 4-H program, school FFA) from any state may enter two senior teams (ages 14-19) and two junior teams (ages 9-13) and as many individuals as desired. Senior teams will be composed of participants who have reached age 14 and have not reached age 19 as of January 1. Junior teams are composed of members who have not yet reached age 14 as of January 1. Youth who have competed in a national level horse judging contest are ineligible to compete for awards. Eligibility must be certified via signature on the entry forms by the county extension agent, breed association youth advisor or FFA instructor. A team must be composed of three or four members. When four members compete, the three members with the highest total score will be used in determining team awards. All participants in the contest will be eligible for individual awards or recognition.

3. Entry Fees: The entry fee is \$10.00 per contestant. No late entries will be accepted if postmarked after May 1, 2009. Entry fees will be used to pay contest expenses. Contestants will receive a box lunch.

4. Divisions: Senior team (ages 14-19)
 Senior individual (ages 14-19)
 Junior team (ages 9-13)
 Junior individual (ages 9-13)
5. Medical Needs: Parents of contestants with specific medical needs during the contest must submit a written request to the contest coordinator attached to the entry form.
6. Behavioral Policy: While contest is in progress, there will be no conferring between participants or between a participant and anyone else except as directed by the chairman or his representatives. Failure to abide by this regulation will result in disqualification of the participant. Participants may speak to their group leader if they have any questions or problems.
7. Classes: Eight to 10 classes, consisting of four Quarter Horses in each class shall be judged. The horses in each class will be of the same breed, sex and approximate age. The showman of each horse in each class shall wear a number for identification purposes. Classes, obtained from Region 10 AQHA Show entries, will be selected from the following list of potential classes. In addition, American Quarter Horses, not entered in the Regional Experience Show could be used in halter or performance classes. All performance classes will be judged according to Novice AQHA rules.

Halter Classes

Mares
 Geldings
 Stallions
 Performance Halter

Performance Classes

Western Pleasure
 Hunter Under Saddle
 Reining
 Western Riding
 Hunter Hack
 Pleasure Driving
 Western Horsemanship
 Huntseat Equitation
 Showmanship at Halter
 Trail

8. Minimum Classes Placed: Participants will place a minimum of four halter classes and four performance classes. The additional classes will vary depending on availability.
9. Soundness, Tack and Attire: Attempts will be made to only select horses for inclusion within the judging contest that are serviceably sound. However, all horses in conformation classes will be considered and judged as sound. In performance classes, a horse's soundness will be judged and placed accordingly as seen.
10. Scoring: Scoring will be based on the Hormel Computing System with 50 points being a perfect score on a class placing or on a set of oral reasons. An unmarked card, cards with more than one placing, or a card that is not readable will receive a score of

“0.” All classes will consist of four horses. Oral reasons will be scored in accordance with the guidelines provided by:

Participants will provide oral reasons for their judging decisions as follows:

A. Participants who are senior members will give four oral sets of reasons. Senior reasons will be given in at least two halter classes and two performance classes.

B. Participants who are junior members will give two sets of oral reasons (one halter and one performance set) for team awards and junior individual awards.

C. Participants will be notified when the class is called if oral reasons will be given on the class being judged. Participants will be required to take notes on all performance classes. The officials will select reasons classes and announce the reasons classes selected at the conclusion of the performance classes. Contestants are encouraged to take notes on all classes.

D. Reasons will be given orally to an official. Two minutes will be allowed for each participant to give his or her oral reasons. At least 15 minutes will be allowed between reasons for participants to organize their reasons.

11. **Time.** A maximum of 15 minutes will be allowed for participants to place all non-reasons halter classes. Halter classes in which oral reasons are to be given will be judged in a period of 17 minutes.

12. **Card Placing.** The participants will hand to the group leader or his assistant the card bearing his placing of the class as soon as time is up. This card will be available to each participant when he is called before the official judged to give his oral reasons. Participants will not be permitted to use notes when giving oral reasons but shall have the card upon which they recorded their placing.

13. **Final Standing.** This shall be based upon both the placing and the oral reasons. Fifty points shall constitute a perfect score in placing the animals, and 50 points shall constitute a perfect score for oral reasons. In classes where no reasons are required, only the placing will be considered. Ties will be broken by reasons scores. Teams or individuals with higher reasons scores will be placed above the other team or individual with which they were tied.

14. **Awards and Recognition.** The final results of the contest will be announced and awards will be presented following the contest. The top 10 individuals in the Junior and Senior Divisions will be recognized in an overall, placings and oral reasons categories. The top five overall teams in each age division will be recognized. All contest tabulations will be declared official at the awards ceremony. If errors are found in the event tabulations within 24 hours from the award announcement, the youth who received the award incorrectly will return the award, which will then be awarded to the correct youth.

15. **Motel.** The Ramada Inn Clemson, 1310 Tiger Blvd, Clemson, SC 29631 has been designated as the headquarters hotel. A special \$55.00 plus 11% tax room rate is

available for double occupancy rooms. A number of rooms have been blocked under the name "Judging Conference" with an April 30, 2009 room block release date. Coaches should contact the Ramada Inn Clemson directly at phone: 864/654-7501 or 800-272-6232, fax: 864/654-7301 to reserve a room before April 30, 2009.

16. Coaches Meeting: A coaches meeting will be held in the stands of the upper concourse at the T. Ed Garrison Main Arena on Friday, May 15, 2009 at 7:00 pm. Coaches are encouraged but not required to attend. Contest rules will be reviewed and coaches will have an opportunity to obtain class patterns and check pre-registered entries.

Contest Schedule
Saturday, May 16, 2009
T. Ed Garrison Arena

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| 7:45-8:15 am | Registration, officials meet- T. Ed Garrison Arena |
| 8:15 am | Introductions |
| 8:30 am | Contest orientation after which judging begins |
| 12:30-1:15 pm | Lunch at cattle complex |
| 1:15 pm | Oral reasons at cattle complex |
| 5:00-5:30 pm | Review of classes and awards. Location to be determined on the T. Ed Garrison Complex grounds. |