

## **HORSE JUDGING CONTEST**

### **Arkansas 4-H State Horse Show**

Teams may have three or four members, or individuals. Each county may enter multiple teams in either the Junior or Senior division. The highest-scoring Senior team will be eligible to represent Arkansas at the AQHYA World Championship Horse Show as well as the Southern Regional Horse Show. The second-place Senior team will be eligible to represent Arkansas at the Southern Regional Horse Show. Out-of-state trip expenses for both the Southern Regional and AQHYA World Championship Show will be covered if funding is available.

#### **Rules:**

1. Contestants may not use or possess cell phones during the contest.
2. While the contest is in progress, there will be no talking or conversation between contestants or any other individuals. All questions should be directed to group leaders.
3. Contestants will not be allowed to carry, use or refer to any printed material at any time during the contest (only judge's score sheets). Contestants are allowed to have only lined paper with scoring grids, cards, notebooks, clipboards, etc. Contest management may provide materials (such as patterns) as they see fit.
4. Contestants should not use notes while giving oral reasons. Use of notes will result in a minimum penalty of 10 points. The oral reasons judge will, at their discretion, use higher penalties based on the extent of use of notes. There will be no talking during reasons preparation.
5. All horses will be judged as sound in halter and performance.
6. Classes to be judged may include:
  - A. Halter Classes – American Quarter Horse, Morgan, Appaloosa, Arabian, Palomino, American Paint, and Stock Horse Type
  - B. Performance Classes – Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Reining, Hunt Seat Equitation, Hunter Under Saddle, Western Riding, Hunter Hack, and Trail
  - C. Seniors may be asked to give up to four sets of reasons. Juniors may be asked to give up to two sets of reasons.